

The
Weekend
Of

July 18,
2020

Birch Barker

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Hot summer weather at Birch Lake means a lot of people using the water in a lot of different ways ...

photo by Mr. Bob King (north side)

COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

Commodore's Comments #19
Weekend of July 18, 2020

By **J. Patrick McGann**

So much space, so little to say... Birch Lake gave us another wonderful weekend to enjoy and to make memories. Have you seen the Comet yet? It will be closest to the earth in two weeks, and won't be back again in our neighborhood for another 7,000 years. How do they know that? That math is way beyond me but it is incredible that astrophysicists can determine that.

Beautiful winds for sailing on Saturday and Sunday afternoons. Unfortunately, little wind Sunday morning made it so we couldn't race.

I did not have any ideas of what I was going to write about this week. So, I asked some other lakers I was playing golf with what they wanted me to say. Bud Hall wanted me to say, what a wonderful group of people we have here on Birch and how much he enjoyed the enthusiasm the people had on their

piers and decks waving and shouting their approval as we went around the lake during the 2020 best ever boat parade.

Cover's: Jim Limes and Marc Caenepeel thought we should pick out a date and time that we all meet out on the lake and chase all the geese away off our lake. I don't think that is legal boys. Plus your BLYC and BLHOA is looking into the geese situation. More info to follow on this subject.

This is the time of year we turn our attention to the annual Ladies and Men's golf outings. So please sign up ASAP for the same fun just like we had last year. Sign up forms and more info for both of these events are here in this Barker and the men's is also online at our website: mensgolf.birchlakeyacht-club.com.

Enjoy the rest of the weekend and please stay safe.

LOVE THE LAKE!

~ JPM, Commodore

Goose Control Survey

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2020 Birch Lake Calendar

July 25 - Reid Francis Memorial Invitational Regatta, Diamond Lake **POSTPONED**
JULY 31 - NEW DATE FOR MEN'S GOLF OUTING, 1:30 pm shotgun start @ Pineview golf course, dinner to follow, see article Page 3
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

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One survey response will be accepted per household. This survey will remain available until the end of day Monday, July 27.

Take the survey online at bitly.com/blycgoosesurvey or fill out the



form on page 10 of this week's Barker and mail or give it to BLYC Commodore Pat McGann at 63164 Birch Rd., Vandalia, MI 49095 or BLYC Vice Commodore Dan Waxman at 63590 Birch Rd., Vandalia, MI 49095

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5 Lake regatta postponed a year

Due to increasing health concerns,

the Reid Francis Memorial MC 5-Lake Invitational Regatta has been postponed until July 24, 2021. Sailors who have registered already will be contacted directly.

Men's golf outing date changed

We have changed the date for the annual Birch Lake Mens Golf Outing to Friday July 31. Otherwise, it will be the same as our very successful outing last year. Golf will start with a 1:30 pm shotgun start, prime rib socially dis-



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tanced dinner following. Let me know who is your Captain and the other three in the foursome?. Go to the BLYC store at: store.birchlakeyachtclub.com before July 26. Cost for cart and dinner is \$65/golfer.

~JPM

Plastic lids

Hi Birch Lakers. I'm asking for a favor. If you could save your plastic lids, I would really appreciate it. A friend of mine knows a family who is collecting them to make a friendship bench in honor of their father who passed away. They can be milk jug lids, salad dressing, ketchup and mustard, water bottles, mayonnaise jars, prescription tops and containers, anything you empty that has a plastic lid. Just put them in a baggie and save them for me, please. Thank you so much for your help!

~Bad Patty, east side.

