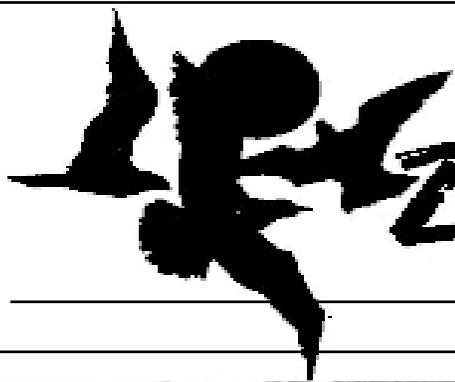


The
Weekend
Of

June 19,
2021



The Birch Barker

The official summer publication of the
Birch Lake Yacht Club



Birch Lake was treated Monday morning to kill the invasive plant species Eurasian Milfoil.

COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

“Peas porridge hot, Peas porridge cold, Peas porridge in the pot nine days old..” If you enjoy weather like hot porridge, then you really loved recent days on Birch as it has been toasty! The lake is popping with activity and some of our residents are leading the pack in building their base tans. Past Commodore Karen Curtis-Miller is out front followed by Susie Levy and Becky Wiseman. In the men's division, Bob Baucus leads with Nick Bergan and Phil Vitale close behind. Stay tuned for tanning updates in future Barkers.

The Yacht Club Board held our second meeting of the summer on June 12th. I appreciate everyone's volunteer work on the board and all the different committees and other ad hoc activities you do, like cleaning the Yacht Club in preparation for onsite gatherings.

Commodore Kudos this week goes to our board cleaning quartet, Sue Williams, Good Patty Russwurm, Sandy Vitale and Vickie Rogers. And then very special kudos goes to Keith Kinzler, who did a major cleaning of the Yacht Club floors and then put down several coats of wax. It looks amazing! Thank you,

Keith!

This last week has been a special one as the 16th was my 37th wedding anniversary and the 19th is first mate Sharon's birthday. Will not say exactly which birthday Sharon is celebrating, but next year's birthday will be the start of a new decade so please give her your best when you see her out and about. We have many more days of sun and fun ahead so please stay safe and get out and about!

Until that time,

~ Commodore Dan,
First Mate Sharon and
Scout the Wonder Dog

Get Ready for the 2021 4th of July Boat Parade!

Now is the time to start planning for your entry for the 4th of July Boat Parade on July 3rd. The theme this year is “Our Heroes.” Your hero could be a veteran, a first responder, a Disney character, or your next-door neighbor. We want this year's parade to be the best attended ever! Who will win the coveted “Grand Champion” award? It could be your family!

Back to Birch! Stock the Bar Party, Saturday, June 26, 6:30 pm

Celebrate our return to the Birch

2021 Birch Lake Calendar*

- June 26 - Stock the bar party, 6:30 pm, BLYC
- July 2 - BLYC Port-a-Pit Chicken sale, 11 am - 3 pm, tba
- July 3 - **FIREWORKS**, dusk
- July 3 - Boat Parade, 4 pm, tba
- July 4 - Camp Tannadoonah pancake breakfast, 8:30-11
- July 14 - Birch Lake Flotilla for Dennis Phipps' 80th birthday, tba
- July 23 - Ladies Golf Outing, 9 am, Diamond Lake Golf Course, tba
- July 24 - Diamond Lake Reid Francis

- Memorial Interlake MC Regatta, page 5
- July 17 - Commodore/Vice Commodore Party, BLYC, details tba
- July 30 - BLYC Mens' Golf Outing, Pine View Hemlock, Three Rivers, 1:30 pm
- August 7 - Corn and Sausage, BLYC, tba
- August 14 - BLYC Fall Dinner, tba
- August 27 - Ladies Lunch & Style Show, Woodfire, Dowagiac, 11 am, tba
- September 6 - Labor Day flotilla, tba
- Oct. 16 - Crockpot Challenge (tentative)
- BLYC BOARD MEETINGS**
July 10, Aug. 7, all 9 am @ BLYC

**Due to the pandemic, check the Barker prior to planning to attend any event.*

The Birch Barker will entertain ads and editorial items for potential publication. E-mail to sailorphil@philvitale.com, mail them to me (or put them 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. Contact Editor Phil at onlinebarker@gmail.com, or at 476-1680 (no text). Contact Commodore Dan Waxman, call 317-506-1680 or email DWaxman@versiti.org.

— Birch Lake Notes —

Lake Yacht Club with a Stock the Bar party! Bring beer, wine, soft drinks, etc. to supply the festivities throughout the summer. Or bring an appetizer or dessert to share. Join us and we'll toast to our lake friends, old and new. Welcome back!

Ladies Golf Outing

Ladies! Get your foursome together for the annual Ladies Golf Outing. The tradition of fun and friends continues on July 23. We welcome everyone to join us. Look for the team sign up sheet with additional details in the Barker after the Fourth of July.

Port-a-Pit Chicken

Chickens will be invading Birch Lake again this year on Friday July 2 from 11 am to 1:30 pm. Over the fourth of July weekend when you are entertaining family and friends and want to stay out of the hot kitchen, this would make a great way to feed everybody for one or even two meals and help the BLYC help our lake.

