

The
Weekend
Of

June 8
2019

Birch Barker

The official summer publication of the
Birch Lake Yacht Club



Thanks to Mr. Bob King (north side) for the head shot pic of one of our most frequent Birch Lake pests, Bambi Carcruiser.

COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

Hello Birch Lake Community. Whoa! What a weekend! Friday was beautiful with great weather, which should have been a warning. Saturday and Sunday brought some major wind for us on the East side and then some chilly winds. Sunday felt very much like a fall day. I am hoping the weather will be much brighter and better this weekend.

Please, please I urge you if you have not yet reached out to offer to help with the spaghetti dinner, please contact the Niezgodski Family, you can call (269) 476-9317 or email; birchbass1@gmail.com. Some of the ways you can help is to be a noodle expert, sauce handler, cheese shaker, lettuce bar, sweet server, cleaner upper and more. Please know help is needed, and whether it is providing a sweet treat or serving some time, your efforts will be much appreciated.

The money raised for the dinner goes to support water quality for Birch Lake. The money for water quality is used for treating the water when we encounter invasive species.

To find out more about the water quality of Birch Lake please see the article in the Barker or contact Paul Fallon or Terry Dugan, as they have a wealth of knowledge.

Just a reminder about some simple rules on the lake. Please be mindful of your speed when boating around the lake, especially if you are close to the shore line. We have had 10 inches of rain in May so the waves can be fierce and brutal on the piers and shorelines.

Remember to drive your boat the appropriate direction around the lake, especially when pulling tubers. You should also avoid making close turns near the shore when pulling skiers or tubers.

If you are kayaking, try to stay closer to the shore line, and I do not advise kayaking in the middle of the lake since boaters might find it difficult to see you.

If you are riding on a jet ski, please be mindful of your speed, and you should be going in the correct direction as well as boaters. Concussions tend to be the most common jet ski injury. So just because you don't break anything visible doesn't mean you are not injured.

Lastly, we have so much day light I cannot understand why we wait to tube

Tentative 2019 Birch Lake Calendar

June 1 - Porter Township Cleanup Day
June 15 - Spaghetti Dinner, 5:30-7:30
June 22 - Celebration of life for
Terry Curtis, 4-7 pm
June 29 - Comm/Vice Comm Party, BLYC
July 6 - BLYC Firework, dusk
July 6 - Boat parade, 4 pm
July 27 - Celebration of Life for LaVeta
Scofield, west side, 1-5 pm
August 10 - Corn & Sausage Roast, TBA
August 17 - Homeowners Association
annual meeting following board mtg.
October 19 - Crockpot Challenge, BLYC
Fall Dinner TBA by VC/FC Pat McGann

BLYC Board Meetings: June 8, July 20,
August 17; all at BLYC @ 9 am

Dates and times subject to change.
More info as available. Watch for updates!

or ski so close to dusk. Be sure you boat earlier in the day. All of these items are meant to keep everyone safe.

On to the next big ticket item, do you know anything about your commodore or vice commodore? I'll tell you a bit

The Birch Barker is always accepting materials for publication. E-mail materials to sailorphil@philvitale.com, mail them to me or put the items in the stone mailbox at 63174 Birch Rd. (East Shore). **DEADLINE** for any issue is 3 pm on the Tuesday of the week before the publication.

To contact Editor Phil by phone, call (269) 476-1680. To contact Commodore Angela Bergan, call 561-603-5522 or email berganfsu@aol.com.

— Birch Lake Notes —

about me, and next week Pat McGann will introduce himself to you in the Commodore Notes. My name is Angela Bergan, I am the wife of Nick Bergan. If you don't know Nick, he is the very tan man who likes to walk around the lake and will always give you a smile. Nick loves Birch Lake, and his passion for the lake is so contagious it is the reason I feel in love with the lake.

My mother and father, Jim and Linda Bergan, live in the cove. They have resided in the cove in two different residences for the past 30 years.

I was raised in Southern Illinois and I went to school at Southern Illinois University of Edwardsville, where I earned a bachelor's degree in Communication.

I served six years with the Illinois Air National Guard in Springfield Illinois.

Nick and I met in Belleville, Illinois at a mutual friend's wedding. Nick and I resided in Tallahassee, FL for a few years while he attended graduate school at Florida State University (hence the large flag). We are proud supporters for Florida State Seminoles, you can often see us at a Basketball Game behind the bench, and we attend all home and away Football games (yes, even last year against Notre Dame and the year before against Michigan).

Nick and I love to travel we really enjoy Canada and hiking. I love to cook,



Andy Habich (west side) had the grand opening of his new location of Culver's last week. The business officially opened June 3rd. The new Culver's is in Elkhart, right on Cassopolis, over the toll road to the left. This is Andy and wife Maura with daughter Charlotte and new son Harrison. Congratulations to the family.

SLOW DOWN

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AND ON THE HILLS
TO AND FROM
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and I feel like I am a bit of a foodie.

Lastly, we love our dog, a miniature dachshund named Seminole, as we do not have kids. So be sure and say Hello! I look forward to getting to know each and everyone one of you a bit more!

If you need tickets for the Spaghetti Dinner, please see the ad in the Barker to find your closest ticket sales person. If all else fails, come by and see my for tickets, I live on the East side ... look for the Big Florida State Seminole Flag.

Take care and as always be kind to one another.

