

The  
weekend  
Of

July 8  
2017

# Birch Barker

The official summer publication of the  
**Birch Lake Yacht Club**



Thanks to Mr. Bob King (north shore) for the parade of duckies that swam by during the boat parade.

## COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

The Fourth of July  
It was a great weekend for barbecue

And fun galore!  
And family and friends  
And fireworks for sure!

Birch Lake and the fourth was a winning combo!

The boat parade, sailing, fireworks, pancake breakfast, and water sports made for a great holiday weekend. The weather was beautiful and so were the people. Thank you to the many volunteers who helped with the planned events. It was fun celebrating our nation's birthday!

July is also the host to many more Birch Lake activities. The Women's and Men's golf outings are coming up as well as Popsicles on the Pier, the People's Regatta, and the Corn and Sausage Roast. Check the dates in this Barker and mark your calendar.

I want to thank Vice Commodore

Karen Curtis Miller, as well as Past Commodore's Patty Leucht and Chas Grundy, for taking over the helm in my absence. Another big thank you goes to Patti Russwurm for being in charge of my Barker delivery route. I appreciate all your friendships!

Moonbeam Moment: Time spent enjoying yourself is never time wasted.

~Commodore Claudia

### Save The Date – Corn and Sausage is Coming!

Saturday, July 29 is the Big Day!  
Be there or be unfed!

### Men's Golf Outing

Oops, my bad. Despite the misdirection between the dates on the front page and in the ad, the Birch Lake Open Men's Golf Outing will be on Friday, July 28. Sorry for the confusion.

### Thanks Tom!

Thanks to good neighbor Tom Lacy for taking out the sumac trees at the corner of Birch Rd. and Lakeshore Dr. Visibility will be much improved!!

## 2017 Birch Lake Calendar

Popsicles on the Pier, Witchies - July 9  
Harman/Troeger People's Regatta - July 15  
Popsicles on the Pier, McGann's - July 16  
Ladies Golf Outing - July 20  
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!

### Boat Parade

Once again, our weather was perfect for the Annual Boat Parade. All seven of our beautifully decorated entrants chose themes varying from Super Heroes to Bathing Beauties in keeping with our "anything goes" theme this year.

The "Most Outstanding Boat" award

The Birch Barker is always accepting materials for publication. Deadline is 3 pm on Tuesday. E-mail materials to sailorphil@philvitale.com, or put the items in the stone/mailbox at my home, 63174 Birch Rd. (East Shore). 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 Commodore Claudia Phipps at 476-7073 or email claudia2154@gmail.com. ~Phil V

# — Birch Lake Notes —

was captured by the Falk family's "Rub-a-Dub-Dub" pontoon that the judges deemed "Most Creat-tub." The Falks are repeat winners from last year.

Among the remaining entries, the Vash-Sharpe boat's depiction of the movie "Up", replete with yellow clad minions, was chosen "Best Up and coming." The Sankey's boat, laden with Bat Man and Bat Girl types, captured the "Best Super Boat Heroes" trophy. The Phipps family pontoon was decked out to celebrate the Chicago Cubs World Series victory last year. Thus, the judges thought that they were the "Most Believable" boat. The Magro family, in their pirate ship decorated pontoon, were totally threatening as the "Best Pirates of Birch Lake." The Groszek family's pontoon was decorated as "Men at Work on the Indiana Toll Road." The judges thought they were definitely the "Best Hard Hats." Last, but not least, the McGann boat received the "Best Mardi Party" award for their Mardi Gras theme.

Once again, thanks to Celia and Paul Fallon, who generously volunteered to escort the Grand Marshal, Terry and Carol Dugan, as they led the parade around the lake. We want to thank our judges, Nick and Angela Bergan, Tina Struckle and Linda Curtis for their deliberations and assistance in making this a great parade again this year. And as always, we are indebted to Dick



*Thanks to our Artist in Residence Duffy Dufor for the great Birch Lake art.*

Bender for allowing us to use his pier and also for his valuable assistance.

Finally, as you know, we have been attempting to determine when the Boat Parade first started. After consulting with one of our long-time lake neighbors, we have decided it began with the "Big Bang."

In closing, happy trails to you until

we meet again.

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# Birch Lake Notes



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SAVE THE DATE; Birch Lake

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**Deadline to sign up is July 16**

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1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

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# — Birch Lake Boat Parade —



# COMMUNITY CORNER

by **Sarah Petty**

**H**ello Birch Lake. We are 0-2 for Popsicles on the pier ... it seems Mother Nature decided to rain on both events ... let's try for a Sunday!

