

Memorial Day Weekend

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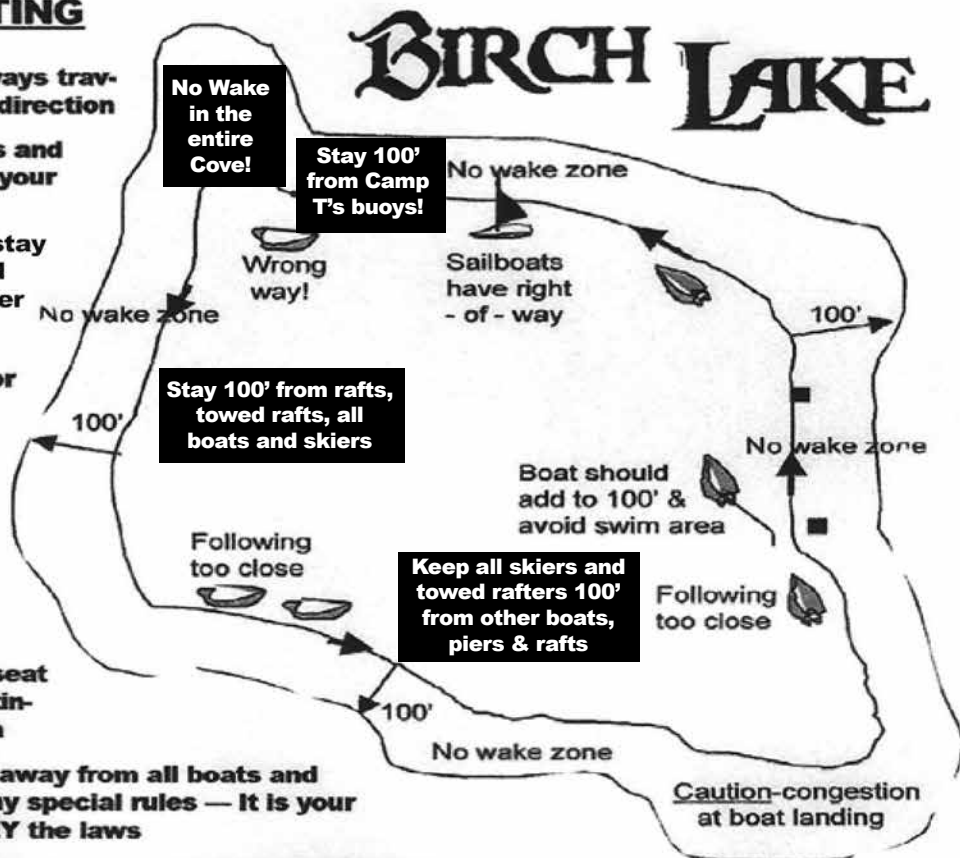
May 29, 2021

# Birch Barker

The official summer publication of the Birch Lake Yacht Club

## COMMON SENSE BOATING

- \* No matter what your speed, always travel in a **COUNTER CLOCK-WISE** direction
- \* Go **SLOW** near other boats, rafts and shore. You are responsible for your wake.
- \* Take your time and give room - stay 100' from shore, other boats and rafts when you are travelling over wake speed
- \* When pulling someone on skis or a tube, you **MUST** have an observer. Watch out for other boats and be sure to add the length of your tow line to the 100' clearance rule
- \* There must be one USCG-approved **LIFE JACKET** for every person on board, as well as one throwable device (seat cushion, etc.), a horn, a fire extinguisher, and a valid registration
- \* **PWCs (Jet Skis)** must stay 100' away from all boats and other PWCs. Jet skis have many special rules — It is your responsibility to know and **OBEY** the laws
- \* Be responsible for everyone on your boat — safety is **NO ACCIDENT!**



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## COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

Commodore's Comments #1  
Memorial Day Weekend 2021

“One day, you’ll look to see I’ve gone. For tomorrow may rain, so I’ll follow the sun.” I hope that many of you have taken the Beatle’s advice and will be following the sun on Birch Lake this weekend and throughout the summer. As temperatures have already been in the 80s, the lake is starting to warm up, and soon we will be spending more time in the water than on land.

The Yacht Club Board is working on the calendar of events, and with COVID-19 vaccinations on the rise and clinical cases of COVID-19 on the wane, we hope to have real in-person activities to enjoy safely. So please, if you have not done this already, go forth and get the vaccine. It is safe, effective, and it is saving lives.

With the start of the summer, it is also time to join the Yacht Club, the Homeowners Association, and contribute to several programs and activities. You can do this by:

Including your name and address and make checks payable to: BLYC, c/o Deb Spratt at 18100 Farmington Hills Drive, South Bend, IN 46637, or by going online to [HTTP://BIRCHLAKEYACHTCLUB.COM](http://BIRCHLAKEYACHTCLUB.COM) to pay dues and/or make donations.

In the last year, Sharon, Scout and I have spent more time on Birch Lake than “Back Home in Indiana.” Many residents, family members and friends have been walking the roads around Birch and observing the home remodeling and new construction that has been going on. Go out and get your steps in and see what is old and new on the lake. You will probably encounter Sandy and Phil Vitale, putting their daily miles in and keeping our roads cleaned up. My first Commodore’s Kudos for the season goes to the Vitales for their daily sojourns and pickup detail. Many thanks!

Very well then, enjoy the first of many great weekends, and if you can, stay over into the week. Birch Lake is our paradise on earth and every day you can be here is time well spent. Each week a Birch Lake Barker will come right to your mailbox thanks to Bob and Sue Waddle and the all-volunteer delivery folks.

