



Thanks to Vice Commodore Karen Curtis Miller for the great action photos from last weekend's inaugural sailing races. Sailing will continue every Sunday (weather permitting) until Labor Day ... please keep your boats clear of the course on Sundays!

COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

It was a beautiful sight to see the first sailboat races of the season! Thank you to all of those who are instrumental in providing this visual treat, including our fleet captain Mike, Bad Patty, and our Birch sailors! We are so lucky to have this activity every Sunday!

I hope you enjoy the lake-wide garage sale this Saturday and the Commodore/Vice Commodore Party this Saturday, June 10! Karen and I hope to see you at the yacht club at 6:30 pm. Bring an appetizer or dessert and come ready for a good time and some Birch Lake fellowship.

There will be guest writers the next two weeks for the commodore comments. Vice Commodore Karen Curtis Miller and Past Commodore Patty Luecht have agreed to take over that responsibility in my absence. Thank you Karen and Patty for being so gracious!

Here is a Moonbeam thought for the day: You cannot be the light and hold another in darkness.

I hope to see you at the yacht club ready for food, drink and fun!

-Commodore Claudia

Boat Parade Planned

There are merely three weeks remaining until the Umpteenth Annual Birch Lake Boat Parade. Does anyone remember when the first Boat Parade was held here at the Lake? Denny? Bud? Duffy?

Anyway, let's concentrate on this year's event. Thanks to Carla Chester's suggestion at Jimmy's one evening, the theme for this year's Parade is No Theme. Everything is fair game. Remember Seinfeld's television show about nothing? This is a parade about everything, yes everything.

So put on your thinking caps and get busy. More boring details will come next week.

Thanks, Alpha Graphics

Thanks to Birch Lake resident Pat Welch (south side), owner of Alpha Graphics in South Bend and Elkhart, Alpha Graphics is again printing the Birch Barker this year.

Alpha is doing an excellent job

2017 Birch Lake Calendar

Birch Lake Garage Sale - June 10
 Commodore/ Vice Comm Party - June 10
 Popsicles on the pier, Petty's pier - June 22
 Spaghetti Dinner - June 24
 Fireworks - July 1
 Pancake Breakfast - July 2
 Fireworks rain date - July 2
 Don Harman People's Regatta - July 16
 Ladies Golf Outing - July 21
 Mens Golf Outing July 28
 Corn and Sausage Roast - July 29
 Fall Dinner August 26
 Soup Challenge - October 14

Upcoming Board of Directors Meetings:
 July 8, August 5, Sept. 9

More info as available.; Dates subject to change; Watch the Online Barker for 2017 schedule when available and for updates!

and we appreciate the relationship!
 ~PV

Birch Lake Totes

Birch Lake Totes are again available for just \$5 each. Call Patty 476-2615. They will be on sale at the

— Birch Lake Notes —

Commodore/Vice Commodore party on Saturday June 10.

High speed Internet project

Birch Lake is part of the Jones zone for the high-speed Internet construction project by Midwest Energy. This zone is currently in 5th place, at 35 percent of its goal. Midwest Energy is looking for approximately 451 more sign ups before they will begin construction in our area for 2018.

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New Directory in the works

The Birch Lake Yacht Club is in the process of collecting data for a new Birch Lake Directory, which will be published this year. We will be collecting data through July 4 and hopefully will have directories available for the Fall Dinner.

If you are new to the lake or if any of your information in the last directory has changed, please your new information to Deb Spratt at 18100 Farmington Hills Dr., South Bend, IN



Thanks to our Mr. Bob for the portrait a Birch Lake critter!

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The information we will publish will include:

House number - last name, first name(s)
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Lake Phone Number (land line)
Cell Phone Number(s)
Off Lake Address (if any)
Off Lake Phone Number(s)
Email address(es)
Kids names.

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To place an ad contact Barker Editor Phil Vitale at onlinebarker@gmail.com or sailorphil@philvitale.com, mail or put the ad materials in the stone mailbox at 63174 Birch Rd. (east side), Vandalia, MI 49095, or, as a last resort, call me at 269-476-1680.

Cass program on invasive species

The Cass County Conservation District is proud to host a free event June 21 from 6-7 pm at the Cass County District Library in Cassopolis. This event will be open to the public and light refreshments will be provided. Kimberly Barton, the Cass County Invasive Species Outreach Educator, will be giving a short presentation about invasive species in Cass County and how to manage these species. Her talk will include topics such as Japanese Knotweed, forest pests, and aquatic invasive species such as Phragmites. She will also include a short demonstration of how to use a Japanese Knotweed injector for the management and removal of this species.

