

The weekend of Aug. 9 2014

# Birch Barker

The official summer publication of the Birch Lake Yacht Club



Thanks to Mr. Bob for the eerie reflection pic of a north shore sailboat (or is it a UFO?)

### COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

After a weekend full of events, it's really nice to just be able to sit here in the Flamingo Room and listen to the quiet. The rain has stopped for now, and the lake is glass-like. There are a few occasional ripples from an energetic fish trying to grab an afternoon snack, but not much else is happening out on the lake. The stillness is so surreal — almost like someone pushed the mute button on the remote! I'm putting this day in the memory box, and I will bring it out when we have one of those melancholy winter days. I know it will help to lift my spirit and make me appreciate my life and all I have.

This past weekend, my suave and debonair husband Bill, attended his 40th class reunion at the Lerner Theater in Elkhart. I was allowed to go, also, and got to hear lots of stories and meet many of Bill's friends. It was fun, but I couldn't help wondering how all those people got so old and Bill and I hadn't. Perhaps it's the water of Birch

Lake?

Corn and sausage dinner last Saturday was scrumptious! I think I'm still full from all the great food! Kudos to Blair and Bernie for organizing and all the many, many volunteers. I'm sure Blair has the complete list of helpers, so I won't even attempt to name all that were involved. What a wonderful summer tradition and I am marking my calendar right now for next year!

A few more fun things coming up before we start winding down. Saturday, Aug. 16, Camp T will treat us to an evening of food, and music. (ANOTHER EVENING I DON'T HAVE TO COOK!!!!) It's a fun event and a chance to just relax and visit with friends and neighbors.

Fall dinner tickets now on sale. Remember no tickets will be available at the door, so get yours ASAP! I tried to get VC Fry to reveal his new second in command. No luck. I'll be just as surprised as everyone else.

I had a blonde moment and stated the board meeting was last Saturday. Nope, it's Aug 9. Board meeting at 9 am THIS Saturday, followed by a

### 2014 Birch Lake Calendar

Aug 16 .....	Camp T Hog Roast
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Oct 18 .....	Chili Cook Off
May 2, 2015.....	BLYC Spring Dinner
June 27, 2015.....	People's Regatta
July 4, 2015 .....	Fireworks
July 5, 2015 .....	Pancake Breakfast
July 11 .....	House Walk
	More info soon
July 17, 2015.....	Ladies' Golf Outing
TBA.....	Poker Run 2015

Dates subject to change. Watch the Barker for updates!

Homeowners Meeting. One thing for sure, it's really is the final board meeting for Holly and me!

Well a jet ski just zoomed around the lake, so the stillness is gone for right now, so I'm going to wrap this up for this week.

Have fun on the lake, stay safe, watch for the pink lights and always remember ... PINK ... it's not just a color, it's an ATTITUDE!!!!

~Bad Patty, Commodore 2014

# — Birch Lake Notes —

## **Camp T Hog Roast — August 16**

Join us at the 6th Annual Hog Roast at Camp Tannadoonah to celebrate another wonderful year, thank our volunteers and donors, and remember what an amazing thing it is to be a kid!

Attendance is free. Please bring a dish to share.

Live music! Fantastic friends! Wonderful food! Pulled pork and soft drinks are provided. Beer/wine is available for those 21+.

Please join us for the silent auction to benefit Camp Fire River Bend and Camp Tannadoonah! Or donate online at [tannadoonah.org/donate](http://tannadoonah.org/donate).

## **Fall Dinner is August 23!**

Want to be first to meet the new Vice Commodore? Then buy a ticket to the Fall Dinner! See the add in the Barker for details. Tickets must be purchased in advance and are not available at the door.

~VC Fry

## **Corn & Sausage Roast A Great Big Thank You!**

Last Saturday's Corn & Sausage Roast will certainly be remembered fondly among the long line of successful Roasts of the past. Over 150 lake neighbors and friends enjoyed wiping their mouths from the scrumptious brats from Mills Market in Zimmyville, the wonderful sweet corn from a farm in Granger on CR 2, and the perfect hot dogs (sorry we ran out!) and chicken breasts. The

feast was tremendous when you add in the coleslaw, potato salad, green beans, baked beans, cookies, watermelon, lemonade and iced tea. Great food, beautiful weather and plenty of laughs combined for an outstanding day. Thank you to all who helped make this fun event such a success, starting with our leaders Blair and Bernie Garceau. And a GREAT BIG THANK YOU to the outstanding crew who helped in so many ways: Vickie and Cornmaster Tom Rogers, Sue and Cornhusker Pat Williams, Greeters and Cashiers Denise and Jeff Smitley, Gordon and Michelle Seyfarth, Bill and Patty Luecht, Stan Pitakos, Greg Bolin, Carla Chester, Bob Waddle, Steve and Julie Plaia, and Julie and Mike Sheffieck. What teamwork! See you all next year!

