

The
Weekend
Of

Aug. 12,
2023

Birch Barker

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The official summer publication of the
Birch Lake Yacht Club



Quinton Crossetti, Joanna and Bruce Scholes were here for a long visit with their grandparents, Jill and Ray Scholes (south side). Fun and chaos reigned supreme.

COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

The rain could not keep the crowd away last Saturday for the annual Corn & Sausage Roast at the Yacht Club. Between chicken, brats, hot dogs with several sides, and the delicious corn on the cob, you could not have walked away hungry. A huge thank you to Blair and Bernie Garceau, Vickie and Tom Rogers, and Mike and Julie Sheffieck for chairing this event, and to all of their helpers. It was a fun evening for eating a good meal and enjoying friends and neighbors.

The Don Hartman Kidz Regatta is this Saturday at the home of Bob and Leslie King on the North shore. See inside this issue of the Barker for all of the details.

WANTED: Birch Lake residents to attend the annual BLYC Fall Dinner. Vice Commodore Sue Davis has planned a tasty menu and a fun evening with a prize awarded to the "Best Dressed Cowboy or Cowgirl!" so dig out your boots

and your western attire and giddy-up to the Yacht Club on Saturday August 26 for a great evening. Everything you need to know about this event is in this issue of the Barker.

I know that it is over a month away, but the Crockpot Challenge will be held at the Yacht Club on Saturday September 30. The lake community is home to some amazing cooks and this event showcases their talent for preparing hearty crock pot meals. Enter a recipe and bring an appetite as you will not be disappointed.

This week, become a role model to a child, be kind to the elderly, practice safety on the water, if you haven't already done so pay your dues, and remember, the sun always shines on Birch Lake, even on a cloudy day.

~Commodore Deb

2023

Birch Lake Calendar

- 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

BLYC Board Meetings
Aug. 5, Sept. 9

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

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— Birch Lake Notes —

New "Slow Down" signs available

New "Slow Down" signs are now available, courtesy of the Homeowner's Association. If your road area could use one contact Blair Garceau (476-9862). People are saying they are noticing the new signs, hopefully everyone will and heed the message. Please slow down, there are many people, animals and vehicles that have to share our roads.

Annual Don Harman Kidz Regatta

Ahoy Kids: The annual Don Harman Kidz Regatta is at the Kings (North shore) from 1-3pm Saturday, Aug. 12. This gathering will happen regardless of the weather (rain, shine or wind). Please remember to bring a PFD (life jacket). There will be a brief class on how to tie a few nautical knots. Ex: the Clove Hitch is used to attach the Sunfish halyard to the upper spar, etc. We are serving punch, cookies and possibly some healthy alternatives. Let's Regatta!

~Bob King, MC 1199

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.

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

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— Birch Lake Notes —

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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!

The Printed Birch Barker

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Yacht Club building use

For information on the rules and requirements, and to make arrangements to use the BLYC building (to use the building you must have been a BLYC member for at least two years), contact Sandy Vitale at 269-476-1680 or

Barker delivery

The Cassopolis Post Office has contacted us about the Barker being delivered via US Mail 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.

Pictured is one of the alternatives ... Claude Petit (south side) constructed a special box for his Barker deliver and put a French name on it ... other residents have used PVC pipe delivery tubes and zip tied them to their mailbox posts.

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*DeYoung's Bird Sanctuary
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— Corn & Sausage —

2023 Corn & Sausage Roast – Thank You!

Last Saturday's Corn & Sausage Roast delighted more than 150 of our lake neighbors and friends. The crowd was treated to delicious roasted corn from a farm on CR2 in Granger (many called it the best they have had this year!), perfectly grilled brats from Mills Market in Zimmyville, hot dogs and chicken breasts. The rest of the menu included coleslaw, potato salad, green beans, baked beans, cookies, watermelon, lemonade and iced tea. No one went home hungry!

