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LABOR DAY**

**The  
Weekend  
Of**

**Sept 4,  
2021**

# *Birch Barker*

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



*Yet another tree fell on Birch Road Sunday during the afternoon storm. Thanks to Bill Luecht (east side) for the pic.*

## **COMMODORE'S COMMENTS**

Is there anything more depressing for a child than Labor Day weekend?

Especially when the new school year starts the very next day? As a girl growing up, my family spent the summers on Eagle Lake in Edwardsburg. That meant from Memorial Day weekend straight through Labor Day weekend. Three blissful months of pure joy. The days started off so slowly, and the end of summer seemed far off. And yet, it always ended, way too soon.

The Labor Day weekend always saw at least some guests at the lake, and often overnight. But by early Monday, all non-family had cleared out and it was just my parents and my siblings, 11 of us. It always felt like there was so much work to do: all the packing up, stripping of beds, and cleaning when the lake was still beckoning. We had two cars that had to fit all

our family and the packed contents of clothing, food and other essentials that had to at least get us through the first week.

The holiday weekends often had cool weather and felt more like fall than the last summer weekend. Sometimes it rained, which was miserable. All we really wanted was one more swim, one more race to the raft, one more chance to work on our tans with the radio blaring, one more sail, one more delicious grilled dinner, one more night up in the sleeping loft with sisters sharing stories late into the night, one more root beer float on the front porch, one more game of badminton or Jarts, or one more opportunity to spy, with my sisters, on the neighbor boys. But it did all come to an end and we resolved that the summer just passed was the best one ever spent at the cottage.

Whether you are staying longer at the lake or are saying your goodbyes, take advantage of every moment of the weekend. The sailors will be competing in the

## **2021**

### **Birch Lake Calendar\***

**September 5** - Labor Day flotilla, (PAGE 2)

September 8 - Sailing awards, 1 pm,  
Russwurms' (north side)

**Oct. 16** - Crockpot Challenge (tentative)

#### **BLYC BOARD MEETING**

Sept. 11, 9 am @ BLYC

*For info, and open dates to rent the Birch Lake Yacht Club building, contact Sandy Vitale at 269-476-1680 or 269-858-8184.*

Labor Day Regatta with races on Saturday and Sunday, with Monday as a makeup day. Sunday, at 6 pm head out to the middle of the lake and join the Flotilla party – a great way to enjoy your Birch neighbors. There is so much more to enjoy at the lake; I hope you can fit it all in.

The Birch Barker will entertain ads and editorial items for publication. E-mail to 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 Tuesday of the week before the publication. Contact Editor Phil at online-barker@gmail.com, or at 476-1680 (no text). Contact Commodore Barb Cassady, call 317-506-1680 or email bcassady@holycrossvillage.com

# — Birch Lake Notes —

Last Friday, co-chairs Denny Weesner and Ronda Eshleman hosted the Ladies Luncheon and Style Show. Thank you for their hard work, and thanks to all the models and other volunteers. The last event, currently slated for this fall is the Crockpot Challenge. I hope you will join us for that on October 16 (details in the Barker.)

And as I close, I'd like to take this chance to thank Bob Waddle. Bob is retiring from more than a decade of volunteering with the Birch Lake community. Whether it was maintaining the inside and outside of our yacht club by cleaning toilets, power washing the deck, making repairs, and a host of other duties; to picking up the printed Barkers and distributing them to the folks that delivered them to your mailboxes, even handling two routes himself; to taking wonderful photos at so many yacht club events; Bob your help will be missed. But, as Bob said, "It's time," and yes Bob, we are thankful for all you've done to make our community here at Birch Lake such a great one.

Have a great Labor Day weekend, and for some of you, see you next summer!

~Commodore Barb Cassady

## Ladies Style Show and Luncheon

Last Friday, 55 Birch Lake ladies attended the Style Show and Luncheon at the Wood Fire Trattoria in Dowagiac. Six beautiful ladies modeled fall fashions

from The Marshall Shop in Dowagiac. The models were Blair Garceau, Traci Limes, Claudia Phipps, Jan Temple, Jeannie Welch and Sue Williams. A special thank you to Denny Weesner for planning and coordinating the event. From all the positive comments, we hope this can become an annual tradition! Photos of this event are on page 10.

## Labor Day Weekend Flotilla

Sunday, Sept. 5, 6 pm. Due to the past successful flotillas, let's do it again! Meet in the middle of the lake with your boat. Bring an Appetizer. Boats will be tied together and we will walk from boat to boat sharing food and camaraderie. Look for the boats in middle!