Nelson's Port-A-Pit menu, includes: chicken halves, baby back ribs, pork chops and "pitatoes," all for sale AGAIN THIS YEAR. It is a rare opportunity when we are able to get food delivered to

Vandalia, Michigan. If you are not familiar with Port-A-Pit chicken, it is mouth watering rotisserie. Ask anyone from Indiana, and they will attest to it's savory flavor. You can order online with your credit card at: **birchlakeyacht-club.com** or fill out the form on page 10 in this Barker and drop off in my mailbox at 63156 Birch Rd., on the east side. I don't ever get any mail here at the lake so don't send me emails about not using the mailbox for anything but mail. Cost for the meals is:

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

All orders must be in by noon the Friday before on June 25. **THIS YEAR IS PRESELL ONLY!. NO SALES THE DAY OF THE EVENT.** Pick up location will again be behind Commodore Dan and First Mate Sharon Waxman's residence on the east side at 63590 Birch Rd. All proceeds will go to the BLYC's general fund to be used wherever the need is greatest. This was our biggest money maker in several years, so help us top last year.

IF YOU OR YOUR KIDS CAN HELP PLEASE LET ME KNOW, call/text 574-532-5377, or email: Pat@

McGannhay.com. Thanks!

~P.C. Pat McGann

MC events planned

The Diamond Lake Reid Francis Memorial Interlake MC Regatta is planned for July 24; see page 5 for details.

Clear Lake, Iowa will host the 50th MC National Championship regatta on June 24 – 27. For more information see https://www.mcscow.org/content.aspx?page_id=4002&club_id=612443&item_id=1289415

2021 Dues, fireworks donations

In the midst of everything that has been happening in our world for the past year or so, the BLYC is still here and we still need operating capital. In addition, we still need contributions to the Fireworks fund. Please use the dues form in the Barker to submit your donations and/or fireworks contributions, or use the online link (**birchlakeyacht-club.com**) to pay your yacht club dues. Checks should be mailed to Deb Spratt, 18100 Farmington Hills Dr. South Bend, IN 46637. Thanks.

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Deadline for any given week is noon on Tuesday prior to the weekend.

To contact editor Phil, email onlinebarker@gmail.com, sailorphil@philvitale.com, phone 269-476-1680 (no text, I don't have a cell phone), mail items to 63174 Birch Rd., Vandalia, MI 49095 or put them in my mailbox at that address on the east side of the lake.

Please turn down your stereos

Recently several boats on Birch have been blasting their music at an extraordinarily high volume level. We are not fans of loud music from the middle of the lake. We would like to ask these people to please TONE IT DOWN!

~Anonymous

Yacht Club rental contact

For information and open dates to rent the BLYC building contact Sandy Vitale at 269-476-1680 or 269-858-8184.

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Welcome to Jaywalker



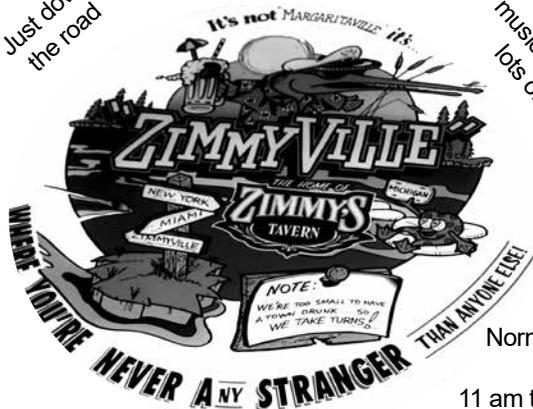
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A terrific day to be a sailor!

What a terrific day to be a sailor on Birch Lake! Beautiful blue skies, our shiny lake, and plenty of wind to go around for everyone. We had another fantastic turnout, with 7 MCs, and 8 Sunfish.

We also had a new racer in Sunfish class with Nathan McGann, grandson of Pat McGann of the east side. Nathan had a rough start in the 1st race, but he showed true perseverance and never quit! Good for you, Nathan! Hope you can come sail with us, every chance you get. The Committee Boat, manned by Deb Hall, Deb Spratt, Katie Campbell, (Good Patti Russwurm's sis-in-law, from Chicago), Good Patti, and Bad Patty, all thought he did a awesome job!

I would like to wish all the fathers, grandpa's, step-fathers and all of you that take or have taken an interest in a young life HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!! May you have an awesome day and enjoy every minute!

Watch for the marks to go be put Sunday by our reliable "marksmen" and very helpful rescue crew of Tom Cassady, Vic Jones, and man with a bummed up arm, Phil Vitale. Without their help, sailing wouldn't go as smooth as it does every Sunday. So thank you, gentlemen! Weather permitting, and God willing, hope to see you sailing, Sunday.

Sail on!

~Fleet Captain, Bill
(and ghostwriter, BP)



Thanks to John DeCloedt (east side) for the photo of what Birch Lake sailing looks like from shore!



