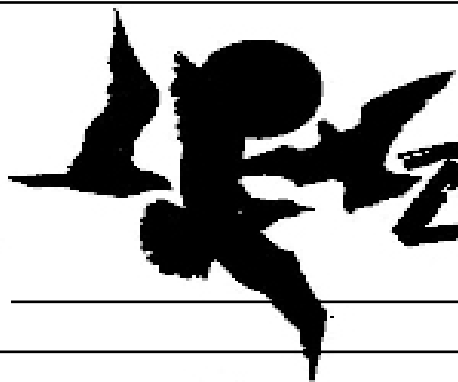


The
Weekend
Of

June 4,
2022



Birch Barker

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Birch Lake Yacht Club



Some great action photos from last weekend's uber-breezy Memorial Day Regatta provided by 'Good' Patti Russwurm from the Committee Boat.

COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

*Commodore's Comments #2
June 4, 2022*

Memorial Day Weekend turned out to be beautiful: sunny, hot, and extremely windy. There was lots of lake activity with skiing, wake boarding, swimming and many boat rides. And out walking, I noticed lots of cars parked in people's drives and the landing was full of fishing boat trailers. Birch Lake was happening!

Those of us that competed in the Memorial Day Weekend Regatta had some crazy sailing. The first race of the season is always a bit nerve-wracking, and if you haven't properly taken the time to test your boat under sail you really don't know what surprises might pop up. Mine was a disconnected out-haul that I jerry-rigged on the boat in the windy conditions. Prior to that incident, back at my pier, I had barely gotten the sail run along the boom when I hit the traveler on the boat and had an immediate goose egg on my front calf which is now a huge bruise. Then before the start of the first race I tipped the boat. I have no idea why the boat tipped but all of the sudden it reached that point of no return when it is going over and there is nothing you can do to stop

it. With the boat tipped I had to jump into the water, and the coldness took my breath away. I got help getting the boat righted, got back in the boat, got the lines all set and got my crew and the races began. Not the smooth pre-race routine for which I had hoped.

The Sunfish and MC sailors sailed three races Sunday and on Monday we finished up with two more races. The last MC race I just had to jibe (a maneuver that can be tricky in very windy conditions) my sail, round the mark and head for the finish line. But not so fast. I had another tipping of the boat on my hands. I fell into the water on top of my crew/husband Tom, and we scurried to right the boat and get back into the race and finish. After that my husband looked at me and said, "Well, that was an adrenalin rush!" And that it was. The sailing was extremely fast, a bit out of control now and then but very fun and even exhilarating.

Thanks to our race committee boat captain Bad Patty Luecht and her trusty crew and to Tom Cassidy and Vic Jones for setting and adjusting the course and for Vic doing rescue duty when boats tipped. After races on Monday, Steve Frew invited the sailors to come down to his beach to meet U.S. Sunfish Class Midwest Regional Rep Gail Turluck. Gail, who races Sunfish on Gull Lake and around the country, gave

2022

Birch Lake Calendar

- June 10** - Trivia Night 7 pm @ BLYC
- June 14** - Birch Lake Book Club meeting, Garceaus' house, 7 pm
- June 18** - Newberg FD Open House 11-2
- June 25** - Commodore and Vice Commodore Party, YC, details tba
- July 1** - Nelson's Chicken Sale fundraiser, 11 am - 2 pm, details tba
- July 2** - Boat Parade, **FIREWORKS**
- July 3** - Camp Tannadoonah Pancake Breakfast, 8:30-11 am
- July 22** - Ladies' Golf Outing, Diamond Lake Golf Course, 9 am, Luncheon tba
- July 23** - Family Picnic, BLYC
- July 23** - Five Lakes MC Regatta, Indian Lake, details tba
- July 29** - Mens Golf Outing, Pine View., 1 pm shotgun start, dinner & awards following
- Aug. 6** - Corn & Sausage Roast, 5:30-7 pm, BLYC
- Aug. 20** - Fall Dinner, BLYC
- Sept 11** - Sailing Awards, Frew's house

BLYC BOARD MEETINGS

June 11, July 9, August 6, and Sept. 10

All meetings start at 9 am @ BLYC

a mini-clinic on Sunfish boat rigging for racing. It was very interesting and even though I don't race a Sunfish, it is always good to learn more about boats and sailing. Thanks Steve, for organiz-

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— Birch Lake Notes —

ing all the sailors to pull off our first Memorial Day Weekend racing in many years. We appreciate all you are doing to grow the sport on Birch Lake.

