

COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

nother week of summer has flown by here at Birch. It was a quiet week here at the Hall household, but cruising around the lake in our boat, I witnessed a number of tubers, skiers and boaters enjoying the beautiful weather. Unfortunately the flotilla was canceled due to the threat of thunderstorms, which never came to fruition. Keep an eye out for a date on an upcoming flotilla.

This Saturday is the Birch Lake Family Picnic at the Yacht Club. It is a family-friendly event for residents, their families and guests. There will be appetizers and desserts, an open bar for those of age, and a band that will get you kicking up your heels. Bring something to sit on, and come out for fun.

The Men's Golf Outing is fast

approaching and will take place on Friday July 28. It is an awesome day for getting the gents together to shoot a round of golf and to let their ladies have a day of rest, relaxation, and quiet time.

The annual Corn & Sausage Roast is on the calendar for Saturday August 5 at the Yacht Club. Keep an eye out for details in upcoming Barkers.

When you can, please patronize businesses that advertise in the Barker. Their advertising dollars go to help defray the cost of the printed editions that are delivered to your door every week. Make sure to tell them you spotted their ad in the Barker. They will appreciate it.

There is still time to pay your dues for the 2023 year, and to make donations to worthy causes associated with the Birch Lake community. Be as generous as you can when donating.

This week, read a story to a child, lend a helping hand, spread kindness,

and remember, the sun always shines on Birch Lake, even on a cloudy day. .

~Commodore Deb

2023Birch Lake Calendar

July 22 BLYC Family Picnic, 5:30-9 pm

July 28 Men's Golf, details inside Aug. 5 Home Owner's Assoc.

annual meeting, details inside Aug. 5 Corn & Sausage Roast,

5:30-7 pm, BLYC

Aug. 12 - Don Harman Kidz

Regatta, Kings', north shore, 1-3 pm Aug. 26 Fall Dinner & BLYC

Annual Meeting, , details tba

Aug. 26 Junior Sunfish Fleet races, 11 am

Sept 2, 3 Labor Day Regatta, (Sept 4 rain date), 11 am

Sept. 9 Sailing awards luncheon, Frew's house (east side)

Sept. 30 Crockpot challenge, details inside

2023 BLYC Board Meetings Aug. 5, Sept. 9

BLYC Board meetings begin at 9 am, and they are open to all lake residents

BLYC, Facebook and other social media

The Birch Lake Yacht Club DOES NOT have a Facebook page nor is it participating in any form of social media. If you see Birch Lake Yacht Club information on any social media, the information has not been provided, checked or approved by the BLYC, and may be incorrect or misleading. If you have questions or concerns, please check http://www.philvitale.com/Barker/BirchBarker.htm, or contact any BLYC director or officer (see "officer and director" information in any edition of the Barker).

The Birch Barker will consider ads and editorial items for publication. E-mail items to onlinebarker@gmail.com, mail them (or put them in the stone mailbox to) 63174 Birch Rd. (East Shore). For **editorial contact Editor Phil** at onlinebarker@gmail.com, or at 476-1680 (no text). For **delivery concerns contact Ron Niezgodski**, birchbass1@gmail.com or 476-9317. For all other matters **contact Commodore Deb Hall**, at **debber-shall@gmail.com** or 219-765-8691. **DEADLINE** is always Noon on the Tuesday of the week before the publication.

— Birch Lake Notes —

Family Picnic

Good day Birch Lakers! We hope you have enjoyed the last two years of the Birch Lake Family Picnic! As a board, the BLYC is happy to put on this FREE event for the community! Please plan to join us at the Yacht Club this Saturday, July 22 from 5:30-9 pm. Whether it's your first time there or your 100th, all are welcome, including your guests!

We are keeping with the off-site parking this year, so please carpool, or come on foot or by golf cart. Look for the signs on where to park if you need to drive.

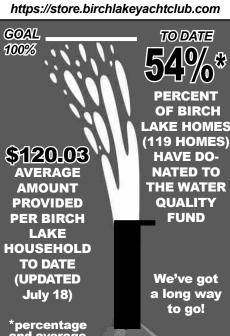
This year, instead of providing food, we are asking that last names A-M being a dessert to share, and last names M-Z bring an appetizer.

The wonderful band, Bucket of Maybes will play from 6-9 pm, and we will have some games for the kids. Bring a blanket or chair for seating outdoors. The Yacht Club will be open for food and seating indoors, and the bar will be ready to serve! This is a community event and all ages are welcome! See you Saturday!

Corn & Sausage Roast Aug. 5

Corn & Sausage Roast is in TWO WEEKS! – Saturday, August 5 – Here it comes again! - only two weeks to go

Birch Lake Yacht Club WATER QUALITY CONTRIBUTIONS Contribute now with a click at: https://store.birchlakeyachtclub.com



To donate for **WATER QUALITY** or any BLYC activity or event, use the form in the back of this week's Barker or visit the website above

Birch Lake Yacht Club FIREWORKS FUND Our goal for 2024 is \$15,775 Contribute now with a click at: https://store.birchlakeyachtclub.com



Ready - Set - Medicarel

Turning 65? I Can Help!

