

The  
Weekend  
Of

July 11,  
2020

# Birch Barker

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



Can these cute cousins have any more fun? From left: Abby Caplis, Leila Petty (north shore), Kelsey & Kendall Roussel (Richmond, Virginia).

photo by Megan Caplis

## COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

Commodore's Comments #18  
Weekend of July 5, 2020

By **J. Patrick McGann**

So much to say so little space. What a memorable weekend here on beautiful Birch. It started off with our first-ever Nelson's Port-a-pit chicken, rib, chop and pit-a-toe sale which was an overwhelming success raising nearly \$3,000 profit for the BLYC. Adults and teenagers alike from around the lake and their visiting guests came and volunteered to help in the distribution of the over 900 pieces of food we had to give out in a very short period of time. I would like to extend our appreciation to my First Mate Tessa McGann for suggesting this idea last Fall that worked out so well in this year of Covid-19 virus. Any other fundraiser probably would have had to be canceled like the Spring Dinner, Spaghetti Dinner and the Corn & Sausage Roast were. I think all of the helpers had fun and were proud of themselves for pulling it off as we were all rookie greenhorns,

they were: Ed Chester, Dan Waxman, Cooper & Cam Petty, Rachel & Chris Karceski, Annie Ward, Aubrie Hromadka, twins Gabby & Cole Kics, Trish & John Stitz, Paul Fallon, Claudia Phipps, Deb Spratt for accounting and Chas Grundy for online ordering services. Sarah Petty headed up recruitment services, in fact, Sarah did such a great job I have given her name to Notre Dame Head Coach Brian Kelly to help recruit a winning football team. We had many of you bring your own containers to keep our sale as environmentally friendly as possible, allowing us to return many Styrofoam containers that we did not need to use. Funds raised will go to the BLYC general fund to use where the need is greatest for the betterment of the club and lake.

Fireworks highlighted the evening of the 3rd. Once again Camp Director Amber Grundy welcomed our display set up and firing on the Tannadoonah property. The camp staff provided cleanup of the debris left over from our display. Thank You! I heard many people say how nice this year's fireworks were. Thanks to Chas Grundy for coordinating this for our enjoyment.

This year's Boat Parade was indeed

## 2020 Birch Lake Calendar

July 17 - Ladies Golf , Diamond Lake, 9 am  
July 25 - Reid Francis Memorial Invitational Regatta, Diamond Lake, see Page 2

**JULY 31 - NEW DATE FOR MEN'S GOLF OUTING**, 1:30 pm shotgun start @ Pineview golf course, dinner to follow, see article Page 3

August 1 - Corn & Sausage Roast,

**CANCELED**

August 1 - HOMEOWNERS Annual meeting, following BLYC board meeting  
**BLYC Board of Directors' Meetings**, 9 am, July 11, August 1, September 5

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the best ever, and I think most people who witnessed it would agree. A big shout out to the superb organizing ability of the Eshlemans. Ronni and Gus did a super job. There were at least 15 entrants this year. We nominate the Eshlemans to do even better as chairs of the event next year. Thanks.

The fourth of July Sailing Regatta

The Birch Barker is always accepting materials for publication. E-mail materials to sailorphil@philvitale.com, mail them to me or put the items in the stone mailbox at 63174 Birch Rd. (East Shore). **DEADLINE** for any issue is Noon on the Tuesday of the week before the publication. To contact Editor Phil by phone, call (269) 476-1680. To contact Commodore Pat McGann, call 574-532-5377 or email pat@mcgannhay.com.

# — Birch Lake Notes —

turned out to be a dud. The winds only allowed one of the five scheduled races, and in another one the wind died so it was canceled because the time limit had expired. We would however like to thank the Course Master Tom Cassady, Jr. and the race committee which included: Bad Patty Luecht, Supervisor Deb Hall, Statistics Keeper, and Good Patty Russwurm, Line Judge.

In other news, the date for the Men's Golf Outing, Scramble Format, has been changed to Friday July 31, 2020, at Pine View Golf Course in Three Rivers, with a shotgun start at 1:30 pm. To keep us all as safe as possible they have Plexiglas dividers available in the carts, no rakes in sand traps, and pins that remain in with Styrofoam to keep the ball at the top of the cup. Followed by the same socially distanced beef tenderloin dinner we enjoyed to raving reviews last year, except their servers will wear masks and will plate the food for us this year, and we can get it "to go" if you would rather not eat with the group or we have the option to eat outside. We will need to wear our masks as well while we are inside. The cost will be kept at \$65 even with the increase in beef costs. The deadline to pay and register is Friday July 26 at noon online at: [mensgolf.birchlakeyachtclub.com](http://mensgolf.birchlakeyachtclub.com). Fill

## Five-lake MC Sailboat Regatta

Diamond Lake Yacht Club will host the Reid Francis Memorial MC Invitational Regatta on Saturday, July 25 (with a rain date of Sunday the 26). Birch, Corey, Eagle, Diamond, and Indian Lakes have all been invited.

There will be three races with awards for first, second and third places.

