

The  
Weekend  
Of

July 9,  
2022

# Birch Barker

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



All nine grandkids of Amy and Matt Koscielski (Cove) celebrating the 4th of July



Tom and Barb Cassady's grandchildren (East side)



Pat McGann and his Chicken fundraiser volunteers

## COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

*Commodore's Comments #7  
July 9, 2022*

I am not sure I remember a more perfect 4th of July weekend. The weather was great which made all the many Birch Lake Yacht Club (BLYC) events that much nicer. The weekend was kicked off with the Friday Nelson's Chicken Fundraiser. The smell of the roasting chickens was intoxicating and our chicken purchases went toward a yummy cold chicken salad which my husband made for dinner.

Thanks go out to Pat McGann (East side) who chaired this event, and Dan and Sharon Waxman (East side) who once again hosted the activity. Volunteers assisting with check in were myself and husband Tom, and we had a slew of energetic, hardworking volunteers from around the lake that kept things moving efficiently: Nathan Laneman, Rachel Karceski, Chris Karceski, Charlie Morris, Cooper Petty, Connor Caplis and Carson Bays. We so appreciate that they gave up most of their holiday Friday to help the BLYC. Saturday was busy. Boats were out early with skiers and tubers taking advantage of the calm waters. Beaches were packed with those enjoying the lovely summer day. The 4th of July sailboat regatta got underway, and two races were recorded.

Later in the day a long succession of boats lined up at Dan and Sharon Waxman's (East side) pier to participate in the Boat Parade. Dan chaired the event and judging the event were Paul and Celia Fallon (East side), Jeff and Denise Smitley (North side) and Denise's sister Laura Donohue. This was the first time I had been in the boat parade, and you could tell I was a rookie because 3/4s of the way through the parade I had to ask the Grand Marshall's boat, directly ahead of us, to stop and throw us some adult beverages. They kindly did and we all happily continued on our way. It was fun seeing all the people who came out on the piers, the rafts, in the water and sitting on their boats to cheer on the parade participants.

The lake activity continued to pick up all day, finally culminating in the fireworks that started at dusk. Was it just me or did that show seem longer and even more spectacular than last year? Thanks to chair Chas Grundy (East side) who once again made all the arrangements for a successful show. Camp Tannadoonah gets huge kudos for again hosting the fireworks launch site. We also thank the Newberg Township Fire Department for being on hand. BLYC was able to put on this amazing show because of the great financial support of so many who donated to the Fireworks Fund. We raised more than our goal and so we already have a good start for the 2023 show. Well done donors!

## 2022

### Birch Lake Calendar

**July 22 - Ladies' Golf Outing**, Diamond Lake Golf Course, 9 am, Luncheon, See P 10

**July 23 - Family Picnic**, BLYC, See P3

**July 23 - Five Lakes MC Regatta**, Indian Lake, details tba

**July 29 - Mens Golf**, Pine View., 1:30 pm shotgun start, dinner & awards following P9

**Aug. 6 - Corn & Sausage Roast**, 5:30-7 pm, BLYC

**Aug. 20 - Fall Dinner**, BLYC, See P5

**Aug. 26 - Birch Lake Ladies Style Show & Luncheon**, Woodfire, Dowagiac, See P 2

**Sept 11 - Sailing Awards**, Frew's house

**Sept 17 - Crockpot Challenge**, 6 pm, more details tba

### BLYC BOARD MEETINGS

July 9, August 6, and Sept. 10

All meetings start at 9 am @ BLYC

Sunday's Pancake Breakfast at Camp Tannadoonah was organized, efficient, and tasty. Whoever made the coffee, nice job! The Camp Store was open for business, and we bought some really nice t-shirts. Thanks to Camp Director Amber Grundy (East side) and your volunteers for offering this fun event for the lake families. There was much more lake activity and again the weather was breezy and hot but not sweltering so the lake got a workout. No sailing Sunday but the regatta wrapped up

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# — Birch Lake Notes —

on Monday with two more races. Thanks to Committee Boat volunteers Bad Patty Luecht (East side), Deb Hall (Cove) and Deb's friend Lori Tobias for Saturday races and Tom Cassady and Vic Jones (East side) for Monday races. We all appreciate that you give up many weekend hours so the sailors can compete.

