

The
Weekend
Of

June 27,
2020

Birch Barker

The official summer publication of the
Birch Lake Yacht Club

*The Fourth of July
is next weekend ...
let's plan now to
be safe!*



Charlie the Heron wants everyone on Birch Lake to have fun but be safe out on the water and on the roads around the lake.

COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

**Commodore's Comments #16
Weekend of June 27, 2020**

By **J. Patrick McGann**

It is the last week before our big first ever Nelson's Port-A-Pit Chicken sale next Friday. Pick up your preorders at Camp Tannadoonah between 11 am and 1 pm. If you fail to pick up your order, we will resell them because we have no way to keep them. **NO REFUNDS** if not picked up by 1 pm. There may be a few available to drive up and order between 1 & 3 pm or until **SOLD OUT**. Thanks to those who have volunteered to help during the sale. We could still use a few people to help. Contact me if you or you can help or if your teenage kids could use some volunteer hours for their high school or college resume. If you are reading this Barker online you still have time before the **NOON** deadline to preorder for the Chicken Sale. Deadline for pre-ordering

is Friday at noon but it will help us if you can place your order ASAP online at: chicken.birchlakeyachtclub.com or you can fill out the order with the prices in this Barker and drop it off at my cottage or in my mailbox with your check at 63164 Birch Rd., the A-Frame on the east side. If you forget I put up signs at all the entrances to Birch Lake by the roads with all the info to remind you. Take a picture of the sign and come home and order your food.

It certainly was a great week if you were able to be here at Birch. Next weekend is the Fourth of July Weekend with several of our traditional activities: Fireworks Friday night at dark, Boat Parade Chairperson Ronnie Eshleman says it will begin Saturday at 4 pm in front of the Weesner/Eshleman's pier on the South Side. Be sure to have your family name on the shore side of your boat for this year's theme "We are family." There will not be any numbers given out. I always thought that would be a great idea all the time. People drive by my place in their boats and wave or yell "Hi Pat" and I can't always

2020 Birch Lake Calendar

- July 3 - Golden Glow Chicken Sale/Fund Raiser for BLYC, 11 am - 1 pm, Camp T
- July 3, 4 - Birch Lake Fourth of July Regatta
- July 3 - Fireworks, dusk
- July 4 - Camp T Pancake Breakfast
- CANCELED**
- July 4 - Boat Parade, 4 pm, Weesner/Eshleman pier
- July 17 - Ladies Golf, Diamond Lake, 9 am
- See Page 10 for entry form**
- July 24 - Men's Golf Outing, Pineview, 1:30 shotgun start, dinner to follow, more TBA
- July 25 - Five Lakes Regatta, Diamond Lake
- August 1 - Corn & Sausage Roast,
- CANCELED**
- August 1 - HOMEOWNERS Annual meeting, following BLYC board meeting
- BLYC Board of Directors' Meetings, 9 am
July 11, August 1, September 5**

To rent the BLYC building contact Sandy Vitale at 269-476-1680 or 269-858-8184.

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 Noon on the Tuesday of the week before the publication. To contact Editor Phil by phone, call (269) 476-1680. To contact Commodore Pat McGann, call 574-532-5377 or email pat@mcgannhay.com.

— Birch Lake Notes —

see to tell who they are. How helpful a name on the shore side of the boat would be. And lastly, the traditional huge Fourth of July Sailing Regatta on Friday and Saturday with rain date Sunday. Let's get ALL OF THE BOATS on the lake out there in the races. Come on all you people who have sailboats come share in the fun and camaraderie among the skippers. The Fleet Captain Bill Luecht has authorized this to be a FREE REGATTA so you don't need to have paid the sailing fee (\$15) to participate, for this weekend only, the fee is waved.

It should be a great fun weekend with a little bit of normalcy here at Birch. Please remember to keep this weekend safe for everyone and be kind to others on the lake. Private fireworks accounted for 10,000 injuries last year in the USA so please be careful.

The BLYC directories of ALL RESIDENCES OF THE LAKE AREA are in and available for purchase, please contact Vice-Commodore Dr. Dan Waxman at: 1-317-506-1680 or dwaxman@versiti.org.

Love the Lake, stay safe and God Bless the USA!

~ JPM, Commodore

Welcome to Birch Lake

Welcome to Laura Pence and Jamie Schnoor, and their children Ellie, 4, and Everett, 2, who just purchased the former Soldato house at 63266 Kinsey Street. Their permanent home is in Marshall, Michigan. Laura is the daughter of Barb and Bob Pence on the East shore, and first started coming to their former cottage on the South shore as a ten month old.