- ✓ Medicare Advantage
- ✓ Medicare Supplement
- √ Prescription Drug Plans
- ✓ Multiple Insurance Companies

Medicare / Health / Small Group / Life / Supplemental

TO DO LIST!

- Call Ashly 3 months before turning 65 to discuss your enrollment in Medicare Parts A & B
- Avoid Penalties! If over 65, ask employer for proof of insurance.
- Watch for your new Medicare card to arrive in the mail.

Keep This List!

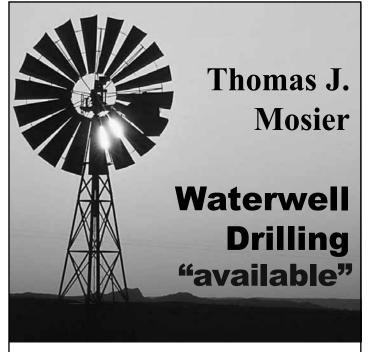
Let's Talk! Over-the-phone appointments welcome!
No cost!
No obligation!



Ashly Connaughton
Licensed Insurance Agent
(269) 312-1410
awelch@HealthMarkets.com

health markets. 803 CR 6 East, Suite B, Elkhart, IN 46514

I CAN HELPI
New to Medicare? Free Consultation!



above

5" Water Wells

Repair & Service Most Water Pumps

"Promise of Quality

M-60 E Cassopolis

> Office: 269-445-3246 Cell: 269-580-3246 Fax: 269-445-0008

Birch Lake Notes

until that fun family event arrives! Be sure to plan to bring your appetites, families and neighbors to the annual Corn & Sausage Roast, on Saturday, August 5. From 5:30 - 7:30 pm at the Yacht Club. We'll be serving delicious meals consisting of your meat choice, roasted corn, a selection of side dishes. cookies and lemonade or iced tea. Get ready for a bratwurst, hot dog or boneless chicken breast meal (we'll only have a limited supply of chicken breasts so come early to try to get what we have!). Pay at the door - no reservations

Satori Guest House

11979 M60 Jones, MI 49061

11987 M60

Jones, MI 49061 airbnb.com/h/satoricottage

Only 7 minutes away from

Swiss Valley Ski Lodge. Owners - Kevin & Buffy Mallo "All the little touches matter"

together for larger parties.

required! Come hungry, visit with your neighbors and leave happy and satisfied! Hope to see you there!

John Groszek's Memorial Service and Celebration of Life

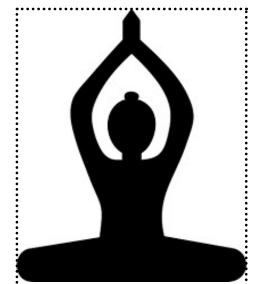
Saturday, August 5 - 11 am. Brown Funeral Home. 521 E. Main Street, Niles

Luncheon following for family and close friends catered by The Skillet, held at: Eagles Lodge, 34 Sycamore St., Niles. Please let Lois know if you are planning to attend the luncheon as a count is

needed for the caterer a week before. Text or call, 574-276-0960 or email: lolobirch@ aim.com

Homeowners annual meeting

The Birch Lake Homeowners Association will hold its annual meeting at approximately 10 am, following the BLYC board of directors meeting on August 5. A special guest will present a refresher on the proper use of the



YOGA at the YACHT CLUB

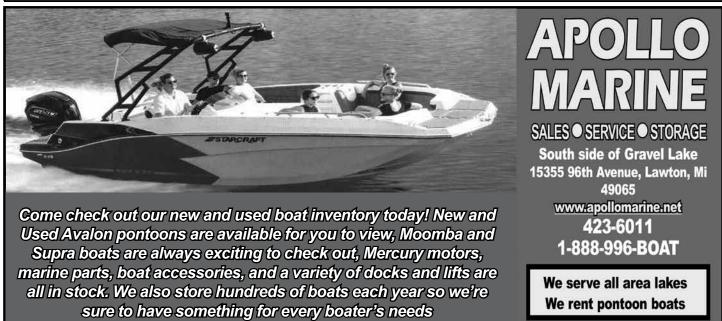
Join us for yoga at the Yacht Club

- 9 -10:15am on July 20, 29, Newly added, July 27
- August 3, 10, 12, 17, 19, 24, 31
- \$5 for water quality
- Most Thursdays and 4 Saturdays

- yoga mat, two beach
- towels or blankets for Yoga Nidra Shavasana (The YC is cold &: cold floor, body temp will drop)
- A pillow or two for under the knees and head
- An eye pillow or scarf to block light







— Birch Lake Notes —

automated external defibrillator (AED) devices that are located around Birch Lake. Everyone is welcome.