## **Annual Homeowners' meeting**

There will be a meeting of the Homeowners' Association on Saturday Aug. 9 immediately following the Yacht Club Board meeting. The Birch Lake Homeowners' Association has 5 members, all Birch Lake property owners. Their mission is to monitor county and township activities that may have an effect on the property or have consequences for the owners of property on Birch Lake. We do this by attending county and township meetings then presenting the information found, and having speakers from these entities come explain their proposals or positions when necessary. Our goal is to always

present to the homeowners with information that will allow them to have an informed opinion, and taking recommendations regarding what is best for the lake and its residents back to the respective boards. This has been a slow year with little to report but we will still hold a meeting and all residents are welcome to attend. Thank you.

~James Bolinger, chairman

## **Berries & Pork**

Long ago, in a galaxy far, far away, a rather hip(pie) professor by the name of Dr. John Barber immersed students in a core class. His lecture series offered what was, at the time, revolutionary multimedia. A musical group called Strawberry Fields supported the Colloquium. Over time the Strawberries developed their own following and performed at various events.

Those same musicians still gather due to an enduring friendship hatched in youth. Now? A bit older, with possibly less hair, or gray hair ... when together ... music happens. The genre includes: CSNY, Buffalo Springfield, etc., etc. Think: lightly amplified acoustic sounds of the 70s.

Ever ready to support a good cause, Strawberry Fields will make music at the Camp Tannadoonah pig roast on Saturday, August 16.

Pork 'n berries. Got tie-dye?

## **Eagle encounter**

While fishing yesterday in the SW

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# — Birch Lake Notes —



**Blair Wozny, son of Bob Wozny (West Side) and Diana Wozny (South Side), was married July 26 to Holly Patterson in South Bend at St. Stanislaus Catholic Church followed by a reception at South Bend Country Club.**



**Girls and Guys Sunday pics: A Polish tradition celebration called Poprawiny was held the day after the wedding (Sunday) at Blair's father's home, Bob Wozny, on the West Side, with family and friends.**

corner of the lake my son Collin, son-in-law Aaron Bell, my grandson Cole Bell spotted two Bald Eagles, one of which (the male) dove down to catch a fish but missed.

~*J. Patrick McGann*

## **Beware!**

Folks, be aware of this. Lawn flamingos may seem kitschy and adorable, but they can pick a T-Rex clean in under 90 seconds at this time of year. Be careful. Use a trusted anti-flamingo spray before venturing outdoors. Let's be safe out there. <https://www.facebook.com/rlnaquin>

## **Bon anniversaire Claude**

Claude Petit, Birch lake home owner (south side) will celebrate his 69th birthday is Aug 10. Claude has been at and loved Birch Lake for 25 years.

Happy Birthday Claude!

## **SEPSA Pancake Breakfast**

SEPSA Fire Authority/Porter Fire Department will host it's annual Public Safety Fair/Pancake Breakfast this Saturday, August 9 from 8 am to noon at the Cass County Shrine Club. Many vendors including Child ID by Cass County Sheriff Department, and Many other Cass County Service Agencies. Fire Safety Information for everyone. Door Prizes hourly. The MedFlight Helicopter is scheduled to arrive at 10 am. Come join the FireFighters and learn about the community services available.

## **Training our herons?**

East sider Tom Decoker sent the following web link in hopes that someone might want to train the herons on Birch Lake ... See <https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?v=10204262495191468&fref=nf> (no spaces) for info.

## **Kid of the Week**



**Katie Doherty of Chicago, a guest of Rick and ?able Patti Russwurm (north shore) last weekend, helped out on the Committee Boat during the races.**



*Photo by Carol McCoy*

## **Welcome to Jaywalker**



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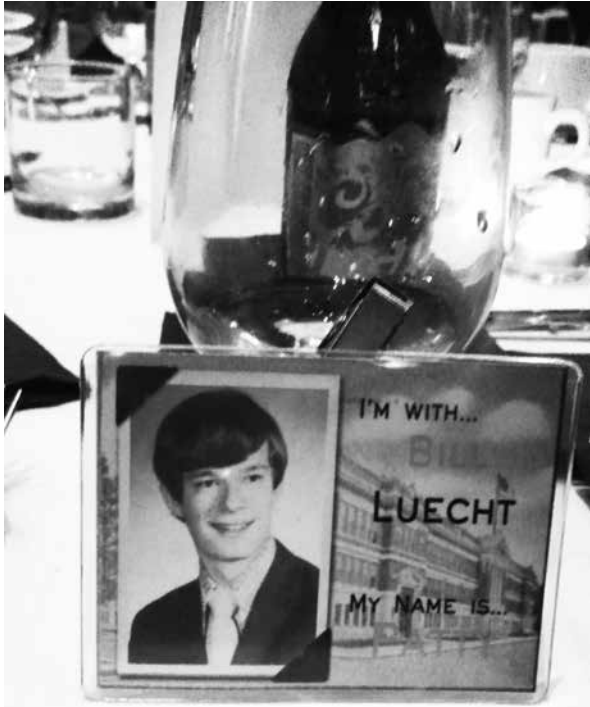
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# — Barker kids of the Week —



## THEN AND NOW

Bill Luecht, east side, husband of 2014 BLYC Commodore Bad Patty, attended his 40th high school class reunion last weekend in Elkhart. At left is Bill's year-book photo from when he graduated in 1974-3/4; at right is a photo of Bill and Patty at the function. Congratulations Bill, hope you had fun with all the old people at the reunion.