If interested please call the Cass County Conservation District at (269) 445-8641 ext. 5 to RSVP. The



The chemical treatment was applied on Tuesday in the ongoing effort to eradicate the Milfoil on the east side.

SWxSW Corner Collaborative Invasive Species Management Area (CISMA) is a grant funded program to manage invasive species in Berrien, Cass, and Van Buren Counties. With funding from the Michigan Invasive Species Grant Program, the CISMA aims to help landowners and stakeholders in Southwest Michigan manage invasive species.

If you believe you've seen invasive species, please report this to the

Midwest Invasive Species Information Network (MISIN) at misin.msu.edu. If you have questions about invasive species or invasive species treatment please contact the Cass County Conservation District at: (269) 445-8641 ext. 5 or Kimberly.barton@macd.org. If you're interested in volunteering for the Cass County Conservation District please contact Korie Blyveis at korie.blyveis@macd.org or at the office number listed above.



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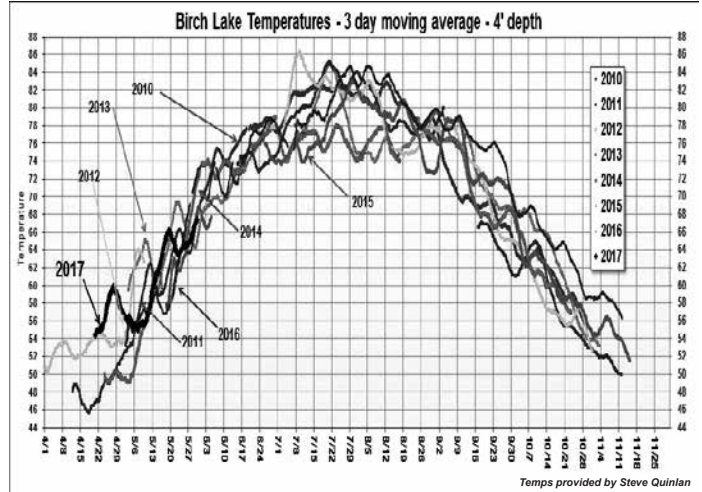
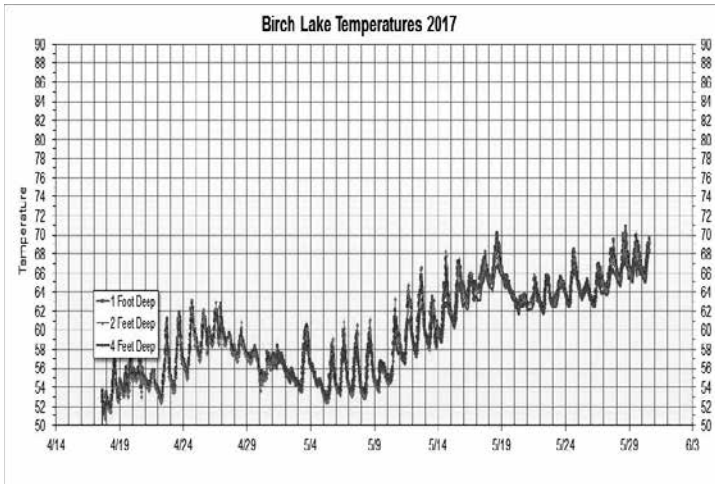
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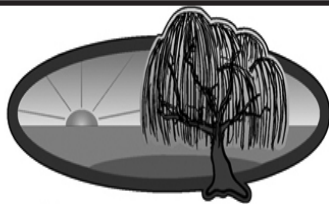
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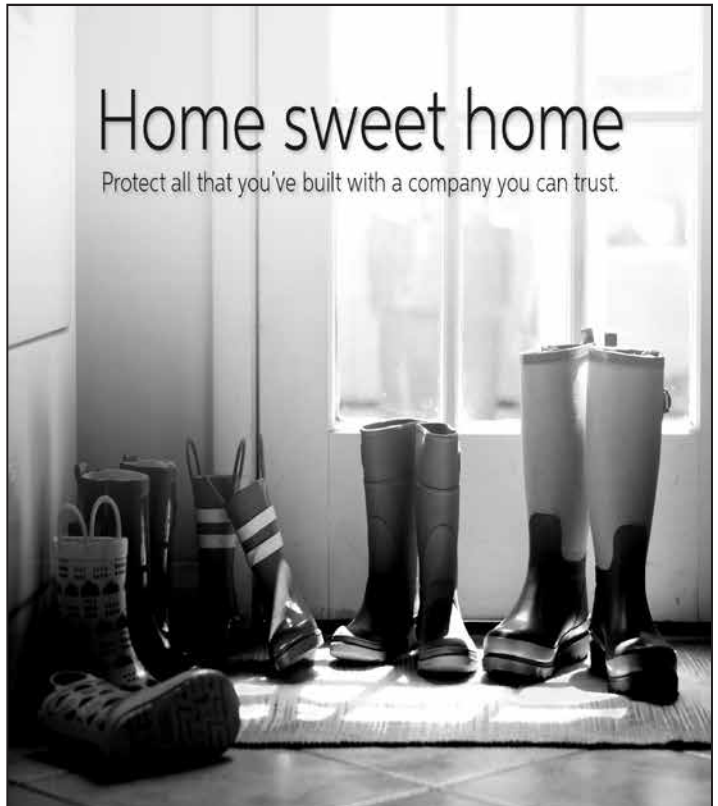
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— COMMUNITY CORNER —

