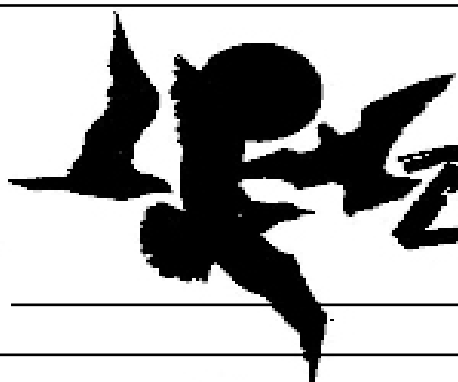


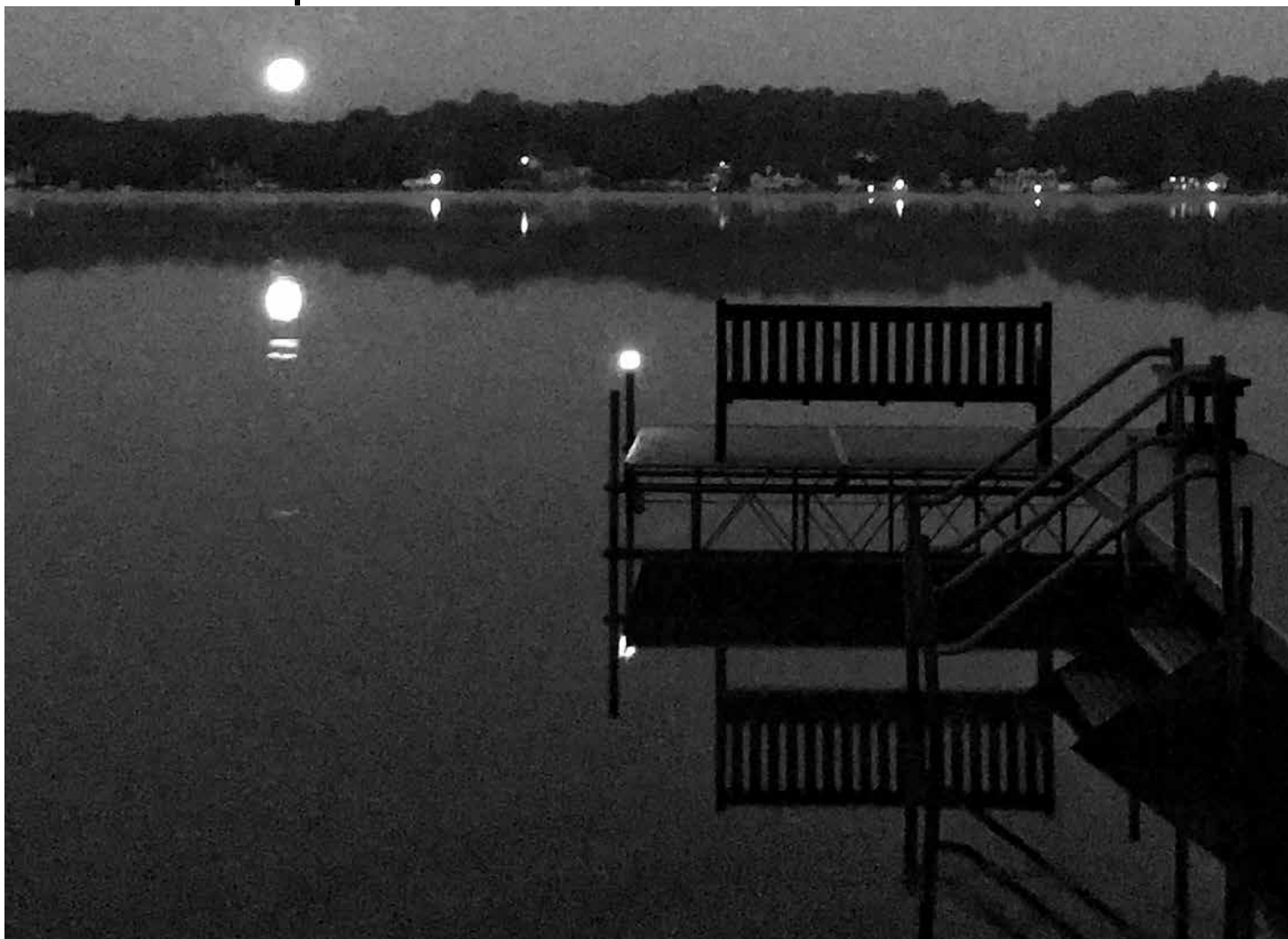
The
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Thanks to Nina Frurip (east side) for the hauntingly beautiful photo of the moon reflecting on Birch Lake in the early morning.

COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

Commodore's Comments #23
Weekend of August 15, 2020

By **J. Patrick McGann**

As I write this the weather stations on TV from South Bend are predicting the strongest winds in ten years are coming tonight, Monday, expected to hit about 6:30 pm. They canceled the rest of the news to focus only on the approaching storm system reportedly moving fast at 75 mph. In Iowa the same system produced gusts of up to 100 mph with sustained winds of 80 mph.