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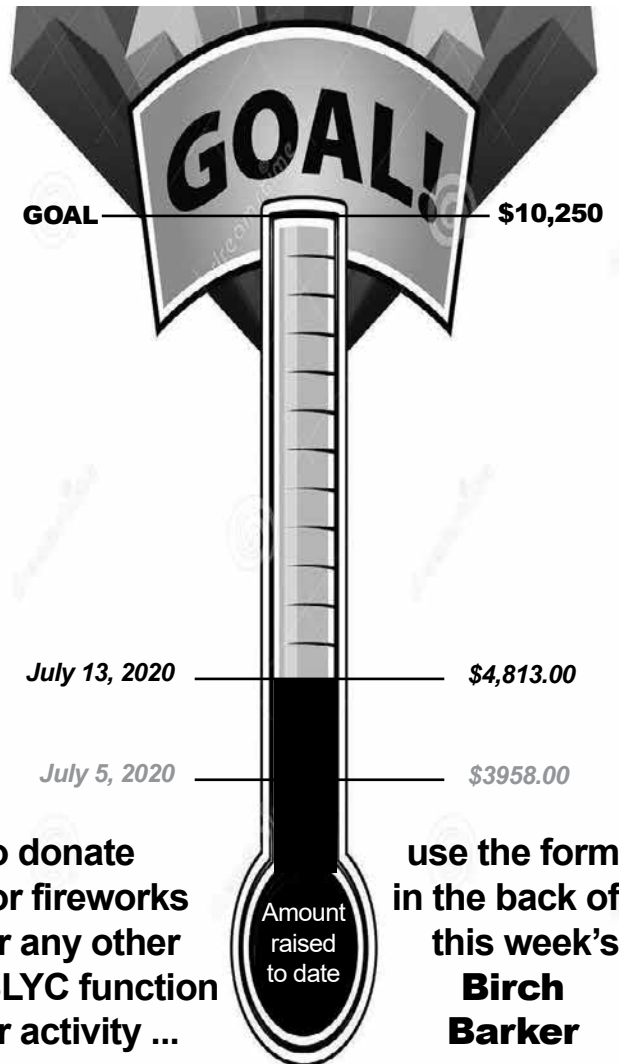
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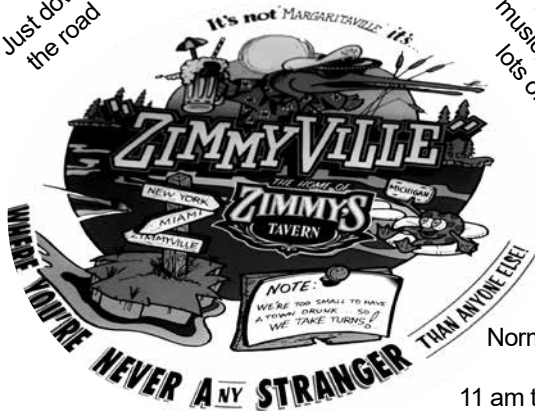
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And now a little history or myth: AIOLUS (Aeolus) was the divine keeper of the winds and king of the mythical, floating island of Aiolia (Aeolia). He kept the violent Storm-Winds locked safely away inside the cavernous interior of his isle, releasing them only at the com-

mand of greatest gods to wreak devastation upon the world.

The hero Odysseus once visited Aiolos' isle and was entrusted with a bag containing all of the Storm-Winds to ensure a safe voyage home. However, during the trip, the hero's greedy companions opened the bag in a search for gold and the escaping winds carried their ship all the way back to Aiolos' shore.

Sail on (and hope for wind!)

~Fleet Captain Bill

(and ghost writer BP)



2020 Birch Lake Sailing Results

BLYC Season Standings to date

Date	3-Jul	Total	Point	Races	Percentage
Race	7	Points	Average	Finished	Finished
MC Scow/Sailor		Total MC Races=>		7	
Scott Troeger #1489	2	10884	1555	7	100%
Barb Cassady #2506	1	10807	1544	7	100%
Phil Vitale #500	5	9745	1392	7	100%
Bob King #1199	3	9591	1370	7	100%
Jeff Smitley #2002	DNS	1369	1369	1	14%
Pat McGann #1735	DNS	6482	1296	5	71%
Bill Luecht #1579	4	6368	1274	4	57%
Pat Welch	DNS	7007	1168	6	86%
Sandy Vitale	6	5719	1144	5	71%
Amber Grundy	DNS	6538	1090	6	86%