This Sunday, July 9 from 3- 5 pm, the Witchies will host Popsicles on the Pier (assuming it doesn't rain again)! They have shuffle board and other fun activities. Walking, biking, paddle boarding or kayaking

are recommended. Remember this is open to all, the purpose is to reconnect with fellow Birch Lakers. All are welcome! The Witchies will provide popsicles and it is byob.

Save the date for the East Shore POTP 7/16 at the McGanns'/Leuchts'.

Below, meet your board members, **Fred Frehofer** and **Ed Chester**.

## Get to know the Birch Lake Yacht Club board

**Ed Chester** is a 10-year resident of Birch Lake along with his wife Carla. They have three children and five grandchildren. They live on the east shore in the heart of the Birch Lake Gold Coast.

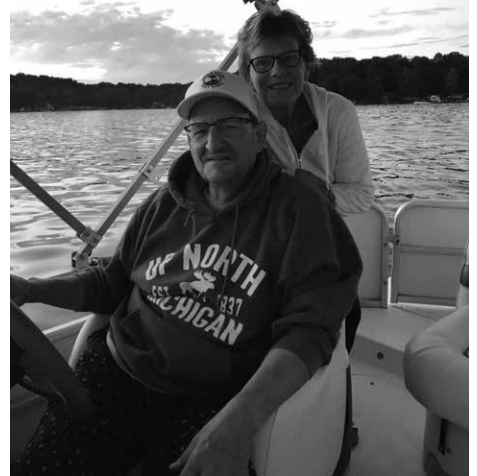
Ed is a busy practicing trial attorney. They go to Florida in the winter as much



as possible since ice fishing is not all it is cracked up to be.

I am **Fred Frehofer** and along with my wife Carol, live on the north shore. We moved here full time in 2007 after we chased the kids out of the Granger house.

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**TEAM CAPTAIN:**

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# FLEET CAPTAIN'S CORNER

## Another successful 4th of July!

I hope everyone had a wonderful 4th of July Weekend, no matter how many days you spent off work and at the lake. We sailors had two terrific days of sailing with great winds on Saturday and much the same Sunday! As you know we have our Regattas on the major Holiday weekends during the summer. We complete five races during a two-day period, for one sailor in each class to have bragging rights until the next one occurs. We will be having our next Regatta on Labor Day weekend, hope everyone comes out for it!

Like every week, I have to thank our committee boat crew, that helps make our races possible. Saturday we

had "Bad Patty", Sandy Vitale, Karen Miller, Denise Smitley, Marty & Laura Donahue (Denise's Brother & Sister). Sunday we had "Bad Patty," Sandy Vitale, "Questionable Patti Russwurm," and Pam & Ricky Gambill. Many thanks to all of you for your help in keeping the races organized and recorded!

In closing we have had better winds on Sunday then we have had in the last couple of years, I hope that continues for the remainder of the year. I also need to thank the many boats that come out to watch the races and be our safety crew if someone gets in trouble, thanks to all of you! Until Next week,



*"Splice the main brace!"  
~Fleet Captain Mike"*

## 2017 BLYC Season Sailing Results

Date ..... 1-Jul ..... 1-Jul ..... 1-Jul ..... 2-Jul ..... 2-Jul ..... Total ..... Season ..... Races ..... %  
Race ..... 8 ..... 9 ..... 10 ..... 11 ..... 12 ..... Points ..... Average ..... Finished .. Finished

### MC Scow/Sailor

Jeff Smitley #2002.....	1.....	3.....	1.....	3.....	5.....	14993.....	1499.....	10.....	100.0%
Barb/Maggie Cassady #2506.....	3.....	2.....	2.....	2.....	1.....	14912.....	1491.....	10.....	100.0%
Rick Harmon.....	DNS.....	1.....	4.....	DNS.....	DNS.....	2969.....	1485.....	2.....	20.0%
Scott Troeger #1489.....	2.....	DNF.....	3.....	1.....	3.....	14784.....	1478.....	9.....	90.0%
Phil Vitale #500.....	DNS.....	DNS.....	DNS.....	5.....	2.....	7003.....	1401.....	5.....	50.0%
Harold Cranmer #1991/2550.....	5.....	5.....	6.....	6.....	4.....	11814.....	1313.....	9.....	90.0%
Gib Eberhart #916.....	DNS.....	DNS.....	DNS.....	DNS.....	DNS.....	1296.....	1296.....	1.....	10.0%
Bill Luecht #1579.....	4.....	4.....	5.....	4.....	6.....	10234.....	1279.....	8.....	80.0%
Pat McGann #1735.....	6.....	6.....	7.....	7.....	7.....	11976.....	1198.....	9.....	90.0%
Bob King #1199.....	DNS.....	DNS.....	DNS.....	DNS.....	DNS.....	0.....	0.....	0.....	0.0%
Sandy Vitale.....	DNS.....	DNS.....	DNS.....	DNS.....	DNS.....	0.....	0.....	0.....	0.0%

