

The
Weekend
Of

Aug 14,
2021

Birch Barker

The official summer publication of the
Birch Lake Yacht Club



Nice line of four MCs racing in this pic from last Sunday's action.

COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

Db-La-Di, Ob-La-Da, Life Goes on
Brah, La-la How Their Life Goes
On. I have to admit, that not
only has the last year plus been a chal-
lenge for me and First Mate Sharon, but
the last 5 years have not quite been a
walk in the park. Everyone who gets to
live multiple decades on this planet,
experience a number of challenges
which can either make you or break you.

Sharon was a perfect bone marrow
match for her late brother Peter and by
donating peripheral blood stem cells and
then bone marrow, she gave him 2 years
of life. Pete lived with us in Indian-
apolis and then on Birch before joining
Kerni O'Brien on a celestial beach
where they are together with no illness
or worries. Sharon was rewarded with
these gifts of life with 3 years later
being diagnosed with cervical spine ste-
nosis and spinal cord compression that
required emergent surgery. She recov-
ered fully compliments of a spinal
fusion, 2 titanium plates, 6 titanium
screws and cadaveric spine implants.

She is now the bionic woman but is
upset that she doesn't trigger the metal
detector at the airport. I have been in
great health for 66 years and have
weathered several car crashes including
being run over walking home from my
19th birthday at the U of M and then
more recently getting nailed by a
"NASCAR-like" flying tire going east on
Highway 20 close to the CR-19 exit.
That was conveniently close to Elmer's
Body Shop where Tim Steffen diagnosed
my Trailblazer as DOA. This March
brought back-to-back surgeries for me
and now I am learning to get along with
a myriad of medications. But I don't say
this for your pity or prayers, even
though we have appreciated the support
of friends and family during these years.
We all have challenges, illnesses, and
losses of life of our friends and family.
As my late father used to eloquently
say, "Sh*t, is Sh*t" and no one's is better
of worse than the other." He could
weave profanity life a tapestry.

So, onto happier thoughts. We have
been married for 37 years and did not
have children but are blessed with 14
nieces and nephews and now 2 great
nieces and 2 great nephews. Living on
Birch Lake, we are the fun aunt and

uncle and this summer we have, like
many of you, welcomed our family to our
cottage for quality time on the lake. I
choose to go forward with optimistic
thoughts and hope for our Birch Lake
community future. We just sold our
Indianapolis home, and for the third
time in my life, I will be a fulltime
Michigan resident. The first time was
prior to my freshman year at the U of M
when I was working at Camp Eberhart.
My drivers license listed EB as my legal

2021

Birch Lake Calendar*

August 7 - BLYC Corn and Sausage
Roast **Canceled**

August 21 - BLYC Fall "Dinner" Cocktail
Party, 6 pm at Camp T (PAGE 2)

Aug. 27 - Ladies Lunch & Style Show,
11 am, Woodfire, Dowagiac, (PAGE 2)

September 5 - Labor Day flotilla, (PAGE 2)

Oct. 16 - Crockpot Challenge (PAGE 2)

BLYC BOARD MEETINGS

Sept. 11, 9 am @ BLYC

*For info, and open dates to rent the Birch
Lake Yacht Club building, contact Sandy
Vitale at 269-476-1680 or 269-858-8184.*

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— Birch Lake Notes —

address and for two semesters I tortured the Registrar to accept that I was a tax-paying Michigan resident. He finally gave in and for the next three years I enjoyed in-state tuition. I then came back with Sharon 20 years later to live in Ann Arbor and run the Red Cross Biomedical Division of Southeastern Michigan for three years. Now it is another 20+ year span and we are making Birch our permanent home. So, we join those of you who live year-round on Birch, and since Sharon loves the changes of seasons, we will not be migrating south or west in the winter. Stay healthy, be happy and until that time,
~Commodore Dan, First Mate
Sharon and Scout the Wonder Dog

2021 BLYC FALL 'DINNER' EVENT

Join us Saturday, August 21 at Camp Tannadoonah for our "Fall Dinner." This year's event will be a casual cocktail party. Being mindful of safety, this party will be outdoors on the Dining Hall's spacious front porch with additional space under tents. Beer, wine, and non-alcohol beverages along with delicious catered appetizers will begin at 6 pm; program begins at 7 pm. Cost of the event: \$12 per person. **Tickets must be purchased by Thursday, August 19 at noon.** We look forward to seeing

all of you there!

Tickets: Order online at birchlakeyachtclub.com, or contact the following board members:

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Sarah Petty 269-476-7068
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Crockpot Challenge

Crockpot challenge will (tentatively, based on the state of Covid rules) be on October 16. No September 4 date due to that being Labor Day weekend. Watch the printed and online Barker for any additional information. Thanks,
~BP.