by **Sarah Petty**

Hi Birch Lakers! I'm a new Birch Lake Yacht Club board member, and we have created a new Community Committee! This committee will absorb the Welcoming Committee to welcome new Birch lakers, and do some other things that help us "get to know" more people on the lake.

Starting off at this weekend's Commodore/Vice Commodore party you will see color-coded name tags! These will appear at future BLYC functions to help

us meet new people ... and so we can remember the people we have met three times and still forget their names (maybe it's just me).

The name tags will be coded by shore (North, South, East, West, and Cove) to help you place people on the lake. Be sure to come on Saturday (bring an app or dessert to share) to meet new and "old" friends!

Check back, right here, next week as I introduce a fun, low key event called "*Popsicles on the pier*". It is as easy as

it sounds, and I hope to do one per shore this summer. I'll host the first one on the North Shore on June 22 from 4-6 pm. If you would like to offer your yard and pier for the next one, please email me at sarahkpetty@gmail.com. More details next week.

In this Corner we will also do a "Get to know the board" segment each week. So below please enjoy learning more about our Commodore Claudia, and wonderful Birch Barker editor Phil and his wife Sandy.

Get to know the Birch Lake Yacht Club board



Hi! I'm **Claudia Phipps** your friendly Commodore. I live on the North Shore with my husband Dennis, our dog Duffy, and our cat Coconut. Most of my time is spent with our 12 grandchildren! I hope to see old and new faces at the yacht club events!

Phil and Sandy Vitale

Sandy is a retired surgical nurse, a former head nurse of surgery at Memorial Hospital in South Bend and worked in purchasing and contracts for 19 years for Franciscan Alliance, a Catholic healthcare organization headquartered in Mishawaka.

Since 2000 Phil has been the editor of the Birch Barker. He is also the editor and half-owner of the monthly newspaper Cass Neighbors. He is a past commodore and a long-time mem-



ber of the Birch Lake Homeowners Association. Phil worked at the South Bend Tribune as an editor for many years. P

Phil sails an MC on Birch Lake (Sail # 500, the Pickle), Sandy formerly sailed in the Sunfish fleet (and is moving up to the MC fleet this year), and Phil and Sandy have both sailed a little on large boats on the ocean (ask them about it, they've got lots of stories).

You can often see them "toodling" around Birch Lake on their pontoon (watch for Nemo!).



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Sailing has started

Our first week of sailing is in the books! We had around 12 to 13 sailors out last Sunday. Winds were light to start but picked up to around 9 to 10 mph as of the last race. I know it is early but hope to many more sailors out in the following weeks!

I need to thank our committee boat participants, Bad Patty, Sandy Vitale and Vice Commodore KarenCurtis-Miller for making our races possible! If anyone is interested in helping on Sundays please give Bad Patty or myself a call. We can always use extra help!

Until Next week,

"SPlice THE MAIN BRACE."

~Fleet Captain Mike~



2017 BLYC Season Sailing Results

Date June 4 June 4 June 4 **Total** **Season** **Races** %
Race 1 2 3 **Points** **Average** **Finished** ... **Finished**

MC Scow Sailor/boat number

Scott Troeger #1489.....	1	1	2	4721	1574	3	100.0%
Jeff Smitley #2002.....	2	3	1	4565	1522	3	100.0%
Phil Vitale #500.....	4	2	5	4186	1395	3	100.0%
Barb Cassady #2506	3	5	3	4184	1395	3	100.0%
Harold Cranmer #1991/2550.....	5	4	4	4034	1345	3	100.0%
Bill Luecht #1579.....	6	6	7	3606	1202	3	100.0%
Pat McGann #1735.....	7	7	6	3537	1179	3	100.0%
Bob King #1199.....	DNS	DNS	DNS	0		0	0.0%
Gib Eberhart #916.....	DNS	DNS	DNS	0		0	0.0%
Sandy Vitale.....	DNS	DNS	DNS	0		0	0.0%