Monday late afternoon I was outside and ran into two sets of neighbors who were all stating they were exhausted. I know this was because we all were so busy the entire weekend doing what we do best at Birch Lake: getting out and doing lake stuff and just being with friends and family. And one last thank you: to Phil Vitale for a beautiful 4th of July Barker newsletter. You put many weekly hours into its production and we are fortunate to have such a professional publication. And thanks to the team that gets the Barker to the delivery folks who in turn get it in your mailbox. So many doing such great work. Have a great week and I hope you can sneak in a nap!

Take care, be safe, and I'll see you out on the lake.

~Commodore Barb Cassady

## Birch Lake Flotilla

Thursday July 14 – 6 pm

Due to past successful flotillas, let's do it again! Meet in the middle of the lake with your boat. Boats will be tied together

and we will walk from boat to boat sharing food and camaraderie. Bring an Appetizer.

## Ladies Style Show and Luncheon

Mark your calendars for the Birch Lake Ladies Style Show and Luncheon on Friday, August 26. Lunch will begin at 11 am at the Wood Fire Trattoria in Dowagiac. Six lovely Birch Lake ladies will be modeling fashions from the Marshall Shoppe. Ticket information will be available soon.

## Yacht Club building use

To make arrangements to use the BLYC building, contact Sandy Vitale at 269-476-1680 or 269-858-8184.

## The Printed Birch Barker

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Contact Phil Vitale for more information. Deadline for any given week is noon on Tuesday prior to the weekend of publication.

## WE DID IT! Birch Lake Yacht Club FIREWORKS FUND



July 4

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# — Birch Lake Notes —

## Birch Lake Boat Parade

Saturday was a perfect day for a Boat Parade at Birch Lake.

Coach Doba served as a GRAND Grand Marshal. He looked regal on the Welsh pontoon, leading the way for the decorated boats to honor his reign.

A little breeze, lots of sun and a record number of boats (14) registered at the Waxman dock for a trip around the lake. The boats were full of joy and families, and one even had a caboose.

This year's theme was "A Song that Reminds You of Birch Lake." Here are the entries (in registration numerical order):

1. Cassady family – Margaritaville – winning them the "Coolest Beverage" Award
2. Runser Family – Beers and Sunshine – awarded the "Only BS We Need" Award
3. Henderson/Wozny/Fredlake Family – You're Welcome – "The Most Polite Boat" Award
4. Cover Family – All Summer Long - "The Best Season I" Award
5. Dugan Family – Ninety's Theme

(with a lot of purple balloons) They received the "Party Like it's 1999" Award

6. Forte Family – What Time is it? "The Only Tandem on Birch Lake" Award
7. Walls Family – Summertime in Southern Michigan earned them the "Best (and only) Bribe" Award
8. Scofield Family – Our House "Multi-generational Award"
9. McGann Family – All Summer Long "The Best Season II" Award
10. Magro Family – Baby Shark "The Most Unforgettable Song" Award
11. Foos Family – Camp Tannadoonah Songs "Best Camp Boat" Award (great construction of steps, Foos Family!)
12. Sankey – Sponge Bob "Most Bubbly Characters" Award (the bubble machine for effect)
13. Iams Family – Encanto "We Don't Talk About Bruno" Award
14. Grove Family – Somebody to Love Best 'The' Award

Thanks and congratulations to all the participants. The parade was outstanding. You made an already wonderful day at Birch Lake even better, by far. The Best Overall Award was bestowed

on the Sankey Family Sponge Bob boat. All their kiddos dressed in those hot costumes for the entire trip around the lake and the Bubbles won the judges hearts.

See BLYC Boat Parade photos on next page.

### 2022 BLYC FAMILY PICNIC

Saturday July 23  
5:30pm-9pm

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# — Birch Lake Boat Parade —



# — Water Quality Report —

## Commandment # 3

### **Thou Shalt Minimize the Effects of Waves**

Waves and wakes (man made waves) not only threaten smaller boats and swimmers but also tend to erode shorelines and scour nearby, and other shallow, lake bottoms. The maintenance and protection of all shorelines (preferably natural) is critically important and further discussed in another article.