Sailing is not the only event happening on the lake. June is packed with more BLYC fun: Fun Trivia Night on June 10, Book Club June 14 and the Commodore/Vice Commodore Key West Party June 25. More information on each of these events in this and future Barker issues.

I want to remind all of you if you haven't paid your Birch Lake Yacht Club dues (and remember to be more generous in the fireworks fund as prices have increased) please do so as soon as you can. Dues can be paid online at birchlakeyachtclub.com. Don't forget to send Deb Spratt your contact information and address for the 2022 Birch Lake Directory to be issued this fall. The information needed is listed in this issue and can be emailed directly to Deb Spratt no later than June 30.

Take care, be safe, and I'll see you out on the lake.

~Commodore Barb Cassady

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Board meeting date change

The June BLYC board meeting has

been moved to Saturday, June 11 at 9 am at the Yacht Club.

Visit Key West Margaritaville

Join Commodore Barb and Vice Commodore Deb for the Annual Commodore/Vice Commodore Party on Saturday, June 25 at 7 pm at the BLYC for the Key West/Margaritaville themed party. There will be Key lime desserts, margaritas on ice and lots of island music. (Now is the time to pull out that Hawaiian shirt)

Last name starting with A-M, bring an appetizer; Last names of N-Z bring a dessert.

This party will also be our "Stock the Bar" party. We have enough liquor but can use beer and wine contributions. There will be a prize for best dressed island attire.

Trivia Night – New Event Friday, June 10

7 pm @ the Yacht Club

Grab your friends/neighbors/family and come to a fun new event at the Birch Lake Yacht Club. What better way to spend an evening than to gather with friends and have a few laughs, share some snacks, and maybe even learn a thing or two! You can either form your own team or just come individually and we'll get you on a team. Teams can be

anywhere from one to eight people.

BRING your own drinks; dish to share (either appetizer or dessert); paper and pen; wallet (for 50-50 raffle and to buy mulligans - good for free answers).

All proceeds go to our Fireworks Fund. Questions - contact Blair Garceau 269-476-9862 or Sue Williams 574-298-2839. Hope to see you there!

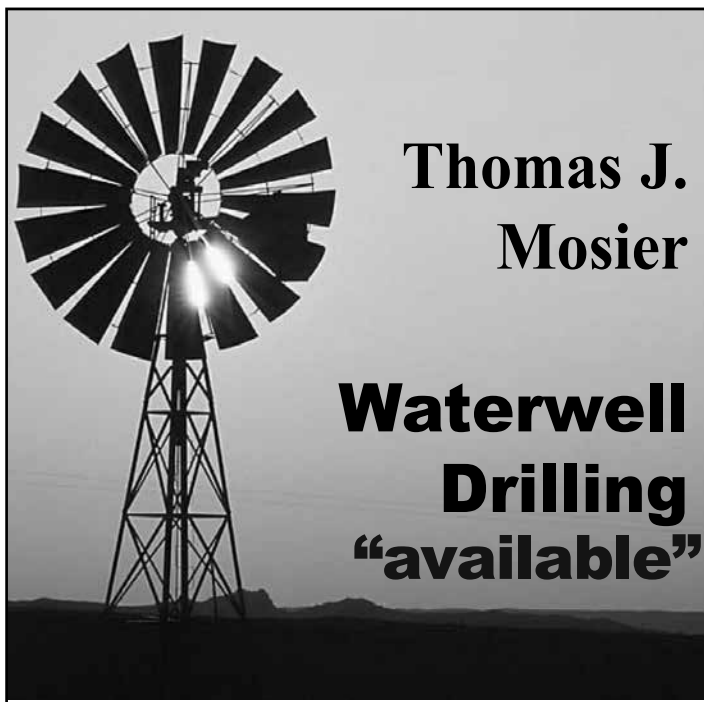
The Fourth of July Boat Parade

Now is the time to start planning for your entry for the Fourth of July Boat Parade on July 2. The theme this year is "**A Song That Reminds You of Birch Lake.**" On those cold, dreary winter days, a song will come on and you'll think, "that reminds me of summers on Birch Lake." That song can be the theme for your boat. 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!

Newberg Open House

The Newberg Township Fire Department will host an open house on Saturday, June 18 from 11 am to 2 pm at the fire station on the corner of M60 and M40 in Jones, MI.

