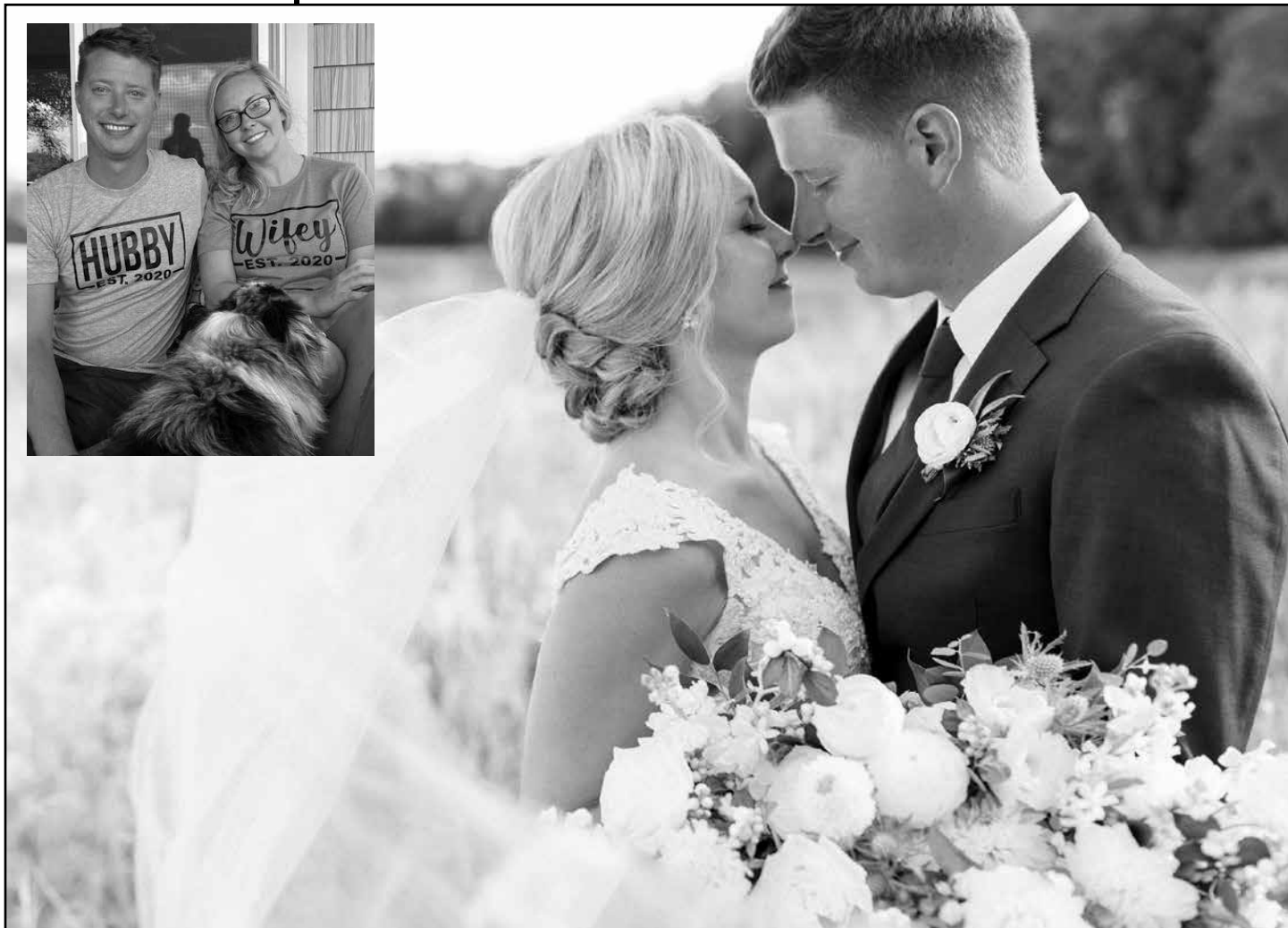


The  
Weekend  
Of

Aug. 29,  
2020

# Birch Barker

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



*Alex Ball and Briana Pletcher DID get to have their wedding at the Morris Estate in Niles, Michigan on 8-22. Despite Covid-19 issues resulting in several last minute guest changes, the day was spectacular! Honeymoon plans had to change from Hawaii to a favorite family spot Siesta Key Florida, but first a quick stop at Birch Lake to see their dog Milo before taking off.*

## COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

**Commodore's Comments #25  
Weekend of August 29, 2020**

By **J. Patrick McGann**

When Past-Commodore Angela asked me to become her Vice-Commodore I was taken by surprise. Although, I have been coming to Birch Lake since the mid 1960's we are newer property owners, purchasing our cabin only four years ago. I was honored and humbled by Angela's offer and knew that I was up to whatever challenges that lay ahead ... but never anticipated the Covid-19 Coronavirus and what that would bring on for the Birch Lake Yacht Club. Even though the socially distanced sailing program was pretty much unaffected the rest of our activities were either canceled or dramatically changed. However, I was blessed with a Board of Directors that were much more experienced than myself in the matters of the yacht club. I asked only one person to be my Vice-Commodore, my longtime friend

Dr. Dan Waxman, and I will turn the reigns over to him this Saturday at 7 pm during our Fall Zoom meeting (details below). I believe the BLYC will be in very good hands. Dan comes from a family of very high achievers and he will bring that level of energy and competence to the Birch Lake Yacht Club.

