



The weekend of June 18 2016

Birch Barker

The official summer publication of the Birch Lake Yacht Club



COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

After a week at Mackinac Island with kids and grandkids, it's nice to be back at the lake. One of the things I love about living at the lake is that when you return from vacation, it still feels like vacation!

Claudia and I would like to thank everyone who came to the Commodore/Vice Commodore party last Saturday night. We had a great turnout, awesome food, and a good time! Thank you to Phil and Sandy Vitale, Patty Luecht, Karen Miller, Carla Chester, Cam Butler, Dennis Phipps, Pat Williams, and Bob Waddle for all your help. A special thanks to all who helped clean up after the party. Birch Lake neighbors are the best!

I hope you have purchased your tickets for the Spaghetti Dinner this weekend. Thank you to Ronni Eshleman and Diana Wozny for chairing the event and to all the south siders for putting this Italian feast together. This will be their last year before turning the spaghetti pots over to the West Side.

Next weekend is the 3rd annual

Don Harman People's Regatta. Don loved sailing and was always encouraging people to get out there and give it a try. This regatta is held in his honor and is an event for all ages. It is an opportunity for you to experience sailing, and hopefully you will get hooked! More information can be found in this Birch Barker. Thank you to Patty Luecht and Amy Lutz for organizing this wonderful event.

Calling all teens to come to the Yacht Club next Saturday evening for a Teen Night. This is a chaperoned event and will include refreshments, games, and music. What a great opportunity for the teens on the lake to meet each other! Thanks to Keith Kinzler for coming up with the idea and organizing the party.

Next time you are driving along the south side, please notice the improvements to Lake Park. New posts have been placed along the roadside to replace the old rotted out ones. Cass County Parks Department provided the new posts and some Southside volunteers provided the manpower. This joint effort has resulted in a much needed improvement! Thank you to all who participated.

Have a great week and hope to see

2016 Birch Lake Calendar

June 18.....	Spaghetti Dinner, 5:30-8:30 pm
June 25.....	Peoples' Regatta, 11 am, Lutz's
June 25.....	Teen Night at BLYC, 7:30 pm
July 2.....	Boat Parade, 2 pm, Bender's
July 2.....	Fireworks (dark)
July 3.....	Fireworks rain date
July 3.....	Pancake Breakfast (8:30 - 11 am)
July 22.....	BL Ladies' Golf Outing
July 29.....	Men's Golf Outing
Aug. 6.....	Corn & Sausage Roast)
Aug. 27.....	BLYC Fall Dinner (at the Yacht Club)

BLYC Board Meetings (9 am)

July 9, Aug. 6, Sept. 10 @ BLYC

More info as available.; Dates subject to change; Watch the Barker for updates!

you on the water!

~Commodore Sue

2016 BLYC Boat Parade

Just a reminder, only two weeks remain until the July 2 Annual Birch Lake Boat Parade. We can hardly wait to see how many creative ways our theme, "Favorite Recording Artist or Group," can be imagined.

The parade is slated to begin at 2 pm on Saturday, July 2. All entrants

The Birch Barker is always accepting materials for publication. Please E-mail your materials to sailorphil@philvitale.com, or put the items in the stone newspaper/mailbox at my home, 63174 Birch Rd. (East Shore). Please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope if you want photos or other materials returned. To contact me by phone, call (269) 476-1680, or contact BLYC Commodore Sue Williams at 476-8886 or email smwillia@comcast.net. ~Phil V

— Birch Lake Notes —



Birch lake express

Thanks to our Artist-in-Residence Duffy Dufour for the great lake art ...

must pick up their registration number at Dick Bender's pier on the south side. Please inform the judges the theme of your entry (in case it isn't readily apparent). All entrants will then follow the Grand Marshal's boat in single file around the lake and then return to the starting point for awards.

All entries will be awarded a trophy, and one boat will be designated "Most Outstanding." In next week's Barker we will reveal the identities of our four talented and impartial judges. Our Grand Marshal's identities will be announced in the July 2 Birch Barker. Let's make this a memorable event.

Please return

We have had our family's last name on the back of our cottage for 30-plus years, and last week it was taken from the cottage. I am sure that it is somewhat of a novelty but it has sentimental value to it since our father made it and he recently passed away. We would greatly appreciate it's return to 63500 Birch Rd. Thank you.

~The Thomas Drinkall family

Calendar Photographers Needed!

