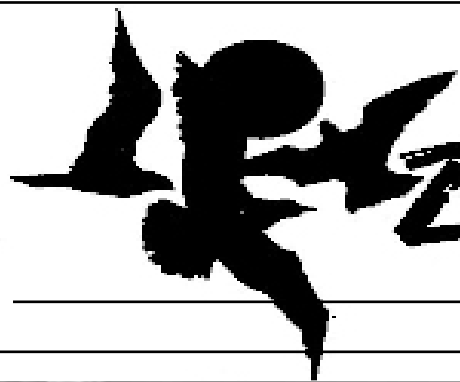


The  
Weekend  
Of

June 26,  
2021



# Birch Barker

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



Thanks to Bernie Garceau for the beautiful pic of Birch Lake heron enjoying the sunset.

## COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

“It’s nice to be nice to the nice,” a classic line from the character Major Frank Burns in the TV series Mash. I am using this line as my intro this week to talk about being NICE on Birch Lake. Now that summer is here, our seasonal residents are back, and family and friends are visiting each week and weekend. With the exponential increase in population, we are spending our much deserved and long overdue leisure time off with more people than we have been in Zoom meetings. And in that, we need to be mindful of each and everyone’s space on beautiful Birch Lake.

### Commodore Dan’s Top Two Ways to be NICE:

#### 1. DRIVING

Drive SLOWLY on our roads around Birch. These roads at best, are one good lane and when two vehicles approach from opposite sides, unless one is a golf cart, there is not enough space to pass each other unless one vehicle moves over. So ... if you are driving more than 15 mph, it is very difficult to

SLOW DOWN to avoid a close encounter. Also, we have much loved and adored children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and other little people who like to run around from cottage to car and might be in the road so PLEASE SLOW DOWN.

The Birch Lake Homeowners purchased great SLOW DOWN signs (thank you Blaire Garceau) which we set along the roads. Recently a number

of these signs were removed by someone who thought this might be funny or did not want to DRIVE SLOW. My hope is they were not residents or visitors at Birch Lake, and my dream is that one of the home security cameras picked up the make, model and license plate of the car. I then would like to have a discussion with them with Ben Wozniak and Keith Kinzler standing on either side of me.

## 2021 Birch Lake Calendar\*

June 26 - Stock the bar party, 6:30 pm, BLYC  
July 2 - BLYC Port-a-Pit Chicken sale, 11 am - 3 pm, Waxman’s drive, east side  
July 3 - **FIREWORKS**, dusk  
July 3 - Boat Parade, 4 pm, tba  
July 3, 4 - July 4 Regatta, 11 am  
July 4 - Camp Tannadoonah pancake breakfast, 8:30-11  
July 5 - Regatta rain day (if necessary)  
July 14 - Birch Lake Flotilla for Dennis Phipps’ 80th birthday, see page 9  
July 23 - Ladies Golf Outing, 9 am, Diamond Lake Golf Course, tba

July 24 - Diamond Lake Reid Francis Memorial Interlake MC Regatta, page 5  
July 17 - Commodore/Vice Commodore Party, BLYC, details tba  
July 30 - BLYC Mens’ Golf Outing, Pine View Hemlock, Three Rivers, 1:30 pm  
August 7 - Corn and Sausage, BLYC, tba  
August 21 - **NEW DATE** BLYC Fall Dinner, details tba  
August 27 - Ladies Lunch & Style Show, Woodfire, Dowagiac, 11 am, tba  
September 6 - Labor Day flotilla, tba  
Oct. 16 - Crockpot Challenge (tentative)  
**BLYC BOARD MEETINGS**  
July 10, Aug. 7, all 9 am @ BLYC  
For information and open dates to rent the Birch Lake Yacht Club building, contact Sandy Vitale at 269-476-1680 or 269-858-8184.

# — Birch Lake Notes —

## 2. OUR FUR FRIENDS

First mate Sharon and I have had 13 years of joy, love and interesting/challenging times with Scout the Wonder Dog. When we adopted him, the foster parent warned us that the 1.5 year old Scout was a heathen. Jack Russell Terriers were bred to have a very loud bark, so that the hunters who followed them would find them in the fox holes where they had chased down prey. When Ed and Carla Chester moved to Birch Lake one house down from us, Carla later admitted that they almost moved away as Scout would bark incessantly for way too long. We realized that it wasn't just us hearing Scout carrying on.

So, to all the dog owners, if your pooch is barking nonstop more than 10-15 minutes, and no one is invading your home, teasing/playing with them, or trying to tell you to take them out to pee, please comfort them and consider your neighbors who are outside trying to relax and decompress after a challenging week (or family event).

