

The
Weekend
Of

Aug. 1,
2020

Birch Barker

The official summer publication of the
Birch Lake Yacht Club



Sailing finally returned to Birch Lake last weekend as the weather finally cooperated and both fleets got three races in!

photos by **Deb Hall**

COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

Commodore's Comments #21 Weekend of Aug 1, 2020

By **J. Patrick McGann**

This week I did something I had never done before, I attended the Smallbore Rifle National Championships at the Chief WA-KE'-DE Gun Range in Bristol, IN.

It was a huge event with the best sharpshooters and coaches from all around the USA from Washington to Florida and Arizona to Maine. There were over 100 marksmen and women from the US Army Marksmen Unit, Colleges including: University of Michigan, Purdue University, Michigan State, Murray State and several members of the USA Olympic Shooting Team. Many colleges give full or part scholarships to their riflery teams, which is a great opportunity for young people with this interest.



My contact for this event was a woman Jamie Shipley, originally from South Bend, now from Florida, who is the assistant coach of the US Olympic Team and former two time Olympic Team member in the 1996 Atlanta and 2000 Sydney games. Jamie developed her interest in the shooting sports at YMCA Camp Eberhart on Corey Lake. When she came home from camp as a kid she told her mom she wanted to trade her "ballet and tap shoes for a gun." Dan Durban the Head Coach of the Olympic Team was also there with about 11 members they brought to the events of this past week. The Championships were held over four days



on the 100 positions for shooting at the rifle range. They also have two other ranges, there one for pistols and one that some juniors were using with about ten spots. The first day was all in the prone position which is laying on your belly.

They first shot 25 shots from 50 yards, then 25 from 50 meters and 25

2020 Birch Lake Calendar

August 1 - Corn & Sausage Roast,
CANCELED
August 1 - HOMEOWNERS Annual
meeting, following BLYC board meeting
August 24 - Fall Dinner (Zoom Meeting)
time, caterer TBA
July 21, 2021 - Ladies Golf Outing, 9 am
Diamond Lake Golf Course

**BLYC Board of Directors' meetings,
9 am, August 1, September 5**

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from 100 yards.

They were amazingly accurate with their 22-Caliber long shells with rifles costing between \$5-10,000.

These were highly specialized rifles, no hunting with these guns. They wore specialized outfits as well. Safety was of primary concern for everyone. Officials would give verbal orders over a PA system announcing when the participants could take their spot on the range, when

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— Birch Lake Notes —

they could load their guns and when they could begin firing. Two safety inspectors were continually walking the range to assure they were following all the orders and after they were done that the guns were in their empty and locked indicator was on. Spectators had to stay back about 20 feet. Many had spotting scopes set up to watch their student's or relative's targets. There were lots of vendors from all over the shooting sport world with their tents and trailers there displaying their wares.



One of Jamie's team members was Mary Tucker, 18, a college sophomore at the University of Kentucky in Lexington, who is going to have to wait for her turn to shoot for her chance to win her Olympic medal until next year because the Japan Olympics were postponed until 2021. The USA Army Sharpshooters took the top four places in the first day competitions, Mary was fifth. Good to know we are protected by some qualified people.

It was not an event I would travel very far to watch again but it was interesting one time, I stayed from about 8am until about noon last Monday.



I took a picture of Jamie and Mary's arm tattoos of the Olympic Rings.

Last weekend was beautiful and FULL of activities on Birch Lake with fishing, sailing, skiing, surfing and cruising. Explore Michiana for the many things there are to do within an hours drive.

LOVE THE LAKE!

~ JPM, Commodore

Homeowners Association meeting

The Annual Homeowners Association meeting will take place on Saturday, August 1 at 10 am. This meeting is open to all current members of the Birch Lake Homeowners Association. Due to the pandemic the meeting will be done virtually through a program called Zoom, instead of physically meeting at the Yacht Club. Below is some information about Zoom and on how to access the Annual Homeowners Meeting.

Zoom is a video conferencing tool that lets multiple people meet using a computer, tablet, or smart phone. It also allows dial-in access (audio-only).