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~BLYC Sailing Results~

BLYC Season Standings to date

Date.....	13-Jun..	13-Jun ..	13-Jun.....	Total	Point	Races	%	
Race.....	4	5	6	Points	Average.....	Finished ...	Finished	
MC Scow/Sailor	Total MC Races=>						6	
Barb Cassady #2506.....	2	1	1	9363	1561	6	100%	
Scott Troeger #1489.....	1	2	DNS	7546	1509	4	67%	
Bill Luecht #1579.....	3	3	2	8818	1470	6	100%	
Pat McGann #1735.....	5	4	3	8072	1345	5	83%	
Pat Welch #1979.....	4	DNF	4	8003	1334	5	83%	
Amber Grundy.....	6	5	5	3817	1272	3	50%	
Sandy Vitale	7	6	6	7423	1237	6	100%	

Sunfish/Sailor	Total Sunfish Races=>						6	
Peter Soldato.....	DNS	DNS	DNS	4644	1548	3	50%	
Rick Russwurm.....	1	2	1	9132	1522	6	100%	
Scott Temple.....	DNS	1	2	7305	1461	5	83%	
Stewart Spratt.....	4	3	3	8516	1419	6	100%	
Bob Niezgodski	2	5	4	8003	1334	6	100%	
Steve Frew	DNS	DNS	DNS	3780	1260	2	33%	
Herb Cleveland	3	4	5	7514	1252	5	83%	
Camille Butler.....	5	6	6	7084	1181	6	100%	
Jeff Walls	6	7	8	6739	1123	6	100%	

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; **Crew** - Counted toward completed races, Points go to skipper of boat



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— Water Quality Report —

Rites of Spring...

Rites of Spring are abundant throughout Mother Nature's domain. They are related to changes in weather and the normal life cycles of creatures to which we in the upper Midwest are exposed. They are particularly noticeable to those of us lucky enough to spend time at one of God's most favorite settings - Birch Lake.

Not all of the results of this miraculous phasing of our world (seasonal rotation) are endeared by all of us. Let's briefly discuss two of the less popular developments related to late-spring/early summer at Birch Lake.

Fish die offs:

Although far less prevalent than last year or the year before, each year at about this time we experience some fish die offs which due to wind and waves end up on particular areas of the lake. In the past we reached out to the local fisheries biologist regarding this, and his opinion, at the time of even much larger quantities, was that it was primarily due to reproductive stress.

Cool to cold spring followed by a rapid warming along with day night changes stimulates winter weakened fish to get to the business of mating, laying eggs, and defending these eggs. With the onset of warm water, this provides a bit too much stress and the weaker fish may die as a result. Other local lakes have had similar, if not worse, experiences. As you probably already figured out on your own, some fish die offs, especially in the spring/early summer, are always a part of life at the lake and usually no particular cause of concern.

Goose poop:

Each Spring, our little flock (up to around 25 last year) of Birch Lake geese, comes "home." For those whose yards are regular recipients of goose poop, this is a big problem.

Geese love good old mowed grass and a shoreline that provides little problems with getting in and out of the water without barriers. They can consume up to 4 pounds of

grass each day but are not really efficient in its digestion so they then poop out about 2 pounds of effectively 2-4-2 fertilizer. With our gaggle that could be up to 50 pounds of goose poop. It has been calculated that it only takes a single goose to overload a one acre pond with phosphorus.

These geese will be with us for several months. Goose poop is also high in bacteria including E coli and can contain salmonella, campylobacter, and listeria. Large flocks are a major reason for bacterial contamination and closing of beaches on Lake St. Clair and other places. When, not if, you come upon goose poop in your yard, do not just flick it into the lake. Collect it and toss it in the garbage or put it in a compost pile.

Due to high nitrogen and phosphorous content do not just bed it around plants. Additionally due to the bacteria and sometimes various parasites, keep your dogs away from it. For some reason they like to eat goose poop, and may normally tolerate it but can get diarrhea from it or then want to lick your face. With the increase in geese laying eggs (they like to return to the scene of the crime) this may get worse.

Last fall the Yacht Club board did research and considered professional mitigation (removal) efforts. The measures usually take up to five years of effort (and expense) and even then only reduce the size of the flock. Ours is at the low end of the quantity necessary to even get a permit. A poll of residents on the subject yielded mixed results. Nevertheless the Board voted to allow the process to begin should someone volunteer to lead it. To date, no one has come forth to accept the yoke of responsibility.

On the homefront you can set up shoreline plantings or barriers by putting in stakes with strings with some shiny stuff between them.

Goose deterrents which you spray on the grass are also effective. Those which contain anthraquinone or methyl anthranilate are supposed to be especially effective.



Safe for humans and pets, but they do make your lawn a 'not go' for geese. Anthraquinone gives them tummy discomfort and methyl anthranilate just does not taste good. They will go looking for lawns without barriers and bad taste etc. on which to leave their pounds of calling cards.

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- II. Thou shalt minimize surface runoff
- III. Thou shalt minimize the effects of waves
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— Barker Kids of the Week —



Monarch Butterfly project at Birch Lake

A Monarch Waystation has recently been constructed in the inlet on the northeast side of the lake by Steve Frew (east side), who has joined and registered with the MonarchWatch organization to promote habitats that will attract and encourage the propagation of Monarch butterflies.

Steve has planted milkweed and a variety of plants and flowers, and has encouraged several of his neighbors to do the same.