## KID-OF-THE-WEEK PHOTOS!

Everyone loves to see their kid in the paper ... and one picture is worth a thousand words!  
Send your kid of the week to me (or grandpa of the week or neighbor of the week or dog of the week ... we even print weeds of the week!) with the details via email at [SAILORPHIL@PHILVITALE.COM](mailto:SAILORPHIL@PHILVITALE.COM)

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# — Barker kids of the Week —



Cove kids Kat, Gisella, Emily and Lily showing off their sun visors and photo frames they made at a tea party we had for Lily before she moved to Florida. Kat & Emily are grandchildren of Vickie & Tom Rogers, Gisella is the daughter of Ben Tran and Lily is the granddaughter of Jim & Linda Bergan.



Mullin grandson and dog ... north shore



That's all six of our grandchildren at Camp T, where they spent this week ... From left are Morgann, Lexi, Camron, Dominic, Aley and Jazzie ... We hope the Camp recovers!

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# — Barker kids of the Week —



Anya and Claire Noneman, great-granddaughters of Duffy and Sue Dufour (east side). Anya is four years old and Claire celebrates her first birthday on August 5.



Jac Dundek, grandson of Jim and Debbie Bolinger as a kid of the week. Jac, his mom, dad and two sisters are visiting from Antibes, France for the next three weeks. This is how they entertain him in France because there is no lake to swim in (just the Mediterranean Sea, poor souls!)

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# FLEET CAPTAIN'S CORNER



## Patience ... waiting for the wind

**T**hanks to all the sailors who waited on wind and placement of our marks! Harold Cramner and I conferred a few times and albeit late, I decided that we would hold the races after all. Special thanks to Harold who not only places the marks but determines the most effective (and fun) course for us to sail. Hats off to Harold!

Committee boat, what can I say! Joining myself and Bad Pattie were Sandy Vitale, Patti Russwurm, Katie Doherty (Salty Dog Kate) and Carol McCoy. This was a maiden voyage for Carol, we sure had fun and hope you join us again!

- *First mate Amy*

### Committee Boat Assignments for the upcoming Races

#### August Races

- 10 — *Bad Patty*
- 17 — *Committee boat needed*
- 24 — *Committee boat needed*

#### Labor Day Regatta

- August 30 — *Bad Patty*
- August 31 — *Bad Patty*
- Sept. 1 — *Committee boat needed*

Committee Boat volunteers are always needed to help start and run the races.

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## 2014 Weekly/Season Sailing Results

Date	3-Aug	3-Aug	3-Aug	Total	Season
Race	25	26	27	Points	Average
<b>MC Scow/Sailor</b>					
Scott Troeger #1489	DNS	DNS	DNS	31376	1569
Jeff Smitley #2002	3	1	DNS	34624	1505
Phil Vitale #500	4	2	DNS	29590	1409
Harold Cranmer #1991/2412	1	3	DNS	34573	1383
Bob King #1199	2	4	DNS	30182	1372
Bill Luecht #1579	DNS	DNS	DNS	27319	1301
Gib Eberhart #916	5	5	DNS	20429	1277
Rick Harman & Kids	6	DNS	DNS	1225	1225
Pat McGann	DNS	DNS	DNS	2245	1123
<b>Sunfish/Sailor</b>					
Stewart Spratt	2	2	2	28022	1557
Rick Russwurm (Green/Blue)	1	1	1	26179	1540
Brad Davis	DNS	DNS	DNS	11791	1474
Mike Lutz (Blue/Red/Yellow)	DNS	DNS	DNS	25787	1433
Herb Cleveland	3	3	3	19624	1402
Katie Luecht (White/Red/Blue)	DNS	DNS	DNS	4186	1395
Peter Soldoto	DNS	DNS	DNS	16073	1339
Chris of the Scofields	DNS	DNS	DNS	2525	1263
Bill Butler	DNS	DNS	DNS	13501	1227
Nick Anderson	DNS	DNS	DNS	9739	1217
Camille Butler	DNS	DNS	DNS	19060	1191

### Legend:

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 one place worse than last place (if 5 boats finished, you would have finished 6th, will be scored as 7th place). DNF, DSQ are 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.)