Step 1: Download and Install Zoom (the conferencing software). It runs on

Windows, Mac, iOS, Android, etc. <https://zoom.us/download>. Optional: Test your connection and setup using <https://zoom.us/test>. We suggest you do this at least a day before the meeting.

Step 2: Join the Zoom meeting by computer, smart phone, tablet: <https://bit.ly/homeownersmeeting> (This is a direct link.) or go to <https://zoom.us/join> and use Meeting ID: 726 244 689, Password: 989768 or by dialing in from a phone (audio only): (312) 626-6799, Meeting ID: 726 244 689, Password: 989768

Still need help joining? Contact Blair Garceau for assistance. Text her cell at (574)261-9817.

Plastic lids

Hi Birch Lakers. I'm asking for a favor. If you could save your plastic lids, I would really appreciate it. A friend of mine knows a family who is collecting them to make a friendship bench in honor of their father who passed away. They can be milk jug lids, salad dressing, ketchup and mustard, water bottles, mayonnaise jars, prescription tops and containers, anything you empty that has a plastic lid. Just put them in a baggie and save them for me, please.

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~Bad Patty, east side.



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For questions or concerns contact the Cass County Drain Commissioner at 445-4428 or email brucec@cassco.org

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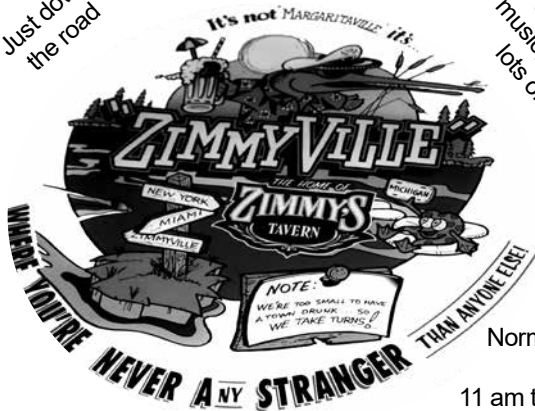
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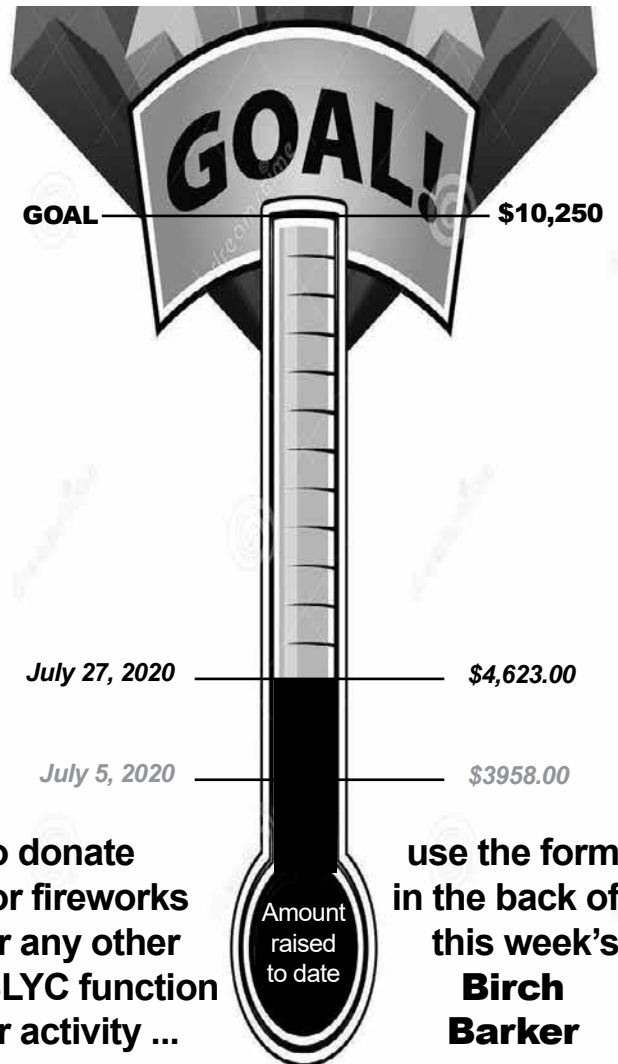
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Extraordinary sailing day

