

The
weekend
Of

Aug. 12
2017

Birch Barker

The official summer publication of the
Birch Lake Yacht Club



The lake was so calm Tuesday morning I couldn't resist playing with the reflection ...

COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

Have you seen the fantastic menu for the BLYC Fall Dinner? Look through this Barker for the ad and notice at the bottom of the page the people who live on your shore who can get you a ticket. You can also email me at claudia2154@gmail.com and I will get you a ticket. The Dinner is great fun and an end of the year wrap-up.

This is when I realize how many people volunteer their time and efforts to promote a sense of community in our neighborhood. This sense of community and cooperation results in positive relationships with each other and with nature. For example, our water quality is enhanced by the efforts of volunteers. Gertie Temple was one of these contributors. Thank you Gert for your work and desire to protect nature. We will miss you.

Speaking of volunteers, please notice the picture included in this Barker of two people I have named the COMMODORE WHISPERERS. You

know Commodores come and go, but the secretary and treasurer of the BLYC board of directors usually stay for several terms and so they lend continuity and expertise. I was lucky to have Mike Sheffieck and Deb Spratt on either side of me at the monthly board meetings. They kept me going through the meetings by whispering in my ear motions to be made and responses that should come out of my mouth. Their whispers not only supported me but would crack me up and bring levity to the meeting. I loved it! Thank you to my Whisperers. I want to say to future Commodore Karen Curtis Miller and to our future Vice Commodore, you are in good hands! The new Vice Commodore will be revealed at the Fall Dinner. Who could it be?

This week's Moonbeam moment is dedicated to the Birch Lake Book Club. PUT YOURSELF IN THE WAY OF BEAUTY.

~Commodore Claudia

Fishing Lures, Local History

On Saturday, September 16, (4 pm) arrangements have been made for Birch Lakers to tour The Heddon Fishing Lure Museum (there are lures, reels, poles

Birch Lake Calendar

Fall Dinner - August 26
Tour of Heddon Museum - September 16
Soup Challenge - October 14
October 29 - Memorial Mass for Stanley
Pitakos, Our Lady of the Lake,
Edwardsburg, 8 am
2018
June 20 - Ladies Golf
June 30 - House Walk
July 7 - Fireworks
July 27 - Men's Golf

Upcoming Board Meeting: Sept. 9

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

and antique cars!). It is a fascinating piece of local history as well as fishing history. Dinner at the Wounded Minnow would follow the tour. This tour/dinner is open to everyone: men, women, children (sorry no pets!) If you are interested in joining us for a brief overview of the lures and how they came

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to the couple who owns the museum and then enjoy a good hamburger please contact me. We have enough interest to make this event happen, however, contact me if you want to join us so I can give the museum and the Minnow a head count. The museum is free (donations welcome). Below is a brief account of this local history.

"In the late 1890s James Heddon launched a hand-made lure into a Dowagiac, Mich. pond, and the ripples are still expanding. It marked the beginning of a new era – the artificial-lure fishing era – for all anglers. Heddon is the manufacturer of legendary lures, including the Spook, Torpedo, Lucky 13 and many more" (heddonlures.com). Joan and Don, a local Dowagiac couple, stumbled into obtaining a vast number of the antique Heddon lures and have created the Heddon Museum.

~Blair Garceau

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2017 FALL DINNER

Don't forget ... August 26 is the Fall Dinner at the Yacht Club. Please buy your tickets by August 19. If you're having difficulty getting in touch with any of the ticket sellers, please call or text me at 574-261-6712 and I will deliver tickets to you! Please see the Fall Dinner flyer in the Barker for dinner details. Hope to see you there!

~ V.C. Karen



THE COMMODORE WHISPERERS: Mike Sheffieck and Deb Spratt keep Commodore Claudia Phipps on track at the board meetings.