## 2021 Birch Lake Calendar\*

- June 19 - Eagle Lake Regatta, see page 2
- July 2 - BLYC Port-a-Pit Chicken sale, 11 am - 3 pm,
- July 3 - **FIREWORKS**, dusk
- July 3 - Boat Parade, 4 pm
- July 23, 2021 - Ladies Golf Outing, **NEW DATE**, 9 am D. Lake Golf Course
- July 24 - Diamond Lake Reid Francis Memorial Interlake MC Regatta, tba
- July 30 - BLYC Mens' Golf Outing, Pine View Hemlock, Three Rivers, 1:30 pm
- August 27 - Ladies Lunch & Style Show, Woodfire, Dowagiac, 11 am
- Oct. 16 - Crockpot Challenge (tentative)
- BLYC BOARD MEETINGS**  
June 12, July 10, Aug. 7, all 9 am @ BLYC

\*Due to the pandemic, check the Barker prior to planning to attend any event. Watch the Barker for more info.

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

Until that time,  
~ Commodore Dan,  
First Mate Sharon and  
Scout the Wonder Dog

The Birch Barker will entertain ads and editorial items for potential publication. E-mail to [sailorphil@philvitale.com](mailto:sailorphil@philvitale.com), mail them to me (or put them 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. Contact Editor Phil at [onlinebarker@gmail.com](mailto:onlinebarker@gmail.com), or at 476-1680 (no text). Contact Commodore Dan Waxman, call 317-506-1680 or email [DWaxman@versiti.org](mailto:DWaxman@versiti.org).

# — Birch Lake Notes —

## Get Ready for the 2021 4th of July Boat Parade!

Now is the time to start planning for your entry for the 4th of July Boat Parade on July 3rd. The theme this year is "Our Heroes." Your hero could be a veteran, a first responder, a Disney character, or your next-door neighbor. We want this year's parade to be the best attended ever! Who will win the coveted "Grand Champion" award? It could be your family!

## MC Regattas planned

An Eagle Lake regatta is on June 19, a one-day event for MC sailors with the skipper's meeting starting at 9 am. Registration is open (\$50) and you may sign-up on the MC website at the link that follows. Everyone is invited and welcome to race. Jack Sanderson is the contact person.

For more information or to register, visit: [https://www.mcscow.org/content.aspx?page\\_id=4002&club\\_id=612443&item\\_id=1390396](https://www.mcscow.org/content.aspx?page_id=4002&club_id=612443&item_id=1390396)

The Diamond Lake Reid Francis Memorial Interlake MC Regatta is also planned for July 24; watch the Barker for details when available.

Clear Lake, Iowa will host the 50th MC National Championship regatta on June 24 - 27. for more information see



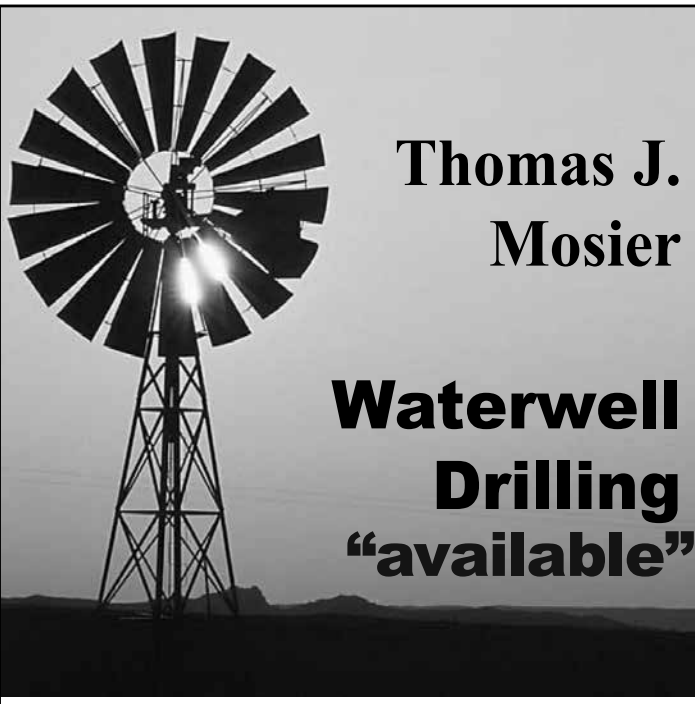
*Thanks to Mr. Bob (King, north side) for the heron pic of the week!*

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## 2021 Dues, fireworks donations

In the midst of everything that has been happening in our world for the past year or so, the BLYC is still here and we still need operating capital. In addition,

we still need contributions to the Fireworks fund. Please use the dues form in the Barker to submit your donations and/or fireworks contributions, or use the online link ([birchlakeyachtclub.com](http://birchlakeyachtclub.com)) to pay your yacht club dues. Checks should be mailed to Deb Spratt, 18100 Farmington Hills Dr. South Bend, IN 46637. Thanks.



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# — Birch Lake Notes —

## The Printed Birch Barker

The Birch Barker will be delivered to homes on Birch Lake every weekend, and will also be available each week online at the [website http://www.philvital.com/Barker/BirchBarker.htm](http://www.philvital.com/Barker/BirchBarker.htm).

To submit items to the Birch Barker or to buy a display or classified ad, email your items to [sailorphil@philvital.com](mailto:sailorphil@philvital.com) or [onlinebarker@gmail.com](mailto:onlinebarker@gmail.com), or mail (or deposit items) Phil Vitale, 63174 Birch Rd. (east side), Vandalia, MI 49095.

Deadline for any given week is noon on Tuesday prior to the weekend. Display ad sizes and prices can be seen at <http://www.philvital.com/Barker/BirchBarker.htm>. Classified ads are free for BLYC paid members, and \$5/week for non-members.