While we cannot control the waves made by Mother Nature, we can hopefully limit some of the wave damages caused by us humans. Normally, waves created by boats are deeper and have far more energy than surface waves. Wake-making boats, when in that mode, are typically even bigger, heavier, more powerful, set deeper, and intentionally direct their thrust downward, creating waves with even more wave depth and energy, than normal boats.

When we stir up the lake bottom we free up and raise into the water column one of its most undesirable possessions – phosphorus – that was previously attached to decaying organic material at the bottom. That newly suspended phosphorus enhances turbidity (makes the water more cloudy) and increases the phosphorus loading in the lake (which directly affects the growth of virtually all plants and other organisms in the lake beginning with algae). Phosphorus is also further discussed in a different article. Stirring up the lake bottom can also cause the destruction of native aquatic plants by breaking them off at, or pulling

them out by, their roots.

So please refrain from making large waves and/or accelerating or going fast wherever your prop wash will result in disturbance of the lake bottom. This applies to both along the shoreline, and to any other shallow areas of the lake.

Particularly when water levels are high (as they are somewhat now), consider trying to make no waves (wakes). If you must make waves, please try to minimize their effect by limiting their height and keeping them to the center, deeper part of the lake.

Whenever operating your boat at wake speed, constantly plot your course to assure you stay the required minimum distance from all shorelines and other objects (docks, rafts, boats, skiers, tubers, swimmers, etc.) on the water, allowing for where any upcoming craft [and its towables] may be headed.

What is the “ minimum distance of separation”?

1] Michigan State law says it's 100' for each of the above.

2] Relative to shorelines and boats using specific wake making equipment:

A] The Water Sports Industry Association [WSIA] recommends at least 200'

B] Other water quality professionals have suggested as great as 300'-500'

[Some of these same other water quality professionals have suggested that specific wake making functions be operated only at minimum depths of 12'-16'.]



Remember, in the words of the WSIA. “ You are responsible for your wake.” Thanks for your time and consideration. P.S. You can access a well designed formal study of the actual physics of the boat lake interaction by 1] Entering into your browser, then clicking upon “St. Anthony Falls Laboratory”; 2] Near the upper center of the home page, click on “Research” 3] On the drop-down below, click on “Publications and Reports” 4] Then under 2022, click on the approx. 23rd entry [by Marr], “A Field Study of Maximum Wave Height, Total Wave Energy, and Maximum Wave Power Produced by ...Boats on a Freshwater Lake.” We have been told they have a further study forthcoming.

**PLEASE PASS THE WORD**

## 2022 Birch Lake Yacht Club

# FALL DINNER

August 20, 2022

at the Birch Lake Yacht Club

**5:30 – Appetizers:**

an assortment of cheese and crackers, fruits, and vegetables and dip

**6:30 – Dinner:**

Polish Sausage, broasted chicken, kluski noodles, mashed potatoes and gravy, sweet & sour cabbage, seasoned green beans, rolls and butter (catering provided by The Skillet, South Bend)

**7:30 – Year-End Meeting**

**\$25 per person**

Tickets must be purchased in advance by using the Birch Lake Yacht Club website

**<https://store.birchlakeyachtclub.com/>**

or by contacting Vice Commodore Deb Hall (cove).

**Tickets must be purchased by August 11.**

*No tickets will be sold at the door or after the above date.*



# BIRCH LAKE SAILING



## BLYC Season Standings to date

Date	2-Jul	2-Jul	4-Jul	4-Jul	Total	Point	Races	%	
Race	14	15	16	17	Points	Average	Finished	Finished	
<b>MC Scow/Sailor</b>					<b>MC Races</b>				<b>17</b>
Scott Troeger #1489	1	1	1	2	14321	1591	9	52.9%	
Barb Cassady #2506	3	2	5	DNS	19278	1483	12	70.6%	
Phil Vitale #500	2	6	2	5	15752	1432	11	64.7%	
Bob King #1199	4	5	3	4	12852	1428	9	52.9%	
Bill Luecht #1579	6	4	4	3	21386	1426	15	88.2%	
Pat Welch #1979	5	3	7	1	19066	1362	14	82.4%	
Pat McGann #1735	DNS	7	DNS	DNS	18535	1324	13	76.5%	
Amber Grundy	DNS	DNS	8	6	17567	1255	14	82.4%	
Sandy Vitale	7	9	6	7	12732	1157	11	64.7%	
Steve Frew	8	8	9	8	6276	1046	6	35.3%	