Barker delivery help needed

Barker delivery coordinator Ron Niezgodski is looking for a delivery person for the Barker on the south side to replace Julie Lacy. If you are interested, please contact Ron at birchbass1@gmail. com or 476-9317.

Crockpot Challenge

The 2023 Crockpot Challenge will be September 30 at the BLYC. Again there will be two categories: Savory and Sweet. Prizes will be given for each category. Basket raffle, and 50/50 to benefit our Water Quality.

Entries will allowed in at 5:30 pm. Tasting will begin at 6.

This year, we will again sponsor a food drive for the Food Bank of Cass

County. Please contribute with non-perishable foods. Let's help our community!



Camp Tannadoonah Sailing Program



Thanks to Barb Cassady for the nice photos from the Camp T Sailing Program. Barb instructed campers Syd and Molly, and despite how it looks with the black eyes and the lump on Barb's head, they're all doing great!





11920 McKinley St. Jones, Michigan

Offering our Guests...

- Hair Services
- Facials & Hydrafacial MD
- Eyelash Lift & Tint
- Pedicures & Manicures
- Hair Extensions
- Sugaring Hair Removal
- Waxing
- Wedding Parties
- Gift Cards

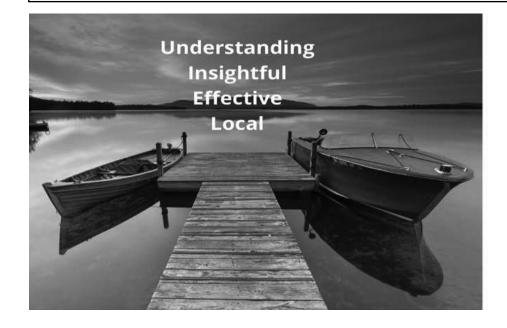


(269) 244-5510



www.satorisalonandspa.com Email: satorisalonspa@gmail.com

Organic Salon & Day Spa Eufora Hair products & Satori Skin Care Products





Estate planning Elder law Business counsel Mediation

Litigation

Cassopolis | South Bend | Elkhart 269.445.1818 | thklaw.com

— Barker Kid of the Week —



Dennis Phipps (north shore) cruisin' the lake with Forrest Hall (Cove) and Tinkerbell Phipps (north shore)!



Claudia and Dennis Phipps (North Side) had the luck to gather nine of their 13 Grandchildren in birth order. L to R: Lakelee Marlow, Foster Marlow, Finley Gableman, Layla Gableman, Parker Gableman, Macey Gableman, Taylor Gableman, Jordan Gableman, and Ashley Ferguson

Birch Barker Kids of the Week

Want your kid to be a Barker Kid of the Week? Mail (or drop off) your photo (with a SASE if you want it back) to Birch Barker, 63174 Birch Rd., Vandalia, MI 49095 or email me at Sailorphil@PhilVitale.com or Onlinebarker@gmail.com ... no texts!

Birch Lake fall Dinner

"The Ranch"
at Birch Lake Yacht Club
August 26
Cocktails 5:30-6pm
Chuckwagon BBQ
Rustled up by Bullseye Market at 6pm
Brisket, Chicken 3
all the Fixin's
\$25 per cowboy
Open Bar

Rick Up Your Heels
Prize for best dressed Cowboy or Cowgirl
Please make checks payable to
BLYC and mail to Sue Davis
63134 Birch Road Vandalia Mi 49095
contact Sue Davis at eyesnd76egmail.com.
Deadline for reservations August 18

Tickets online at www.birchlakeyachtclub.com

Barker Kids of the Week –



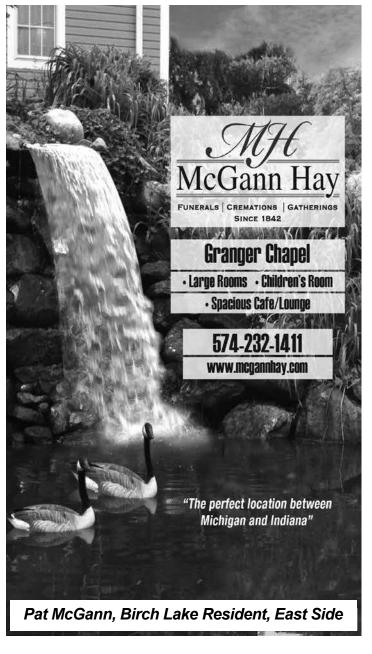
Left: Fran Welch (south side) celebrating her birthday July 15.

> Right: The Soldato grandkids (west side) visited from Cleveland, OH; Lexington, KY; Seattle, WA; and Lisle, IL.