## Road closing notice

A large tree is scheduled to be removed on the South side by the park on Sept 8 at 9 am. Rain date would move it to Sept 9, same time. Road will be closed from 9 am to 1 pm. Please plan accordingly.

## Crockpot Challenge

Let's talk about the BLYC Crockpot Challenge! We have a tentative date set for the event on October 16.

You may submit entries of either savory or sweet, or both. Not sure about sweet? Check Pinterest for ideas!

Participants Only: Arrival time at 5:30

pm. Please be on time! Bring extension cords, and utensils.

## DO NOT I.D. YOUR CROCKPOT!!

Arrival time for the following will be 5:45 pm to allow setup time for the crockpots: Hors d'oeuvres and toppings (crackers, cheese, diced onion, breads, butter, etc.)

Non crockpot challenge desserts (i.e. Julie's Cookies ... HAHHAHA!) set on table provided. Good idea to I.D. your dishes.

BYOB: we will be using any leftover beer and wine, but it will be unknown how much will be available after the previous events. If it is available, we will offer it.

Guests arrival time 6 pm! NO EARLY ENTRIES to eat. Get your voting ballots at the door as you come in.

Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places in each category.

At 6:15 pm EATING BEGINS!

Scoring and prizes at approximately 7:15 pm. There will be a Basket Raffle and 50/50 drawings. Watch the Barker for any updates. Any questions call Bad Patty at 317-605-6421.

All of this depends on the COVID 19 virus and whether or not we would feel comfortable enough to host this event. ~BP

## The Birch Barker

This the last printed Birch Barker of the year. It has been a pleasure to have been able to provide it every week. Thanks so much to all of the people who



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# — Birch Lake Notes —

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contributed to this effort, including all of the regular writers and photographers, as well as all of the readers who sent in items for publication.

Thanks to Apollo Printing for a great year, and thanks to the entire distribution crew who every week saw to the delivery to every home around the lake, and special thanks to Bob and Sue Waddle who picked up the Barker every week at the printer, distributed them to the delivery people all over the lake, and even delivered two east-side routes every week. Bob also shot most of the photos at Birch Lake events that appeared in the Barker throughout the summer. Bob and Sue have announced their retirement at the end of this year, so we are looking for volunteers to step up and take over any/all of the jobs they have done; next summer we need help! We'll need someone to pick up the Barker at the printer every week, distribute the correct number to the delivery crews; we also need someone (or some people) to take photos at events. If you can out, please contact me at 476-1680 or email [onlinebarker@gmail.com](mailto:onlinebarker@gmail.com), or Commodore Barb Cassady at 317-506-1680 or email [bcassady@holycrossvillage.com](mailto:bcassady@holycrossvillage.com).

Hopefully the Online Barker will begin monthly publication with electronic delivery during the first week (or so) of every month beginning in October. If you are not already signed up to receive the notifications, or if you have changed your email address in the recent past, please email me at [onlinebarker@gmail.com](mailto:onlinebarker@gmail.com) so I can update your information.

Hope you all have a great off season. See you next summer.

~PV

### Correction

It has come to my attention that due to a computer glitch, the caption under the photo on the cover of last week's Barker had the names of the young ladies on the floatie in the wrong order. Not entirely sure but I think the correct order should have been Abby Anderson, Avery Meneghin, Zoe Grove, Vivian Anderson, Ava Grove and Elyse Grundy. I apologize for the error.

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## Awards luncheon Sept. 12, 1 pm, Russwurms' deck!

**C**ORRECTION!!! SAILING LUNCH IS SUNDAY SEPT 12, 1 PM AT RUSSWURMS' ON NORTH SIDE!!

Well the regular sailing season is complete. Sunday was a good sailing adventure. We had three races in both MC and Sunfish fleets. There were seven MCs and eight Sunfish that participated. It was gusty at times, and a couple sunfish

boats went over. Thanks to Tom Cassady for being our rescue crew. On Committee Boat were Deb Hall, Good Patti and Bad Patty.

Labor Day Regatta will be Saturday and Sunday. Hopefully, there will be enough wind to do two days of racing. Sail on!

