

The
Weekend
Of

June 18,
2022

Birch Barker

The official summer publication of the
Birch Lake Yacht Club



Rub a dub dub! Three grandkids in the tub (aka kayak)! Papa T (Tom Kuhn) and Grandma (Jan Temple, west side) love having Raegan, Luke and Jane at Birch Lake for some summer fun.

COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

Commodore's Comments #4 June 18, 2022

In two weeks, we will be in the midst of the 4th of July weekend. Growing up, I spent summers on nearby Eagle Lake and the 4th was always the summer highlight. My parents' cottage, already packed with nine children, was opened to overnight and day guests. We had friends that would pull up in their RV, we had tents pop up in our side yard and extra mattresses and canvas camping cots came out of storage to accommodate the friends and family coming to celebrate our national Independence Day. My mom would spend the entire prior week grocery shopping, cooking, baking, and cleaning to handle all the guests. My dad would be making sure we had an abundance of charcoal, lighter fluid and would be getting all the other outside setup ready and in place. As kids we were so excited and looked forward to this weekend. We really didn't understand the extra work our parents experienced to make such awesome memories for us and their extended family and friends. As the guests started to arrive, the kids always wanted to be in the water as

soon as we could. Swimming and sunning were the first activities, but later we'd borrow our neighbors' canoe and spend more time sitting in it submerged or putting someone in the canoe and spinning them under water multiple times. Really? Was that actually fun? I think it was just something to do. When I was older, I might set up our Hobie 14 sailboat and take out a handful of friends, some sunning themselves on the pontoons, or deck, some hanging off the back of the boat, dragging in the water. We used it more like a raft out on the lake than a real sailing vessel. One year, friends brought up an abandoned rubber boat they'd found in a creek near their home, and we did our best to turn it into a sailboat. It was a fiasco, but I am sure our parents were happy we were staying out of trouble for all the time we spent on that activity.

It seemed like there was always something that went wrong, sometime during all this fun. It might have been our power going out and my dad having to fix breakfast on the grill or our Coleman camping stove. Or sometimes the sewer would back up and we'd have to get that handled. Which reminds me of a little plastic sign we had in our bathroom, "In these isles of sun and fun we never ..." If you know the ending to this phrase, then you too

2022

Birch Lake Calendar

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 pn page 5

July 2 - Boat Parade, **FIREWORKS**

July 2, 3 - July 4th Regatta (rain day Monday, July 4 if needed)

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, tba

July 23 - Five Lakes MC Regatta, Indian Lake, details tba

July 29 - Mens Golf Outing, Pine View., 1 pm shotgun start, dinner & awards following; registration info on page 5

Aug. 6 - Corn & Sausage Roast, 5:30-7 pm, BLYC

Aug. 20 - Fall Dinner, BLYC, tba

Aug. 26 - Birch Lake Ladies Style Show & Luncheon, Woodfire, Dowagiac, details tba

Sept 11 - Sailing Awards, Frew's house, details tba

Sept 17 - Crockpot Challenge, 6 pm, more details tba

BLYC BOARD MEETINGS

July 9, August 6, and Sept. 10

All meetings start at 9 am @ BLYC

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spent time on a lake growing up decades ago.

The crowning glory of the entire weekend was always the fireworks display. As long as I lived in that cottage, we never had our own speed boat or pontoon boat for which to go out on the lake to watch the fireworks. Sometimes us kids would swim out to the raft and watch from there but mostly we lined up lawn chairs on our pier and watched in awe. In those minutes of bursts of color and booming sounds all felt right in the world. Looking ahead to our next Independence Day, I hope you all make some long-lasting good memories and can truly be thankful for the freedoms we enjoy and blessing we have to live in the United States.

But before the 4th gets here, I have activities to talk about yet this month. I was out of town so missed what I heard was a very successful Trivia Night. Thank you to the Trivia Committee: the Phipps, Williams, Chesters, Troegers, Sheffiecks, and Garceaus for making this event possible. The Commodore/Vice Commodore Key West themed party will be Saturday, June 25th. To keep your July 4th weekend a little less hectic, place your pre-order now for the BLYC Port-A-Pit Chicken Fundraiser. Pre-order at birchlakeyachtclub.com for Friday July

1st pickup. Be thinking of what your boat entry song theme will be for the July 2nd Boat Parade. And the Camp Tannadoonah July 3rd Pancake Breakfast team can use more volunteers. More details in this Barker on all upcoming events.