### Sunfish/Sailor 12

Rick Russwurm (Green/Blue).....	1.....	1.....	1.....	1.....	1.....	18651.....	1554.....	12.....	100.0%
Peter Soldato.....	2.....	2.....	2.....	DNS.....	DNS.....	15224.....	1522.....	10.....	83.3%
Mike Lutz (Blue/Red/Yellow).....	4.....	3.....	4.....	DNS.....	DNS.....	14377.....	1438.....	10.....	83.3%
Herb Cleveland.....	5.....	6.....	3.....	3.....	2.....	14077.....	1408.....	10.....	83.3%
Stewart Spratt.....	3.....	4.....	5.....	2.....	4.....	13625.....	1363.....	10.....	83.3%
Brad Davis.....	DNS.....	DNS.....	DNS.....	4.....	5.....	5403.....	1351.....	4.....	33.3%
Bill Butler.....	6.....	5.....	6.....	5.....	6.....	10013.....	1252.....	7.....	58.3%
Camille Butler.....	8.....	8.....	8.....	6.....	3.....	10767.....	1196.....	9.....	75.0%

### Abbreviations 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.

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# FLEET CAPTAIN'S CORNER



## 2017 BLYC 4th of July Regatta Results

Date .....	1-Jul.....	1-Jul.....	1-Jul.....	2-Jul.....	2-Jul.....	Total
Race .....	1.....	2.....	3.....	4.....	5.....	Points

### MC Scow/Sailor

Barb & Maggie Cassidy .....	3	2	2	2	1	10
Jeff Smitley #2002.....	1	3	1	3	5	13
Scott Troeger #1489.....	2	9	3	1	3	18
Bill Luecht #1579.....	4	4	5	4	6	23
Harold Cranmer #2550.....	5	5	6	6	4	26
Rick Harmon.....	9	1	4	9	9	32
Pat McGann #1735.....	6	6	7	7	7	33
Phil Vitale #500.....	9	9	9	5	2	34

### Sunfish

Rick Russwurm .....	1	1	1	1	1	5
Stewart Spratt.....	3	4	5	2	4	18
Herb Cleveland.....	5	6	3	3	2	19
Peter Soldato.....	2	2	2	10	10	26
Bill Butler.....	6	5	6	5	6	28
Mike Lutz.....	4	3	4	10	10	31
Camille Butler.....	8	8	8	6	3	33
Brad Davis.....	10	10	10	4	5	39
Greg Cowan.....	7	7	7	10	10	41

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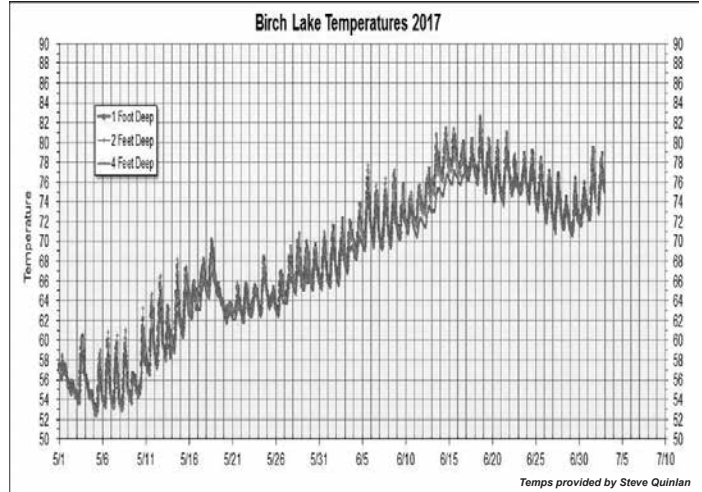
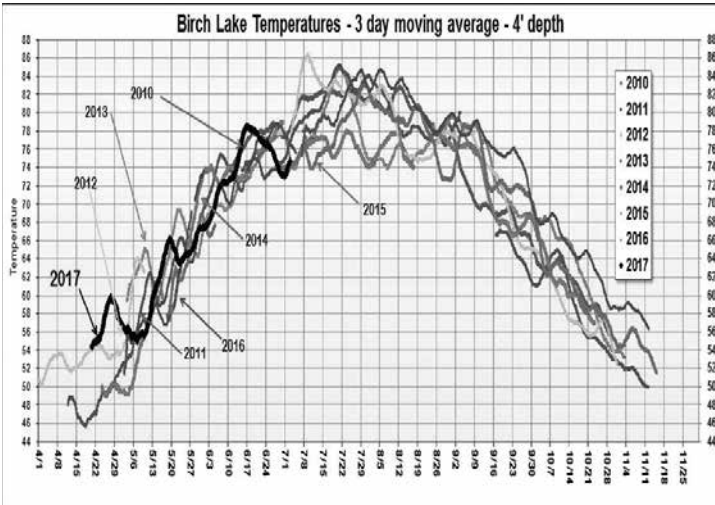