~Commodore Angela

Calling All Dessert Makers!

The Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, June 15, is just one week away. We're looking for volunteers who might want to deliver a delectable dessert for your fellow Lakers that evening to round off the feast.

If you are interested in helping fill our dessert table, please contact Julie Sheffieck at 476-1849 or jcsheff@aol.com. Thank you!

What's going on with Union Road?

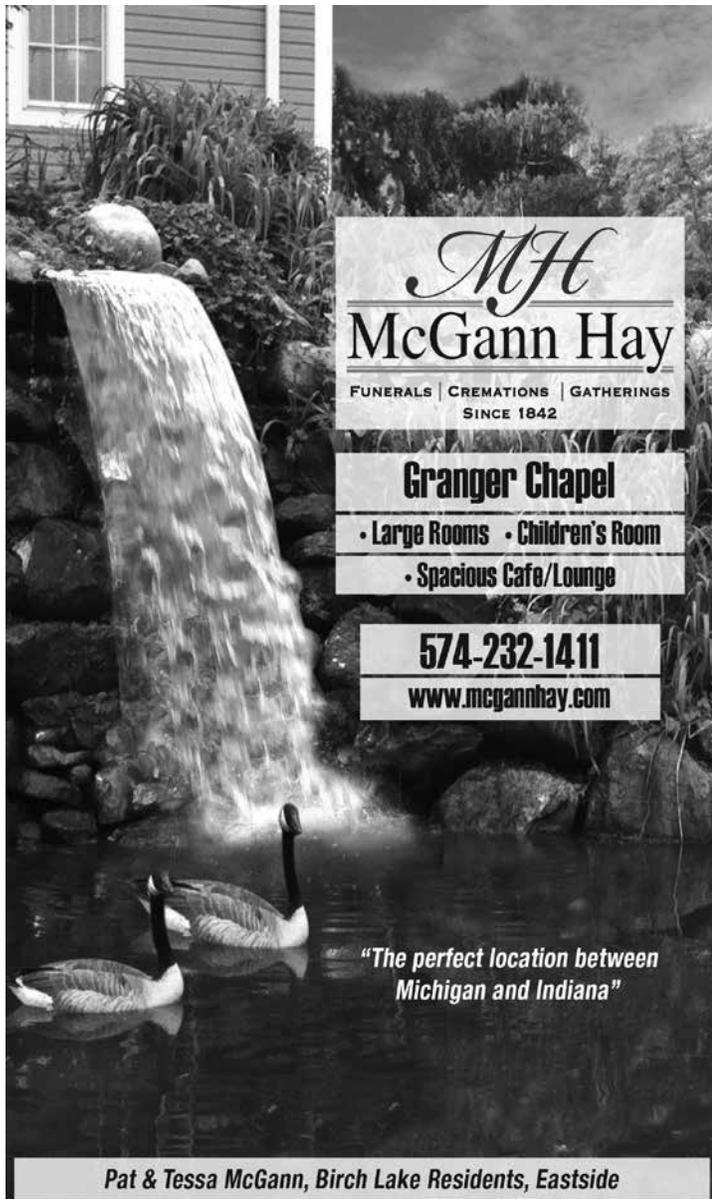
According to Cass County Highway Engineer Joe Bellina:

In order to prevent future subsidence of the road into the adjacent ditch for a distance of some 400' where the road parallels and is adjacent to the Union Road ditch, the County Road Commission, at its expense (because Union is a "major" road), has hired a contractor to drive interlocking 40-foot (vertical)-lengths of sheeting between the road and the ditch. The contractor was originally scheduled to be done by the end of May, but the weather and the need to then redo that portion of the road have pushed back the project's completion. Joe is now hopeful the road can be reopened by mid-June.

New guardrail will be installed in that area sometime in July. The road may be again closed for a few days at that time.

Birch Lake Book Club Schedule

The Birch Lake Book Club will meet on June 25 at 7 pm to



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discuss The Library Book by Susan Orlean. Blair Garceau will host. Everyone is welcome.

The book for July is Educated by Tara Westover.

Men's golf outing ... maybe!

Vice Commodore Pat McGann is working on plans to continue the Birch Lake Men's Golf Outing in July. Plans are incomplete at this time, so watch the Barker for more information.

T-SHIRTS ... GET YOUR T-SHIRTS!

Are you kicking yourself for not buying a Birch Lake t-shirt last year? If so, you're in luck! I have a small inventory of shirts left. Please read on to see if your choice is still available, and then hurry and call or text me to reserve your fabulous shirt!

In the Grey Long Sleeve Shirt (\$15), I have four 2XL, nine XL, 9 L and 1 small. In the White Long Sleeve Shirt (\$15) I have five 2XL and five XL. In the White SHORT Sleeve Shirt (\$10), I have one 3XL, three S and four Youth L. I also have four white Sweatshirts (\$20) in 2XL available.

I also have the oh-so-charming pistachio green Birch Lake cups available for \$1 per cup – or a steal at 10 for \$8. Impress your summer guests with their very own Birch Lake cup to take home!

All proceeds go to the fund for the

AED's.

Call or text me at 574-261-6712 (I get terrible cell service at the lake so don't be discouraged if I don't respond quickly).

~Past Commodore Karen

New Birch Lake Directory

The Birch Lake Yacht Club is planning a new Birch Lake Directory to be published later this year and we need your input! If you have had changes in your family or if you are new to the lake (since the 2017/2018 Directory was published), we need you to provide your information so we can update and/or include the new information ...