We already have some of our MC sailors registered. Please note the deadline to sign up is July 18. To register, go to [www.dlycmi.org](http://www.dlycmi.org). Cost is \$30 per boat, and includes breakfast, lunch,



and beverages.

~Barb Cassady

out the form below with your foursome's names and email/fax to me at: [pat@mcgannhay.com](mailto:pat@mcgannhay.com) or fax: 1-800-855-1765 or drop it off with your check to me in my mailbox at 63164 Birch Rd. Call me and questions at 574-532-5377.

Ladies, you have your own fun golf outing coming up, coordinated by the super duo of Barb Cassady and Jeanie Welch. It will prove to be as much fun as last year's outing. Again, it will be at Diamond Lake Golf Course on Friday July 17 with a Shotgun Start at 9 am. There will be a box lunch included to fol-

low and many fun games on the course during the round.

We will continue to take precautions to prevent the spread of COVID-19, especially for those who may be at higher risk. So, this month's BLYC Board Meeting will again be a Zoom meeting this Saturday at 9 am July 11. Board members were sent an email with the link and phone number to join the meeting.

Enjoy the rest of the weekend and please stay safe.

~ JPM, Commodore



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# — Birch Lake Notes —

## Men's golf outing date changed

We have changed the date for the annual Birch Lake Mens Golf Outing to Friday July 31. Otherwise, it will be the same as our very successful outing last year. Golf will start with a 1:30 pm shotgun start, prime rib socially distanced dinner following. Let me know who is your Captain and the other three in the foursome?. Go to the BLYC store at: [store.birchlakeyachtclub.com](http://store.birchlakeyachtclub.com) before July 26. Cost for cart and dinner is \$65/golfer.

~JPM

## Great job, great helpers!

Last weekend, I was scheduled to "work" the barbequed chicken pickup stand. What I really did was just watch, in awe and amazement, seven teen-aged kids cheerfully and efficiently fulfill scores of unique pre-orders for thousands of dollars worth of meat and potatoes within a two hour time span. All of their customers seemed to be reasonably well satisfied. Particularly for people of that age-bracket, their work ethic and ability [and willingness] to converse with adults were off the charts.

Congratulations are in order for the two Pettys, the two Karceskis, and their three friends for their efforts, and for their families for helping to form them to be that way.

~Paul Fallon

## A note of thanks

I learned Tuesday morning that after being exposed to COVIC 19, the test I took was last week came back negative..

Thanks to all of my friends and neighbors who wished me luck and provided support during this time.

Now go wash your hands, social distance and stay well!

~Editor PV

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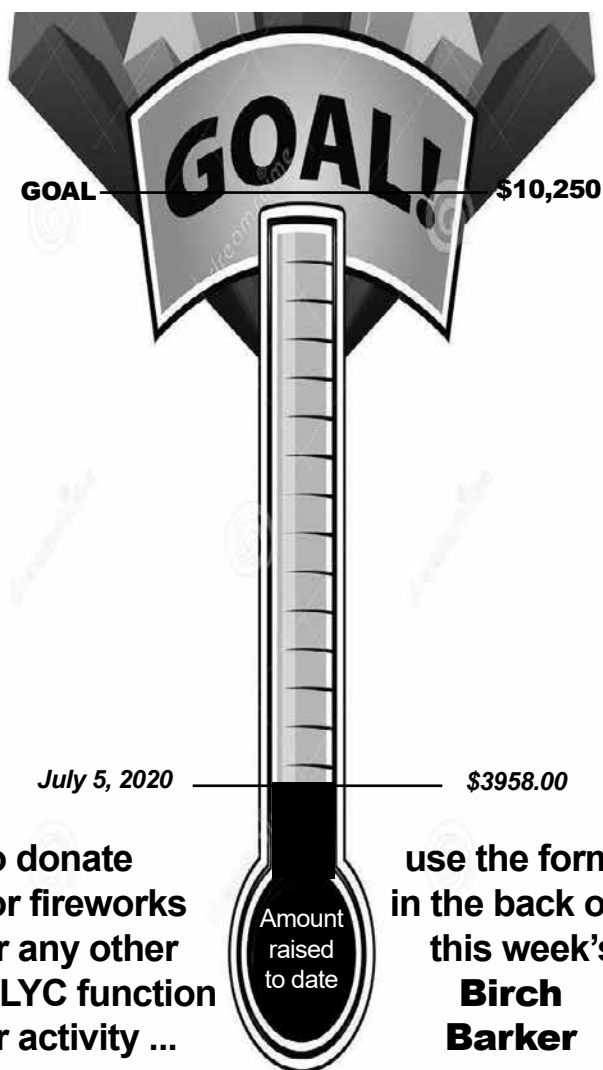
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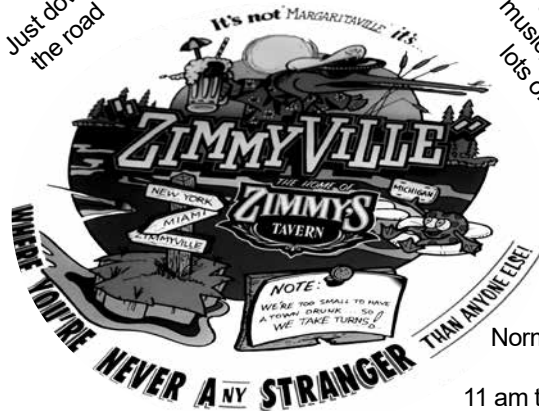
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# FLEET CAPTAIN'S CORNER