"The Company" to present A Como Cabaret Christmas

Date: November 3-4, 10-11, 17-18
Place: Battell Center Theatre, 904 N. Main St., Mishawaka, IN
Ticket Information: Tickets will go on sale September 20. There are 350 seats

in the Theater, seating is limited. To purchase tickets, send a check & a self-addressed, stamped envelope to: "The Company" 50643 Sorrel Dr., Granger, IN 46530. Reference night of performance, seat preference, let us know if a wheelchair seat is needed, and

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Birch Lake Totes

Birch Lake Totes are again available for just \$5 each (special pricing for large orders). Call Bad Patty Luecht at 476-2615.

Compassion Cupboard

The Compassion Cupboard at the First Church of God Cassopolis, 21083 Spencer Rd., Cassopolis, will be open from 9 to 11 am. The food pantry will be open on August 26, and the Feed the Hungry Food Truck will at the church from 4-6 pm on August 23.



Thanks to Bob King (north shore) for the pic taken a couple of Saturdays ago of MC sails all in a row

High speed Internet project

Birch Lake is part of the Jones zone for the high-speed Internet project by Midwest Energy. Midwest Energy is looking for more sign ups before they will begin construction in our area. Advise neighbors and family to sign up on teamfiber.com.

The Birch Barker

As it has been in previous years, the deadline for submitting materials for any given Birch Barker is 3 pm on the Tuesday prior to publication. The printed Birch Barker is online ... to see any week, go to www.philvitale.com and follow the links to the "Latest Printed Birch Barker."

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In Memory

A good life, well lived, with many long and deep friendships

Janet (Shulmier) Troeger (85) was born in South Bend on December 19, 1931, to Clyde and Nina Shulmier. Janet graduated from John Adams High School, attended DePauw University, was a member of the Pi Beta Phi sorority, and graduated from Indiana University with a Bachelor of Arts degree. While at Indiana University she began dating Jack Troeger, and they married the summer following her graduation in 1954. Janet taught school in Needmore, Indiana while Jack finished his senior year and Air Force ROTC.

The early years of her marriage involved Air Force postings in Texas; in Florida for Jack's pilot training; and in San Bernardino, California. After the Air Force experience, Janet returned to South Bend with Jack and raised a family of three boys. Moving to Swanson Highlands when that development was new, Janet and Jack developed deep friendships with other young couples there; friendships that have endured for decades. Janet was involved with volunteer organizations including the Junior League of South Bend, and was a life-long learner and explorer. She would master a skill and then move on to conquer the next challenge, whether painting and photography, music, gardening, antiques, skiing, tennis, golf, or real

estate. When the children were older, Janet obtained a paralegal degree from IUSB, and Janet attended Notre Dame law school just from a desire to learn; she later attended a real estate course out of curiosity and ended up having a successful career as a real estate agent. Janet and Jack were always active together: in the 1960's and 1970's they were avid snow skiers; in the 1970's and early 1980's they were keen tennis players, and in the 1990's their interests turned to golf. In addition to outdoor and sporting activities, Janet loved music, literature and art.

Birch Lake, Michigan, was long a center of summer activities for Janet. Her first connection with the lake was as a camper at Camp Tannadoonah. Janet and Jack rented Haines' (now DeCockers) on the east side in 1964 when the boys were quite young. Two years later they bought a lot on the south side (where the Williams' now live) and summered there for many years with their children. In 1988, with their children married and grandchildren arriving, Janet and Jack then built a place on the former Camp Kiloqua/Birch Lake Basketball Camp property on the north shore (where the Seyfarths now live).

Janet and Jack took their first trip out of the United States when they were in their 50's, and enjoyed many more

international travels and cruises after that, especially with their good friends Dick and Barb Green (Birch Lake south side). Following retirement, Janet and Jack wintered in Bonita Springs, Florida. They were inseparable until Jack's death late last summer.