Of course, it did not turn out to be the storm of the decade. Since I was in high school I have been a faithful weather watcher. I was a snow skier and my best friend Clark Gundlach and I would always watch Dick Addis on WNDU-TV which we voted the best predictor of the snow storms we so badly needed for great snow skiing. He really was just as good, or not, as they are today without the technology they have now.

It was a great Sunday for sailing. The Monday and Wednesday Birch Lake men

golfers had some great courses that we played this week as well as the Friday group. Wednesday we played Island Hills over near Sturgis. I will say Bud Zesinger was the star on our team Friday, after shooting an 80. Not bad for an 84 year old. He helped our team win all the money on Friday at Orchard Hills on the beautiful St. Joe River in Buchanan. Thanks to Steve Frew a member there for getting our three foursomes on with a special discounted guest fee. I do want to make another correction from my article in last week's Barker column about the men's Annual Big Birch Lake Golf Outing. I mistakenly reported that Gus Eshleman won another group's outing for longest putt but it was pointed out to me that it was really Jim Bradfield who did not read the sign before he wrote his name on the card as the winner ... sorry Gus.

I only have one more article after this before VC Dan Waxman becomes commodore. There has been some inquiries for me taking another year as commodore because of the coronavirus causing a lack of activities. As much fun as it has been I will be glad to retire and leave the stress of this powerful position of worldwide significance to a younger person.

Another reminder that our annual

2020 Birch Lake Calendar

August 29 - Fall Get Together Zoom Meeting. 7 pm, see Commodore Comments
September 5 - BLYC Board meeting, 9 am
July 26, **2021** - Ladies Golf Outing, 9 am
Diamond Lake Golf Course

To rent the BLYC building contact Sandy Vitale at 269-476-1680 or 269-858-8184.

BLYC Fall Dinner will be a non-dinner private cocktail hour party via ZOOM meeting. BYOB. Because of the coronavirus we must do this to keep us all safe. There are certain requirements that must be done in accordance with our club's bylaws and traditions that we would like to do. Please join us on Saturday August 29 at 7 pm from your home for what may be a surprisingly fun event created by our Zoom Master Chas Grundy. **To join us for the BLYC Fall meeting** on Aug 29 at 7 pm, join at <https://bit.ly/blycfall2020>, join manually using me with passcode: blycfall, or dial in by phone at (301) 715-8592, with passcode 37590042.

Enjoy the rest of the weekend and

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— Birch Lake Notes —

please stay safe.

LOVE THE LAKE! !

~ JPM, Commodore

Weather mastery?

So, an unusual summer wanes and we have yet to congratulate Commodore McGann on his mastery of the weather. Most weekends have been swell and ... we scored a double play on Memorial Day and 4th of July. So, party success? Not so much. But, the weather wizardry is stellar. Trifecta?

And, correcting the Commodore: the State of Michigan and local governing bodies do have "suggested" maxims on pier length, etc., measured from the shore. Swim buoys? A gray area ...

~Chrys A. Lis

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Thanks to Mr. Bob (King, north side) for sending in the nice photo of this sea of daisies growing at this neighbors' (the Smitley's) home.

for non-members.

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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. Thank you so much for your help!

~Bad Patty, east side



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UNBELIEVABLE!

UNBELIEVABLE!!! Three weeks in a row we were able to sail!! It was wonderful seeing all the sailors out and ready to compete. Conditions were hot and the winds were very squirrely, but we managed to get three races in. A couple of MCs opted to miss the last race, but plenty stayed to keep sailing. The committee boat was manned by Deb Hall and her friend Laurie from Valparaiso, Good Patti, and Bad Patty. Rick Doolittle kept an eagle eye out for any sailors that might need assistance. Thanks to Tom Cassady for always setting our course. We had a new crew member on the Amber Grundy boat when Elyse helped her mom on her boat. So good to see young sailors on board! So let's hope we can get out this Sunday and do it all again!

Sail on!

~Fleet Captain Bill
(and ghost writer BP)



~Sailing results!

BLYC Season Standings to date

Date 9-Aug 9-Aug 9-Aug Total Point Races %
Race 14 15 16 Points Average Finished Finished