4th of July Boat Parade

The 4th of July boat parade is still on! The theme this year is "We are Family," and we would like to have as many Birch Lake families as possible participate. We may not be

able to see each other at events, but this will be a great opportunity to see each other in our boats! The only requirement is that you have a sign with your family's name on the side of the boat. For those who would like to decorate, there will be awards given and a grand prize for the best of show.

The parade will start Saturday, July 4th at the Weesner/Eshleman pier on the southside at 4 pm. We hope everyone will join in and make this a fun, Birch Lake family event!

~Ronda Eshleman

2020 Dues

In the midst of everything that has been happening in our world, the spring dinner was canceled, therefore the dues forms were not mailed in the spring as they have been in years' past.

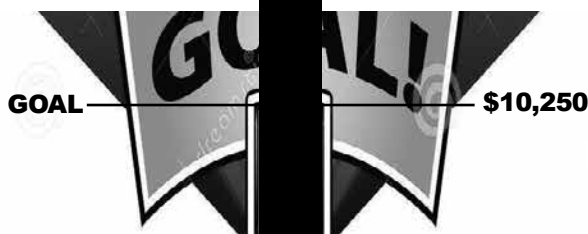
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Birch Lake Yacht Club FIREWORKS FUND WOW! We busted over the top! Great job everyone!



*We met our goal!
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June 22, 2020 _____ \$11,893.00



June 15, 2020 _____ 8,043.00

June 8, 2020 _____ 6,583.00

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May 26, 2020 _____ \$3,238.00

May 18, 2020 _____ \$3,118.00

Aug. 27, 2019 _____ \$1,333.00

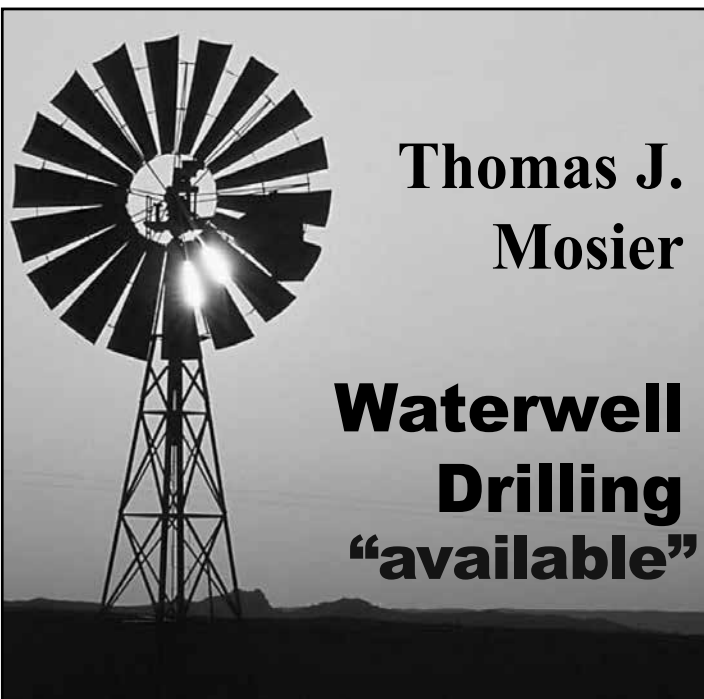
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The Birch Barker

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To submit items to the Birch Barker for potential publication, or to buy a display or classified ad, email your items to sailorphil@philvitale.com or onlinebarker@gmail.com, or mail them to Phil Vitale, 63174 Birch Rd. (east side), Vandalia, MI 49095.

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Of paper clips and duct tape

On occasion I am inclined to repeat words of wisdom from Earl Troeger, Jr. (RIP), World Champion Snipe, sailing mentor (to many). At a Yacht Club function Mr. Troeger challenged me over not coming out to race on Sunday. I explained my sail was ripped and ... he said grab Dad's roll of duct tape. He further explained that plenty of guys had won Regattas with tape on their sails. Lesson learned, I have several sails which became more tape than sail before they were retired. Missing Sunfish sail rings? Use electrician zip-ties! I'm racing with several paper clips where ring dings (split rings, like for a key ring but in stainless steel) belong. Ahem, those

ring dings litter the Birch bottom methinks.

~Mr. Bob



Beer cans and Skittles wrappers do not belong in our beautiful lake!