Season Place = total season points/number of races attempted

### Dear Birch Lakers (Especially You Sailors!)

This is a little late in coming, but you know how the summer gets away from you! We would like to extend a big Thank You to the organizers of this year's Family Regatta. It was so kind of you to remember dad (Don Harman). He treasured this lake and loved sailing on it. He took joy in so many things, but was especially happy when he was teaching novice sailors (particularly children). He would be so thrilled to see that the Regatta is continuing on, and while he would have rolled his eyes and told you it wasn't necessary to name it after him, we are happy that people will get to remember him in this way.

Fair winds and following seas

~The Harman Family

### What time are the races supposed to start anyway?

I was very disappointed last Sunday when the marks for the sailboat races didn't go out by noon, and even more disappointed when the MC races didn't start until almost 1:30 pm ... Because of prior commitments I was forced to forgo sailing altogether, even though I had planned to race. I try to set my schedule to accommodate the agreed on times, but when it gets pushed back so far it completely spoils my Sunday! Some of us have to drive home (trunk slammers, you know), and delaying by that extra hour and a half just doesn't work! The least we can do is be at the starting line for

the start, whether it's at 11 or noon ... don't make the entire fleet wait for you! So, sailors, please make an effort to be out there for the start — after all, time and tide wait for no man!

~Disappointed Sailor

### UPDATE: Technical Protest against MC1489

Several sleuths managed to get good intel on the various rig settings (and are feverishly trying to replicate them on their respective boats). An argument broke out over where to drill hull core samples and what size hole saw should be used.

Watch this space.



**“Goodbye Summer, Hello Fall”**

**2014 Fall Dinner**  
**BIRCH LAKE YACHT CLUB**

**SATURDAY AUGUST 23, 2014**

**Social Hour 5:30**  
**Appetizers**

**Dinner Served 6:30**

**Fall Dinner Menu:**

<u>Baked Lasagna*</u>	<u>Roasted Italian Vegetable</u>
<u>House Salad</u>	<u>Ciabatta Bread</u>
<u>Lemon Mousse</u>	<u>Lemonade</u>
<u>Water</u>	<u>Coffee</u>

*\*Gluten free please request prior to August 15 to [cdfreihofers@aol.com](mailto:cdfreihofers@aol.com)*

**Year End Meeting 7:30**  
**Meet the new Vice Commodore**

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***For tickets, contact Vickie Rogers for the cove and west shore ,Good Patti Russwurm for the north shore, Sue Waddle for the east shore and Sue Williams for the south shore.***



# — Dana on Drugs —

## How to treat a sty

**H**ave you ever awakened in the morning, looked in the mirror, and noticed a pimply appearing bump on your eye? If so, you may have developed a sty on your eye! Styes are formed when one of the oil secreting glands in our



eyes becomes blocked from makeup, dust, or other debris. Most styes are completely harmless, and will go away on their own in a few days, but below are some tips for what you can do to manage the unsightly, inflamed sty.

Treatment for a sty is simple and you usually do not need to go to a doctor. You can

help the sty resolve faster by applying a warm compress to the sty for 10-15 minutes a few times each day until the sty ruptures on its own. With this being said, do not try to pop the sty yourself — let it burst on its own! If you try and rupture the sty yourself, you can promote infection and create a bigger problem than what you started with.

Until your sty ruptures, don't wear makeup or contact lenses and avoid touching your eye. For the next few days while the sty tries to rupture, your eyelid might be swollen, watery, and painful.

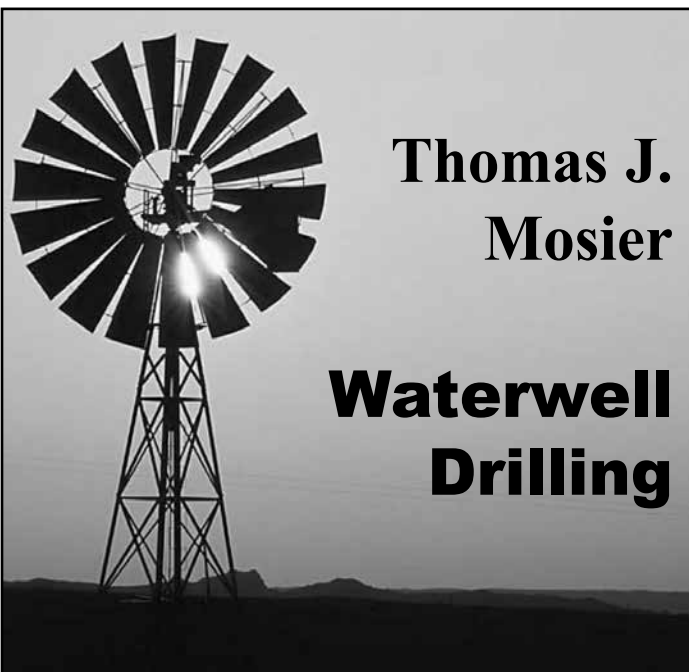
Call your health care provider if the sty doesn't resolve in a week, or becomes more painful or swollen after several days

of warm compresses. You should also see a doctor if you have vision problems or develop a fever. Keep in mind, once you start applying warm compresses, the sty should start feeling better. If it's only getting worse, you may have an infection that requires a doctor to prescribe an antibiotic.