Thanks to all the folks who have paid their dues; if you haven't yet there is still time. Also, June 30th is the deadline to email Deb Spratt your BLYC Directory updates. Again, details on how to pay dues and submit Directory information in this issue.

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

~Commodore Barb Cassady

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 Yacht Club for the Commodore/Vice Commodore's 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.

Slow down on Yacht Club road

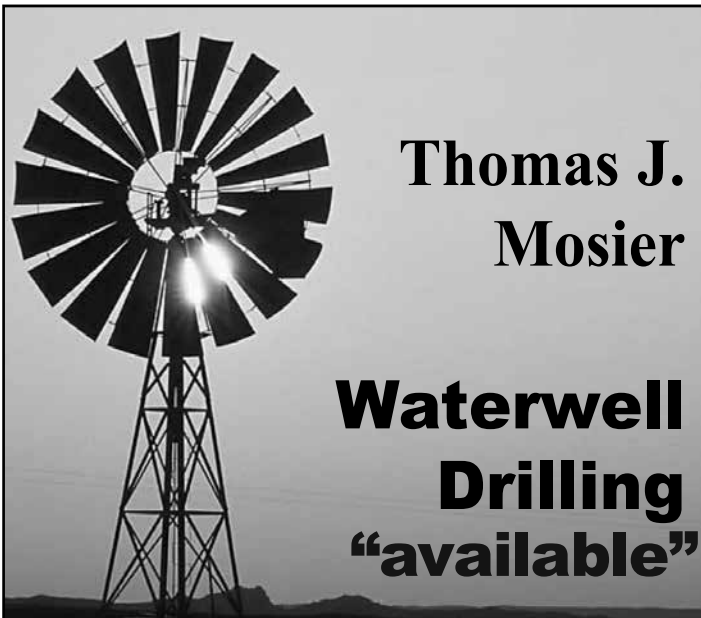
It has been reported that cars have been traveling at an unsafe speed on the dirt road in by the yacht club ... please remember there are children in that area, and SLOW DOWN! Be safe.

The Fourth of July Boat Parade

Now is the time to plan 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!

Reckless water behavior

Lakers: Sunday afternoon was pretty "sporty" with loads of powerboats out to enjoy the day. One jet ski rider should be put in time out, have his operating privileges revoked (or worse). Just as a stand up paddle-boarder went by 10-15' off the end



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of our pier, a jet ski veered close to shore, passing the stunned paddle boarder by a few feet while doing >30 mph. The offending driver then proceeded, at speed, inside the Caplis raft next door. Hopefully the transgressor wasn't a resident. Keep in mind guests using motor craft need be aware of lake conventions and water safety rules. Let's be careful out there!

~Bob King

Ladies Style Show and Luncheon

Mark your calendars for the Birch Lake Ladies Style Show and Luncheon on Friday, August 26. Lunch will begin at 11 am at the Wood Fire Trattoria in Dowagiac. Six lovely Birch Lake ladies will be modeling fashions from the Marshall Shoppe. Ticket information will be available soon.

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.

The event will feature hot dogs and burgers, truck tours, a kids' zone and much more. All are invited.

Mexican dip and a wandering pig

I was wondering if you could ask in the classifieds or wherever in the next Birch Lake Barker who made the 7 layer Mexican dip for Trivia night. I would be interested in who made it and if they would be kind enough to share the recipe with me. It was SO GOOD!



Also, I had a visitor in my yard on Saturday and was quite shocked when I first saw him/her. He or she took a stroll around the yard and enjoyed the pachysandra immensely. I'll send you a couple pics. Thank you,

~Jeannie Welch

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.