As Commodores come and go the board is held together by the glue of two people: Mike Sheffieck as the secretary makes up all the agendas and keeps us in line with the bylaws of the BLYC and the BLHOA; the other steward of the board is Deb Spratt who is our treasurer and keeps the money straight and manages the checking account and for all the different funds: sailing, social, fireworks, HOA, roof replacement, water quality, etc. When you pay your dues in the spring and donate to any of these different funds those donations be assured are **ONLY USED FOR WHAT YOU INTENDED**, we don't take money from one fund to do something else other than what it was intended for, and Deb sees to that. Thanks to both Mike and Deb for what you do for Birch Lake.

We have one long time dedicated board member that is retiring from the board this year. Bob Waddle says he is

## 2020 Birch Lake Calendar

August 29 - Fall Get Together Zoom meeting, 7 pm, see Commodore Comments

September 12 - **New Date** for BLYC Board meeting, 9 am

July 16, **2021** - Ladies Golf Outing, 9 am  
Diamond Lake Golf Course

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stepping back from the board. Bob as you may know has been our unofficial head facilities engineer making sure the physical facility is maintained in good operating condition. Fortunately, Bob has agreed to continue in that capacity. Another very valuable person we are lucky to have living on the lake is our 20-year Editor-in-Chief of the Barker Phil Vitale. Phil is a creative, talented and hard working asset for Birch Lake. His many, many hours of work over the years puts out a product that we all enjoy and look forward to receiving every week from Memorial Day to Labor Day delivered to our homes by

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To contact Editor Phil by phone, call (269) 476-1680. To contact Commodore Dan Waxman, call 317-506-1680 or email [dwaxman@indianablood.org](mailto:dwaxman@indianablood.org).

# — Birch Lake Notes —

our team of volunteers and online every month in our email inboxes the rest of the year. Thanks Bob and Phil.

Chas Grundy has put in a lot of work this year bringing the BLYC into the twenty-first century by creating our web site with the capability to pay dues and making reservations for social and fund raising events which will continue to be upgraded over the years and will make dealing with the BLYC easier for all of us. Chas also is our "fireworks man" coordinating with the fireworks contractor, the fire department and Camp T. If I were to designate a candidate for the title of Mr. Birch Lake this year it would be Mr. Chas as the kids at Camp T lovingly call him. Chas also coordinated with the HOA to conducted and tally up the results of our first-ever goose survey. Thanks Chas for all you do including all the Zoom meetings you set up.

Sarah Wolf Petty put our best face forward to new residents again this year serving as the Welcoming Committee Chair. I'd like to thank Sandy Vitale, Bad Patty Luecht, Good Patti Russwurm, and Blair Garceau who all worked to clean up the Yacht Club last Spring. Sandy also coordinates the schedule for use and rental of the yacht club building which in it's first full year has worked our nicely. Thanks Ladies.

Paul Fallon, and Terry Dugan serve on the Water Quality Committee that start in the early Spring and progresses all through the summer to monitor the temperature, invasive plants and animals to

best maintain our beautiful Birch Lake. Rick Russwurm also represents us at Porter Township and Cass County meetings keeping us up to date and in the loop on the happenings that will affect Birch Lake.

Lastly, but certainly not least is the very critical job to sailing of "The Race Committee Boat Queen" Bad Patty Luecht and her team of regular and occasional helpers to keep the sailing races running smoothly often in the hot 90-degree plus sun Sunday afternoons. Tom Cassady sets and stores the buoys for the race course, and Rick Doolittle for serving as our certified rescue boat if needed to help skippers in trouble. Thanks guys.

I would also like to thank my beautiful wife Tessa for all her support and often editing of my articles the past three years, two as Fleet Captain and this year's Commodore's Comments.

I would like to welcome our two new board members Barb Cassady and Deb Hall, they will be a good addition to the enthusiasm and productivity of the board. A big thank you to all the other board members for their advice and counsel throughout the year. Good Luck to the soon to be new Commodore Dan. Maybe we will return to a more normal year next year or maybe not until 2022? Only time will tell.

Please remember to attend our annual 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 for all members. So, 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. Here is how to join us:

BLYC Fall Meeting, Aug 29, at 7 pm. Join Zoom Meeting at <https://bit.ly/blyc-fall2020> join manually: Meeting ID: 924 8092 9662, Passcode: blycfall or dial in by phone: (301) 715-8592, passcode: 37590042

If you need help logging on to this please call Chas, V.C. Dan or myself. Enjoy the rest of the weekend and above all please stay safe.

LOVE THE LAKE!

For the last time,

~ Commodore Pat

## Running with Spoons

Karen Curtis-Miller, Jennifer and John Ball (all from the east side) are participating in a Bashor Children's Home fundraiser – Running with Spoons on Thursday September 3 streaming on Bashor's website [www.bashor.org](http://www.bashor.org)

Proceeds from the event will go directly towards a Capital Building Campaign expanding Bashor's outreach and ability to care for exploited, trafficked young children whom are seeking rehabilitation.