It was an extraordinary sailing day on Sunday! Great wind, great boats, great sailors and of course, a great committee boat crew! On deck were Katie Campbell, Deb Hall, Vickie Rogers, Good Patti Russwurm and Bad Patty. Tom Cassady got the course marked and Rick Doolittle kept a close eye out for any sailors that may have needed assistance.

Doolittle came to the rescue when Pat McGann broke his side stay and had to be towed to shore. Luckily, when Bob Niezgodski went into the

lake, he was able to right his boat with no assistance. AND! he was able to recover his hat! Great recovery! Many thanks to Rick for helping us out and keeping us safe!

It was a tremendous day and we were thrilled to be out on our beautiful lake and finally sail on a Sunday! Hopefully, we will have a similar day this week!

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



~Sailing results!

BLYC Season Standings to date

Date	26-Jul	26-Jul	26-Jul	Total	Point	Races	%	
Race #	8	9	10	Points	Average	Finished	Finished	
MC Scow/Sailor	Total MC Races=>							10
Scott Troeger #1489	3	2	1	15449	1545	10	100%	
Barb Cassady #2506	DNS	DNS	DNS	10807	1544	7	70%	
Jeff Smitley #2002	4	1	3	5782	1446	4	40%	
Bob King #1199	6	3	2	13781	1378	10	100%	
Vic Jones/ Tom Cassady	1	7	DNS	2756	1378	2	20%	
Phil Vitale #500	5	6	4	13635	1364	10	100%	
Bill Luecht #1579	2	5	6	10410	1301	7	70%	
Pat McGann #1735	8	DNS	DNS	7571	1262	6	60%	
Pat Welch #1979	7	4	5	10828	1203	9	90%	
Sandy Vitale	DNS	DNS	DNS	5719	1144	5	50%	
Amber Grundy	9	8	7	9807	1090	9	90%	
Sunfish/Sailor	Total Sunfish Races=>							10
Rick Russwurm (Green/Blue)	1	1	1	13776	1531	9	90%	
Stewart Spratt	3	3	6	10201	1457	7	70%	
Scott Temple	DNS	DNS	DNS	4340	1447	3	30%	
Herb Cleveland	5	4	2	14381	1438	10	100%	
Peter Soldato	DNS	DNS	DNS	2817	1409	2	20%	
Amy Troeger	4	5	3	8443	1407	6	60%	
Steve Frew	2	2	4	12578	1398	8	80%	
Bob Niezgodski	6	7	5	12765	1277	10	100%	
Camille Butler	7	6	7	7214	1202	6	60%	
Pat McGann	DNS	DNS	8	1089	1089	1	10%	

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
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— Water Quality Report —

Water clarity - the backstory

I think it has been obvious to our year to year lake residents that the clarity of our wonderful lake is not consistent throughout the year. There are a variety of reasons for this and hopefully we can provide a little info on this seasonal process.

Normally in the early spring the lake is modestly clear with the ability to see the bottom at close to drop off depths. It could be clearer at this time, but with the ice melt and all the detritus collected, spring storms with extensive runoff, and spring storms and wind creating more turbulence raising sediment, the lake is a little unsettled and slightly turbid. As spring ensues, and prior to higher temperatures and lots of boat traffic, sediment etc. settles and we get the best clarity starting usually mid May until sometime in mid June.

For some reason this year was a bit unusual, and we had our peak clarity around the 4th of July time. Hopefully, you were able to cruise the lake and enjoy seeing drop-offs with the fish handing about these areas at this time. However, as usual with the onset of summer we lose a lot of that pristine clarity. There are a variety of reasons why.