Sunfish Sailor/sail color

Peter Soldato.....	1	1	1	4800	1600	3	100.0%
Rick Russwurm (Green/Blue).....	2	3	2	4486	1495	3	100.0%
Herb Cleveland.....	3	2	4	4334	1445	3	100.0%
Mike Lutz (Blue/Red/Yellow).....	5	4	3	4109	1370	3	100.0%
Stewart Spratt.....	4	5	5	3961	1320	3	100.0%
Camille Butler	DNS	6	6	2450	1225	2	66.7%
Bill Butler.....	DNS	DNS	DNS	0		0	0.0%

Abbeviations explained:

- 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.)
- SEASON PLACE = total season points/number of races attempted
- CREW - Counted toward completed races, Points go to skipper of boat.



— Barker Kids of the Week —



Fishing buddies Peyton Lapato (Rogers' grandson) and Timmy Bergan, both of the Cove.

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Cute as a button at the end of Koscielski's pier in the Cove, Lake visitor Maggie McMahon was enjoying the sailboat races and the great weather last weekend. Thanks to Vice Commodore Karen Curtis Miller for the pic.

KID-OF-THE-WEEK PHOTOS

Mail your kid-of-the-week (or turtle of the week or plant of the week or whatever you've got) photos to Birch Barker, 63174 Birch Rd., Vandalia, MI 49095; put them in a ziplock and stick them in the stone mailbox at my home (east side), or email them to me at SAILORPHIL@PHILVITALE.COM

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That's Cal King cheesing it up with the prehistoric (not really) map turtle that came to visit him and his parents on the North Shore.



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2. _____
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4. _____

**For more Information Watch the
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Bad Patty Luecht 476-2615**

— Water Quality Report —

CLMP report available

As mentioned in the Barker article a few weeks ago, your Birch Lake Yacht Club, through its Water Quality Committee, has been a long time participant in the Michigan Lakes and Streams Associations' "Co-operative Lakes Monitoring Program." For many years, all sampling was done by the Temples but is presently being done by Terry Dugan and other members of the committee.

In this program, characteristics of the lake are measured a number of times throughout (primarily) the summer, late spring and early fall to see how the lake is reacting to the stress put upon it by the weather and other seasonal challenges. The information is compiled, recorded, compared with previous years' data, and some tentative conclusions are drawn.

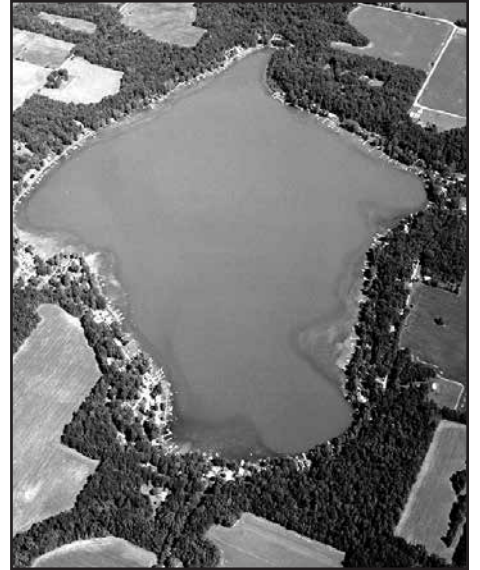
Historically Birch Lake's summary composite (Carlson TSI) rating has hovered around the line between the top two classes (out of 4 total) of lakes. For 2016, our lake showed slight improvement in two (amounts of chlorophyll and phosphorus) of the three criteria and a slight decline in the

third (secchi disk readings of water clarity), yielding a slightly improved rating overall. To the extent the lower concentrations of chlorophyll and summer phosphorus were affected by your activities (helping to keep those undesirable elements out of the lake), thank you for your efforts and please keep up the good work!

You may access your own copy of the full 2016 CLMP Report for Birch Lake by entering the following URL.: <https://micorps.net/lake-monitoring/individual-reports/>

If you go to this site, reports for each county will pop up and you can then select the county i.e. Cass, and then Birch Lake to view the report.