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for your favorite chef team. Tune in September 3, at [www.bashor.org](http://www.bashor.org) to watch them “virtually” cook and stir it up for these deserving kids at Bashor! They would appreciate your support as Bashor continues to provide, “Help for Today and Hope for Tomorrow.”

Link to view the Leaderboard: <https://qtogo.net/admin/voteAll.php?x=BCH052820> LINK TO VOTE for your Favorite Chef Team: <https://qtogo.net/qlink/bashor>

## The Birch Barker

Every weekend from Memorial Day until Labor Day the Birch Barker, our lake newspaper, is delivered to all of the homes around the lake, around 225 in all.

We have many new lake residents now that enjoy the Barker, but probably wonder how it shows up in their mailbox every week. The process begins with our editor, ex-newspaperman Phil Vitale. Phil does all the heavy lifting. He collects all the submissions and news and creates the Barker, one of the few weekly lake papers in all of southwest Michigan. Phil also sells all of the advertising that pays for all of the printing costs.

The Barkers are printed at Alpha-graphics in Elkhart and are picked up by either the Vitales or Bob Waddle and delivered to Sue Waddle. Sue then prepares each package and delivers them to all of our delivery specialists around the lake. These are our neighbors, and each of them has been volunteering for a long time. Holly Troeger handles the Southeast side while Linda Curtis and Tina Strukel do the northeast. Bob Waddle delivers to the Central east and Kinsey Street. Julie Lacy and Staci Whiteman are responsible for the entire south side. Buzz Rasmussen is our southwest side person, while Vickie Rogers handles the northwest side and the cove. The Pettys, Sarah, Ben and Cameron cover the north side and Claudia Phipps takes care of Kiloqua Woods.

If you have a lake question or if you merely need additional phone books just ask any of them. And if you should see any of them, please give them a hearty “thank you.”

~Bob Waddle, east side

## Birch Lake Yacht Club FIREWORKS FUND Starting over for 2021!



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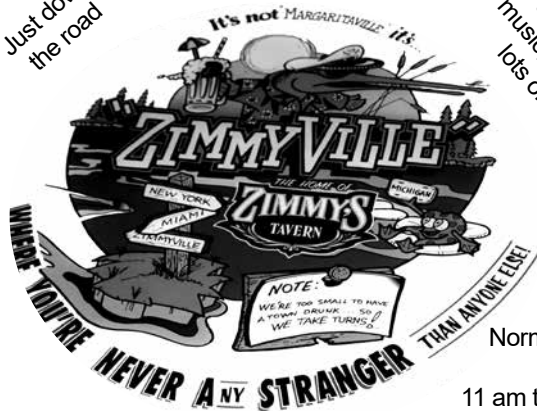
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# FLEET CAPTAIN'S CORNER



## Got 'er done once again!

Looking out at the lake Sunday morning at 10, it was flat. Not a bit of wind. Looked like there would be no sailing. So a decision to delay an hour was made. Luckily, the wind made a triumphant return and we sailed at the stroke of noon. Good enough to get two races in before the fickle wind exited our course. Sailors were more than willing to call it a day, as many expressed that the second race was "brutal." But two races are always better than none.

Tom Cassidy got out and set the mark's, and we appreciate him taking the time to do it every week. A few extra committee boat crew members were on board this week. Pam and Ricky Gambill, sister and brother-in-law of Good Patti, who

traveled from Sydney, Ohio helped us out. Darling of the Cove, Deb Hall and the voice of a nightingale, Bad Patty.

Pat McGann, former fleet captain, current BLYC Commodore, and the guy that taught sailing at Camp Eberhart, rammed into the Bad Patty boat and got a severe tongue lashing from Bad Patty! More than a few obscenities were reportedly heard!

One more regular race and the Labor Day Regatta will wrap up our season. It's gone way too fast!

Sail on,  
Sail on!

~Fleet Captain Bill  
(and ghost writer BP)