1. Summer boat traffic leads to

the raising of lots of sediment which takes awhile to settle. The increase in sediment means that the phosphorous in the sediment is now raised in the water column which enhances the next issue. Just a note here, when pulling tubes or skiers, idle your way to the dropoff before accelerating and thus creating lots of turbulence that further disturbs the bottom.

2. With sun, warming water, and available nutrients, algae then increase in numbers and the more algae the less clear the water. We annually do monthly chlorophyll levels in the water column to determine if we are having real increases in algae and thus an issue with nutrient levels. Chlorophyll is an index for the amount of algae. Although algae thrives in our lake it is at what might be said is a healthy level. The algae feeds the small zooplankton (microscopic animals), which feed small fish, which feed larger fish etc. etc. Chain of life. What we do not want is excess nutrient influx and thus overdevelopment of algae.

3. However, the loss of clarity is not explained by the level of algal growth. If you notice the lake is not a deep green but a bluish green mid summer. This is due to the presence



of precipitated calcium carbonates. Calcium carbonates get into the water from all the springs which feed our lake. The spring water percolates through limestone below, slowly dissolving the calcium carbonate within and bringing it into the lake. As the water warms, it can result in precipitation of the calcium carbonates. These precipitates slowly settle on the bottom of the lake creating marl, and adding to the marl already there. [Birch is a marl lake.] But in the meantime, while in the water column, the suspended calcium carbonates reduce the water clarity.

So there you have it, and then the process starts again the next year.

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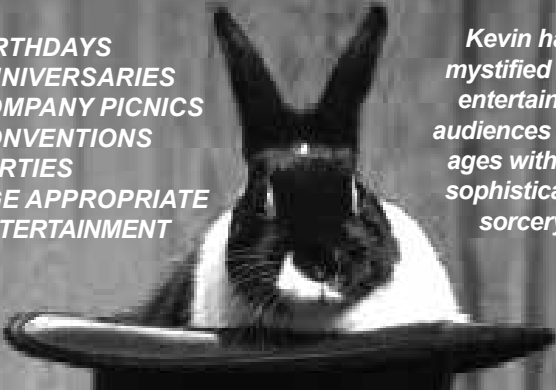
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Barker Kids of the Week

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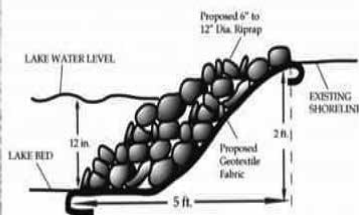
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Aries (March 21-April 19) - You have lots of energy because your ruler Mars is in your sign, where it will stay for the rest of year.

Meanwhile, the placement of the sun encourages lighthearted relationships, parties, social interactions, active sports, hot romance, entertaining diversions and fun activities with kids. Note: The end of the week is an accident-prone time for your kids as well as sports so pay attention to everything. That also will be the classic time for sudden changes in social situations - surprise invitations or cancellations.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Life is good. You can attract money to you now. In fact, many of you are spending more money than usual on beautiful things for yourself and loved ones. You have a strong focus right now on home, family and your private life. Some of you are involved more than usual with a parent. Be careful towards the end of the week because some kind of upset on the home front or an unexpected surprise might catch you off guard. Be patient with parents and authority figures. !

Gemini (May 21-June 20) - Your busy pace continues this week because you have an ambitious To Do list. Not only are you reading and studying more than usual, you are talking to siblings and neighbors plus taking little diversionary trips. You are even more chatty than usual. Many of you will have financial discussions with others. You are charming and diplomatic with everyone; nevertheless, you will make your point!