Janet is survived by her three children Scott (Holly), Tim (Susan), and Steve (Jacque), nine grandchildren Stephanie, Tara, James, Amy, Ross, Sam, Victoria (Tory), Neil and Daniel, five great-grandchildren, Madelyn, Brady, Chase, Weston and Cole, and by her sisters Mary Ellen Shulmier and Marianne Hopkins. Janet was preceded in death by her parents Clyde and Nina Shulmier and by her brother Tom Shulmier (Pat). The family wishes to express our gratitude for the devoted care which Pam Shankle provided both to Janet and to Jack during the past several years.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, August 12 at 6 pm at Welsheimer's Funeral Home, 17033 Cleveland Road, South Bend, Indiana. Friends may call from 4 pm until the memorial service. Memorial contributions may be made to the Junior League of South Bend, Inc. Endowment Fund, 130 Park Lane, South Bend, Indiana 46601, or to The Center for Hospice Care, 501 Comfort Place, Mishawaka, Indiana 46545.



2017 BLYC FALL DINNER

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26 AT THE YACHT CLUB

5:30 - Appetizers and Mingling

Nibble on White Cheddar Pimento Cucumber Cups; Baked Brie & Bacon Fig Jam Crostinis; Mango Salsa & Arugula Shrimp Shooters; and Feta & Watermelon Mint Bites while sharing your summer highlights with other Birch Lakers

6:30 - Dinner

Pecan Crusted Chicken w/ creamy Dijon Honey Mustard over Creamy Parmesan Herb Orzo
Spinach Berry Salad with Apple Cider Strawberry Vinaigrette
Lemon Herb Grilled Summer Vegetables with Balsamic Drizzle
Savory Breads and Rolls with Herb Olive Oil

Dessert will be an assortment of mini-treats

7:30 - Year-End Meeting

Catering provided by Chic Eats

Ticket Price: \$30 per person

Tickets must be purchased in advance and presented at the door. All tickets need to be purchased by August 19

Please contact the following Birch Lakers to purchase your tickets:

Vickie Rogers - Cove

Denise Smitley or Claudia Phipps - North Shore

Karen Curtis-Miller or Patty Luecht - East Shore

Sue Williams - South Shore

Julie Sheffieck - West Shore





FLEET CAPTAIN'S CORNER



Where's our wind?

Once again the wind gods left us high, dry and waiting for the breeze to rise last Saturday as the lake at race time looked like the photo on the cover of today's Barker.

Can't sail without wind.

So in Fleet Captain Mike's absence, Harold (our intrepid mark setter) opted to refrain from setting the marks.

No wind, no races.

Thanks to Bad Patty and her crew for being ready anyway to serve as committee boat ... and by the way, Patty is

always looking for volunteers to join the crew and help keep track of the races.

It's a great way to see all the activity and a great social event. If you're interested in trying it on a Sunday morning contact Patty or me and we'll make it happen.

Until Next week ... "Splice the main brace!"

As long as there's enough wind to splice anything

~Editor Phil, standing in for Fleet Captain Mike~



In the 1940s Alex Byran and Cortland Heyniger used the start of their two names to come up with the Alcorn company moniker. Their first boat was the Sailfish which was essentially a large surfboard with daggerboard, rudder and a lateen sail. The Sailfish could be bought finished or in kit form.

By 1951 Alcorn was building the Sunfish which was wider and incorporated a cockpit. Like the Sailfish, the Sunfish was originally made out of wood and available as a kit. In 1959 the company began production of modern molded fiberglass hulls which are identical to the One Design (OD) Sunfish of today.

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— Water Quality Report —

Initial reflections on ‘Score the Shore’

A few weeks ago members of your Water Quality Committee, led by a senior aquatic biologist from Michigan’s DEQ, utilizing the Cooperative Lakes Management Program’s (CLMP) format, performed a “Score the Shore” procedure at Birch Lake.

In 1000-foot sections we assessed the shoreline using a number of criteria: Presence, location, predominance and types of plant life and erosion control systems.