This Saturday is the Stock the Bar gathering at the Yacht Club and it will be the first time many of you have been there in over 2 years. Grab your favorite bottle(s) of leaded or unleaded beverage,

make or buy a snacky snack to share and let's Get Together!

Until that Time,

~ **Commodore Dan,  
First Mate Sharon and  
Scout the Barking Wonder Dog**

## 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 3. 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!

## Ladies Luncheon and Style Show

Time is flying by, and before we know it, it will be time for the "Ladies Luncheon and Style Show!" Be sure to mark Friday, August 27 on your calendar! Six of our Birch Lake Ladies will model clothes from the Marshal Shop in Dowagiac. The luncheon will be next door at the Wood Fire restaurant. Tickets will be \$30 and will include your meal, salad, drink, tax and tip. They will go on sale after the 4th of July.

## Back to Birch! Stock the Bar Party, Saturday, June 26, 6:30 pm

Celebrate our return to the Birch Lake Yacht Club with a Stock the Bar party! Bring beer, wine, soft drinks, etc. to supply the festivities throughout the summer. Or bring an appetizer or dessert to share. Join us and we'll toast to our lake friends, old and new. Welcome back!

## Ladies Golf Outing

Ladies! Get your foursome together for the annual Ladies Golf Outing. The tradition of fun and friends continues on July 23. We welcome everyone to join us. Look for the team sign up sheet with additional details in the Barker after the Fourth of July.

## Holiday thief alert!

It happens every year about this time ... thieves show up at Birch Lake and steal from cars, boats, yards, everywhere that residents aren't paying attention! This year we've already had several "Slow Down" turtle signs stolen from yards. Lock your doors, lock your cars, be vigilant. If you see suspicious or criminal activity call the Cass County Sheriff's Department at 911 (if it is an emergency) or 445-2481 to report.



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# — Birch Lake Notes —

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### Port-a-Pit Chicken

Chickens will be invading Birch Lake again this year on Friday July 2 from 11 am to 1:30 pm. Over the fourth of July weekend when you are entertaining family and friends and want to stay out of the hot kitchen, this would make a great way to feed everybody for one or even two meals and help the BLYC help our lake.

Nelson's Port-A-Pit menu, includes: chicken halves, baby back ribs, pork chops and "pit-atoes," all for sale AGAIN THIS YEAR. It is a rare opportunity when we are able to get food delivered to Vandalia, Michigan. If you are not familiar with Port-A-Pit chicken, it is mouth watering rotisserie. Ask anyone from Indiana, and they will attest to it's savory flavor. You can order online with your credit card at: **[birchlakeyachtclub.com](http://birchlakeyachtclub.com)** or fill out the form on page 10 in this Barker and drop off in my mailbox at 63156 Birch Rd., on the east side. I don't ever get any mail here at the lake so don't send me emails about not using the mailbox for anything but mail. Cost for the meals is:

**Port-a-Pit Chicken Half \$8**

**Port-a-Pit Bone-in Pork Chop \$8 BBQ Baby-Back Ribs \$9**

**Pit-tatoes \$5**

All orders must be in by noon the Friday before on June 25. THIS YEAR IS PRESELL ONLY!. NO SALES THE DAY OF THE EVENT. Pick up location will again be behind Commodore Dan and First Mate Sharon Waxman's residence on the east side at 63590 Birch Rd. All proceeds will go to the BLYC's general fund to be used wherever the need is greatest. This was our biggest money maker in several years, so help us top last year.

IF YOU OR YOUR KIDS CAN HELP PLEASE LET ME KNOW, call/text 574-532-5377, or email: [Pat@McGannhay.com](mailto:Pat@McGannhay.com). Thanks!

~P.C. Pat McGann

### MC events planned

The Diamond Lake Reid Francis Memorial Interlake MC Regatta is planned for July 24 (see page 5 for details).

Also, Clear Lake, Iowa will host the 50th MC National Championship regatta on June 24 - 27.

For more information see [https://www.mcscow.org/content.aspx?page\\_id=4002&club\\_id=612443&item\\_id=1289415](https://www.mcscow.org/content.aspx?page_id=4002&club_id=612443&item_id=1289415)

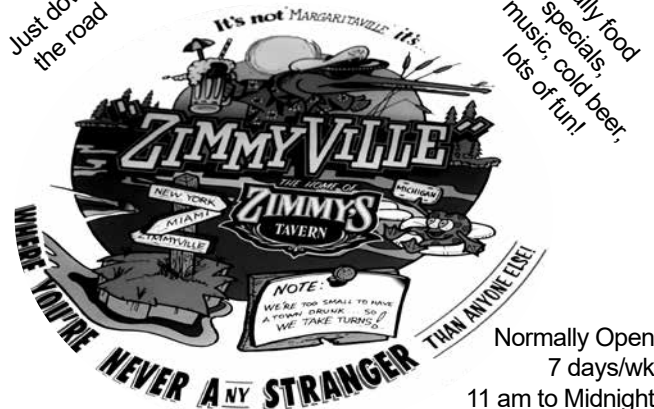
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## Father's Day races scrubbed

**W**ell, we sure wish we could have done races on Sunday, but that was not in the cards, or winds! Sure hope you were able to make the best of the day, and all had a great Father's Day. It was a beautiful day to spend with family and friends!