Cancer (June 21-July 22) - It's still all about the money for you this week: money, possessions and your assets. You're giving this a lot of thought plus you're thinking about your values as well. Please be aware that towards the end of the week, some kind of surprise or something unexpected will impact your earnings, your wealth or your possessions. (You might find yourself at odds with a partner or close friend.) Meanwhile, your ambition is aroused and will continue to be strong and forthright.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - You're giving you a chance to re-energize and replenish yourself. Relations with friends and groups are warm and friendly because. This is a lovely time to socialize with friends and groups in person or online. You continue to want to travel or explore and expand your horizons in some way, which is why you want to get out and do something different. However, be aware that as the weekend approaches something sudden or unexpected might upset your routine. Stay chill. Even in bad times - good things can happen.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - You will continue to prefer to stay in the wings, working alone or behind the scenes. You're not being antisocial - it's just your preference. Fortunately, relations with parents, bosses and VIPs are smooth because they see you in a positive light. In fact, their admiration for you is so strong, a romance with a boss might begin for some of you. Many of you are hanging out with younger people, which is why you might be enthusiastic about new ideas. Disputes about shared property and insurance issues are still in the picture.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - This is a social week because you want to enjoy the company of friends and groups, which is small wonder because after all, you are the most social sign in the zodiac! Nevertheless, with fiery Mars opposite your sign in your House of Marriage and Partnerships, you have to remain calm when dealing with those who are closest to you. They might seem to be annoying. If you react, then they will react and then before you know it, you're arguing.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - You look wonderful in the eyes of others, especially bosses, parents, teachers and VIPs. Obviously, you can use this to your advantage, which is why this is a good week to make your pitch or do what you can to advance your agenda. Nevertheless, steer clear of discussions about politics, religion and racial issues because arguments might arise.

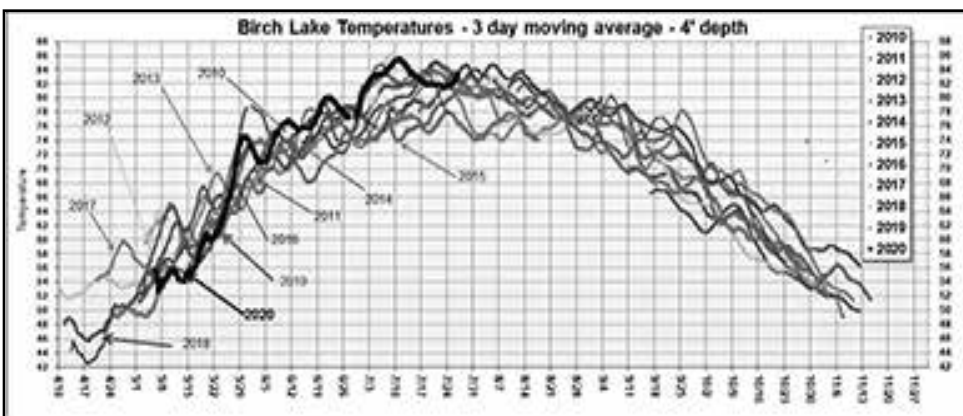
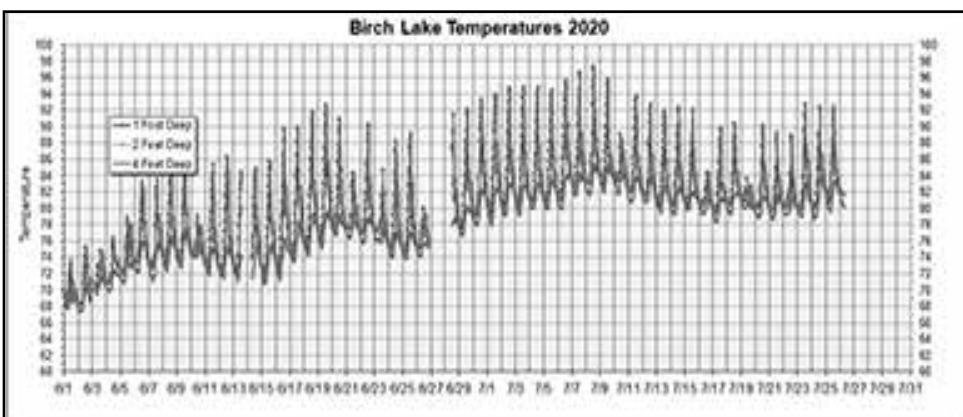
Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - Life is an adventure lately, which is why you want something exciting to happen! You want to travel and learn new things and meet new people and be stimulated by new ideas! Fortunately, relations with partners and close friends are lovely because fair Venus is opposite your sign this week. Your high-energy will continue (as it will for the rest of year).