In preparation for and as part of this process we learned (or were reminded of) a number of interesting, and hopefully worthwhile, facts. In no particular order we’ll now share a number of them with you:

1. Birch Lake has approximately 15,500 feet (slightly less than 3 miles) of shoreline and/or property line(s) along the shore.
2. (Native) Plants in a lake, whether below, floating upon, or emerging from the water’s surface, are good.
3. (Native) Plants at the shoreline, both in and out of the water, are good.
4. Permanent, fixed impervious (typically concrete or steel) sea walls are not desirable.
5. Better are rock or riprap retaining walls particularly if they are sloped (so a turtle could climb them) and plants grow between the rocks.
6. Best are shorelines with no retaining walls but very gradual slopes protected and held in place by native plants in the water, on the slope and above the sloped area.
7. Downed trees and branches, when left in the shallows, like emergent plants,

protect against erosion and provide habitat for breeding and development of small fish and turtles, frogs, etc.

8. As you can see, in terms of protecting the shoreline, and the body of water it surrounds, the more natural the better.

9. It makes some sense then that on Birch Lake the highest score was achieved by the section which included the camp’s waterfront property.

10. This could lead to the conclusion that the overall best score might be awarded to a body of water untouched by humans. That status is not reasonably possible to attain here at Birch Lake. For this reason:

- a) Total scores are often considered relative to the amount of development (buildings and docks) along the shoreline.
 - b) Any goals for maintaining and possibly improving our shoreline’s status have to be tempered.
 - c) Our present goal is only to educate.
11. Virtually all shoreline either has some sort of protection against erosion or eventually will erode. (We noticed very little, if any, easily visible evidence of recent erosion along our shorelines.)
12. Mowed lawns growing to the edge of the water (or sea wall) are not optimum as they erode easily due to their shallow roots and do little to catch and block any contaminants washing in from further upland.
13. Native plantings 2’ or so in height at or near a shoreline have the added advantage of decreasing the odds that geese will travel to the lawn on the other side of those plants.
14. If a property owner were ever motivated to permanently remove their



concrete or rock/riprap wall, there are natural products available to protect the newly exposed shoreline while natural plants take root and prosper on a more gradual slope.

So what was our score? 50, on a scale of 0 – 100.

What does that mean? How does that score stack up? We’ll know best when we receive the formal CLMP report next winter, which will analyze our score relative to our amount of development, other lakes, etc. We are looking forward to sharing that information with you.

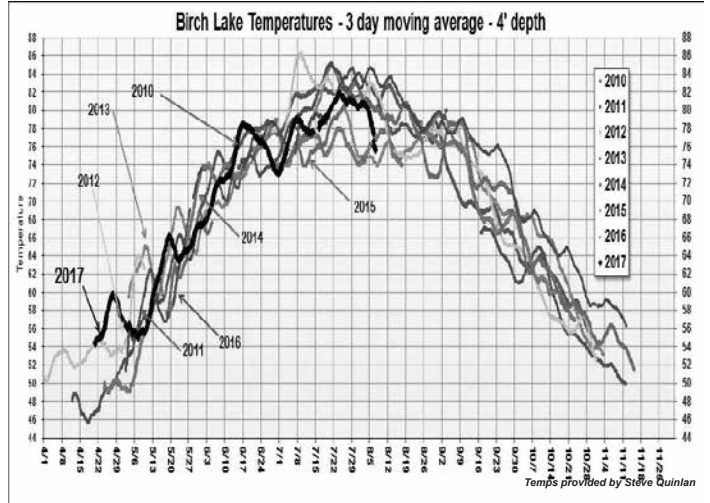
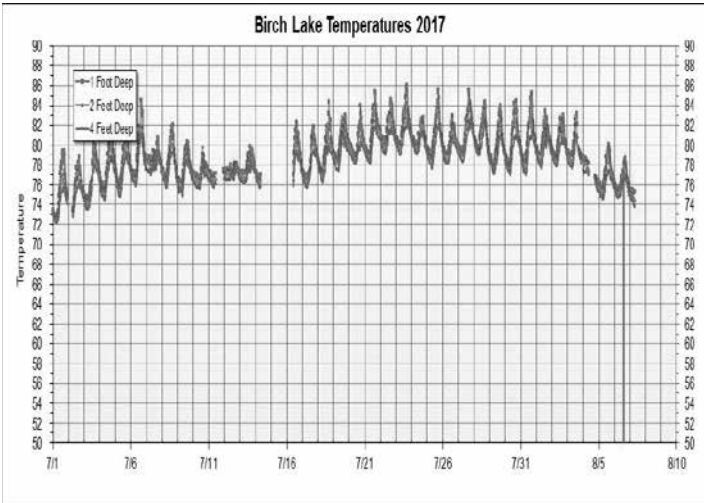
In the interim, the senior aquatic biologist with whom we worked has provided us with some general insights, which we hope to publish in another Barker issue in the near future.