As always, please recall that whatever is around the lake will eventually get into the lake. To witness this phenomena, you simply have to be here for some big rains, especially prior to vegetation growth in the early spring. And so, as you perform your annual rituals of yard cleanup, fertilization (with no phosphorus and away from the shore, please), etc. please think about what might get into the lake



and consider starting to build a bit of plant buffer at the water's edge.

If you decide you need to burn your debris (or anything else), please pick up your ashes after they cool. Ashes left on the ground make an excellent, but highly undesirable, instant fertilizer as they wash their way into the lake with a rain.

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June guide to the bright planets

Three of the five bright planets are easy to see in June, 2017: Jupiter, Saturn and Venus.

Jupiter appears first thing at dusk and stays out until well after midnight. Saturn rises at dusk or nightfall and stays out for rest of the night.

Venus rises before the sun and reached its greatest elongation — its farthest point from the sun on our sky's dome — on June 3, 2017.

Mars and Mercury will be hard to spot this month. Mars is buried deep in the glare of evening twilight. Mercury swings behind the sun in June, thereby transitioning from the morning to evening sky.

Bright Jupiter high up at nightfall. Jupiter reached opposition on April 7. That is, it was opposite the sun as seen from Earth then and so was appearing in our sky all night. The giant planet came closest to Earth for 2017 one day later, on April 8. So Jupiter shone at its brightest and best in April, but never fear. It'll still be blazing away in June! Jupiter beams as the third-brightest celestial body in the nighttime sky, after the moon and Venus. In June, Jupiter shines from dusk until well after midnight; meanwhile, Venus appears only before dawn.

Watch for a bright waxing gibbous moon to join up with Jupiter for several days, centered right about now. Wonderful sight!

From the here at the lake, Jupiter appears in the southern sky first thing at dusk; and from the Southern hemisphere, Jupiter appears high overhead as darkness falls. From all of Earth, Jupiter crosses the sky in a westerly direction throughout the night, as Earth spins under the sky. Jupiter sets

in the west in June, in the wee hours after midnight.

Jupiter shines in front of the constellation Virgo, near Virgo's sole 1st-magnitude star, called Spica. (To find Spica, follow the arc of the Big Dipper's handle to Arcturus. Spica is just below.)

If you have binoculars or a telescope, it's fairly easy to see Jupiter's four major moons, which look like pinpricks of light all on or near the same plane. They are often called the Galilean moons to honor Galileo, who discovered these great Jovian moons in 1610. In their order from Jupiter, these moons are Io, Europa, Ganymede and Callisto.

These moons orbit Jupiter around the Jovian equator. In cycles of six years, we view Jupiter's equator edge-on. So, in 2015, we were able to view a number of mutual events involving Jupiter's moons, through high-powered telescopes. Starting in late 2016, Jupiter's axis began tilting enough toward the sun and Earth so that the farthest of these four moons, Callisto, has not been passing in front of Jupiter or behind Jupiter, as seen from our vantage point. This will continue for a period of about three years, during which time Callisto is perpetually visible to those with telescopes, alternately swinging above and below Jupiter as seen from Earth.

June this year is really Saturn's month because this planet reaches its yearly opposition on June 15. At opposition, Earth passes more or less between the Saturn and the sun. Hence Saturn comes closest to Earth for the year, shines at its brightest in our sky and stays out all night.

The Moon for this Saturday

(At Midnight, US Central time, as viewed from the Northern Hemisphere)
Illuminated Fraction: 0.971
1.7 days after full moon



Sunrise: 06:10:16

Sunset: 21:18:42

Moonrise: 22:11:04 PM

MoonSet: 07:15:44 AM

Daylight: 15 Hr 08 Min 26 Sec

In other words, this is a great month for watching Saturn!

Saturn rises in the southeast about an hour after sunset in the early part of June. By the month's end, Saturn will be above the horizon as soon as darkness falls.

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~Stu Spratt

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Aries (March 21-April 19) - Suddenly, this week you've got things to do, places to go and people to see! In particular, you will want to travel and take short trips. In addition, you will be talking to everyone - yada, yada, yada. You will be mentally excited and enthusiastic about life. Relations with siblings and neighbors will be warm.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - The next few weeks will be one of the best times all year for you to buy wardrobe items for yourself because you will like what you see in the mirror. Another motivation to look great is that you will be socializing more than usual. Trust your moneymaking ideas. Remember this is the best time for you to get a better job or improve your existing job in over a decade!