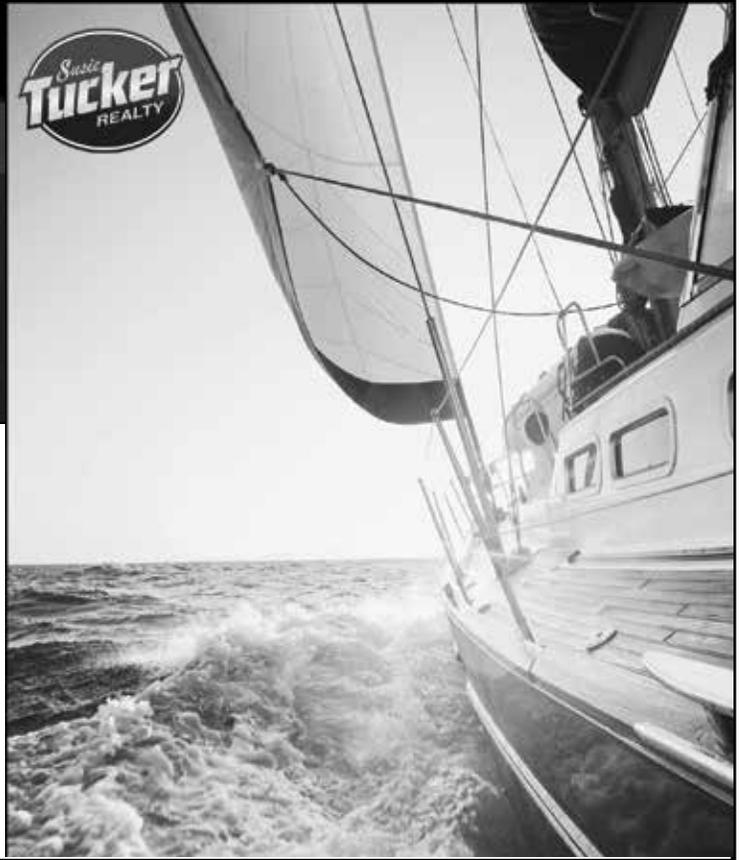
As a result, he reports the number of Monarchs around Birch Lake has increased significantly in the past two summers.

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*Papa T (Tom Kuhn, west side)
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and Jane enjoying a quick swim
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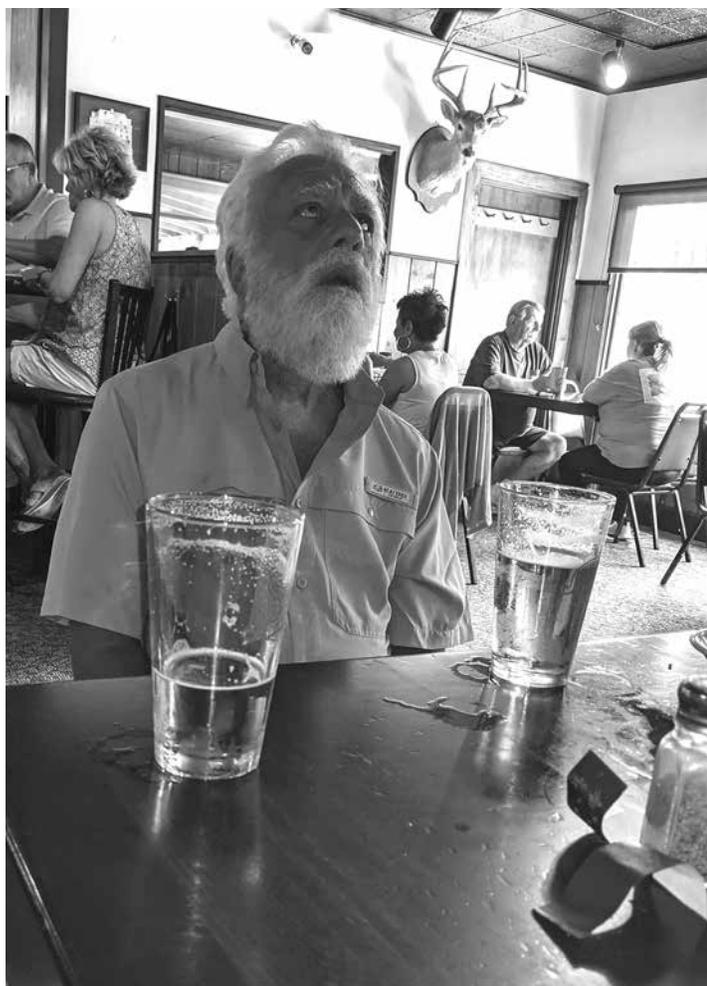
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Some old Santa-looking guy was photographed at Jaywalker watching soccer but obviously now understanding the rules.

Birch Lake Flotilla & 80th birthday celebration for Dennis Phipps! Wednesday July 14 – 6 p.m.