Date	3-Jul	Total	Point	Races	Percentage
Race	7	Points	Average	Finished	Finished
Sunfish/Sailor		Total Sunfish Races=>		7	
Stewart Spratt	DNS	6088	1522	4	57%
Rick Russwurm (Green/Blue)	DNS	8976	1496	6	86%
Herb Cleveland	3	10195	1456	7	100%
Scott Temple	DNS	4340	1447	3	43%
Amy Troeger	2	4334	1445	3	43%
Peter Soldato	DNS	2817	1409	2	29%
Steve Frew	1	8167	1361	5	71%
Bob Niezgodski	4	9088	1298	7	100%
Camille Butler	DNS	3677	1226	3	43%

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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— Men's Golf Outing —

Men's golf outing registration

The deadline to pay and register is Friday July 26 at noon online at mensgolf.birchlakeyachtclub.com. Fill out the form below and email/fax to pat@mcgannhay.com, fax: 1-800-855-1765 or drop it off with your check at 63164 Birch Rd. Call 574-532-5377.

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Phone _____

2) _____

3) _____

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— Water Quality Report —

The commandment of the week is # 3

THOU SHALT MINIMIZE THE EFFECTS OF WAVES

Waves and wakes (man made waves) not only threaten smaller boats and swimmers but also tend to erode shorelines and scour nearby, and other shallow, lake bottoms. The maintenance and protection of all shorelines (preferably natural) is critically important and further discussed in another article.

While we cannot control the waves made by God, we can hopefully limit some of the wave damages caused by us. Boat waves are deeper and have far more energy than surface waves.

When we stir up the lake bottom we free up and raise into the water column one of its most undesirable possessions – phosphorus – that was previously attached to decaying organic material at the bottom. That newly suspended phosphorus enhances turbidity (makes the water more cloudy) and increases the phosphorus loading in the lake (which directly affects the growth of virtually all plants and other organisms in the lake). Phosphorus is also further discussed in a different article. Stirring up the lake bottom can also cause the destruction of native aquatic plants by breaking them off at, or pulling them out by, their roots.

So please refrain from making large waves and/or accelerating or going fast wherever your prop wash will result in disturbance of the lake bottom. This applies to both shoreline, and any other shallow, areas of the lake.

Particularly when water levels are high (as they are somewhat now), consider trying to make no waves (wakes). If you must make waves, please try to minimize their effect by limiting their height and keeping them to the center, deeper

part of the lake.

Always drive your power boat in a counter clockwise rotation, and constantly plot your course to assure you stay the required 100' (Reminding boaters that "You are responsible for your wake," the Water Sports Industry Association recommends at least 200') minimum from all shorelines and other objects (docks, rafts, swimmers, etc.) on the water, allowing for where any upcoming craft may be headed and for each vessel's towed skiers, tubes, etc. (which are typically 60' – 75' or more behind and/or along side of the boats towing them).



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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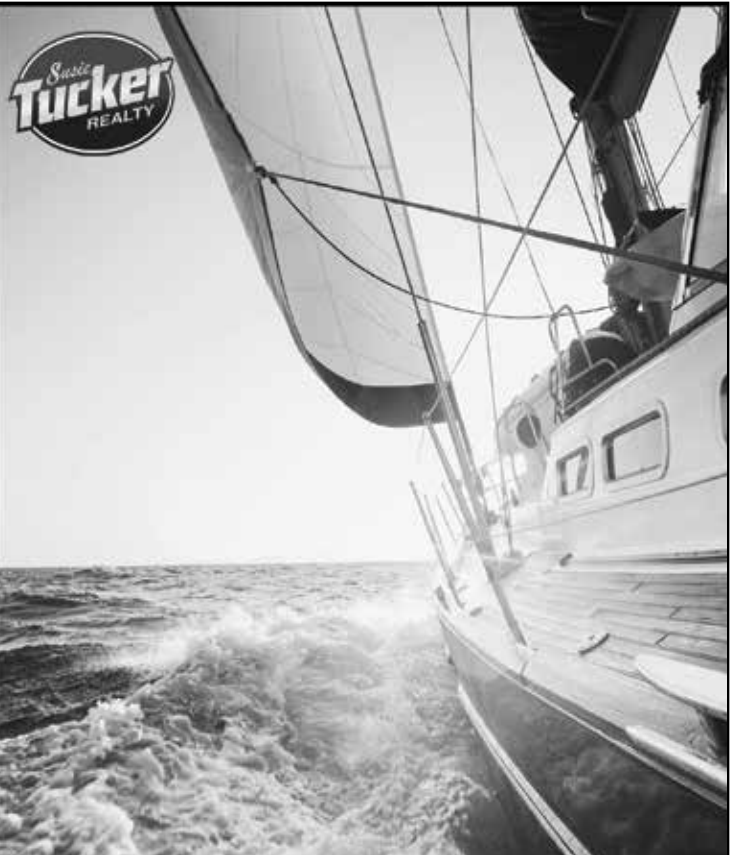
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The Caenepeels (west side) and Halls(cove) enjoying a bit of fine dining before playing trivia at Pub 60 Grille.