**Fleet Captain (almost done), Bill**  
(and ghostwriter BP)



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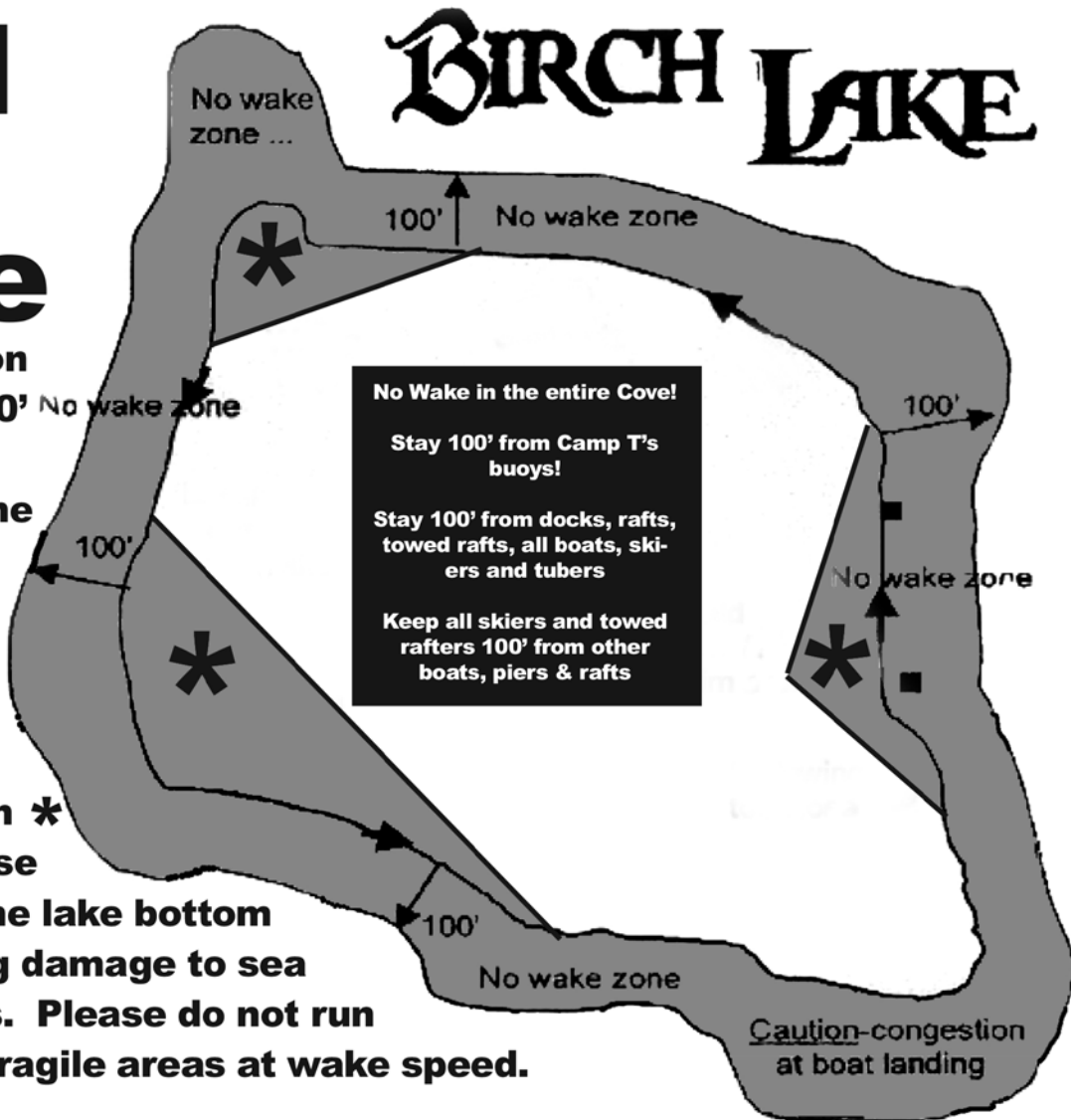
## BLYC Season Standings to date