It feels as if summer 2016 has just begun, but it's already time to start thinking about the 2017 Birch Lake Calendar. So search out your best photos and send them in. We need horizontal color photos from all seasons. Since the pictures need to be enlarged, camera photos often work better than phone photos. Please e-mail your best pictures (no more than five) to lindal1008@comcast.net or give them to Linda Yoshizawa, Vickie Rogers, Sue Williams, or Carla Chester by July 17.

Pancake Breakfast

Come join us on Sunday, July 3 for the annual Pancake Breakfast at Camp Tannadoonah. From 8:30 am to 11 am, we'll be dishing up all-you-can-eat pancakes (a limited supply of gluten-free pancakes will be available), sausages, fruit, coffee and juice!

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Last year's proceeds from the breakfast were used to buy materials to build new bunks in the cabins at Camp Tannadoonah.

Come and have breakfast and show your support for all the great kids who attend Camp!

Online content

The printed Birch Barker is once again online this season, as well as additional content ... just go to www.philvitale.com and follow the links.

Fourth of July fireworks change

Due to changes in safety regulations and insurance, the Fourth of July fireworks can no longer be fired from the waterfront at Camp Tannadoonah. After a "test" fire last fall we have determined that the best available option is to fire from the camp's sports field next to the tennis and basketball court. Unfortunately this change will mean that people viewing from the homes in the Cove, north shore, and the north side of both the east and west shores of Birch Lake won't be able to see a good portion of the show unless they find a spot on the south side or go onto the lake in a boat to watch the show.

We're sorry for the inconvenience.

~Commodore Sue

BLYC Welcoming Committee

We are ready to rock and roll on our Welcoming Committee. If you know of a new neighbor please contact Vicky Rogers at 269-476-2383, Pam VanHuffel 269-244-3487 and Linda Curtis at 574-361-2629. Thanks.

Printed Birch Barker

Welcome to the printed Birch Barker. The Birch Barker is a service of the Birch Lake Yacht Club and provided free of charge every weekend to all the homes on Birch Lake, thanks

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The Barker welcomes the submission of editorial and advertising materials for publication (at the discretion of the editor), Phil Vitale (476-1680, email: sailorphil@philvitale.com).

The deadline for submitting ads and information for any Barker is by 3 pm on the Tuesday of the week before publication (example: the deadline for materials for the June 4 issue is 3 pm on Tuesday, May 31) ... thanks.

I'm at 476-1680 or sailorphil@philvitale.com ... for questions or problems with delivery please contact Commodore Sue Williams (476-8886, email: smwillia@comcast.net) or Bob & Sue Waddle (476-3393 or email: sparkybob220@comcast.net).

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— Birch Lake Notes —

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**Commodore & Vice
Commodore Party Pics**

photos courtesy of the
SPARKYcam



BLYC PRESENTS TEEN NIGHT

This is an opportunity for our teens on Birch Lake to meet and greet other teens, ages 13-17. It will be a chaperoned event, and will include refreshments, games, and music.

Date: June 25, 2016

Time 7:30 -11 pm

Place: BLYC

For more information

email Keith Kinzler @

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or call (815) 6932975

SAVE THE DATE; Birch Lake Ladies' FUN Golf Outing

**Friday, July 22; \$35 per Golfer
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Lunch following at the BLYC (included in cost)

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**Deadline to sign up is July 22
Get Your Teams Together!**

Team Members

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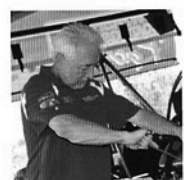
Cory Marlow

A candidate for Porter Township Supervisor, lives with his wife and their son on Shavehead Lake. Cory is Executive Vice President at Financial Partners Inc./Raymond James Financial Services in Elkhart, IN and is a partner with Bacon Hill Kitchen and Pub in Elkhart, IN. Cory earned his Bachelor of Science in Business Administration in 2004 from Valparaiso University and his M.B.A. from Northern Illinois University in 2007. Professionally, Cory has been awarded the Exemplar Financial Network Rising star award in 2013, The Spirit of Notre Dame Federal Credit Union in 2013, The Jackson National Stars Club in 2014 and 2015, and most recently has been named to the Michiana Forty Under 40 class of 2016. Cory is active in the community. He serves on the board for Camp Tanadoona on Birch Lake, serves on the board for Cockopalooza, a local cancer fundraiser in Elkhart County, and is a member of the Greater Elkhart Young Professionals, Young Professionals Network of South Bend, and Pillars of Elkhart. Cory's hobbies include golfing, boating, spending time with his family including his dog Ruby, snowmobiling, fishing, and cooking. Cory's vision for the Township revolves around fairness, transparency, and fiscal responsibility, and he would be honored to help serve the local businesses and residents as Porter Township Supervisor.