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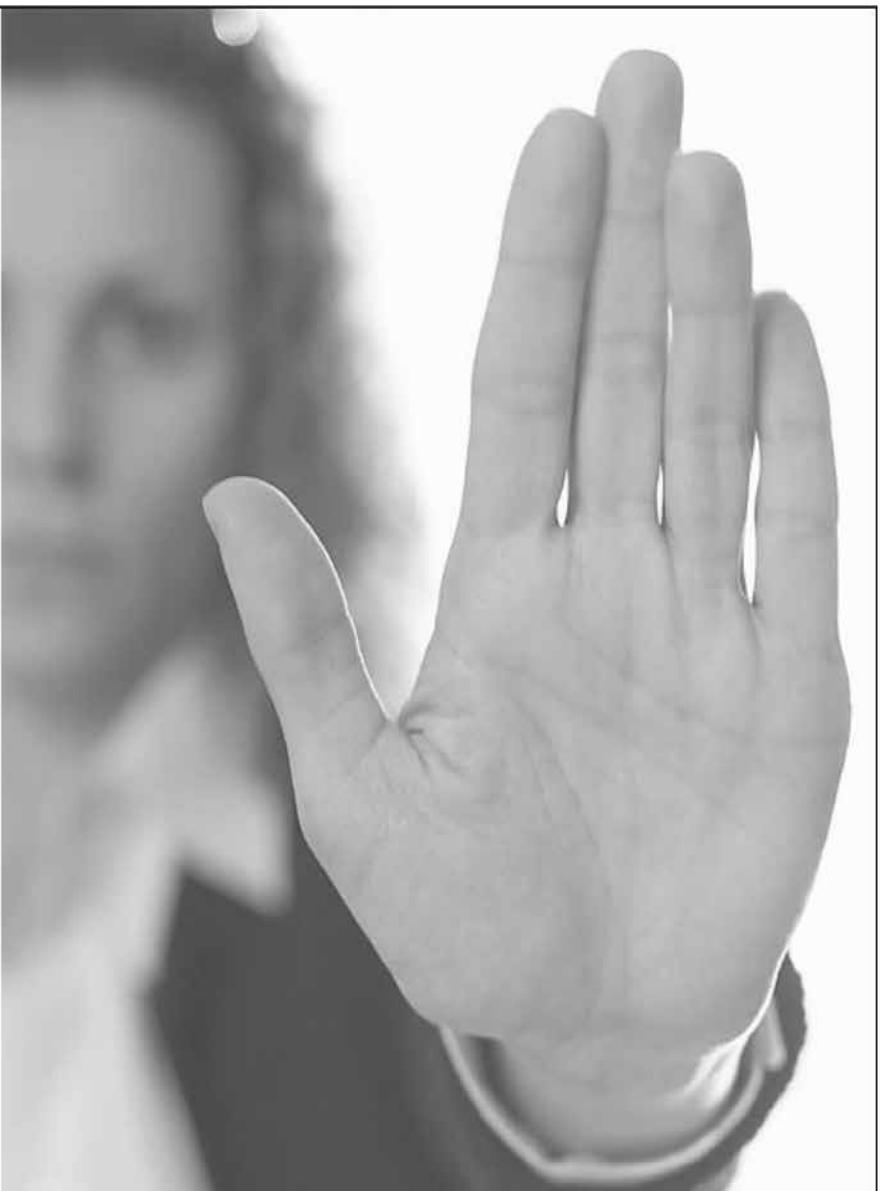
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Aries (March 21-April 19)

Expect a surprise from a friend or a group this week. (This surprise could impact your finances.) Meanwhile, because of the frustrations of Mercury retrograde, be smart and allow extra time for everything, especially when you leave your home. This is because your daily travel will incur delays. Fortunately, things at home are warm and supportive. In the next two months, Mars will make you playful and supportive. It will boost romance and encourage socializing.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

Something sudden and unexpected might create obstacles for you at this time. It could relate to the government or rules and regulations. It could be surprising news from a boss or a parent. You might have to step in to do some damage control. Meanwhile, financial delays are frustrating along with checks that are late in the mail. On top of this, your home scene continues to be full of confusion, increased activity and chaos.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Plans related to higher education, future travel or something to do with publishing, the media, the law or medicine might suddenly change. This could catch you off guard. If so, you will be vocal and proactive about this. There is always some good news. Venus will attract money to you. Oh yes. That's why you will buy beautiful things for yourself.

Cancer (June 21-July 22)

In a way, you're waiting in the wings before your birthday arrives. This means that you are prefer to play things low-key. Of course, fair Venus encourages socializing and warm times spent with others. This is also a great week to buy wardrobe items for yourself. Nevertheless, a sudden change to something to do with taxes, inheritances, shared property might impact your wealth. Do be aware of this. This could be good news or bad news. But it is likely unexpected.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

Mars is in your sign, you're energetic and feisty! Furthermore, the Sun and Mercury are bringing opportunities to socialize with friends, especially people from the past. However, something unexpected and powerful might impact a close friendship or a partnership. It's not a boring week. Extend your friendship to others because they will welcome seeing you.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

You continue to be high viz., which means that people notice you more than usual. But more than that - they admire you! (Obviously, this week is an excellent time to advance your agenda or make your pitch.) In fact, a friend could become a lover. Something unexpected will impact your work scene. It could be sudden and create a big change. Your job might end or change in a dramatic way. Go slow so that you are prepared for the unexpected.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

You continue to make a fabulous impression on others. This makes you look attractive to everyone! It also makes you look like you know something about design, layout and that you have good artistic judgment, which most of you do. Your urge to travel and do something different to inject some excitement into your life is still strong. Get out and do anything that gives you a thrill and makes you feel like you're living.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