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Book Club June 14

Birch Lake Book Club will begin meeting June 14 at 7 pm at Blair Garceau's house. The book we will be discussing is The Betrayal I'd Anne Frank, by Rosemary Sullivan. Everyone is welcome. We hope to see you there.

We need to reorganize as we have lost our great leaders and organizers, Pam And Linda. If you're interested in getting emails regarding Book Club please let Sue Williams or Blair Garceau know. smwillia@comcast.net bgarceau@comcast.net

2022 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 (birchlakeyachtclub.com) to pay your yacht club dues. Checks should be mailed to Deb Spratt, 18100 Farmington Hills Dr. South Bend, IN 46637. Thank you to all who have already paid their 2022 dues!

Yacht Club building rentals

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

Birch Lake Yacht Club FIREWORKS FUND

Please note: Due to Inflation, costs have increased, and the fireworks show is more expensive. Please be generous!



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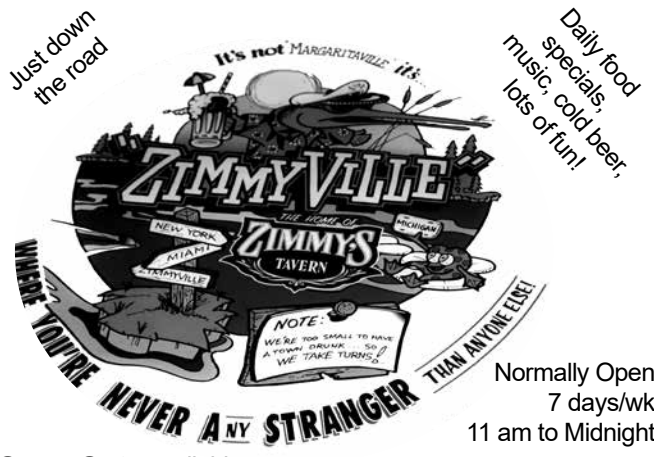
We all have different tastes in music but if you're blasting the tunes out the back of your boat, everyone on shore has to hear yours. Be considerate, especially at night, and please and TURN DOWN THE RADIO when you're motoring around the lake!

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FLEET CAPTAIN'S CORNER



On our glorious Memorial Day Weekend, the BLYC Sailors enjoyed great wind and a great MEMORIAL DAY REGATTA!

Our traditional holiday weekend Regatta format features 3 races the first day and 2 races the second day. Saturday had very light wind, but on Sunday and Monday the wind came through for us in a big way, and we were able to complete all five races of the Regatta.

While Sunday had great wind, on Monday we may have set some speed records! Several of us commented that we had never sailed so fast! A few of us capsized--I even capsized trying to get away from our dock before the first race started. But it was a real thrill to go flying across Birch Lake in close formation with other boats, and throwing up a big wake! We probably could have towed water skiers!

Commodore Barb Cassady was not fazed in the least -- she won all five races in the MC class!

In the Sunfish class, we welcomed a special guest in the person of Gail Turluck. Gail is Midwest Representative for the United States Sunfish Class Association, a former major university sailing team captain, and a sailing competitor at the national and international levels. She sailed with us in the Sunfish races on Monday, and easily won both of the day's races by wide margins. Afterwards, she generously shared her exten-



Attendees at international Sunfish competitor Gail Turluck's impromptu Sunfish clinic after the races on Monday. Left to right: Neil Troeger, Scott Troeger, Barb Cassady, Stewart Spratt, Gail Turluck, Bob Niezgodski, Steve Frew.



Left: Gail Turluck showing Bob Niezgodski and Scott Troeger how to make a telltale (wind speed and direction indicator) out of coat hanger wire, a lawn chair clip, duct tape, and some old audiotape.

sive knowledge and experience with us by showing us the parts and techniques she uses to fine-tune her boat within the rules.

We were delighted that Scott Sortal and Chris Scofiled could race with us, and we hope to see a lot more of them this summer!

And we are very grateful to all of

those who made our wonderful Memorial Day Regatta possible over two days of racing! A BIG THANK YOU to rescue boat crewmen Rick Doolittle, Bill Luecht and Vic Jones; to Committee Boat Captain Bad Patty and her crew Good Patti, Pam Gambill, Rickie Gambill, and Phil Vitale; and to Course Setting Boat Captain, First Mate Tom Cassady!!!!