THANK YOU to the hard-working and friendly crew members who made this event a big success, led by Blair and Bernie Garceau, Vickie and Cornmaster Tom Rogers, Andy and Lori Snider, Matt and Amy Kocielski, Terry and Dave Carroll, Barb and Tom Cassidy, Vic Jones, Sue Williams, Karen Brovold, Everett and Calvin Schlemmer, Cam Butler, Dan Waxman, Bill Luecht, John Luecht, Claudia Phipps, Steve Plaia, Denise and Jeff Smitley, Patti and Rick Russwurm, Bob Waddle and Mike Sheffieck. Great job, Everyone!

This event only happens once a year – hope to see you in 2024!



— Barker Kid of the Week —



Joseph Davis, grandson of Vice Commodore Sue Davis (east side), sporting a Bad Patty tribute flamingo, shirt on his recent visit to Birch Lake.



Bob Bender (Cove) hosted 7 buddies who met in August 1977 for the first week of college (pledge brothers in a fraternity). Furthest came from San Diego and Dallas.



Cousins Ella and Aria Frew from Hong Kong and Quinny Cash from Chicago enjoying Birch Lake. Grandchildren of Steve and Jackie Frew (East side).

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!

Unicorns? Vitales' grandchildren, Aley and Dominic Vitale-Richards doing the unicorn thing at the Corn & Sausage Roast last Saturday.






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FLEET CAPTAIN'S CORNER



We got to sail at last! Hooray!

Last Sunday morning the rain finally stopped. There were low gray clouds, mist in the air, and only the northwest quadrant of the lake caught the wind from the east. But Tom Cassady and Vic Jones were able to set a short course in that area, and our intrepid sailors ventured forth. We had a nice turnout of 5 MC's and 5 Sunfish. The wind was good during the first race, as well as the first part of the second race. Then the wind tapered off, and the sailboats slowed to a crawl on calm water.

One MC sailor was inching towards the finish line, when a pontoon boat towing a tube with kids on it came right through the race course and headed straight for the finish line area at a pretty good clip. But our ever-alert Committee Boat Captain Ron Niezgodski got their attention and warned them away. Thank you Captain Ron, as well as your crew of Bill Butler, Karen Brovold, and Tory Troeger!

Well, we all make mistakes. I don't know who was on the pontoon boat, but they immediately heeded Captain Ron, and corrected their mistake by stopping and courteously exiting the area at a slow speed, so thank you for that, friends on the pontoon boat!

Just a reminder: We sail on Sundays and holiday weekends, starting mostly at 11 am, but possibly as late as 1 pm if necessary because of wind. Please look out for us, and we'll look out for you! Thank you!

All sailors managed to get across the finish line and complete the second race before the wind stopped completely. At that point, Tom and Vic sprang back into action as a Rescue Boat, towing becalmed sailors (including me) back to their home ports. Thank you Tom and Vic!

As you can see in the race results, Scott Troeger won both races in the MC Fleet, and recaptured a narrow lead in the season point average. Barb Cassady and Bill Luecht each scored a second place finish, and Bill Luecht and Phil Vitale grabbed the third place spots. And as a bonus, it was great to see Phil Vitale bring his young granddaughter Aley out racing!

In the Sunfish Fleet, Bob Niezgodski made a statement by going 1-2, matching perennial favorite Rick Russwurm who went 2-1. Both third place finishes went to Bob King, who was sailing in the Sunfish fleet this weekend - he is a rare sailor

who sails well in both of our fleets.

Bob Niezgodski has been under the masterful sailing tutelage of Bob King for some time, and it's obviously paying off. So kids, please take note, and head over to Bob and Leslie King's house on Saturday, August 12 at 1:00 to get yourself some of Bob King's sailing mojo at the Don Harman Kidz Regatta!