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - This continues to be an intense week for you, perhaps because things are topsy-turvy at home where something is happening to create increased activity, chaos or uncertainty for you. In turn, this can promote tension with family members. People will be supportive and friendly this week. Having said that, toward the end of the week, you might be at odds with a partner or close friend, possibly because of a sudden upset that impacts inheritances, shared wealth or the resources of your partner.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Continue to respect your need for more sleep and more rest because this is your reality. You are functioning on slightly less energy. Admittedly, your communications with others are forceful even persuasive but that's just because you have a way with words. Despite your lower energy, you have many opportunities for fun this week. Creative activities are favored because you need to express yourself! Romance is warm and reassuring.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - You will continue to bust your buns this week because you want to get a lot done and you want to do it well. You're setting yourself high personal standards, which means you want to be efficient, organized and productive. You even want to improve your health! Some of this energy will spill over into efforts to redecorate and tweak your digs. You will also enjoy entertaining at home because you feel warm and social. Caution about spending too much money, which you might be tempted to do.

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: 0.760
2.5 days since first quarter



Sunrise: 06:35:46

Sunset: 21:00:46

Moonrise: 20:02:41

Moonset: 04:13:51

Daylight: 14 Hr 24 Min 59 Sec

Birch Barker Funnies

I CAN'T BELIEVE I CAN WALK
INTO A STORE TO BUY WEED BUT
I HAVE TO MEET MY HAIRDRESSER
IN A DARK ALLEY WITH
UNMARKED BILLS TO GET A HAIRCUT

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AFTER THAT, ALL I REMEMBER IS
THE POLICE SHOWING UP.





~Birch Lake Recipes~



Provided Exclusively to the Birch Barker from Mrs. Ima Foodnudge

Slow cooker pulled pork

Pork simmered in root beer makes all the difference. Topped with your favorite BBQ sauce, it's sure to bring rave reviews.

Now just pull out the crock pot and wham, you're out on the lake until dinner is ready.

Servings: 8

Ingredients:

- 1 (2 pound) Pork, fresh, loin, tenderloin, separable lean and fat, raw
- 1 (12 fluid ounce) can or bottle Carbonated beverage, root beer
- 1 (18 ounce) bottle Sauce, barbeque sauce
- 8 eaches rolls, hamburger, white, enriched, plain

Directions:

- Place the pork tenderloin in a slow cooker; pour the root beer over the meat. Cover and cook on low until well cooked and the pork shreds easily, 6 to 7 hours.

Note: the actual length of time may vary according to individual slow cooker. Drain well. Stir in barbecue sauce. Serve over hamburger buns.



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— Camp Tannadoonah —

We're nearing the end of the summer here at camp. Next Friday (August 7) is our last night of camp, and thus our final council fire celebration. In year's past, we have always welcomed visitors to come to council fire and participate in our end of the summer ceremony. However, due to this year's Coronavirus restrictions we are NOT able to have visitors at camp. You are still welcome to come out on the lake and watch the candlelight ceremony from the water! We will likely be coming down the stairs around 9pm for the ceremony. Come on out and listen to our kids sing on the pier!

At the beginning of the summer, we held our first camp fire of the year down at the waterfront on a Sunday evening. The tradition is that the spirit of Tannadoonah comes to light our first fire of the year, and we read the Legend of Tannadoonah. So I wanted to share that legend with you all.

The Legend of Tannadoonah

Many moons ago, when the Great Oak which stands guard over our cooking fires was but a tiny sapling, a young Indian scout made his way silently through the forest. The birds chattered to him as he passed, and farther away a mother deer and her young fawn stared at him curiously.

Suddenly the scout found himself on the brink of a high hill, and far below through the trees he could see the deep blue of a hidden lake. What a beautiful sight! Yes, he thought, this is the perfect place for the new village of my people. And he hurried off to tell the others of the place he had found. Soon there was a small Indian village on the top of the hill that overlooked the lake.