Honna Gableman

A candidate for Porter Township Clerk, lives with her husband and two daughters on Shavehead Lake. Honna has a restaurant and business management background. She's held several positions in general management, dealing in financial processes, employee oversight, multi-site office operations, and key customer account management. Her industry experience includes a history with West Palm Pizza, Sweet Endings Desserts, and 10 years with Panera Bread. Honna graduated from Constantine High School. She has 2 Specialized Associates Degrees from the Florida Culinary Institute of West Palm Beach. Her course emphasis included business management, global cuisine, and international baking and pastries. Honna is active in the community. She has served on the Constantine Public Schools PTO Board for 3 years and was President for 2 years. She has also been a past Member at Large for the IC School Commission in Three Rivers for 2 years. Honna enjoys spending spare time on the family farm near Elkhart and with family, friends, and neighbors on the lake. She has a commitment to the township where she is raising her two daughters. She is passionate about fairness and efficiency. She will focus on enhancing the township, making it an inviting environment for businesses and residents. Honna would consider it a privilege to serve her neighbors as Porter Township Clerk.



Tom Lutz

A candidate for Porter Township Treasurer
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Current President of Long and Coverdale Lake Association
Military Service - Vietnam
Army Sergeant, Combat Infantry Badge, Combat Center Sniper Course Graduate

— Water Quality Comments —

If the comments in this column of last week's Barker offended anyone, please accept my sincerest apologies. Our goal in writing was not to bully, shame, or single out anyone, particularly not any members of our lake community, but simply to inform those unaware of this new phenomena and its potential for damage.

The only bladder boat Celia and I see much of is one from our "neigh-

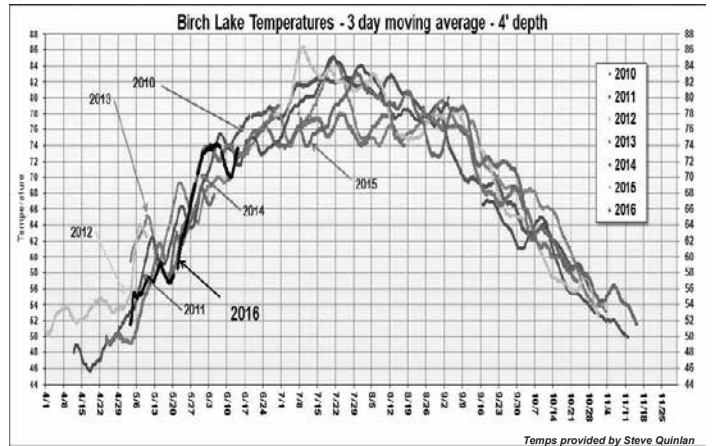
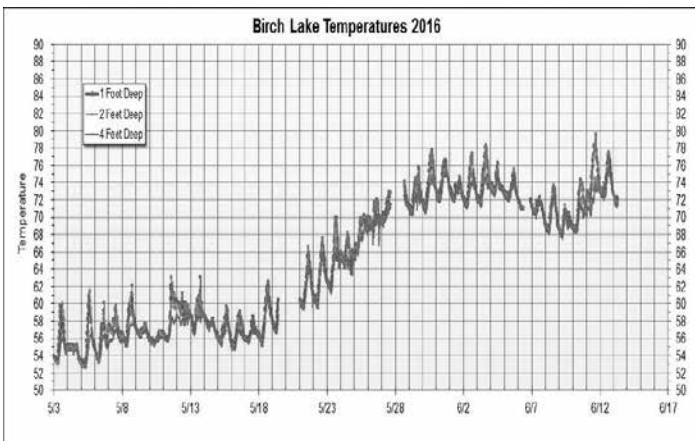
borhood." We have nicknamed it "Big Blue," and smile with gratitude and affection each time we see it go by, seemingly always during times of light lake usage, puttering out to the center of the lake before it "opens up."

We imagine all Birch Lake bladder and other boats behave the same way, and are grateful to them for doing so.

~Paul Fallon



Birch Lake Water Temperature



Temps provided by Steve Quinlan.