I have a confession. I found out the Committee Boat has been doing something WRONG! ( OH NO!)

When the count is given to start the fleets, I blow the horn two times to let all know we are starting the countdown.

Then, when we get to the actual start, I blow the horn one time, and it will be a very long signal. Traditionally, if the horn is blown two times after the race starts, it means there was a foul of some kind or a boat has gone over.

So from now on, only one long blast will start the fleets. Hopefully, that will clear up any confusion.

### Fourth of July Regatta

Right now, 4th of July Regatta will be Saturday, July 3 at 11 am, and second



day will be Sunday, July 4. Rain date , if necessary will be on Monday, July 5.

Can't wait to see lots of Sunfish and MCs out this Sunday! It makes me happy to see the renewed interest for sailing at Birch Lake. Encourage others to give it a try. Remember, we all started not knowing what we were doing, so let's be patient with our less experienced sailors.

Sail on!

**~Fleet Captain,Bill**

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# ~BLYC Sailing Results~

## BLYC Season Standings to date


Date.....	13-Jun..	13-Jun ..	13-Jun.....	Total .....	Point .....	Races .....	%	
Race.....	4	5	6	Points .....	Average.....	Finished ...	Finished	
MC Scow/Sailor .....	Total MC Races=>						6	
Barb Cassady #2506.....	2	1	1	9363	1561	6	100%	
Scott Troeger #1489.....	1	2	DNS	7546	1509	4	67%	
Bill Luecht #1579.....	3	3	2	8818	1470	6	100%	
Pat McGann #1735.....	5	4	3	8072	1345	5	83%	
Pat Welch #1979.....	4	DNF	4	8003	1334	5	83%	
Amber Grundy.....	6	5	5	3817	1272	3	50%	
Sandy Vitale .....	7	6	6	7423	1237	6	100%	

Sunfish/Sailor .....	Total Sunfish Races=>						6	
Peter Soldato.....	DNS	DNS	DNS	4644	1548	3	50%	
Rick Russwurm.....	1	2	1	9132	1522	6	100%	
Scott Temple.....	DNS	1	2	7305	1461	5	83%	
Stewart Spratt.....	4	3	3	8516	1419	6	100%	
Bob Niezgodski.....	2	5	4	8003	1334	6	100%	
Steve Frew.....	DNS	DNS	DNS	3780	1260	2	33%	
Herb Cleveland.....	3	4	5	7514	1252	5	83%	
Camille Butler.....	5	6	6	7084	1181	6	100%	
Jeff Walls.....	6	7	8	6739	1123	6	100%	

**DNF** (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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# — Water Quality Report —

## Eurasian Milfoil

**E**urasian Milfoil is an aggressive tall growing exotic aquatic plant from Europe and Asia. It can grow to the surface in up to 10 to 15 feet of water.

At the surface, it forms a dense canopy of vegetation over other plants. Many

native plants may be reduced in abundance by Milfoil canopy. It also conflicts with many recreational activities. In dense conditions, it is a serious localized and lake wide problem. It is not a significant food crop for waterfowl, other birds or aquatic mammals. It readily regenerated from detached fragments and spreads rapidly. Consequently, this plant can form dense colonies covering much of a lake's shore line out to a depth of about 20 feet.

We began monitoring aquatic vegetation in Birch Lake in 2001. We were part of a Michigan Lake & Stream program that mapped the aquatic plants in Birch Lake. Howard Wandell provided professional assistance to the Birch Lake Water Quality Committee. The mapping project revealed that Birch Lake had a moderate plant population consisting of a good variety of species none of which dominated. At the time, the survey determined that we did not have Eurasian Milfoil.

In 2007 Eurasian Milfoil was discovered at three sites. Progressive AE provided professional assistance and is still under contract.

For 2021 Progressive AE surveyed the entire lake for all types of invasive species in mid-May. Their survey turned up a total of 3/4 acre of Eurasian Milfoil at two sites.



One on the east side in the usual location and one near the boat landing. Professional Lake Management treated the site on Monday June 14, 2021. Progressive AE will do a second survey.