The info we publish is:

Cottage number (if you know it);
Last name(s) of owner(s);
First name(s) of owner(s);
Lake address;
Other address;
Lake phone number;
Other phone number(s);
Children's names.

Please send your information to Deb Spratt via email at debspratt@comcast.com as soon as possible so we can get started.

We are also looking for advertisers for the Directory ... If you are interested in advertising, please contact Phil Vitale at (269) 476-1680 or email me at onlinebarker@gmail.com.

The Birch Barker

The Birch Barker is delivered to your Birch Lake home every weekend through Labor Day - FREE of charge! It is also posted online every week at <http://www.philvitale.com>.

The Birch Barker is just one of the things for which your Birch Lake Yacht Club membership dues are used to benefit to the citizens of our great lake. If you haven't paid your 2019 membership dues (just \$30 for full members, \$15 for associate members), you can do so with the handy form in every week's Barker. The Barker is also grateful to all businesses that advertise in the Birch Barker! Please support our advertisers!

The Barker welcomes content. If you would like to submit an item for consideration, email, mail or drop it by my house (see note at bottom of page 1). Do you best to send high resolution photos (we prefer 300 dpi); cell phone photos will work (sometimes) but can't be enlarged without blurring. If you want your materials back, include a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

If you would like to advertise in the Barker or in the upcoming Birch Lake Directory, drop me an email or give me a call (for info and ad costs see <http://www.philvitale.com/Barker/BirchBarker.htm>).

~Editor Phil

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FLEET CAPTAIN'S CORNER



Fleet Captain's Jibe #3, June 8

By **J. Patrick McGann**

Well the sailing season just came to a dead stop before it really began. It is the first time I remember that we had to cancel the races because it was too COLD to sail. People have been calling us sissies and wimps all day long. Maybe, but the water is still pretty cold on my 66 year-old body, and the committee boat girls ...well there was know way they were going out to sit in that cold wind for two hours. Not even a boatload of beer would have kept them warm.

So, I imagined in my mind the three races we would have had. In a strong, warm southern breeze a bunch of sailors (Phil Vitale, Bill Luecht and Barb Cassidy) all flipped their boats allowing me to pass them and cross the finish

line first. In three very-competitive, hard-fought races pushed by Bob King and back-and-forth leads with Pete Soldato and Herb Cleveland in each race. That put me into the lead for the season.

So results in my dream were:

1. Me, Pat McGann
2. Herb
3. Pete
4. Bob
5. Cam
6. Bill B.
7. Steve (sorry Steve)
8. Phil DNF
9. Bill L. DNF
10. Barb DNF

Same results in all three races.

Tessa and I will be in San Diego and Palm Springs next week for a wed-



ding so Bill (Next year's Fleet Captain) and Bad Patty Luecht will be writing the Jibe Article.

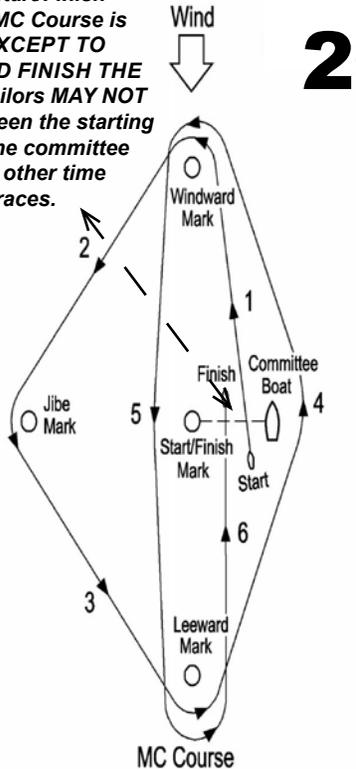
Please join your Birch Lake Improvement, namely the BLYC.

Sail on Dudes and Dudettes ...
~J. Patrick McGann

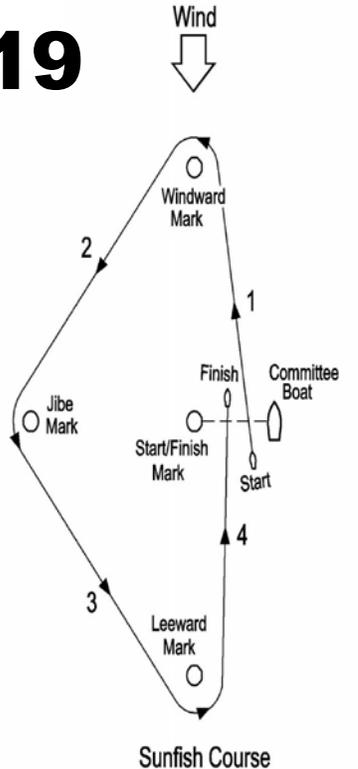
BLYC sailing courses for MC and Sunfish

Note: The Start/Finish line of the MC Course is CLOSED EXCEPT TO START AND FINISH THE RACES; sailors MAY NOT cross between the starting mark and the committee boat at any other time during the races.

2019



MC Course
Marks to Port (Mirror Image for Marks to Starboard)
Legs 4 and 5 cannot cross the start/finish line, but they can go around either end of the line.