You are determined to achieve your goals now. In fact, a number of things have come together that makes you ambitious in a happy, optimistic way. Travel for pleasure will also appeal if this is possible. Romance with someone different might also be in the picture. What cannot be ignored however, is that something very basic and possibly literally to do with the physical structure of your home will suddenly occur this week. It's unexpected and it affects home and family.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

First off, let us remember that you need more sleep this week. Definitely. (You work hard and party hard.) You love to travel and this week, you might have a chance to do so because you certainly are pushing the sides of the envelope to explore new ideas, see new places and meet new people. Quite possibly, money, gifts and goodies will come to you - so be receptive to this. Don't be afraid to attract generosity.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

You are in work mode - no question. Therefore, get as much done as you possibly can this week. Admittedly, you will suffer from delays and goofy mistakes and misplaced or broken equipment. Fortunately, your close relationships are excellent at this time. (And your sex drive is amped!) It's good to have this wonderful support because something unexpected will impact your earnings or your wealth this week. It could be good; it could be bad.

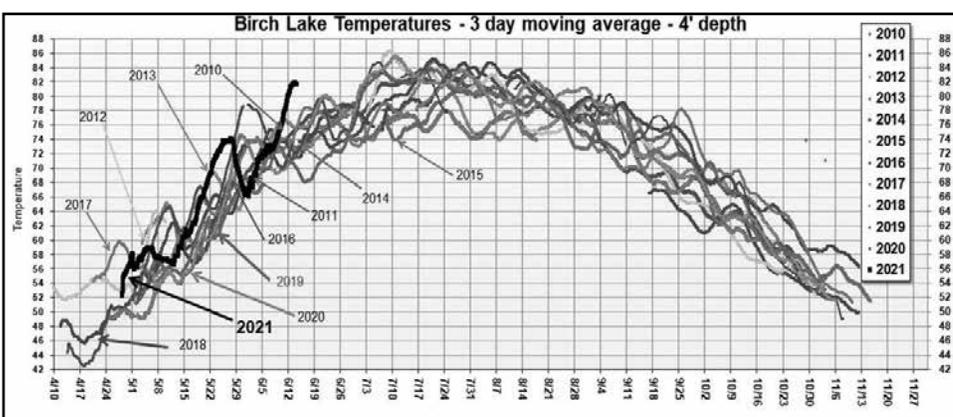
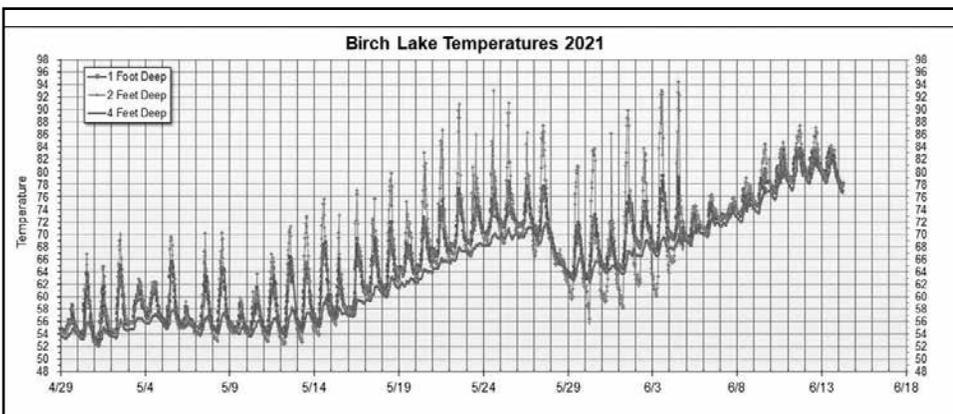
Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

This fabulous, playful planetary influence continues this week. Accept all invitations to party and enjoy sports events plus creative activities with kids. Relations with coworkers are splendid. The only fly in the ointment is that you might feel annoyed with a partner or close friend because of some kind of tension building up between you. (Patience is your best ally.) Midst all of these wonderful influences, nevertheless, you feel caught off guard by something unusual this week.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)

Home, family and your private life continue to be your primary focus, especially because many of you have been revisiting past issues with family members. Or perhaps, relatives are camped on your doorstep eating out of your fridge. Fortunately, you are charged up to work and be as productive as possible. Hopefully, you will become free of something that you've been putting up with for too long.

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: 0.730
2.1 days since first quarter



Sunrise: 06:05:23 AM
Sunset: 21:21:54 PM
Moonrise: 15:25:40 PM
Moonset: 02:40:31 AM
Daylight: 15 Hr 16 Min 30 Sec

Birch Barker Funnies

I relabeled all of the jars in my wife's spice rack. I'm not in trouble yet....but the thyme is cumin.

"The manager at our local IKEA is retiring, so I sent him this cake"



I MAY LOOK CALM,
BUT IN MY HEAD,



I'VE KILLED YOU
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Irish Logic!

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I always found it a bit confusing when the teacher would say "Don't get smart with me!"



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Wow honey, the house is so clean! Was the internet down for a while today?



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What did our parents do when they were bored with no Internet?

I asked my 18 brothers and sisters, and they didn't know either.