The annual program is important to keep the Milfoil under control and to detect any other invasive species in the early stages to enable us to better control it. With your continued support, we can maintain this vital program. Our Water Quality fund is becoming dangerously low. Your continued financial support is greatly appreciated.

### 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

## Gypsy Moth infestation

Many of us on the west side have been infested with the Gypsy Moth. The Gypsy Moth caterpillars are high in the trees and continually drop black balls of poop, which are annoying, a pain to keep clean and making it almost impossible to enjoy the outdoors. The infestation goes from mild to severe, some trees have been totally stripped of all their leaves. Within the next two weeks the caterpillars will be moving on to the pupae (cocoon) stage. I have included two links of helpful information from Michigan State University about the life cycle of the Gypsy Moth. We hope this information helps others to be proactive, next year the infestation could be more wide spread and become worse before it gets better.

~Dave and Terry Carroll

[https://www.canr.msu.edu/ipm/Invasive\\_species/Gypsy-Moth/gypsy-moth-life-cycle](https://www.canr.msu.edu/ipm/Invasive_species/Gypsy-Moth/gypsy-moth-life-cycle)



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# — Barker Kids of the Week —



*Khloe Kinzler 11 caught herself a net-full of trouble ... Khloe is the granddaughter of Dennis and Ruth (west side) and daughter of Keith and Tiffeny.*



*Future sailor Casey (Kelly, of the Cove) Eschbach checking out the gear.*

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# — Barker Kids of the Week —



*Carla Chester being babysat by Michelle Seyfarth and Sharon Waxman (east side)*



*Bud Hall and Tom Rogers (Cove) putting their heads together to fix an electrical issue. Team work!*



*Thanks to Bad Patty Luecht (east side) for the bird of the week pic in her front yard.*

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# — Barker Kids of the Week —

**Congratulations to 2021 Penn High School graduates Addison Machalleck and Lily Bender!** Addison is the granddaughter of Mike and Katha Machalleck (South Side) and daughter of Brian and Kris Machalleck. Lily is the daughter of Bob and Layna Bender (Cove).



**Birch Lake Flotilla & 80th birthday celebration for Dennis Phipps!**  
**Wednesday July 14 – 6 p.m.**

***Due to the past successful flotillas, let's do it again!***

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# — BLYC SPECIAL EVENTS —

## Come Join The 4th of July Boat Parade!

Everyone loves a parade! The marvelous, stupendous and fantastic Birch Lake Boat Parade will be happening Saturday the 3th of July at 4 pm.

The theme this year is "Our Heroes." Your hero could be a veteran, a first responder, a Disney character, or your next-door neighbor. Your hero could be what got you through COVID. Rumor has it there might be a Jack Daniels boat. Let your imagination run wild and join in the fun.

Competition will be tough for the coveted, Grand Champion Trophy! If you don't want to decorate but want to join in the fun, just have your family name on the side of the boat and participate in the parade.

Please stop at the Weesner/Eshle-



man pier by on the southside by 3:45 pm to register and allow the judges to see your boat. The line will form behind the Grand Marshal's boat which will lead the parade around the lake. Awards will be

given out as you come back around by the judges.

We are extremely pleased to announce that we have secured the services of returning judges Marc and Lynn Caenepeel and Bud and Deb Hall. Marc's family is celebrating 76 years on the west side of Birch Lake! Marc and his cousins, the Asires have spent all their summers here. Deb (Gard) Hall's parents came to Birch Lake in 1966 when Deb was 10 years old. They lived by the public beach, then moved to the cottage that was located where the Dugan's house is currently. They left the lake in 1998 after her father passed away. She and Bud bought their house in the cove in 2016 and moved here year around in 2017.

Who will be this year's Grand Marshal??? Find out in next week's Barker.

Come join in the fun! The more the merrier.



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# YOUR HOROSCOPE

## Aries (March 21-April 19)

Your focus on home, family and your private life will be strong in the next four weeks. Many of you will be more involved than usual with a parent as well. You will enjoy entertaining at home. You will also enjoy redecorating or making where you live look more attractive. Quite possibly, meetings and groups will take place where you live? Book clubs, civic gatherings or protest groups - could be anything.

## Taurus (April 20-May 20)

Your daily pace will accelerate in the next four weeks - no question. Suddenly, you have things to do, places to go and people to see! Many of you will also be reading, writing and studying more than usual. You will certainly be in touch with siblings, relatives and neighbors midst all this to-ing and fro-ing. Part of why you will keep on the run is that your home scene is chaotic due to increased activity, visiting relatives, residential moves, renovations or some other reason.

## Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Your focus on your possessions, your wealth and your assets will be stronger in the next four weeks. This is why some of you are seeking a better paying job. Others will look for ways to make money on the side? This is certainly possible because this week, you will attract money, wealth and favors to you. Bosses and important people might do something that boosts your wealth or your earning power.