~Deb Hall

Reid Francis Memorial MC Invitational

Saturday, July 25th*

@Diamond Lake Yacht Club

Birch Lake-Corey Lake-Eagle Lake - Indian Lake-Diamond Lake



Attention Racers -Registration Opens 6/12

\$30 per boat. Please register online at:

www.dlycmi.org

8:00 AM Breakfast

9:00 AM Skippers Meeting

10:00 AM First of three races

2:00 PM 3rd Race

4:00 PM Awards

Meals included for sailors.

*Rain date July 26th, 2020.

BLYC Fourth of July Fundraiser

The Fourth of July Weekend is just around the corner, and if you'd like to stay out of the kitchen and enjoy the lake and activities, plan on letting Nelson's feed your group at the BLYC fundraising Nelson's Port-a-Pit dinner. There will be an assortment of meats and potatoes available at a very reasonable cost.

We ask that you preorder before noon on Friday, June 26. All preor-

ders will need to be picked up between 11 am & 1 pm the day of the sale, July 3. If not picked up by 1 pm we will open the sale to drive by customers from 1-3 pm or until all the food is gone. No refunds if you do not pick up your order by 1 pm. The pickup location will be The Camp T circle on Harvey Street at the east curve. We will have signs out.

We will also be accepting donations to help Camp T through this Covid/Economic crisis so please be as generous as you possibly can be to help out our beloved Camp T that is such a great part of the Birch Lake history. They need your support this year more than ever before.

Place and pay for your order

NOW online at the website: Chicken.BirchLakeYachtClub.com before noon on June 26. There will be some limited drive up orders available the day of the sale.

MENU ITEMS

Port-a-Pit Chicken Half \$8
Port-a-Pit Bone-in Pork Chop \$8
BBQ Baby-Back Ribs \$9
Pit-tatoes \$5



— Birch Lake Notes —

Aerial photos

Emily Lindzy, Dick Lindzy's granddaughter (of the west side) recently had a friend come up with a drone camera to shoot photos of their house and the lake. He took some beautiful aerial shots of Birch. If anyone is interested in purchasing or contacting him for photos of their own you can contact Chad Casey at ((574) 210-2952)



For more info contact emily.lindzym@gmailcom



Birch Lake Obituaries

Patricia Stevens

We have just learned of the passing of Patricia Nance Stevens, 93, of Fort Wayne, formerly of Elkhart, died on Friday, June 19, at Saint Anne's



Communities Randallia Place in Fort Wayne. Patricia was married Charles M. Stevens, who died in 1986. She was also preceded in death by a sister, Dorothealee Jones. Surviving are two sons, Jeffrey (Beth) Stevens of Fort Wayne and Christopher (Donna) Stevens of Indianapolis; five grandchil-

dren Taya, Derec, Nicholas, David, Matthew and six great-grandchildren.

Patricia was a past director of Birch Lake Yacht Club.

In lieu of flowers memorials can be made in Patricia's name to Alzheimer's and Dementia Service of Northern Indiana 922 East Colfax Avenue South Bend, Indiana 46617.

Full obituary and info at <https://www.hartzlerguter-muthinman.com/obituary/Patricia-Stevens>.

Mary Lu Molho

Mary Lucille (Miller) Molho ("Mary Lu") died at South Bend Memorial Hospital at the age of 81 after experiencing a heart attack.

Mary Lu was married to Manny Molho on December 27, 1966. Mary

Lu and Manny were long-time Birch Lakers (south side).

Mary Lu is survived by her step-daughter, Lisa Molho and son-in-law John Cave; her son Ross Molho and daughter-in-law Kristina M. Johnson Molho, and three grandchildren, Taylor Kirk, Jacob Molho and Rachel Molho; and son Eric Molho. She was preceded in death by her husband Manny in October 2019.

Our deepest sympathies to the families.



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FLEET CAPTAIN'S CORNER



Weird wind, two races

By **BILL LUECHT**

We had light, shifting and flukey winds Sunday, but thanks to Tom and Maggie Cassady and Vick Jones, who set marks and ran the committee boat, we somehow managed to set a course and get in two races while we watched the skies for the thunderstorms that were forecast.

We had a balanced race day with seven MCs and seven Sunfish ... and it was very nice to watch.

A word of reminder ... this Sunday the boat wakes from power boats operat-

ing too near the race course made for some difficult sailing ... please remember that Sunday mornings are for sailors and try to keep your wake to a minimum!

Fourth of July Regatta are planned for Friday, July 3 and Saturday, July 4 (with makeup if necessary on Sunday, July 6). Please make it a point to get to the starting line on time (races start at 11 am).

Sail on!