Birch Lake Yacht Club FIREWORKS FUND

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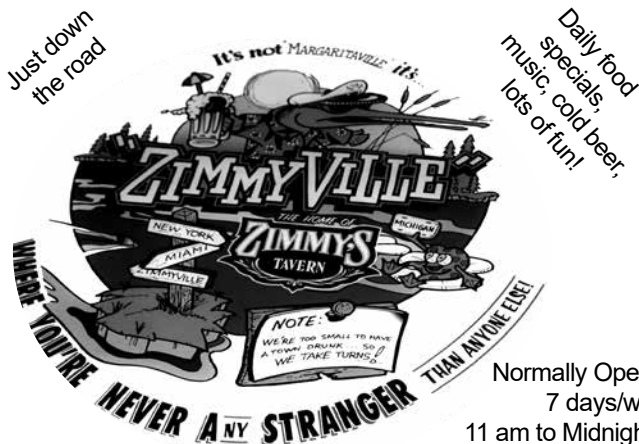
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MEN'S ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

The last Friday in July, 29. 1:30 pm shotgun start, \$75 each, \$300 per foursome at Pine View Golf Club, 52065 Pulver Rd., Three Rivers, MI 49093. Be careful many GPS services lead you to a house on Marcellus Hwy, but you want to go north about 3/4 of a mile. Please show us how your foursome makes it fun and dress accordingly. Awards for best (craziest) dressed! The theme will be Olympic Gold Metal efforts. Our normal fare will be Chateaubriand, etc. Before July 10 please send your foursome names and checks to me, made out to BLYC, and mail to or drop in my mailbox at 63156 Birch Rd. Include your cell phone.

~ Pat McGann

Nelson's chicken sale fundraiser

Preorders may be picked up between 11 am and 12:30 pm on Friday July 1 at Past Commodore Dan and Sharon Waxman's, 63590 Birch Rd. Anyone wishing purchase food that day may do so with cash only from 12:30-2 pm or until we are sold out. Advance orders may be made online at: birchlakeyachtclub.com

Anyone wishing to help may any-time from 10-2:30.

~ Pat McGann



PLEASE HELP PROTECT ONE OF BIRCH'S NICEST LANDMARKS!

Each and every time I approach Birch Lake (from the south on Birch Road), my spirits begin to lift immediately upon my first glimpse of the water while descending the hill towards the landing. But that's only the beginning!

Then I veer to the right and soon pass beneath and through a magnificent canopy of trees. Instantly it seems I am fully purged of any tension or trouble that had been within me.

Just like that, the transformation has been completed. My world is good, very, very good. I am at peace, right where God wants me to be. I hope you too have experienced this phenomenon.

Now the bad part...

Currently active in our area are numerous crews (a veritable army) of workers and machinery maiming (trimming) and removing trees wherever they go. Hired by MEC to provide "additional clearance" for their overhead main power lines, these crews have our bucolic canopy in their sights, are bearing down on us, and will be arriving shortly.

In order to save the trees in this area, MEC would be willing to bury (via boring) their mainline, should we be willing to reimburse their costs, currently estimated at up to \$46,500. (This amount would cover the entire 1300' from the landing to the main lift station.) We are trying to quickly raise that money. All contributions are welcome.

No one should feel any pressure or obligation to donate. We know others at the lake have already lost, or will soon lose, trees important to them, and share their pain. We just wanted to provide an opportunity to those that might be willing and able to help prevent a sad day at the lake, before it is too late.

If inclined to help us in our cause, please email me pauljfallon49@gmail.com by Monday, June 20, 2022 and let me know how much you want to contribute. Time is of the essence. Actual checks are not yet necessary, but if we are successful, would be needed soon.

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Great Night for Trivia

Close to 50 Birch Lakers and friends gathered together for a very competitive evening of trivia. Six rounds of ten questions kept the competitors digging deep for the miscellaneous bits of information. The big winner of the night was the fireworks fund with proceeds totaling \$417 going towards the display. Two reasons this figure was so great was because of the generous donations from Jill Scholes, who won the 50/50 and donated her considerable winnings back; and from a big hearted donation from the Dufour family.

Birch Lake Trivia gurus were from the team affectionately called "The Dumb Butts." The "crowned" team members were Marc and Lynn Caenepeel, Pat Williams, Bad Patty and Bill Luecht, Phil Vitale and Dennis Phipps. Competition was stiff, there was only a 5 point spread between first place and sixth place.

While the wonderful amount raised for the fireworks created a successful night the true success lies in the new friendships made and the great fun that was had by everyone. Is another trivia night in the works? Stay tuned.

The committee thanks everyone who participated.

*Sue and Pat Williams
Claudia and Dennis Phipps
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Thanks to Claudia Phipps for the pics.