MC Scow/Sailor	9-Aug	9-Aug	9-Aug	Total	Point	Races	%
Scott Troeger #1489	DNS	DNS	DNS	20249	1558	13	81%
Barb Cassady #2506	6	1	1	19718	1517	13	81%
Jeff Smitley #2002	DNS	DNS	DNS	5782	1446	4	25%
Bob King #1199	1	4	3	18194	1400	13	81%
Vic Jones/ Tom Cassady	DNS	DNS	DNS	2756	1378	2	13%
Phil Vitale #500	2	6	DNS	20642	1376	15	94%
Pat McGann #1735	4	3	2	14643	1331	11	69%
Bill Luecht #1579	3	5	DNS	17188	1322	12	75%
Pat Welch #1979	5	2	4	18831	1255	15	94%
Sandy Vitale	7	8	5	12661	1151	11	69%
Amber Grundy	8	7	6	16682	1112	14	88%
Sunfish/Sailor						Total Sunfish Races=>	16
Rick Russwurm	1	1	1	23297	1553	15	94%
Scott Temple	DNS	DNS	DNS	4340	1447	3	19%
Stewart Spratt	DNS	DNS	DNS	14387	1439	10	63%
Amy Troeger	DNS	DNS	DNS	12852	1428	9	56%
Herb Cleveland	2	3	3	22680	1418	16	100%
Peter Soldato	DNS	DNS	DNS	2817	1409	2	13%
Steve Frew	5	2	2	21049	1403	14	88%
Bob Niezgodski	3	4	4	20837	1302	16	100%
Camille Butler	4	5	5	14645	1220	12	75%
Cole McGann Bell	DNS	DNS	DNS	3401	1134	3	19%
Pat McGann	DNS	DNS	DNS	1089	1089	1	6%

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 —

Commandment # 5

It's time to review with you our Commandment # 5, "Thou Shalt Not Allow Phosphorus, Nutrients and other Chemicals to Enter Our Lake."

Phosphorus is a chemical element required for all forms of life, necessary for every cellular process that uses energy. It is used most extensively in fertilizer. It is the "limiting factor" in many, and particularly in aquatic, ecosystems. This means it is the variable in which a small change in the quantity of phosphorus DIRECTLY CAUSES A SUBSTANTIAL CHANGE in the output (growth) of the system (plants and algae.)

While virtually all nutrients are considered to be undesirable, preventing or the reducing the volume of phosphorus getting into an inland lake is commonly held to be the SINGLE MOST SIGNIFICANT FACTOR in preserving, or advancing, the water quality of inland lakes.

Due to its depth and limited inlets and outlets, it takes some 15 years to drain and replenish all the water in Birch Lake. Whatever we let, or gets, into our lake will be there

for a very long time. So our need to ward off the entry of phosphorous, and other undesirable elements, is crucially acute. Accordingly, we ask that you:

- 1) Consider not using any fertilizer on your property
- 2) If you must fertilize, please:
 - A. Do so only once per year, in as small a quantity, and as far away from the shoreline, as possible.
 - B. Make sure the fertilizer contains no phosphorus
 - C. Recall that the other nutrients in fertilizer are undesirable also.
- 3) Shovel and load out ashes.
- 4) Don't allow leaves or other vegetation to get into the lake.
- 5) Bear in mind that anything left on the surface within our watershed will eventually get into the lake.
- 6) Pick up and properly dispose of animal waste.
- 7) Don't feed any wildlife, particularly not ducks, swans, or geese.
- 8) Between your lawn and shoreline plant a barrier strip, as wide as possible, of deeply rooted native plants at least 12" - 24" tall to minimize erosion and catch unde-



sirable elements from entering the water. [This barrier strip may also help discourage geese from entering, and making deposits upon, your lawn area.]

9) Consider not using any weed killer or other chemicals on your property. If you must, please do so in limited quantities, away from the lake and not on a windy day or before a rain event.

10) Recall that natural shorelines are one of our very best bets at limiting phosphorus in our lake.

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

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— Barker Kids of the Week —



Denise Smitley's (north side) brother Mike Donohue, his wife Megan and puppy dog, Tucker visited recently from Providence, RI. Tucker just loved the lake!

Birch Barker Kids (and other things) of the Week

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— Barker Kids of the Week —

Even though all the other sailors hate him because of the pact with the devil he made that enables him to win so many sailboat races, Scott Troeger gets KOTW honors for his nautical acrobatics and the great show he puts on regularly in his MC.

Just kidding Scott, we don't hate you (we just hate it that you beat us so much ...)

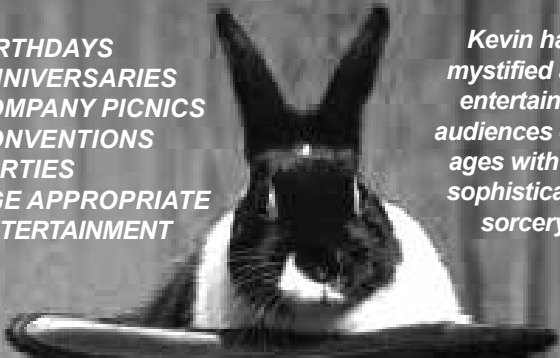
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— Barker Kids of the Week —



Thanks to Mr. Bob (King, north side) for the “breakfast series” photos of a great blue heron capturing and eating a fish on the neighbor’s pier ... a fish that looks like it’s too large for the critter to swallow. But this “not-swallow” swallowed it all ... notice the size of the heron’s neck in the photo at right ... Looks yummy, doesn’t it?