Thanks for your time and interest!



Speaking of reflections ... sometimes it’s so pretty it almost hurts to look at it!

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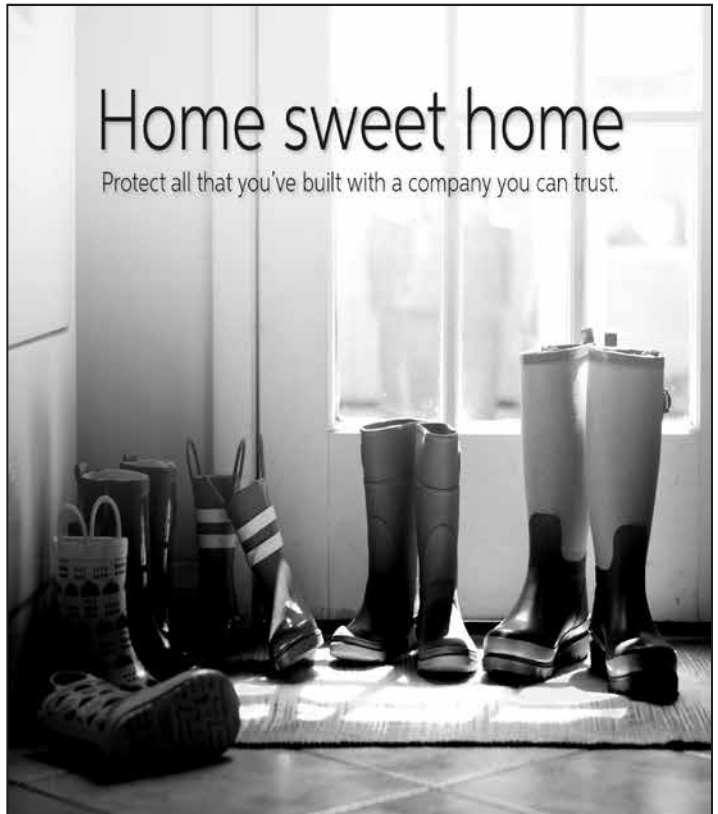
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— Barker Kids of the Week —



Happy Birthday Katie, daughter of Bill and Bad Patty Luecht (east side). Katie Hass (formerly Luecht) celebrated her 24th birthday on August 4. She recently cut 10 inches off her hair and donated it to an organization that makes wigs for women who have lost their hair due to illness. Bad Patty couldn't resist sending a baby picture and a current picture so we can see what a cutie she used to be and what a cutie she is as an adult! Katie and Sam are currently living in Bloomington, IN, where Katie is working and studying at IU.

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Harlowe Allen and her doll, Mia, kayaking on Birch Lake. Harlowe is the grand daughter of Jeannie and Patrick Welch on the south side of the lake. Harlowe is 7 years old and is visiting for a few days from Cincinnati.