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IRISH:

I had the right to remain silent... but being IRISH I didn't have the ability!

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~Birch Lake Recipes~



Provided Exclusively to the Birch Barker from Mrs. Ima Foodnudge

Quiche with sausage

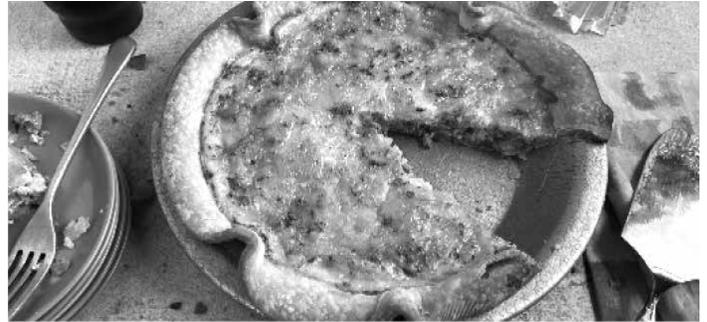
This quiche with sausage pairs well with fresh fruit for breakfast or brunch or is hearty with a salad and crusty bread at dinner.

Ingredients:

- 2 (9 inch) refrigerated pie crusts
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 2 stalks celery, finely diced
- 1 onion, finely diced
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 pound bulk plain pork sausage
- ½ tablespoon dried sage
- 1 (8 ounce) container cottage cheese
- 8 eggs
- ½ cup milk
- 1 teaspoon dried tarragon
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1 (8 ounce) package shredded Cheddar-Monterey Jack cheese blend

Directions:

- Step 1 Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F (190 degrees C).
- Step 2 Unroll each crust into two 9-inch pie pans.



- Step 3 Heat oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Cook celery, onion, and garlic in the hot oil for 1 to 2 minutes. Add sausage, breaking apart to brown; sprinkle in sage and continue browning until no longer pink, 5 to 7 minutes. Remove from heat. Add cottage cheese and mix well.
- Step 4 Divide meat mixture evenly and spoon into each of the two pie crusts.
- Step 5 Whisk eggs, milk, tarragon, salt, and pepper together in a mixing bowl. Pour egg mixture over meat mixture in the pie crusts. Sprinkle Cheddar-Jack cheese over the tops.
- Step 6 Bake, uncovered, in the preheated oven on the middle rack until tops are puffed and golden brown, about 40 minutes. Remove from the oven and let stand for 5 to 10 minutes before slicing.

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— Camp Tannadoonah —

They're here! Our first group of campers for 2021 has arrived at camp and the week is off to a fun and exciting start. We have a total of 84 campers here for Session 1, with 60 over-night campers and 24 day campers.

Sunday afternoon check in went smoothly, and the campers and counselors headed to their cabins to get settled in. Once they had their bunks set up, each cabin went to the waterfront to take the swim test. The swim test helps us determine who can swim safely in the deep areas, and also who can go boating.

We haven't put our swim buoys out yet – hoping to do that this weekend – but we'd like to ask that boats please stay back from our swim area. A few boats have been coming in very close to our pier, during our lifeguard training last week and during the swim test this Sunday. Please give us a little extra space so our lifeguards can focus on keeping the kids safe, and not worry about boats.

After dinner on Sunday night, we brought the whole camp down to the waterfront for the lighting of the first campfire of the season, and to hear Mr. Adam read the Legend of Tannadoonah. Mr. Chas helped us do a rewrite of the Legend this year, and the new version is great.

Our National Camp Fire Headquarters has been doing a lot of work the past

few years around the idea of cultural appropriation. Of particular concern is the use of Native American references – for instance, using made up stories that are made to sound true Native legends, fake words that are meant to sound Native, and references to Native symbols and history without real information.

At Camp Tannadoonah, we have been in contact with the local Pokagon Band of Pottawatomie Indians, and asked them to review some of our legends and stories and practices. The members we worked with requested that we not use made up stories that have no basis in fact (such as our old "Legend of Tannadoonah"), and make them sound like they are true Native stories. They also requested that we not use made up words and claim they have real meaning in their Native languages.

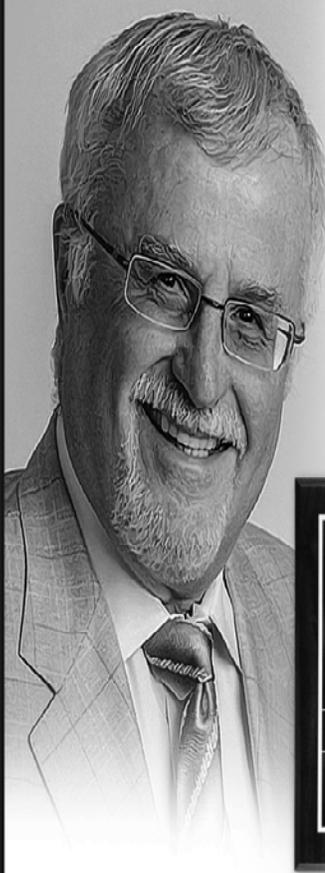
We have always said that "Tannadoonah" means "a gathering of friends, on a hill, above a lake, among the trees," as if it's a real Native word with real meaning. Since learning that it is not, and does not have that meaning, we have changed our phrasing. We're not planning at this time to change the name – but we are saying instead that "Camp Tannadoonah" stands for, or represents, a gathering of friends, etc., and no longer telling kids that it's a Native word with real meaning.