Porter Township bubbler survey

Porter Township would like to hear your opinion on the following: **Should Bubblers/Aerators be allowed to be used on/in the Lakes in Porter Township?** To give your opinion fill out the survey online at <https://porter-township.org/2021/07/23/bubblers-aerators/>

Happy birthday Dr. Vic Jones

Just a note to let everyone know that Vic Jones' (east side) birthday was Friday, August 13 (the same birthday as

Fidel Castro). We're not going to mention Vic's age, but the birthday was one that ends with a zero (which are always significant). Happy Birthday Vic.

Labor Day Weekend Flotilla

Sunday, Sept. 5, 6 pm. Due to the past successful flotillas, let's do it again! Meet in the middle of the lake with your boat. Bring an Appetizer. Boats will be tied together and we will walk from boat to boat sharing food and camaraderie. Look for the boats in middle!

Ladies Luncheon and Style Show

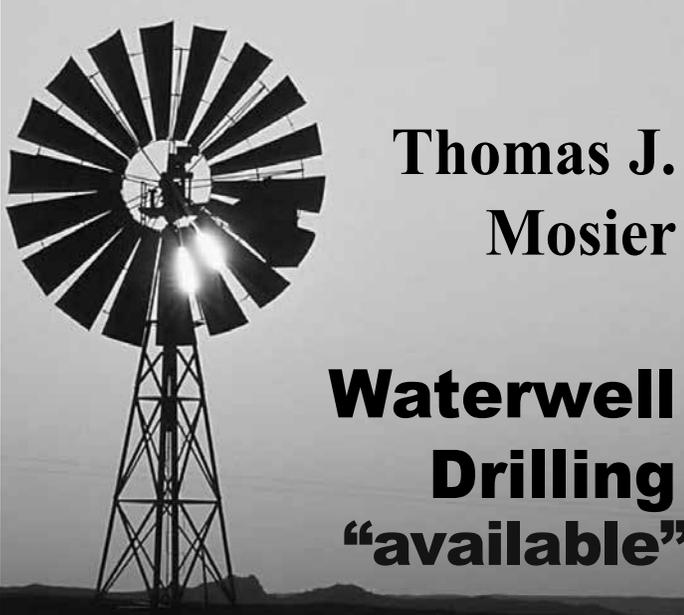
Time is running out for you to buy tickets to the Ladies Lunch on the 27th of August. The deadline for getting your ticket is August 20.

To order tickets call Denny Weesner at 269-476-2569 or cell 650-862-4711 or Ronda Eshleman at 317-418 9557

Looking forward to seeing you at the Wood Fire restaurant on Friday, August 27 at 11 am

2021 Corn & Sausage Roast CANCELED due to COVID

Due to the recent surge in COVID cases, including around the Lake, in an abundance of caution we have decided it would be best to cancel this year's Corn & Sausage Roast. As you know and



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appreciate, the Corn & Sausage Roast has always been a great way to bring our community together in fellowship – it was never just about the food. Being together in the Yacht Club, smiling and enjoying the company of our friends and neighbors, has been why we do the event in the first place.

All of the eating for the Corn & Sausage Roast is inside the tight quarters of the Yacht Club. With new knowledge about the high risk of COVID's resurgence, we simply couldn't risk holding an event that could spread the virus to those in our wonderful community. And having a take-out-only event would be against the entire community-building purpose we want. So, it will be another year before we're able to have the next Corn & Sausage Roast. Hope to see you in 2022!

~Blair & Bernie Garceau, Vickie & Tom Rogers,
and Julie & Mike Sheffieck

Cass County household waste collection

Cass County will host a household waste collection day on Saturday, Aug. 21, from 9 am-noon at the Cass County Road Commission, 340 N O'Keefe St, Cass. The first 300 lbs of waste is free, then there will be a \$1.74/lb fee.



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(north side) for
submitting this
"bug" of the
week at Marty
Ponsler's
house (south
side).

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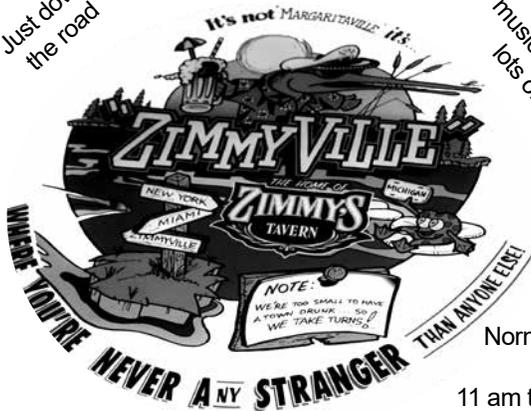
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Good races, looking for a new fleet captain

Sunday proved to be a good day for racing. We had a total of 10 sunfish sailors out and 6 MCs competed in the races. A new face joined us on her maiden voyage. We welcome Tammy Walls to the sunfish fleet! It was a very good start for her debut race, and we hope she will join us every race Sunday.