Below: My college "roomies"
Carolyn and Kevin Craig visited
us last week from
Bloomington, IN









Prime Property Care

Gavin Francis 313 North O'keefe St. Cassopolis, MI 49031 (269) 591 9848

- Mowing
- Edging
- Spring/Fall Clean UP
- Hedges
- Gutter Cleaning
- Rock/Mulch Installation

gavinfrancis@rocketmail.com

NOW HIRING FULL AND PART TIME POSITIONS

FLEET CAPTAIN'S CORNER



Now THAT was wind!

As we know, Birch Lake gets its share of strong wind, but it's not that often that the strong wind coincides with our sailing hours of Sunday mornings, 10:30 am to 2 pm. When it does happen, though, like it did last Sunday, it's glorious! Or as Tom Cassady aptly summed it up: "What fun!"

The magic can't happen without a race course and a Committee Boat. Special thanks to Vic Jones who acted as rescue for two MC's during the highest wind,

and to Rick Doolittle who also came out as rescue. Many thanks to Tom Cassady and Vic Jones for setting a great course, and expertly adjusting it according to changing conditions. And we are grateful to Committee Boat Captain Ron Niezgodski and his intrepid crew of Karen Brovold, Bill Butler and Bob King. Ron's boat is getting to be a popular place on Sunday mornings!

We have exciting competition in both fleets this year! In the MC Fleet, Barb Cassady took a slim lead in season point average by going 2-1-1. Scott Troeger posted 1-2-2, while Pat Welch took third place in all three races. And in the Sunfish fleet, Stewart Spratt went 1-2-1 to gain a very narrow lead over Rick Russwurm in season points, while Rick scored a first and a second place win. Pete Soldato plans to visit us from Cleveland, Ohio a couple more times this year, and can definitely shake things up when he does. We still have lots more races to run this year in both fleets, so stay tuned!

BLYC sailing results & season standings

Date	16-Jul	16-Jul	16-Jul	Total	Point	Races	%
Race	10	11	12	Points	Average	Finished	Finished
MC Scow/Sailor	Total MC Rac	es=>	12		-		
Barb Cassady #2506	2	1	1	18728	1560	12	100
Scott Troeger #1489	1	2	2	18647	1553	12	100
Patrick Welch #1979	3	3	3	12702	1411	9	75
Phil Vitale #500	5	5	DNS	14998	1363	11	90
Bill Luecht #1579	4	4	4	12177	1353	9	75
Sandy Vitale #2159	7	7	DNS	13412	1219	11	90
Steve Frew #656	6	6	5	13416	1219	10	80
Amber Grundy #1173	DNS	DNS	DNS	3606	1202	3	25
Bob King #1199	CB	CB	CB	8514	1419	6	50
Sunfish/Sailor	Sunfish races	s = 12					
Stewart Spratt	1	2	1	9363	1560	6	50
Rick Russwurm							
Pat McGann	3	5	4	16973	1414	12	100
Amy Troeger	DNS	. DNS	DNS	4334	1444	3	90
Herb Cleveland	5	4	3	6774	1354	5	41
Bob Niezgodski	6	7	DNS	14789	1344	11	91
Camille Butler	7	6	5	15501	1291	12	100
Pete Soldato							
Bill Butler	CB	CB	CB			3	25

Annual Don Harman



Sat. Aug. 12th – 1-3 pm.

Nautical Knot tying tutorial Sunfish rigging / sail-away Cookies, punch & kid stuff

BYO: PFD (lifejacket) / squirt guns



Water Quality Report

he commandment of the week is # 3: "Thou Shalt Minimize the Effects of Waves"

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

While we cannot control the waves made by Mother Nature, we can hopefully limit some of the wave damages caused by us humans. Normally, waves created by boats are deeper and have far more energy than surface waves. Wake-making boats, especially when in that mode, are typically even bigger, heavier, more powerful, set deeper, meant to plow more than plane, and intentionally direct their thrust downward, creating waves with even more wave depth and energy, than normal boats.

When we stir up the lake bottom we free up and raise into the water column one of its most undesirable possessions - phosphorus - that was previously attached to decaying organic material at the bottom. That newly suspended phosphorus enhances turbidity (makes the water more cloudy) and increases the phosphorus loading in the lake (which directly affects the growth of virtually all plants and other organisms in the lake

beginning with algae). Phosphorus is also further discussed in a different article. Stirring up the lake bottom can also cause the destruction of native aquatic plants by breaking them off at, or pulling them out by, their roots.

So please refrain from making large waves and/or accelerating or going fast wherever your prop wash will result in disturbance of the lake bottom. This applies to both along the shoreline, and to all other shallow areas of the lake (i.e. the 400'+ long, shallow-only 4' to 5' deepfinger extending out into the lake from the east shore).

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

Whenever operating your boat at wake speed, constantly plot your course to assure you stay the required minimum distance from all shorelines and other objects (docks, rafts, boats, skiers, tubers, swimmers, etc.) on the water, allowing for where any upcoming craft [and its towables] may be headed.

What is the "minimum distance of

separation?"