## ~Sailing results!

### BLYC Season Standings to date

| Date                   | 23-Aug | 23-Aug | Total  | Point   | Races                           | %         |
|------------------------|--------|--------|--------|---------|---------------------------------|-----------|
| Race                   | 20     | 21     | Points | Average | Finished                        | Finished  |
| <b>MC Scow/Sailor</b>  |        |        |        |         | <b>Total MC Races=&gt;</b>      | <b>21</b> |
| Scott Troeger #1489    | 2      | 1      | 28091  | 1561    | 18                              | 86%       |
| Barb Cassidy #2506     | 1      | 2      | 27256  | 1514    | 18                              | 86%       |
| Jeff Smitley #2002     | DNS    | DNS    | 5782   | 1446    | 4                               | 19%       |
| Bob King #1199         | DNS    | DNS    | 22528  | 1408    | 16                              | 76%       |
| Vic Jones/ Tom Cassidy | DNS    | DNS    | 2756   | 1378    | 2                               | 10%       |
| Phil Vitale #500       | 3      | 5      | 27418  | 1371    | 20                              | 95%       |
| Bill Luecht #1579      | 4      | 4      | 24108  | 1339    | 17                              | 81%       |
| Pat McGann #1735       | 6      | 3      | 20987  | 1312    | 16                              | 76%       |
| Pat Welch #1979        | 5      | 6      | 21352  | 1256    | 17                              | 81%       |
| Sandy Vitale           | 8      | 7      | 18374  | 1148    | 16                              | 76%       |
| Amber Grundy           | 7      | 8      | 18927  | 1113    | 16                              | 76%       |
| <b>Sunfish/Sailor</b>  |        |        |        |         | <b>Total Sunfish Races=&gt;</b> | <b>21</b> |
| Rick Russwurm          | 1      | 2      | 31060  | 1553    | 20                              | 95%       |
| Stewart Spratt         | 2      | 3      | 21840  | 1456    | 15                              | 71%       |
| Scott Temple           | DNS    | DNS    | 4340   | 1447    | 3                               | 14%       |
| Amy Troeger            | DNS    | DNS    | 12852  | 1428    | 9                               | 43%       |
| Steve Frew             | 3      | 1      | 28439  | 1422    | 19                              | 90%       |
| Peter Soldato          | DNS    | DNS    | 2817   | 1409    | 2                               | 10%       |
| Herb Cleveland         | DNS    | DNS    | 26714  | 1406    | 19                              | 90%       |
| Bill Butler            | DNS    | DNS    | 1369   | 1369    | 1                               | 5%        |
| Bob Niezgodski         | 4      | 4      | 27611  | 1315    | 21                              | 100%      |
| Camille Butler         | 5      | 5      | 20843  | 1226    | 17                              | 81%       |
| Cole McGann Bell       | DNS    | DNS    | 3401   | 1134    | 3                               | 14%       |
| Pat McGann             | DNS    | DNS    | 1089   | 1089    | 1                               | 5%        |

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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# — Barker Sailing pics —



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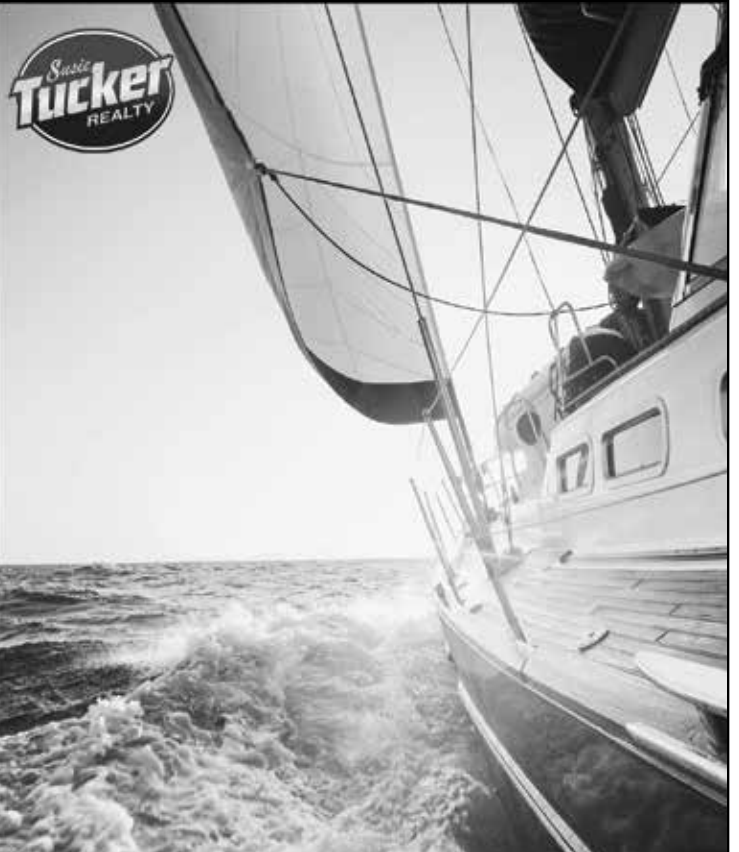
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# — Water Quality Report —

## Purple Loosestrife on Birch Lake

The Birch Lake Water Quality Committee started the Purple Loosestrife Management Program in 2000. The program has been very effective. In 2000 we had ten sites located on all shores of the lake, some of which were very dense. We continue to monitor for Purple Loosestrife each year and remove the plants that we find. The plants bloom from late June / early July until about the end of August. In early September they begin to drop their dried seeds. Hopefully all blooming plants have been removed by this time to prevent future growth next season.

If you see or suspect you see the plant, please call Bruce Wagner, our Water Quality Committee Purple Loosestrife Specialist (cottage 269-476-2090 or cell 574-286-7183) or any member of the Water Quality Committee to have it checked out. This year Purple Loosestrife was removed from four sites by Bruce's crew and some of the affected property owners. Thank you! We typically find the loosestrife each year in three or four locations and the volume of plants at each site has diminished.

### What Is It?

Purple Loosestrife is a plant that was

accidentally introduced to the United States and distributed as an ornamental. It is most easily identified during the flowering season. This spike-shaped purple-pinkish flower can be seen above the water level in ditches, streams, rivers, and other moist shallow water sites. This plant is an upright hearty perennial 4-8 feet tall and most often found in groups.