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FLEET CAPTAIN'S CORNER

First full week of sailing

After last weeks tremendous winds which limited the MCs to one race, both classes got all of their races completed! The winds gave all of us a little bit of everything, medium winds, lite to no wind on a couple of occasions, but just enough to complete our scheduled races.

I want to thank everyone that came out, we had a fairly large turn out of boats, which make for a fun day of sailing and also gorgeous site for the viewers on land. Thanks to the committee boat participants that took time out of their schedule to help run and record the three races!

Until next week "Splice the main brace"

~"Fleet Captain Mike"



2016 BLYC Season Sailing Results

Date12Jun..... 12Jun..... 2Jun Total..... Season..... Races %
 Race456 Points Average..... FinishedFinished

MC Scow/Sailor 4

Scott Troeger #1489	1	2	1	6321	1580	4	100.0%
Jeff Smitley #2002	4	1	2	4490	1497	3	75.0%
Phil Vitale #500	DNS	DNS	DNS	1444	1444	1	25.0%
Pat McGann #1735	6	3	3	4113	1371	3	75.0%
Harold Cranmer #1991/2412	7	4	4	5415	1354	4	100.0%
Bill Luecht #1579	3	5	6	5261	1315	4	100.0%
Barb Cassady #2435	5	6	5	5186	1297	4	100.0%
Gib Eberhart #916	2	7	DNS	3833	1278	2	50.0%
Bob King #1199	DNS	DNS	DNS	0	0	0	0.0%

Sunfish/Sailor 6

Rick Russwurm (Green/Blue)	1	1	2	4721	1574	3	50.0%
Peter Soldato	3	4	1	7534	1507	5	83.3%
Mike Lutz (Blue/Red/Yellow)	4	2	DNS	7224	1445	5	83.3%
Stewart Spratt	6	7	DNF	8106	1351	5	83.3%
Herb Cleveland	2	6	4	8301	1384	6	100.0%
Bob Niezgodski	5	5	5	8072	1345	6	100.0%
Camille Butler	8	3	3	3977	1326	3	50.0%
Bill Butler	7	DNS	DNS	1156	1156	1	16.7%
Sandy Vitale (White)	DNS	DNS	DNS	0	0	0	0.0%
Bob Cassady	DNS	DNS	DNS	0	0	0	0.0%
Chris Spratt (Blue/Green)	DNS	DNS	DNS	0	0	0	0.0%
Brad Davis	DNS	DNS	DNS	0	0	0	0.0%
Chris Lintner	DNS	DNS	DNS	0	0	0	0.0%

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 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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— Barker Kids of the Week —



Blair and Bernie Garceau's (east side) grandson Everett co-captains with Bad Patty during an afternoon boat ride. Everett will be 3 in August and loves Birch Lake!



Duffy Magee Phipps, north side.

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— Barker Kids of the Week —



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At left, Ben Petty, north shore, learning to wake-surf! He now can do it without the rope, guess I'll have to send another picture next week ... ;)

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How did the constellations get their names?

The constellations are the 88 internationally recognized stellar groupings in the sky that together cover the entire celestial sphere. They typically correspond to a recognizable pattern and many are named from mythology. However, in modern usage, a specified constellation technically refers to the entire region of the sky, not just the recognizable star pattern.

An asterism, by comparison, is also a group of stars that doesn't correspond to the recognized constellations. Some, like the Big Dipper, are a subset of the stars in a larger constellation - in the case of the Big Dipper, the constellation is Ursa Major. Others are made up of stars from multiple constellations. An example of this type is the Summer Triangle - which we enjoy here at the lake whenever the night sky is clear - which is composed of the three bright stars Vega, Deneb, and Altair, the brightest stars in the Constellations Vega, Cyngus and Aquila, respectively.

Most constellation names are Latin in origin, dating from the Roman empire, but their meanings often originated in the distant past of human civilization. Scorpius, for instance, was given its name from the Latin word for scorpion, but ancient Egyptian hieroglyphs from before 3000 B.C. refer to the star group as "Ip," the scorpion king. Orion, the hunter, bears a Greek name, but had been seen as a hunter-hero figure since the times of ancient Babylon.

Of course, many of the constellation names are more modern - Telescopium, the telescope, being a rather obvious newcomer. In fact, by the 19th Century the night sky had become crowded with overlapping and often contradictory constellation boundaries and names as different schools of astronomy prepared their own versions

of star maps. To clear up the confusion, names and boundaries were "officially" assigned to 88 constellations by the International Astronomical Union in 1930, providing complete coverage of the entire sky.

