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Birch Barker

Weekend of June 18, 2011

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As proof that the climate at Birch Lake is conducive to growing plant life, a sprig of greenery is shown sprouting from a frayed rope on an East shore boat lift.

Ahoy Maties!

COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

Your Commodore of the lake has returned from a week of wonderful relaxation, lots of sun, surf, and 95+ weather. (Karen now thinks I look like a bronze Greek God.) I'll be doing a Travelogue and slide show in the near future, so get your tickets early for a front row seat. Claire had a great time, swimming, shelling, crabbing and interacting with the Beluga whale, but Saturday morning her first words were "I can't wait to get home and go swimming! I have missed the lake!!!!" Like Dorothy in the Wizard of Oz said, "There is no place like home!"

I hope everyone had a good time at the Vice-Commodore Cocktail Party. There was a great turnout of new and

seasoned faces. The conversation and appetizers were outstanding. Plus we were served very tasty and cold beverages by Phil and Sandy. Thank-you to the set-up crew of Vice-Commodore Pam and Rich Mullin, Bad Patti, Rick and "Hot Rod" Patti Russwurm, Mike and Julie Sheffieck and sister Polly, Phil and Sandy Vitale. Jim Bolinger, thank-you taking over for Don and freshening up the Yacht Club. Also I would like to thank the breakdown crew, but the sleep deprivation and too many cold beverages has muddled my brain cell and I'm not sure who they were. Keith & Dennis Kinzler with the guidance of Lance provided a fine taxi ride to the west shore. If I missed anyone, I apologize, the post-it notes are running low.

If you didn't get a chance to notice the old fire pit has been reduced to a pile

2011 BLYC Calendar

Sat, June 25.....	Commodore's Party
Sat, July 2.....	Boat Parade
Sat, July 2.....	Fireworks
Sun, July 3.....	Pancake Breakfast
Sun, July 3.....	Fireworks Rain Date
Sat, July 9.....	Board Meeting 9 am
Sat, July 9.....	Homeowners Meeting 10 am
Sat, July 9.....	House-walk
Sat, July 16.....	Spaghetti Dinner
Fri, July 22.....	Women's Golf & Luncheon
Fri, July 29.....	Men's Golf Outing
Sat, Aug. 6.....	Board Meeting 9 am
Sat, Aug. 6.....	Corn and Sausage Roast
Sat, Aug. 27.....	Fall Dinner
Sat, Sept. 10.....	Board Meeting 9 am
Sat, Sept. 10.....	Sailing Awards
Sat, Sept. 17-24.....	Game / Card Party
Sat, October 8.....	Annual Chili Cook Off

Note: ALL dates and times are subject to change.

Watch the Barker for updates!

Birch Lake House Walk Saturday July 9th - see page 4

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— Birch Lake Notes —

of rubble, by our Past Commodore Bob "Sparky" Waddle. The forms are in place and a new concrete pad will be poured on Wednesday by Past, Past Commodore Mike Lutz. Thank-you! The Corn and Sausage Roast crew will have a brand new state of the art fire pit to grill those wonderful brats, dogs and chicken on August 6th. Thank-you, thank-you!!!!

Don't forget to mark your calendar for the Commodore's Cocktail Party on June 25, starting at 7 p.m. at the Yacht Club. Bring your neighbor, appetizer and conversation for another evening of great company and socializing. No there will not be a mechanical bull, I am sorry to say, may be we can get Stewart to do the Sugar Lump dance instead.

I have been advised that several residences have had their mail boxes vandalized (and from the looks of it, at least one windshield was broken out). Please keep an eye out for any suspicious activity and report it to the Cass County Sheriff at 445-2481 or call 911 if the vandals are present. Help to keep our lake safe both in the water and out by keeping an alert eye.

Speaking of the water, Claire was welcomed home with a case of Birch Lake "swimmers itch." Yippee! So make sure to towel off and shower soon after leaving the water to reduce the amount of exposure. Stewart did you



Thanks to Mr. Bob for the cool pix of sprouting plants in his garden ...

get any itch after dumping the Sunfish on Sunday, before the race began?

Have a great weekend, may it be HOT and breezy!

Your Commodore, Adonis Stan

Also, a very Happy Birthday to Vickie Rogers' (cove) Mom, **Bettie**, who turns the very young age of 96. Could you Please share a sip of your fountain of youth?