We again thank Rick Doolittle, Buzz Rasmussen, Tom Cassady, Vic Jones, and Phil Vitale for watching out for the sailors. The usual team of Deb Hall,

Good Patti and Bad Patty were on the committee boat.

Time to start thinking about a replacement for the current Fleet Captain. The current two-year term will be up after this season ends. Time for someone else to take the helm. Please consider taking over.

Until we race again.
Sail on!

~Fleet Captain, Bill
(and ghostwriter, BP)



**SAILBOATS ALWAYS
HAVE THE
RIGHT-OF-WAY
PLEASE STAY CLEAR!**

There wasn't much wind, but considering that my right shoulder (yes, the one I'm waving with) has only been there for four months, I didn't WANT too much wind for the first time I've sailed since the surgery. Thanks to Tom Cassady for snapping a pic of me and the Pickle out on the water.

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~Sailing Page~

BLYC Season Standings to date

Date	8-Aug	8-Aug	8-Aug	Total	Point	Races	%	
Race	17	18	19	Points	Average	Finished	Finished	
MC Scow/Sailor	Total MC Races=>						19	
Scott Troeger #1489	1	3	1	21790	1556	13	68%	
Barb Cassady #2506	2	2	2	24812	1551	16	84%	
Bill Luecht #1579	3	1	4	27908	1469	19	100%	
Pat Welch #1979	6	4	3	18048	1388	12	63%	
Bob King #1199	DNS	DNS	DNS	1369	1369	1	5%	
Pat McGann #1735	DNS	DNS	DNS	19103	1365	12	63%	
Amber Grundy	4	5	5	18515	1323	14	74%	
Sandy Vitale	5	6	6	19963	1248	16	84%	

Sunfish/Sailor	Total Sunfish Races=>						19	
Peter Soldato	DNS	DNS	DNS	4644	1548	3	16%	
Rick Russwurm (Green/Blue)	1	1	3	29229	1538	19	100%	
Scott Temple	4	4	1	23225	1452	16	84%	
Steve Frew	2	2	4	22805	1425	15	79%	
Stewart Spratt	3	3	2	22591	1412	16	84%	
Herb Cleveland	5	6	6	23453	1303	17	89%	
Bob Niezgodski	8	7	5	22147	1303	17	89%	
Amy Troeger	DNS	DNS	DNS	3681	1227	3	16%	
Pat McGann	6	5	7	4701	1175	4	21%	
Jeff Walls	7	DNF	DNS	15046	1157	12	63%	
Camille Butler	9	8	8	17228	1149	15	79%	
Tammy Walls	10	DNS	DNS	961	961	1	5%	

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 last place (if 5 boats started the race, will be scored as 5th 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; **Crew** - Counted toward completed races, Points go to skipper of boat.

BIRCH LAKE

Mind your wake

*** In addition to the 100' no wake zones around the lakeshores, all boats should produce no wakes in the shallow areas marked with an * ... wakes in these areas disturb the lake bottom and are causing damage to sea walls and yards. Please do not run through these fragile areas at wake speed.**

Thank you!

The map shows the outline of Birch Lake with several 'No wake zone' areas. A central black box contains the following text: 'No Wake in the entire Cove! Stay 100' from Camp T's buoys! Stay 100' from docks, rafts, towed rafts, all boats, skiers and tubers. Keep all skiers and towed rafters 100' from other boats, piers & rafts'. Asterisks are placed in three shallow areas: the northern cove, the western shore, and the eastern shore. 100-foot distance markers are shown along the shoreline. A note at the bottom right says 'Caution-congestion at boat landing'.

— Water Quality Report —

Mommy why can't I see the bottom?

I am sure most of you during boat rides, swims, and water play notice that the clarity of the lake changes during the year. We (Water Quality Committee) regularly measure the clarity using a metal disk called a secchi disk. This disk has alternating white and black triangles, and as it is lowered into the water column, we note the distance at which this disk is no longer observable. The best we have seen over the years is about 50 feet in the spring and worst has been about 5-6 feet in mid summer. Why this great disparity and what does it mean in terms of our enjoyment of Birch Lake?

In the very early spring the water is reasonably clear but not at its peak. We tend to have more runoff from land with spring storms, high winds leading to turbulence which can reach the bottom as there is no thermocline at that time, and some sediment getting into the water column. However, also in the spring, boat traffic is minimal, and sediment settles, a thermocline begins to develop reducing storm mixing of the bottom, and we tend to have our best clarity in mid to late May and sometimes into June.