All in all, the MEMORIAL DAY REGATTA 2022 was a great start to what promises to be a GREAT SEASON OF SAILING ON BIRCH LAKE!!!

~F.C. Steve Frew

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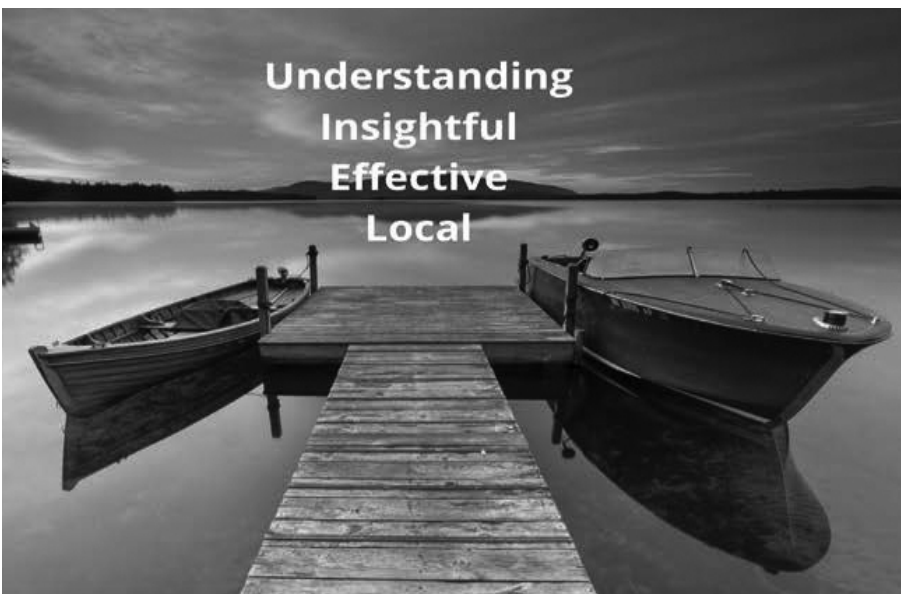
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BLYC Memorial Day Regatta Results

Race 1 2 3 4 5
 Date 29-May 29-May 29-May 30-May 30-May

MC Scow/Sailor	1	2	3	4	5	Total MC Races
Barb Cassady #2506	1	1	1	1	1	5
Bill Luecht #1579	3	3	2	DNS	DNS	5
Pat Welch #1979	4	2	4	2	2	5
Phil Vitale #500	2	4	DNS	DNS	DNS	5
Pat McGann #1735	6	5	3	3	DNF	5
Amber Grundy	5	6	DNS	4	3	5
Bob King #1199	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	5
Sandy Vitale	7	7	DNS	DNS	DNS	5

Sunfish/Sailor	1	2	3	4	5	Total Sunfish Races
Rick Russwurm	4	1	3	3	2	5
Steve Frew	2	2	1	7	9	5
Stewart Spratt	DNS	DNS	DNS	2	3	5
Bob Niezgodski	3	DNF	5	5	5	5
Herb Cleveland	5	5	4	9	7	5
Jeff Walls	6	4	7	8	8	5
Camille Butler	7	6	5	10	DNF	5
Scott Sortal	1	3	2	4	4	5
Gail Turlock	DNS	DNS	DNS	1	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 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 —

The six commandments of Water Quality

At a Yacht Club board meeting in 2018, it was suggested, and supported, that the Water Quality Committee come up with a relatively simple list of the important do's and don'ts of protecting our lake's water quality, perhaps entitle them the "Ten Commandments," and publish them each week, in every Barker.

Thank you for such a great idea! Settle on the most important and worthwhile practices which we'd like all to follow. And make them simple, informative, direct (to the point), and repetitive. That way, hopefully, readers [residents and visitors] would actually come to understand, learn, remember and put into use those practices. At a minimum, they'd be able to easily recall where to find a listing of those practices when needed.