What was supposed to be at least a two-day regatta didn't turn out quite the way we had hoped. After going out on Friday, we managed to get only one race completed, and that in itself, was quite a challenge! However, in that race, Barb Cassady and Scott Troeger were battling it out to the finish line. Literally, it looked as if it could be a tie! At the very last second, Barb got a slight lift of wind, and she took first!! It gave all on the committee boat goose bumps!

Trying again on Saturday to get at least two races completed, we started with a fairly good wind, but it soon disappeared. After struggling for nearly 45 minutes to complete the first leg of the race, the race was called and the rest is

history.

This season, unlike past seasons, may go down as the "one and done!" Thanks committee boat crew, Good Patti, Darling Deb, and Bad Patty. Tom Cassady for setting up the course. Hopefully the Greek wind gods will take pity on us this Sunday, and blow some wind our way!

"Boreas was the Greek God of the north wind called the cold breadth of winter while Notus was the Greek God of the south wind known as the god of summer rain storms. Zephyrus, the gentle west wind, was the most benevolent of the four and the only one that featured prominently in myth."

Sail on, ~Fleet Captain Bill  
(and ghost writer BP)



## 2020 Birch Lake Sailing Results

### BLYC Season Standings Corrected

Date	3-Jul	Total	Point	Races	Percentage
Race	7	Points	Average	Finished	Finished
MC Scow/Sailor	Total MC Races=>		7		
Scott Troeger #1489	2	10884	1555	7	100%
Barb Cassady #2506	1	10807	1544	7	100%
Phil Vitale #500	5	9745	1392	7	100%
Bob King #1199	3	9591	1370	7	100%
Jeff Smitley #2002	DNS	1369	1369	1	14%
Pat McGann #1735	DNS	6482	1296	5	71%
Bill Luecht #1579	4	6368	1274	4	57%
Pat Welch	DNS	7007	1168	6	86%
Sandy Vitale	6	5719	1144	5	71%
Amber Grundy	DNS	6538	1090	6	86%

Date	3-Jul	Total	Point	Races	Percentage
Race	7	Points	Average	Finished	Finished
Sunfish/Sailor	Total Sunfish Races=>		7		
Stewart Spratt	DNS	6088	1522	4	57%
Rick Russwurm (Green/Blue)	DNS	8976	1496	6	86%
Herb Cleveland	3	10195	1456	7	100%
Scott Temple	DNS	4340	1447	3	43%
Amy Troeger	2	4334	1445	3	43%
Peter Soldato	DNS	2817	1409	2	29%
Steve Frew	1	8167	1361	5	71%
Bob Niezgodski	4	9088	1298	7	100%
Camille Butler	DNS	3677	1226	3	43%

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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# — Golf and Sailing —

## Birch Lake Ladies' Golf Outing -- Girls Just Want to Have Fun!

Friday, July 17, 2020

If you signed up for this event, please note:

- Diamond Lake Golf Course, Cassopolis
- Please arrive no later than 8:30 am
- 9 AM tee off
- Box lunch provided in the DLGC outdoor picnic area following 9-hole

golf

- Prizes awarded after lunch
- No raffle baskets this year!

**\*\* IMPORTANT! Following health precautions, all participants will ride in separate golf carts; social distancing highly encouraged; DLGC may have**

*additional rules we will need to follow \*\**

If you'd like to sponsor a hole please contact either: Barb Cassady 574-303-2831 or Jeannie Welch 574-286-2890

Net proceeds to benefit BLYC

### DLYC JUNIOR SAILING 2020

Online registration for Junior Sailing Camps is open now!!!  
The first week of instruction begins on Monday June 29th.

#### Learn to Sail 1 & 11 (Beginner and advanced Beginner)

Ages 6+ and up to 120 pounds—Optimist Dinghy  
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Limit—to be determined  
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#### Dates/ Times Offered:

June 29-July 2 9am-noon ( Friday, July 3rd-Rain Date)  
July 6-9 9am-noon (Friday, July 10th -Rain Date)  
July 20-23 9am-noon (Friday, July 24th—Rain Date)  
July 27-30 9am-noon (Friday, July 31st—Rain Date)

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#### Dates/Times Offered:

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July 6-9 1pm-4pm (Friday, July 10th—Rain Date)  
July 20-23 1pm-4pm ( Friday, July 24th—Rain Date)  
July 27-30 1pm-4pm(Friday, July 31st-Rain Date)

**Registration now open!**

### STAFF!

Lane Francis:  
Lead Instructor



Lane is 19 years old, and currently attends Trine University. As a sophomore in the fall, he is majoring in mechanical engineering. His hobbies include playing soccer, and boating. Lane has many years of sailing experience on Lake Michigan, where he is a 3rd generation resident. He is from Ellettsville, Michigan.