We're trying to be sensitive to the



fact that many camps, like ours, have long used Native American imagery, stories, and symbols, and in many cases using them improperly or incorrectly. We're not making a big deal of this with campers – just making changes to the language we use the stories we tell, as a way of showing respect to the people who inhabited these lands long before we did.

~Mrs. Amber



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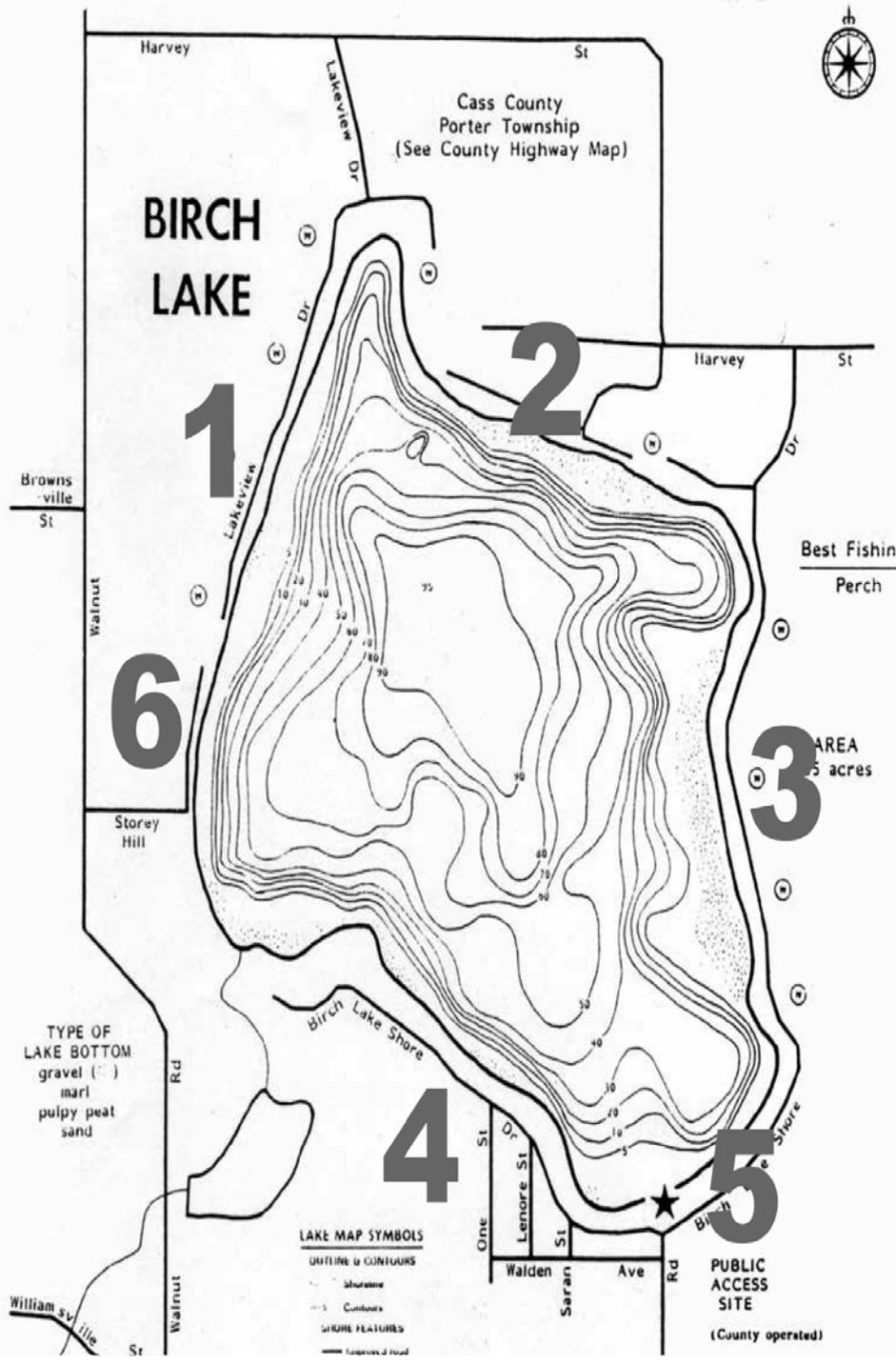
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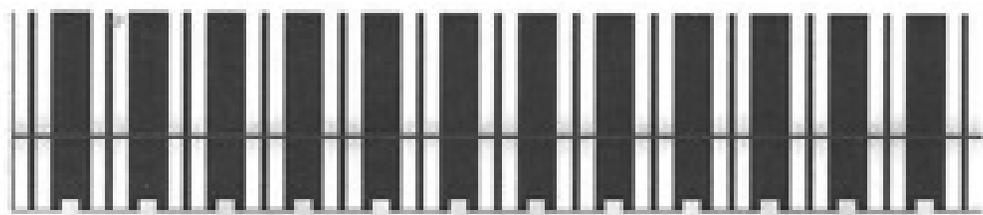
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