- 1] Michigan State law says it's 100' for each of the above.
- 2] Relative to shorelines and boats using specific wake making equipment:

A] The Water Sports Industry Association [WSIA] recommends at least 200'

B] Other water quality professionals have suggested as great as 300'-



[Some of these same other water quality professionals have suggested that specific wake making functions be operated only at minimum depths of 12'-16'.1

Remember, in the words of the WSIA. "You are responsible for your wake." Thanks for your time and consideration.

PLEASE PASS THE WORD

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



HOME SERVICES LLC

Home watch/property checks **Summer home opening Closing/winterizing Maintenance** Repairs **Small projects Short term vacation rental Maintenance services**

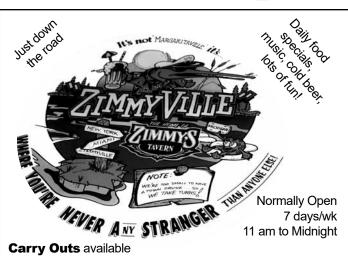


Infinity Home Services, LLC 269-259-1127

jim@infinitymichiana.com http://www.infinitymichiana.com



ELKHART & SOUTH BEND



69608 Sunset Blvd

Zimmyville (Union), Michigan

ZIMMY'S TAVERN

(269) 641-5317

http://www.zimmystavern.com

Birch Lake Items of Interests

Barker delivery

The
Cassopolis Post
Office has contacted us about
the Barker being
delivered in mailboxes, warning
us that delivery
of any items that
do not have
postage to mailboxes is illegal,
and that if we
continue using



mail boxes, we will be fined.

Some lake residents have told carriers they do not want Barkers piling up in doors, as it gives the look of an empty home and increases the possibility of a break-in. Nonetheless, the delivery team has been instructed to NOT deliver in or on mailboxes, but to find an alternative. Vic Jones (east side) has placed a box in his driveway (see photo) for residents who haven't made arrangements for deliver to pick up their own Barkers ... Many residents have attached a length of PVC pipe to their mailbox stand for delivery. If you would like to arrange an alternative place for delivery (see photo above of Barker delivery option), contact Ron at 476-9317). If you do not wish to have the Barker delivered at all, email birchbass1@gmail.com or call Ron Niezgodski at 476-9317.

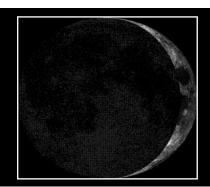
Fa	ΓM	Α	ni	.ma	ls	•						SEAF	RCH
K	N	C	D	В	Α	L	Н	C	F	s	0	Α	E
E	s	G	E	F	U	L	Р	I	I	C	Α	L	F
0	N	0	s	E	L	F	s	D	D	N	E	н	н
G	L	Α	Т	F	В	Н	F	L	R	О	Α	C	D
О	E	Т	G	I	s	E	s	Α	Α	D	Α	н	U
О	I	Α	М	Α	L	L	E	s	L	M	R	I	C
s	О	Α	D	E	E	R	K	s	G	0	В	C	K
E	P	Т	R	s	N	М	В	D	н	Α	s	K	В
E	I	Т	U	В	E	E	I	N	В	N	N	E	K
R	I	I	L	R	E	s	R	О	Н	I	K	N	О
E	C	E	G	Н	K	Α	D	C	Α	М	s	I	M
C	D	0	G	0	R	E	s	R	Α	Α	K	О	н
G	s	G	E	E	s	E	Y	s	Α	L	E	F	N
н	s	0	s	s	Н	E	E	Р	L	s	E	G	Α

The Moon this Saturday

(At Midnight, US Central time, viewed from the Birch Lake)

Illuminated Fraction: 0.249 2.6 days before first quarter SUNRISE: 06:25:01 AM SUNSET: 21:12:00 PM MOONRISE: 03:57:25 AM

MOONSET: 20:19:19 PM DAYLIGHT HOURS: 14 Hr 46 Min 59 Sec



WORD



Tri-County Bookkeepers & CPAs

tax accounting & payroll services since 1955

2525 Lake Pine Dr, Suite A - St Joseph, MI 49085

An accounting practice serving southwestern Michigan for over 60 years specializing in small business accounting

We offer A free no-obligation discussion about your business requirements, competitive pricing, personal account manager, corporate & personal tax prep, tax planning/tax representation, full-service payroll, affordable time keeping solutions, financial analysis, pay-as-you-go Workers' Comp Insurance

Tax planning

Need assistance with your tax planning? Don't we all! We can help you plan for your taxes before your business is even off the ground

Bookkeeping/Financial Statement Compilation

Depending on your needs, we can do your bookkeeping for you or we can teach you how to accurately keep records

Company Structure

Let us help you decide what the best organization is for you

Federal and State Forms

We'll help you apply for all the tax IDs and forms you need

Tri-County Bookkeepers & CPAs 2525 Lake Pine Dr., Suite A Saint Joseph, MI 49085

269-926-2191





This beautiful poster is on sale this summer for \$25 while supplies last. It measures approximately 23" X 35", and would be a great addition to your home. The proceeds will be used for needed improvements to the yacht club building. Posters may be purchased through Becky Wiseman, 14910 Birch Lakeshore Drive (south side) on Saturday and Sunday from 11 am to 1 pm. Make checks payable to BLYC.