Timothy Hesse:  
Instructor



Timothy is 15 years old, and currently attends the Latin School of Chicago. He is on the varsity sailing team, and participates in band, where he plays the trumpet. He loves to sail, and is so excited to be instructing this year. He is from Chicago, and is a 3rd generation summer resident of Diamond Lake.

Genevieve Hesse:  
Sailing Administrator



Genevieve is 18 years old, and will be attending the University of Wisconsin-Madison in the fall. She will be majoring in Elementary Education. In high school, she was an avid tennis player on the varsity team. She is from Chicago, and is a 3rd generation summer resident of Diamond Lake.

### Men's golf outing registration

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# — Water Quality Report —

## Commandment # 2

It's time to review Commandment # 2, "Thou Shalt Minimize Surface Runoff"

It has often been said that whatever is around a lake eventually gets into that lake. Unfortunately, that is typically true.

Whenever planning to develop, modify, improve or even landscape your property, please consider that: The fewer areas hard surfaced (by buildings, sidewalks, pavements, etc.) means less water is likely to runoff into the lake.

The greater the distance between the hard surface areas and the lake means less water is likely to runoff into the lake

This runoff often carries undesirable chemicals and objects into the lake. Before disturbing the earth you might be required to first obtain a "Soil and Sedimentation Control Permit."

Installing a silt fence between the disturbed area and the shoreline to capture and contain runoff is typically required.

Capturing water and then piping it directly into the lake might only increase its velocity and minimize the chances that suspended solids will settle out before the runoff reaches the lake.

Running the water into dry wells instead of directly to the lake allows the water to be filtered by the soil before it

enters the aquifer (and eventually the lake).

Although better than hard surfaced areas, lawns don't do much to slow down or filter the runoff.

A barrier strip of thick, rooted native plants at and above the shoreline does help to both slow down and filter the runoff. While any width strip is better than none, a 6' wide minimum barrier strip has been suggested as desirable.

A barrier strip of 2 – 3' (or more) in height will help keep geese off of your property. (They like to be able to see the lake.)

At all times, please remove and

properly dispose of, or protect and carefully store, any objects that are likely to, whenever washed into our lake, damage our lake. Examples that come to mind are oils, fuels, fertilizers, feces (goose, pet or other), ashes, leaves, trash, grass clippings, etc.

**PLEASE PASS THE WORD**



### THE "SIX COMMANDMENTS OF BIRCH LAKE WATER QUALITY"

- I. Thou shalt prevent the spread of Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS).
- II. Thou shalt minimize surface runoff.
- III. Thou shalt minimize the effects of waves.
- IV. Thou shalt protect and expand Natural Shorelines.
- V. Thou shalt not allow phosphorus, nutrients, and other undesirable chemical elements to enter our lake.
- VI. Thou shalt remain informed and active about other Water Quality issues

## *A Night on Birch Lake*

By PEYTON LAPATO

Grandson of Tom and Vickie Rogers, Cove

Sunset on Birch Lake  
Full moon's silent rise  
Reflecting on a lake of silver glass  
As one listens a frog hops in  
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# — Barker Kids of the Week —



Grandma Claudia Phipps (north shore) celebrates her birthday with her grandkids. Back row: Layla, Taylor, Macey, Parker; front row: Lakelee, Foster, Finley.



Our granddaughter, Aley Vitale Richards, posed with the Nemo she painted for our entry in the 2020 BLYC Boat Parade!



Lynn Caenepeel gave some very handsome fellas a ride!



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# — Barker Kids of the Week —



*Max Holladay, 4, manicuring the sand at our lake front with his new back hole. Max is the grandson of Carol and Bill Myers, west side*



*Quint Lovato, son of Peter and Natasha (Gerry Temple's grandson, North Shore). First visit to Birch Lake!*

*Stew Spratt experiments with new Sunfish Jetski configuration for light wind days*

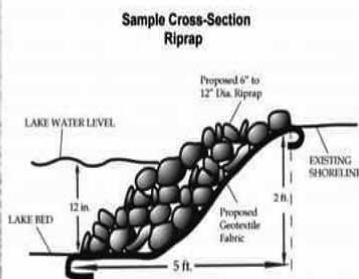


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# — Barker Kids of the Week —



*Carm and Debbie Soldato were blessed to have three of their four sons and their families visit. Pictured are, left to right: Cooper, Catherine, Luke, Meredith, Marlee, Addie, Josie and Elise Soldato, all of whom celebrated the 4th of July with their Grammy and Grampa.*



*The Abernethy Family re-lived their childhood memories on the North Shore! Pictured are the Caplis family - Megan, Tom, Connor & Abby (north shore); The Petty family - Sarah, Kenny, Ben, Cam, Cooper & Leila (north shore); the Roussell family; and Spike & Carol Abernethy (Granger, IN)*