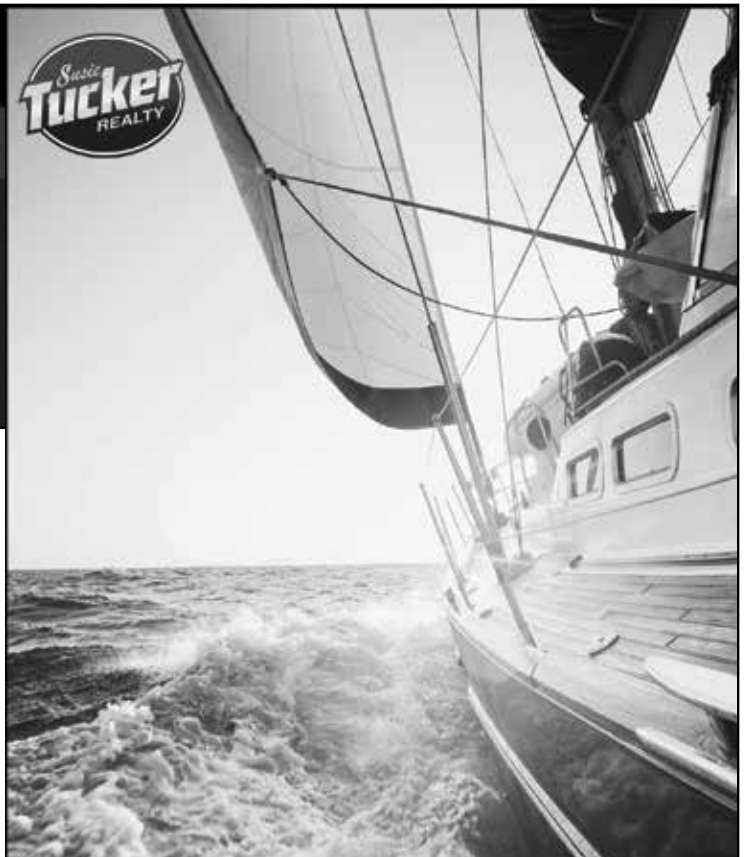


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— Barker Kids of the Week —



Rich DeYoung classed up the West side of Birch Lake with new mail boxes and drop box for Amazon and UPS. Thanks Rich from the West side!

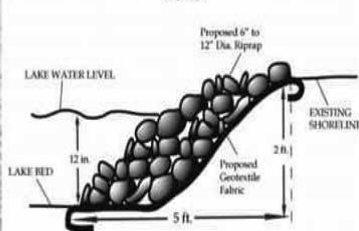
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New Feature - Blasts from the Past



Thanks to Leslie King (north shore) for submitting the top two photos and inspiring a (hopefully) new feature in the Birch Barker, Blasts from the Past, which will be appearing if readers are interested in submitting old photos of Birch Lake (come on, everyone's got some great old photos to share).

In the top photo, the late Past Commodore Stanley Pitakos ferries some pretty nefarious crew members around on the Graceful Lady, a longtime Birch Lake icon.



In the bottom photo, two Birch Barker conspirators are shown. Pictured is the late Sue Wagner, aka Sunny Waters (Cove), a longtime columnist and former Birch Barker editor posing with some old man who may or may not have some small part in producing the current Birch Barker.



This adorable munchkin is Claire Brovold (west side) was a Barker Kid of the Week from the photo archives dated 2001.

Submit a Past Blast!

Come on, everyone's got a Blast from the Past photo from days gone by at Birch Lake ... want to share them with your neighbors?

Just send them to me ... You can mail your photo (with a SASE if you want the photo(s) back) to Birch Barker, 63174 Birch Rd., Vandalia, MI 49095;

or you can put them in a ziplock and stick them in the stone mailbox at my home (on the east side),

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Sorry, I don't text or Facebook ... :(