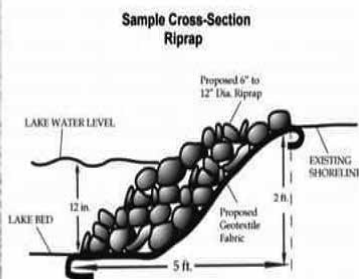
John Luecht (east side) has moved into Erskine Green Training Institute in Muncie. Soon there will be a great cook on Birch Lake!

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Calvin and Everett Schlemmers are visiting their grandparents, Bernie and Blair Garceau (East side).



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* Required

Name * _____

Address * _____

Phone _____ Email address _____

How much have you been affected by the geese at Birch Lake? *

Not at all 1 2 3 Extremely negatively

In what ways have you been affected by the geese?

Would you support goose removal? *

Yes, and would financially support it

Yes, but not at a cost

Maybe, depending on cost

Maybe, depending on how they are removed

No, I am opposed

Other:

If yes, how much (in addition to your regular dues and contributions) would your household contribute to the expense of goose removal? (This is not a firm commitment but an expression of interest.)

If you answered no, but the majority were in favor, would you seek to block the removal efforts?

____ Yes

____ No

____ Maybe

Other Comments:

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YOUR HOROSCOPE

Aries (March 21-April 19) - This week you continue to be focused on home, family and DIY projects or repairs. You might also be involved with a parent more than usual. Be careful about ego battles midweek. After all, you are coming on super strong now because your ruler fiery Mars is in your own sign where it will stay for the rest of year! The way you see it is you're just acting normal. But from the point of view of others, you're coming on like gang-busters! Time to eat a little humble pie. Admit that you might be a tad aggressive.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Be careful because this is an accident-prone week for your sign. Of course, an accident doesn't have to happen but what can easily happen is arguments and conflicts with siblings, relatives and neighbors (or anyone else) about political, racial and religious issues are enough to throw off your good judgment. All it takes is an emotional distraction - three seconds - and you might be in a situation that you regret.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) - This is a lovely week to buy wardrobe treasures for yourself. Timing is everything! Meanwhile, you are focused on cash flow, earnings and moneymaking ideas. You might also want to move forward with plans for something that you own because Nevertheless, midweek you might be in a power struggle with someone about shared property, wills, inheritances, taxes, debt or even about shared responsibilities.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) - Your ideas and plans might be thwarted by a boss, teacher, parent or someone in a position of authority, including the government. Meanwhile, back at the ranch, you will have power struggles with someone close to you midweek. Yikes! (This is obviously the time to send out for dark chocolate.) Fear not, this is still a strong, powerful time for you because the Sun is in your sign - and this happens only once a year. Be gracious. Show noblesse oblige.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - It is still totally appropriate for you to play things low-key and stay behind the scenes. You are not yet ready to step out center stage! Enjoy schmoozing with friends and groups, because you will like this, especially if they are creative, artistic people. You will also welcome any chance to break free from your daily routine and do something different, perhaps travel or explore new places, especially places that offer you an experience of learning something new.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - This continues to be a popular time for you! Not only are you enjoying seeing others, especially younger people, this is the perfect time for you to set some goals for the future because that will keep you on track. Parents might have difficulty with their kids this week, especially midweek. Patience is your best friend to deal with this because anger serves no purpose except to make everyone miserable.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - Because the Sun is still at high noon in your chart, you look fabulous to others, especially bosses, parents and VIPs. While you have this advantage, make your pitch! Ask and ye shall receive. Nevertheless, midweek you might find yourself at odds with a parent or boss or someone at home because you're trying to make major changes. Expect resistance!