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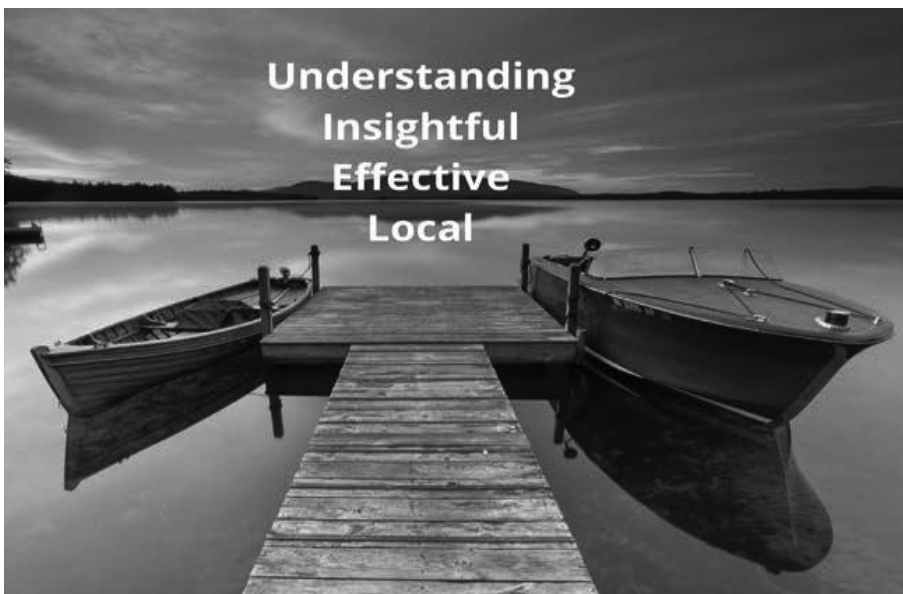
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FLEET CAPTAIN'S CORNER



Sunday's wind was a bust, but the BLYC--Camp Tannadoonah Junior Sailing Program is a BLAST! No sailing on Sunday. We did get a very nice breeze for a while starting before 9 am on the east side. It quickly had the American flags along the shoreline waving proudly in the wind. But those weather apps are getting remarkably accurate from several days into the future. Maybe it's due to advances in artificial intelligence, but whatever the reason, it is very irritating when a computer prediction of very light wind for a Sunday at Birch Lake comes true, a very promising breeze subsides with a whimper, and our sailing races have to be canceled. One can almost hear the app whispering "I told you so!" But then again, a day on the golf course with my beautiful bride is not so bad, either!

Also on the bright side, Monday was the first day of the BLYC--Camp Tannadoonah Junior Sailing Program--and the program is off to a great start!

The Junior Sailing Program was developed over the winter, in conjunction with our very own Amber Grundy, who is not only a BLYC Sailor, but also CEO of Camp Tannadoonah. The idea was to combine the resources of the BLYC Sailors, who needed an influx of younger people, with Camp Tannadoonah's sailing classes that are just starting up this year for the first time since Covid started, and could use some experienced racing sailors as instructors.

Commodore Barb Cassady, who is also a BLYC Sailor, has taken a leadership role in the planning, development and implementation of the Junior Sailing Program from the very beginning, and was the first person to volunteer with the Junior Sailing Program as a sailing instructor. Others who have already joined Commodore Barb on the schedule as sailing instructors are Pat Welch, Pat McGann and myself. Bob Niezgodski is planning to join in later this summer, and several others may be able to do so, depending upon their circumstances.

Camp Tannadoonah offers eight weeks of one-week sailing classes, Monday through Friday. Some weeks have two classes per afternoon, some have four classes, and some have six classes per afternoon. Already, we have an experienced BLYC Sailor on the schedule in 38% of Camp Tannadoonah's sailing classes for this summer, and it appears that this percentage will increase.

So on Monday, it was a real joy for me to walk through a bustling Camp Tannadoonah, filled with bustling activity and happy voices, descend the beautiful staircase down the hill that was so generously funded by many of our Birch Lake families whose names appear on plaques on the stairs, and return to a summer camp waterfront as a participant for the first time since leaving my beloved Camp Martin Johnson in Irons, Michigan in 1968. And this time, not as a camper, but as a sailing instructor! It was delightful to meet Mr. Kyle the waterfront director, young Mr.