To contact editor Phil email [onlinebarker@gmail.com](mailto:onlinebarker@gmail.com), [sailorphil@philvital.com](mailto:sailorphil@philvital.com), phone 269-476-1680 (no text, I don't have a cell phone), or mail to me at 63174 Birch Rd., Vandalia, MI 49095 (or put them in my mailbox at that address on the east side of the lake).

## BIG MOVING SALE

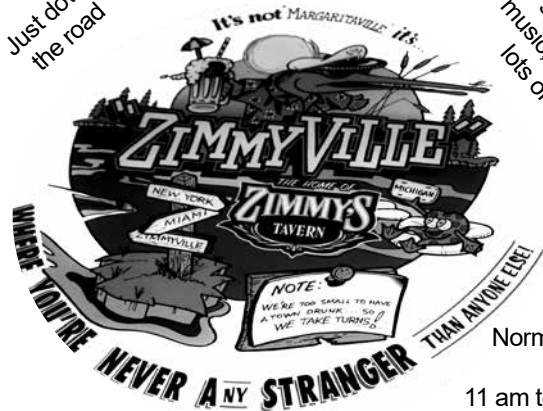
After 28 years on Birch Lake Tom and Lynn DeCocker are moving! There will be a big moving sale this Saturday, May 29, from 8 am to 4 pm at 63514 Birch Rd. on the east side of Birch Lake. Furniture, pictures, dishes, lawn furniture, tools, boating equipment, vintage fishing lures, fishing equipment ... too many household items to list ... See you there!

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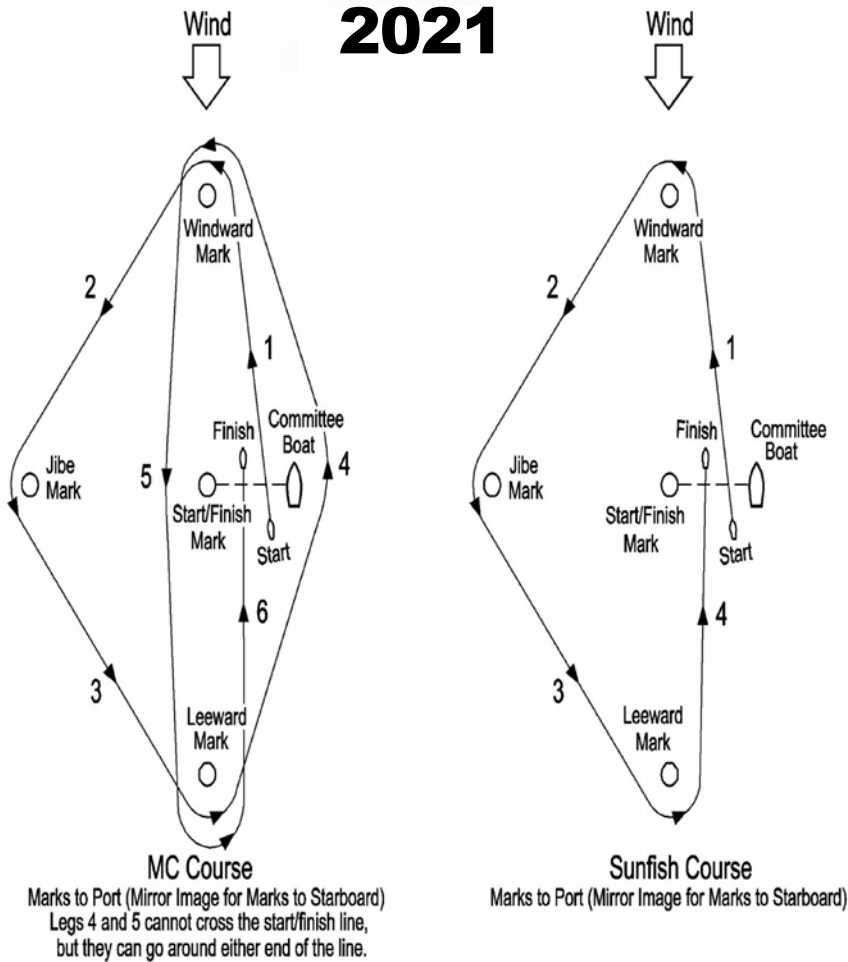
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# — Water Quality Report —

Normally for the first of the season article, we would review the status of the lake as reflected by the data from the testing that had been done the prior year in concert with the Cooperative Lakes Monitoring Program (CLMP). However, the testing program was canceled for 2020 due to budget issues, and we do not have new data to communicate. Budgeting has been restored and we are enrolled in all the programs available for 2021, and will be collecting information on water clarity, chlorophyll, phosphorous, oxygen and temperature gradients, as well as possibly conducting an aquatic plant watch, and another round of score the shore. The latter two are time intense and best done with some expert help from the state, which we were fortunate to have previously. To familiarize yourself with these different data points and programs we strongly suggest you read the 2019 lake report. Included in this report is some recent history so as to permit the viewing of trends etc. The 2019 data were particularly good and should serve as a good baseline for comparisons in the future. The report is easy to get online. If using a computer type in micorps.net. This will take you to the Michigan Clean Water Corps site. You can navigate around this site for lots of general information but to get to the report go the Lakes heading and pull up Individual Lake Reports. Clicking on that will show you the different counties that have lakes in the program. Click on Cass County and Birch Lake is the first

document encountered. Click on this and read. If using a phone (I phone) again type in micorps.net. This will bring up a page where lake monitoring is the first heading. Tap that to bring up Lake Monitoring page. Go to menu in upper right (the three dashed lines). Tap that and you will see. Again, go to lake monitoring, and tapping that will bring up a listing that includes Individual Lake reports. Additionally, we would suggest you look at the Michigan Lakes and Streams website. We are members of this organization and there is a lot of information that is available on this site regarding programs you might have an interest in and which we may report on in the future. Type in mymlsa.org to get to this site.