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - This is an accident-prone week for you so slow down and take it easy. Pay attention to everything you say and do. Guard against hasty impulses. Steer clear of arguments with others, especially about controversial subjects because you are better off with a calmer mind. You can get more done with a calmer mind. You will be happier with a calmer mind. You will be more effective with a calmer mind. (You get the picture.) Fortunately, you have lots of energy to work, and others are generous to you. Favors from others plus gifts as well as the necessary equipment for a job will come your way. Major bonus!

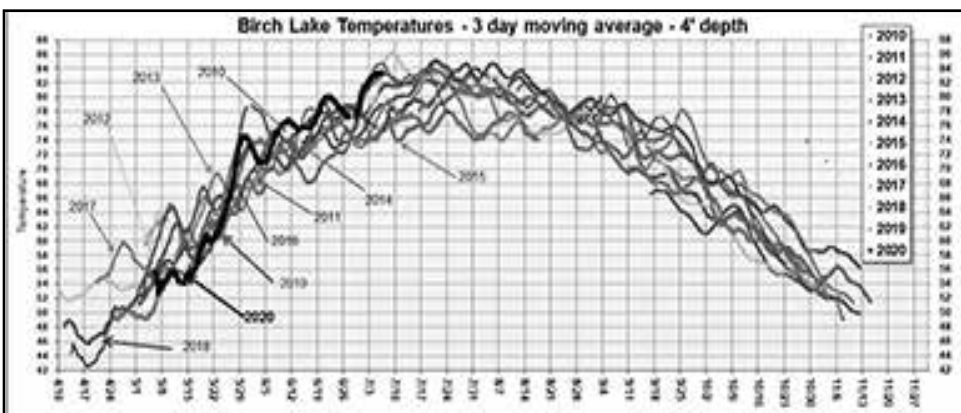
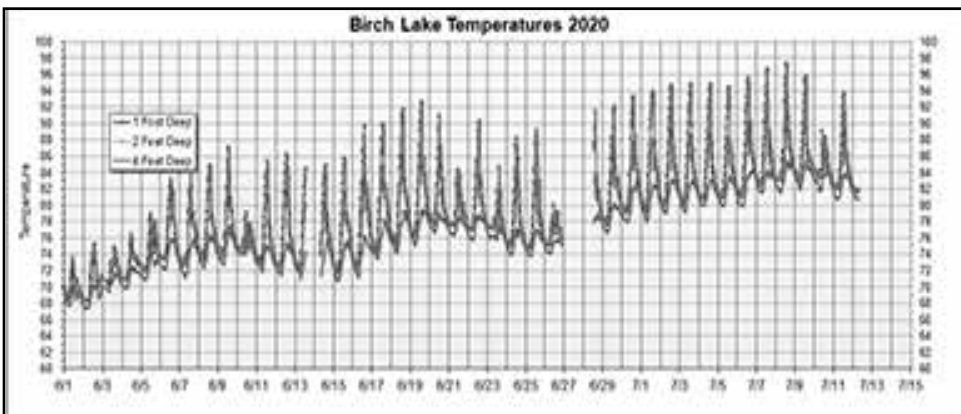
Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Disputes about money, property or shared assets, banking, debt, wills or insurance issues might arise this week. It might even just be a showy argument that is a clash of wills? Fortunately, you will handle this with grace and aplomb because fair Venus is opposite your sign. Whatever you do, you will be more effective and more competent than usual!