With warmer weather we have a host of issues that lead to a reduction in the clarity of the water. One is just

boat traffic. The prop wash and wave action can raise considerable amounts of sediment which takes time to settle. Secondly, raising sediment at this time can increase the phosphorous (nutrient) content of the water and the combination of sun, warmer water, and nutrients leads to algal growth. Increased algae means less clarity to go along with suspended sediment. The third component is calcium carbonate. Our lake is spring fed, and many of the springs flow through limestone deposits. Thus, the water will leach some calcium carbonate from the rocks, and that gets into the lake. The warm water of summer will tend to cause the calcium carbonate to precipitate (clump) and provide almost a little grayish blue haze to the water. This calcium carbonate, as it settles to the bottom of the lake, creates marl.

The clarity of the water is not overtly due to any of the three issues but the combination. Our measured algal levels (we measure chlorophyll actually as a surrogate) has never been really high as we are not a high nutrient lake. Also, the levels will ebb and flow. With an increase in algae, we get an increase in the microscopic animals (mostly copepods – think daphnia) which graze on the algae. As the



algae decrease the copepods decrease, and the algae grows again. A regular cycle. If we were a high algae lake, we would not have the grayish cast but a deep green.

As summer leads to fall, the water cools, the calcium carbonate precipitation becomes much less, algal growth slows down due to sun and temperatures, and suspended sediment from all the boat traffic is vastly reduced. The water will begin to clear and we will start another cycle in the spring. In the absence of nutrient loading of the lake and truly enhanced algal growth, none of this affects the health of the lake and our ability to enjoy it safely.

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| <p>I. Thou shalt prevent the spread of Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS)</p> <p>II. Thou shalt minimize surface runoff</p> <p>III. Thou shalt minimize the effects of waves</p> <p>IV. Thou shalt protect and expand Natural Shorelines</p> | <p>V. Thou shalt not allow phosphorus, nutrients, and other undesirable chemical elements to enter our lake</p> <p>VI. Thou shalt remain informed and active about other Water Quality issues</p> <p>Please pass the word!</p> |
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— Barker Kids of the Week —



Friendships remain. Jill Tunnicliffe Scholes' (south side) daughter, Kate Scholes, and Sue Davis' (east side) daughter, Nicole, have known each other since they were born. Birch lake friends are special.

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— Barker Kids of the Week —



A pic from our recent family gathering. I, Jill Tunncliffe Scholes, grew up summering on Birch. So did my mother. Parents sold cottage in 2000. Ray and I bought the Eichorst's house this year so we could return to the lake. Our kids grew up coming here in the summer and are very happy to be back. Now we are introducing our grandkids to "lake life" ... daughter and her family came from Cape Cod to spend three weeks with us. Son and his family, from Louisville, shared one of those weeks with us. Fun chaos.

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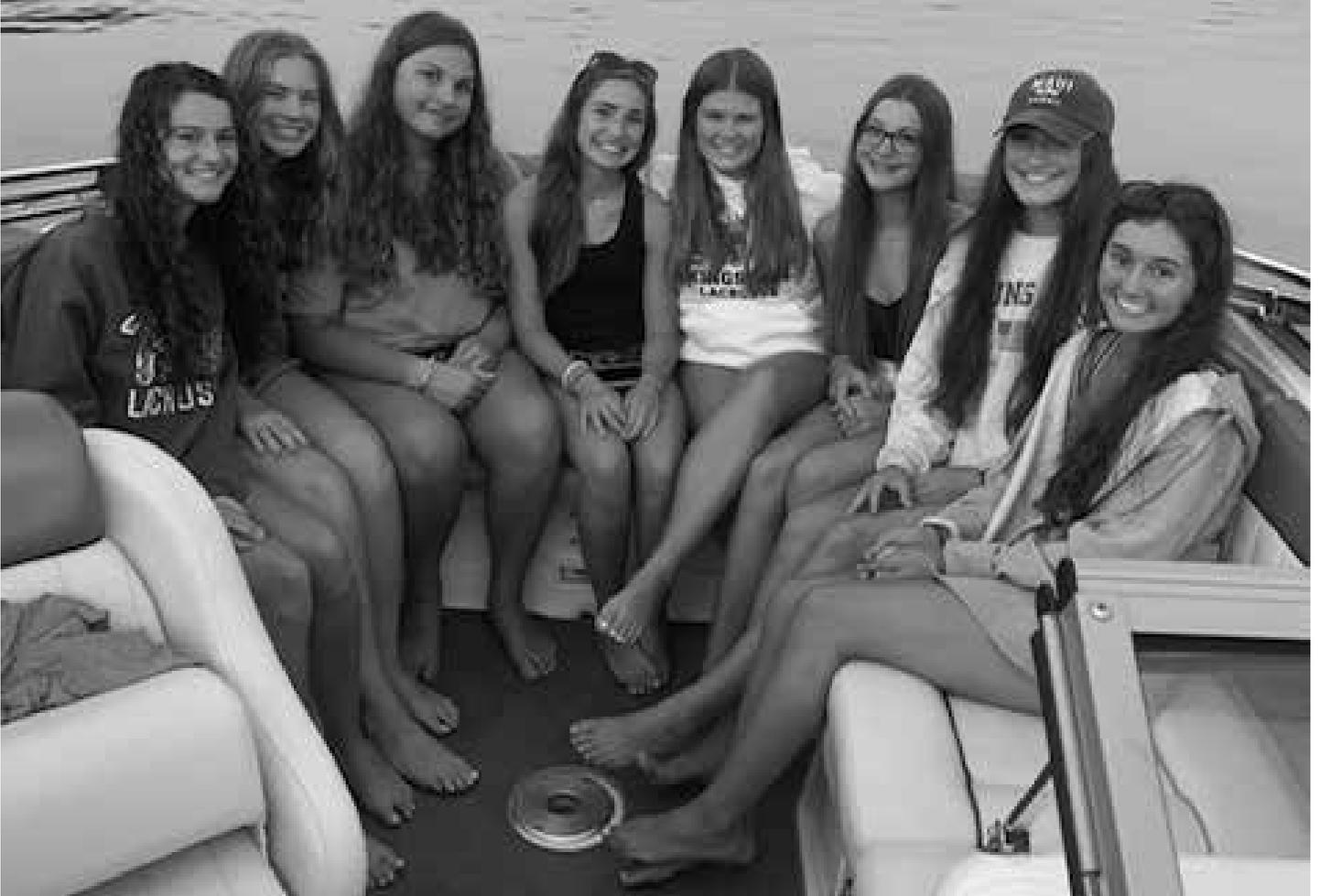
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— Birch Lake History —

