

The  
Weekend  
Of

June 10,  
2023

# Birch Barker

The official summer publication of the  
Birch Lake Yacht Club



Thanks to Cindy Bernaciak (east side) for the nice photo of the popup thunderstorm and localized rain last week.

I was unable to attend the 2nd annual Trivia Night this past Saturday at the yacht club but I was informed it was a huge success! I want to thank the committee members for their hard work in putting such a fun night together and for raising money for our water quality program. I want to also congratulate the winning team for beating out the stiff competition.

The sailors had great wind for Sunday's races and were able to complete three races in record time. Boaters, remember to steer clear of the sailing course on Sunday race day so our sailors can remain safe.

Be sure to read the information regarding delivery of the barker during the summer months in this issue. The paper cannot be delivered in or on a mailbox, so if this was your practice, please be sure to follow the information in the article regarding delivery instructions.

Don't forget the Commodore/Vice

Commodore/Stock the Bar party is this Saturday, June 10 beginning at 6:30 pm. All of the information you need is in this issue of the Barker. Vice Commodore Sue Davis and I are looking forward to hosting this party for adult residents of the lake, so come out and enjoy the evening!

Stay safe on the water, obey the rules, and remember, the sun always shines on Birch Lake, even on a cloudy

~Commodore Deb

### Com/Vice/Stock the Bar Party

It's Fiesta Time at Birch Lake! Come and meet Commodore Deb Hall and Vice Commodore Sue Davis for the annual Commodore/Vice Commodore party this Saturday, June 10 at 6:30 pm at the Yacht Club. There will be music, frozen margaritas (regular and strawberry), tamales, and a prize will be given for the best costume.

Last name beginning with A-M, bring an appetizer; last name beginning

## 2023 Birch Lake Calendar

- June 10** Com/Vice & Stock the Bar Party, 6:30 pm, BLYC
- June 24** Spaghetti Dinner, details/page 9
- July 1 Boat Parade**, details tba
- July 1 Fireworks** (weather permitting)
- July 21 Ladies Golf**, details tba
- July 22 BLYC Family Picnic**, tba
- July 28 Men's Golf**, details/page 9
- Aug. 5 Home Owner's Assoc. annual meeting**, details tba
- Aug. 5 Corn & Sausage Roast**, 5:30-7 pm, BLYC
- Aug. 12 - Kidz Regatta**, Kings', details tba
- Aug. 26 Fall Dinner & Annual Meeting**, details tba
- Sept 2, 3 Labor Day Regatta**, (Sept 4 regatta rain date), details tba
- Sept. ? Sailing awards luncheon**, date & details tba
- Oct. ? Crockpot challenge**, date & details tba

### 2023 BLYC Board Meetings

June 10, July 8, Aug. 5, Sept. 9  
BLYC board meetings are held at the Birch Lake Yacht Club beginning at 9 am, and meetings are open to all lake residents

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# — Birch Lake Notes —

with N-Z bring a dessert.

This is also our "Stock the Bar" event. Beer, wine and non-alcoholic beverage contributions are welcome, to be used at upcoming BLYC sponsored events during the summer. Hope to see you there!

## Barker delivery

In recent weeks the Cassopolis Post Office has contacted us about the Barker being delivered in mailboxes, and they have warned us that delivery of the Birch Barker (and any other items that do not have postage) to mailboxes is illegal, and that if we continue using mail boxes we will be fined.

Several lake residents have told their 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 try to find an alternative.

If you have an alternative place for delivery, please advise your carrier. If you do not wish to have the Barker delivered, email birchbass1@gmail.com or contact Ron Niezgodski at 476-9317.

## Boat parade theme reveal

This year's boat parade theme is

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# — Birch Lake Notes —

"It's A Small World." For many of us, Birch Lake is our favorite place to be, but where else in the world would you like to be?

Start working with your family and friends on your boat decorations and be ready to join this year's parade. It will be on Saturday July 1 at 3 pm.

Participants should meet at Past Commodore Waxman's pier on the East Side at 2:30 pm on that day to register, pick up your instructions and get your boat number.

If you have any questions before then, feel free to give Dan a call at: 317-506-1680. Look forward to seeing you and having fun in the sun!