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - This week certain things are coming to a climax now or reaching a point of culmination. And yes, you will encounter opposition from others, which makes it tougher to make everything work out right. Sometimes this kind of opposition can feel like a failure because things didn't work out as you had planned.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - You're still thinking about how you should manage your life. What duties and responsibilities are most important to you? You want to be organized. You want to be efficient. You want to be effective. In fact, you want to strive to make every action count so that you get the most bang for your buck! Having said that, you cannot deny that you have to work on behalf of someone else right now. Fortunately, romance, the arts and socializing are promising!

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - It's play city for you! Accept all invitations to party. Enjoy romance, games, schmoozing, sports and fun activities with kids. Admittedly, lovers' quarrels and problems with kids might take place midweek but your sensitive patience and finesse will help you do some damage control. Many of you will enjoy redecorating your digs and making where you live look more attractive. Some might even make money from their home or from a real-estate situation. (This makes sense because you're pro-active about boosting your earnings now and will be for the rest of the year.) Your energy level is high. Examine what is not working and cut your losses. Prepare for a new start!

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: 0.024
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Sunrise: 06:22:18

Sunset: 21:14:27

Moonrise: 04:10:32

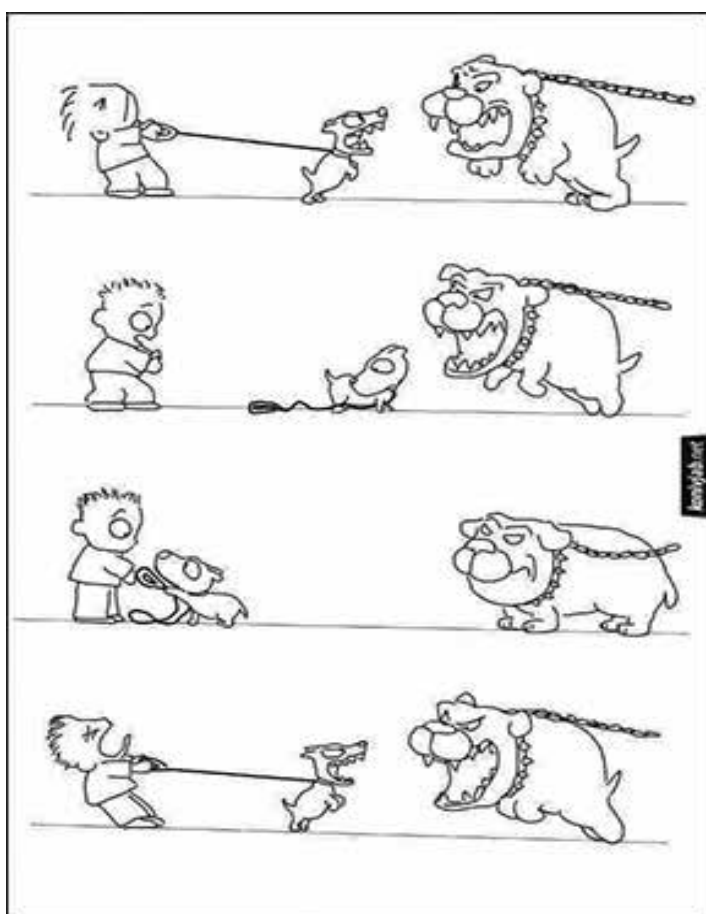
Moonset: 19:50:20

Daylight: 14 Hr 52 Min 09 Sec

Birch Barker Funnies



My farmer friend used his stimulus to buy baby chickens. He got his money for nothing and his chicks for free.



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~Birch Lake Recipes~



Provided Exclusively to the Birch Barker from Mrs. Ima Foodnudge

Bacon Cheddar Potato Salad

Loaded with bacon, cheddar cheese and ranch dressing, this hearty side is destined to be a new family favorite.

Ingredients:

- 2 lbs. small red potatoes
- 4 slices bacon
- 2/3 cup ranch dressing
- 2 scallions, sliced
- 2 Tbs. chopped fresh parsley
- 1/2 cup shredded cheddar cheese

Directions:

In pot, combine potatoes with enough salted water to cover.

Bring to a boil over high heat. Reduce heat to medium; cook until just tender, about 15 minutes. Drain, rinse under cold water.