Vice Commodore Party

WOW! is the word to describe Saturday night's Vice Commodore Party. Thanks to everyone who showed up: we saw some new faces, some that haven't attended in awhile and all the familiar

Happy, Happy

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faces.

With close to 90 in attendance, I hope everyone had some good conversation with friends while catching up and enjoyed all the delicious appetizers and desserts that were available.

I want to thank Karen Brovold along with Sandy and Phil Vitale (who are simply THE best bartenders around) for bartending Saturday night. A special thank you goes to Jim Bolinger (and I hear Deb also helped) who had the Yacht Club floor looking so shiny when we went to set up Friday night. In fact, the entire Yacht Club looked spotless thanks to their efforts.

I can't forget my set-up crew on Friday night: Patti and Rick Russwurm, Sandy and Phil Vitale, Patty Luecht, Julie and Mike Sheffieck with Julie's sis-

ter, Polly and Rich Mullin. And of course, I cannot thank everyone enough who helped clean up after the event, you late nighters know who you are!!

Well, the first of my many events as Commodore-in-waiting is over and I might say the night was an overwhelming success!

Your Vice Commodore, Pam

4th of July Boat Parade

This year's Boat Parade will be Saturday, July 2, commencing at 2 pm. The parade will once again begin at the pier of our esteemed neighbor, friend and perennial parade director Dick Bender.

Parade chairpersons, Eileen Golden and Carla Chester (the latter in absentia due to her daughter's nuptials that same

day), are working hard to organize the fine details of this well-loved annual event.

All who wish to participate are most welcome. Multiple families are welcome to collaborate in decorating a single vessel. Each family will receive a highly collectible Birch Lake trophy.

So get your creative juices flowing, in harmony with whatever theme your team desires. The best boat in the parade will receive the coveted Best of Parade special trophy.

Finally, the Grand Marshall(s) for 2011 will be announced in the final Birch Barker edition to be published just before the 4th of July holiday weekend. Stay tuned for breaking news on the honorees for this year's parade.



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BLYC House Walk/Art Fair 2011

It's only three weeks until our Birch Lake House Walk/ Art Fair on Saturday, July 9th!! The day's festivities will begin with several local artists and vendors displaying their work at the Wozniak barn starting at 11 am. We will have free refreshments and several drawings going on throughout the day. The house walk will begin at 12 noon and, due to favorable response from the previous house walk, all participants will once again be ferried from house to house by pontoon boat. All participants must check in at the barn to pick up their brochures and begin their tour.

The participants will end the tour at the barn where the artists will be displaying their work until 4 pm. The last home tour will begin by 2 pm at the latest in order to finish by 3 pm so please plan accordingly. A limited amount of parking will be available at the barn so please walk or carpool if possible.

Tickets are on sale for \$15 in advance and \$20 on the day of the tour. All proceeds are going to Camp Tannadoonah for camperships (underprivileged children). We will be selling tickets at the Pancake Breakfast and door to door. Tickets can also be purchased from Linda Curtis and Sue Waddle on the East shore, Bev Kruggel on the West shore, Denny Weesner and Diana Fredlake on the South shore, and Vickie Rogers in the cove.

The focus for the house walk this week is the Boesler home at 15248 Birch Lakeshore Dr. (south shore).

David and Cindi Boesler

Having lived on Baldwin Lake in Union, MI for two years, the Boeslers heard many times of Birch Lake to the north. They even set out to find it a couple of times, always ending up at Shavehead. But when they moved to Edwardsburg for the schools, they needed to find a place for their boat and once again began looking around area lakes.

On a lovely Sunday afternoon in early May of 2007, David and Cindi finally found Birch Lake and instantly knew why Birch was the favored and beloved lake of the area. Within the week, they were looking at available properties and by June, were moving into their new summer lake home on the Southwest Shore.

By the fall of the same year, they began construction of a new sunroom, deck and patio lakeside to increase their living space and enjoyment of long lazy summer days at Birch Lake. This led to a complete remodel project inside and out over the next three years.

To enter the original home from the street required the refrigerator door to be shut and no shoes left by the door, two things that were a bit of a challenge to this family! Their clever contractor built a new entrance and relocated the refrigerator which improved flow, gained some additional space, and opened up a lovely lake view from the kitchen.

Of course a remodel project is a bit of a puzzle and one piece generally leads to another. Although not initially



Photo by Carol Dugan

planned, they continued to move forward with new pieces until just about every feature had been replaced, updated, added, painted or moved. With the exception of the avocado green bathtub in the main level bathroom! Wanting to keep the original tub intact, a retro theme was created with new tile and fixtures.