The Indians were happy in their new home. Game was plentiful and the lake was filled with

fish. Their corn grew tall in the clearing they had made. From the birch trees that grew in the forest they took bark for their canoes. The people sang as they went about their work, and the children played happily in the forest – catching frogs in the little streams or chasing chipmunks down the hill. It was a good life and the Indian village prospered.

Then one day things began to change. The great rains, which in other times had sent their waters down upon all the land, stayed in the heavens. Mother Earth became brown and dry. Soon the Beaver, the Raccoon, and the Great Stag took their families to other parts of the forest. Times were hard in the Indian village. The people quenched their thirst in the clear waters of the lake, but there was little food to be found. "We must leave this place," the people declared. "We must find a new home."

"Ah," said the old chief, "have you forgotten your happiness by the Lake of the Birches? The great spirits have been good to us and before many moons have passed they will bring good times once more. When the Summer Sun is old and has lost his power, the rains will come again. Until that day, let us go out into the forest to seek the Beaver and the Great Stag. Each family will go its own way. When the rains come, we will return once again to our home by the Lake of the Birches."

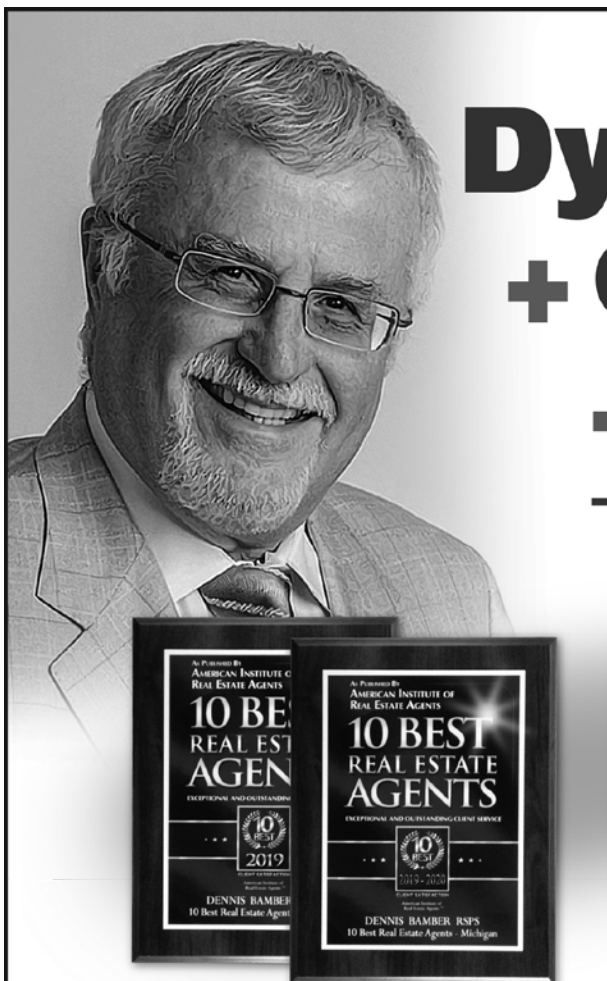
"Ah, you are wise, great chief," the people replied. "Let us prepare for the journey." And so each family set about gathering its belongings. The tools, the cooking pots, and the fishing nets – all were made ready for the journey. Then, just as they were ready to set out, the chief called the tribe together. A silence fell over the group, as they

waited to hear what parting message the chief would have.

When he spoke, his voice was strangely quiet. "My people," he said, "we are about to set off into many scattered places. Our feet will touch new paths, and our eyes will see new parts of the forest. Each family will go its own way – seeking food and shelter along the trail. But we must not forget the good life we have had here – the life to which we will return. And now let us go. May the good spirits watch over you until we meet again at Tannadoonah – the place of the gathering of friends on a hill, above a lake, among the trees."

After many moons the tribe did return to their home on the hill by the lake in the woods and they spent many happy years together. And so it is today, a Tannadoonah camper carries the spirit of Tannadoonah in their heart.