Editor's note: The poster was produced from a painting by former Birch Lake resident and artist Coy Jankowski.

Birch Barker Funnies

want to wake up with you the rest of my life

I get up at 5:00 Am









AFTER BIRTH, HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE FOR THE EYES TO OPEN

COWS - IMMEDIATELY GOATS - AFTER 2 HOURS

CATS - AFTER 6 DAYS

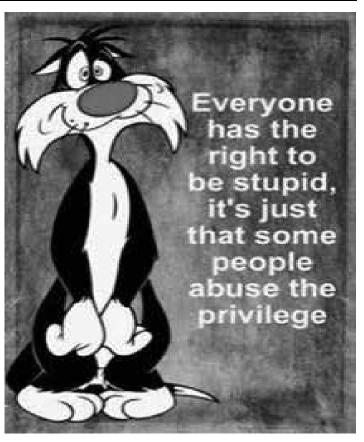
DOGS - AFTER 10 DAYS

HUMANS - AFTER MARRIAGE















Air fryer cauliflower

▲ ir Fried Cauliflower↓
Ingredients:

- 1 head of cauliflower, cut into florets
- \cdot 3 tbsp olive oil
- •1 tbsp lemon juice
- 3/4 tsp paprika
- \cdot 1/2 tsp garlic powder
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/2 tsp pepper



Directions:

1 Add all of the ingredients into a bowl & mix to combine well.

2 Place in the air fryer at $400\mathrm{F}$ for 12 mins, shake halfway!



Conveniently located close to Birch Lake!
Open for Lunch and Dinner
Located on the beautiful St. Joseph River
10188 US 12, Mottville

(269) 483-2305



Get a FREE market analysis! Contact Paul DeLano:

(**269-445-8877** Paul@TheLakeLife.com

NOW IS A GREAT TIME TO LIST YOUR HOME!

Birch Lake homes are

SELLING!

PAUL DELANO
TODAY

269-445-8877

Paul@TheLakeLife.com

— Camp Tannadoonah —

e're just wrapping up
Session 5 and getting ready
to start Session six. This
week's theme was "Take me
to Broadway!", and next week the theme
is "Holidays around the World." We're
excited to have our international staff
share holiday traditions from their home
countries with our campers next week.
We have staff from Ireland, England,
South Africa, Mexico, the Netherlands,
Colombia, and of course the US.

I mentioned in a previous column this summer that we're already starting to plan for next summer. One of the big parts of that planning process is putting together a budget proposal for the upcoming year. Our fiscal year runs from October 1st through September 30th, so we have to approve next year's budget before the end of September. I thought it might be interesting to share a breakdown of some of what the budget includes.

We have 4 main revenue categories: Fundraising, Program Fees, Store Sales, and Other. Under fundraising, it's further broken down into Unrestricted Fundraising, Camperships (scholarships for camp), Facilities (and then subcategories for specific projects), After School Programs, and Other Restricted Funds (usually grants that are for a specific project or purpose).

Program Fees is broken down into Camp Tannadoonah fees, fees for each of the before and after school programs, events fees (like our grown up camp in September), and camp user groups (rentals like church groups, school programs, weddings, etc.). We have two store sales categories, one for Camp Tannadoonah store stuff, and one for the online Camp Fire store we manage. The "other" category includes things like interest income, investment proceeds, and special grants / loan programs like funding we received from the federal government during COVID.

On the Expense side, the categories include Salaries/Wages/Benefits/Payroll taxes, Contracted Services (like payroll processing, accounting, background checks, international staffing, etc), Banking Expense (mostly credit card processing fees), Supplies (food, paper products, program supplies, camper and staff shirts, etc), Postage & Shipping, Occupancy (utilities), Maintenance and Facilities, Printing/Copying, Marketing, Travel/ Mileage, Professional Development, Insurance, Dues and Licensing Fees (National Camp Fire dues, American Camp Association dues, State licensing, Camp and After School Management Software), and Depreciation. Then we have a special expense category for capital projects, like new buildings, restoring Morris Lodge, upgrading the waterfront, and other projects approved by the board.

In this year's budget, fundraising was 14 percent of our projected revenue; Camp Tannadoonah fees were 69 percent, After School Fees 7.5 percent, User groups 2 percent, Store Sales 6 percent, Events 1 percent, and "other" 0.5 percent.



http://tannadoonah.org

So clearly Camp is our main source of revenue for the organization!