Sunfish Course
Marks to Port (Mirror Image for Marks to Starboard)

SUNDAY IS SAILING DAY

AT BIRCH LAKE,
and
ON SAILING DAYS
the races start at 11 am!

Please give 'em a break,
and

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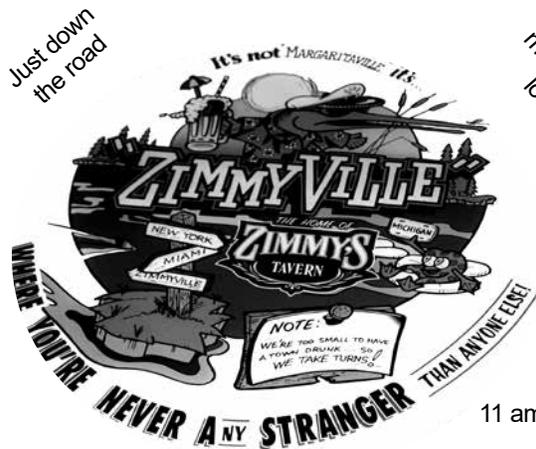
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Birch Lake Sailing Stuff

One of two America's Cup syndicates for the 36th sailing in Auckland 2021 has been trialing a 38' surrogate foiler they affectionately nicknamed *The Mule*. The American Magic team, representing the New York Yacht Club, relocated from Newport, R.I. to Pensacola, FL for a winter training camp. Though the actual 75' race boats are expected to be self-righting, apparently ... the surrogate is not.

photo courtesy American Magic



The America's Cup trophy, photographed by Mr. Bob King at Navy Pier in Chicago.



Birch Lake Sailing Results

Sailing was scrubbed last weekend due to the weather (see Fleet Captain's Corner on previous page).

SAVE THE DATE

Ladies' FUN!!!! Golf Outing JULY 19

**Diamond Lake Golf Course, Cassopolis
9 am Tee Off**

**Lunch at BLYC following the Outing
Games, Prizes, 50/50 Raffle**

More details to follow

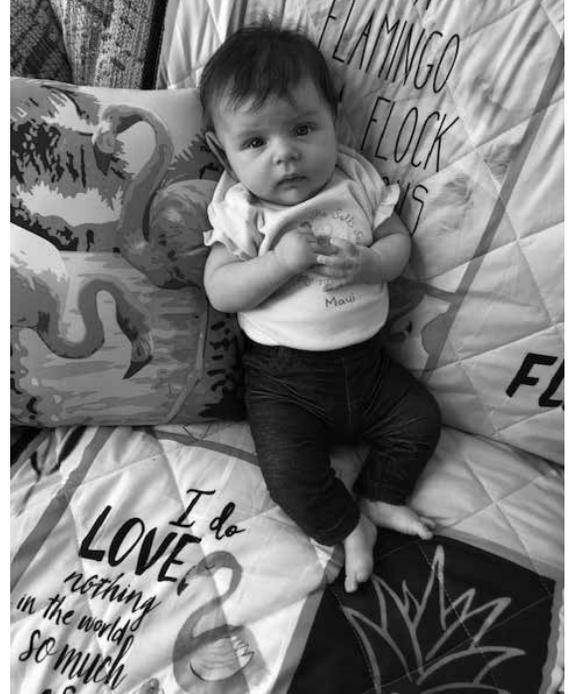
We are looking for sponsors and volunteers

Questions? Contact

Barb Cassady 574-303-2831

or Jeannie Welsh 574-286-2890

— Barker Kids of the Week —



Left: Groszek's (south side) niece Susan Shay with grandsons, Peter 3-1/2 and Henry 9 months.

Above: Marlee Soldato's (Hill) first trip to the Flamingo Room

Want your kid to be a Birch Barker Kid of the Week? Want your dog to be a Dog of the Week? Want your lawnmower to be the lawnmower of the Week? Just mail your photo (with a SASE if you want the photo(s) 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 email them to me at SAILORPHIL@PHILVITALE.COM

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Left: Lake living wears u out! Aurorable Trudell, granddaughter of Amy Lutz (north side) has had it with all the noise!

Above: Dog of the Week honors to Groszek's (south side) Miniature Schnauzer, age 11 months, in his favorite relaxing pose, belly up in the sun.

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fireplace, a bar, a formal dining room, and a family room with lake views and a knotty pine ceiling. The kitchen has an island with breakfast bar seating, stainless appliances, and a casual dining area that leads to a covered patio with a new hot tub and a 19x33-ft saltwater pool and a deck with panoramic lake views. The master suite, with walk-in closet, also has access to the covered



15176 Birch

Lake Shore Dr. 3 BD 2 BA 2,698-sq-ft home on double lot w/ 128 ft waterfront, fenced tennis court, large backlot w/ 1,200-sq-ft heated Morton Building. House has large windows, broad upper deck, covered lower patio, 3-season room, brick patio w/ custom-built

chimneyed fireplace near water. Upper level: large living room w/ vaulted ceiling, exposed natural beams, Midcentury Modern fireplace designed by Wendell Lovett, deck access, panoramic lake views; dining area w/ lake views; sink for wet bar; 3 BD; 1 BA; outside access. Spiral staircase down to sitting room w/ 3-season room and patio access, dining room, kitchen w/ bar seating and casual dining, 1 BA. Street-side lawn has wrought iron fence and brick path to the home.

patio. A laundry and mud room, with access to garage as well as outdoors, has a powder room. Upstairs, a landing affords lake views for two bedrooms. On the lakeside lot, a matching hut has a bath, kitchenette, and covered porch next to a stone patio with fire circle. The property includes a 3-car garage and plenty of off-street parking. An adjacent lot is also available.