~Mrs. Amber



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Tip No 7: Don't be an idiot!

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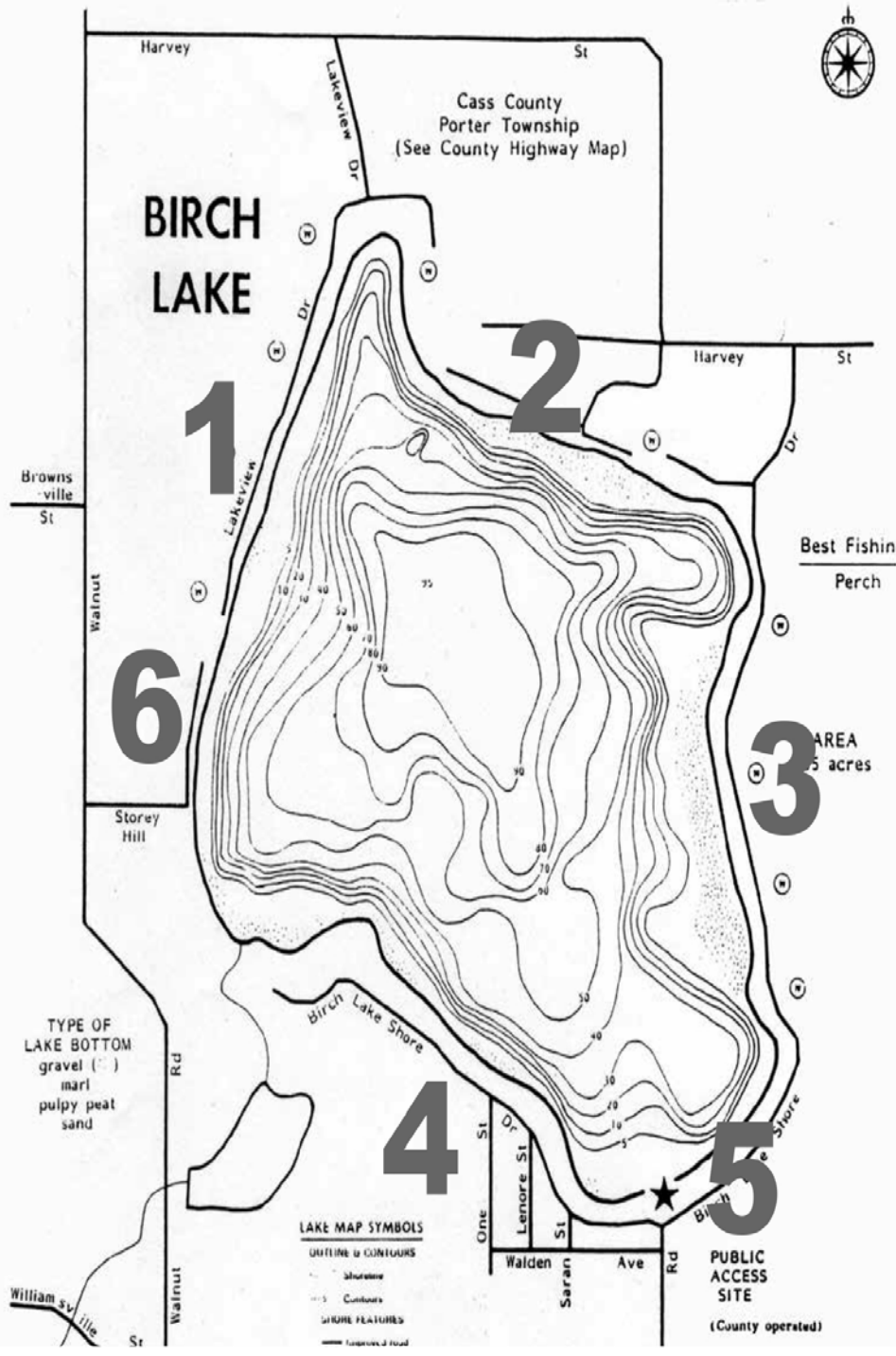
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