Date	29-Aug	29-Aug	29-Aug	Total	Point	Races	%
Race	22	23	24	Points	Average	Finished	Finished
<b>MC Scow/Sailor</b>	<b>Total MC Races=&gt;</b>			<b>24</b>			
Scott Troeger #1489	1	DNS	DNS	26590	1564	16	67%
Barb Cassady #2506	3	1	1	32346	1540	21	88%
Bill Luecht #1579	4	2	3	34623	1443	24	100%
Phil Vitale #500	DNS	DNS	DNS	2817	1409	2	8%
Pat Welch #1979	2	3	2	25059	1392	17	71%
Bob King #1199	DNS	DNS	DNS	1369	1369	1	4%
Pat McGann #1735	5	4	4	24581	1366	16	67%
Amber Grundy	6	5	5	24865	1309	19	79%
Sandy Vitale	7	6	6	26090	1242	21	88%
<b>Sunfish/Sailor</b>	<b>Total Sunfish Races=&gt;</b>			<b>24</b>			
Peter Soldato	DNS	DNS	DNS	4644	1548	3	13%
Rick Russwurm	1	2	1	33950	1543	22	92%
Scott Temple	DNS	DNS	DNS	23225	1452	16	67%
Steve Frew	2	1	5	30187	1437	20	83%
Stewart Spratt	4	3	2	29517	1406	21	88%
Bob Niezgodski	3	5	6	29233	1329	22	92%
Herb Cleveland	5	4	4	30531	1327	22	92%
Amy Troeger	DNS	DNS	DNS	3681	1227	3	13%
Tammy Walls	7	DNF	DNS	5944	1189	4	17%
Jeff Walls	6	DNF	3	21254	1181	16	67%
Pat McGann	DNS	DNS	DNS	4701	1175	4	17%
Camille Butler	8	6	7	23010	1151	20	83%

**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 last place (if 5 boats started the race, will be scored as 5th 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.

### Mind your wake

**\* In addition to the 100' no wake zones around the lakeshores, all boats should produce no wakes in the shallow areas marked with an \* ... wakes in these areas disturb the lake bottom and are causing damage to sea walls and yards. Please do not run through these fragile areas at wake speed. Thank you!**



# — Water Quality Report —

## End of summer 2021

**Y**ou might have noticed over the summer the listing and presenting of what we call the 6 commandments. These are issues and concerns and activities that we as lake dwellers should keep in mind as we further develop our properties and use the lake. We want to maintain this lake in as pristine and safe condition as we can, and believe that attention to these commandments will help permit this. Articles, explaining each of the 6 commandments, can be found in six of this summer's previous Barkers. Further questions or comments can be directed to Paul Fallon, or any other member of the Water Quality Committee.

We have talked about the shoreline extensively, as it is both a buffer to what happens on the land as well as the ecological contact between water and earth. The buffer part is to keep things we do not want to get into the lake out of the lake and the ecological contact part is that a lot of the animals both large and small rely on a shoreline habitat for reproduction, early development, food sources, and shelter. Please look at the two web sites listed below as you think about what you might do to enhance your shoreline next year etc. ([www.mishorelandstewards.org](http://www.mishorelandstewards.org) and [www.mishorelinepartnership.org](http://www.mishorelinepartnership.org)).

As we tidy up this fall, some may want to do a little burning by the side of the road or (horrors) close to the lake. Should you feel absolutely compelled to do this, and we would encourage you to NOT do it, please, after the fire goes out, sweep up the ashes and bag them for the trash. The alternative is after the next rain we will experience the effect of those ashes heading to the lake as ready to use fertilizer and minerals that will enhance extra plant growth.

Our role on the Water Quality Committee is somewhat simple in premise.

(A) Survey the lake for invasive species and if something can be done about them to advertise this to the lake and set the proper procedures in motion. This is most evident for the Eurasian milfoil that would be clogging many acres of the lake in the absence of this. Sorry there is nothing we can do about zebra mussels, but they have declined on their own the past few years. They can just as well

rebound. We are closely monitoring both starry stonewort and hydrilla, two truly nasty invasives should they get into the lake. Tell friends you know that bring their boats from other lakes to make sure they properly clean them before launching them here. Also, should you take a boat or kayak to another lake, please properly clean it before placing it back in Birch.

(B) Monitor the lake for evidence of increasing levels of nutrients that will age the lake prematurely and report on this to the lake community.

(C) Ascertain the safety of the lake waters for the recreational activities we all enjoy and wish to have our children and grandchildren enjoy now and in the future.

(D) Educate the community about, and seek help from the community in addressing, our activities and causes for concern.

In the future, just take some time to truly try and be aware of the lake. Especially in the spring when the water is clear, cruise around the shallows and drop offs and look at the diversity of plant life that exists in different parts of the lake. Keep pathways for the turtles to come ashore and lay their eggs. Provide cover at the shoreline for small fish to hide in, insects to come to, and frogs to lurk when the insects are around. Grab some decaying material from the bottom and put in a white pan and watch the life that springs from this. Have your kids try to learn the names of some of the aquatic plants. Hopefully, you can think of even more ways to become better aware of, and learn more about, our lake.