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— Barker Kids of the Week —



Bloody Mary of the Week honors go to this BM that was served at the Hall's (Cove). Yes, that is a White Castle topper!



Congratulations to our granddaughter, Morgann Applegate, who graduated from Mahomet-Seymour High School on May 24. Morgann is the daughter of our daughter, Sanya Vitale, of Niles.



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— Water Quality Report —

Dead fish investigated

It was noticed last weekend that a number of dead fish were found up against the shoreline in the northeast section of the lake. This was unusual and way beyond the occasional fish that does not survive being caught and released. The location may be due to some issue there or the fact that the prevailing wind may have pushed them to that location.

Going forward, should you note any unusual numbers of dead or dying fish by your shoreline, please notify a member of the water quality committee with site, numbers, type of fish, and any other information that may seem of use.

By the time this appears in the Barker, a State Fisheries biologist will have visited the lake and likely asked for more infor-

mation, maybe taken our three frozen fish that were already dead, and hopefully provided us with his perspective. Perhaps most importantly he will start a file on this incident and thus be able to respond quicker if, and when, the problem reoccurs.

The experts prefer testing fish that was frozen before its death. So, should you see a fish that is struggling but not due to a hook being pulled out, double plastic bag it and put into a freezer. This fish die-off may have just been a one-time occurrence about which we will never find a cause. We do know at this time:

- a) The lake's oxygen levels had recently been tested and found to be good all the way down to past 90' in depth
- b) The lake had not yet been



treated for Eurasian Milfoil.

Future information collection could be of great assistance, particularly should we experience this phenomenon again.

THE "SIX COMMANDMENTS OF BIRCH LAKE WATER QUALITY"

I. THOU SHALT PREVENT THE SPREAD OF AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES (AIS).

II. THOU SHALT MINIMIZE SURFACE RUNOFF.

III. THOU SHALT MINIMIZE THE EFFECTS OF WAVES.

IV. THOU SHALT PROTECT AND EXPAND NATURAL SHORELINES.

V. THOU SHALT NOT ALLOW PHOSPHORUS, NUTRIENTS, AND OTHER UNDESIRABLE CHEMICAL ELEMENTS TO ENTER OUR LAKE.

VI. THOU SHALT REMAIN INFORMED AND ACTIVE ABOUT OTHER WATER QUALITY ISSUES.

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Aries (March 21-April 19) - This week is perhaps the most opportune time of the year for you to give some serious thought to your communication style with others. You know you can be quick to respond, but sometimes, this unnerves others and you probably don't even know it. Right now, with tension and chaos at home and within the family, it's a perfect time for you to think about speaking gently, with more care and concern for others. And also to listen to what others have to say.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - It's true that you are the financial wizard of the zodiac. You're happy to focus on wealth, assets and physical possessions. In fact, you are also the collector of the zodiac whether it is antiques, fine things or collecting a set of something, like stamps or coins. Therefore, it's appropriate that this week offers you a chance to improve your relationship and your attitude to money, wealth and whatever you own. Wealth and possessions can provide security but only in the limited way.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) - This is your chance to improve your life on almost every level. The best way you can improve it is by setting some intentions or making goals or resolutions. As you well know, everything begins with a thought, which is why our thoughts are so powerful. Your thoughts can make you feel like a winner, optimistic, and eager and ready for life! Or your thoughts can make you feel like a loser, like chopped liver, someone on the sidelines who's missing out on everything.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) - This week is perhaps the best week of the year for you to give some serious thought to your spiritual world. Whether you are a non-believer or disinterested in "touchy-feely" things, the fact of the matter is you do have an inner world. This is the perfect time for you to ask yourself if you are living your life in the most meaningful way possible. After all, your life is precious and you want it to count.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - The beginning of this week is the perfect time for you to think about not your career, not your health, not your wealth, not your family or your home - but instead to think about your friends. Studies show that having a friend can actually lengthen your life span. This is because we are social creatures. We need to go out to see other people and we need to be seen. When we have a good time with friends, we feel better and we even feel healthier! What a treasure one good friend is!

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - This is the best time for you to think about your life direction. It's not a conscious choice. It's the moving belt of life. After high school, sometimes college is not "a choice," it's another moving belt; but for many, the end of high school poses a choice. Once we are working, the moving belt continues. But really, we make surprisingly few conscious choices in life. Yet these conscious choices can change our world!

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - You are a social sign. You love the stimulation of good conversation at a fine dinner table. But you also like to learn because you appreciate the beauty of art as well as the beauty of clothing, architecture and different places in the world. This is because more than any other sign you are affected by your surroundings. Therefore, what studies or further learning might you explore to expand your world?

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Because this is the year when you are getting richer by earning more or increase your assets, it is not surprising that the New Moon this week urges you to think about your relationship to other people's wealth, other people's values, and how you fit in to all this. What responsibilities do you have for others? A basic truth in life is: "what goes around, comes around". This is hard to deny if you just observe things around you. Therefore, the irony in life is the more you give, the more you receive from the world. For many, this is not an easy truth to grasp.