For expenses, staffing costs make up 59 percent of the budget. Supplies are 10 percent, Dues & Licensing 4 percent, Insurance 3 percent, Occupancy and Regular Maintenance 5 percent, Printing / Copying / Marketing / Travel / Professional Development 2.5 percent, Contracted Services 3 percent, Banking Expense 3 percent, Cost of Store sales 3 percent, Depreciation 6 percent, and everything else is 1.5 percent. On the expense side, staffing is our biggest cost!

Hopefully some people find it informative to understand a little better about our organizational budget!

~Mrs. Amber

Considering selling your lake home or property?

Don't wait!

Here are a few great reasons to put your home on the market.

Beat the competition
Inventory is at an all time low
Plenty of qualified buyers actively looking
More people than ever are looking for a second home

Dennis Bamber and his group sold over 100 waterfront and lake access homes in Michigan and Indiana over the past few years.



THE DENNIS BAMBER GROUP

LAKE & WATERFRONT SPECIALISTS

574-532-3808

dennisbamber@cressyeverett.com

*Not intended to solicit any properties already listed for sale with another real estate agent.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING

FOR SALE:

For Sale, Coleman sit on top 10 ft. kayak w-paddle \$75. 269-921 0710.



For Sale: INVACARE Microair 85 hospital bed. Purchased from Alick's Home Medical five years ago for \$3,685. Make an offer. Call Bud Z (East shore) 269-476-2526

For Sale: Walking Chair, new condition, cherry red color. \$50. Call Bud Z (East shore) 269-476-2526

FOR RENT:

Birch Cottage 4 Rent: Three bedroom, one bath with tub and shower, lakefront house on Birch Lake. New granite kitchen, new stainless appliances with dishwasher, washer and dryer. Nice pier with big platform. Plenty of parking. Possible ski, pontoon, row boat, and sailboats available for rent. Sleeps six in beds, room for more. Contact Pat McGann call/text 574-532-5377.

Interested in a unique fun vacation? Check out our

596-2154 for more info.

Florida Village house at ourhome4rent.com/cjp Call 574-





If either or both of these

items are yours call Claudia Phipps at 574 -596 -2154

Found: item at right Washed ashore on Sunday. Beth. 269 985-8782



FREE Free Sunfish.

Needs repair. Text or call 616-272-9046.

SERVICES:

I do sewing and mending at fair prices zippers, hemming, small alterations; call Kathy at 476-9317

Birch Barker Classified **Advertising**

Classified ads in the Barker are free to **BLYC** members, \$5/ week for everyone else. Send your ad to onlinebarker@gmail. com or sailorphil@philvitale.com.

After Hours

Emergency

Service

Straight Talk. Sound Advice.

DUFCE

posits or obligations of, or guarantee vestment risk, including loss of value owned affiliate of

Talk With A Live Person

Advantage Plumbing Inc.

Complete Plumbing Service - If there's water to it, we do it.

Let Us Show You Why We Were **Voted Business Of The Year!**

Top 10 Reasons to Choose ADVANTAGE PLUMBING

Licensed Plumbers

VOTED NILES **BUSINESS OF**

THE YEAR!

- Drug-Free Employees
- Criminal Background Checked Employees
- No Surprises with the Bill You know the Cost Before the Work is Done
- **■** 100% Satisfaction Guaranteed
- True 24-Hour Emergency Service
- Fully Stocked Trucks "Warehouse on Wheels"
- Clean and Professional Technicians in Uniforms
- Longest Warranties in the Business
- Our Phones are Always Answered by a Customer Service Employee **During Business Hours**





Major Credit Cards Accepted



2400 N 5th ● Niles, MI

SERVICE

269-687-7192 Niles, M.

866-751-1470 Toll Free

HOW TO BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR

Get involved!

Get involved in the community. Volunteer, help with a project, clean up the roadside, join a committee, help a neighbor, and please pay your yacht club dues!

This message is brought to you by the Homeowners Association of Birch Lake



2023 BLYC OFFICIERS & DIRECTORS

Deb Hall (C)	Commodore
219-765-8691	debbershall@gmail.com
Sue Davis	Vice Commodore
574-993-6031	eyesnd76@gmail.com
Deb Spratt (N)	Treasurer (N)
	debspratt@comcast.net
Mike Sheffieck, S	ecretary (W)
708-220-1506	mcsheffieck@gmail.com
Steve Frew, Fleet	t Captain (E)708-285-2999
	stephenbfrew@gmail.com
BLY	C Directors
Angela Bergan (E)	561-603-5522
	berganfsu@aol.com
Dave Carroll (W)	574-850-8359
	carrolldavid39@gmail.com
Barb Cassady (E)	574-229-9815
1	barbcassady49@gmail.com