*Harman dogs (east side)*



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# — BLYC 2020 Boat Parade —

## 4th of July Boat Parade Results

Once again, our weather was perfect for the annual Birch Lake 4th of July Boat Parade. All 15 of our entrants found unique ways to represent the “We are Family” theme. It was difficult for our judges to choose only one, but this year’s “Most Outstanding” entry was the Runser family’s beautifully decorated boat with their Finding Nemo theme. Second place went to the Fooks’ “Bubble Attack” boat. The other awards included the Magro’s “Most Patriotic,” the Groszek’s “Dyngus Day-Polish Pride,” the Dugan’s “Collegiate Pride,” Pat McGann’s “Most Dangerous,” the Vitale’s “Captain with the Best Haircut and Crew,” the Soldato’s, “Best Italian Pride,” the Caplis’, “Best Birch Lake Pirates,” the Quinlan’s “50th Anniversary,” and the Luecht’s “Best PB&J.” Other families joining in the fun were the (Sue and Pat) Williams, the Fallon’s, the Qual’s, and the Baucus’s.

This year’s Grand Marshal, Denny Weesner, was escorted around the lake by Gus Eshleman and Jim Bradfield. Also, kudos to our four judges, Marc and Lynn Caenepeel and Bud and Deb Hall for their deliberations and assistance in making this one of the best parades ever!

Several comments were made about how wonderful it was seeing all the families out on their piers, cheering and clapping and celebrating as the parade went past. It really demonstrated that we are truly a Birch Lake family!



# YOUR HOROSCOPE

**Aries (March 21-April 19)** - Your focus on home, family and a parent continues. If you have had company camped out on your doorstep, by the end of the week, they will leave. Fiery Mars is now in your sign where will stay for the rest of the year, pumping you with energy and aggression. Fortunately, fair Venus is in your House of Communication, softening your words and making you much more agreeable to everyone - at least, in short little bursts of time.

**Taurus (April 20-May 20)** - Your fast pace continues because you have a busy schedule of short trips and things to do! Life has been hectic lately because Mercury retrograde affected transportation issues, communications, cell phones and a myriad of ways that would introduce tiny little obstacles to your daily world. Fortunately, most of this insanity will end this week. Meanwhile, Venus will continue to attract money to you, and you to buy beautiful things for yourself and loved ones as well as art objects.

**Gemini (May 21-June 20)** - Money and possessions are a big focus for you now. This could relate to your earnings - or lack of them. It certainly relates to your cash flow, your assets, your wealth and your possessions. The delays and a bit of insanity that have impacted your cash flow will reduce by the end of this week. Things will start to settle down. Nevertheless, avoid squabbles midweek about money issues (or possibly, something you own).

**Cancer (June 21-July 22)** - It's still all about you, dear Cancer with the Sun in your sign boosting your energy and giving you a chance to recharge for the rest of year. This will also attract people and favorable situations to you. Midweek, arguments with parents, bosses, teachers and the police could take place. However, they won't happen if you are not part of the dance. Secret love affairs are still at play for many of you.

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)** - For a variety of reasons, you will want to play things low-key and sort of hide behind the scenes this week. You won't completely be a recluse because Venus will seduce you to talk to friends and socialize with groups. In particular, you might be more involved with creative, artistic people. Something that might be building up is you are developing ideas that run counter to someone else's beliefs but you feel you cannot speak up. This is probably wise. )

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** - This is a popular week! Enjoy interacting with friends and groups in person or online. You will talk to younger people more than usual. With Venus at the top of your chart, life favors your business and professional life, which is why you will attract people and circumstances that will help your work. Someone might also ask for your input about artistic matters like design, layout, redecorating, or PR ideas.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** - Try to accomplish as much as possible this week because you look great in the eyes of others! Make your pitch and do whatever you can to advance your agenda. However, having said that, midweek, you might be at odds with someone in a position of authority (boss, parent, teacher or the police). Or perhaps this argument takes place with a partner or close friend!

**Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** - If you could travel - you would love this because you need a change of scenery. You want to learn new things and experience adventure and fresh stimulation! Because many of you are gung ho to work hard now, you might encounter this stimulation through your own efforts. Meanwhile, sexy passion is hot this week. (The stuff of movies.) This is also an excellent week to ask to borrow something, including a loan from a bank or a mortgage because you can benefit from the wealth and resources of others, including your partner. It's nice when gifts start coming your way, isn't it?