Ben and Ms. Saige who are my fellow sailing instructors; and all of the other wonderful water sports instructors. Camp Tannadoonah certainly hires great people!

The campers all wait at the waterfront entrance to be allowed to enter and sign in on the buddy-board system. Very safety conscious! Then we got to meet our young campers, and jump right into sailing instruction. Amber had provided pdf's of the well-written lesson plans, which I had studied. Monday's lesson is the basics. Learning the nautical terms for directions and the parts of the boat. Learning how to rig the boat with sail, daggerboard and rudder. Making sure each camper can perform each task by themselves. Wind direction and its effect on the boat. How to stop the boat in a high wind. How to keep from tipping over. What to do if a sailor falls overboard. And the campers' favorite: Tipping the boat over in shallow water, and showing each camper how to right the boat by themselves. Sharing knowledge and experience. Building safety consciousness, knowledge, ability and self-confidence. Fostering a love of the great outdoors in the fresh air and blue water and bright sunshine.

I spent 41 years as a trial lawyer in Chicago, on civil cases. I loved doing that, especially the part about serving clients. But for me, sharing my knowledge and experience with young people is even better. This summer is going to fly by very fast!

~F.C. Steve



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Water Clarity

We are sure that one of the more obvious changes that residents of the lake see and are aware of as the season progresses, is the change in the clarity of the water. The visibility of the bottom especially at drop-offs changes and is lost, and on weekends one has trouble seeing the bottom from the end of the pier. Formally, 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. We always measure at the same spot on the lake, i.e. deepest place in the lake and not on weekends. What actually generates this seasonal 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 and high winds leading to turbulence which can reach the bottom as there is no thermocline, that junction between lower density warm water and high density cold water. The thermocline becomes more distinct as the upper layer of water warms up and forms a barrier to the easy mixing of the upper and lower layers of water reducing disturbance of the bottom and raising of sediment into the water column. However, also in the spring, boat traffic is minimal, and sediment settles. With the development of the thermocline storms do not cause the same mixing of the bottom, and we tend to have our best clarity in mid to late May and may extend 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. This can be accentu-

ated by boats with deeper drafts and more powerful engines pushing prop wash deeper in the water column. One should avoid accelerating a boat in water less than 20 feet, and with deep hulled boats even deeper. 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 or water fleas) 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 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.

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 ex-

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— Barker Kids of the Week —



Happy Anniversary

Bill and Bad Patty Luecht (east shore) celebrated their 31st anniversary last Wednesday (June 8) at a dinner with friends at a restaurant in Elkhart. Congratulations, here's hoping for many more ... we'll be tipping a beer or two to y'all (in the Flamingo Room).



Birch Barker Kids of the Week

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YOUR HOROSCOPE

Aries (March 21-April 19)

This is a lovely, upbeat week for you. Your pace is accelerating with a busy schedule of errands and appointments. Meanwhile, you have lots of energy to do what you want; and good fortune and divine protection. (Oh yeah, it doesn't get much better than this!) Meanwhile, Venus in your Money House, will attract money to you as well as entice you to buy beautiful things for yourself and loved ones.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)

Your ruler, fair Venus, is in your sign now, which gives you a great desire to relate to others. It makes you warm and diplomatic when talking to friends. In fact, you will want to make peace if there is dissension. It's the perfect time for vacations, parties, socializing, or doing whatever gives you pleasure - and who loves their creature comforts more than you?

Gemini (May 21-June 20)

This week the Sun is in your sign, pumping you with energy. This makes you want to express your POV to others; which, incidentally, you will do in an entertaining way because you will put a lot of yourself into whatever you have to say. Your mind will be busy and excited, which is why it will jump from topic to topic very rapidly. You will have a strong urge to get out and travel, preferably short trips.

Cancer (June 21-July 22)

You will feel a strong urge to socialize and be friendly this week. Nevertheless, you still have a desire to keep a low profile or work alone or behind the scenes. Nevertheless, opportunities to hang out with younger people (especially creative, artistic types) will please you. Be patient with coworkers at the beginning of the week. After the Full Moon peaks on Tuesday, these relations will soften and become smoother. Act on your ambition to achieve because Jupiter is at the top of your chart making you look great in the eyes of others; and this blessing comes only once every 12 years. Use it!