<b>7Sunfish/Sailor</b>					<b>Sunfish races</b>				<b>17</b>
Gail Turlock	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	3200	1600	2	11.8%	
Bob King	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	4721	1574	3	17.6%	
Pat McGann	DNS	DNS	1	2	3121	1561	2	11.8%	
Rick Russwurm	1	1	2	1	25954	1527	17	100.0%	
Pete Soldato	DNS	DNS	4	DNS	5934	1484	4	23.5%	
Scott Sortal	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	7230	1446	5	29.4%	
Stewart Spratt	DNS	DNS	6	3	11497	1437	8	47.1%	
Amy Troeger	2	3	3	7	5565	1391	4	23.5%	
Steve Frew	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	11061	1383	8	47.1%	
Bob Niezgodski	4	2	7	6	21867	1367	16	94.1%	
Herb Cleveland	DNS	DNS	5	5	11479	1275	9	52.9%	
Camille Butler	3	4	9	8	18672	1245	13	76.5%	
Cole McGann Bell	DNS	DNS	8	4	2458	1229	2	11.8%	
Chris Scofield	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	2381	1191	2	11.8%	
Jeff Walls	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	9471	1184	8	47.1%	
Tammy Walls	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	1089	1089	1	5.9%	

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, you 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.

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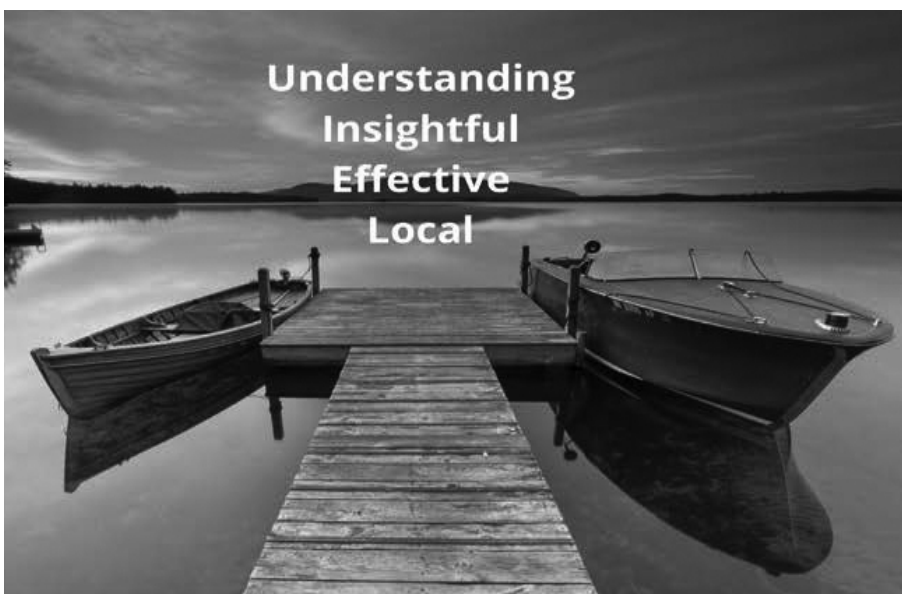


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# FLEET CAPTAIN'S CORNER



**O**n Saturday, our fleet kicked off the Birch Lake Fourth of July festivities with 14 beautiful sailboats competing in two races. In the MC class, Scott Troeger won both races, with Commodore Barb Cassady and Phil Vitale each scoring a 2nd place finish, and Barb Cassady and Pat Welch each getting a 3rd. In the Sunfish class, Rick Russwurm won both races, Amy Troeger and Bob Niezgodski each took a 2nd, and Cam Butler and Amy Troeger each grabbed a 3rd.

Sunday brought very light wind, which was not good for sailing but did waft the tempting aroma of hot coffee, pancakes and sausages over the lake from the Camp Tannadoonah Pancake Breakfast. So at the invitation of Pat Welch who is not only a Birch Lake Sailor but also President of the Board of Camp Tannadoonah and an expert pancake flipper, we postponed those races until Monday, and enjoyed a delicious pancake breakfast, with the proceeds going to an excellent cause.