Gemini (May 21-June 20) - Well, you are certainly feeling in top form, and it will stay there for the next two weeks. Naturally, you will be more talkative and eager to communicate with others. You'll be full of bright, clever ideas even more than usual! If you have to give a speech or convince others about something - you couldn't pick a better time.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) - There are contradictory messages for you this week. Venus has now entered a part of your chart that makes you want to socialize and schmooze! You will feel warm and affectionate to friends. However, contradicting this, you will probably blow hot and cold for the next few weeks - one minute, you want to talk to everyone, and the next moment you won't get out of your hammock.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - This week you will be eager to talk to friends, especially younger people, about your ideas and your hopes and dreams for the future. You will think about your goals more than usual. You will also be more involved with a group. People will ask for your creative input and your ideas about how to make something look more attractive.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - You have the advantage! Make your pitch. Not only will people admire you, they will listen to your ideas. Meanwhile, this week, you will have opportunities in medicine, the law, publishing, the media and higher education. Some will begin a romance with someone from another culture.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - In the next four weeks, Venus will be in Taurus, which is good news for you. Venus will attract wealth, people will do favors for you and give you things or let you use something they own. This is also a favorable time to get a loan or a mortgage, and romance will be affectionate and more passionate.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - Relations with partners and close friends will improve for the rest of the month. This is one of the best placements for all relationships! (Even with your enemies.) It means there will be an easy give-and-take dealing with others and that all your relationships will be more affectionate. Use this month to make peace with someone or to smooth a troubled connection. You might be surprised to discover that you have a strong influence on someone or vice versa.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - This will be a good time to consult experts and join with others to make plans or to discuss difficulties that come up, especially in the relationship itself. This is also a good time for signing contracts. You might do something to make your workspace look or feel more attractive. This is good time to bring up job concerns you have.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - This week, Mercury will make it easy to do mental work. It will help you to pay attention to details and discover the best technique for doing things. It will also promote your ability to communicate to bosses and colleagues. You will have a stronger focus on health.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - This is a playful, fun-loving month for you! Mercury now moves into Gemini, your fellow Air sign. Mercury makes you want to express your opinions. Creative ideas and activities will appeal. You will also dream up ideas that are simply fun to play with. Your interest in games and mental activities for their own sake will increase.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - This month the Sun encourages you to stay at home more and focus on home and family issues. Specifically, it makes you want to roll up your sleeves and tackle home repairs. It will also encourage lively family discussions. Meanwhile, you will encounter more opportunities to make money from your words and your writing. This is an excellent placement (for the next four weeks) for writers and people in sales, marketing, teaching and acting.

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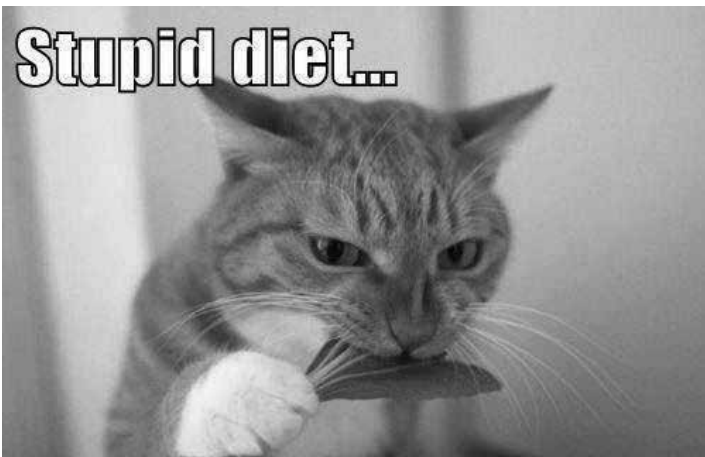
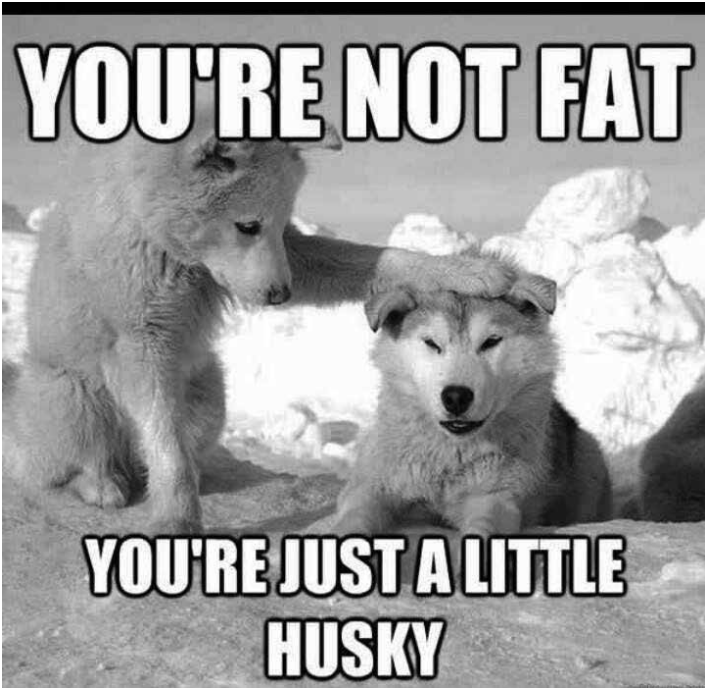
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- 1 large yellow onion, sliced
- 1 pound uncooked boneless, skinless chicken breasts (cut into 1/2" bite size pieces)
- 6 garlic cloves, sliced
- 1 pound dry linguine
- 2 teaspoons dried Italian seasoning
- 2 teaspoons kosher salt
- 1 teaspoon fresh ground pepper
- 1 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes
- 4 cups (32 ounces) chicken stock
- 1 cup (8 ounces) chardonnay wine
- 4 ounces fresh Parmesan cheese, shredded