YOUR HOROSCOPE

Aries (March 21-April 19) - You've got a lot of energy - no question. (In fact, you might want to get some physical exercise to blow off any pent-up steam building within you.) Meanwhile, this is a positive week! Social get-togethers, sports events, playful activities with kids and everything to do with the arts and the entertainment world will delight you. You're up for some fun! Enjoy entertaining at home as well as redecorating projects.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) - Home, family and domestic matters continue to be your prime concern. Many of you are rolling up your sleeves and tackling hands-on work at home or within the family. This is a solid productive time for you, and you will get a lot done, primarily at home or with real estate or family members. Midweek on Wednesday and especially Thursday, quarrels with others might erupt. They could be nasty. Try not to let this get out of hand because you will only regret it later.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) - For the most part, this is a fabulous week because it's busy, and stimulating and full of chances to meet new faces, see new places and learn new things! You might also attract money to you, and enjoy buying beautiful things for yourself and loved ones. On Wednesday and certainly Thursday, difficulties with a friend or a group, club or organization might be untenable. You will hit a brick wall. The harder you fight, the more they will fight back. Be smart.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) - This is a charming week paving the way for all your relations with everyone. Because you have such excellent people skills this week, it's the perfect time to make peace with enemies or friends who are tough to deal with. This is also an excellent week to buy wardrobe goodies. However, nothing is ever perfect, right? Midweek you might have a serious power struggle with a boss, parent, teacher, VIP or member the police. It could be about money, earnings or something that you own.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) - You are energized and you have physical energy as well as intellectual drive! Obviously, you will accomplish a lot this week, especially dealing with foreign countries as well as doing work in publishing, the media, medicine and the law. However, serious disagreements about politics, religion or racial issues might erupt. They could be nasty and ruthless. No matter what your views or how passionate you feel about something, this is not the time to get involved.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) - You are still playing things low-key and choosing to work alone or behind the scenes before your birthday arrives. Furthermore, relations with friends and groups are positive. You can make great headway doing research. However, on Wednesday and Thursday, you might have serious confrontations or arguments about inheritances, shared property or insurance issues. These disputes will be nasty.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) - This is a lovely popular week for you! You will enjoy the company of others, especially younger people whether in person or on-line. In fact, people want to hear what you have to say, and you are admired! This is why someone will ask for your advice about how to make something more attractive. Having said that, midweek there is a stressful time, when disputes with partners and close friends will be nasty.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) - You continue to make a fabulous impression on others. Obviously, this is the time to make your pitch and ask your boss for permission or approval for whatever you want. Travel for pleasure will appeal. In fact, romance with someone "different" might begin. However, serious confrontations with someone at work or possibly related to your health or a pet might take place on Wednesday or Thursday this week. This is something you do not need. For a few of you, these confrontations will be violent. Therefore, step aside. Do not get involved.

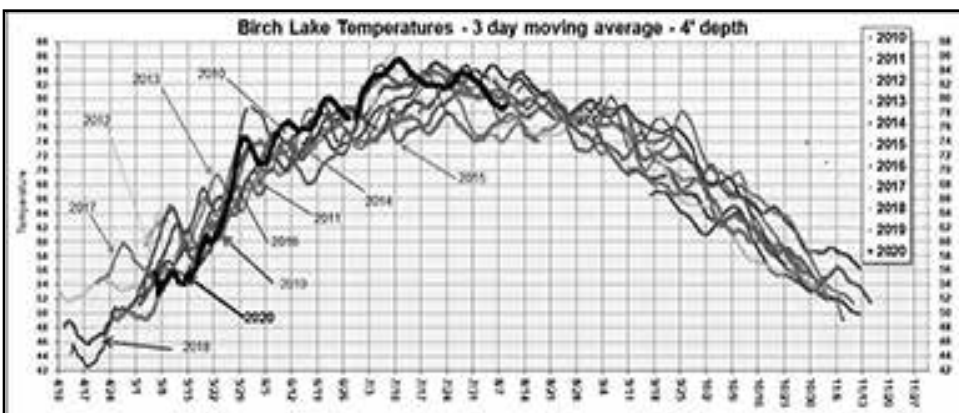
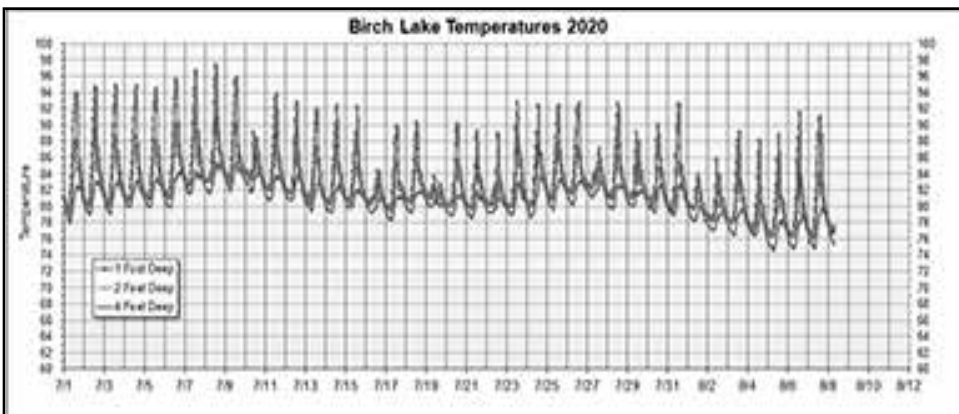
Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) - This is a positive time for you because both the Sun and Mercury are in your "home" stirring your desire to travel and experience new things and new ideas. You will love meeting new people, especially from different backgrounds and other countries. Study and writing will be productive and enriching. This is a wonderful time to broaden your knowledge! A word of warning: Midweek, difficulties with your kids or with a romantic partner or a social occasion might take place. These difficulties will be nasty.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) - This week, you're on top of your game! You have great ideas about how to secure your future in a solid way. Furthermore, you feel passionately about your approach to doing this. Meanwhile, partners and close friends are supportive and with you all the way. However, midweek, serious disputes might take place within the family or at home. They could be terrible. In a few instances, they will be violent. Obviously, you want to avoid this. If you see this storm beginning to brew - run away!