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Below, *Past Commodore Bad Patty Luecht and her former college roommate Sally Deckard posing before trying to out-do last year's bash ... The pair were students at "That IU" a long time ago.*



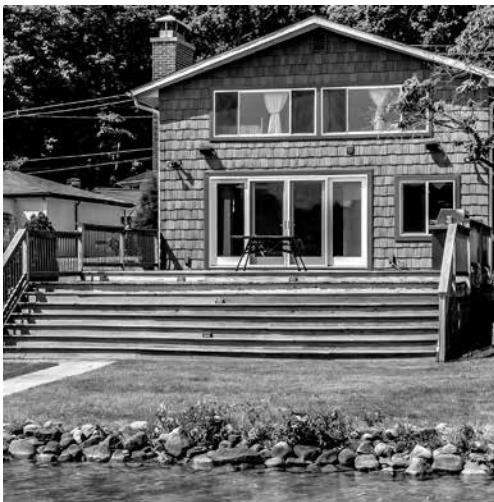
AT LEFT, *Aurora (aka Aurorable), the granddaughter of Mike and Amy Lutz (north side) having a moment with her lambie that made gramma go "awwwwwwww."*

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Grill Bear of the Week: This unusual image was spotted by a neighbor on the inside of the grill top at the east side home of Bill and Bad Patty Luecht. An investigation is underway to determine if the bear was in the process of grilling flamingo burgers ...

KID-OF-THE-WEEK PHOTOS

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Dog of the Week honors to Saba Vitale (east side).



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Past Commodore Stewart Spratt (north shore) with his boys (Chris and Mike) who will be at Birch this weekend.



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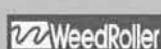
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Aries (March 21-April 19) - This continues to be a playful, fun-loving time for you. Lucky Aries are off on vacation enjoying adventure and daring escapades. Some are at home tackling redecorating projects as well as entertaining friends and barbecuing on the deck. But no matter what you're doing, your job and your daily tasks will meet with minor obstacles and delays.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - This week you have a wonderful opportunity to completely reassess anything related to home, family and real-estate dealings. You can calmly take a look at these areas and do a reality check. There's no need to rush forward. There is no need to make a decision. This is simply the perfect time to fill your data-bank and figure out what's best for you.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) - You are going to feel frustrated because it won't be easy to check out a million things in a nano second. Ironically, this is a busy time for you with short trips, errands, increased reading and writing and talking to everyone! On the upside however, this is a great week to wrap up projects that have been on the go at home because they will flow smoothly.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) - The next two weeks are a great time to buy wardrobe goodies for yourself. You won't regret making the effort. In fact, you can probably get stuff on sale. Don't worry because you are focused on money and doing what you can to boost your earnings. Naturally, when the cash is flowing - some of it flows out as well. Money in - money out.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - You're energized! Secret love affairs will be taking place for many. It's time for a reality check. Figure out how much money is coming in on a regular basis. And also where does it go? Don't be vague. Write down actual numbers. Get a handle on your money scene so that you know what comes in every month and roughly what goes out. If you're lucky, what goes out is less than what comes in - although not always the case

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - This is a wonderful opportunity to reflect and ponder your life. It's as if everything is in slow motion and you can see more clearly where you've been, where you are going, and where you are right now. This recognition and awareness might be a wake-up call. The sooner you discover this, the better off you are.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - This is a fortunate time for you. You have the benefit of being able to be super efficient with research or looking for answers and solutions. Enjoy your popularity. Enjoy the adoration of powerful people. Enjoy your ability to find answers when everyone else is running in circles.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - This week continues to be a time with parents, bosses and important people notice you - and they admire you. You don't even have to do anything special to impress them. Since this is the case - now is the time to advance your cause and demand what you want. Be a tough negotiator for your own best interests. You will be a force to contend with! Meanwhile, travel for pleasure will delight.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Continue to grab every opportunity to travel because this is what you want to do. You're keen to expand your world not only through travel but through further training and learning. Many of you will be involved in legal matters plus exploring avenues in publishing, the media and higher education.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - Life is quite intense for you right now. This might be because you are caught up in a dispute about inheritances, shared property, taxes, debt or insurance issues. If this is the case, the next few weeks are excellent to resolve these matters. Some of you might be involved with political issues from the past.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - You still need more sleep than usual. Unfortunately, this is also a stressful time for relations with close friends and partners. Basically you are annoyed with them. But there's no point in throwing fuel on the flame. Remember your objective: your objective is you want to be happy.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - This week you have your foot in two camps - you want to play, have fun, explore the arts and enjoy romance and yet, you're ready to work hard, be productive and get things done. Impressive! This is not surprising because this is your time of harvest where you clearly see what is working in your life and what is not. Meanwhile, ex-partners and old friends you haven't seen for ages are back on the scene. This can give you an opportunity for closure or just a chance to reaffirm why you left that relationship.