How do the signs of the zodiac relate to astronomy?

Though many people start their day by checking their horoscope in the newspaper, the 12 constellations of the zodiac are no more important to astronomers than the other 76 constellations.

The significance of the zodiac stems from the fact that the ecliptic - the narrow path on the sky that the Sun, Moon, and planets appear to follow - runs directly through these star groupings. Since ancient times, the Sun, Moon, and planets have been known as special astronomical objects - they "wander" through the background stars of the zodiac, which remain fixed with respect to each other. It was reasoned that these zodiacal constellations must be special to make up this path, and the relative positions of the "wandering stars" within them bore great importance.

True scientific astronomy has its roots in the attempts of ancient astrologers to predict future occurrences of, for instance, imperial Jupiter and the blood-red planet Mars meeting within the charging bull of Taurus - a potentially powerful omen for those who believed the planets represented the gods themselves.

Keep telling yourself that and

The Moon for this Saturday

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

Illuminated Fraction: 0.985
1.2 days until full moon



Sunrise: 6:08

Sunset: 21:22

Moonrise: 20:34

Moonset: 5:47

Day length: 15h 14m

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~Stu Spratt

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Aries (March 21-April 19) You're on the go with short trips, errands, a jam-packed schedule, conversations with everyone plus increased reading, writing and studying. And yes, you continue to have marvelous opportunities to improve your job or get a better job. However, this week you might feel haunted by religious doubts, political doubts or doubts about your education.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) Money, earnings and your possessions are your primary focus now. Relations with partners and close friends might be tough. Fortunately, you have fabulous opportunities for vacations, parties, sports events and playful times with children. You have a great, fun-filled summer ahead of you!

Gemini (May 21-June 20) You continue to be empowered by the Sun in your sign; and it's always a good idea to buy wardrobe items while Venus is in your sign. Venus will not return to Gemini until a year from now so do some fun shopping before Friday!

Cancer (June 21-July 22) You have been optimistic lately. And you have a lot of energy for playful activities, sports and entertaining diversions. And hopefully, you are setting goals for your new year ahead (birthday to birthday). However, when it comes to your daily tasks and your job - and possibly even your health - you have doubts. Things are not unfolding as you hoped they might. Keep in mind that no job is perfect. We work to pay the bills in addition to working for joy and fulfillment. But paying the bills is number one.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) This is a popular time for you! Admittedly, it's fun to enjoy friends, but you can only spread yourself so far. Your home scene a bit hectic due to redecorating, moving or visiting guests. But you can handle this because you always do. What is truly challenging are the niggling worries you have about your kids or grandkids. Maybe their dreams are stalled in the water?

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You continue to be high viz. because the Sun at the top of your chart is shining a flattering light on you, which means you can use this to your advantage. In other words, make your pitch to the boss! People will be receptive. Not only do you look good in the eyes of others, Mars guarantees that your communications are forthright and persuasive. Yes, others are listening!

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Travel and adventure continue to entice you. You want to be somewhere else having fun! Obviously, if you can travel for pleasure, by all means, do so. You can also travel through books, film and engaging conversations with others to help you explore exciting ideas.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Money is on your mind. You have concerns about debt, shared property, inheritances, insurance issues and taxes. And naturally, you have similar concerns about how much money you generate for yourself. Always the challenging balance. But at a subtle level, we often equate our self-worth with our wealth and assets. This is fallacious. Your true value is not in what you own. It's who you are.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Remember to get more sleep this week because you need it. There is also a lot going on behind the scenes. Fortunately, your reputation in the eyes of others looks solid. People admire you, even if you wonder why. (Ha!) Therefore, keep these self-doubts to yourself. Don't worry about the uncertainty, confusion and fears that you have because they are temporary.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) For the most part, things are solid. You're working hard because you want to get better organized. And you're willing to put out the effort, which is excellent. You also want to travel and explore more of the world if you can, which would be a good idea if you can swing this during the summer. You won't regret going anywhere!

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Enjoy this playful time exploring sports, the entertainment world, vacations and playful times with children. Even romance is promising! Basically, life is good. Nevertheless, nothing is perfect. Your relationship with someone who is older, more experienced or perhaps just an old friend in your life - seems somewhat threatened right now.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) Home, family and your private life are a strong focus now. This is why you are fixing up your digs and enjoying gardening or entertaining at home. And what can be richer than family? The biggest dark cloud on your horizon is that you question your direction in life.