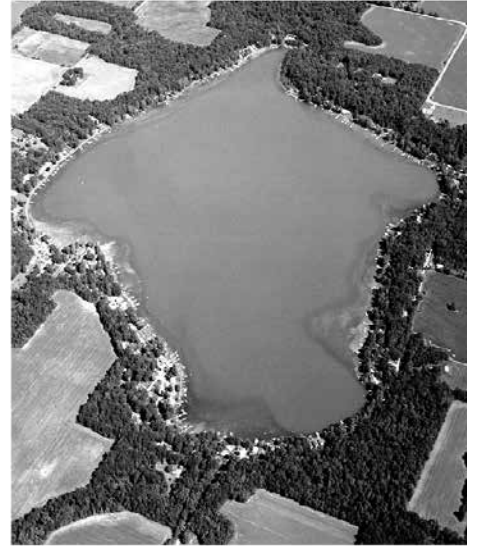
Thereafter, we spent a lot of time reviewing past comments made in this space (and elsewhere), trying to find the most pertinent and practical requests we [and others] have made of our community. Choosing to focus on six [not ten] key precepts, we summarized them into the

"Six Commandments of Birch Lake Water Quality."

Like all things human, this list is not perfect. We welcome input, and remain open to reviewing, clarifying, modifying, deleting from, or adding to, this list, and the particulars within. But for now, at least we have a simple summary of the most important practices to help protect and preserve our lake. As per the original suggestion, our plan is to continue publishing the list of the "Six Commandments" in each issue henceforth.

Hopefully you'll find each of the six commandments to be relatively brief and easy to understand. As such, they all require and deserve further explanation. So, for each commandment, we have prepared and will share with you on a rotating basis, that explanation. We will do so at the rate of one/week and only on weeks in which there isn't another worthwhile or more timely or pressing issue to discuss in its place.

Whenever appropriate, we will forego the next commandment explanation in favor of other pertinent news of recent



activities, test results or developments on the lake. Again, and as always, feedback is welcome.

Going forward then, in some issues you'll find an explanation of a specific commandment, but in each issue you'll be treated to a reminder/reprint of the Six Commandments listed below.

The "Six Commandments of Birch Lake Water Quality" are:

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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— Barker Kids of the Week —

Quinn and Ryne Howard, the nephews of Bud and Deb Hall (Cove) enjoyed fun in the sun at Birch during the Memorial Day weekend.



“Memorial Day Dog Walk, Levy sisters edition”. Right to left, Rachel, Melissa, Allison, Rachel’s husband Ryan and their four fur friends.



Birch Barker Kids of the Week

Want your kid to be a Barker Kid of the Week? Want your dog to be a Dog of the Week? Want your lawnmower to be the Lawnmower of the Week? Mail your photo (with a SASE if you want it back) to Birch Barker, 63174 Birch Rd., Vandalia, MI 49095; or put them in a ziplock in the mailbox at my home (on the east side), or email them me at Sailorphil@PhilVitale.com

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Deb Hall (Cove) shared some girl time with her friends Cheryl Hagarbome (center) and Lori Tobias over the holiday weekend.



Above: The Scofields, west side had family visit from Grand Rapids over Memorial Day weekend. The photo is Annie and her new bff.



Left: McGann Bell kids (east side) on Memorial Day - Macy and Cole

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Aries (March 21-April 19)

Your fast pace continues and it is accelerating the pace of your days with short trips, communications with everyone, appointments and errands. Physical exercise will be a wise choice to burn off any pent-up energy building up within you. It might even help you get a job where you applied before. Meanwhile, it will also attract money to you. Ka-ching!

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

Your focus on finances continues to be strong. In fact, at a deeper level, some of you are giving thought to your deeper values. In other words, you're asking yourself, "What really matters?" Meanwhile, old friends and ex-partners are back in your life. On a more sinister note, be aware of anyone who might suddenly be working against your best interests. If you think something fishy is going on - it is.

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

You continue to be empowered! It attracts important people and good situations to you. Many of you will be involved more than usual in a competitive way with others, probably physical sports. Secret love affairs and exciting flirtations might take place behind the scenes. Naturally, your everyday world suffers from delays, goofy mistakes and misplaced items because

Cancer (June 21-July 22)

Your personal year is coming to an end; but your new year will not begin until the summer solstice on June 21. This means you feel a bit like you're in limbo. And in a way, you are. The ideal way to use this "in between" time is to do some soul-searching and think about your deeper values in life. What principles guide you? You look good to others. People admire you, especially bosses and VIPs. Therefore, it's important for you to have self-confidence and a clearer idea of who you are. The more you can determine this - the more you will shine in your world!

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

Your popularity continues! Take advantage of opportunities to socialize with others. Reach out to meet someone for coffee or lunch. Renew old friendships and enjoy getting involved again with groups and organizations. Many of us have lost our social skills to Covid isolation. This is the perfect time for you to begin to flex those social muscles and get in contact with others. Enjoy schmoozing! Your personal relationships are favored now. Make plans to travel if you can because you want a change of scenery!