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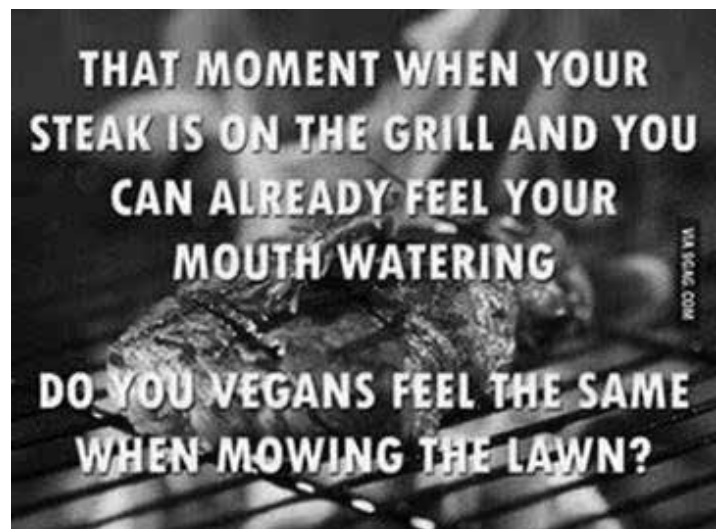


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A refreshing white wine sangria that is always a hit at parties.

Ingredients:

Original recipe yields 6 servings

- 1 (750 milliliter) bottle dry white wine
- 3/4 cup peach flavored vodka
- 6 tablespoons frozen lemonade concentrate, thawed
- 1/4 cup white sugar
- 1 pound white peaches, pitted and sliced
- 3/4 cup seedless red grapes, halved
- 3/4 cup seedless green grapes, halved
- Add all ingredients to list

Directions :

1. In a large pitcher, combine dry white wine, peach vodka, lemonade concentrate and sugar. Stir until sugar is dissolved. Add sliced peaches, red and green grapes.
2. Refrigerate sangria until well chilled, at least 2 hours, or overnight to blend flavors. Serve over ice, and use a slotted spoon to include sliced peaches and grapes with each serving.

EASY PEACH CRISP

Ingredients:

- 4 cups sliced fresh peaches
- 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 1/2 cup cold butter
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup rolled oats

Directions :

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C).
2. Arrange peaches evenly in an 8 x 8-inch baking dish.
3. Mix flour, brown sugar, butter, cinnamon, and salt in a bowl using a pastry cutter until evenly crumbled. Fold oats into flour mixture; sprinkle and press topping into peaches.
4. Bake in the preheated oven until topping is lightly browned, about 30 minutes.

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— Camp Tannadoonah —

Last week of camp!

It's our last week of Camp for the year! Don't forget that Friday night is our candlelight ceremony at the lake – around 9:15pm. Come out on your boats to watch!

Last week I shared thoughts from several of our Board members about their experiences with camp and Camp Fire. This week I'd like to continue that and share thoughts from the remaining members.

From Sharon Hayward: I love so many things about Camp Fire, but one of my recent observations really stands out as a favorite. In a conversation with campers this summer, two of the campers were telling the small group about their favorite places to travel including Venice, Italy and Paris, France. When one response made it clear that some of the other campers had not experienced this type of travel there seemed to be no judgment or socioeconomic division as they easily transitioned the conversation to the places they all dreamed of traveling to. The campers may have recognized the situation and changed the topic on purpose, but it sure seemed like a natural shift and the smiles and engaged conversation never missed a beat. I love it that kids from all walks of life can come to camp and not worry about their differences, but instead focus on what they have in common.