To prevent future styes, wash off makeup at bedtime and take measures to prevent bacteria growth on makeup applicators. Makeup should be replaced every 6 months and brushes should be washed regularly. When outside, take protective measures against debris by wearing sunglasses or safety goggles, especially when mowing the lawn!



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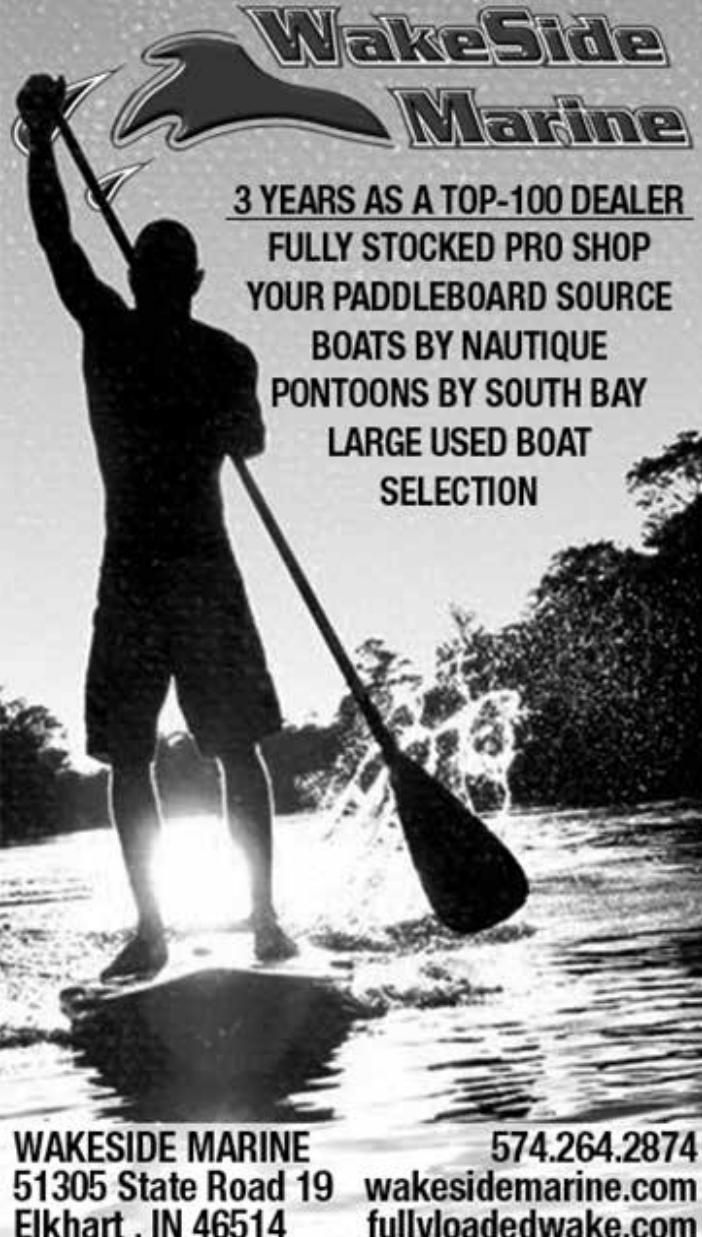
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## Meteors and the Supermoon

**H**ere's something you're not used to seeing in this column... today we're going to talk about something that will happen this week. Not something that happened last week and you missed because you didn't even know about it. (Whoever writes this tripe should be fired.)

Perseid meteor shower activity should peak around Aug. 12-13 this year, but it might be best viewed around now because of the full moon. The August supermoon most likely will have Earth's nearest neighbor dominating the sky the nights before and after Aug. 10 this year. Therefore, amateur and professional astronomers may catch their best glimpses of the Perseids this weekend.

First of all, what is a supermoon? Well, for the dozen or so whose Barker may have been misdelivered recently, a supermoon is technically known as a perigee moon, and occurs when the moon is full as it nears perigee, the point of its orbit closest to the earth. This month's supermoon is the second of three in a row and is expected to be the most remarkable of the year, as the moon will be at its closest point to Earth.

As for the meteor show(er), the U.S. space agency crunched numbers last year that cemented the reputation of the Perseid meteor shower as the fireball

champion of all annual celestial events. The Perseid meteor shower produces more fireballs than any other.

The Comet Swift-Tuttle, aka 109P/Swift-Tuttle, generates the Perseid meteor shower. Each summer, Earth passes through a cloud of dust produced by the comet as it approaches the sun. At the peak of Earth's tour of the debris field, as many as 100 meteoroids per hour strike the atmosphere at a velocity of about 133,200 mph. The shower has been, is and will be visible between July 17 and Aug. 24 this year.