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

You're keen to socialize this week! Enjoy the company of friends as well as groups, clubs and organizations to which you might belong. You will especially enjoy meeting new faces. In particular, you might be stimulated by hanging out with younger people, who make you feel younger. Your idealism is aroused. However, one of the reasons you feel good is because people admire you. In fact, this admiration could lead to a saucy flirtation with a boss.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

The Sun is still at the top of your chart, which means it is casting a flattering light on you. This is why bosses, parents and teachers are impressed with you even if you don't do anything special. You will contemplate more serious plans about your professional life and your career. You might decide to take up a new study or learn something. Communications with others, especially bosses, will be important.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Be careful at the beginning of the week, when champagne bottles are popping, because Tuesday's Full Moon will create a slightly accident-prone influence for you. Therefore, think before you act or speak. Aside from that, it's a fabulous week to travel and meet people from other cultures. Romance will be passionate and affectionate. Gifts, goodies and favors from others will come your way.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Financial issues come to a head at the beginning of the week - no question. Very likely, they will involve banking, bills, taxes and shared property - possibly inheritances. However, like others, you want to party this week, especially with Venus opposite your sign. When Venus is opposite your sign, it is literally the best position for all relationships - love affairs, friendships, coworkers, even time spent with your enemies. In part, this is because you will more easily express your affection for others. Plus, you are motivated to get along. Accept all invitations to par-tay!

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Is this a marvelous week to socialize and have fun with others? Be careful Sunday and Monday, because you will feel tension building up with others, especially partners and close friends. However, once you pass that speed bump, it's all systems go for the rest of the week! Playful activities with kids, sports events, the entertainment world - are all great choices. Have a picnic! Throw a barbecue! Invite coworkers because right now, relations with people you work with are excellent. (Maybe even cozy.)

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

This is a marvelous week to socialize and enjoy friendly encounters with everyone. Your primary focus is to work efficiently and get things done. That means this is a week where you will do both. Work hard, party hard. Let's face it, you have to deal with sorting things out at home - no question. (Increased activity and chaos on the home front continue to be a challenge.) Remember the advice of Oscar Wilde: "Hear no evil, speak no evil, and you will never be invited to a party."

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Well, this week is play city for you! You're ready to have fun and fortunately, so is everyone else. Make a point of entertaining at home. Invite someone over. This will motivate you to act on your urge to redecorate and tweak your digs. Check out sports events and fun diversions. You love reaching out and connecting people.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)

Live for today. Plan for tomorrow. Party tonight! This is your motto not only this week, but in the month ahead. Entertaining at home will be your best option because of your strong focus right now on home and family. In fact, many of you are tackling home repairs and having meaningful family discussions. Caution about hemorrhaging money. You're tempted to buy a lot of stuff right now - do you really need it?

Birch Lake items of interest

The Moon for this Saturday

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

Illuminated Fraction: 0.692

1.8 days before last quarter



Sunrise: 06:05:16 AM

Sunset: 21:21:37 PM

Moonrise: 00:48:11 AM

Moonset: 10:42:07 AM

Daylight: 15 Hr 16 Min 21 Sec

ANIMALS

Match the words to the correct pictures and complete the crossword. Then find a secret message.