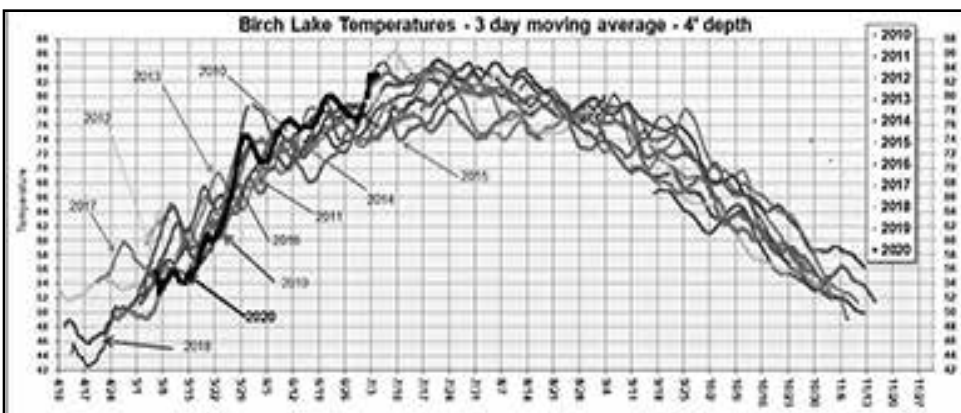
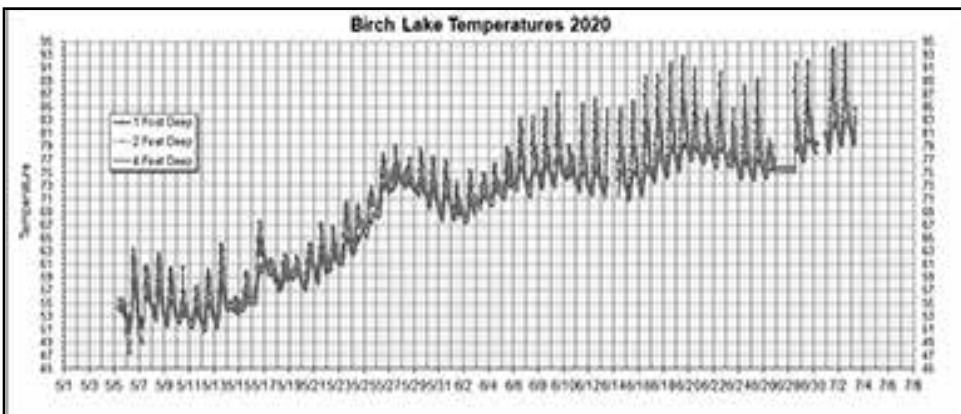
**Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)** - This continues to be a passionate, intense week for you. However, delays with shared property, taxes, debt and insurance issues will fade away. However, disputes about the same areas might arise midweek. Fortunately, it looks like relations with your partner or close friend are cozy, which means someone will have your back. These disputes midweek might also be a lovers' quarrel. You are nicely in tune with others and sensitive to their needs and wants.

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** - You will continue to need more rest and more sleep this week. Respect your need for this. Meanwhile, this is an excellent opportunity for you to have more objectivity and a little distance to observe yourself in these relationships. You will see where you're winning and where you might improve. Squabbles midweek might occur with someone at home, perhaps with family due to the increased chaos or activity at home. Fortunately, Venus guarantees warm relations with coworkers and anything related to your job or a pet.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** - It's fabulous how much you are getting done now because you're motivated to work and more than that, you want to get better organized in every aspect of your life. You even want to improve your health! Since you are motivated about these issues - get as much done as possible! Make this work for you! Tread carefully midweek because a work-related argument might arise or perhaps a disagreement with a sibling or relative.

**Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)** - This continues to be fun city for you! Try to take a mini-vacation or enjoy schmoozing with others or having parties as long as they are not a threat to anyone's health. Enjoy playful activities with kids. Romance is particularly favored. You will also welcome any chance to express your creative ideas and talents.

## Birch Lake Environmental Data



Temps provided by Steve Quinlan

### The Moon for this Saturday

(At Midnight, US Central time, as viewed from the Northern Hemisphere)  
Illuminated Fraction: 0.560  
0.7 days before last quarter