As customary with almost all celestial events in the night sky — except the odd supermoon, of course — light pollution is a key factor in viewing the Perseid meteor shower. Therefore, the best thing you can do to maximize the number of meteors you'll see, is to get as far away from urban light pollution as possible and find a location with a clear, unclouded view of the night sky. Generally not a problem here at the lake. But light from the full moon will likely obscure fainter shooting stars. Many though may be as bright as Jupiter or Venus and provide a stunning picture in the sky along side the bigger and brighter than normal supermoon.

Once you get settled into your viewing location, search for the darkest patch of sky you can find, as meteors can appear anywhere overhead. Meteors will travel in a path from the constellation for which the shower is named. This apparent point of origin is called the radiant. In the case of the Perseid meteor shower, the fireballs thus will appear to originate in the constellation Perseus.

Look for Perseus in the northeast a little before midnight. It will not get high in the northeast until 3 AM or so. That does not mean that you cannot see any meteors until that time, and you do not have to look directly at the radiant in Perseus to see them. They will just appear to originate from that general area, and you will see more as the night progresses toward dawn.

I will be around to collect for this one.

Next week's show is free.

*~Anonymous*

*Celebrating 50 Years at Birch Lake*

### The Moon for this Saturday

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

**Illuminated Fraction: 0.995**

**0.5 days until full moon**



**Sunrise: 6:45am**

**Sunset: 8:53pm**

**Moonrise: 7:53pm**

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**Aries (March 21-April 19)** Accept all invitations to party because vacations and social engagements will appeal. Furthermore, this same energy amplifies your creative instincts so let your talents play! You can do anything with your hands! You're willing to try new things just to see if you can puncture the mystique of how they are created. Romance will also flourish along with sports-related activities and fun with children and young people.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20)** Now your focus is on home, family and real estate. Family discussions are significant and might focus on home repairs. After all, you are looking at a year ahead of many opportunities to improve where you live, either by investing in your current home or getting a new one. By the end of the week, you'll feel pulled between the demands of home and family.

**Gemini (May 21-June 20)** The pace of your days is accelerating! But you love it. Your enthusiasm and optimism will promote all your communications with others (writing, sales and teaching!). This is a productive week full of strong, positive energy. No doubt you will meet new faces and see new places. Restrictions at work might annoy you or make things difficult. Handle this with grace and aplomb because after all, your work history follows you.

**Cancer (June 21-July 22)** There's lots happening with your financial scene. For starters, many of you are beginning to see ways to boost your income or get a better job. These opportunities are sure to appear on the horizon. Plus you're full of moneymaking ideas, oh yes. By the end of the week however, restrictions related to vacations, children, social events or sports might be a challenge. Discussions about shared property and who is responsible for what will become heated.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)** Increased activity at home is unavoidable but it could lead to improved results through renovations and new purchases. Not only is this a favorable week for you, it's a great month and a great year! Enjoy your good fortune but beware that the only Full Moon all year that is opposite your sign will take place this Sunday and this will generate tension with others.

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** You are forceful in all your communications to others now; and although you might not notice this, they do! This is why arguments and heated discussions with siblings might occur. Nevertheless, your relations with friends are warm, especially with creative acquaintances. Right now you identify strongly with your beliefs, which helps you to promote ideas.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** This is a popular week for you; in fact, it's a prelude to a popular month, which leads to a popular year! Expect to be active with groups and witty, younger people. Right now, you easily attract people and circumstances to you that are beneficial. A new romance with someone older or richer might begin.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** People certainly notice you now. Furthermore, they see you in a favorable light, which is why you can use this to your advantage. Go after what you want. Ask for your own terms and conditions because you will probably get them. Grab every opportunity to travel for pleasure because this will please you. Avoid difficulties with parents, bosses and VIPs. ?

**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** Continue to grab every chance to travel because this is what's happening for your sign. Others are wonderfully supportive now as well. In fact, romantic intimacy

is sweet and passionate. And yes, secret love affairs are in the picture. Matters related to higher education, publishing, the media, medicine and the law will go well. However, be aware that later in the week, from Friday until Sunday, you are in an accident-prone window. Be careful. This goes for your words as well as your deeds. Don't blurt out something you might later regret.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** This is a busy time! Not only are you involved with groups, you might be competitive with someone. Could this person be jealous of your close relationship with partners and close friends? Keep your eyes and pockets open because you stand to benefit from the wealth and resources of others this week, this month and this coming year.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** Remember to get more sleep now. Focus your attention on partnerships and close friendships, these are the areas that will benefit you so much in the coming year. Work relationships are warm; in fact, a work-related romance will begin for some. From Friday onwards, conversations with others could be increasingly challenging. Have courage. Be patient.

**Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)** You're gung ho to accomplish so much now, probably because you have little choice! The world is making many demands on you but in turn, this allows you to improve your job scene as never before. Look for ways to get a better job if you're unhappy where you are now because you can do this. You value your beliefs now and are ready to defend them. Grab every chance to learn something and expand your mind because this will please you. (As will travel.) But do be careful in your dealings with coworkers, disputes and differences might arise.