Gloucester Man and Dick Cowen both return

During the last month or so we at Birch Lake both gained and lost a couple pieces of history

Over the first two weeks of August, Dick Cowen, an icon of Birch Lake returned for a visit to his beloved homestead. The men's golf outing was honored by his presence and gracious personality. Dick may not have been one of the winners but anyone who can score better than their age is a real winner in my book. Dick was in true form, mowing the grass and exhibiting his genuine handyman skills around Fred & Stacia Andriano's house (previously Dick & Peggy's beautiful lake house).

For those of you who always boated by the Cowen/Andriano residence, you will always remember the beautiful carved pole in the front yard. Unfortunately due to the weather, the work of unwanted insects and critters, the "Gloucester Man" pole had to be removed. The legend goes that the pole was carved by Bob Depner during the first week of August, 2005. The pictures depict Bob on a scaffold hand carving the Gloucester Man with hand tools and a chain saw. Bob did this carving in one week, not drawing anything on the poplar tree before carving, just carving as he went along.

The Gloucester Man pole was fortunately saved and more than 80 percent of it is still solid. In addition to the old man at the top of the pole with flowing hair, beard and ice cold blue eyes, there is an owl, dragonfly and a blue heron.

Bob is now gone but his creations still go on. Besides Gloucester Man, Bob carved a pole depicting a mother bear and her cub which is still standing on the west side of the lake.

Dick was very happy we were able to save the pole and hopefully it and all the carvings will be saved and remain at the lake for all to see in future years. We all hope to see Dick Cowen back again in future years and maybe a new resident?



Article and photos provide by Marc Caenepeel, west side

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Aries (March 21-April 19)

From now until the end of the year, your life will flow more easily. Certainly, relations with authority figures and people in power will improve. This will also be an excellent window to make plans because you will be keen to "think big." You will enjoy increased popularity with friends as well as groups and organizations. It's also important for you to be with people from now to the rest of the year. T

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

Things are looking good for you from now until the end of the year, and your reputation will be stellar! The reason for this might be due to a promotion or some kind of public recognition, kudos or something quite marvelous so that you earn the esteem of your peers. You will do very well at whatever you do! Many of you will travel more than usual connected with your work. Some of you will also have an opportunity to change your field work.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

It bodes well for you when Jupiter is in Aquarius which means this energy supports you. Virtually, it will make the rest of this year much easier for you and will even boost your health and give you a stronger sense of well-being. Travel opportunities will increase for you. Many of you will also explore new opportunities in publishing and the media, or something to do with medicine or the law. Some will go back to school or get further training.