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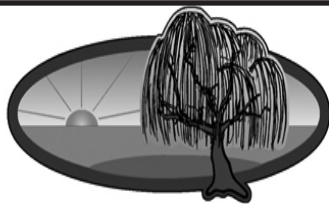
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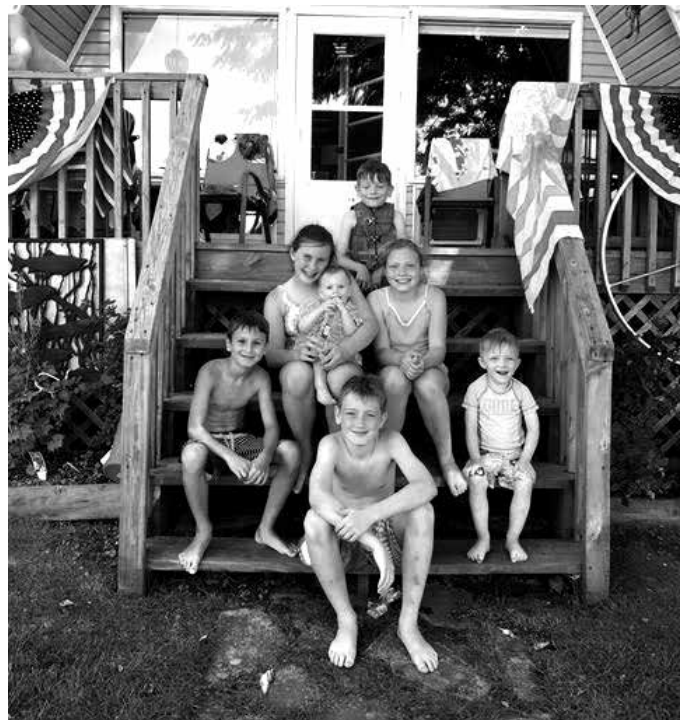
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# — Barker Kids of the Week —



**ABOVE:** The McGann clan ... The Bells, Macy and Cole The Lanemans, Nathan, Maggie, Matthew, and Nolan, and Mia McGann (16 months)

**LEFT:** Aurora's 1st birthday party ... Aurorable, granddaughter of Mike and Amy Lutz (north side). Great grandma Mimi got her an American Girl..Bitty Baby ... Huge.

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# — Barker Kids of the Week —



Three darn cute boat paraders from the east shore get Barker KOTW honors just for being so darn cute!



Dick Bender gets to be a Kid of the Week, not because he's so darn cute but just because it makes him crazy when I put his pic in the Barker!



Friends of Calvin King (north shore) enjoyed a floatie last weekend while hanging at the lake during an annual Fourth of July celebration. Not sure of their names but I heard that one of them is the gymnastics coach for my granddaughter Aly's team.



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*Maggie Prestly, great niece of Lois and John Groszek (South side) enjoying the lake and excited about mini-camp at Tannadoonah.*

## 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 BEFORE 3 PM ON TUESDAYS to Birch Barker, 63174 Birch Rd., Vandalia, MI 49095; put them in a zip-lock and stick them in the stone mailbox at my home (east side), or email them to me at*

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*Fourth of July McSki McSchool on dry land at McGann's (east side).*

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*Patricia (Scannell) Hogoboom (southside) celebrated her 85th birthday on Saturday with her new great-grandson, Andrew David Hogoboom who was born May 23. Pat has been a Birch Lake Girl since the earlier 1940s. She was one of the founders of the original Birch Lake Barker. Andrew enjoyed his first visit to the family cottage. More celebration will take place on July 22 at the annual Scannell/Hogoboom (ScaBoom) reunion at the family cottage (14830 Birch Lakeshore). Bob Scannell will be here, so feel free to stop by that day to say hello and enjoy a refreshing beverage.*



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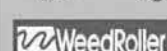
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# STU'S STAR STUFF



## Life, the universe, and all that ...

In the beginning the Universe was created. This has made a lot of people very angry and been widely regarded as a bad move.