~Fleet Captain. Bill Luecht
(and ghostwriter PV)



2020 Birch Lake Sailing Results

BLYC Season Standings

Date	21-Jun	21-Jun	Total	Point	Races	%
Race	5	6	Points	Average	Finished	Finished

MC Scow/Sailor	Total MC Races=> . 6		Total	Point	Races	%
Scott Troeger #1489	1	2	9363	1561	6	100%
Barb Cassady #2506	2	3	9207	1535	6	100%
Phil Vitale #500	5	1	8449	1408	6	100%
Jeff Smitley #2002	DNS	DNS	1369	1369	1	17%
Bob King #1199	3	4	8147	1358	6	100%
Pat McGann #1735	4	5	6482	1296	5	83%
Bill Luecht #1579	DNS	DNS	4999	1250	3	50%
Pat Welch	6	6	7007	1168	6	100%
Sandy Vitale	DNS	DNS	4494	1124	4	67%
Amber Grundy	7	7	6538	1090	6	100%

Sunfish/Sailor	Total Sunfish Races=> . 6		Total	Point	Races	%
Stewart Spratt	DNS	DNS	6088	1522	4	67%
Rick Russwurm (Green/Blue)	3	1	8976	1496	6	100%
Herb Cleveland	DNS	DNS	4340	1447	3	50%
Peter Soldato	2	5	2817	1409	2	33%
Amy Troeger	4	3	2813	1407	2	33%
Steve Frew	5	2	6567	1313	4	67%
Bob Niezgodski	7	6	7719	1287	6	100%
Camille Butler	6	7	3677	1226	3	50%

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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— Water Quality Report —

Q & A on Koi

At June's Yacht Club Board meeting, there was some discussion as to the desirability of some koi (goldfish) in Birch Lake. As a result, the Water Quality Committee (**WQC**) did a little preliminary research and then questioned the DNR's Fisheries Biologist (**FB**) responsible for the lakes in Southwest Michigan counties, including those in Cass County.

Following is a summary of our questions and his responses.

WQC: A number of years ago, maybe 3 or so large koi were dumped in our lake. They are now some 2-3' long ... Some folks are saying they are bad, eat the eggs of other fish, and, being invasives, will soon take over the lake and crowd out the other, more desirable, species. Therefore, they say, the koi gotta go. A quick check of the internet doesn't yield much cause for concern. Your thoughts please?

FB: ... Koi are definitely nonnative and can cause issues in areas they invade. They are very closely related to common carp and were considered subspecies until recently. The impact is similar and usually related to the density. If you see a handful of koi especially during the spring when they are highly visible while spawning, it shouldn't be a major concern. Those few fish will not cause a problem and likely will not reproduce excessively. When densities explode, they can create ecosystem damage. Most notably they root up vegetation while feeding and suspend sediment. This results in shifts toward algae dominated systems that are highly turbid. They have the reputation for eating fish eggs, but mostly they eat invertebrates, but can destroy fish nests while rooting around for prey in the sediment or covering and suffocating eggs ... However, because it seems like you are seeing the same limited number of fish, I don't

think you have anything to worry about.

WQC: Three (3) large koi do not constitute an invasion, correct?

FB: I am not considering 3 koi a major invasion. (They are) likely incidental release. If you start seeing young fish or higher numbers, they could start having an impact. Hopefully their reproduction will be limited and they will slowly die off,

WQC: Are carp then also considered as non-native..?

FB: Carp are also nonnative.

WQC: Should carp then ... be removed when and however possible?

FB: Carp have become naturalized and removals are very difficult. It is unlikely casual removal will do much to help ... there have been some ... targeted take attempts, but there are few success stories.

WQC: What might we consider as an explosion of density of Koi?

FB: It is hard to say, but we usually determine what portion of the biomass they take up. In populations where carp are a huge problem, they can easily exceed 60 percent of total fish biomass.

WQC: Would allowed methods of removing nonnative fish include shooting at them with a gun?

FB: No. Taking fish with a gun is not legal. Any gear you have on the water has to be legal ... You must also abide by any local ordinances (e.g. some townships or cities do not allow archery gear).

WQC: Are carp regulated as sportfish?

FB: No, they are considered a rough fish and can be taken in any number with no size limit if captured by legal means or special permit ...

WQC: Any other questions I should have asked?

FB: You are asking the right questions. Generally, we don't get too worried about koi because we already have carp. Managing for fewer nonnative rough fish will improve sportfishing. Ironically, rainbow trout are also not native to Michigan, but because they are valued as a sport fish, they are commonly stocked. It can be all about perspective.

In review of the above, at this time the Water Quality Committee is not a proponent of the killing or removal of koi from our lake.