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

The Sun is at the top of your chart for the next three weeks. (This happens only once a year.) Therefore, make the best of this! Symbolically, it means that the Sun is "shining down on you". Furthermore, this light is flattering! This influence means important people, bosses, parents, teachers and anyone in a position of power see you (almost magically) as very capable, very competent. You hold the winning hand!

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

For the next three weeks, your desire to travel and get a change of scenery continues to be strong. Therefore, grab every chance to take a short trip or a long one! This same influence will help you study and explore new ideas. You might also open opportunities in publishing and the media.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

You feel passionately about everything right now! (Your feelings are heightened.) It will be helpful to practice techniques like counting the breath, so that you have more mind control. If you don't control your mind, it will be running the show! Fortunately, favorable things are helping you now. Fiery Mars makes you want to work hard and work efficiently. Fair Venus is opposite your sign paving the way for smooth relations with others. This is particularly timely because you are contacting old friends and hearing from ex-partners. This could be an opportunity for closure and clarification with someone.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Remember to get more sleep this week. Meanwhile, Mercury retrograde has not only resurrected people from your past, it will create problems and delays in your work. Equipment problems, staff shortages, misplaced items, late deliveries and goofy mistakes are frustrating. No question. Your relations with coworkers will still be friendly and warm. Competitive sports are on the menu for many. This is timely because you are physically active and assertive!

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

You're not a slacker; and this week is another example of how you will accomplish a lot because you work hard! Incidentally, not only will you be working hard, whatever you do will also boost your health and overall vigor. It's wise to focus on any task that you set for yourself to get away from the chaotic activity taking place at home, which can create family tension. Romance will also be saucy! (Old flames are back in the picture.)

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Lucky you! The Sun will continue to promote opportunities for vacations, playful outings, fun activities with kids, the arts, and abundant opportunities to express your creative talents for the next three weeks! Nevertheless, many of you are enjoying entertaining at home. Your optimism and enthusiasm are very strong now. This is a fantastic opportunity for those of you who sell, market, teach, act or write.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)

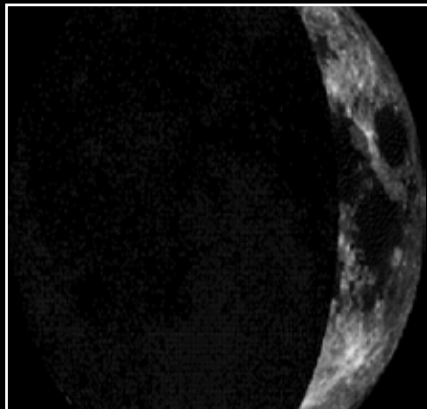
Home and family continue to be your primary focus for the next three weeks. You will feel happy to nest and cocoon at home because you feel safe. You welcome the security of familiar surroundings. Meanwhile, you will work hard to earn money, which is a good thing because you will be earning more money this year. Nevertheless, at the moment, Mercury retrograde will create car problems, transportation delays, mixed-up communications, missed appointments and silly, goofy mistakes.

Birch Lake items of interest

The Moon for this Saturday

(At Midnight, US Central time, as viewed from the Northern Hemisphere)

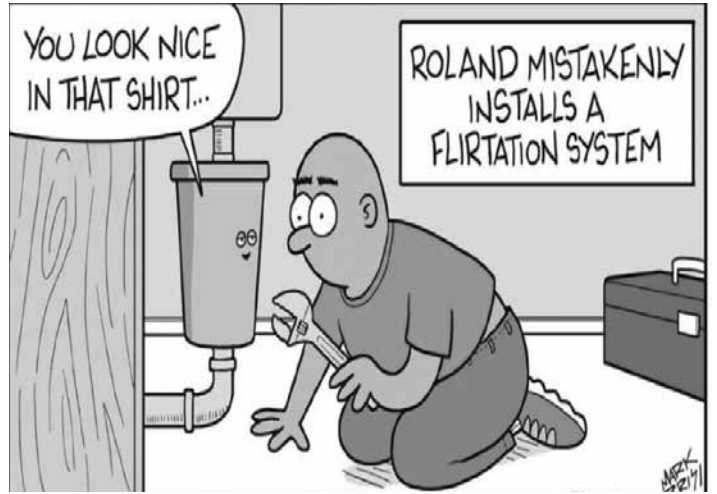
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Birch Barker Funnies



"Andrew ... the cows have come home."