## Cancer (June 21-July 22)

Once a year, the Sun is in your sign for four weeks and that time has arrived. This means it's your turn to recharge your batteries for the rest of year. This will also attract people and favorable situations to you, which is why this is such a favorable opportunity! In turn, you will feel generous to others this week. You might want to help someone less fortunate in a distant land. You might also see ways to explore opportunities in publishing, the media, the law and medicine.

## Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

Although your personal year is ending, your new year will not begin until the Sun enters your sign four weeks from now. This means, you're kind of in limbo. Actually, it's the perfect time to set goals for your new year ahead. The past year was strange with Covid restrictions; but now, your new year has promising possibilities! If there's anything you want to accomplish, be specific about defining your goals.

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

You're looking at a popular month! In the next four weeks, not only will you be more involved with friends as well as groups and organizations, but your involvement with others will benefit you. You will also interact with creative, artistic types. The next four weeks are also an excellent window to bounce your hopes and dreams off someone to get their feedback. You might encourage people to think big or achieve an ambitious goal. Bosses and people in power are willing to listen to you.

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

Once a year, the Sun sits at the top of your chart for four weeks shining down on you - casting you in a flattering spotlight. It's a favorable situation and it has arrived! This is why you will look good to bosses, parents, teachers, VIPs and the police. Since this influence actually exists for you, obviously, the next four weeks are the perfect time for you to make your pitch and do what you can to advance your agenda.

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

In the next four weeks, you have wanderlust! With Covid restrictions lifting, some of you will book a flight to grab a change of scenery and explore adventure! You want to learn something and be stimulated! However, this same influence will also bring opportunities in medicine, the law, publishing, the media and anything to do with higher education. You might also become romantically involved with someone "different".

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

You will be more passionate about everything in the next four weeks. Romance will be passionate. Issues will be passionate. And in particular, you will be passionate about assets, shared property and the wealth of someone else. If you're negotiating how to divide something, you'll come out smelling like a rose. Obviously, this means the next four weeks are an excellent time to negotiate mortgages, loans and financial arrangements.

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

It's that time of year when you need more sleep. Grab some cat naps in the next four weeks. You will find that your focus on partners and close friends will also intensify. And yet, you will have more objectivity to see these relationships more realistically and to see your role in them. This means you can see how you can improve your style of relating to others - major bonus. Your sex drive will be amped as well.

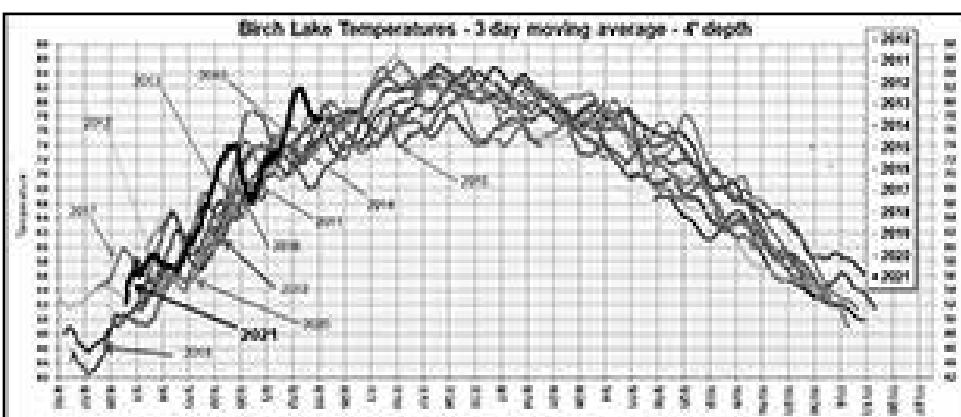
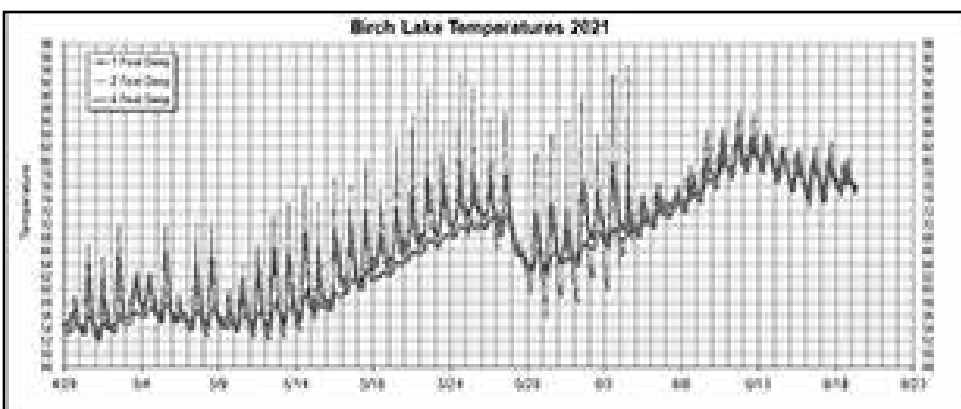
## Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

It's time to sit up and be a person. You intend to be organized, productive and efficient in everything you do. You will derive great pleasure from making this effort to work smart. Naturally, this will spill over into other areas of your life and you will decide to go on a diet, eat healthier, drink less and exercise more.

## Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)

Lucky you! Planetary configurations now guarantee you a fun-loving four weeks ahead! Yay me! The bottom line is you want to have a good time! Take a vacation if you can. If not, take a mini-vacation on weekends. Enjoy sports events, playful activities with kids, romantic interludes, the arts and any chance to express your creative urges. Romance will definitely blossom. New love is possible for some of you, while existing romantic relationships will become even more affectionate and thrilling. Fear not, you won't forget work. In fact, you'll have lots of energy to work hard. (Impressive!)

# Birch Lake Environmental Data



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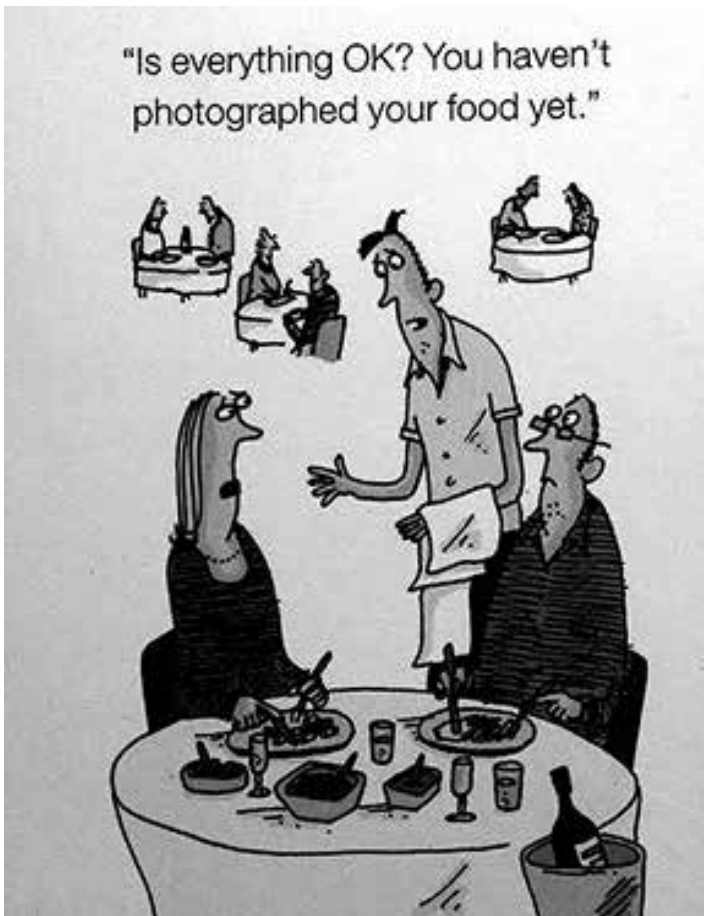
## The Moon for this Saturday

(At Midnight, US Central time, as viewed from the Northern Hemisphere)  
Illuminated Fraction: 0.910  
2.5 days after full moon



Sunrise: 06:07:11 AM  
Sunset: 21:23:00 PM  
Moonrise: 23:37:05 PM  
Moonset: 07:52:31 AM  
Daylight: 15 Hr 15 Min 48 Sec

# Birch Barker Funnies





# ~Birch Lake Recipes~



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

## Hawaiian salad

**G**reat crowd salad. Drain fruit several hours in colander before mixing with marshmallows.

prep: 10 mins  
additional: 4 hrs  
total: 4 hrs 10 mins  
Servings: 10

### Ingredients:

- 1 (30 ounce) can fruit cocktail, drained thoroughly
- 1 (20 ounce) can pineapple chunks, drained thoroughly
- 1 (8 ounce) can mandarin oranges, drained thoroughly
- 1 (10.5 ounce) package miniature



marshmallows

- 1 (24 ounce) container sour cream

### Directions:

- Step 1 Mix fruit cocktail, pineapple, mandarin oranges, and - marshmallows together in a large bowl; add sour cream and stir to coat fruit completely.
- Step 2 - Refrigerate 4 hours to overnight.