~FC Steve



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MC Scow/Sailor Total MC Races=> 14

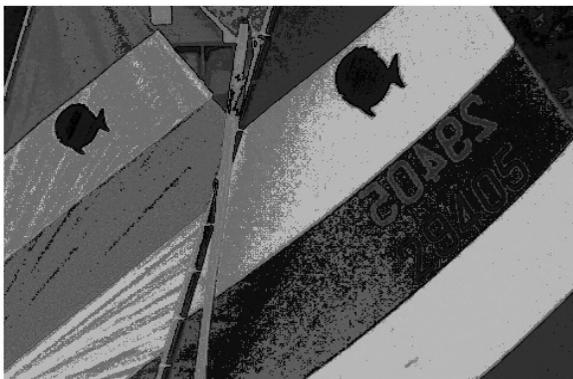
Scott Troeger #1489.....	1	1	21847	1560.5	14	100
Barb Cassady #2506	2	5	21545	1538.92	14	100
Patrick Welch #1979	DNS	DNS	12702	1411.33	9	64
Bill Luecht #1579	3	2	15142	1376.54	11	78
Phil Vitale #500	4	3	17811	1370.07	13	92
Sandy Vitale #2159	DNS	DNS	13412	1219.27	11	78
Steve Frew #656	5	4	16081	1237	12	85
Bob King #1199	DNS	DNS	8514	1419	6	42
Amber Grundy #1173	DNS	DNS	3606	1202	3	21

Sunfish/Sailor Sunfish races => 12

Rick Russwurm	2	1	21697	1549.78	14	100
Stewart Spratt	DNS	DNS	9363	1560.5	6	42
Pat McGann	DNS	DNS	16973	1414.41	12	85
Bob Niezgodski	1	2	17910	1377.69	13	92
Herb Cleveland	4	4	9512	1358.85	7	50
Camille Butler	5	5	18093	1292.35	14	100
Amy Troeger	DNS	DNS	7299	1459.8	5	35
Bill Butler	DNS	DNS	0	0	3	21
Pete Soldato	DNS	DNS	3121	1560.5	2	14
Bob King	3	3	2888	1444	2	14

DNS (Did Not Sail) does not count against season score, however sailor must complete 2/3 of races to qualify for season
 DNF (Did Not Finish) DSQ (Disqualified) scores as last place (if 5 boats started the race, you will be scored as 5th place).
 DNF, DSQ not counted toward minimum number of races needed
 CB - sailor who serves on Committee Boat receives their season average place as of that date - counted toward season total.
 Season Points are awarded on Square of 40 system (1st = 40 squared = 1600, 2nd = 39 squared, etc.)
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Annual Don Harman



Kidz Regatta

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— Water Quality Report —

Purple Loosestrife on Birch Lake

The Birch Lake Water Quality Committee started the Purple Loosestrife Management Program in 2000. The Program has been very effective. In 2000 we had 10 sites located on all shores of the lake, some of which were very dense. We continue to monitor for Purple Loosestrife each year and remove the plants that we find. The Plants bloom from late June / early July until about the end of August. In early September they begin to drop their dried seeds. Hopefully all blooming plants have been removed by this time to prevent future growth next season.

If you see, or suspect you see the plant, please call Bruce Wagner, our Water Quality committee Purple Loosestrife Specialist (Cottage 269-476-2090 or Cell 574-286-7183) or any member of the Water Quality Committee to have it checked out.

So far this year, Purple Loosestrife was located at one site.

What is it?

Purple Loosestrife is a plant that was accidentally introduced to the United States and distributed as an ornamental. It is most easily identified during the flowering season. This spiked-shaped purple pinkish flower can be seen above the water level in ditches, streams, rivers, lakes and other moist shallow wa-

ter sites. This plant is an upright hardy perennial four to eight feet tall and most often found in groups.

Effects:

Purple Loosestrife invades marshes, ditches and lakeshores quickly replacing native wetland plants. These plants form dense stands that wildlife cannot use for food or cover.

Spread:

Purple Loosestrife will grow from the roots of an established plant, however the plants spread mainly by seed. Having up to 300,000 per stalk, these tiny seeds can live in the soil and water for many years and can be transported great distances by humans, animals and water.