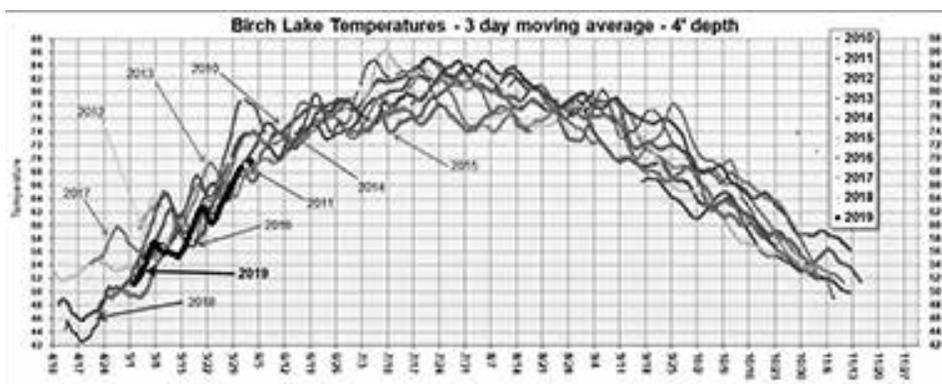
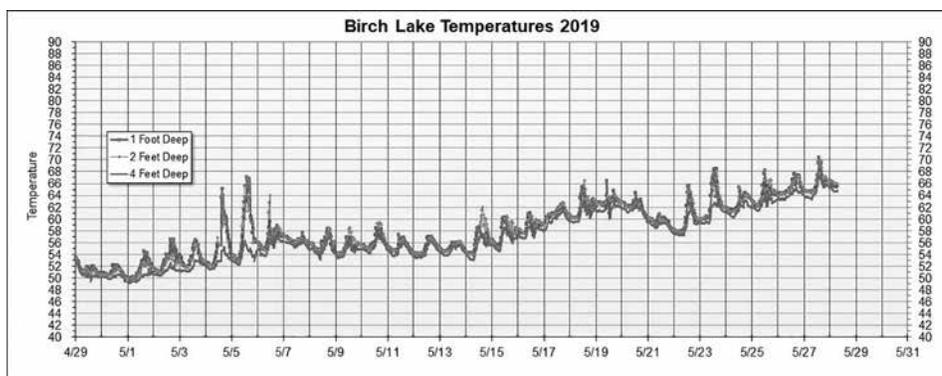
Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - This is the best opportunity of the year for you to think about how you can improve your partnerships and close friendships. Do not think about trying to change the other person. Instead, focus on what you can do and how you can be and how you can act. For example, if you want to be loved, you have to be lovable. If you want to be treated with respect and generosity - you have to respect your partner and be generous to them. But easier said than done.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - This special New Moon urges you to focus on work and health. It's about your sense of usefulness and productivity. Work and health are interrelated because physical and emotional health are affected by your beliefs and attitudes. We often forget this. Think about what boosts your health and make you feel great. So often we know what's good for us but we fail to do it. Think of the power of your mind and how it can affect both your health and your work success.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - The New Moon this week highlights the part of your chart concerning romance, vacations, creativity and children. If the lack of romance in your life is a concern, what is your attitude to romance? Do you constantly attract the wrong people? Look over your shoulder and examine past loves to see a pattern. When it comes to creativity, have you noticed that all children are creative? Those creative urges are still there but now they are unexpressed. When you learn to express them, you tap into your youth.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - This week is your best opportunity all year to think about what you can do to improve your relations with family members. Obviously, this includes your parents. But at a deeper level, its important to know what makes you feel safe. Let go of the past and think of the present and the future. Your home gives you the strength and security to deal with the world.

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: 0.385
 1.0 days before first quarter

Sunrise: 06:05:53 AM
Sunset: 21:17:01 PM
Moonrise: : 11:36:02 AM
Moonset: 01:16:38 AM
Daylight: 15 Hr 11 Min 07 Sec

— Barker Weekly Puzzle —

Insects Word Scramble

All of the scrambled words below are names of insects you have probably heard about. Can you put the letters in the right order to spell the 19 different insect names correctly?