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~Birch Lake Recipes~



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Corn salad with creamy Italian dressing

Corn Salad with Creamy Italian Dressing

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- ½ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- ½ teaspoon white sugar
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon Italian seasoning
- 1 pinch cayenne pepper, or more to taste
- olive oil
- 1 (16 ounce) package frozen sweet corn, thawed
- 1 cup diced roasted red peppers
- salt and ground black pepper to taste
- 5 fresh basil leaves, thinly sliced, or more to taste
- 1 pinch cayenne pepper, or to taste

Directions

- Step 1 - Whisk mayonnaise, vinegar, 1/4 cup olive oil, garlic, water, 1/2 teaspoon black pepper, sugar, 1/4 teaspoon salt, Italian seasoning, and a pinch cayenne pepper together in a bowl until dressing is thick and creamy. Cover dressing with plastic wrap and refrigerate, 8 hours or overnight.
- Step 2 - Heat 1 tablespoon olive oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Cook and stir corn in hot oil until light golden brown and toasted, about 15 minutes.



- Step 3 - Mix corn and red pepper together in a bowl. Pour enough dressing over corn mixture to coat completely. Season with salt and black pepper.

- Step 4 - Stir basil and a pinch cayenne pepper into corn mixture; toss.

Nutrition: The nutrition data for this recipe includes the full amount of the dressing ingredients. The actual amount of the dressing consumed will vary.

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We have a great group of staff this year, and we're so excited to have international counselors again this year! We haven't been able to bring any staff over from overseas for the past two years, so we're really happy to have them back this year. We have counselors this year from Scotland, Jordan, England, France, the Philippines, and the Dominican Republic. Plus, US staff from Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Ohio, Kentucky, California, and Arizona.

We are still looking for more cabin counselors and kitchen staff, if you know of anyone 16 and older still looking for a summer position! We are very excited to report that we have found a kitchen manager and she started on Sunday. "Big Momma" Deb will be in the kitchen this summer. She is a former Tannadoonah counselor who is thrilled to return to camp to feed our campers and staff this summer.

A few years ago, we organized some cookouts on the lake for staff on their nights off, and we would love to get that going again this summer. If you are willing to host a small group of counselors / camp staff for dinner and a boat ride at your home at some point this summer, please email me (amber@tannadoonah.org). Let me know how many you can accommodate (most nights there are around 8-12 people who have the night off) and what date, and we will create a signup sheet for staff. We have staff who have nights off on Monday through Thursday evenings, starting at 6pm.

It was so fun for our staff to get to meet some of our amazing neighbors at the lake, see the lake from a different perspective, and have a nice meal away from camp. It's especially nice for the staff who are far from home and don't have transportation, because it's difficult from them to get out and away from camp on their time off. Just let me know if you'd be willing to provide a meal and a boat ride for a group!

This week and next week you'll see us down at the lake in the afternoons doing lifeguard training. Don't be alarmed if you hear whistles and the air horn which are our emergency signals – but don't worry, we're just practicing! We train all of our lifeguards on site



each year, to make sure that everyone is trained to our standards for safety, and know all of the facility-specific rules and guidelines for keeping our kids safe at the lake.

This year we will have nine of our summer staff who are certified lifeguards, and will be responsible for guarding during swim times, and teaching our waterfront classes, which include swimming lessons, canoeing, kayaking, stand up paddleboarding, sailing, fishing, waterskiing, and wakeboarding! We're also really excited to have some of our sailors from the BLYC sailing group helping teach our sailors this summer. We're looking forward to seeing everyone out on the water!

~Mrs. Amber

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Birch Lake Directory

We are in the process of updating our current 2020 Phone/Address Directories for Birch Lake residents. Please complete the Directory Form included here and return to BLYC Treasurer, Deb Spratt by July 15, 2022. If you know of new residents, please make sure they are aware of this process. Thanks to Deb for collecting the information and compiling for the Directories. .

Please send your information to

Deb Spratt via email at debspratt@comcast.net **No later than June 30**

so we can get them made and distributed at the Fall Dinner.