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- Donkey
- Elephant
- Frog
- Giant
- Panda
- Giraffe
- Goat
- Horse
- Kangaroo
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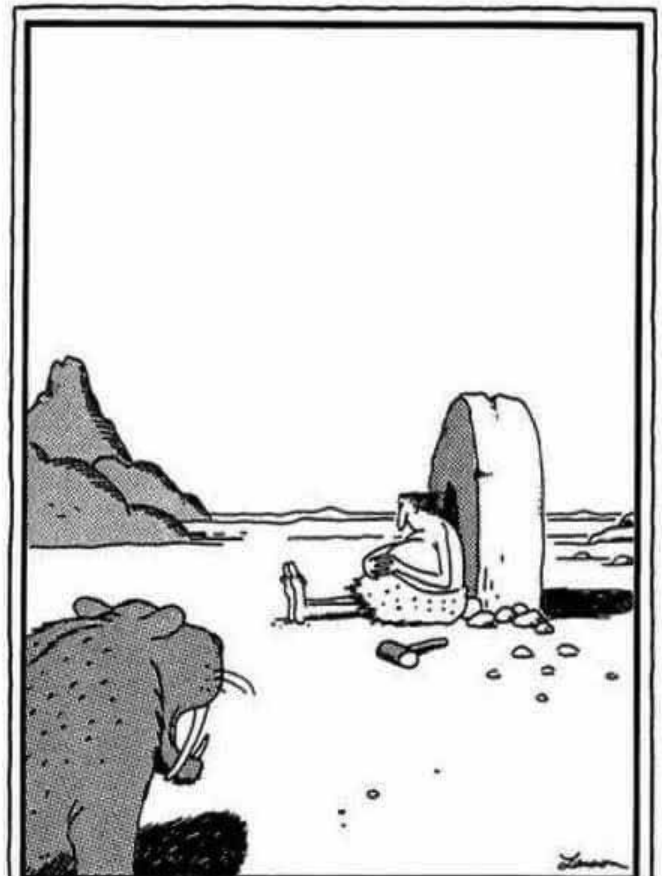
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Prep: 10 mins; Cook: 30 mins; Total: 40 mins
Servings: 6

Ingredients

6 ears corn
6 tablespoons butter, softened
salt and ground black pepper to taste

Directions

Instructions

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Step 2 Peel back corn husks and remove silk. Place 1 tablespoon butter, salt and pepper on each piece of corn. Close husks.

Step 3 Wrap each ear of corn tightly in aluminum foil.



Step 4 Cook on the preheated grill, turning occasionally, until tender, about 30 minutes.

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We greeted our first group of campers on Sunday afternoon, with 66 overnight campers checking in. We were excited to eat all together in the Dining Hall for dinner, for the first time in two years. It was so fun to hear the noise and excitement in the dining room again. We held our first campfire at the waterfront, and shared the Legend of Tannadoonah with the campers, followed by the lighting of the first fire of the camp season.

Monday morning we had 25 day campers arrive to join our overnight group, giving us a total of 91 campers for the first session. We have gone back to our "normal" daily schedule of activities, which meant there was a lot of confusion for the campers and staff who have been here the past two years and only knew the way we did it for the most recent two summers! It was a fun day full of activity for everyone.

Monday night is always cookout night at camp, and we managed to get all our cookout fires lit and food cooked before the rain and storms rolled in. The power went out around 8:30, but thank-

fully we have a generator that powers the Dining Hall and Shower House. The staff had all of the campers gathered in our three buildings that have basements, in case we needed to move downstairs if a tornado warning was issued. Luckily we didn't have to take everyone down to the basements.

Tuesday morning with the power still out, the kitchen decided to flip-flop the lunch and dinner menus – so we had sub sandwiches, wraps, and salad bar for breakfast! We're hoping the power comes back on in time for lunch – Belgian Waffles is on the menu! Since most of our activities are outside, the lack of power really doesn't have a huge effect on us, except for in the kitchen and office. The generator keeps our freezers and fridges from going down, and gives us lights and water, but doesn't power the ovens, dishwasher, or other appliances. So it's cold items on the menu for the moment!

We're expecting these next couple days to have record-setting high temperatures, so we're working hard to keep everyone hydrated and cool here at camp. We'll be having additional time at the waterfront with extended open swims, evening activities at the lake, and sprinklers set up for kids to cool off during the day. We're encouraging everyone to keep a wet towel or bandan-



na on their neck or head to stay cool, and drinking LOTS of water! It's usually 7-10 degrees cooler up here at the lake / in the woods than it is in town.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for the annual pancake breakfast on Sunday, July 3 from 8:30-11am. The camp store will be open too, and we have some great new t-shirt and sweatshirts this year!

~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. .