Cancer (June 21-July 22)

Certain aspects of your financial scene will improve for the rest of the year starting this month. You might receive an inheritance. Your partner might get a raise or a bonus. Powerful changes might take place in your life, especially changes that make you feel richer. The rest of the year is also an excellent time to enter into a relationship with someone or to pool your resources in a business partnership. Whatever happens is bound to benefit you, especially in practical terms.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

For the rest of the year, lucky Jupiter will be opposite your sign, which is a positive influence! This represents a time of culmination where you will expand your impact in the world. If opportunities arise - pursue them! This is also a time when you might acquire possessions, money, and perhaps social prestige because things will tend to come your way. It will definitely benefit your one-to-one encounters with others. From now until the end of the year, will be an excellent time to consult professionals, experts, doctors or counselors.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

You'll be happy to know that for the rest of the year, you have many opportunities to improve your job! You might improve your duties. You might improve your work space. You might get a promotion. If these don't occur, then you can get a better job elsewhere. Likewise, you can improve your health. Avoid overindulgence.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Your health will improve for the rest of the year, and you will feel relaxed and happier. Admittedly, weight gain is possible because you will be less inclined to physical activity because life is good. Likewise, your wealth will improve for the rest of year. You will do something to make your surroundings more elegant. Expect increased joy with children. Take a vacation.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

For the rest of the year, you will have opportunities to improve where you live. You might do renovations, home improvements or repairs. You will enjoy redecorating. Others will actually change residence and move to something bigger and better or something that better suits their needs. Likewise, you will benefit from real estate if you buy and sell property. Whatever you do that is related to your home will benefit you! By extension, relations with your family will improve. You will strengthen important foundations in your life.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Lovely things will happen for you from now until the end of the year. The pace of your days will accelerate. You will discard old thought patterns. Your plans for the future will be bigger and more expansive in part because you will realize that many of the limitations you thought were imposed from without, were actually self-imposed. Relations with relatives will improve. This is a great time to take up a new study.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

You will be happier because from now until the end of the year, your finances will improve. Many of you will become richer or you will treat yourself to things so that you feel richer. And while it is true that you will likely get richer through earnings or increased assets. Therefore, for those of you who value your spiritual or inner world, this is the dimension that will be enriched.

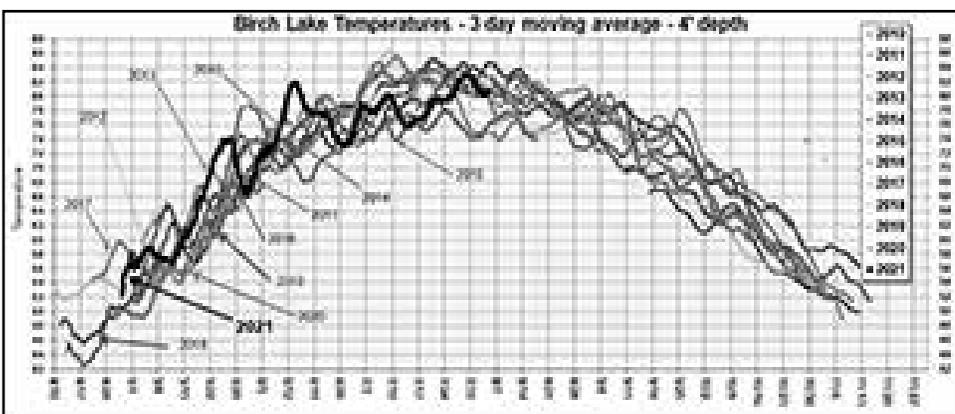
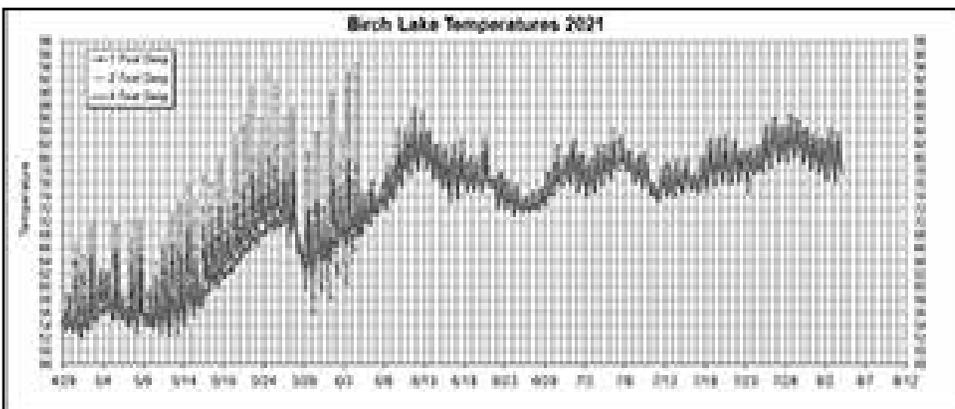
Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

It's obvious that you will benefit from now until the end of the year! Make the most of this because this blessing will not return until 2033. The important thing to know is you are beginning a new 12-year cycle of growth and development. It will be a time of learning and gaining new experiences. In a fortunate way, people and important resources will be drawn to you. Even the spiritual dimensions of your life will become deeper.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)

Your good fortune is waiting in the wings! For the rest of the year, you will have a warm feeling in your tummy. You will feel you fit in, and that you're in step with the world in a quiet, reassuring way. You will feel greater compassion for those who are less fortunate because you will develop a new understanding and appreciation for how your life is unfolding, as well as the lives of those around you. This is why many of you will learn more about spirituality and religion. Some might even act as a spiritual teacher for others or you might meet a spiritual teacher.