In large nonstick skillet, cook bacon over medium heat, flipping occasionally until crisp, 8-10 minutes. Drain on paper towels. Cool

In bowl, combine ranch dressing, half of scallions, parsley and 1/4 tsp Salt. Add potatoes and half of the cheese, toss until coated. Transfer to serving bowl.

Sprinkle top with crumbled bacon and remaining cheese and scallions.



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— Camp Tannadoonah —

Leadership team at Camp this season

We're in the midst of our second session of overnight (out of 5), and this week is the biggest week we will have this summer, with around 75 overnight campers and 31 (!) day campers. I am sure we've never had this many day campers in all the years I've been at Tannadoonah. Perhaps this year will lead to a larger day camp program in the future. Next week is much smaller, with just 57 overnight campers and 13 day campers.

This week I wanted to introduce you to the awesome leadership team that Mr. Adam has built this year at camp. With all of the challenges this year, we knew we had to have an especially strong team. This group has been amazing at rolling with all the changes, adapting, and most

importantly helping the rest of the staff adjust and adapt.

Mr. Adam is our new camp director, and I've already introduced him in the Barker. But to recap, he comes to Camp Tannadoonah with 4 years experience as the assistant camp director at Camp Blodgett (on the shores of Lake Michigan, west of Grand Rapids). Prior to transitioning to a full-time camp position, he was working at Gwinett Community College in Atlanta as an athletic trainer. He plans to continue to stay licensed as an athletic trainer here in Michigan. He is passionate about fitness, and has joined the Triple River Crossfit gym in Three Rivers.

This year's Assistant Camp Director is Gabby Bittner. This is Miss Gabby's 6th summer on staff at Tannadoonah.

She has been a kitchen assistant, cabin counselor, dance instructor, unit leader, and now Assistant Camp Director. Prior to joining the camp staff, she was a camper and a CIT (counselor in training). Miss Gabby graduated from Purdue University with a major in Psychology, and minors in Human

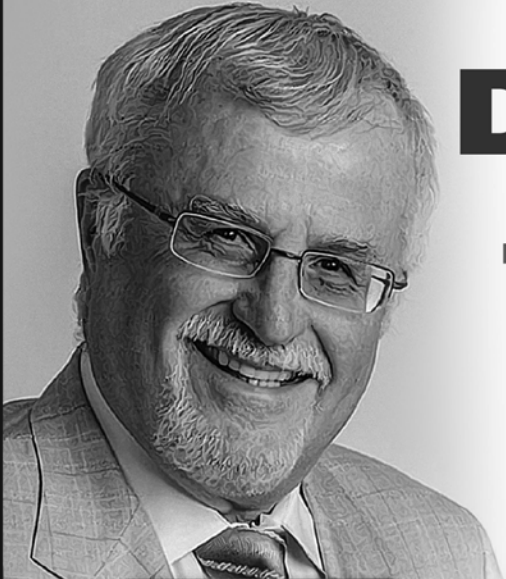
Development & Family Studies and Law & Society. She is from Granger, IN and graduated from Marian HS. She was a member of the dance team at Marian.

Our Head Counselor this summer is Liv Portolese. Miss Liv has been a part of the camp staff for three summers, and has been a kitchen assistant, cabin counselor, unit leader, and now head counselor. She attends Indiana University, where she is studying Human Resources Management and Law. Miss Liv was a camper at Tannadoonah for 6 summers, and was one of the first campers to complete all 3 levels of our CIT program! She lives in Mishawaka, IN and graduated from Marian HS, where she played varsity volleyball.

Grace Bartos is this year's Waterfront Director. This is her first year on the Tannadoonah staff, though she previously worked at her childhood camp as a lifeguard. Miss Grace is studying Outdoor and Environmental Recreation at Central Michigan University, and has been teaching our campers about invasive species at the waterfront whenever they find Zebra Mussels! Miss Grace says her favorite thing is to teach campers tree species identification and ecological systems. She also loves to sail, and came out with me to sail in the 4th of July Regatta, but unfortunately the race was canceled midway through and we had to swim our boat back across the lake!