## Ladies' Golf

Ladies! Our annual fun golf outing is Friday, July 21. Grab three of your besties and join us at Spruce Ridge Golf Course. Tee off is at 9 am, with an enjoyable luncheon afterwards at the Yacht Club. You say you're not a good golfer? We don't care. It's a best ball scramble so everyone can come and play without any worries. If you are unable to get a foursome together let us know and we'll help find you a great group of ladies who'll make it a fun day.

Just want to enjoy the lunch without golfing? There's space for that too. Check out the Ladies Golf Outing form in this Barker for more info or call one of us. Lunch should start around 11:30 or



Thanks to Geoff Moffat (north shore) for the cool pic of a skinny heron hiding between two trees ...

so. Come join us.

~Carol McCoy, Blair Garceau

858-8184 (call or text), or send her an email at [sv6102@gmail.com](mailto:sv6102@gmail.com).

## Yacht Club building use

For information on the rules and requirements, and to make arrangements to use the BLYC building, contact Sandy Vitale at 269-476-1680 or 269-

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Got corrections and updates? Send any updates to [onlinebarker@gmail.com](mailto:onlinebarker@gmail.com) and we'll publish them here for folks to update their directories.

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# — Birch Lake Notes —

## Birch Lake's Second Annual Trivia Night a big hit

The Second Annual Birch Lake Trivia Night was a huge success! Seven fun and very competitive teams vied for the honor of first place through 6 rounds of trivia questions. Competition was fierce, cheering and some catcalling was heard between each round that added to the atmosphere of enthusiastic play and camaraderie.

In the final standings the "Say It Ain't So" team earned their crowns, missing only 2 of the 60 questions. That team with a lot of useless knowledge in their heads was Tom and

Vickie Rogers, Bad Patty and Bill Luecht, Scott Troeger, Steve Plaia, Karen Brovold, and Bernie Garceau.

The real winner of the night was our Water Quality Fund through the generous donations of the night. Through 50/50, Mulligans, participants in Heads and Tails (join us next year to find out about this rousing game) and just plain contributions, we raised \$300 to help keep our lake in tip-top shape.

A special shout out to the Under 20 participants who truly made the night a memorable one. Thanks to

everyone for making this another fun Birch Lake event. Please come back next year.

*~Sue Williams, Holly Troeger, Claudia Phipps, Blair Garceau, Carla Chester*



*The Trivia Night winning team were crowned after 6 rounds of interesting but useless questions last Saturday. The team included: Tom Rogers, Vickie Rogers, Steve Plaia, Karen Brovold, Scott Troeger, Bad Patty Luecht, Bernie Garceau and Bill Luecht. Dennis Phipps, on the far left, photobombed the group because, well, that's Dennis for you!*



*Jill Scholes, winner of the 50/50 and Peggy Geik, winner of Heads and Tails are all smiles at the close of Trivia Night. Jill generously donated her take of the 50/50 back to the Water Quality Fund. We're pretty sure Peggy shared her Whoppers as well!*

# SLOW DOWN

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# — Barker Kid of the Week —



*Congratulations to newlyweds Dr. Patrick and Mrs. Nicole Russell, married May 27, 2023! Such a blessed and beautiful event. No better way but to have a send-off party the next day at the family's south side cottage! Son and Daughter-in law of Michael and Paula Russell.*

## **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 put them in a or email me at [Sailorphil@PhilVitale.com](mailto:Sailorphil@PhilVitale.com) or [Onlinebarker@gmail.com](mailto:Onlinebarker@gmail.com) ... no texts!*

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— Barker Kid of the Week —



The Luecht family (east side) on a recent vacation to the Great Smoky Mountains.