BLYC OFFICERS

Ed Chester (E)	476-1010
	ed@chesterlawoffice.com
Karen Curtis-Miller (E)574-261-6712
	krcurtismiller@gmail.com
Bernie Garceau	476-9862
	bgarceau@norcoind.com
Chas Grundy (E)	574-315-0217
	chas.grundy@gmail.com
P. Com. Pat McGann	(E)574-532-5377
	pat@mcgannhay.com
Laura Pence (E)	Ipence3@gmail.com
Sarah Petty (N)	574-274-9202
	sarahkpetty@gmail.com
Claudia Phipps (N)	i476-7073
	claudia2154@gmail.com
Vickie Rogers (C)	476-2383
	tvrogers@frontier.com
Rick Russwurm (N)	476-2407
	paramountp@aol.com

Scott Troeger (E)	476-9898
	scott.troeger@btlaw.com
Phil Vitale (E)	476-1680
	sailorphil@philvitale.com
0	r onlinebarker@gmail.com
Sandy Vitale (E)	476-1680
	sv6102@gmail.com
Dan Waxman (E),	317-506-1680
	DWaxman@versiti.org
Denny Weesner (S)	219-765-8602
	dkwees@cs.com
Sue Williams (S)	476-8886
s	mwilliams226@gmail.com
s	
OTHER	mwilliams226@gmail.com

Blair Garceau (E) Chairman, Homeowners

476-9862.....



_ - BLYC AED Fund

- Misc.

BIRCH LAKE YACHT CLUB PAY YOUR DUES NOW!



.....blairgarceau@gmail.com

Support the BLYC, support our Lake, support our Community!

,	7 - 2 -
\$ BLYC Member Dues (\$30 / year)	TOTAL CONTRIBUTION:
\$ BLYC Associate Member* Dues (\$10 / year) *Associate membership is available to current associate members and for non-lake residents who wish to support the BLYC	\$
\$ WATER QUALITY/INVASIVE SPECIES	Name
\$ FIREWORKS FUND	
\$ Homeowners' Assoc. (\$10 / year)	Address
\$ Sailing Fees (\$15 / year)	
\$ Building Improvement Fund	
\$ Safety Committee	
\$ Other non-party related expenses	Make checks payable to
\$ - BLYC Roof Fund	BLYC

and mail to Deb Spratt, Treasurer 18100 Farmington Hills Dr. South Bend, IN 46637

Now you can go online at HTTP://BIRCHLAKEYACHTCLUB.COM to pay your dues

BLYC 63rd Annual Birch Lake Yacht Club

MEN'S GOLF OUTING

FOUR MAN FLORIDA SCRAMBLE

FRIDAY, JULY 28, 2023

\$75/MAN*

Hampshire Country Club - Dogwood Course 29592 Pokagon Hwy., Dowagiac

Shotgun start at 8 am

Dinner and awards at BLYC Cocktail Hour at 5 pm , Dinner and awards at 6 pm

Please submit your foursome registration to John Ball, 63690 Birch Road, Vandalia, MI 49095 574-535-3736

Make checks payable to BLYC Individual registrations available If you don't have a team, I can match you up

Must have completed registrations by July 17

Team prizes and contests

Catered dinner at BLYC included

Prizes awarded at dinner

Donations of door & team prizes needed*

*If you have access to logo or golf or lake related merchandise that could be donated, please

Contact John Ball at john.ball0452@gmail.com

ZUZU BLIC ME	n's Golf Outing Foursome Informatior
FEAM CAPTAIN:	PLEASE PRINT NAMES

EMERGENCY HEART DEFIBRILLATOR (AED) locations on Birch Lake

There are six (6) automated external defibrillator units on Birch Lake. The boxes that contain these devices are located at the following locations (see map):

- 1. West Shore, Sheffieck home, 62875 Birch Lakeview Dr.
- 2. North Shore, Smitley home, 14859 Birch Northshore Dr.15046
- 3. East Shore, Vitale home, 63174 Birch Rd.
- 4. South Shore, Eberhart home, 15046 Birch Lakeshore Dr.
- South/East Shore, Troeger home, 63696 Birch Rd.
- 6. Southwest Shore, DeYoung home, 63255 Storey Hill St.

All units are on the ROAD SIDE of the property and accessible by vehicle or on foot.

IN AN EMERGENCY:

- 1. CALL 911 and report the emergency and the patient's location immediately.
- 2. Pull the box open, remove the orange-colored unit, TAKE IT TO THE PATIENT and open the device by pressing the white lever at the bottom.
- 3. An automated voice will guide you through the setup and use of the defibrillator. Follow the instructions as they are given.
- 4. Continue to follow the instructions as given, and stay with the patient until help arrives.

This message is brought to you by the Homeowners Association of Birch Lake



Retractable Awnings for Decks and Patios



Roll Up Curtains for Screened Porches

Flexible Motorfized Zip System Screens



Boat Covers and Tops

Aluminum Awnings

Contact Mark at 269-244-5307 markbidelman@comcast.net

12291 Bidelman Road Three Rivers, MI 49093



www.SunandShadeAwning.com