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) - Despite the fact that you need more sleep, relations with partners and close friends are delightful. You're eager to discuss important issues and others are just as eager to share their ideas with you. Relations with coworkers are positive. In fact, praise will come your way and for some of you, perhaps a raise! Nevertheless, there is a dangerous window midweek when aggressive negotiations could get nasty.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) - Suddenly, you are all systems go! You've got an agenda and you want to get things done. You feel good about yourself, which is why you will be productive. Make lists and set the bar high. Fear not because all is not work and no play! Venus will attract fun, social times and hot romance! Having said this, midweek, nasty discussions about money, earnings, possessions or even values might take place.

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: 0.097
2.8 days before new moon



Sunrise: 06:50:23

Sunset: 20:42:08

Moonrise: 02:48:40

Moonset: 18:34:08

Daylight: 13 Hr 51 Min 44 Sec

Birch Barker Funnies

**Ate salad for dinner!
Mostly croutons and
tomatoes. Really just
one big, round crouton
covered with tomato
sauce. And cheese.**

**Fine, it was pizza.
I ate a pizza.**

Instructor: Welcome
to salsa class! Who's
ready to learn
how to dance?

**Me, hiding a bag
of tortilla chips:**
There's been a
misunderstanding.

**Quarantine day 58:
I built myself a Doberman**



**STOP TRYING TO
MAKE EVERYBODY
HAPPY - YOU'RE
NOT TEQUILA**

POPULAR ACTORS AND THEIR CHILDHOOD PHOTOS



8yo: I feel like you're always making up rules and stuff

Me: like what?

8yo: like if we don't pick up our room a portal will open
and take us to another dimension

Me: well that's what happened to your older brother

8yo: what older brother?

Me: exactly!

**Birthdays are good
for yor health.
Studies show that
people who have
more birthdays
live longer.**

Research has shown that
laughing for 2 minutes is just
as healthy as a 20 minute jog.

So now I'm sitting in the park
laughing at all the joggers.



~Birch Lake Recipes~



Provided Exclusively to the Birch Barker from Mrs. Ima Foodnudge

Crustless Quiche

The absolute best Crustless Quiche you will ever serve.

Ingredients:

½ cup butter

10 eggs

½ cup flour

½ tsp salt

1 pound large-curd cottage cheese

1 pound shredded cheese (any kind you like) I

only used ½ lb

Directions:

Melt butter

Whip the eggs until fluffy and add flour, salt, cottage cheese, melted butter and half the cheese

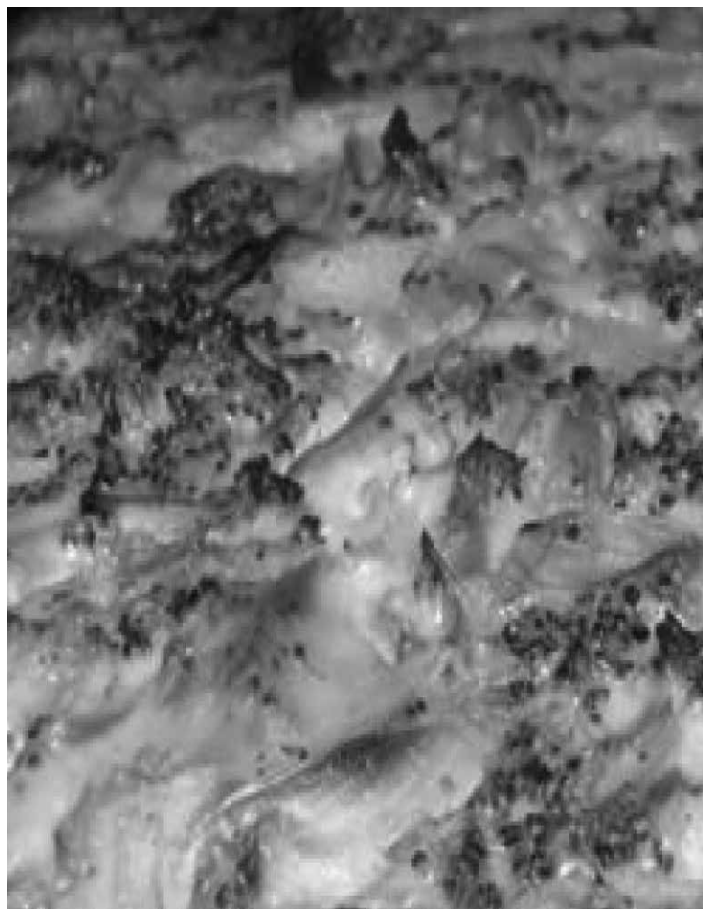
RIGHT HERE is where you can add anything you like. Sautéed onions, sausage, mushrooms, Zucchini, parsley, peppers, feta, **YOU KNOW** anything!