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# — Camp Tannadoonah —

**W**eek Two is underway at Camp Tannadoonah – in fact, by the time you read this we'll be getting ready to send them all home! We have 100 campers here this week – 61 overnight and 39 day campers.

We have more day campers this summer than we have ever had before. In a “typical” (non Covid) summer, we have around 12 to 20 day campers each week. This summer, we have an average of 33 each week! Some of the kids are here for day camp all summer – we have a consistent group of about 15 who are here all, or most, of the sessions this summer.

It's Tuesday morning as I write this article, and today at camp – like every Tuesday – is Tie Dye Tuesday! We do a variety of different tie dye projects over the summer, including traditional tie dye, ice dye, reverse tie dye (where you use bleach on a dark shirt), and today they're using hot glue to draw patterns on their shirts before dyeing them. After you wash out the dye, you can peel the hot glue off and it leaves behind an undyed area on the fabric! It's always exciting to see the results of the kids' creativity!

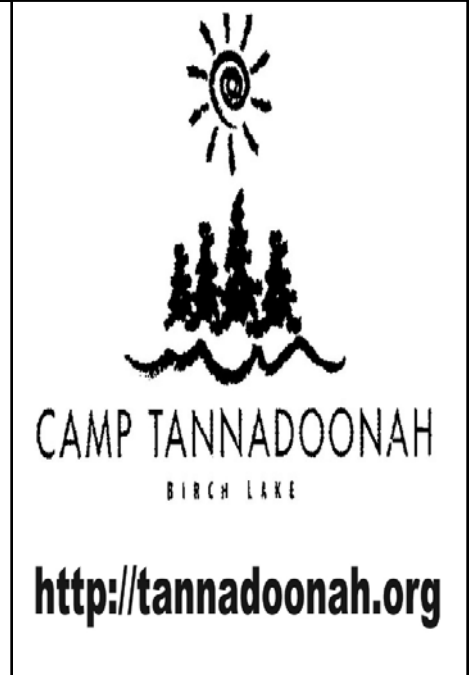
Like many businesses, we have had a hard time finding enough staff this summer. In particular, we could use a few more college-age male counselors. If you know anyone (18 and older) who is

looking for summer work, send them our way! We would be happy to work around people's schedules, or have people who can only work a week or two.

Ranger Mike and Mr. Bill (my Dad) have been working on lots of projects around camp these past few weeks, including rebuilding the screened porch on the Nurse's cabin, and building a new porch by the staff lounge on Main Lodge. And they've been handling all the things that pop up around camp once we are back in full swing – water leaks, electrical problems, tree branches down, you name it!

I'd like to give a HUGE shoutout to Tom Mosier (east side), who helped us repair an underground water leak last week. He brought out equipment and manpower, and dug up the leaky pipe and repaired the problem for us at no cost to camp. We are so grateful for Tom's help anytime we have water issues at camp. Thank you Tom!

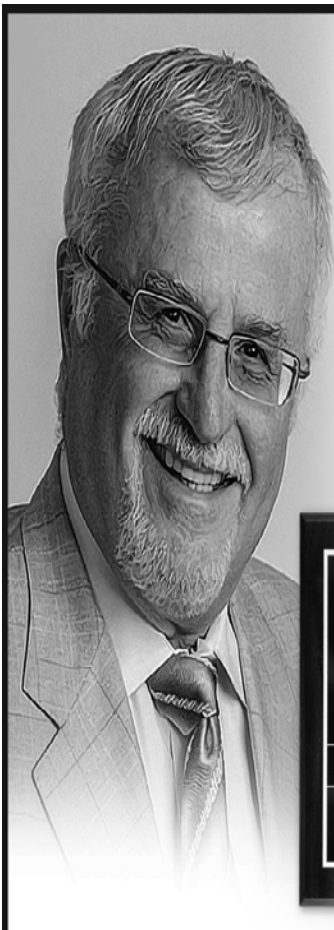
We're just over a week away from the return of the Pancake Breakfast at Camp Tannadoonah. Bring your family and friends out to camp Sunday morning, July 4 from 8:30-11 am, for an all-you-can-eat pancakes and sausage breakfast! Cost is \$5 for ages 10 and older; \$2 for ages 5-10, and free for kids 4 and younger. We will have outdoor seating options, and carry out options. All of our staff and volunteers working in



the kitchen will be fully vaccinated. We will have camp apparel and other items available to purchase at the Trading Post.

All proceeds from the Pancake Breakfast will go to the Morris Lodge restoration project. When you're here for the breakfast, go take a look at the progress on Morris so far! It's looking AMAZING! Hope to see you all on Sunday the 4th.