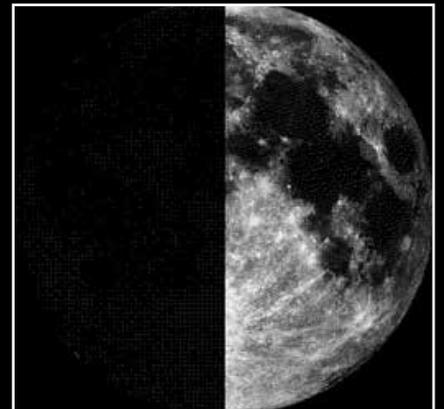
Birch Lake Environmental Data



Temps provided by Steve Quinlan

The Moon for this Saturday

(At Midnight, US Central time, as viewed from the Northern Hemisphere)
Illuminated Fraction: 0.454
0.3 days before first quarter



Sunrise: 06:55:41 AM
Sunset: 20:34:33 PM
Moonrise: 13:31:51 PM
Moonset: NO MoonSet
Daylight: 13 Hr 38 Min 52 Sec

Birch Barker Funnies

Husband: "Why do you keep buying plants when you just end up killing them?"

Wife: "Just to remind you what I'm capable of."



I married my wife for her looks.. but not the ones she's giving me lately.



The longer you've been married, the funnier this becomes!

An elderly married couple was at home watching TV. The husband had the remote and was switching back and forth between a fishing channel and a porn channel. The wife became more and more annoyed and finally said "For god's sake! Leave it on the porn channel... You already know how to fish!"



After being married for 30 years, a wife asked her husband to describe her, He looked at her for a while, then said, "You're an alphabet wife A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K."

She asks "What the hell does that mean?"

He said, "Adorable, Beautiful, Cute, Delightful, Elegant, Fabulous, Gorgeous and Hot".

She smiled happily and said ... "Oh, that's so lovely, but what about I, J, K?"

He said, "I'm Just Kidding!"

Memorial Service will be held Tuesday afternoon.



~Birch Lake Recipes~



Provided Exclusively to the Birch Barker from Mrs. Ima Foodnudge

Grilled Zucchini Pizza

Lets make zucchini fun!

Ingredients:

- 1 large zucchini
- ½ cup butter, melted
- 3 cloves crushed garlic
- ½ cup mozzarella cheese
- ½ (14 ounce) can pizza sauce

Directions:

- Step 1

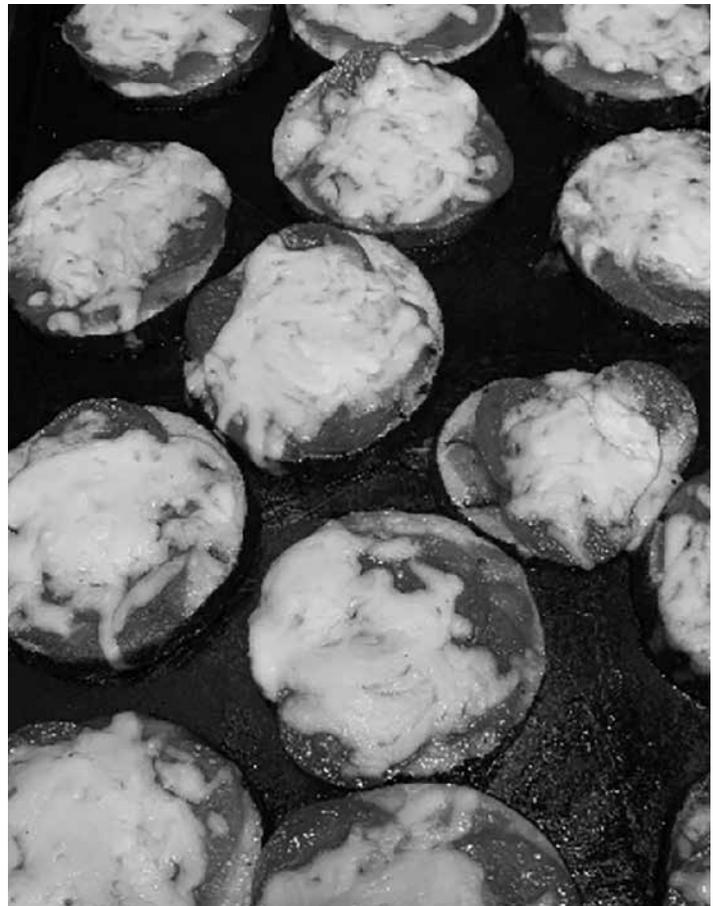
Slice the Zucchini into thick rounds. Combine the melted butter and crushed garlic in a small bowl. Set aside.