Place the mixture in a 9 x 13 baking pan.

Top with remaining cheese. Thinly sliced tomatoes could be laid over the very top. (presentation)

Bake at 400 degrees for 15 minutes. Then reduce temperature to 350 degrees and continue to bake for 35 to 40 minutes or until the top is lightly browned. Cool and cut into squares for serving.

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— Camp Tannadoonah —

It's hard to believe, but we wrapped up our last session of camp on Saturday morning! It was certainly a summer like no other. We finished the year with 310 individual campers, for a total of 512 camper sessions. We had a lot of campers who did multiple weeks, including a few day campers who came all 10 weeks of day camp! Those numbers are the smallest we've seen since 2009, when we had 490 camper sessions over the course of the summer.

If you placed an order for one of the camp stair shirts, we will be getting those orders out this week. The t-shirts arrived last Friday, and the sweatshirts are due to arrive on Thursday this week. We will package everything up on Friday morning, and I will be delivering orders to people around the lake over the weekend.

I'd like to say a huge THANK YOU to all of the wonderful and generous individuals here at Birch Lake who have helped us at Camp this past year. We are truly grateful for all of the time, energy, and generous contributions we receive from the Birch Lake community!

Thank you to...

Tom Mosier and Mosier Waterwell Drilling. Every year, Tom helps us with the spring opening of our water supply, chlorinates our wells, and makes sure everything is operating properly. And he often volunteers his time and equipment when we have problems. Last week, we

had a leak that caused a pond to form next to one of our cabins. Tom came right up with a backhoe and helped us dig up the area, located the leak, and repaired it for us. Thank you, Tom!

My parents, Bill and Sherry Holleman, for volunteering their time all summer during camp. They work hard all summer to help with camp facilities, including power washing, painting, mowing the lawns, repairing stuff, cleaning, maintaining the garden, and a million other things around camp. Plus they help with my kids, and dad drives the boat all summer for our waterskiing classes!

Patrick Welch and Bob Pence for serving on the Camp Fire Board of Directors. And to Mike Sheffieck, Tom Kuhn, and Jan Temple for serving on Camp Fire committees. They all contribute a great deal of time and expertise to help make sure Camp continues to be successful.

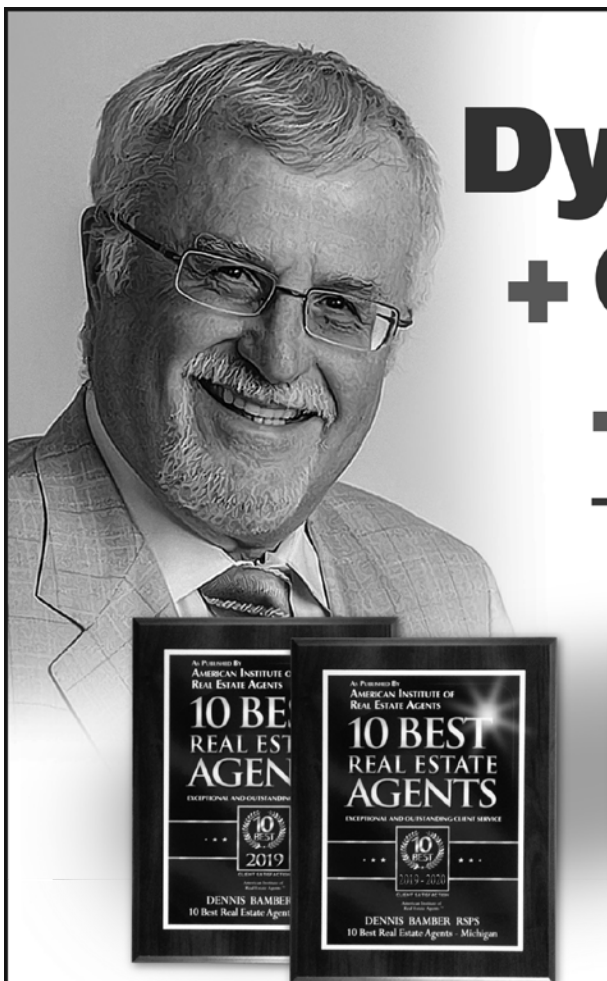
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Rheinhardt, for their contributions of time, talent, and treasure (monetary and otherwise).

And to all of those lake residents whose children / grandchildren / nieces / nephews attended or worked at Camp T this summer! Bob and Kelli Bienz, Tom and Barb Cassady, Mary Como, Melanie Como Dits, Matthew and Shannon Custard, Sue Davis, Dave Dufour, Matt and Amanda Keechle, Bob and Beth Kenagy, Ron and Kathy Niezgodski, Bob and Carolyn Palm, Jeff and Jill Robinson, Andy and Lori Snider, Margie Trybus, Phil and Sandy Vitale, Doug and Julie Weaver.