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- 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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Sue Dufour from the east side with her newest great-grandson, Jesse Morgan Reckelhoff, son of her granddaughter Paige Dufour and her husband Jamie Reckelhoff. Sue and Duffy now have five great-grandchildren enjoying Birch Lake!

Barker Kids of the Week

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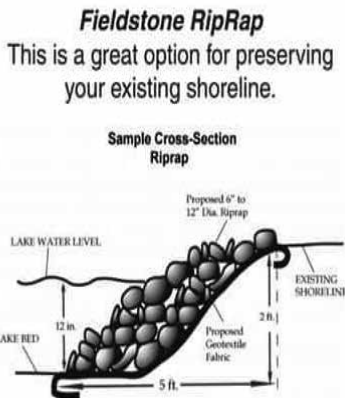
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Sarah Howard and her family visited her aunt and uncle Debbie and Bud Hall (cove).



Who is that masked Birch Laker?

photo submitted by Deb Hall (cove)



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Diamond Lake Golf Course, Cassopolis
9 AM Tee Off - \$35 per golfer
Please arrive no later than 8:30 AM
Fee includes cart and box lunch

Box Lunch at Diamond Lake Golf Course following the Outing
**** IMPORTANT! Following health precautions, all participants will ride in separate golf carts; social distancing highly encouraged; DLGC may have additional rules we will need to follow ****

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Registration Form

Team Members (list captain first with phone no.)

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2. _____
3. _____
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Aries (March 21-April 19) - In the next four weeks, you'll be focused on old issues from your past, especially related to family and home. You might be involved with a parent more than usual. You might have a family reunion. Many of you will hear from family members you haven't heard from in a while. You might misplace or lose things at home; or possibly, you will find something that you lost before? Meanwhile, you will appreciate your daily surroundings at this time. It's as if you're seeing them with new eyes.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - The pace of your days will accelerate in the next four weeks with short trips, errands, appointments plus spending increased time with siblings, relatives and neighbors. You will be busy learning, reading and writing. Car problems and transportation glitches will occur. Communications will be confused. You might be waiting at one place to meet someone while they're waiting at another place. On the upside: you will attract money to you in the next four weeks.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) - In the next four weeks, your focus will be on money, cash flow, earnings and your assets. Many of you will dream up moneymaking ideas and take stock of your wealth. However, Be proactive and cautious. Double check your bill or invoice. Count your change. Clarify info from your bank. Read your credit card statement. Do not assume that they are correct.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) - This is your chance to replenish and restore yourself! Because of the strength of the Sun in your sign, you will attract people to you and you will also attract favorable situations to you. You will be dealing with silly, goofy mistakes, misplaced items, lost paperwork, computer glitches, transportation delays as well as contact with people from your past, especially partners and old friends. (This might be why some of you are having a secret love affair.)

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - Because your birthday is a mere month away, your personal year is coming to an end. This means you might encounter disputes about insurance issues, shared property, taxes, debt or anything that you own jointly with someone else. Remember this is an excellent year to get a better job or improve your existing job. You can also improve your daily habits so that they will promote better health and a better approach to how you do your work.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - You are entering a lovely, four-week window where everyone wants to see your face. Good times with friends, especially friends from the past will happen. Many of you will be more involved with groups and organizations and quite possibly, will run into old faces from these clubs as well. This will test your patience. Fear not, on the whole, you are happy to be who you are. You will express yourself without fear or apology.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - For the next four weeks, you are in a powerful spotlight that makes you look fabulous in the eyes of others. (Which is why you will be asked to assume increased responsibilities. Say yes because you don't have to do anything special.) Since you make such a great impression on others, this window of time is perfect to make your pitch or advance your agenda. Fortunately, you are pumped to work hard! Meanwhile, bosses and parents you haven't seen for a while are back on the scene. Travel if you can.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - In the next four weeks, you want to expand your world. You want adventure! You want to see new places and meet new faces! This is also an excellent time to explore opportunities in the media, publishing, medicine, the law or higher education. Gifts and money will come your way! This is timely because you feel playful and prankish! You want to have fun, which often costs money. This is a good time to negotiate a loan or mortgage.