Management (Eradication)

Once the plant becomes easily evident (in mid-July) but before it goes to seed (in early September), Specialist Wagner will slowly tour the lake in his pontoon boat and with binoculars searching for purple loosestrife, usually about four times per season. You will recognize his pontoon boat by the Purple Loosestrife banner hanging on the side. If seen, he will later return from shore in waders and pull each plant (by its roots), bag and properly dispose of it and the Water Quality Committee will be notified of the plant's location.



If you are interested in helping, please give Bruce a call. The more the merrier!

To see what it looks like just enter Purple Loosestrife Michigan in your browser.

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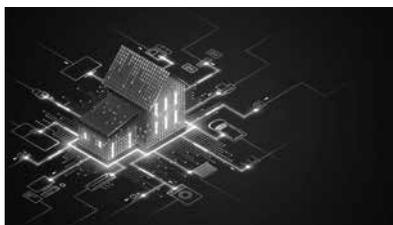
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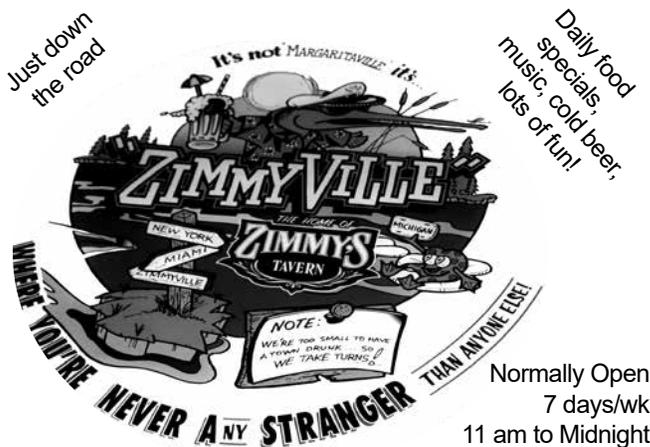
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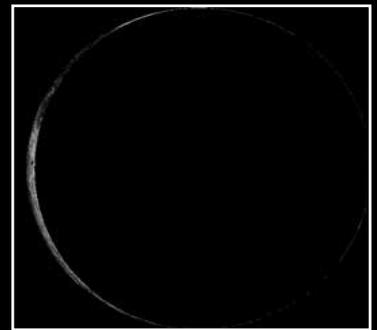
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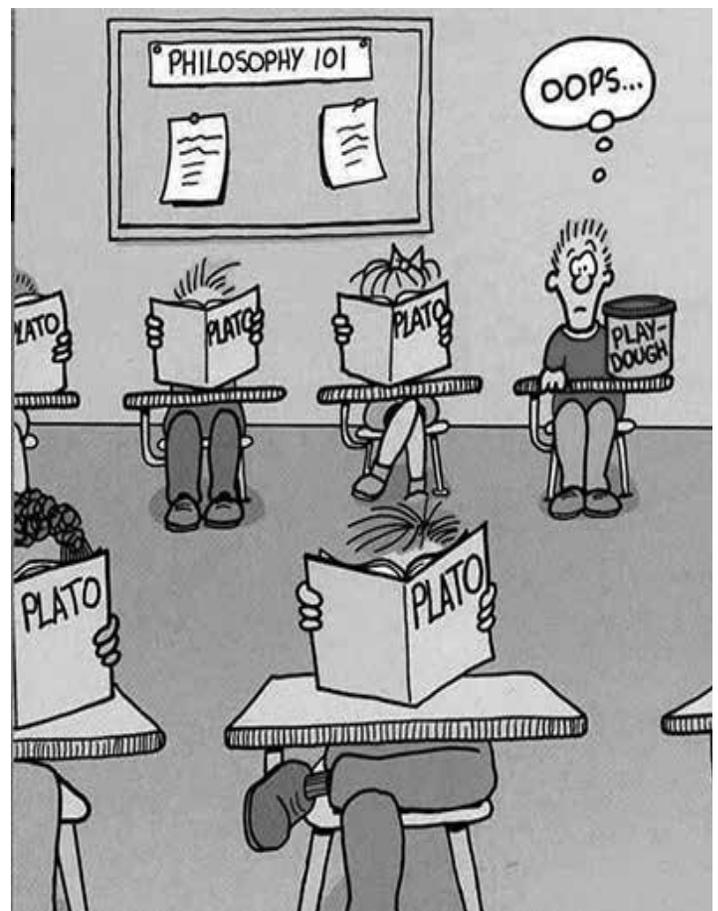
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Editor's note: The poster was produced from a painting by former Birch Lake resident and artist Coy Jankowski.