Commandment #6, explained in a very recent Barker, referred to the need for adequate donations to fund our Water Quality [WQ] program. As stated, should we ever run meaningfully short, likely our only option would be to request the township establish a Special Assessment District [SAD], which, once in place, the TOWNSHIP would run with OUR TAX dollars. Virtually all other Michigan lakes that are treated for invasive species [like Birch Lake is] are financed by SADs, so we are truly unique. It is a huge blessing indeed that we have, ever since we started incurring substantial expense fighting invasives in 2007, survived on dona-



tions alone. Due to the past and current generosity [thank you very much] of the minority, we have paid our bills and have some reserves. Unfortunately, we don't and can't know if we have enough. We do know that more, and tougher invasives are coming our way, that much of our Eurasian milfoil is hybridizing, and that a particularly challenging invasive, Starry Stonewort, is now only a few hundred feet away, in the millpond into which our lake drains. This year 95 families [two more than last year] contributed for water quality efforts. The amount per family was again certainly generous and commendable. Those giving are to be congratulated and we are pleased that the number of those contributing did actually go up slightly. What continues to disappoint, however, is that over 130 families [almost 60%] did not contribute at all! [ You don't have to be a member of the Yacht Club or the Homeowners' Association to donate to the ONE CAUSE that ALL of us, undisputedly, have in common and benefit from.] Come on, would you that aren't doing so, please write a meaningful check, every year, for water quality? It's in everybody's best interests. There is no good excuse for not all pulling together on this one.

Thank you and best wishes to all for a safe and happy fall, winter and spring!

**THANKS, and  
PLEASE PASS THE WORD**

### THE SIX COMMANDMENTS OF BIRCH LAKE WATER QUALITY

I. Thou shalt prevent the spread of Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS)

II. Thou shalt minimize surface runoff

III. Thou shalt minimize the effects of waves

IV. Thou shalt protect and expand Natural Shorelines

V. Thou shalt not allow phosphorus, nutrients, and other undesirable chemical elements to enter our lake

VI. Thou shalt remain informed and active about other Water Quality issues

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# — Barker Kids of the Week —

Calvin and Elizabeth King (son and daughter-in-law of Bob and Leslie King, north side) renewed their vows in Minnesota two weekends ago after being forced to curtail their original wedding plans last year by the pandemic protocols. Several Birch Lakers were in attendance, including Bob & Les, Neil Troeger (who served as a groomsman), and Phil and Sandy Vitale. Calvin's 27th birthday was also last week (August 27), so congratulations and happy Birthday Cal. photo by Chuck Horn



South side kids having fun (from left to right) Harper Fillenwarth, John Machalleck, Nick Fillenwarth. John Machalleck is the grandson of Mike and Katha Machalleck. Harper & Nick are Kim and Steve Fillenwarth's kids. The Machalleck's and Fillenwarth's are neighbors and enjoy seeing the kids having fun!

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# — Barker Kids of the Week —



*Jack, Luke, and Adelyn Carey (cove) taking the long, but fun, way to Birch Lake after a flight cancellation.*



*Sherman (yup, named after the tank!) Fillenwarth (south side), a black French Bulldog that isn't sure he likes being "in the water," but he always enjoys the wonderful lake breeze blowing on his face while on the boat!*

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Jim Bradfield (south side) celebrated his 88th birthday with family and friends last week at Jimmy's. A barker kid at heart!

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# — BLYC Fashion Show —





# YOUR HOROSCOPE

## Aries (March 21-April 19)

This is a productive week for you and you'll be so busy accomplishing things, you will start delegating to others. Midweek, you might feel less energetic for 48 hours. You might be confused about your motivation; or perhaps your energy will feel low. Whatever the case, don't worry about this because it's temporary. This is a lovely week to deal with those who are closest to you because your exchanges with others will be spontaneous.

## Taurus (April 20-May 20)

Lucky you! This week you're in play mode! Grab every chance to enjoy the company of others and explore social outings including playful activities with kids. Sports events will appeal. If you are in competitive sports events, know that in midweek you might feel less energetic. This might also be a confusing time for romance. Of course, all is not "play and no work" - you will be very hands-on when it comes to your job. In part, this is because coworkers are supportive.

## Gemini (May 21-June 20)

Some kind of chaotic or demanding situation at home requires your attention. Be aware of what's going on because there might be an element of confusion, especially midweek. Take care of what you can and focus on the needs of a parent. Meanwhile, enjoy fun activities with kids and opportunities to enjoy the arts and the entertainment world. Fun possibilities for this week

## Cancer (June 21-July 22)

Your fast-pace continues! Not only are you keen to learn new information about something (this is a great time to study); you want to enlighten people about what you know. You're enthusiastic something. Be aware that you might encounter some kind of hesitation or confusion that makes you second guess yourself. Meanwhile, issues at home are positive. You're interested in DIY projects and repairs at home as well as redecorating.

## Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

Money continues to be a major focus for you. Money, earnings, cash flow, and also your possessions. This might also involve a major purchase? Be careful midweek, you might be confused about something. If this is the case, do not act. Don't make a financial error on a bad hunch. Your urge to communicate to others is strong now. This is why you're eager to talk to siblings, relatives, neighbors and friends. This same influence will make you just as eager to read and learn new information, or write and share information with others.

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

This continues to be a powerful time for you. Admittedly, midweek you might be confused about something and not sure whether or not to act push your agenda. If you have doubts - do nothing. Better safe than sorry. Meanwhile, trust your moneymaking ideas and be confident in your financial negotiations with others. When shopping, you will want to buy pretty things for yourself and others.

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

Messages are coming your way this week. You have something to say! You feel more sociable and friendly with everyone. In fact, this week is the perfect time to make peace with others, especially if you have been at odds or fighting. Of course, you excel at bringing people with differing views to the point where they find a common ground.

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

This continues to be a popular time for you, which is why people will seek you out. Someone might want your advice. Almost certainly, you will take a leadership role in a group or an organization. You might be involved in some kind of competition with someone at this time. If so, be aware that your energy could be challenged midweek. Meanwhile, your ability to research is enhanced. You might ferret out secrets. Speaking of which, some of you are involved in a secret love affair.

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

This week it's important to know that you have an advantage, so that you can use it to advance your agenda with bosses, parents, teachers and VIPs. However, do not press your case on Wed. and Thurs. because everything will be "weaker" for you. Just tread water. Meanwhile, interactions with younger, creative, talented people will likely enrich your life in some way. Be receptive to this.

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

This continues to be a great time to study or do anything to expand your grasp of politics, religion and social issues. Your desire to learn and broaden your horizons is strong this week. Therefore, grab every chance to travel and learn new things to satisfy your sense of adventure and your desire to expand your knowledge of the world. Discussions with parents and bosses will be successful.

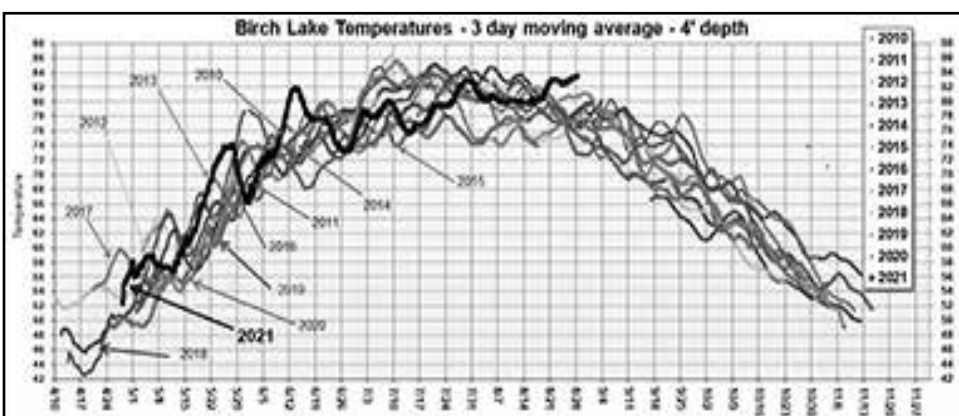
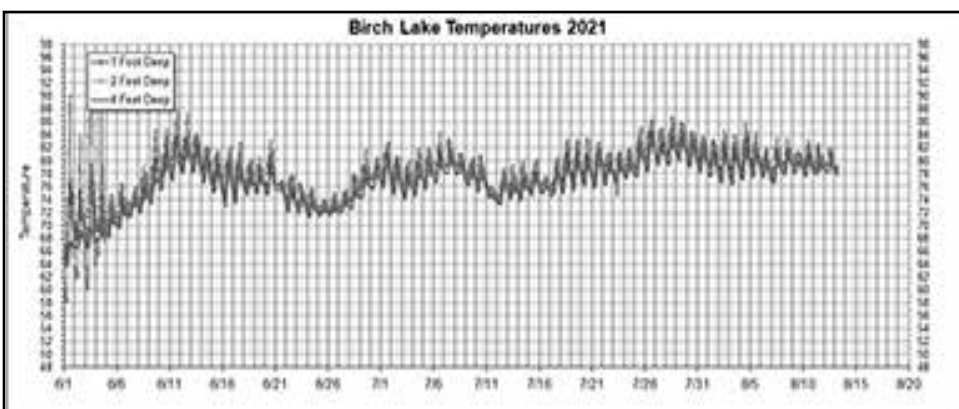
## Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

This could be a tricky week when it comes to financial negotiations. In one way, you are confident and strong; however, midweek, you might feel confused about financial negotiations or about pressing your case. If so, do not act. Wait until everything is clear and obvious to you. Midweek something could be confusing or misleading. Meanwhile, travel appeals! Especially travel for pleasure and good times.

## Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)

Remember that at this time, you will need more sleep than usual. Partnerships are important for you now. In fact, with the Sun opposite your sign, you have more objectivity to see your style of relating in your closest relationships. Meanwhile, keep your pockets open because both Mercury and Venus will attract money, gifts and favors from others to you. This includes cash! This week is an excellent time to ask for a loan or mortgage. This is also a passionate, romantic week. New relationships that begin now will be powerful - and memorable! Nevertheless, be patient with others.

# 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: 0.036  
1.7 days before new moon

**New moon**

**Sunrise: 07:10:26 AM**

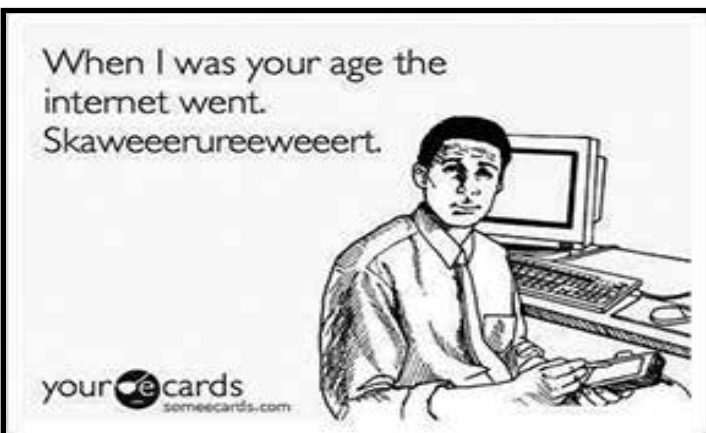
**Sunset: 20:11:34 PM**

**Moonrise: 04:09:45 AM**

**Moonset: 19:27:28 PM**

**Daylight: 13 Hr 01 Min 07 Sec**

# Birch Barker Funnies







# ~Birch Lake Recipes~



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

## Blueberry oatmeal breakfast bars

**T**hese breakfast bars are quick and easy to make. They freeze well and can be made with many combinations of fruits and nuts. Make these and freeze them for a quick breakfast on the go.

**Original recipe yields 8 servings**

### Ingredients

- 1 cup whole oats
- 1 cup oat flour
- ½ cup brown sugar
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon baking soda
- ½ cup almond milk
- 2 eggs
- ¼ cup melted butter
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 cup fresh blueberries
- ½ cup chopped walnuts

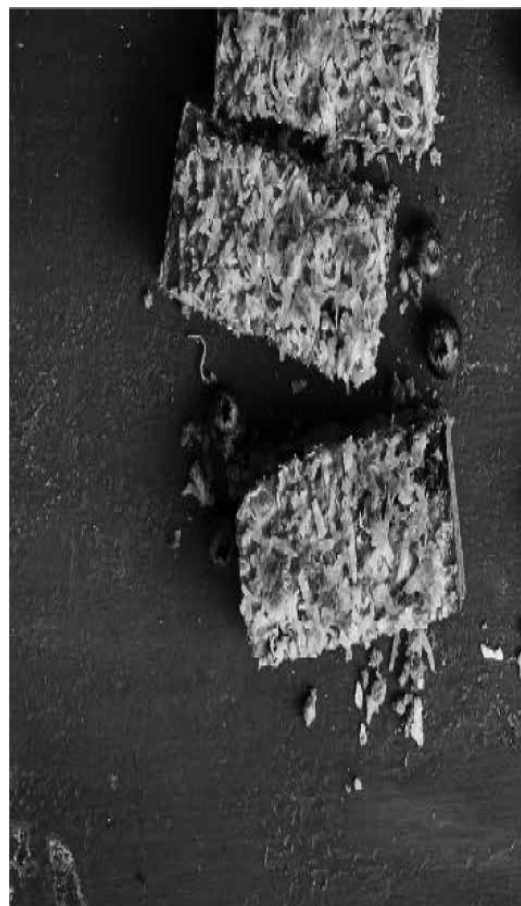
- 1 cup shredded coconut (Optional)

### Directions

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Grease an 8-inch square pan.