- Step 2

When the coals on your barbecue are almost burned down, lay your zucchini slices on the grill. Let cook for three minutes then turn over and brush the butter/garlic mixture on each slice. Cook for three more minutes and turn over again and brush the other side with the garlic and butter.

- Step 3

Cover the slices with pizza sauce and cheese and let cook until the cheese begins to melt.



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— Camp Tannadoonah —

Follow the Gleam ...

It's the last week of camp and we are preparing to wrap up the summer with a grand total of 1111 campers for the year. This week we have 138 kids, our largest week of the summer. Of those, 33 are day campers and 105 are overnight. Next year we are really hoping to go back to our normal capacity and daily schedule.

This week we have our end-of-the-summer traditions, including our last Council Fire ceremony, and a torch ceremony to honor our Order of the Birch award winners. The Order of the Birch is the highest honor that a camper at Tannadoonah can earn during their time as a camper. In order to earn this award, they must have been attending camp for at least five summers, and be going into at least the 7th grade.

During their week at camp they have to be an enthusiastic participant in all of their activities, go to Polar Bear every morning, be a role model to other campers, keep their bunk neat and clean, do a service project for camp, and write a poem, song, or speech about what Camp Tannadoonah means to them. They read or perform their poem, song, or speech on

Friday night at Council Fire.

At the last Council Fire, we invite all of the Order of the Birch recipients to come back for the evening, and we have an honor guard made up of camp staff members who have been here for at least 5 years. We form two lines holding torches, and the Order of the Birch recipients walk through the honor guard to receive their award.

After that, we all proceed to the waterfront for our annual Candlelight Serenade. The Order of the Birch Recipients get to lead the lines to the waterfront. As we proceed down the stairs, we sing a song called Follow the Gleam. I am sure that from the boats, you can hear our voices, but probably not the words we are singing:

Follow the Gleam

**To the campers in days of old
Keeping watch o'er
Tannadoonah's heights
Came the gleam of a tiny candle
Lighting the black darkness
of the night**

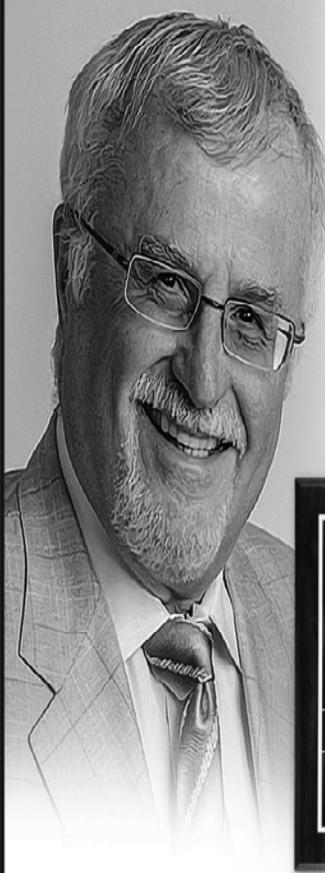
**Follow, follow
Follow the gleam**



**Campers wish, throughout
the world
Follow, follow
Follow the gleam
Of a Tannadoonah light**

We sing that over and over again as we proceed down the stairs carrying our candles. Once everyone is at the waterfront, we place our candles in the water, and then sing a few other camp songs to all of you gathered in your boats. We hope you all enjoy seeing us on Friday night!

~Mrs. Amber



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1



Is patient responsive?

2



Call emergency services!

3



Get AED.

4



Place AED on ground.
Open lid.

5



Remove clothing.
Expose chest.

6



Attach pads.

7



Do not touch the patient.

8



If required, AED will deliver
shock automatically.

9



If present, place CPR device.

10



Follow AED prompts.
Give compressions.

11



If instructed, give breaths.

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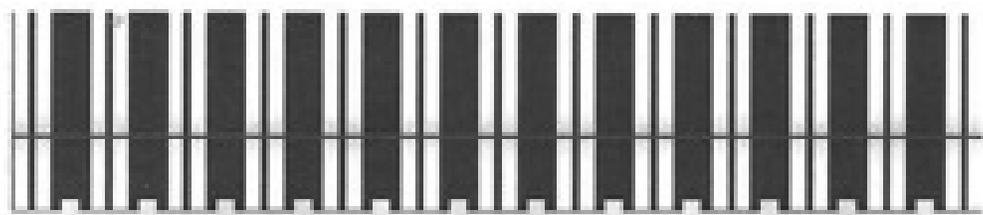


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