It was a fun and interesting journey but summers spent with multiple contractors was a bit tiring. Luckily, the project was wrapped up by the 4th of July 2010 and the Boeslers could begin to enjoy the lovely "new" home. It was perfect timing to break it in with the fun lakeside festivities of the 4th and the party that ensues with family coming in from out of town to help celebrate. Although normally a peaceful spot on the lake, good hearted neighbors put up with noise and rowdiness on the forth of July! And since they now have two college age children, Matt a senior at Michigan, and Chrisina a sophomore at Saint Mary's College, noisy parties may happen more than once per summer!

The Boesler's winter home is in Edwardsburg, a short 20 minute drive from the lake (which is very convenient when you forget something!) David works in Elkhart, and has a shorter commute when staying at the lake, which makes living at the lake for the summer a delight!

What does this family enjoy the most about Birch Lake? The beautiful views and peaceful and serene moments living on Birch affords. Sunrise and sunsets and watching the amazing wild life that calls Birch Lake home. The wonderfully relaxing boat rides and "cocktail" cruises. Awesome neighbors! Pulling kids on wakeboards and swimming in the crystal clear water. Runs, walks and bike rides around the lake. Taps and singing heard from Camp Tannadoonah. The delightful people they have met and the sense of community that is so strong here. And in the process of enjoying all this and more, they enjoy most making memories for a lifetime.

— Barker kids of the Week —



Katie from Chicago (above) thought Birch Lake (Russwurm's place) was the perfect place to celebrate her 50th Birthday. A good time was had by all!

Bad Patty and Bill Luecht (left) celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary on June 8th at Birch Lake. Bill said it's been the best 3 years of his life!

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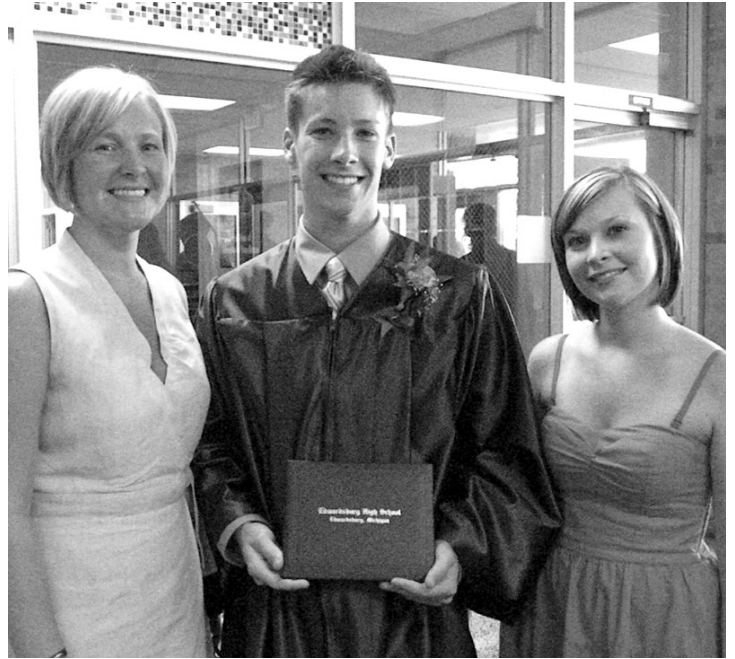


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Elliott James Steffen, the grandson of Tim & Irene Steffen (East side) enjoys a cool dip on a hot afternoon.

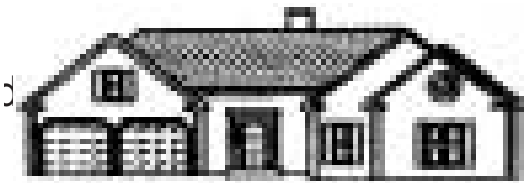


Here is a picture of Brody Baucus after his graduation, with big sisters Ashlee and Chelsie. Graduation was Sunday, June 5th, from Edwardsburg High School. The Baucuses are the children of Bob & Sandy Baucus (North side).

E-mail your kid-of-the-month photos to sailorphil@philvital.com ... or put them in a plastic bag and drop them at my home, 63174 Birch Rd.

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That's Earl Troeger rounding the mark (and checking out all the sailing action) on last weekend's sailing course ... thanks to Mr. Bob for the photo.