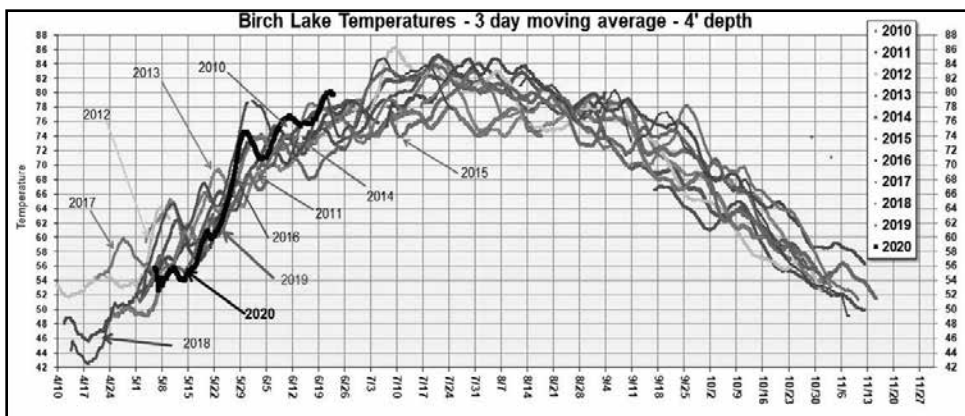
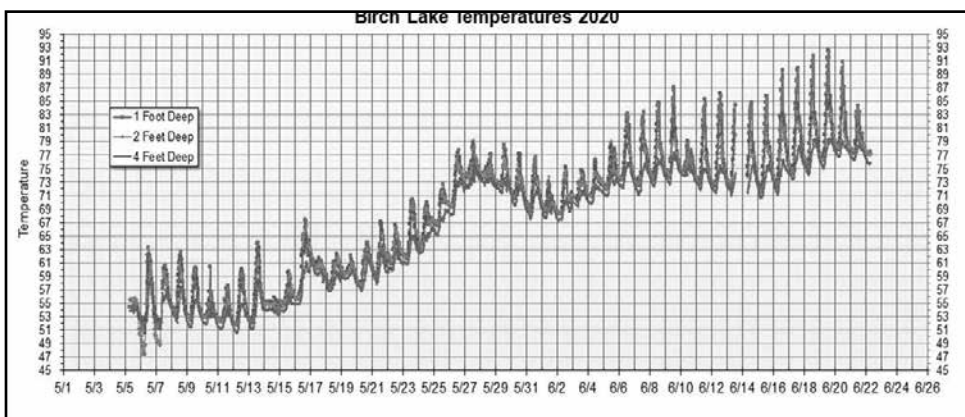
Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - You will be charming with everyone. Well, maybe not everyone. Increased chaos and activity on the home front could create tension at home or with family members. Be stoic. Demonstrate grace under pressure. The next four weeks are unusually passionate for you because you are focused on shared property and your partner's wealth. Keep looking for ways to boost your income because they exist!

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - You will need more sleep in the next four weeks. You can expect to hear from ex-spouses, ex-partners and old friends from your past. Sometimes these re-encounters are good things - sometimes, not so much. Fortunately, even though you need more sleep, you will be vigorous and dynamic in all your daily communications. You'll be convincing! People will listen to you! This is also an excellent time to relate to coworkers, especially to discuss agreements.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - There's an element of irony for your sign in the next four weeks. In one way, you are determined to be efficient and productive. In fact, you want to be better organized in every aspect of your life. Ironically, silly errors, lost paperwork, confused messages, mixed-up communications, delays, computer glitches and machinery breakdowns are some examples of how your best intentions will be foiled! Nevertheless, press on! Your resolution to get better organized is a wonderful thing.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - You're the winner! For the next four weeks, feel free to express yourself and be exactly who you are. Your drive will be to do exactly what you want and especially, to amuse yourself and have fun! Activities with kids will shine. Your attitude to relationships will be lighter. You will enjoy redecorating at home as well as entertaining friends. Meanwhile, you've got energy to burn! Mercury retrograde will attract old flames from your past back into the world again.

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: 0.489
0.1 days before first quarter



Sunrise: 06:07:59

Sunset: 21:23:00

Moonrise: 12:58:59

Moonset: 01:25:04

Daylight: 15 Hr 15 Min 01 Sec

Birch Barker Funnies

I WILL NEVER FORGET THE LOOK ON THE CASHIERS FACE, WHEN SHE SCANNED THE PACKET OF BIRD SEED, AND I ASKED HER HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE FOR THE BIRDS TO GROW ONCE I PLANT THEM.

**Me: Please bring me a screwdriver.
Him: Flat head, Phillips, or Vodka?
And that was when I knew he was the one.**

Hate when Walmart doesn't have what I need & I have to go home, change out of my pajamas & brush my hair so I can go to Target



WHY DO EGGS COME IN FLIMSY STYROFOAM CARTONS AND BATTERIES COME IN A PACKAGE ONLY A CHAINSAW CAN OPEN?