Last year we still had the annual survey for, especially Eurasian milfoil conducted by an outside contracted organization. The locations of the milfoil infestations (gradually reducing over the years) and the calendar for treatment were reported on last year. A new survey will be conducted in the next couple of weeks and information regarding the survey and treatment will be found in later Barkers. Additionally, we participated in a program through Michigan State University, EGLE, and the University of Montana to look at hybrid milfoil and evolving issues that could affect treatment. We will provide a report on a zoom meeting with the various parties on what may be relevant for Birch Lake in a later article. The annual survey



for invasive species is a bit different from the aquatic plant watch through the Cooperative Lakes Monitoring Program, but complimentary and educational. Finally, a shoreline invasive species (purple loosestrife) that you may not have seen much is due to the concerted efforts of one of our members, Bruce Wagner. He surveys the lake and where he sees it, arranges for the removal of this invasive species. If unmolested, it would produce dense stands of this plant in shallow shoreline areas.

Finally, the members of the Water Quality Committee are to put it loosely, getting a bit up there in years. If some of the younger or even newer lake residents would like to look into the Water Quality Committee, please contact Paul Fallon, the committee chair.

## 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 —



*Left: COVID NINJA Tori Troeger (south side) volunteering at the Helena, MT drive-thru vaccine clinic says she wants everyone to get vaccinated or she will hit them with her covid stick.*

*Below: Sir Bentley and Forrest Hall (cove) are ready for a summer of fun!*



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# — Barker Kids of the Week —



*Congratulations to Blake Witchie (east side)! He graduated from Purdue University with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering and a Minor in Management.*

## KIDS OF THE WEEK

*Want your kid to be a Birch Barker Kid of the Week? Want your dog to be a Dog of the Week? Want your lawnmower to be the Lawnmower of the Week? Just mail your photo (with a SASE if you want the photo(s) back) to Birch Barker, 63174 Birch Rd., Vandalia, MI 49095; or put them in a ziplock and stick them in the stone mailbox at my home (on the east side), or email them to me at [SAILORPHIL@PHILVITALE.COM](mailto:SAILORPHIL@PHILVITALE.COM)*

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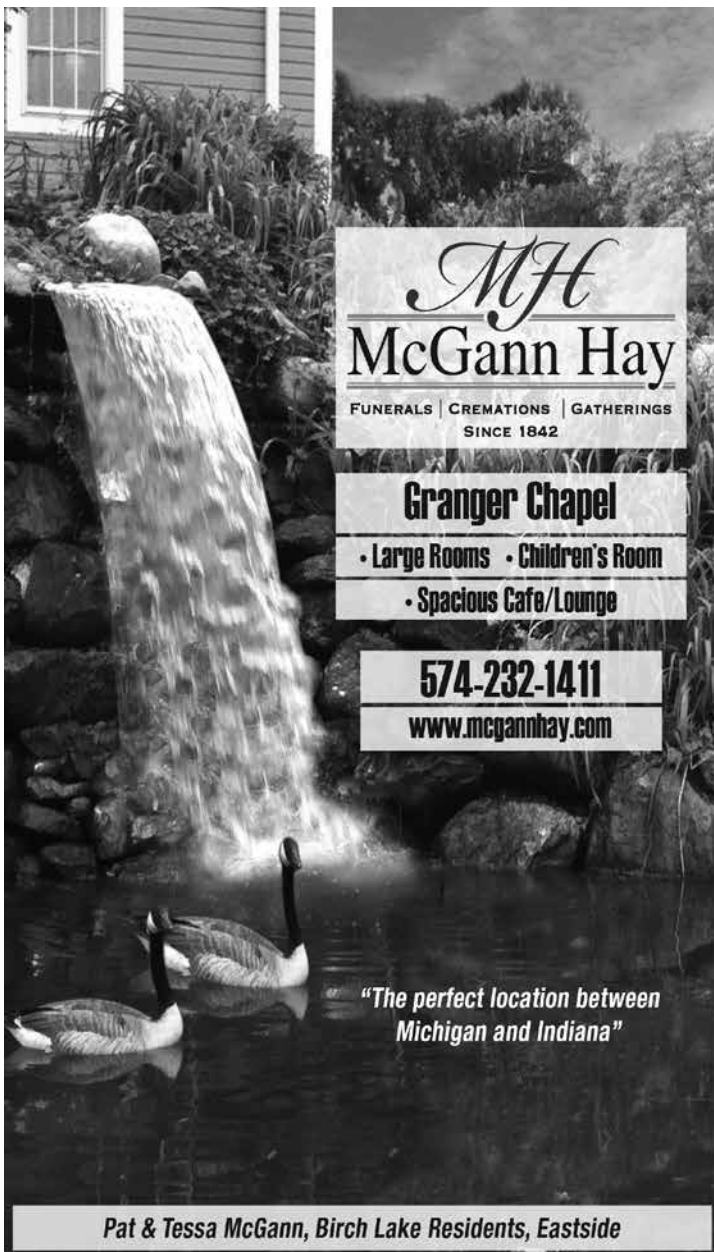
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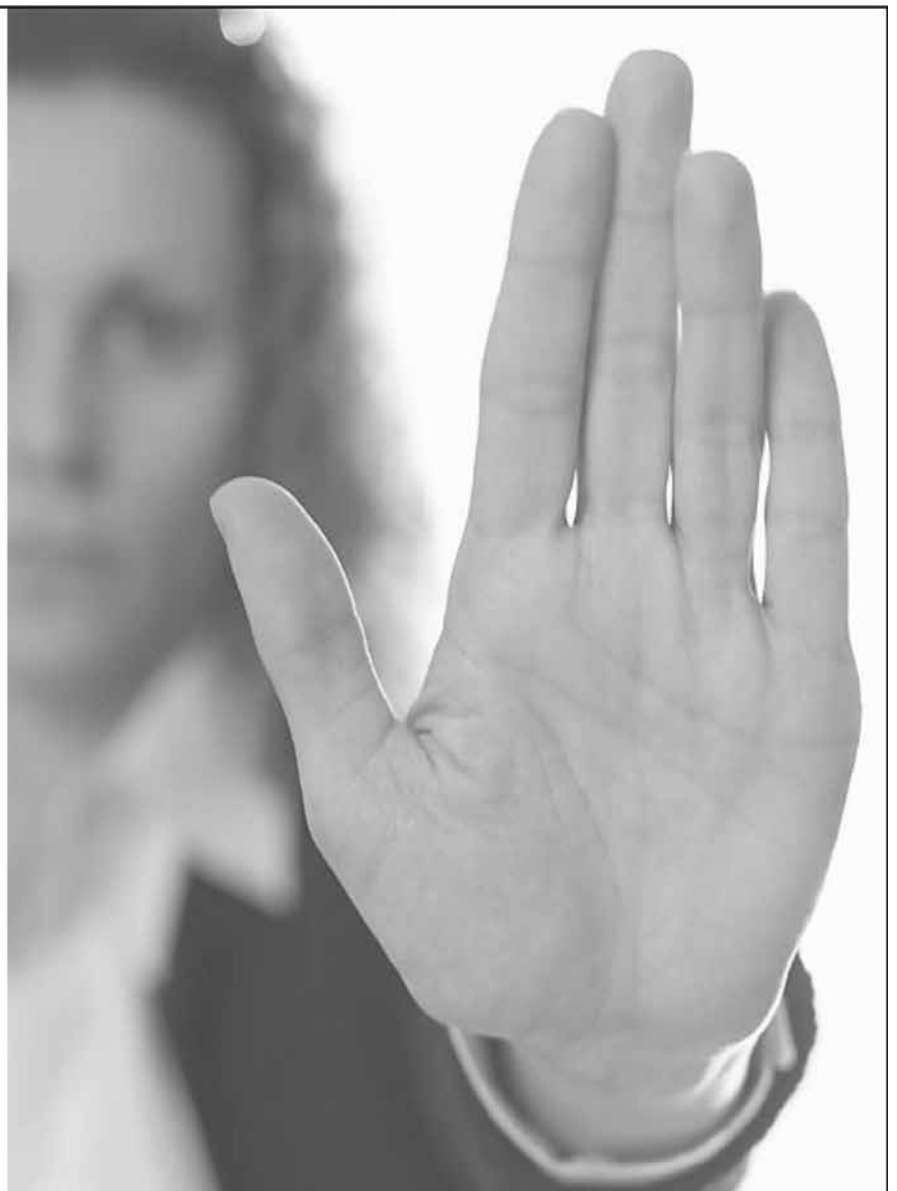
*Pat & Tessa McGann, Birch Lake Residents, Eastside*