### Effects

Purple Loosestrife invades marshes, ditches, and lakeshores, quickly replacing native wetland plants. These plants form dense stands that wildlife cannot use for food or cover.

### Spread

Purple Loosestrife will grow from the roots of an established plant, however the plants spread mainly by seed. Having up to 300,000 per stalk, these tiny seeds can live in the soil and water for many years and can be transported great distances by humans, animals, and water.

### Management (Eradication)

Once the plant becomes easily evident (in mid-July) but before it goes to seed (in early September), Bruce will slowly tour the lake in his pontoon



boat and with binoculars searching for Purple Loosestrife, usually about four times per season. You will recognize his pontoon boat by the "Purple Loosestrife" banner hanging on the side. If seen, a volunteer will pull each plant (by its roots), bag, and properly dispose of it, and the Water Quality Committee will be notified as to the plant's location.

If you are interested in helping, either with the survey and/or actual removal, please give Bruce a call. The more the merrier!

To see what it looks like, just enter "purple loosestrife Michigan" in your browser.

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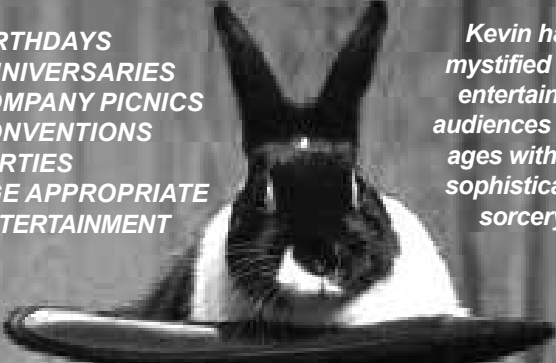
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# Birch Lake History

## Seventy five years at Birch Lake

Sometime in the latter months of the summer of 1944 my Grandfather, Charles Partridge, and family, purchased property on the northwest side of Birch lake and started building a cottage, soon afterwards to be named "WeeWood."

My Grandfather purchased, for \$165, a small building in South Bend near Leeper Park, to have lumber and materials for the cottage. He brought it to the lake in four side pieces, taken apart board by board and then re-assembled on lot #17.

The original structure was a small two story "cottage" with many original features still visible today. The three large windows facing the lake are made from smaller "hand blown" individual panes.

There is a unique way of accessing the loft using a drop-down handmade eight foot ladder, pulleyed to the rafters. With space such a premium, my grandfather's ingenuity still amazes me!

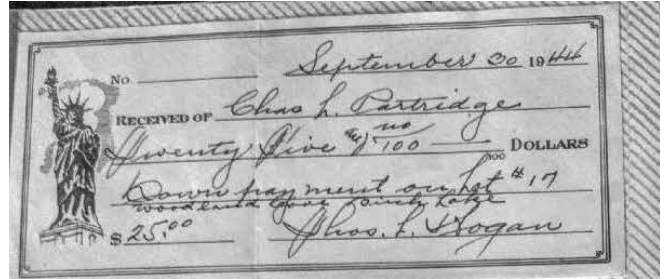
The bathroom door is original with the inside decoupage with Post magazine picture covers, added by my Mother in the early 60's.

Through the year our families our have made several additions with a sun room, deck, enlarged loft space, garage, and more modern conveniences.



Lynn & I are so fortunate to retire and spend our summer and early fall months here with family and friends. We hope the legacy of "WeeWood" continues with our children so new experiences and memories become part of their lives, too.

~Marc Caenepeel



"Wee Wood" begins 1945

Note: Father's pump. We pumped a bucket of water to flush the retort. Marc has pump.

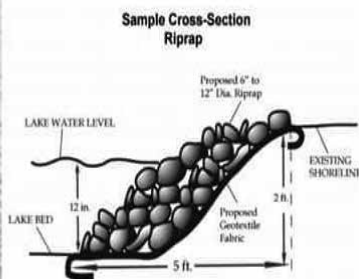


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# Blasts from the Past



Left to right: Kyle Bernaciak, Spencer Rheinhardt, Phyllis Rasmussen, and Calvin King. Circa 1996.

Photo submitted by **Buzz Rasmussen**



Parnell Family and Cammy Butler with Bob Hope after Berrien Springs Fair performance.



Cammy Butler - Flower Girl at Dick Parnell's and Babe Miller's Wedding at Birch Lake.

## 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;*

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# YOUR HOROSCOPE

**Aries (March 21-April 19)** - In the month ahead, not only do you want to work hard you want to work smarter. In other words, you want to get better organized in every aspect of your life. Your focus will be on efficiency and effectiveness, and you will strive to make every action count. Because you're setting the bar so high, you want to improve your health as well! "I want it all!"

**Taurus (April 20-May 20)** - You'll be going gangbusters in the next four weeks. You will want the freedom to express yourself and do your own thing. This is why you will focus on amusing diversions and recreational pursuits! You will be free-spirited and your relationships will feel lighter than usual. Relations with children will improve. Romance will be fun and pleasurable. You will be more inclined to use your mind for amusing past times like reading, writing, playing games and doing puzzles. You won't feel you have to justify whatever you do with a practical reason.