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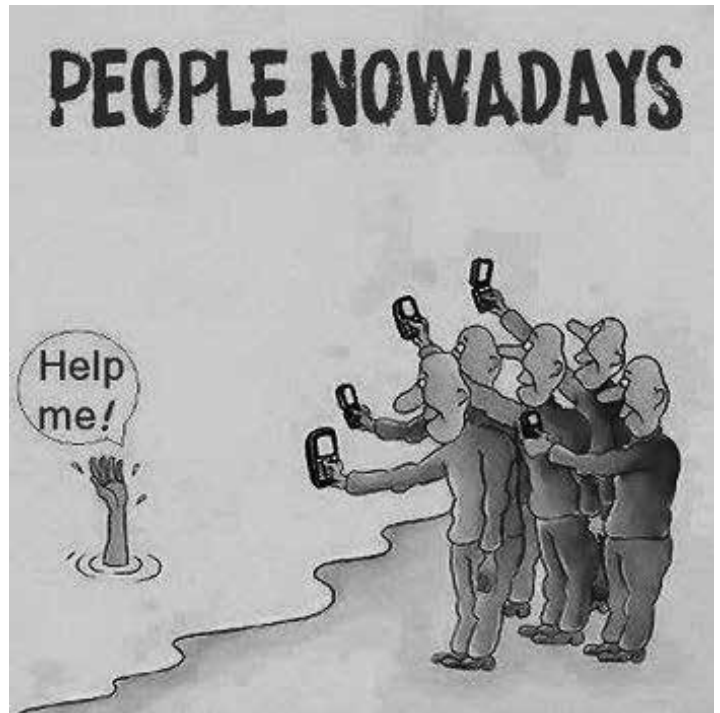
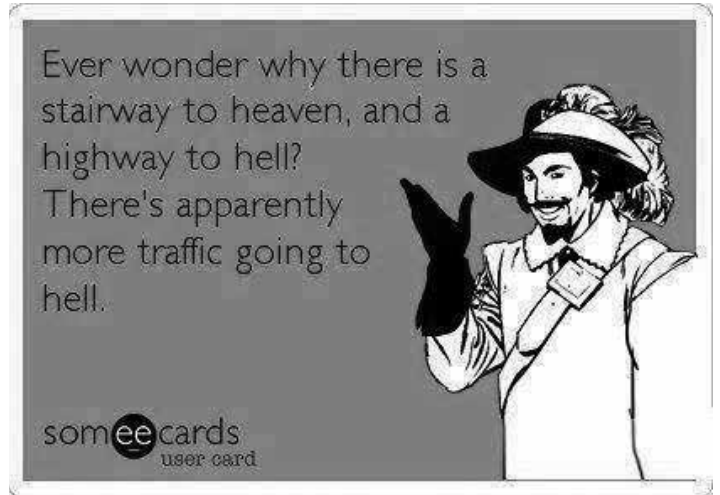
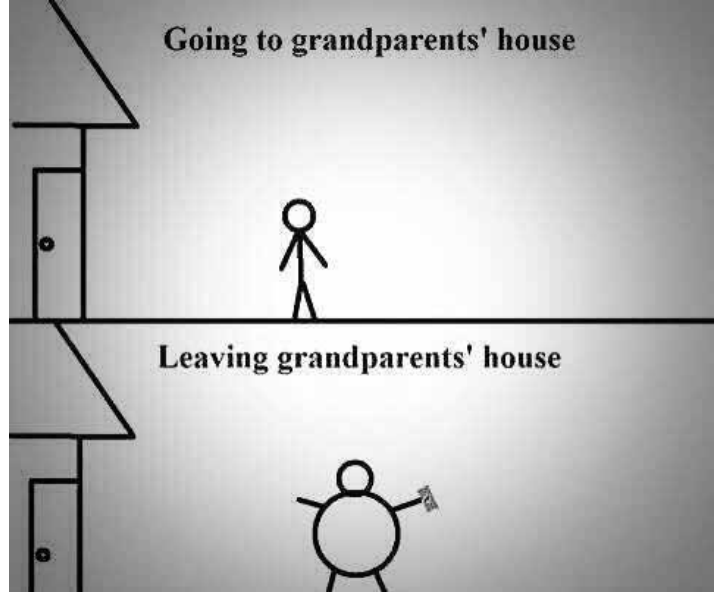
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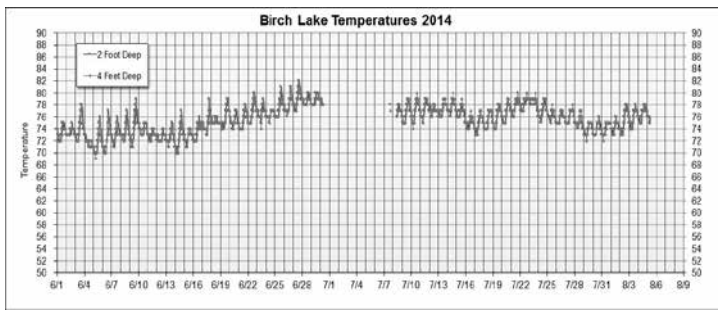
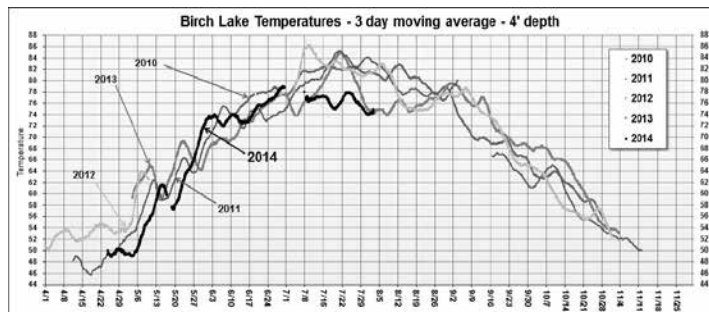
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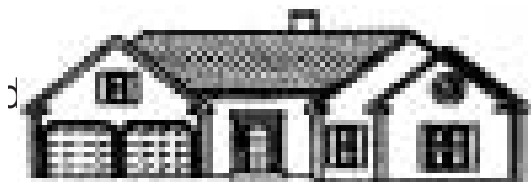
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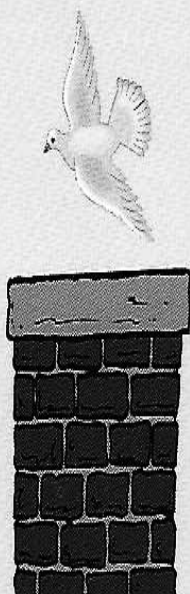
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10 ears corn, husked and cleaned  
Cajun seasoning to taste  
salt and black pepper to taste  
1 (1 pound) package sliced bacon  
10 12x8-inch sheets aluminum foil