We're not going to do any science today. Let's just have some tangential fun. Douglas Adams wrote some wonderful and cleverly engaging books about life in the galaxy. The "trilogy," of at least six stories, begins with "The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy."

The premise is of one Ford Prefect being cast against his will into all manner of death defying situations. The story line aside, the clever repartee is so inspiring that you almost can't help finding endless excuses to quote. So let's go ...

There is a theory which states that if ever anyone discovers exactly what the Universe is for and why it is here, it will instantly disappear and be replaced by something even more bizarre and inexplicable.

There is another theory which states that this has already happened.

Reality is frequently inaccurate.

It is worth repeating at this point the theories that Ford had come up with, on his first encounter with human beings, to account for their peculiar habit of continually stating and restating the very, very obvious, as in "It's a nice day," or "You're very tall," or "So this is it, we're going to die."

His first theory was that if human beings didn't keep exercising their lips, their mouths probably shriveled up.

After a few months of observation he had come up with a second theory, which was this -- "If human beings don't keep exercising their lips, their brains start working."

I'm up to here with cool, okay? I am so amazingly cool you could keep a side of meat in me for a month. I am so hip I have difficulty seeing over my pelvis.

One of the major problems encountered in time travel is not that of

accidentally becoming your own father or mother. There is no problem involved in becoming your own father or mother that a broad-minded and well-adjusted family can't cope with.

To summarize: it is a well-known fact that those people who must want to rule people are, ipso facto, those least suited to do it. To summarize the summary: anyone who is capable of getting themselves made President should on no account be allowed to do the job. To summarize the summary of the summary: people are a problem.

He hoped and prayed that there wasn't an afterlife. Then he realized there was a contradiction involved here and merely hoped that there wasn't an afterlife.

We can't win against obsession. They care, we don't. They win.

Just believe everything I tell you, and it will all be very, very simple. Ah, well, I'm not sure I believe that.

Believe what we believe or we will hurt you. (Not Douglas Adams)

That young girl is one of the least benightedly unintelligent organic life forms it has been my profound lack of pleasure not to be able to avoid meeting.

You may not instantly see why I bring the subject up, but that is because my mind works so phenomenally fast, and I am at a rough estimate thirty billion times more intelligent than you. Let me give you an example. Think of a number, any number.

Er, five, said the mattress.

Wrong, said Marvin. You see?

When you're a student or whatever, and you can't afford a car, or a plane fare, or even a train fare, all you can do is hope that someone will stop and pick you up.

At the moment we can't afford to go to other planets. We don't have the ships to take us there. There may be other people out there (I don't have any opinions about Life Out There, I just don't know)

### The Moon for this Saturday

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0.1 days after full moon



**Sunrise: 06:18:19 AM**

**Sunset: 21:21:28 PM**

**Moonrise: 20:55:27 PM**

**Moonset: 05:59:27 AM**

**Daylight: 15 Hr 03 Min 09 Sec**

but it's nice to think that one could, even here and now, be whisked away just by hitchhiking.

Here are some oddities in the perspective with which we see the world. The fact that we live at the bottom of a deep gravity well, on the surface of a gas covered planet going around a nuclear fireball 90 million miles away and think this to be normal is obviously some indication of how skewed our perspective tends to be, but we have done various things over intellectual history to slowly correct some of our misapprehensions.

Next week - back to reality. Maybe.

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# YOUR HOROSCOPE

**Aries (March 21-April 19)** - It's midyear, so let's take a look at where you've been and where you're going. Ever since 2010, you have been out of the gate running because you are headed for an important goal that you will achieve next year. This means that this year is a time of preparation for you as you get ready for this wonderful time of fruition. This year continues to be a fantastic time for partnerships of all kinds, both personal and professional. In fact, it's a great year to get married.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20)** - You were busting your buns from 2010 to 2012 to prove to the world what you could do. Fear not, these financial challenges will be over by next year. Until then, you have the great good fortune to improve your health in every way, as well as to improve your job prospects. This means you can get a better job or improve your existing job.

**Gemini (May 21-June 20)** - There's been good news and bad news for your sign this year. The bad news is that you have had great difficulty dealing with partners and close friends for the last couple of years. Lots of tension. In fact, some of you have split because things were too much.

**Cancer (June 21-July 22)** - You have been busting your buns since 2015 because you have to. But you're not afraid of hard work and you know that this is when you have the chance to prove to the world what you can do. Fortunately, this year everything on the home front has improved. Your relations with family members are improving and will continue to improve.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)** - Children have been an increased responsibility for you in the last year or so. Nevertheless, this year has been upbeat and strong because you have stayed in a positive frame of mind - and as we both know, attitude is everything. Looking to the future, next year you will look for ways to improve your home or find a better home or explore real-estate deals because your private life will improve!