Directions:

Combine 1/2 of the spinach with the tomatoes, onion, chicken, garlic, linguine, Italian seasoning, salt, pepper and crushed red pepper in a 5-quart Dutch oven over medium-high heat. Pour chicken stock and wine over top. Cover and bring to a boil.

Cook 7-9 minutes until pasta is al dente (with a bite to it). Toss pasta with tongs occasionally to keep the pasta from

sticking to the bottom of the pot. You will still have some liquid in the pan when the pasta is done cooking. This is going to make the base for our delicious cheese sauce.

Turn off the heat and add the cheese to the pasta. Toss pasta with tongs until the cheese melts into the pasta. Toss in remaining spinach. Serve and enjoy!



SIMPLE KITCHEN TIP:

Dried Italian Seasoning is a fabulous convenience ingredient. If you do not keep it on hand, combine 1 teaspoon dried basil, 1 teaspoon rosemary, 1/2 teaspoon oregano and 1/2 teaspoon dried thyme.

This dish is just spicy enough to make your tongue tingle. For a very mild sauce, reduce the red pepper flakes to 1/2 teaspoon.

I know some people are sensitive to alcohol. The wine adds a fabulous rich buttery flavor and a bright citrus-ness to the pasta. If you can use the chardonnay, I highly recommend it. However, you can substitute with chicken stock, white grape juice, or lemon water (1/2 cup fresh lemon juice and 1/2 cup water).

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— Camp Tannadoonah —

Greetings from Camp Tannadoonah! This week, we are going to introduce you to our Leadership Staff. Our Leadership Staff includes our Unit Leaders, who live in the cabins and facilitate activities while helping the counselors thrive throughout the summer:

Miss Danni: Miss Danni is 20 years old and going into her Junior year at Western Michigan University, studying Business as an Entrepreneur. Her dream is to eventually open her own bakery. She has worked at Camp Tannadoonah for 4 years and is excited to come back and work for her 5th year as a Unit Leader. Including her summers as a camper, this is Miss Danni's 11th summer at camp. She is the Unit Leader for the older girls' cabins. Her favorite activity to teach is archery. She brings a smile and a lot of energy to everything that she does. Camp Tannadoonah is her home away from home and one of her favorite places!

Mr. Govind: Mr Govind is spending his second summer at Camp Tannadoonah. His hometown is London, England and he is currently studying at the University of Bristol. He absolutely loved his time at camp last year and is looking forward to another incredible summer at Tannadoonah! This year, he is the Unit Director of the Back Cabins, which includes the oldest boys. He love any and every sport- and is very keen to share my passion.

Mr. Marcus: Mr. Marcus found working at Camp Tannadoonah to be one of the best experiences of his life last summer, which is why he decided to come back again this year! He is the Unit Leader for the Bird Yard, which means working with our youngest campers. Working with children has always been a passion of his and he looks forwards to seeing the campers who were here last summer to see how much they've grown and create more fantastic camp memories. He is from Derby, England and studies at the University of Derby. He is going to become certified in Low Ropes and Archery to help facilitate those activities over the summer, and can be found making campers laugh wherever he goes.

Our Waterfront Director oversees all activities at the waterfront. This summer, our Waterfront Director is **Mr.**

Antreas. He is from Cyprus, which is an island in the Eastern Mediterranean, near Greece. For the past two years, he has been living in Leicester, UK, where he is studying mechanical engineering at De Montfort University. He love exploring new places, learning about new things all the time, and has a goal to travel to every corner of the Earth. Since being here, he quickly figured out how to ski and looks forward to learning how to drive the boat for waterskiing and wakeboarding.