### DIRECTIONS

Preheat an outdoor grill for high heat.

Sprinkle each ear of corn with Cajun seasoning, salt, and pepper, and wrap each ear with 2 slices of bacon, covering the ear as completely as possible. (A big ear might need 3 pieces of bacon.)

Wrap the ears in aluminum foil, twisting the ends tightly to seal.

Place the wrapped corn on the preheated grill, and grill on high heat until the corn is hot, about 10 minutes per side.



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# Camp Tannadoonah

## It's hard to believe but it's almost over!

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Some end-of-the-summer numbers, because I love statistics: We finished up the year with a grand total of 818 campers for the summer! That's nearly 200 more than last year's grand total of 635 (a nearly 29 percent increase in one year, in fact).

There were 466 female campers (57 percent) and 352 male campers (43 percent). It gets a little closer to 50/50 every year – last year was 59.4 percent female. The average age was 11.51, which is just slightly younger on average than last year (11.62).

By top 5 cities, 24 percent of our campers were from South Bend, 15 percent from Granger, 10 percent from Chicago, 7 percent from Mishawaka, and 7 percent from Elkhart. We had campers come all the way from France, Columbia, Bulgaria, and Canada. And 13 different states were represented: Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Ohio, Washington, New York, North Carolina, Missouri, Louisiana, Kansas, Florida, Colorado, and California!

On Tuesday this week I traveled to Camp Merrie Woode near Kalamazoo. I volunteered last winter to be an ACA (American Camp Association) Visitor, which means that once or twice a year I go to another camp to review all of the ACA standards with their staff. Every ACA-accredited camp has one of these visits every three years. Our next ACA visit at Tannadoonah will be next summer.

Camp Merrie Woode is a Girl Scout camp, and has a much larger camp "footprint" than Tannadoonah. They have 216 acres on a private lake with an island! Here at Tannadoonah we have just 44 acres. They have cabins, platform tents, and primitive camp sites. It was so interesting to see their facilities and hear about all their activities!

Wednesday evening we tried a new evening activity called Sponge Wars. The campers and staff were divided into two teams on the sports field. Each team had 3 targets on their side of the field (milk jugs sitting on top of buckets). There were large buckets and trash cans full of water placed on both sides of the field,

and 800 (!) sponges were scattered all over the field.

The objective was to score points for your team by knocking over the targets by throwing wet sponges at them. You could also take out members of the opposing team by hitting them with a sponge (temporarily giving your team an advantage). Meanwhile, we arranged for the Newberg Fire Department to bring out their fire truck and spray us all with water! Just imagine – over 100 people running around the field, soaking wet, throwing sponges at each other and at the targets. It's just too bad we didn't have a hot night!

Don't forget to come out Friday evening (the 8<sup>th</sup>) around 9 pm to watch our candlelight serenade on the pier.

And then please join us next weekend (Saturday, August 16) for our annual hog roast to celebrate a great season at Camp T! The hog roast begins at 5p m, and we ask that guests bring a dish to share. Hope to see you all there!

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