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## Aries (March 21-April 19)

Expect car problems and transportation delays. (Flat tires, failed engines - something.) Get ready for missed appointments and confused communications. However, you will easily finish studying or writing something. Even though you're caught up in delays and goofy mistakes, you will enjoy life because it is fast-paced and exciting! Plus, you will appreciate the beauty of your daily surroundings and feel more warmly connected to others. Gosh.)

## Taurus (April 20-May 20)

Your focus on money, cash flow and movable possessions will be strong in the next four weeks. Something will prompt you to catalogue, organize and get rid of what you don't need. You will also be more focused on money, cash flow and earnings. Although checks in the mail will be late and other delays might be irksome, nevertheless, a money-making idea that you had in the past might be worth reconsideration.

## Gemini (May 21-June 20)

The whole world will experience a dazzling display of Gemini energy! Obviously, this is your chance to recharge your batteries for the rest of the year. It's also why you will feel vigorous, energetic and enthused about life; while Venus will make you smooth, charming and diplomatic. Of course, this is a good thing because it's nice to have history with others. Enjoy this boost of energy and attention!

## Cancer (June 21-July 22)

Your personal year is coming to an end; however, your new year is not yet ready to begin. This means the next four weeks are the perfect time to reflect. Look back over your shoulder. How well are you doing at the art of living? What changes do you want for your new year ahead? What goals do you want to make? After all, goals make future decision-making easier and keep you on track and give you focus. This window of time will be great for doing research.

## Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

The next four weeks will bring a welcome change into your life because you will be more popular and more involved with younger people as well as creative, artistic types. (Just what the doctor ordered.) You will enjoy talking to groups and friends online or in person. You'll be excited about creating new goals for the future. It's as if you're waking up after hibernation. "Life! I remember what that was. "Masks off!"

## Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Life will be increasingly thrilling during the next four weeks. This means you will be thrust into the limelight! Everyone will notice you more than usual. This light is flattering. Everyone admires you especially parents, bosses and VIPs even if you don't do anything special. (It's smoke and mirrors.) This is why you will be asked to take on increased responsibilities, and others will come to you for your advice, especially about how to make something look better.

## Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

The next four weeks will be like a breath of fresh air for you because you will do something to satisfy your urge for adventure, stimulation and a chance to learn something new! You will appreciate the beauty of art, architecture and the crafts of other cultures. Ideally, you would achieve these things through travel, but in these times of Covid restrictions, you probably cannot do this. This means you have to travel in other ways - through books and film. Do what you can to satisfy your love of beauty and learning.

## Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

Romance and love affairs will be passionate! The stuff of movies. This could be because ex-lovers are back on the scene. Or you might meet someone new through an old friend who has returned to your world? Romantic passion aside, details about inheritances, shared property and insurance matters will be a strong focus. You will also receive a gift, an inheritance or a favor from someone in the next month.

## Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

You will hear from ex-partners and friends from your past. Plus, it will give you an opportunity for closure and a chance to learn more and catch up on old news. You might even learn more about your style of relating and your values with your closest one-to-one relationships. Meanwhile, your sex drive is amped. However, this same placement can also indicate disputes about shared property, mortgages, inheritances, loans and debt.

## Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

You are hard-working. "No slackers allowed!" You like efficiency and you hate waste. You want to work smart and be effective in everything you do. You will make lists and tackle old jobs that you've been meaning to get to for a while. Not only will you work to organize your world, you want to improve your health as well. Coworkers will be supportive.

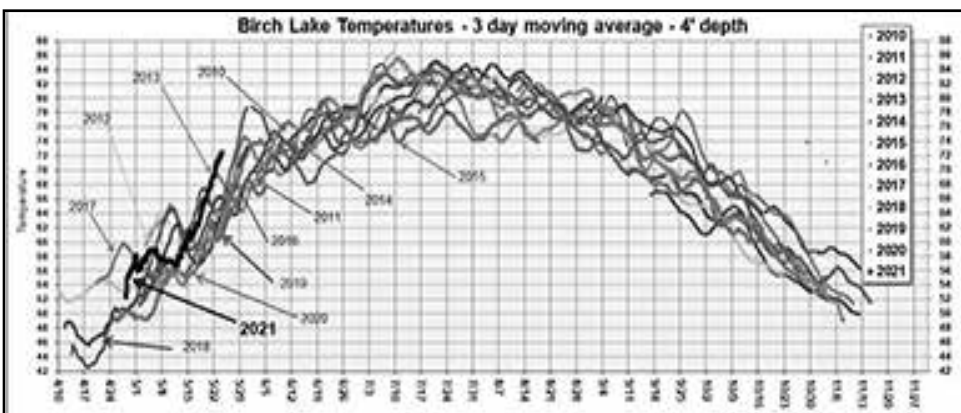
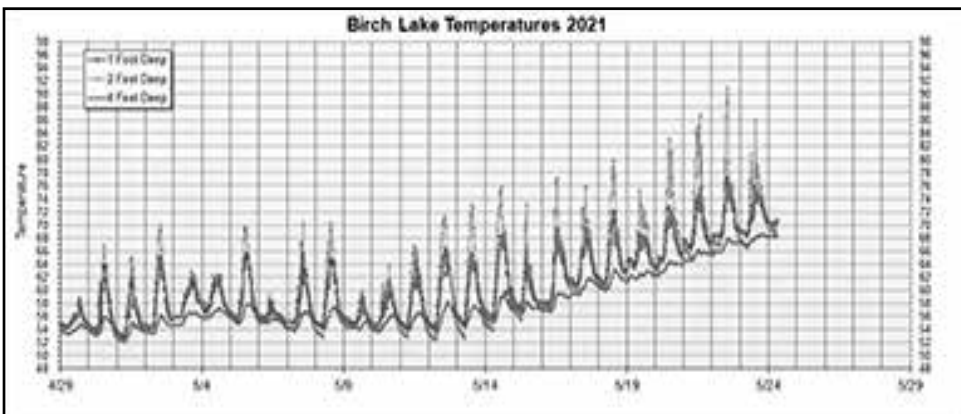
## Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

You're entering one of the most fun-filled months of the year! Mercury Retrograde will attract old flames from your past. Meanwhile, parents might hear from kids who wandered off the block. Your personal goal will be to enjoy yourself and express your creative urges. Social outings, the arts, sports, playful activities with kids and the freedom to be just who you are and express yourself without fear or hesitation will be the order of the day! In a perfect world, you would go away on a vacation. With current restrictions, you will have to have a vacation the best way you can make it happen.

## Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)

Your focus on home, family and your personal and private life will be much stronger than usual. Your interaction with a parent will be significant. You will be in touch with relatives you have not seen or heard from in a while. If they are safely in your bubble, they'll be perched at your place and eating out of your fridge. Some of you have a strong urge now to redecorate and make your digs look prettier.

# Birch Lake Environmental Data



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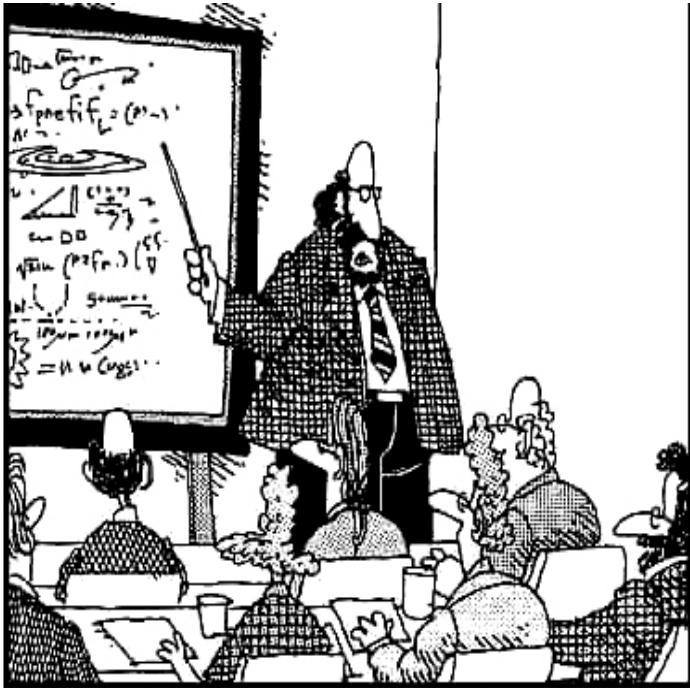
## The Moon for this Saturday

(At Midnight, US Central time, as viewed from the Northern Hemisphere)  
Illuminated Fraction: 0.702  
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**Sunrise: 06:09:26 AM DST**  
**Sunset: 21:10:36 PM DST**  
**Moonrise: 01:01:55 AM**  
**Moonset: 10:15:16 AM**  
**Daylight: 15 Hr 01 Min 10 Sec**

# Birch Barker Funnies



"Along with 'Antimatter,' and 'Dark Matter,' we've recently discovered the existence of 'Doesn't Matter,' which appears to have no effect on the universe whatsoever."