~Mrs. Amber



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



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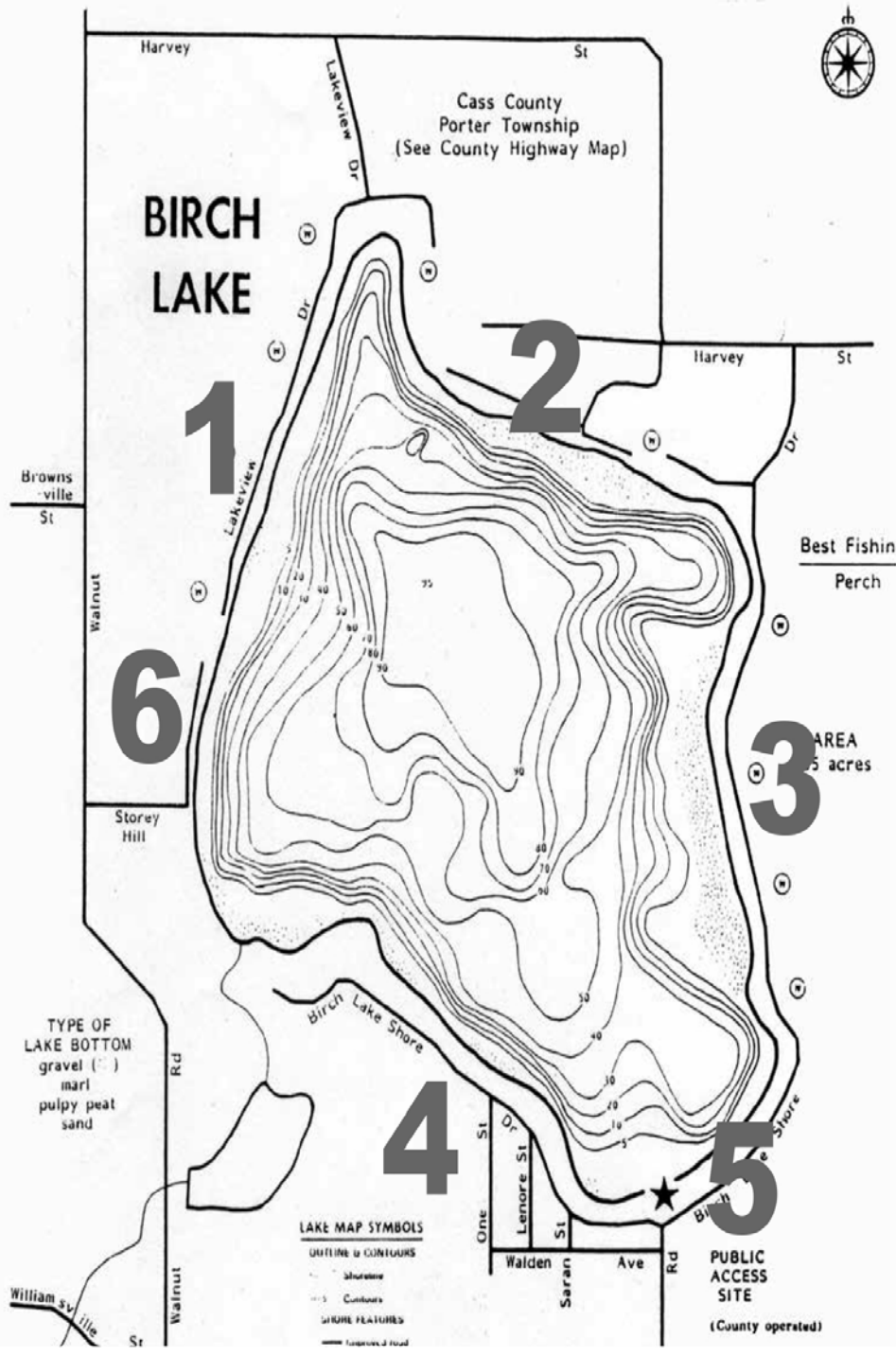


# EMERGENCY HEART DEFIBRILLATOR (AED) locations on Birch Lake

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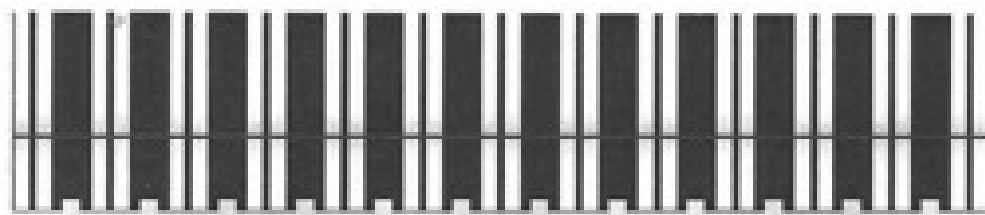
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