**Gemini (May 21-June 20)** - You will prefer to hide and cocoon at home during the next four weeks. You might also be more involved with a parent than usual. You will feel happy to be in familiar surroundings. You will enjoy private time for contemplation. Many of you will be reminded of past memories from your youth. In fact, you might find it reassuring to talk to a counselor or good friend at this time because you will tend to want to do some psychological self-evaluation. Family discussions and a focus on home repairs will also be likely.

**Cancer (June 21-July 22)** - In the next four weeks, your daily pace will accelerate with a busy schedule: Short trips, appointments, errands plus increased reading, writing and studying are on the menu. You'll be dancing as fast as you can! Many of you will be involved in group discussions and conversations with others. This is not the time to settle down and relax. Get out and make things happen!

**Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)** - The next four weeks are the perfect time for you to reflect upon your values and whatever it is that you think is most important in life. It's important to know what matters most because then you know how to make the correct decisions. You also know what to encourage in your life and what to discourage. Many of you will be focused on money, earnings and your possessions. You might want to take a critical look at what you own and get rid of what you no longer need. It takes up space and you have to take care of it.

**Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** - Dear Virgo, the Sun is in your sign for the next four weeks, which happens only once a year. This gives you a major boost! Plus, it attracts people and favorable situations to you. Therefore, make the most of this window of time! Mercury is also in your sign for the next few weeks, which is why you're chatty and eager to share your ideas with others. Don't get carried away. Stay calm. This is a great time to get out and travel or take short trips if you can.

**Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)** - Your personal year is drawing to an end. Therefore, use the next four weeks to ponder important questions. I suggest that you define some goals because goals help you achieve what you want. Relations with bosses and authority figures are excellent now. In fact, some of you might even begin a flirtation or a romance with a boss. Continue to look for ways to improve your home or to benefit from real estate speculation.

**Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)** - For the next four weeks, you will be more popular! You will also be more involved in clubs, groups and organizations. Many of you will hang out with younger people more than usual. Note: It's important to know that you will benefit from interacting with others. Therefore, friendly! Reach out. Engage with others. Not only will you enjoy their company, you will learn something and also benefit from new contacts and introductions. Grab every chance to travel for pleasure.

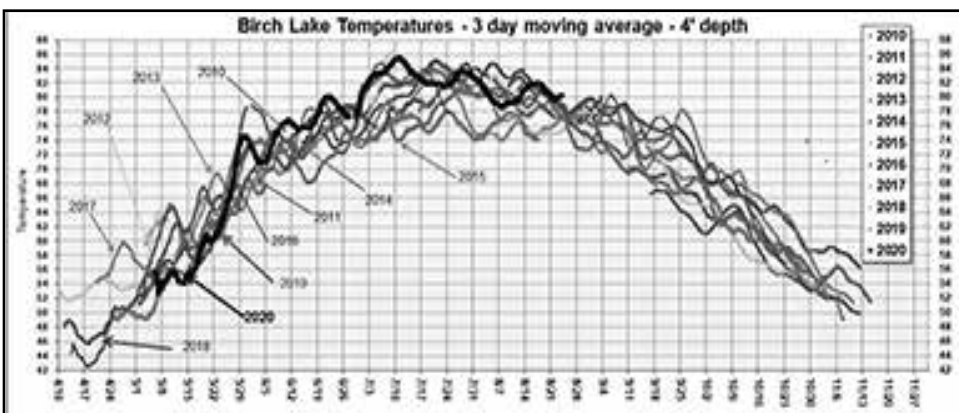
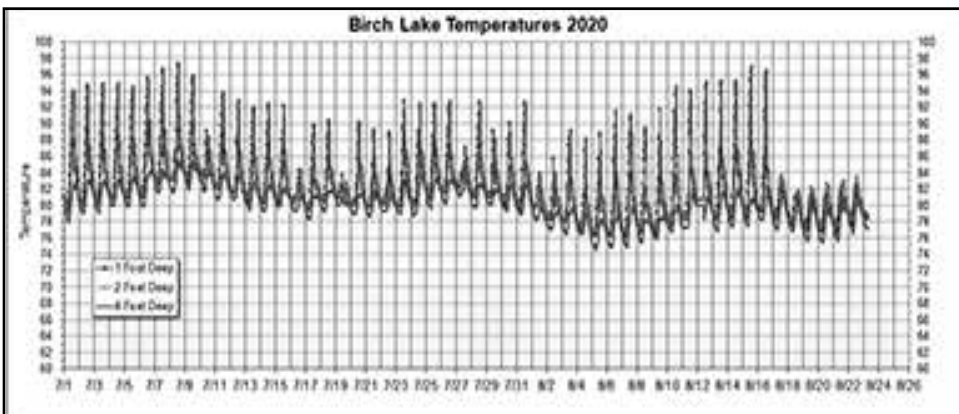
Ta da! For the next four weeks, others will admire you, especially bosses, parents and teachers -- and you don't have to do anything special! Obviously, this is the time to make your move. Ask for approval or permission. Doors will open for you. Mercury high in your chart will boost your ability to communicate with bosses and authority figures, while Venus will attract money and financial support to you from financial institutions or your partner. Ah yes, it's your year to get richer!

**Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** - Expect to get chances to travel or to expand your horizons in the next four weeks. You also might get further training or education or be able to explore new avenues in publishing, the media, medicine, the law and higher education. You might also be more involved with people from other countries and different cultures. Relations with everyone will be smooth, and for the next few weeks, you will find it easy to create a proper balance between yourself and others.

**Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)** - In a curious way, your feelings will become more intense and passionate in the next four weeks. This increased intensity will apply to a wide range of your emotional spectrum - anger, love, joy, fear, laughter and romance. Your desire to improve yourself might be stronger than usual, as well. Certainly, you are more willing to take a deeper look at who you are. In fact, some of you will do some soul-searching.

**Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)** - For the next four weeks, you will have more objectivity, which will allow you to view your own style of relating with more honesty. Obviously, this offers you an excellent chance to learn more about how you relate to others, hence, how you might improve. Romance will flourish and be playful, lighthearted and fun! Likewise, relations with kids will be positive. Nevertheless, you are working hard to earn money - and also working hard to spend it. It was ever thus.

## 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: 0.911  
2.9 days until full moon



**Sunrise: 07:05:11**

**Sunset: 20:20:0**

**Moonrise: 18:47:4**

**Moonset: 03:05:06**

**Daylight: 13 Hr 14 Min 50 Sec**

# Birch Barker Funnies

**How are the coaches supposed to know what they are doing wrong without any parents in the stands?**

The grocery stores in France look like tornadoes hit them. All that's left is de brie.

Why do they call it the novel coronavirus?

It's a long story....

I ran out of toilet paper and had to start using old newspapers. Times are rough.

The World Health Organization has announced that dogs cannot contract Covid-19. Dogs previously held in quarantine can now be released. To be clear, WHO let the dogs out.

What do you call panic-buying of sausage and cheese in Germany? The Wurst Kase scenario.

**If you need 144 rolls of toilet paper for a 14 day quarantine you probably should've been seeing a Doctor long before COVID-19**

Now is not the right time to surround yourself with positive people.





# ~Birch Lake Recipes~



*Provided Exclusively to the Birch Barker from Mrs. Ima Foodnudge*

## Chicken broccoli salad

**T**his salad is perfect for hot summer months! The sweet and tangy taste is very addictive.

Servings: 10

### Ingredients

- 8 cups broccoli florets
- 3 breast half, bone and skin removed (blank)s cooked skinless, boneless chicken breast halves, cubed
- 1 cup chopped walnuts
- 6 stalk (blank)s green onions, chopped
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- ¼ cup apple cider vinegar
- ¼ cup white sugar
- ¼ cup crumbled cooked bacon

### Directions

- Step 1  
Combine broccoli, chicken, walnuts, and green onions in a large bowl.
- Step 2  
Whisk mayonnaise, vinegar, and sugar together in a bowl until well blended.
- Step 3  
Pour mayonnaise dressing over broccoli mixture; toss to coat.
- Step 4  
Cover and refrigerate until chilled, if desired. Sprinkle with crumbled bacon to serve.



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# — Camp Tannadoonah —

## Summer's over but still busy

**S**ummer 2020 may be over, but up here at camp we're still keeping busy! This week is the first week of school for Good Shepherd Montessori where we run the after school program. We're hoping to average about 10 kids per day at the after school program this fall.

Ranger Mike is busy working on projects all around camp. He's been cleaning brush and weeds, painting buildings and repairing siding, and organizing the sheds so that all the tools and materials are easy to locate. This fall he'll keep busy cleaning up the rest of the tree tops from last year's timber project, clearing trails, and taking care of all the leaves when they start coming down.

Other projects slated for this winter include updating the cook's cabin, with new screens and shutters, and putting pine carsiding on the interior walls to give it a more finished look. We also want to update the bathroom in the nurse's cabin.

This spring we had planned on doing the next phase of our Morris Lodge restoration project, but it had to be postponed due to Covid. Our goal was to completely re-wire and update the electrical and lighting throughout the

building, and also re-do all the plumbing and expand the bathrooms. We had set aside funds for the project from our cash reserves, but ended up having to use those funds for operating expenses instead.

Unfortunately, it's looking like we'll have to put this project off for another year, because things are still so up in the air for the coming year. It's hard to plan for 2021 when we don't know what the situation with Covid is going to be in the spring and summer.


The eventual plan for Morris includes the plumbing and electrical upgrades, finishing the interior walls that are currently open studs, building a deck and fire pit on the lake side of the building, re-finishing the floors, and replacing all of the furniture. When it's completed, it will still have the rustic feel and character it has now, but will be updated and feel more finished.

Other facilities projects that we hope to get done over the next few years include a major renovation of the kitchen in the dining hall, improvements to the boat shed at the waterfront, and eventually building a pole barn for storage of all of our maintenance equipment and to give Ranger Mike a workshop during the winter months.