## 10 (OR SO) COMMANDMENTS FOR SENIORS

1. Talk to yourself. There are times you need expert advice.
2. "In Style" are the clothes that still fit.
3. You don't need anger management. You need people to stop making you mad.
4. Your people skills are just fine. It's your tolerance for idiots that needs work.
5. The biggest lie you tell yourself is, "I don't need to write that down. I'll remember it."
6. "On time" is when you get there.
7. Even duct tape can't fix stupid – but it sure does muffle the sound.
8. It would be wonderful if we could put ourselves in the dryer for ten minutes, then come out wrinkle-free and three sizes smaller?
9. Lately, you've noticed people your age are so much older than you.
10. Growing old should have taken longer.
11. Aging has slowed you down, but it hasn't shut you up.
12. You still haven't learned to act your age, and hope you never will.

And one more: "One for the road" means going to the bathroom before you leave the house.

## Halloween in Florida





# ~Birch Lake Recipes~



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

## Hot spinach and Artichoke Dip

**I**t's deliciously rich, perfectly creamy and cheesy, brimming with spinach and artichokes and it's always a crowd favorite. This version is oven baked and incredibly easy to make.

### Ingredients

- 8 slices bacon
- 1 (10 ounce) package frozen chopped spinach, thawed and drained
- 1 (14 ounce) can quartered marinated artichoke hearts, drained
- 1 (5 ounce) container garlic-herb flavored cheese spread



spread

- 1 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 1 (8 ounce) container sour cream
- ½ cup mayonnaise

### Directions

- Step 1 - Preheat oven

to 400 degrees F (200 degrees C).

• Step 2 - Place bacon in a large, deep skillet. Cook over medium high heat until evenly brown. Drain and crumble into a medium bowl.

• Step 3 - Mix spinach, artichoke hearts, garlic-herb flavored cheese spread, Parmesan cheese, sour cream and mayonnaise into the bowl with bacon.

• Step 4 - Scoop mixture into a 7x11 inch baking dish. Bake in the preheated oven 20 minutes, or until bubbly and lightly browned.

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# — Camp Tannadoonah —

**A**nother summer at camp kicks off this weekend! Our full staff is arriving for training on Sunday the 30th, and our first group of campers will be here on June 13th. Some of our staff are already here – our leadership team (assistant camp director, 2 head counselors, and our waterfront director) arrived on the 26th to start preparing for the rest of the staff.

This year is our 100th Anniversary of Camp Tannadoonah and we are so excited to celebrate! We are planning a 100th Anniversary Reunion event at camp in September, so if you know any alums who would like to join us for that event, they can find more information at [tannadoonah.org/100years](http://tannadoonah.org/100years). We're hoping to have alums from as many decades as possible!

Ranger Mike has worked hard all winter to get our buildings looking great for summer. His big project this winter was to continue the interior renovations of Morris Lodge, and it is AMAZING! We completely rewired the electrical in the building, installed all new light fixtures, and finished the interior walls that have just been open studs since it was built in 1938. But don't worry – we're keeping the cool character of the building! And we can finally use the fireplace in Morris again! Due to changes in fire code, we have not been able to have a fire in there since the late 90s. This spring we installed an all new gas log insert, which

will allow us to use the fireplace safely again. We can't wait for everyone to see the updates.

The next phase of the Morris project (which we hope to start in the fall) is to completely tear out the existing bathroom, and re-do it. The new bathroom will be larger, and include showers for the Morris campers! After that, we plan to build a deck on the south side of the lodge, and then refinish all the original pine floors, and purchase new bunk beds and furniture. That will complete our restoration of this beautiful old building. If you'd like to contribute to the restoration fund for Morris Lodge, we would greatly appreciate your help! You can give online (with no processing fees!) at [tiny.cc/campT](http://tiny.cc/campT) or call us at 574-387-6095 for other options.

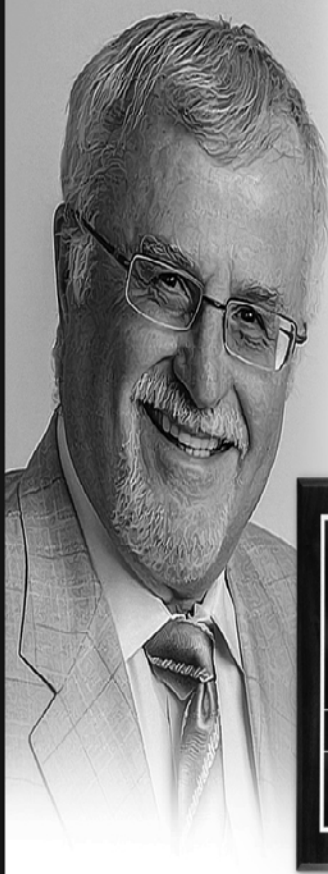
We are also excited to announce that we are bringing back the Pancake Breakfast after a year off last year. The breakfast will be at Camp on Sunday, July 4 from 8:30-11am. Cost is \$5 for ages 10 and older; \$2 for ages 5-10, and free for kids 4 and younger. We will have outdoor seating options, and carry out options. And all of our staff and volunteers working in the kitchen will be fully vaccinated. We will request that anyone inside the Dining Hall (waiting in line or walking around) wear a mask, except when they are seated at a table eating. We will have camp apparel and other items available to purchase.