**Birch Lake Ladies' FUN Golf Outing**

**Friday, July 21, 2021**

Spruce Ridge Golf Course, Dowagiac

9 AM Tee Off - \$45 per golfer

Please arrive no later than 8:30 AM

Fee includes cart and lunch

Lunch at Wounded Minnow following the outing

If you don't golf but would like to join us at noon for lunch  
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Registration Form

**Team Members (list captain first with phone number)**

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2. \_\_\_\_\_
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4. \_\_\_\_\_

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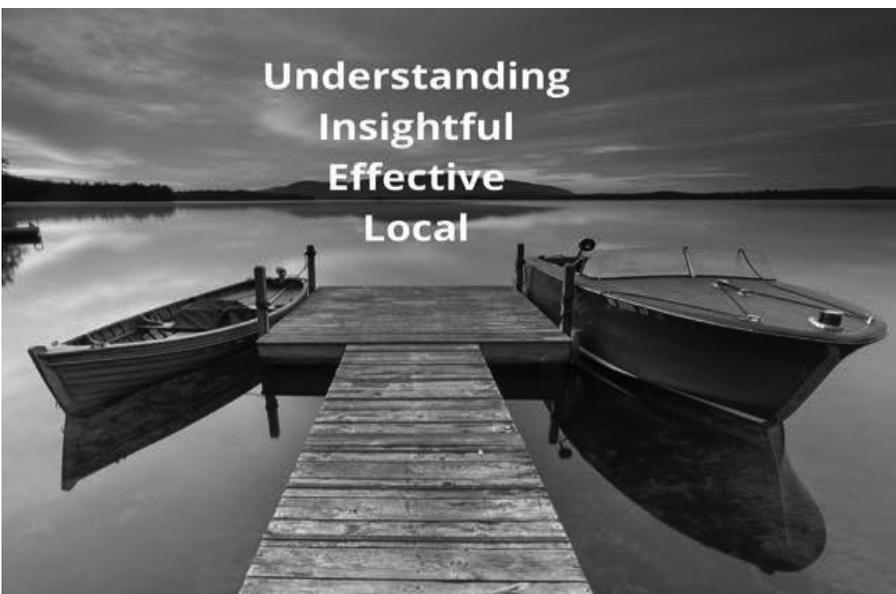


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# BIRCH LAKE SAILING



## Regular season kicked off with nice wind, good racing

The BLYC Sailors enjoyed a really nice Sunday of races on June 4, starting with the celebrated return of the "Voice of the Nightingale," Bad Patty Luecht, and her Committee Boat crew of Commodore Deb Hall and Good Patti Russwurm. A big "Thank You!" to them, and also to course-setting Boat Captain Tom Cassidy and First Mate Vic Jones, all of whom make Birch Lake sailboat racing possible.

It looks like we are in for an exciting season of racing in both of our fleets. In the MC Fleet, Barb Cassidy scored a second

and two firsts to Scott Troeger's first and two seconds, putting Barb in a tie with Scott for first place in season point average at 1561 points each. They are followed closely by Patrick Welch who went 3-3-4 in his season opener, putting him in third place with a season point average of 1419. Not far behind the leaders is the tight group of Bob King in fourth place with 1394 average points, Phil Vitale in fifth place with 1382, and Bill Luecht in sixth place with 1345.

And in the Sunfish Fleet, Rick Russwurm went 1-1-2 and holds a narrow lead

for the season at 1574 average points. Close behind is Stewart Spratt, who made his season entrance with a 3-race series of 2-2-1, putting him at 1547 average points. Pat McGann took 3rd in the last race and is in third place for the season at 1446 average points, trailed by Bob Niezgodski, who won 3rd place in the first two races, and has a season point average of 1419.

At this writing, the weather for next Sunday looks good, and we hope it stays that way so the fun can continue!

~F.C. Steve

## BLYC sailing results & season standings

Date	5/27	5/27	5/27	6/4	6/4	6/4	Total	Point	Races	%
Race #	1	2	3	4	5	6	Points	Average	Finished	Finished
<b>MC Scow/Sailor ..... Total MC Races = 6</b>										
Scott Troeger	1	2	1	1	2	2	9363	1560.5	6	100
Patrick Welch	DNS	DNS	DNS	3	3	4	4257	1419	3	0.5
Barb Cassidy	2	1	2	2	1	1	9363	1560.5	6	100
Bob King	4	4	3	DNS	DNS	DNS	4182	1394	3	0.5
Phil Vitale	3	3	4	4	4	5	8291	1381.833	6	100
Bill Luecht	DNS	DNS	DNS	5	5	3	4036	1345.33	3	0.5
Amber Grundy	DNS	DNS	DNS	6	6	7	3606	1202	3	0.5
Sandy Vitale	6	5	6	7	7	6	7283	1213.833	6	100
Steve Frew	5	6	5	8	DNF	DNS	5995	11994	4	0.66
<b>Sunfish/Sailor ..... Sunfish races = 6</b>										
Rick Russwurm	1	1	2	1	1	2	9442	1573.66	6	100
Stewart Spratt	DNS	DNS	DNS	2	2	1	4642	1547.33	3	0.5
Pat McGann	2	2	1	5	5	3	8678	1446.33	6	100
Bob Niezgodski	3	3	4	3	3	4	8514	1419	6	100
Camille Butler	4	4	3	4	4	5	8216	1369.33	6	100