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** - In the last few years, you have worked hard to stabilize your home scene. Likewise, family issues have created increased responsibilities. Fortunately, this year you have increased your earnings or you will do so because it's a good money year for you. Continue to enjoy your popularity with others this week. In particular, you look good in the eyes of bosses and VIPs.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** - It's been a bit of a revolving door in the last two years because many of you have had residential moves or job changes even if you didn't anticipate them. Next year promises increased earnings,

**Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** - I have always thought it's important to live within your means even if you have to borrow money to do so. And this has probably been the case for you because for the last two years, finances have been tough for Scorpio! Many of you have racked up some serious debt, which is a bummer. Fortunately, lucky Jupiter will return to your sign in mid October for the first time since 2006, which means you will start to feel better on all fronts. **Sagittarius**

**(Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** - Life has been challenging for your sign since 2012. First, many of you had to give up a lot of things - people, places and possessions; and then a new kind of challenge entered your life. You have survived until now. This has been a popular year for you with friends and with groups.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** - In the last few years, life has been a challenge. It's not an exaggeration to say it's been the dark night of the soul for you. Many of you experienced loss and were forced to give up things or let go of people and possessions. Fortunately, to offset this, lucky Jupiter has been at the top of your chart, which is a rare thing, and this has boosted your reputation in a marvelous way.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** - Many of you have enjoyed and are continuing to enjoy more travel opportunities this year. You might also take courses or learn something new because through travel and further education, your world is expanding and encompassing so much more. This is all good news because next year, you can put your name up in lights! In other words, people are really going to notice you and admire you!

**Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)** - This is a time of harvest for your sign, which is why you are doing so well. Many of you are graduating or getting a promotion or doing something significant that is important to you. You feel proud of your life and you're glad to be in your own skin. Not only that, this year has benefited you in other practical ways because you have been the recipient of favors.