Denise Smitley and Wrigley came out to watch the sailboat races last weekend ... Denise said husband Jeff looked pretty good ... Wrigley said "Woof."

thanks to Mr. Bob for the photo

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Finally, racing again!

It was nice to finally race again. A brisk north-west wind was blowing out of the cove making lifejackets and long-sleeves necessary. It was dramatically different weather than we all had Tuesday and Wednesday when 90's and high humidity smothered the lake.

We were about to begin the first race when Mike Lutz lowered his sail and swam his Sunfish to the Committee boat. While he was milling about the starting line, his tiller/rudder had broken apart. They tied his sailboat to the committee boat where he stayed and helped them for the first race. Bob King, who did not sail, then graciously towed him to shore. Bob had been out taking some

great sailing pictures.

Before the first race, Patty Luecht said a few words in remembrance of Don Harman and Blair Garceau helped ring out 8-Bells for him. Although unplanned, the empty sail boat alongside the committee boat brought to mind the riderless horse that sometimes accompanies a funeral procession. From all of us sailors, rest in peace, Don.

Thanks to Patty Luecht, Katie Luecht, Blair Garceau, Amy Lutz, and Deb Taghon (and unexpectedly Mike) who served on the committee boat. Your help is truly appreciated.

See you at the starting line...

-Fleet Captain Jeff

Committee Boat Schedule

June 26	Bob & Sue Waddle
July 2 (Regatta)	Karen Brovold
July 3 (Rain Date)	Karen Brovold
July 4 (Regatta)	Karen Brovold
July 10	Patty Luecht
July 17	Bob & Sue Waddle
July 24	Open
July 31	Patty Luecht
August 7	Karen Brovold
August 14	Amber & Chase Grundy
August 21	Open
August 28	Karen Brovold
Sept. 3 (Regatta)	Karen Brovold
Sept. 4 (Regatta)	Karen Brovold
Sept. 5 (Rain Date)	Karen Brovold

Week 1 sailing results

Date.....12-Jun.....12-Jun.....Total.....Season
Race.....1.....2.....Points.....Average

MC Scow

Scott Troeger #1489	2.....1	3121.....1561
Jeff Smitley #2002	1.....3	3044.....1522
Gib Eberhart #916	3.....2	2965.....1483
Phil Vitale #500.....	5.....4	2665.....1333
Harold Cranmer #1991/2412.....	4.....6	2594.....1297
Bill Luecht #1579.....	6.....5	2521.....1261
Bob King #1199.....	DNS.....DNS	0.....n/a
Dave Olson #1979	DNS.....DNS	0.....n/a
Tom Howard #1713.....	Crew.....Crew.....	0.....n/a

Date.....12-Jun.....12-Jun.....Total.....Season
Race.....1.....2.....Points.....Average

Sunfish

Rick Russwurm (Green/Blue).....	1.....2	3121.....1561
Stewart Spratt	3.....1	3044.....1522
Chris Spratt (Blue/Green)	2.....3	2965.....1483
Bernie Garceau (Red/White/Blue).....	4.....4	2738.....1369
Katie Luecht (White/Red/Blue).....	CB.....CB	TBD.....TBD
Mike Lutz (Blue/Red/Yellow).....	CB.....DNS	TBD.....TBD
Erica Vitale (White).....	DNS.....DNS	0.....n/a
Sandy Vitale (White)	DNS.....DNS	0.....n/a

Basic rules of sailboat racing

In sailboat racing there are no out-of-bounds lines on the floor or referees to call fouls. The rules are self enforced and administered within the fleet. A basic understanding of just a few important rules will help ensure that everyone has fun and gets home safe.