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# — Water Quality Report —

## Comments and observations

**T**he full annual report from the Cooperative Lakes Monitoring Program which we participate in. We hope you will actually sit down and read this educational document. It not only summarizes the data from our participation in the monitoring program but provides some description, definitions, and meanings of the various monitoring parameters.

As was stated we had a negative bump in the sum of the parameters indicating some potential nutrient loading to the lake. Likely, only time and future seasons will determine the slope of this trend and the level of concern we should have. It should be noted that other than the invasive species, we are seeing a nutrient issue and not a pollution issue.

This does not mean that pollutants are not entering the lake, just that we are currently not measuring them {we typically do so later in the season and have not, in the last decade or so ever encountered a worrisome amount} and so have no basis for considering this an issue at this time. However, we would like to make a few comments at this time relevant to the health of the lake and things we might see and be concerned about.

Each spring we have a number of annual hatches and this year was not different. The annoying ones are the

black midges in early spring and the mayflies in mid to late May. Although irritating, these are actual signs of a healthy lake. Thus, they may be bothersome but enjoy them for what they say about the lake. The larval exoskeletons do make a mess for a few days following hatches.

A second and longer lasting phenomenon is the coating of the lake in tree seeds and pollen as the different species go through their reproductive cycle. On quiet mornings especially, the pollen will look like a gray coating on the lake, as various seeds (example cottonwood) float onto the lake they can serve as a magnet for pollen and algae on the surface. With sun and warm days the filamentous algae will surround the seeds or any attachment site (insect parts) producing floating rafts which can look somewhat unsightly. They will float during the day because the algae generate bubbles of oxygen that keeps them afloat. Wind, waves, and time will see the end of this. But it is not necessarily a short season.

The relatively mild winter seems to have permitted a bumper crop of seeds and pollen this year due to healthy tree stock. As pollen and seeds are carried to the lake (these add to the nutrients in the lake), we also get nutrients and potential pollutants carried into the lake from snow melt and rain in the lake ba-



sin. We are in a basin and have shallow lawns for slowing down runoff. Thus, as we add more impermeable surfaces runoff is more prominent especially since we do not have room or the will to create 10 to 20 foot natural vegetation barriers between our lawns and the lake. Do try to limit runoff and create some barrier at the waters edge.

Additionally, a continued reminder not to accelerate your boats in shallow water. The prop wash can be very powerful and especially with the larger heavier more powerful wake boats. Prop wash can be 20 feet in depth re-suspending sediment and elevating nutrient levels in the water column. Thus get to the drop off before pushing the throttle. Everything counts.

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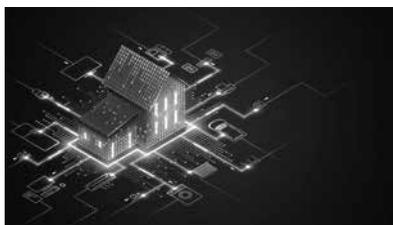
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## 2023 BLYC Men's Golf Outing Foursome Information

TEAM CAPTAIN:

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# Birch Barker Funnies



I tried the Japanese method of decluttering where you hold every object that you own and if it does not bring you joy, you throw it away. So far I have thrown out all of the vegetables, my bra, the electric bill, the scale, a mirror and my treadmill.



A guy wants a divorce. He tells the judge, "I just can't take it anymore. Every night she's out until way after midnight, just going from bar to bar."

Judge asks, "What's she doing?"

The guy answers, "Looking for me."

Irish adult humour  
Apr 2, 2019



The cops just left, they said if I'm gonna walk around the house naked, I have to do it inside.