We have a great staff this summer!

~Mrs. Amber



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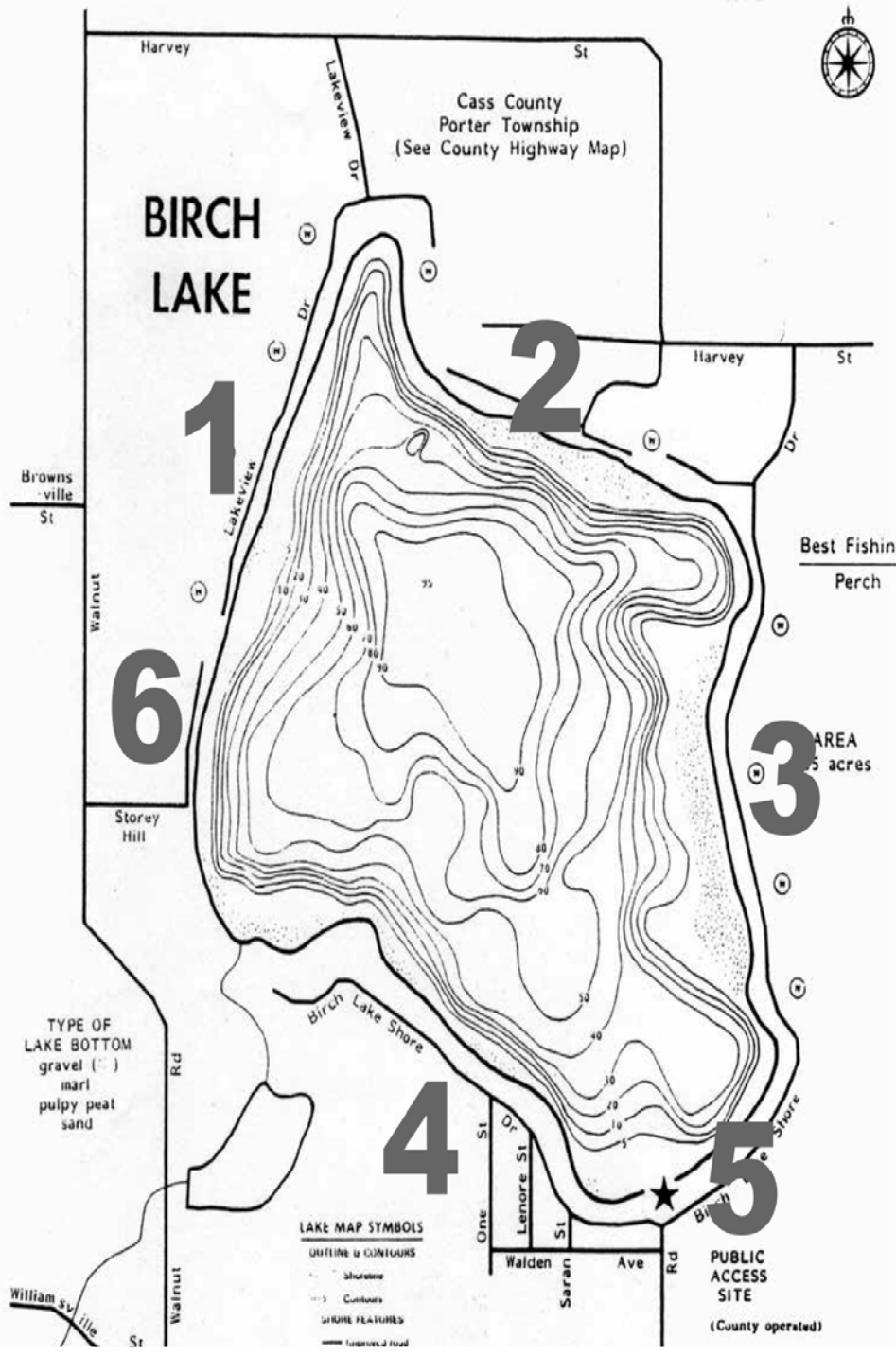
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