Thank you to everyone! We are very grateful for everything you do to support Camp Fire and Camp Tannadoonah at Birch Lake.

~Mrs. Amber



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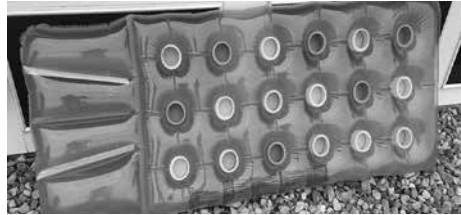
WANTED

WANTED: **Used Boat Lift** for 24' Pontoon (minimum 26' Canopy) for Northsider. Call Rob 513 319-4038

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FOUND: **Pink/multicolor float** washed up on East shore last week. Call 269.228.6005 if it is yours.



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FOUND: **Green float tube** floated in to east shoreline. It is green and says Airhead Rebel on it. Call 708-738-3962 if it is yours.

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This message is brought to you by the Homeowners Association of Birch Lake



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Name _____

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Address _____

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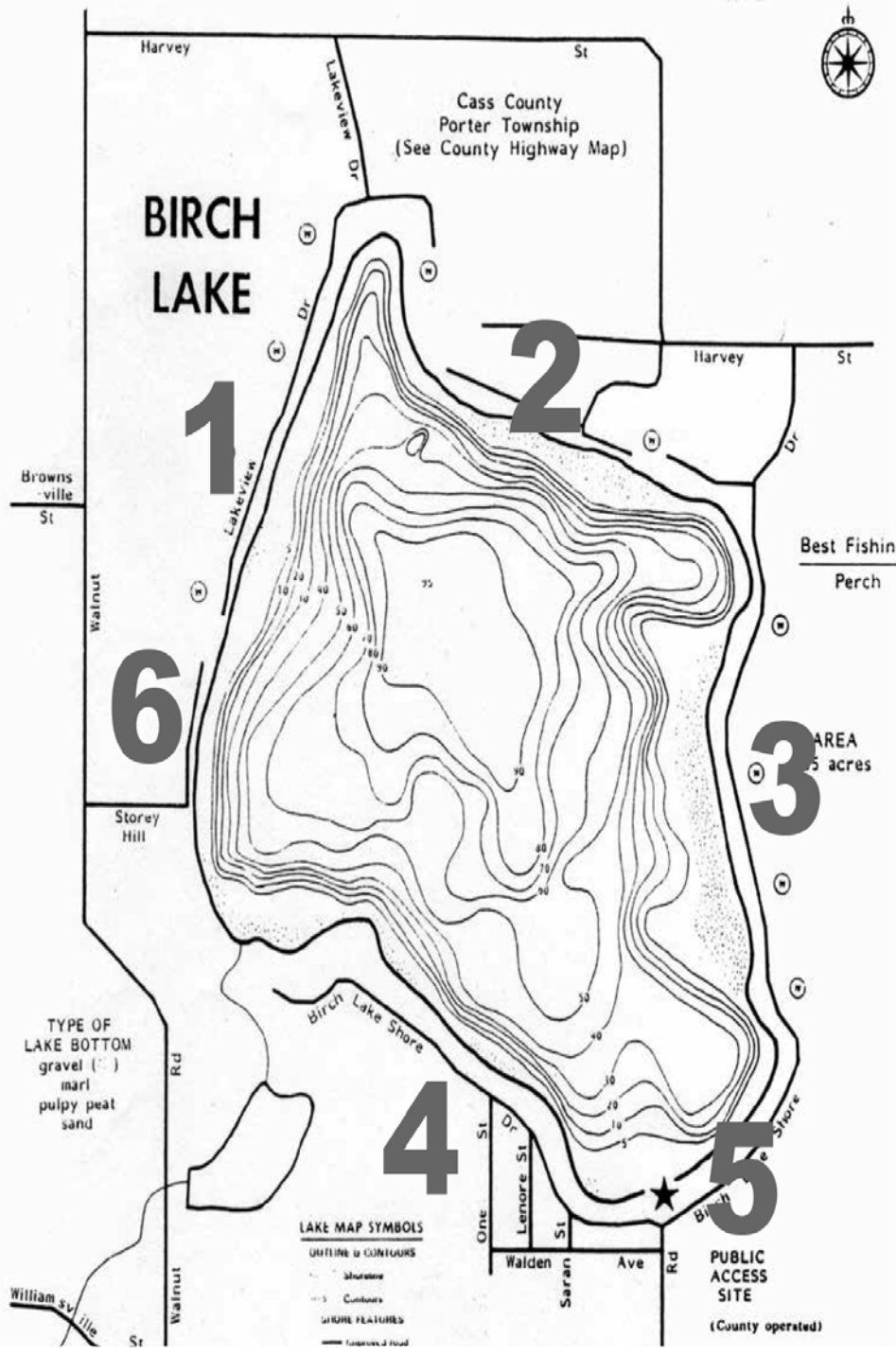
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