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BETWEEN
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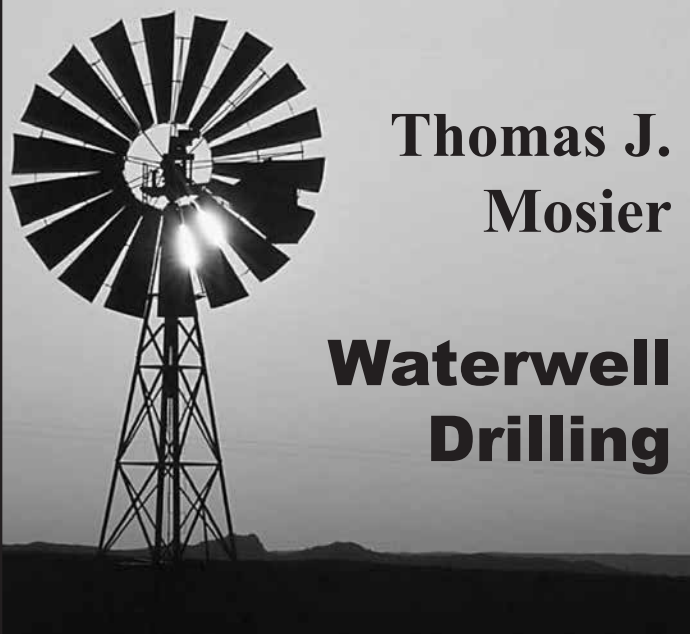
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- 1 fresh pineapple - peeled, cored and cut into 1 inch rings
- 1/4 teaspoon honey
- 3 tablespoons melted butter
- 1 dash hot pepper sauce
- salt to taste

Directions:

1. Place pineapple in a large, resealable plastic bag. Add honey, butter, hot pepper sauce, and salt. Seal bag, and shake to coat evenly. Marinate for at least 30 minutes, or preferably overnight.
2. Preheat an outdoor grill for high heat, and lightly oil grate.
3. Grill pineapple for 2 to 3 minutes per side, or until heated through and grill marks appear.

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— Camp Tannadoonah —

New assistant director is guest columnist

Hello! I'm Michelle, the Assistant Camp Director and guest columnist for the week. It's my third week on the lake and I'm enjoying it immensely.

Camp is officially in session! Our first week is our smallest week with 66 campers. The theme of Week No.1 is Sports. Upon arrival, all of the campers received a green or orange bandana to divide the teams for evening activities. The evening activities have included sports stations with four different sports stations, a soccer tournament, and Surt, which is a Spanish version of kickball.

During the day, many of the campers choose to participate in a wide variety of athletic activities, including gaga ball, basketball, volleyball, and kickball.

The CIT2 group (second year Counselors in Training) is off to a strong start! The CIT program has undergone significant changes. The CIT2s now stay at camp for 3

weeks and the CIT3s (third year Counselors in Training) will be at camp for 4 weeks! This gives these young adults the opportunity to learn and grow over consecutive summers. With Miss Julie as their leader, the CITs spend their first week participating in activities, observing and helping with activities, team building on the low ropes course, and being positive role models for the younger campers. They will have additional responsibilities each week that they are here. The CIT2s are the committee for the Week 2 theme: Pirates!

Thanks to a grant from the United Way, a number of our campers were able to attend camp for these first two weeks this summer on Campership. Part of the grant has made it possible to have a book club for the campers. The various book clubs are reading a variety of books, including Magic Tree House, Nate the Great, and

Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children. The campers enjoy reading together in their small groups.

We have been so grateful for the warm weather during this first week! There are many campers participating in waterfront activities. You will see many groups canoeing, kayaking, paddle boarding, skiing, fishing, and swimming around camp. Without the high temperatures, there would be fewer campers enjoying our beautiful lake.

Our current number of campers for the summer is 861. Last year, the total number of campers was 849. We would love to see that number increase. However, many of the upcoming sessions are nearly filled to capacity, especially for girls. Sign up soon to guarantee a spot.

Until next week,

~Miss Michelle



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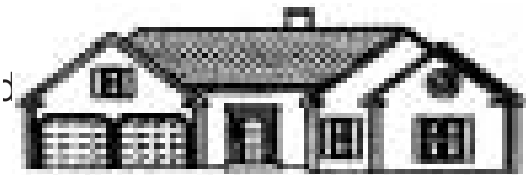
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