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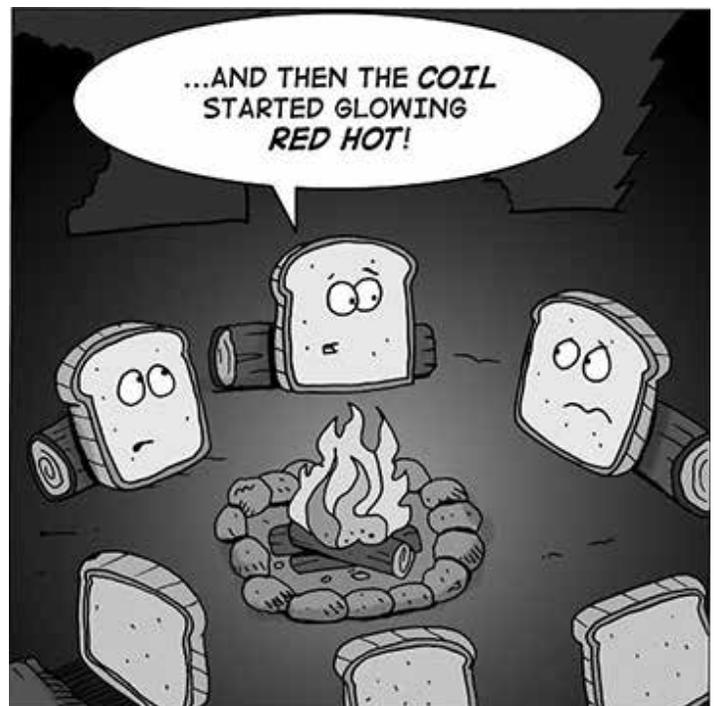
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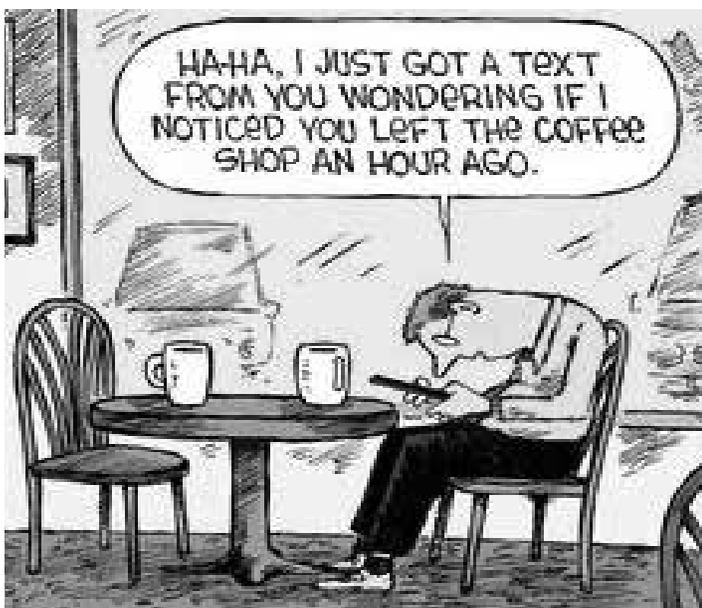
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(noun)

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Toast Stories



Synonym

(noun)

A word used in place of the one you can't spell.



~Birch Lake Recipes~



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Puff Pancake recipe

Here is a recipe from
Connie Troeger,
sent from Denny Weesner

Puff Pancake

By Connie Troeger
Moved to Birch Lake
in 1947

Ingredients:

- ½ cup flour
- ½ cup milk
- 2 eggs
- ¼ teas nutmeg
- 6 TBLS butter
- Powdered sugar
- Lemon juice or zest



Directions:

Melt butter in a 9-inch pie plate.

In another bowl, mix flour, milk, eggs & nutmeg. Pour batter into the

melted butter in the pie plate. Bake 15 minutes at 450. Sprinkle with powdered sugar and lemon.

Can add fresh fruit on top. Serve immediately.

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— Camp Tannadoonah —

The full staff arrived at camp on Wednesday, and our 10 days of staff training are under way now. We have a completely full camp staff this year! It's amazing! A full staff means we have 30 cabin counselors, 4 kitchen assistants, a kitchen manager, a photographer, a maintenance assistant, a nurse, a CIT (counselor in training) director, and the nanny who takes care of staff kids. Plus our 6 year-round staff: Executive Director, two Program Directors, our Facilities Manager, a Customer Relations manager, and a part-time fundraising coordinator. AND we have 5 international volunteers helping with programs, and 2-4 other volunteers each week, including my parents. So a total each week of 53-55 people!

We've come a long way, staffing-wise in the past 14 years! My first summer as Camp Director, we had the Executive Director (who wasn't at camp – just in the office), Camp Director, Assistant Director, Kitchen Manager, Nurse, 2 kitchen assistants, and 15 camp counselors. That's it! So a grand total of 21 people at camp any given week.

These past few days (as I write this on Tuesday), we have been training waterfront staff and leadership staff. Our waterfront staff have worked on how to teach each of the classes they will be doing at the waterfront: swimming lessons, canoeing, kayaking, stand up paddle-

boarding, sailing, fishing, waterskiing, and wakeboarding. It's a lot to learn and remember!

The leadership staff consist of our 4 unit leaders. Each of them are more senior staff members who supervise a unit of seven-10 other counselors. They give feedback to their unit, help staff deal with difficult situations, provide support for their staff when they're having a difficult time, and help the program directors make sure the staff have all the resources they need to make the campers' camp experience the best it can be.

Here are this year's unit leaders:

Mr. Zizo is the unit leader for the "Bird Yard," which is the Cardinals & Wrens and Robins & Woodpeckers cabins. The Bird Yard is where our youngest campers in camp live, so it's usually a wild and crazy place, usually with 40 campers under the age of 10! This is Mr. Zizo's second year working at Camp Tannadoonah. He comes to camp all the way from Cairo, Egypt, where he is a student at the German University in Cairo, studying engineering. Mr. Zizo is also one of our lifeguards and boating instructors.