From Phil Iapalucci: I believe attending Camp Fire is a transformative experience for most kids. By making new friends and participating in diverse activities, these young campers experience being real pioneers. These days the over exposure to comfort items and ubiquitous technology can inadvertently undermine a kid's growth. One week at the camp allows kids to understand their true capabilities and special qualities. Kids depart Camp Tannadoonah with a renewed sense of confidence to take on the real world. It is my pleasure to support such a noble and enriching organization.

From Patrick Welch: My name is Patrick Welch and I'm a new board

member, a new resident on Birch Lake and a long-time admirer of Camp Tannadoonah. My first experience with the camp was when my daughters, Mallory and Merrill, attended camp in 1998. Today, Merrill is getting married, so it's hard to believe how time flies! Merrill is my girly girl, and camp was perfect for her. She needed it! Merrill would send us letters saying how she missed her own bed, her own bathroom and even drew attention to a water spot on the letter saying, "Look – that's a real tear!" All that drama led to wonderful memories that she still talks about today. My oldest daughter, Mallory, loved every second of camp life. In fact, on one of our first family boat rides around the lake last year she said, "Look Dad, it's the camp pier! I have to touch it!" She dove in, swam to the pier, touched it and swam back to the boat.

My wife Jeannie and I are very proud to have the camp on our lake. It's a treasure. We love hearing taps at night and revelry in the morning. We smile when we see the kids swimming in the lake, laughing, getting stuck in a sailboat with no wind or trying to get back to the camp on a paddleboard when there's too much wind. It takes us all back to our childhood. So we're delighted to have Camp T on Birch Lake. How many opportunities does one have to positively influence the life of a child? That's why we're thrilled to be able to support the camp in any way possible.

From John Engel: I have spent a major part of the last several years as a board member of this great organization. Since

I had spent a lot of time around or on Birch Lake growing up I wanted to find a way that I could get back on the lake. Camp Fire and Camp were the answer. I found a way that I could contribute my expertise in Finance and Not for Profit Organizations by donating my time to the Board. I was on the board when we made the tough decision to sell some of our land to get ourselves out of debt and build a future for the organization. We are now a strong organization under the leadership of Amber Grundy and so the reason that camp and Camp Fire are so important to me is that I have seen the rough times and I have seen the strong present and future and I knew that I had contributed to that. The Natural beauty of camp and the uniqueness of this camp experience have drawn me year after year to continue to help the organization grow. As this is my last year on the board I would like to personally thank the Lake Residents and all of our staff for making my experience one that I will always remember but more importantly make our campers feel at home and want to come back year after year just like I have wanted to do.



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Camp T is missing several kayak and stand up paddleboarding paddles



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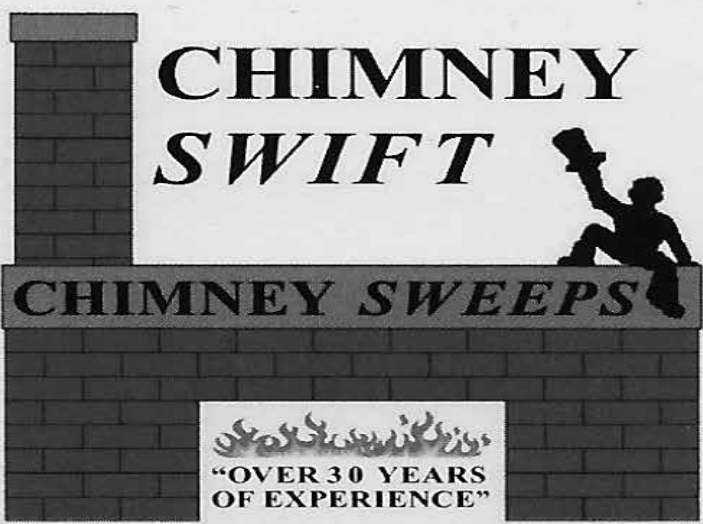
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