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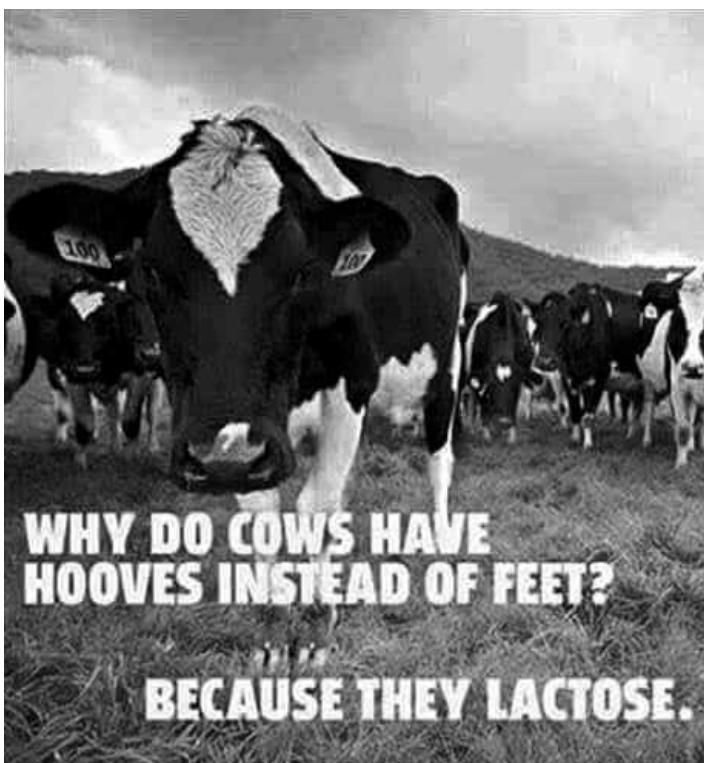
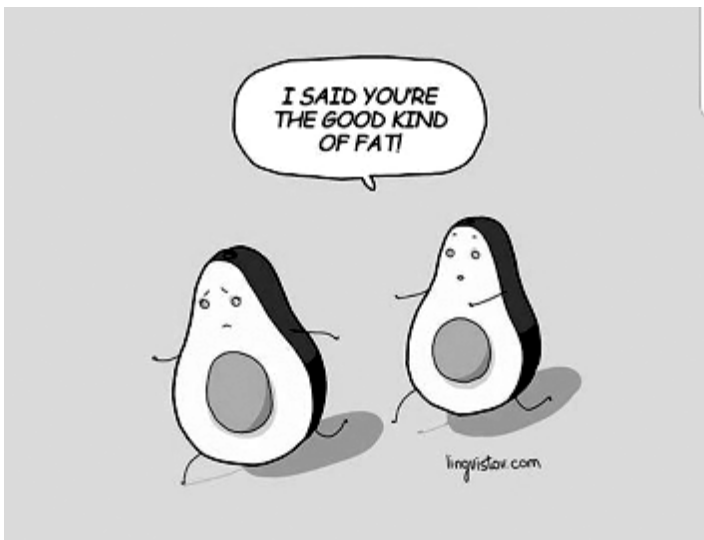
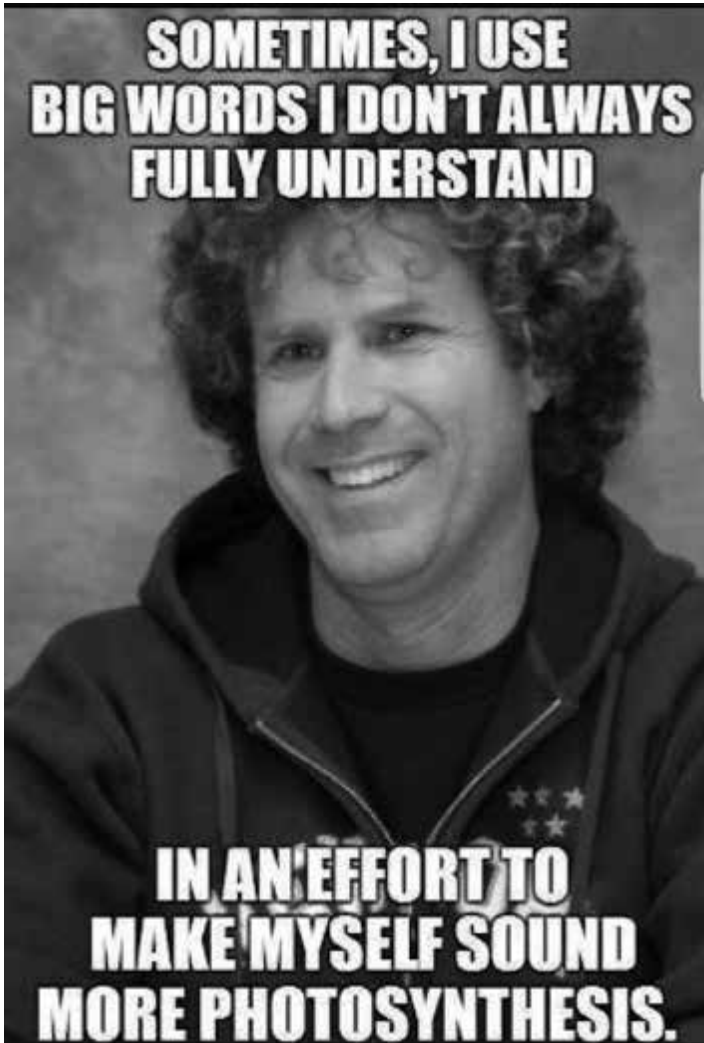
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- 1/2 pound salami, cubed
- 1/4 pound sliced pepperoni, cut in half
- 1 large green bell pepper, cut into 1 inch pieces
- 1 (10 ounce) can black olives, drained
- 1 (4 ounce) jar pimentos, drained
- 1 (8 ounce) bottle Italian salad dressing

#### **Directions :**

1. Bring a large pot of lightly salted water to a boil. Add pasta, and cook for 8 to 10 minutes or until al dente. Drain, and rinse with cold water.
2. In a large bowl, combine pasta with tomatoes, cheese, salami, pepperoni, green pepper, olives, and pimentos. Pour in salad dressing, and toss to coat

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- 2 apples (preferably red and green), chopped

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# — Camp Tannadoonah —

## What a weekend it was!

**W**hat a weekend it was! I hope everyone had a wonderful Fourth of July holiday weekend. We had just about the best weather we could have asked for!

Thank you to everyone who came out to the Pancake Breakfast last Sunday morning! We served about 400 people between 8:30 and 11 am. It was great to see everyone! We really appreciate all those who came out to support camp and enjoy breakfast.

Many thanks also to the members of our Board of Directors, committee members, and friends of camp who volunteered their time to make this event possible this year. Members of the Board of Directors who were there to cook, serve, and clean up were: Sharon Hayward (President), Cindy Krupp (Vice President), Andrew Roche (Secretary), John Engel (Treasurer), and Michael Lacognato and Bob Pence (members at large).