On Monday, the Fourth of July, a season record of 18 boats hit the water! We had 9 MC's and 9 Sunfish--what a beautiful sight! The forecasted good wind was a little late in arriving, but did get here in time to allow us to complete two of the three races we had planned for that day. In the MC class, Scott Troeger and Pat Welch each captured a 1st place finish. The 2nd places went to Phil Vitale and Scott Troeger; and the 3rd places to Bob King and Bill Luecht. In the Sunfish class, Pat McGann and Rick Russwurm took turns taking the 1st and 2nd place spots, while Amy Troeger and Stewart Spratt each took a 3rd place finish.

It's wonderful to see the younger generations of Birch Lake families continuing the sailing tradition. Amy Troeger has been sailing with us for some years now and is an up-

and-coming competitor in the tradition of her dad Scott -- she went 2-3-3-7 for the Regatta in the Sunfish class. And Pat McGann's grandson, Cole McGann Bell, is in his third year of sailing with us, and won a 4th place finish in the Sunfish class on Monday. Cole has also formally joined the BLYC this year. It's great to have you aboard, Amy and Cole!

As always, none of this would have been possible without the generous and devoted help of many people. Many thanks to Committee Boat Captain Bad Patty Luecht and her Crew of Deb Hall and Lori Tobias on Saturday; and to Tom Cassady and Vic Jones for not only setting the course for the Regatta but also doubling as backup Committee Boat Captain and Crew on Monday when Bad Patty had to be out of town.

## BLYC-CAMP T JUNIOR SAILING PROGRAM



*Photo 1: Campers in both the regular and advanced sailing classes got to take the helm in a BLYC MC-class sailboat last week.*

*Photo 2: Advanced sailors, all 12 years old, heading away from camp and each looking forward to their turn to captain the MC in a very nice breeze. Left to right: Zachary, Avery (son of Amber and Chas Grundy), Gianna, and me.*

*Photo 3: My fellow sailing instructor Mr. Ben on one of Camp Tannadoonah's Barnett 1400 sailboats with a group of campers.*

~F.C. Steve

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# — Barker Kids of the Week —



*Above: Emma is so excited that her great uncle Ben Wozniak (north side) made her a horsey for her first birthday!*

*Left: Six month old grandson's first trip to Birch Lake, carrying on the Groszek family tradition on the South Side*

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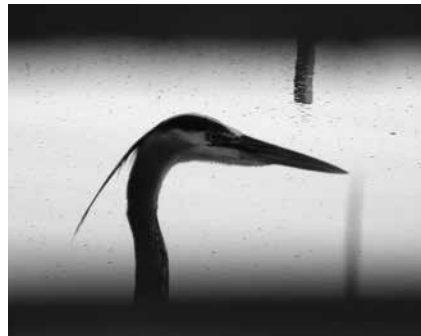


# — Barker Kids of the Week —



Left: Post Boat Parade on McGann's (east side) Pontoon. "Grands" Macy McGann Bell and friend Maddy; Matthew and Nolan Laneman.

Below: Had such a wonderful visit with our granddaughter Lily (on left) for a month visit from Florida. (Jim & Linda Bergan's granddaughter, Cove) She is with her cousin Lia. The Bergans took them to see Anastasia.



Left: A fun time was had by all at Ben and Vanessa Wozniak's over the July 4 weekend

## Birch Lake Mens' Golf Outing

The Birch Lake Men's Golf Outing will take place on the July, 29, beginning with a 1:30 pm shotgun start at Pine View Golf Club, 52065 Pulver Rd.. The ccst is \$75 each (\$300 per foursome). Please show us how your foursome makes it fun, and dress accordingly. Awards for best (craziest) dressed! The theme is Olympic Gold Medal efforts. Dinner will be Chateaubriand, etc. Before July 10, please send your foursome names and checks to me, made out to BLYC, and mail to or drop in my mailbox at 63156 Birch Rd. Include your cell phone number.

~ Pat McGann



Pat McGann and Dr. Dan Waxman (both East siders) posing during the Nelson's Chicken fundraiser last weekend.