# ~Birch Lake Recipes~



*Provided Exclusively to the Birch Barker from Mrs. Ima Foodnudge*

## Marinated grilled pork tenderloin

This marinated pork loin cooks up nicely on the grill. It tastes best when marinated for 24 hours.

### INGREDIENTS

Marinade:

- ¼ cup honey
- ¼ cup soy sauce
- ¼ cup oyster sauce
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar
- 4 teaspoons minced fresh ginger root
- 1 tablespoon ketchup
- 1 tablespoon minced garlic
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh parsley
- ¼ teaspoon onion powder
- ¼ teaspoon cayenne pepper
- ¼ teaspoon ground cinnamon

Pork:

- 2 (12 ounce) pork tenderloins

### DIRECTIONS

1. Make marinade: Whisk together honey, soy sauce, oyster sauce, brown sugar, ginger, ketchup, garlic, parsley, onion powder, cayenne pepper, and cinnamon in a medium bowl; pour into a resealable plastic bag.
2. Place pork tenderloins into the bag; coat with marinade, squeeze out excess air, and seal the bag. Marinate in the refrigerator for at least 1 hour or up to 24 hours.
3. Preheat the grill for medium heat and lightly oil the grate.
4. Remove pork tenderloins from marinade; shake off excess. Discard remaining marinade.
5. Cook pork tenderloins on the preheated grill until no longer pink in the center, 20 to 30 minutes, turning occasionally.

An instant-read thermometer inserted into the centers should read at least 145 degrees F (63 degrees C).



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# — Camp Tannadoonah —

## Campers will come this weekend!

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I wanted to introduce you to our Camp Director, Miss Gabby. This is her second year as Camp Director. Gabby was named the new Camp Director for Camp Tannadoonah at our 100th Anniversary Event in September 2021. Previously she served as the School Year Programs Director. She has been involved with Camp Tannadoonah since 2010 as a camper, counselor, and assistant camp director.

Gabby graduated from Purdue University in December, 2019 with a Bachelor's degree in Psychology. Prior to working for Camp Fire, she worked at a child care center. In her free time, Gabby enjoys spending time with her family which includes two golden retrievers, Stella and her new puppy Rudy.

Gabby is responsible for the hiring and training of all of our summer staff, as well as marketing and recruiting campers throughout the year. She plans all of our summer activities, creating the curriculum for each activity, and deciding the themes for each week. Gabby provides feedback to the staff and trains them on how to lead their activities.

The Camp Director job is not an easy one! She works really, really long hours all summer, from the start of staff training at the end of May until the end of camp in the middle of August. Our camp sessions run from Sunday afternoon to Saturday morning, and most of the staff get a day off from noon on Saturday to noon on Sunday. The Director spends that 24 hours getting ready for the next group of campers to arrive on Sunday – printing schedules, making rosters, checking health forms for allergies, and doing laundry for campers who stay the weekend.

Every day at camp, we are on the go non-stop from 7 am to 10 pm, and staff are usually up far past 10 doing work for the next day. They're long days for everyone, but we also know the impact we have on the kids, and how important the work we do is. But we're definitely ready for a long rest in August when camp is over!



A few years ago, a group of campers wrote a song about camp, and there was a line in the chorus that's very fitting: *"Days may fly by, but the memories last forever."* For many of us on staff, we were campers here at Tannadoonah before working at camp. I started as a camper in 1985, and I can tell you the names of many of my counselors, and friends I made at camp, and people I worked with here when I was a teenager. Many of us still keep in touch; some of my camp friends come up to be camp nurses during the summer, or to volunteer for a week in the summer when their kids are here, or come back to camp in the fall for grown up camp. There's something about being a "camp person," whether it was at Tannadoonah or another camp that sticks with you.