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~Birch Lake Recipes~



Provided Exclusively to the Birch Barker from Mrs. Ima Foodnudge

Chicken salad with bacon, lettuce & tomato

This chicken salad has a creamy dressing and is best served over crisp lettuce leaves.

Yield:

6 servings

Ingredients

- 5 slices bacon
- 3 cups diced cooked chicken
- 1 cup chopped fresh tomato
- 2 stalks celery, thinly sliced
- ¼ cup mayonnaise
- 2 tablespoons minced green onion
- 1 tablespoon chopped parsley
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice
- 1 dash Worcestershire sauce
- 1 pinch salt and ground black pepper to taste
- 12 leaves romaine lettuce
- 1 large avocado, sliced

Directions

- Step 1
Place bacon in a large skillet and cook over medium-high heat, turning occasionally, until evenly browned, about 10 minutes. Drain bacon slices on paper towels; crumble.
- Step 2
Stir chicken, bacon, tomato, and celery together in a bowl.
- Step 3
Whisk mayonnaise, parsley, green onions, lemon juice, Worcestershire sauce, salt, and black pepper together in a bowl until dressing is smooth. Pour dressing over chicken mixture; toss to coat. Refrigerate until chilled, at least 30 minutes.
- Step 4
Stir chicken mixture and serve over romaine lettuce leaves; garnish with avocado slices.

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— Camp Tannadoonah —

Staff training, camper quotes

This week we started staff training! We could still use a few extra staff – if you know anyone looking for a summer job, we have cabin counselor positions available! We always prefer if someone can do the whole summer for consistency, but if they can only do a week or two, we can work with that, too! Please let me know if you know anyone!

This week for my article I wanted to do something different. I have collected

quotes from our day campers about what they like best about camp.

Avery S, age 5: "I like my friends best about camp. But I love everything about camp. It's my favorite place."

Genevieve, age 6: "Swimming!"

Ruby, age 6: "My favorite thing is that there's forest."

Major, age 6: "I liked archery the best."

Maria, age 6: "I like making friendship bracelets and giving them to my friends."

Payton, age 7: "I can't remember!"

Sophia, age 8: "arts and crafts – I made a bear and a cat and a dog bead buddy."

Brody, age 9: "I like archery the best!"

Jager, age 9: "It's fun because we can all hang out together and play fun games outdoors and it's fun being with all

of my friends here."

Madison, age 10: "I liked almost everything – actually I like everything! I can't think of anything I didn't like."

Harmony, age 10: "archery was fun, and arts and crafts because I like to make things."

Marshon, age 11: "playing 9 square, swimming in the lake, making s'mores and hot dogs over the fire."

Brody, age 11: "Well, it's outside, and I love to be outside. It keeps me off video games, because at home I'm always on video games."

Bradyen, age 11: "My favorite is meeting new friends."

Kayden, age 12: "the gaga ball pit, the basketball courts, anything related to sports. I like how you can jump off the pier into Birch Lake. And archery is good too. I like the cabins too. And yesterday I got to help build the fire to cook our lunch."

Dominic, age 13: "we get to run around and play all day."

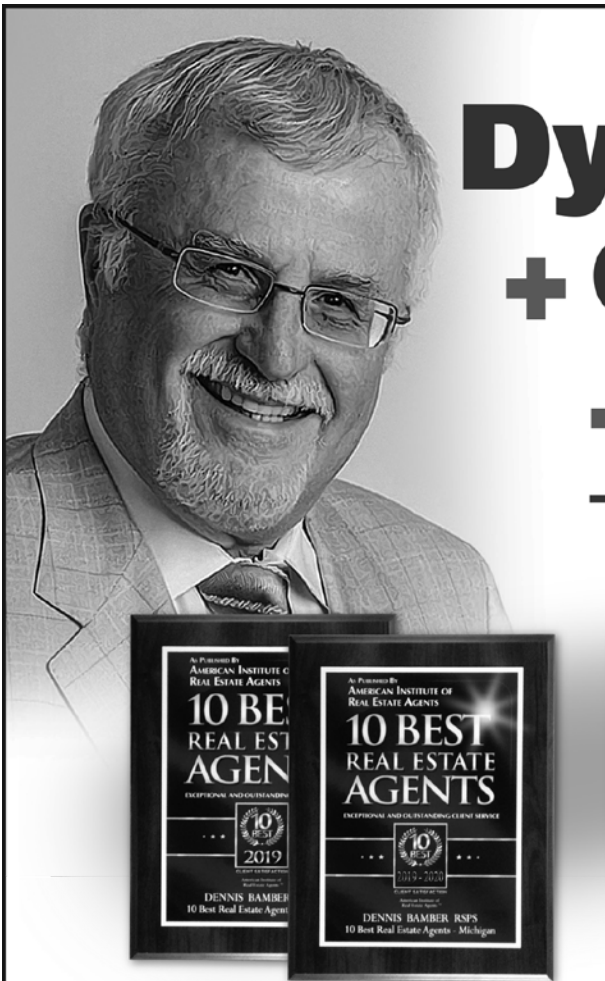
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~Mrs. Amber