**Sunrise: 06:16:29**

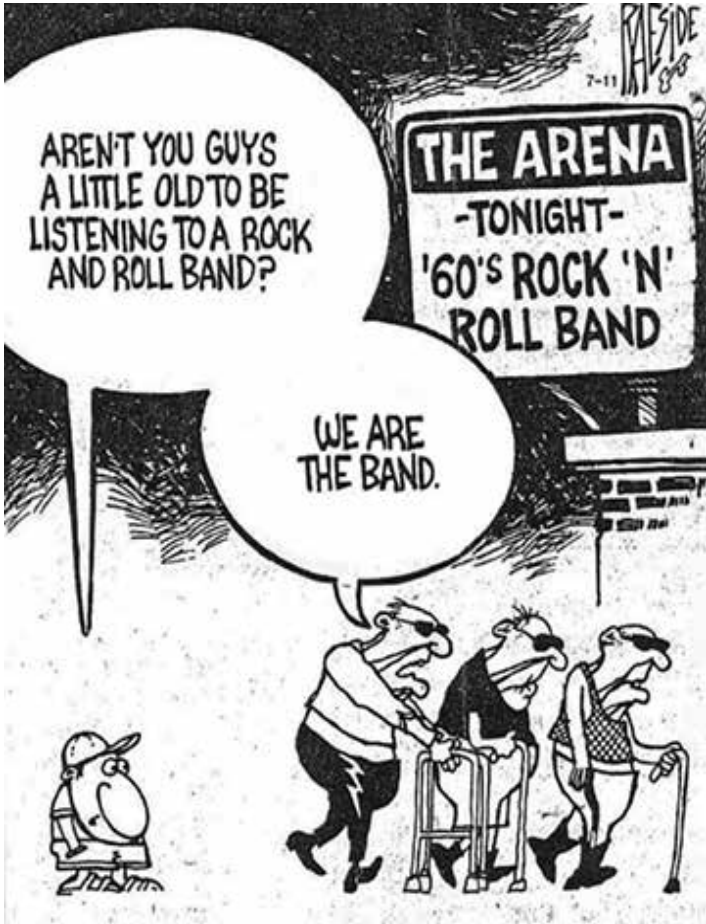
**Sunset: 21:19:00**

**Moonrise: 00:50:54**

**Moonset: 12:42:49**

**Daylight: 15 Hr 02 Min 30 Sec**

# Birch Barker Funnies



**If you want to save money at Xmas, now's the perfect time to tell the kids that Santa didn't make it through the pandemic**

**MARRIAGE**

**TIP #46**

**YOUR WIFE WON'T START AN ARGUMENT WITH YOU IF YOU'RE CLEANING.**



**My wife just opened my car door for me.**

**Would have been a nice gesture had we not been going 70mph.**





# ~Birch Lake Recipes~



Provided Exclusively to the Birch Barker from Mrs. Ima Foodnudge

## Hawaiian pasta salad

**H**awaiian Pasta Salad is a dish my niece Dana requires when she visits. DELICIOUS

### Ingredients:

- 8 oz rotini or bow tie pasta
- 1 (14oz) can pineapple tidbits, juice reserved
- 1 red pepper, diced
- 2 cups diced ham
- 1 green onion, thinly sliced

### Dressing:

- ½ cup mayonnaise
- ¼ cup sour cream
- 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
- 1/3 cup pineapple juice
- 1 teaspoon honey
- ¼ teaspoon garlic powder



Black pepper to taste

until smooth.

### Instructions:

Cook pasta according to package directions. Drain and run under cold water. Whisk together all dressing ingredients

Combine all ingredients in a large bowl gently toss with dressing. Refrigerate 2 hours before serving.

Store refrigerated up to 5 days.

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# — Camp Tannadoonah —

## First group of overnight campers this year

**O**ur first group of overnight campers is here! We're so happy to be back at camp this week, and I know the campers are too!

If you were out on the lake on Sunday evening, you probably saw us out on the dock having our evening song circle. For the opening camp fire of each season, we come down to the waterfront and a counselor representing the "spirit" of Tannadoonah comes in on a canoe to light the first fire. A counselor reads the Legend of Tannadoonah, and then we all sing for a while. The campers all get to sign a board saying that they witnessed the first camp fire of the season, and it hangs on the wall of the dining hall for

future campers to see.

Check in on Sunday was almost certainly the fastest, smoothest check in day we've ever had. We had to change our check in process this year, because we can't have anyone besides campers and staff walking around the property or inside buildings. So we had the entire check in take place in the sports field! Parents don't even get out of their cars through the whole thing.

Parents pulled in to the driveway and were greeted by Mr. Adam, our new camp director. He introduced himself, double checked that all of their paperwork was complete, and sent them on to Nurse Cyndi's station. She checked their

temperatures, and interviewed them about any potential symptoms of illness, and sent them on to Miss Carmen and Miss Ashley to get the campers' heads checked for lice.

After Miss Carmen and Miss Ashley did head checks, they pulled forward to the Camp Store

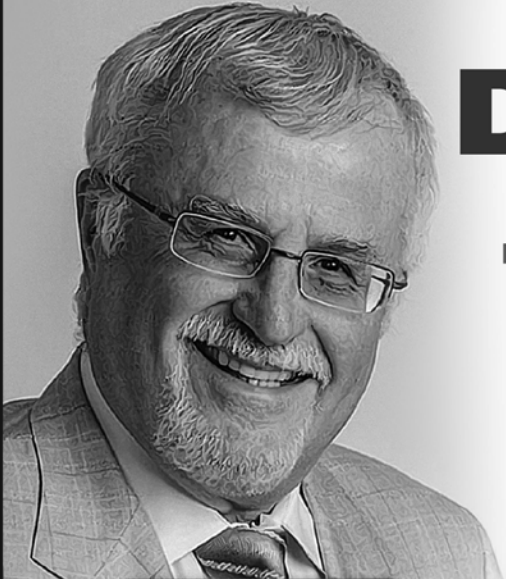
station, where I handed them their camp t-shirts and double checked the money on their Camp Store accounts. Next they visited Nurse Jen, to turn in any medications and talk to her about any health concerns.

The final stop was our unloading station, where they met their cabin counselors, unloaded their supplies, and said goodbyes. From there, the counselors took the kids to their cabins and helped them set up their bunks and unpack their bags.

We did a lot of preparation to make this process go smoothly, and it totally paid off! Over the past week, we called every family who had campers checking in on Sunday, and verified information and reviewed how the check in process would work. Plus we set up store accounts ahead of time, and answered any questions that parents had about camp this year. Even though it took a lot of time on the front end, it made the whole process work seamlessly on the day of!