Our Kitchen Manager takes care of everything in the kitchen, with the help of 3 Kitchen Assistants. Our Kitchen Manager, **Miss Cindy**, is spending her first year at camp. The staff have already requested for her to make her homemade chicken noodle soup again. She live in Decatur, Michigan with her husband and daughter. When she is not cooking, she love to hunt, fish, and volunteer. She is a shooting sports instructor with the Van Buren Voyagers 4H club. She is also a board member at the Paw Paw Conservation Club and Women's Ministry Leader at Bright Start Tabernacle. She so excited to feed everyone at camp this year!

Our CIT (Counselors-in-Training) Director designs and implements a teen leadership program for our oldest campers who are considering become a counselor in the near future. Our CIT Director is **Miss Julie**. She has been involved with Camp Tannadoonah off-and-on for the last 40 years. Tannadoonah is and will remain part of her journey to being authentic throughout her life. During the school year, she is an English Literature Teacher. She brought her students (high school seniors) out to camp for a volunteer day, where they helped us clean the cabins and prepare for the summer. She has five daughters and lives on a mini farm with her husband, Bob. They have goats, chickens, roosters, turkeys, dogs, cats... you name it. They even raised a scurry of baby squirrels one summer and released them at camp. She can hardly wait to spend her summer at the place she loves the best!

Our Camp Ranger, **Mr. Bob**, works year-round to maintain and improve our facilities at camp. This is his second summer working at camp. He lives in North Liberty, Indiana with his wife and two kids. He is an active



Top Row: Mr. Govind, Miss Amber, Mr. Antreas, Mr. Bob, Mr. Marcus; Bottom Row: Miss Danni, Miss Michelle, Miss Cindy

member of Granger Community Church. He and his wife enjoy renovating houses. In other words, Mr. Bob spends a lot of time at the hardware store.

Our Assistant Camp Director, **Miss Michelle**, moved to Birch Lake one year ago. This is her second summer at Camp Tannadoonah. During the school year, she has been working to start an After School Program and prepares for camp. This summer, she is finishing her Masters in Camp Administration and Leadership. Outside of camp, she plays the tuba in the Michiana Concert Band. She is thrilled to have people back at Camp!

Many of you know our Director, **Miss Amber**, who grew up on Birch

Lake. She has been involved with Camp Tannadoonah since 1985 as a camper, counselor, waterfront director, and board member. She has been Camp Director since 2006. She has also held the role of Executive Director for the council since 2011. Miss Amber earned her doctorate in Developmental Psychology from the University of Notre Dame. Her research focus was on middle childhood and early adolescence. Miss Amber and her husband, Mr. Chas are parents to three young campers – Avery, age 7, Elyse, age 5, and Kieran, born in February 2017. They live on Birch Lake with their family during the off-season, and move to camp for the months of June, July, and August each summer.



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A **turtle raft came** to rest against my shore a couple of weeks ago and I leaned it up against the seawall hoping someone would see it and pick it up. Please pick it up at our home on the east side or contact Vic Jones at vfj2@aol.com

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Wanted: In search of good-condition **shore station for 20' pontoon**. Contact Bud Hall at 219-669-9711 (new

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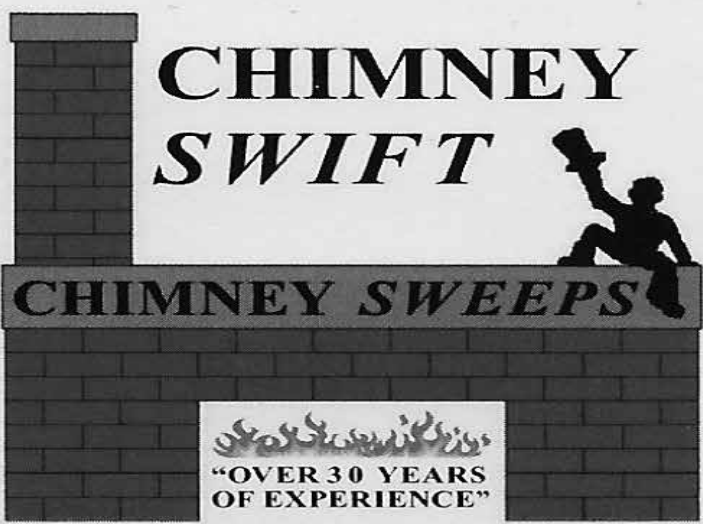
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