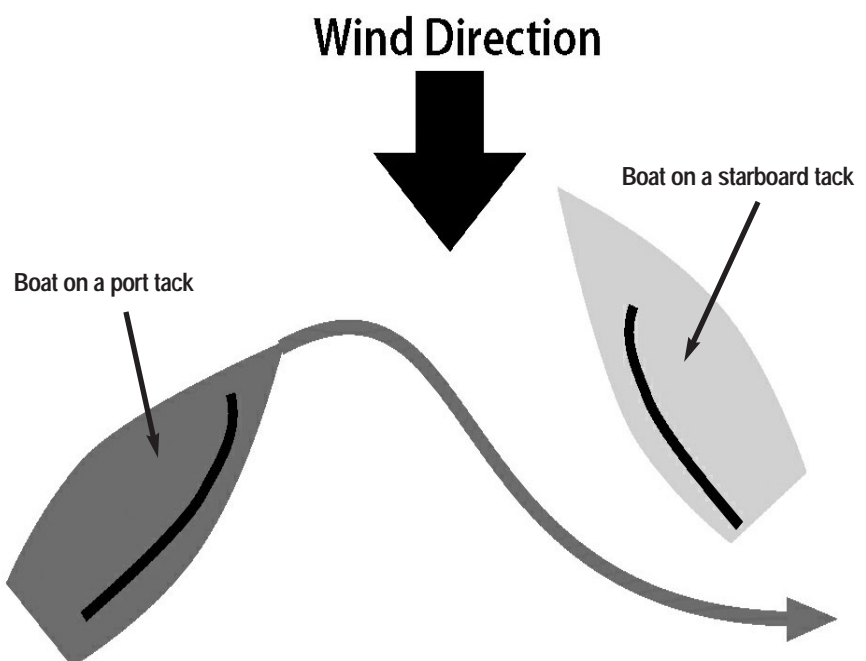
The specifics of the sailboat racing rules are mind-numbingly detailed and written to cover all potential incidents. DON'T WORRY - You do not need to know everything about the rules to go out and have fun and be safe. By reading and understanding the following rules and terms, you should be able to get around the course without fouling another boat or causing an accident.

These rules should only be thought of as a beginning!

To get an official copy of the complete rules, join US Sailing at www.ussailing.org Members receive an official copy of the current rules as a membership benefit. For a plain language discussion of the rules, look into purchasing Dave Perry's book entitled "Understanding the Racing Rules of Sailing" at the same site.

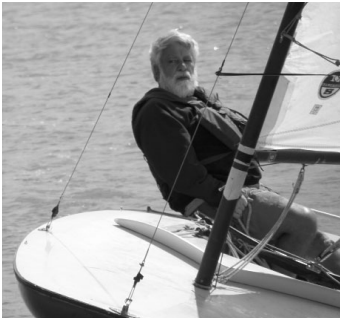
RULE #1: Starboard Tack Boat Has Right-of-Way

A boat on a port tack (wind is coming over the port side of the boat) must give way to boat on a starboard tack





Birch Lake Sailing



Stu's Star Stuff

Summer arrives June 21

Summer officially arrives in three days, on June 21, the date of the summer solstice. That is the longest day of the year. But the date of earliest sunrise is about a week before the solstice, while the latest sunset occurs about a week after the solstice. The summer solstice marks the moment when the sun is in its northernmost point in our sky, overhead at about 23.5 degrees north latitude.

We had a beautiful full moon earlier this week. It lined up opposite the Sun, so sunlight bathed the entire lunar hemisphere that faces Earth. June's full Moon is known as the Flower, Strawberry, Rose, or Honey Moon. It is nice to see but sometimes the brightness overpowers other objects in the night sky, such as meteors. The Lyonid meteor shower peaked this past week but because of the moon not many were likely visible. The Lyonid shower is not particularly prolific in the first place, but on any given night during the summer it is possible to see a shooting star here at the lake.

The planet Saturn is in the southwest at nightfall and looks like a bright golden star. A true star of the constellation Virgo is just a whisker away from it, so it looks like you're seeing double. Look up and to the right of Spica to find the pair. (Remember from last week...Arc to Arcturus and drive a spike down to Spica?) Saturn is much brighter than the

star next to it but the pair is unmistakable.

Vega is the brightest star of the Summer Triangle, which is in view all night. Vega is well up in the east-northeast at nightfall and is nearly directly overhead all night long. It is the brightest star in that region of the sky, so it is easy to spot. The other two stars of the summer triangle are Deneb and Altair. Each of the three are a part of their own identifiable group of stars. Vega is the brightest star in Lyra, the harp. Vega is only about 25 light-years away, making it one of our closest neighbors. It shines pure white, which tells us that its surface is thousands of degrees hotter than the surface of the Sun.

Deneb, the white super-giant star is part of Cygnus, the swan. Deneb is an Arabic word meaning tail of the swan. At about 1500 light years from earth it still shines brightly because it is so massive. An airliner traveling at its normal speed would take about a decade to circle Deneb's equator.