We have 62 overnight campers, and 21 day campers this week, which is just about ½ of our capacity. It's a nice way to start off, with a small group, and getting adjusted to the new schedules and new procedures. Next week our group is a little larger, with around 70 overnight campers, and 30 day campers.

~Mrs. Amber




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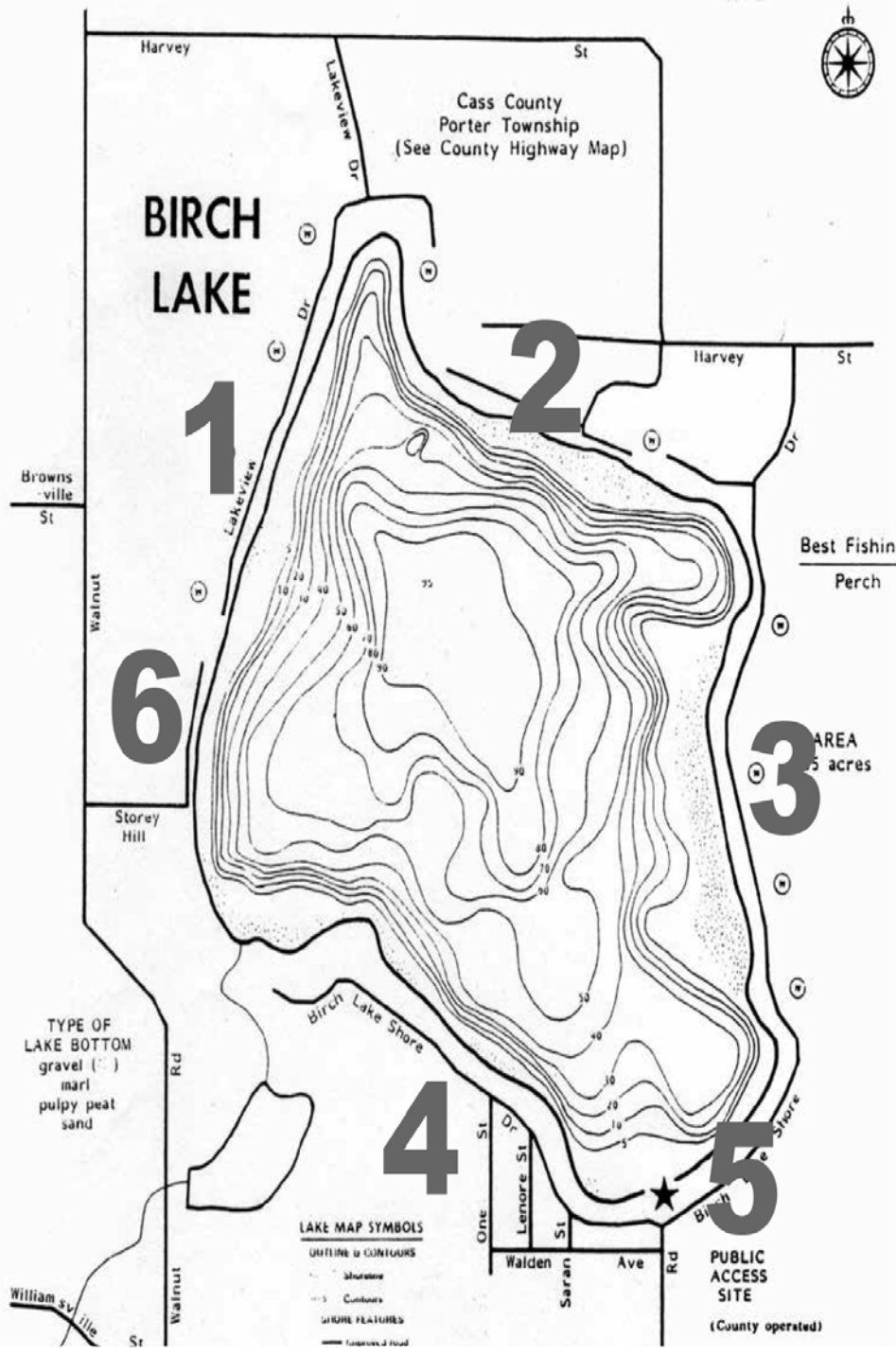


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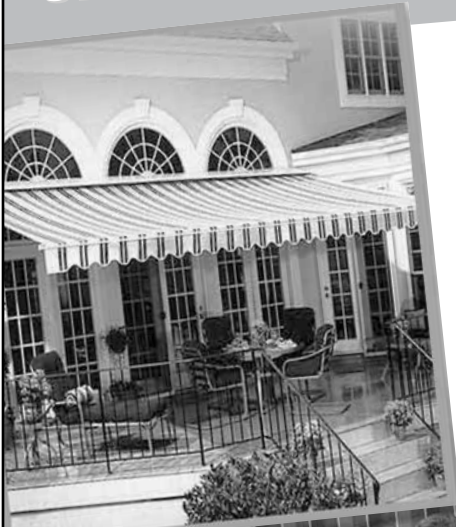
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