Please use this for to submit the following info:

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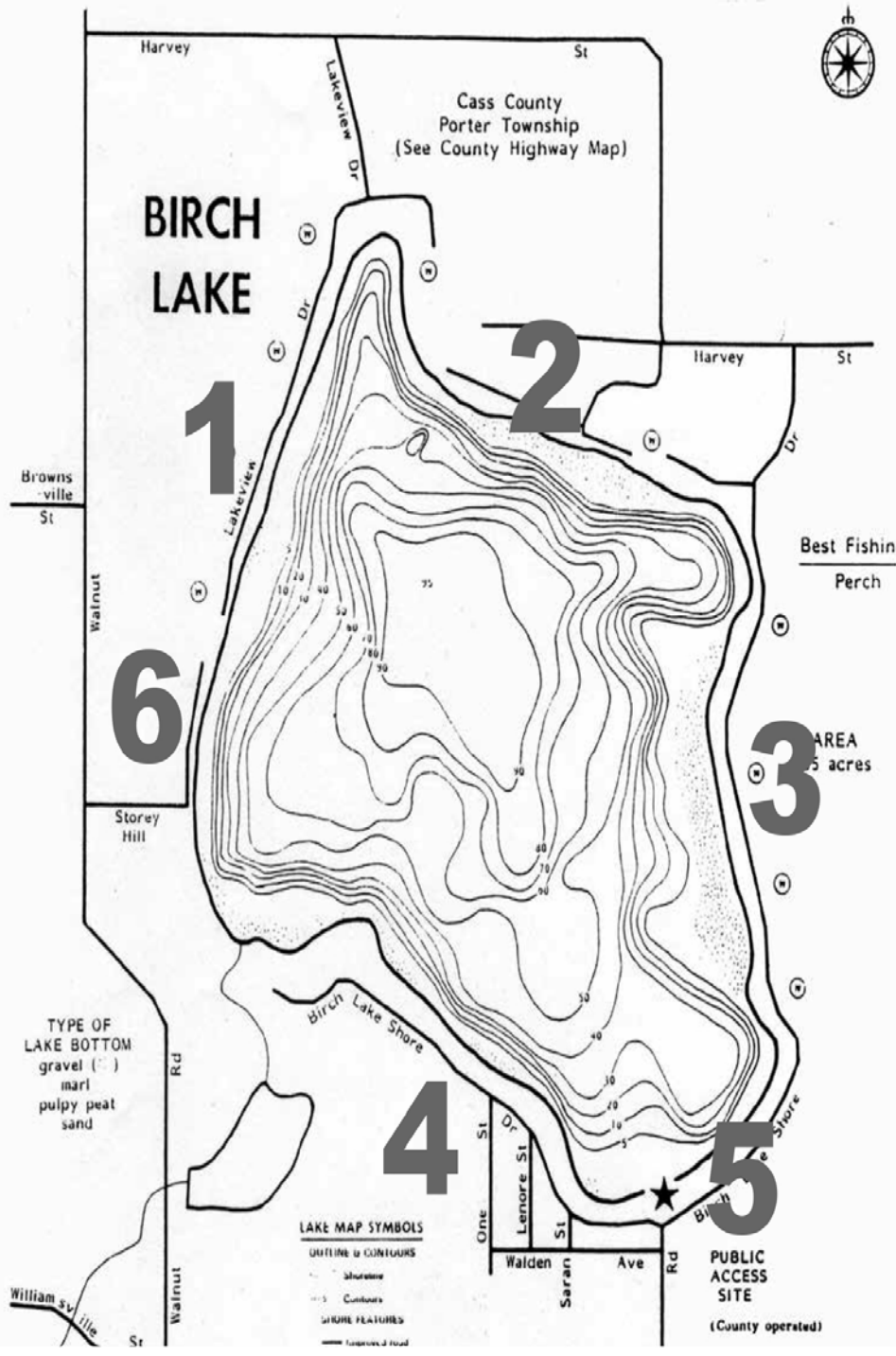
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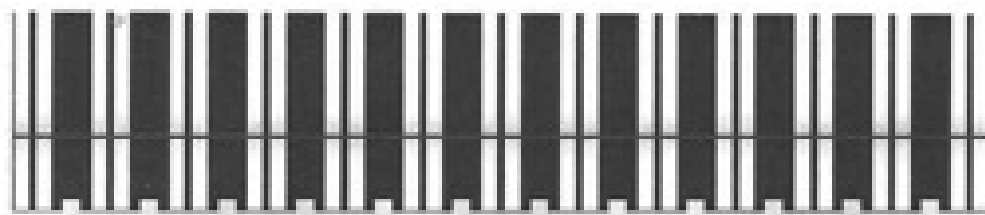
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