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Tip No 6: Control your dog

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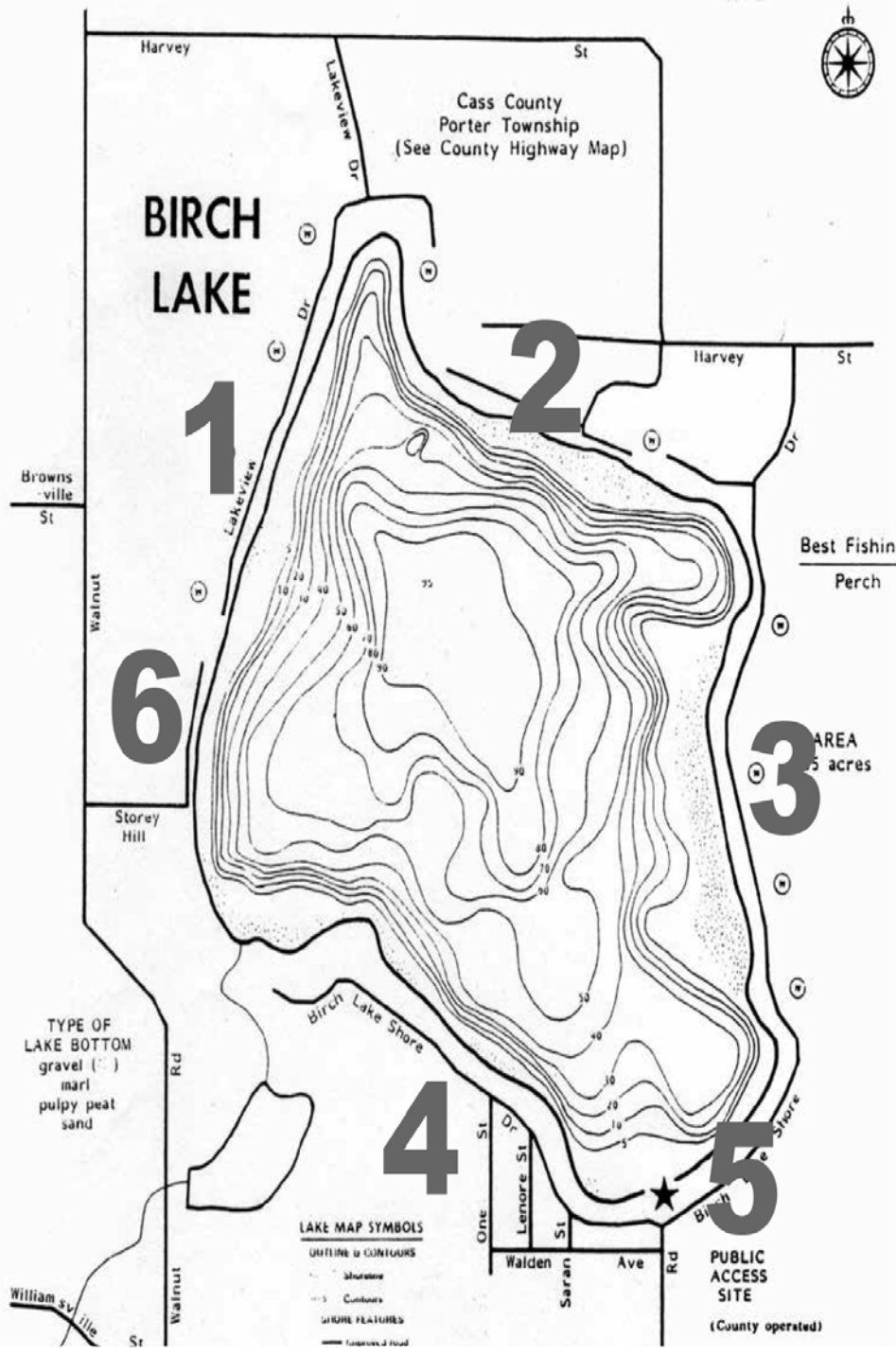
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