Birch Barker Funnies



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- ½ teaspoon pepper
- ½ teaspoon garlic powder
- ½ cup real bacon bits
- 4 hamburger buns

Directions

1. Preheat grill for high heat.
2. In a large bowl, mix together the ground beef, Cheddar cheese, horseradish, salt, pepper, garlic powder, and bacon bits using your hands. Shape the mixture into 4 hamburger patties.
3. Lightly oil the grill grate. Place hamburger patties on the grill, and cook for 5 minutes per side, or until well done. Serve on buns.

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— Camp Tannadoonah —

Last week; camp's over

Don't forget to come out Friday night around 9pm to see our candlelight serenade at the waterfront! As campers come down the stairs carrying their candles, you'll hear them singing a song called Follow the Gleam. We sing it over, and over, and over as we proceed from the top of the stairs down to the lake. Once we get to the lake, the campers and staff will line up around the dock and place their candles in the water. If you've never come out for the serenade, it really is worth it!

Follow the Gleam

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

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

It's officially the last week of camp, and our campers will be heading home on Saturday morning. Once the campers check out, staff will have a quick lunch (cleaning out all the leftovers, hopeful-

ly!), and then start cleaning, organizing, inventorying, and closing up program areas. We'll clean cabins, the shower house, the kitchen, and get everything ready for the fall.

Once everything has been cleaned and inspected by the leadership staff, we'll have a staff dinner together and watch a slideshow of photos from the summer. Most of the staff spend the night one more time, and then head home in the morning on Sunday.

On Sunday afternoon we have the staff for a rental group arriving, and they will be using camp for the following week. The rental is called "Village Up North," and it's a church group from Livonia, Michigan. They've been coming to camp for about 5 years now to run their own camp program for a week. They staff their own program all week, with the exception of waterfront. I'll be lifeguarding for them each afternoon for a few hours, and they swim, canoe, kayak, and fish.

The group is from the Saint Mary's Orthodox Basilica in Livonia, and they also do church services and other religious ceremonies throughout the week, so it's definitely very different sort of camp week than what we're used to! They're also very loud and enthusiastic, so you'll probably hear them singing,



cheering, shouting, and laughing up here on the hill. Their campers arrive on a bus on Monday afternoon, and the counselors line the driveway, cheering and playing music to welcome them to camp.

Hope you all have a wonderful weekend at the lake, and don't forget to come out Friday night around 9!

~Mrs. Amber

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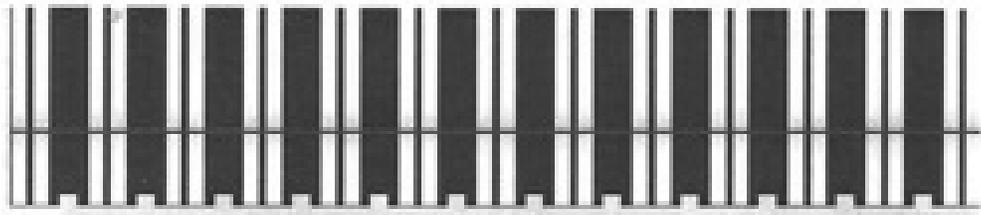
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