Altair, the Arabic word for eagle, is the third point in the summer triangle. It is the brightest star in the constellation Aquila, the eagle and is about 17 light years from home. Like the other two stars in the triangle Altair is a white, super hot star, much hotter than our sun. It can be found in the south or south east a good distance from Deneb and Vega. I

remind myself that Altair is out there ... away from Vega and Deneb, but still an anchor of the triangle.

Look for Saturn and the summer triangle tonight and throughout the summer. The triangle will be visible until Christmas and beyond. Saturn too will be in the night sky for months to come. Track its motion against the background of stars. Next week we'll cover some new ground and maybe tell some stories. Until then, the show's free, get out there and enjoy it.
-Stu Spratt



The Moon for June 18, 2011

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ARIES (Mar. 21- April 20) You may want to get a little extra rest. You are prone to infections and fevers. Entertainment should include the whole family or a lot of your friends. You can make favorable real estate offers this week. Don't rely on others to handle the workload. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

TAURUS (Apr. 21- may 21) Get together with people who stimulate you mentally. Read some books on self awareness. You can learn from those who have had similar experiences. You will be extremely receptive to new and progressive methods at work. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21) Get involved in sports groups or hobbies that attract you. Think be fore you act. Unforeseen circumstances will disrupt your daily routine. Get back into the swing of things. You are best to keep your money tied up in a safe and secure place. Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.

CANCER (June 22-July 22) Past partners are likely to reappear. Your personal secrets may be revealed if you let coworkers in on your family dilemmas. Your ideas may be a little ahead of their time; don't push them, instead just continue working on development. Don't rely on others to handle the workload. Your lucky day this week will be Friday.

LEO (July 23-Aug 22) Your outgoing nature will surprise others this week. Be prepared to counteract the damage that adversaries are about to create. Be prepared for an active but rewarding day. Catch up on correspondence. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 -Sept. 23) You will be quite excitable this week. You should get out and enjoy social events where you are likely to meet new potential mates; however, don't overspend. Keep your thoughts to yourself for the time being. Don't be too quick to judge your loved ones. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 -Oct. 23) Avoid purchasing expensive items. You will be able to get along well with colleagues. Be careful when dealing with female members of your family. New partnerships will develop if you join investment groups. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22) You may find yourself caught in the middle of an argument that has nothing to do with you. Friends and relatives may not understand your needs. Do not allow colleagues to hinder your ambitions. Favors will be offered readily. Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 -Dec. 21) You'll regret every word for some time to come. Your

temper could get the better of you if you confront personal situations. Opportunities to get involved in investment groups will payoff. You can do well on stage or behind the scenes, the choice is yours. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22.- Jan. 20) If you haven't planned a vacation, then at least try to get away for the weekend. You can expect to experience delays or additional red tape if you deal with institutions. Do not let the reactions of others get you going. You haven't been watching your spending habits and you may have been neglecting your duties. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 -Feb. 19) Uncertain changes regarding your personal life are evident. Be prepared to have relatives or close friends introduce you to new and exciting individuals. Catch up on overdue phone calls and correspondence. You will be emotional about money matters. Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20) You will enjoy lavish forms of entertainment and should consider making arrangements early. Moneymaking opportunities will surface. Read between the lines before you sign your name. Keep important information to yourself. Your lucky day this week will be Friday.

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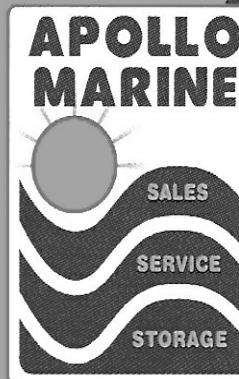


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~Birch Lake Recipes~

Burgundy Pork Tenderloin

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What to Drink? Pinot Noir

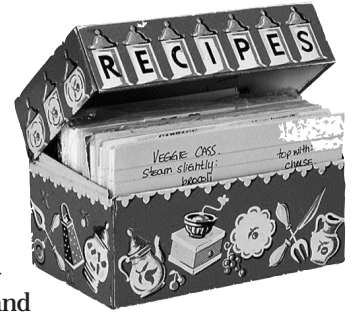
Yield 4 servings

Ingredients

- 2 pounds pork tenderloin
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/2 onion, thinly sliced
- 1 stalk celery, chopped
- 2 cups red wine
- 1 (.75 ounce) packet dry brown gravy mix

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C).
2. Place pork in a 9x13 inch baking dish, and sprinkle meat with salt, pepper and garlic powder. Top with onion and celery, and pour wine over all.
3. Bake in the preheated oven for 45 minutes.
4. When done baking, remove meat from baking dish, and place on a serving platter. Pour gravy mix into baking dish with wine and cooking juices, and stir until thickened. Slice meat, and cover with the gravy.