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

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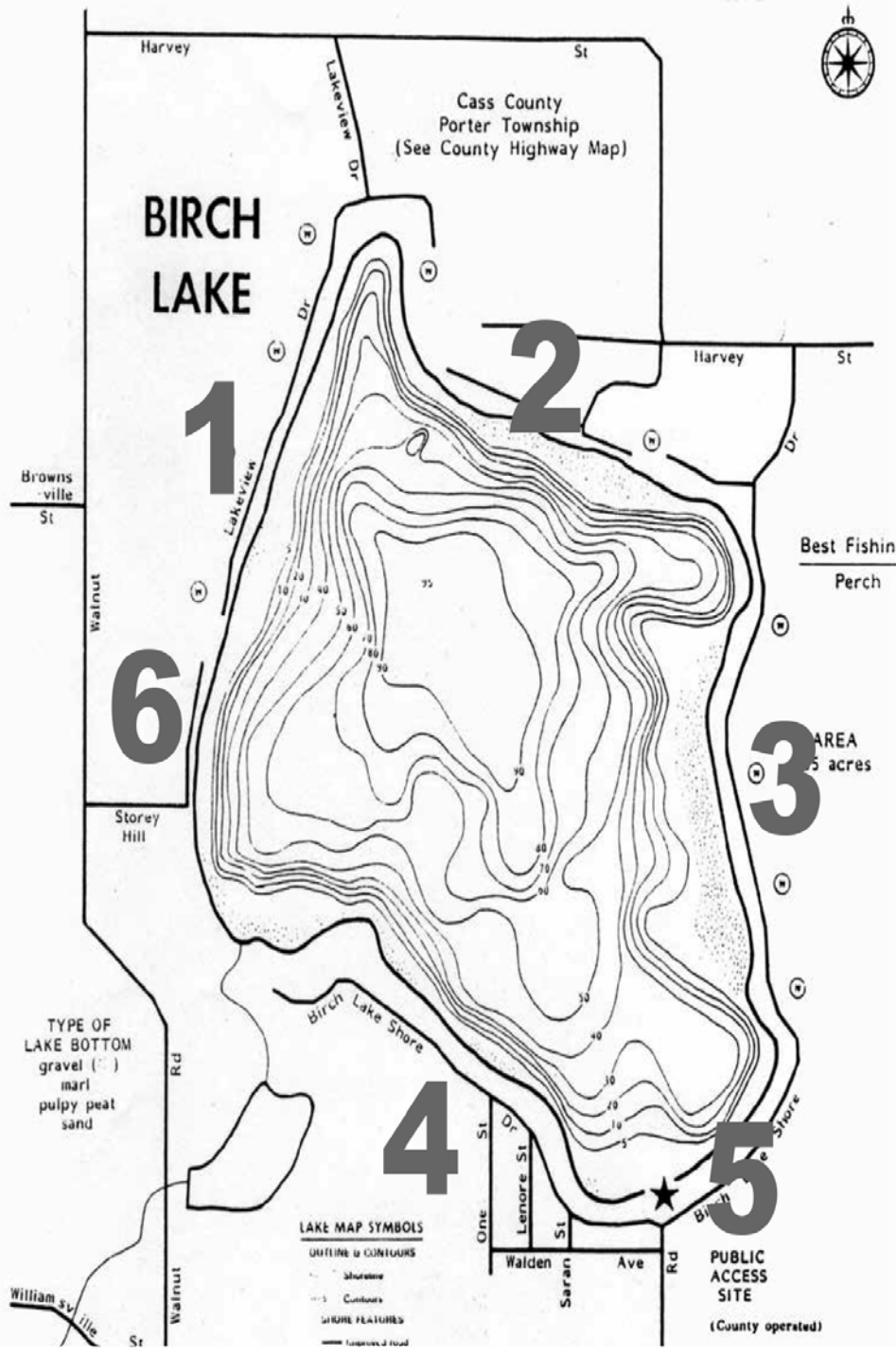
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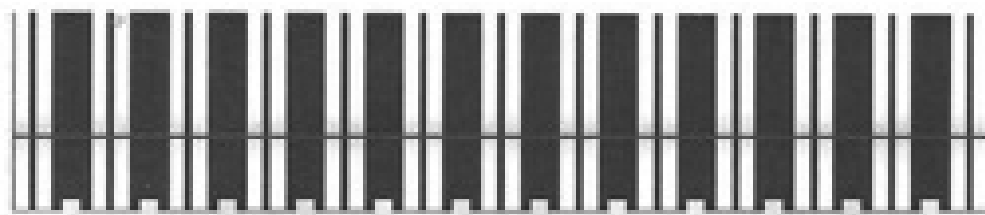
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