Miss Liv is the unit leader for the front cabins, which is where our middle girls live. These are the cabins called Exchangettes, Luta Koda, and Chapple Lodge. She oversees the staff who work with the girls ages 11-13. Miss Liv is also

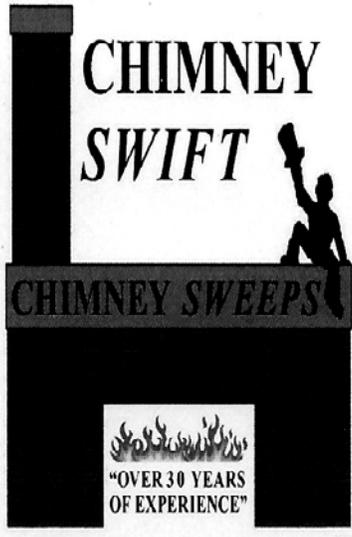
a second-year counselor, and she was also a camper at Tannadoonah for seven summers! Miss Liv is a student at Indiana University in Bloomington, where she is studying recreational therapy, youth development, and neuroscience. She is a graduate of Marian HS and lives in Mishawaka.

Mr. Josh is the unit leader for the back cabins, which is where the middle and older boys live. These are the cabins Wallace, Exchange, and Rotary, and the boys range from 12-16. Mr. Josh is from Hampshire, England, where he has been working as a project manager for Royal Mail (UK). He loves to play football (aka soccer!), and works as a referee for youth football in England.

Miss Georgie will be the unit leader for Morris Lodge, which is where our oldest girls (ages 14 and up) live. She will oversee the staff who are the counselors for Morris, as well as the international volunteers who will be assisting with programs. Miss Georgie is from Somerset, England, where she is a student at the University of Bath, studying business management. At camp she will also be our dance instructor!

All of the unit leaders are excited to work with the rest of the staff to make this year the best one ever at Camp T!

~Miss Amber
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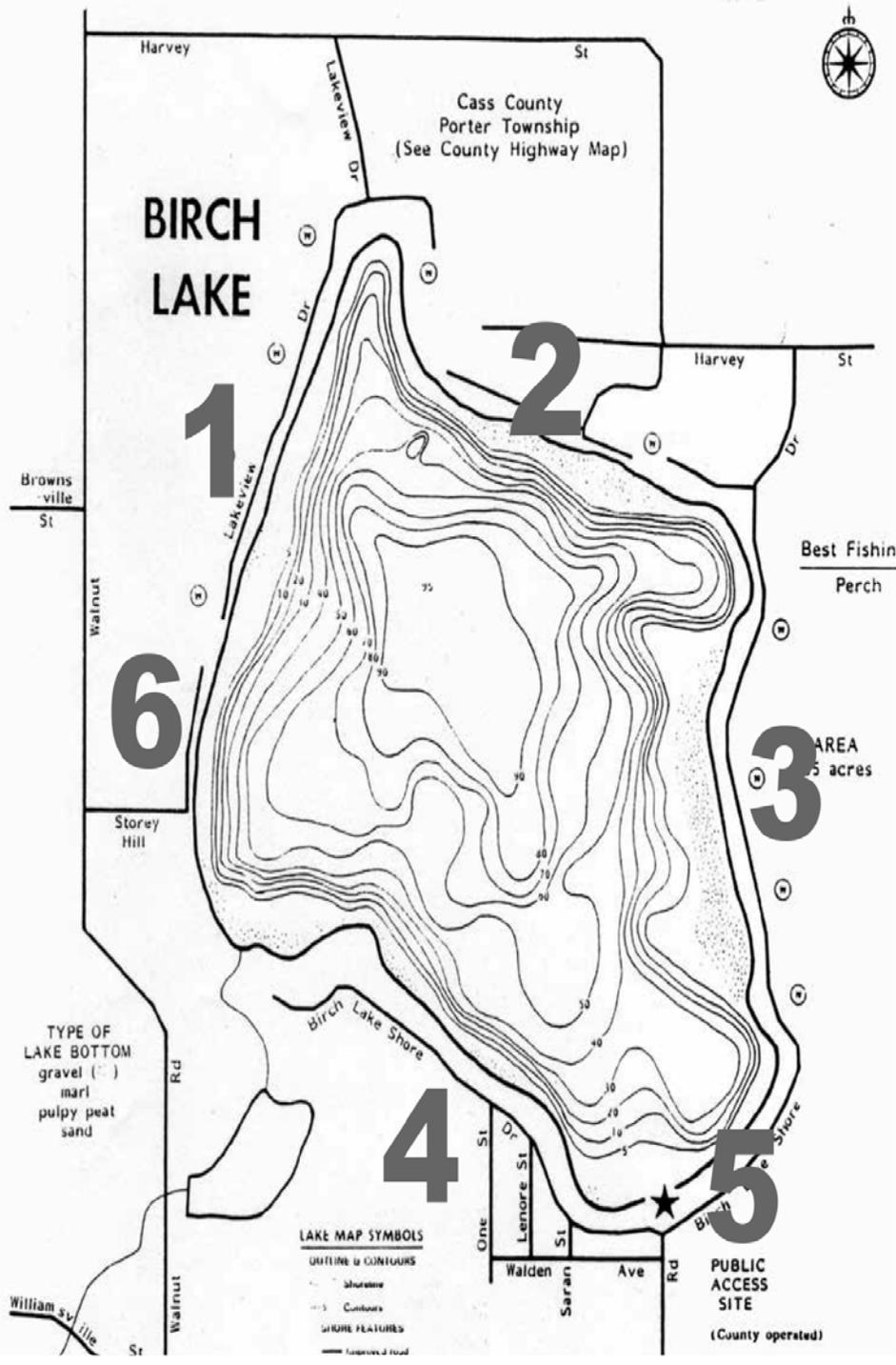
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