We have so many idea for things we'd eventually like to see at camp, but many of them are probably far down the road! Someday, we'd like to build a high ropes course and climbing wall, replace the concrete seawall with a stone rip-rap wall, build an outdoor pavilion, and replace some of the old "adventure" cabins with updated buildings. And someday I'd love to have a few winterized cabins and a big lodge, so that we could offer programs throughout the year, instead of just April through October!


We've come a long way in the past 14 years, since I started as camp director in 2006, but we still have many improvements we want to make.

~Mrs. Amber




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



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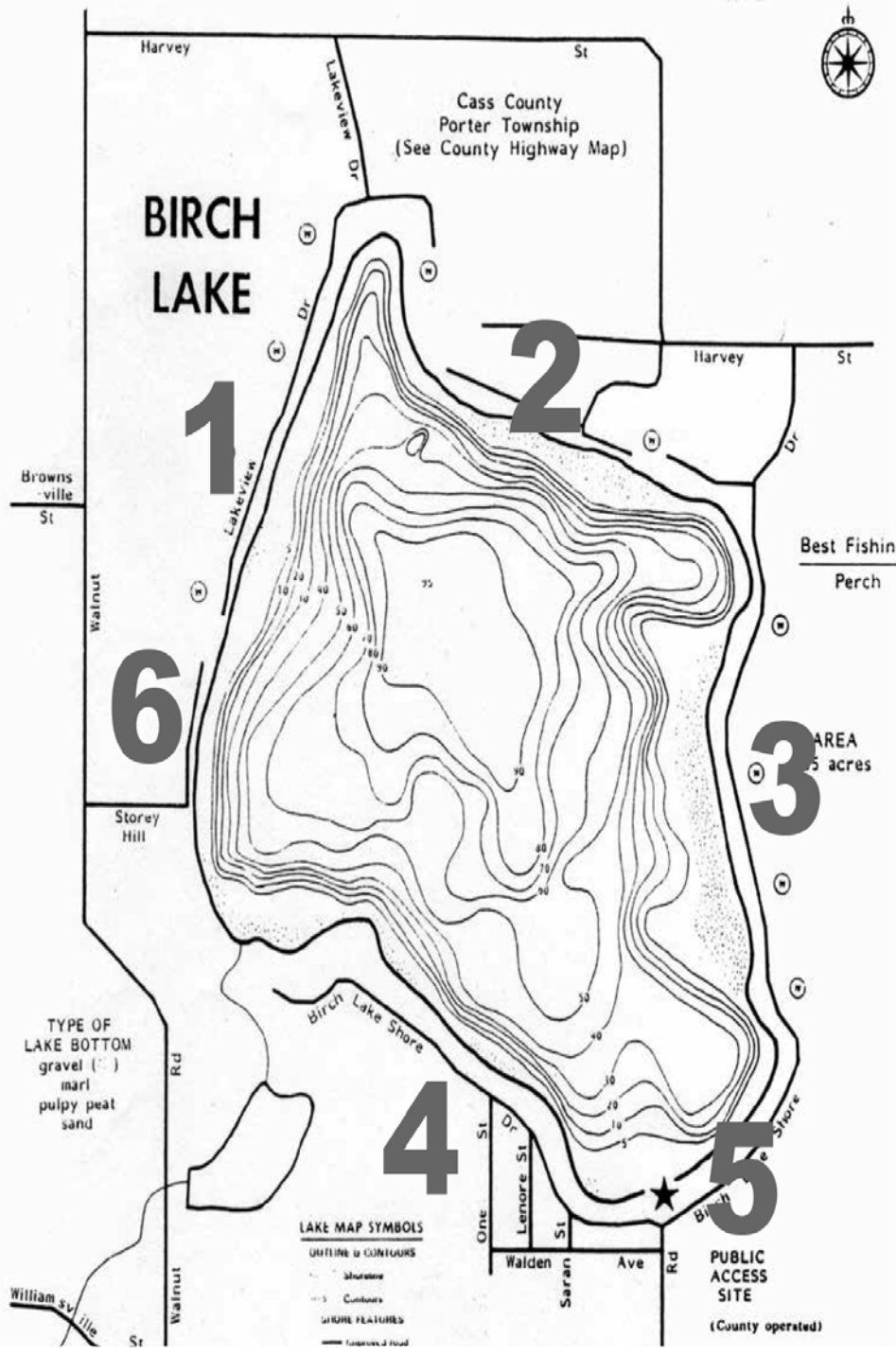


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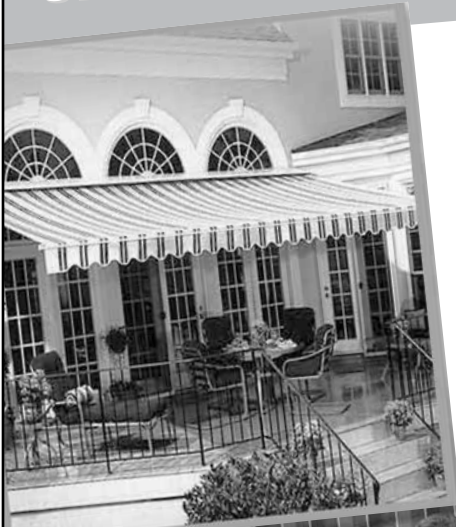
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