~Mrs. Amber

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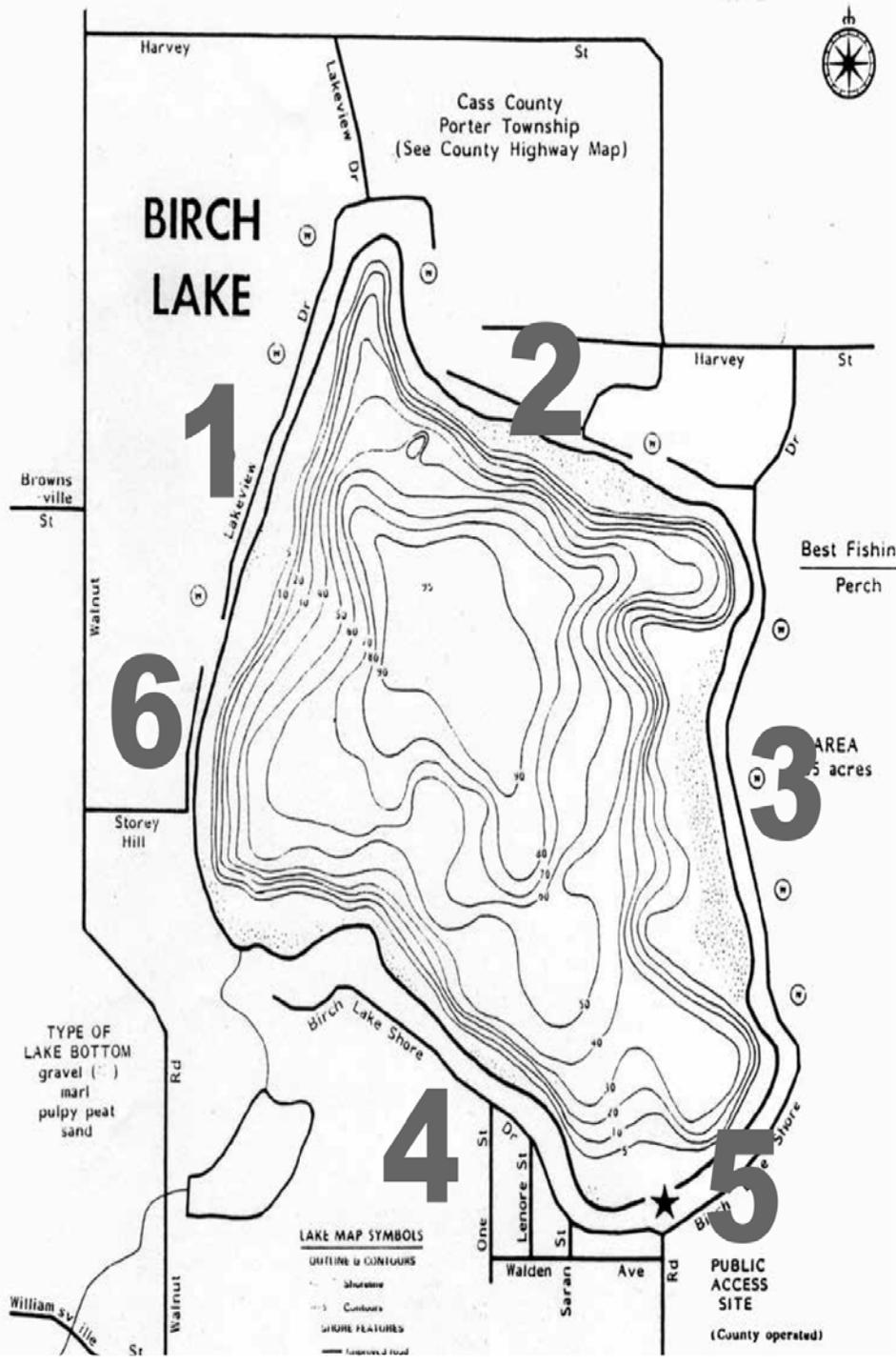
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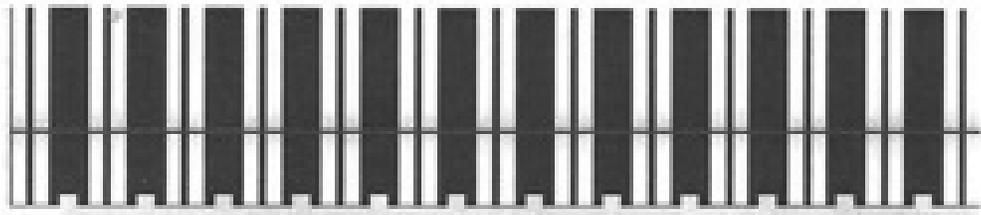
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