Also there to help were Tom Kuhn (finance committee), Michelle Hartwig (assistant Camp Director), Cathy Drzewiecki (camp nurse), Dave Drzewiecki (volunteer handyman at camp), and Rob Hayward, Barb and Laura Pence, Ty and Maya Lacognato, Jason and Elise

Laatz, Yoli Roche, Rich Krupp, and Jan Hartwig. We had a great crew, and everyone pitched in to make it a great breakfast, once we got the hang of the cast iron griddle! (Sorry for the early batches of pancakes that were overdone!)

If you weren't able to make it to the breakfast, and would like to purchase any camp t-shirts, sweatshirts, or other camp gear, please feel free to come up to the store during Check In (Sundays from 2-4 pm) or Check Out (Saturdays from 10-11 am), or give us a call to arrange a time to come shop (574-387-6095). We have teal t-shirts, kelly green hoodies and crew-neck sweatshirts, tie-dye spirit shirts, purple pajama pants, navy blue sweatpants, coffee mugs, knit hats, water bottles, notebooks, sunglasses, and lots more!

This week at camp is our "Mini Week" – which is a 3-day session for campers who aren't ready to do a whole week quite yet (July 5-8). It leads into Super Week, which is a 10-day session from July 5 – 15, and Session 3 which runs from July 9 – 15. We have 68 kids registered for the mini week portion, and 135 for the Session 3 portion. We will fill every seat in the dining hall!

Our total for the summer is cur-

rently at 927 campers, which is 18 more than we had total last year. We're still hoping to reach 950, and have enough open spots remaining that we can still get there! If you have kids / grandkids / neighbors / friends who are interested in attending camp, we can still fit them in!

There are 7 spots left for boys for Session 3 (July 9-15), but no open spots for girls. For Session 4 (July 16-22) there are 3 spots left for girls, and 9 spots left for boys. Sessions 5 and 6 are completely full. And for Session 7 (August 6 – 12), there are 20 remaining spots for girls, and 4 remaining spots for boys. There are also still plenty of spaces for day camp for all of the remaining sessions.

If there is anyone at the lake with scuba gear and training, we have lost a rudder off of one of our sailboats, and would appreciate some help retrieving it! Please call 574-387-6095 if you can assist. We've also lost several paddleboard and kayak paddles that got away from our boaters – if any of them have drifted up at your place, please let us know. Some of the paddleboard paddles actually went missing last summer, too. Thanks!



*Thanks to Cindy Rheinhardt (daughter of Bud and Barb Zesinger, east side) for the historic postcards from Camp Tannadoonah. Cindy said she came across several Camp Tannadoonah postcards in a box of old postcards that I purchased at an auction. Only one is postmarked but she believes they are all from the same year as the postmark, 1946. We will be running more in weeks ahead as space permits.*



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At this year's Spaghetti dinner at the Yacht Club, **someone accidentally scraped the right rear of our little black car**, which was parked next to the spaghetti cooking tent. Please contact Tom Kuhn (708) 772-7373 or Jan Temple (847) 846-8600. Thanks!

## LOST

Lost **Canoe Paddle**, black and gray. If found please call 269-476-7062

While sailing a couple weekends ago, my **cell phone** slipped from my pocket and into beautiful Birch Lake. It was in a water-

proof case and may wash up on the North or East shores. If anyone finds it, I would appreciate them notifying me. Mike Kelly 630 941-9138

Camp T is missing several kayak and stand up paddleboarding paddles



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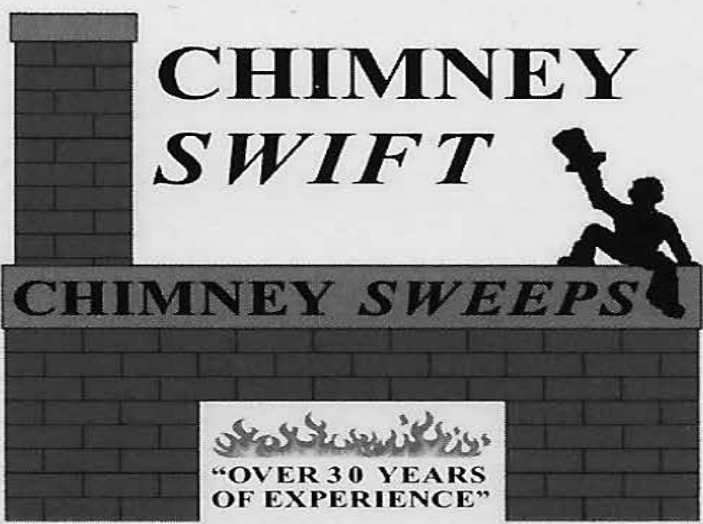
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