Combine whole oats, oat flour, brown sugar, salt, and baking soda together in a bowl. Stir in almond milk, eggs, butter, and vanilla extract until well combined. Fold in blueberries and walnuts. Spread mixture into prepared square pan; top with shredded coconut.

Bake in the preheated oven until edges are golden and coconut is brown; about 35 minutes. Cool in the pan for 10 minutes before cutting into squares.



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# — Camp Tannadoonah —

## Hoping for more “normal”

**H**ard to believe the summer has come and gone. We're looking ahead to summer of 2022 and hoping things will be more “normal” next year. We plan to open Camp registration for 2022 in early October, so if you're planning to send campers, be on the lookout for that email.

Last week, Mr. Adam, our camp director for these past 2 summers submitted his resignation. He is moving to Florida and has taken a job as the director of Sports Medicine for an organization there. We wish him all the best in his new adventures!

Our facilities manager, Ranger Mike, has also moved on to a new position in South Bend, and we will be looking to fill his role. If you know anyone who would be interested in a full or part time role doing maintenance work and projects at camp, please send them my way!

This means we're going to be moving some staff around and having people in different roles this fall and winter as we prepare for Camp next summer. We're back into full swing with our 2 after school programs at Cassopolis Sam Adams Elementary and at Good Shepherd Montessori in South Bend. This year we

are also running a before-school program at Sam Adams every morning.

We have several rental groups scheduled at camp this fall, including the Native American Student Association from Notre Dame, two weddings, a Family Camp weekend, and our 100th Anniversary Celebration in September. Around the 1st of November, we'll start closing things down up here for the winter.

If you are interested in attending the 100th Anniversary Event, you can still register! It will be held September 24 through 26 at camp. There are options for attending the whole weekend, or just for the day on Saturday, or just for dinner on Saturday evening. Register at [givegrove.com/100years](http://givegrove.com/100years) to join us for this exciting event!

Our goal this winter is to complete the Morris Renovation project, and we'll start working on that as soon as the last group is finished at the end of October. We're excited to get started on that project!

In the winter and spring, we'll be busy hiring camp staff – and hopefully this year we will be able to hire international counselors again. It's always exciting to have staff from all around the

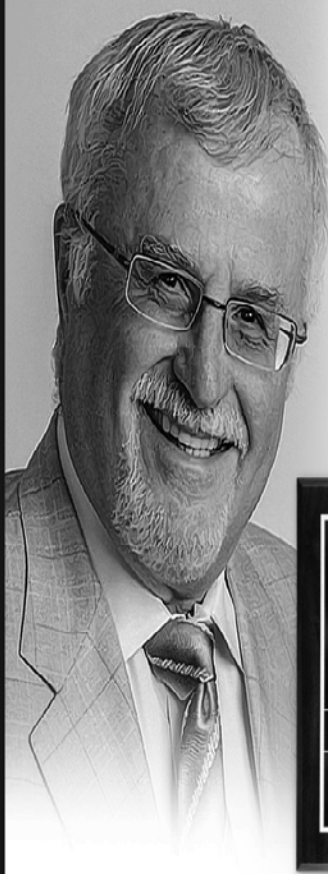


world at camp. The campers love hearing about their experiences, too, and meeting people from different places.


It never really slows down up here on the hill! Between the After School programs, Camp Tannadoonah in the summer, projects around camp, rental groups and events during the fall and spring – it all keeps us on our toes!

Hope everyone has a great fall and winter, and we look forward to seeing you all again in the spring.

~Mrs. Amber



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3



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4



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5



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Expose chest.

6



Attach pads.

7



Do not touch the patient.

8



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9



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10



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11



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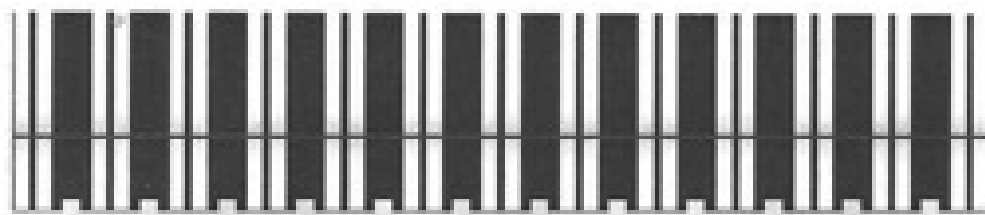


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