— BIRCH LAKE WORDSEARCH —

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(the trees of Birch Lake)

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May 2011																	
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Camp Tannadoonah

Camp is here!

This week has been our staff training week at camp. We've been getting everything set up and cleaned and organized all week, and we are so ready for campers to arrive on Sunday!

The first week of camp this year is Holiday Week, and we'll be celebrating a different holiday every day! Sunday is Valentine's Day, Monday is St. Patrick's Day, Tuesday is Easter, Wednesday is the 4th of July, Thursday is Halloween, Friday is Thanksgiving, and Saturday is Christmas. We have an Easter Egg Hunt, Thanksgiving Dinner, and many other festive events planned for the week.

On Thursday night, for Halloween, we'll be taking the kids Trick-or-Treating around the lake! We have about 80 kids registered for camp, and we'll split them into two groups of around 40 kids and 10 or so counselors. If you're home, come on out to check out their costumes and hear them sing some camp songs. Candy is certainly not a requirement, but the kids would sure enjoy it! We'll probably make it about half way down the west side (approx Niezgodski's), and a little way down the east side (approx Vitale's) with our groups.

Last week was the annual People of Praise rental week, and you probably heard them singing and cheering in the evenings, and saw them out on the lake with their swimmers, canoers, and tubers! This year they brought 88 campers and about 50 staff. This was the 22nd year they have been renting a week at Camp Tannadoonah.

We have two or three "specialty" activities each week

this year. These activities are only offered for one or two (or a few) weeks of the summer. The first week we have a basketball camp coached by Mr. Neil, who is a member of the Camp Fire board and an attorney in the South Bend area. He has coached youth league basketball in the past, and volunteered to work a week of camp this summer.

Another first week specialty activity is Art Camp. We have some great volunteers coming up to teach a day during the week. Debbie Bolinger will be teaching a day of painting, and Carol Dugan will be teaching a day on photography. We also have a counselor on our staff, Mr. J.P., who has a degree in sculpture, and he will be teaching two days of ceramics - one day to form their creations, and a second day to paint them. On the final art day of the week, Miss Sue Felix, our assistant director, will be helping our artists design and paint a mural here at camp!

Finally, Miss Kelsey will be teaching a week of German. She plans to teach the kids all about holiday traditions in Germany, some German holiday songs, and some conversational German to impress their friends when they go home. She'll also be offering German during All Ball week, and will teach two weeks of Arabic at the end of the summer as well!

We're so excited for the start of camp, and our camper numbers continue to look amazing. We're currently (as of 6/14) at 487 campers, which is just 8 shy of last year's FINAL total of 495! It looks like it's going to be a booming year here at camp and we can't wait to kick it off.

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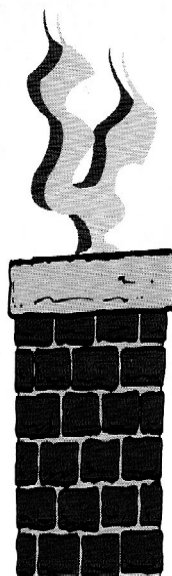
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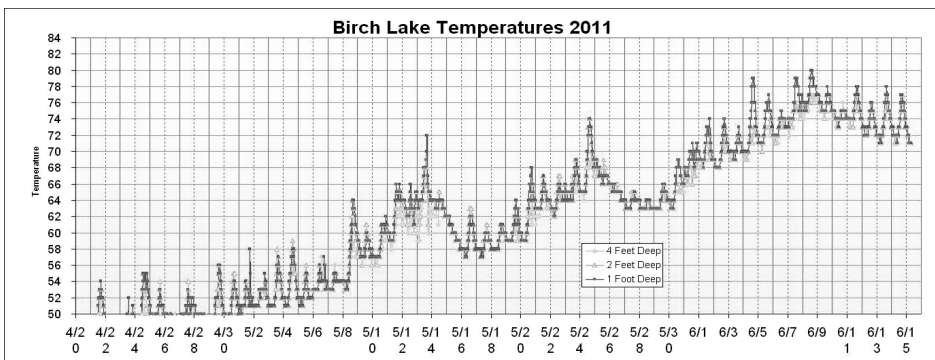
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