Camp registrations have been coming in fast and furious this year! We are completely full for most of our day camp slots, and overnight weeks are getting pretty full as well. We've capped our capacity at about 75% of our full capacity to allow for smaller groups and additional distance between camper beds. We also received a grant from the United Way of St. Joseph County to buy Abbott BinaxNow Rapid Tests so that we can test all of our campers and staff weekly. We currently have 928 campers registered for the summer! Our biggest summer ever was in 2019, when we had 1001 campers. I think, even with reduced capacity, that we may surpass that!

Hope you all enjoy your Memorial Day celebrations and the lake, and we hope to see you at the Pancake Breakfast!

~Mrs. Amber



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



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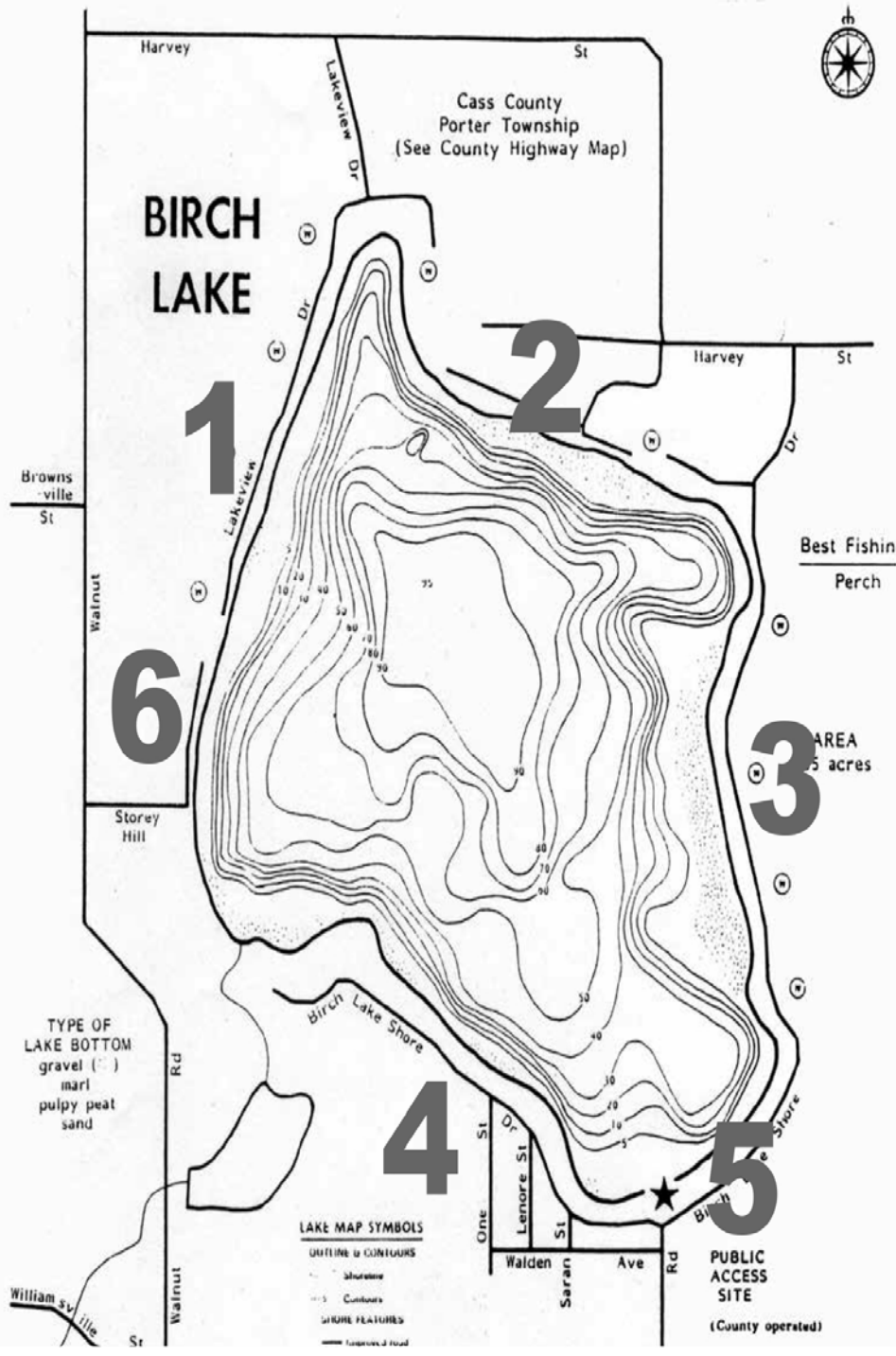
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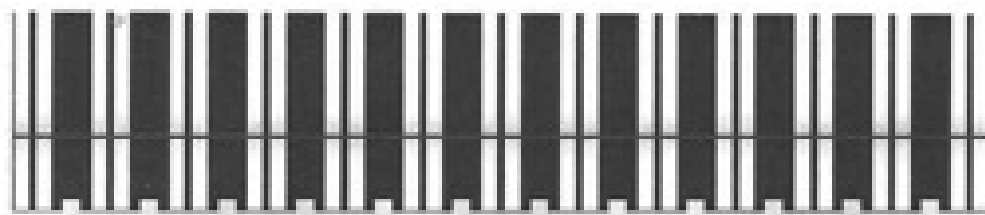
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