### Registration Form

#### Team Members (list captain first with phone number)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to BLYC . Bring or mail to :  
 Blair Garceau, 63542 Birch Road, Vandalia, MI 49095 or  
 Carol McCoy, 63021 Birch Road, Vandalia, MI 49095

**Deadline for registration is July 18**



*Editorial comment?  
Thanks to the PattiCam for the photo inside the Port-a-Jon at the landing ... I can only wonder if the presence of a Birch Barker was meant as reading material for the time on the throne (Yuk) or if the supply of toilet paper had simply run out and was meant as a substitute ..*

# Ladies Golf

**Birch Lake Ladies' FUN Golf Outing  
Friday, July 22, 2022**

**Diamond Lake Golf Course, Cassopolis  
9 am tee off - \$40 per golfer  
Please arrive no later than 8:30 am  
Fee includes cart and lunch**

**Lunch at Birch Lake Yacht Club following the outing**

**If you don't golf but would like to join us at noon for lunch  
Please register and pay \$15**

**If you'd like to sponsor a hole please contact either:  
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# YOUR HOROSCOPE

## Aries (March 21-April 19)

Things are going well for you now, and will continue to go well this summer. In fact, it will heighten your appreciation of your daily world. (That's nice.) Meanwhile, both the Sun and Mercury will channel your focus on home and family, especially to areas that need attention - home improvements and home repairs.

## Taurus (April 20-May 20)

Mars moves into your sign this week to st boost your energy and make you work hard to further your own interests. You will also assert yourself among others because you want to show the world what you can do. You will be more of a fighter for your own rights than usual. Your physical energy will be high, which is why physical sports and outdoor exercise will be a wise choice, in case you need to blow off any pent-up steam building up within you. You can really use this energy boost to your advantage!

## Gemini (May 21-June 20)

This is a good time for you to make peace with others. It's also an excellent time to relax. Take advantage of this influence and shop for wardrobe goodies for yourself. Meanwhile, you will be more concerned with business and commercial affairs than usual. You might negotiate about money, property or possessions. You might also feel the need to define your values to someone else.

## Cancer (June 21-July 22)

The next few weeks are the perfect time for you to formulate goals and start to actively pursue them. Why? For starters, this is the only time all year the Sun is in your sign. (This boosts your confidence and helps you to make a great impression on others.) Furthermore, because it's your birthday month, you have that sense of "new beginnings". Plus, Mercury is in your sign as well, which make you chatty and full of lots of ideas! Meanwhile, physical activity with friends, especially athletics, will be an excellent choice for you .

## Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)

You are happy to take a backseat and "hide" yourself. (Ideally, in luxurious comfort with good food and drink. Let's be real.) Nevertheless, countering this desire to seek peace and quiet, your ambition heightens warm interactions with friends and groups. So, in one way, you want to hide in comfort. Yet at other times, you want to enjoy group settings, conferences and classes because relations with others are cozy and warm! Life is full of contradictions.

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

Your popularity continues! You are encountering younger people more than usual in your immediate circle of friends; and you're keen to exchange ideas and be in the company of others, especially groups. At the same time, your interest in making goals is strong now. You're giving a lot of thought to your life expectations. No doubt this will include travel plans because you have a strong urge to get outta Dodge! This is why you are looking for ways to travel this summer because you need a change of scenery! )

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

Mercury will encourage you to make plans about your professional life, which might mean new training or new studies. You're also interested to talk to bosses or employers to advance your position. Meanwhile, in another part of the forest, you want to travel. You love schmoozing in great hotels and resorts with excellent room service.

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

You want to travel or do something to get a change of scenery because you're hungry for adventure! (Some of you will find new studies rewarding and stimulating as well because the discovery of new ideas and new information will be thrilling.) Do make note that if you have disputes with others about inheritances or shared property, you will have the upper hand and the outcome will be favorable to you. Personally, romance is very passionate right now.

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

Lucky you, you're gung-ho to get things done! This is why you will throw your energy into working hard, and why you will be able to defer tomorrow's pleasure for today's work. Nevertheless, while you are so keen to work, at the same time, you get along well with others. They might even help you! This is perfect because you want to do some outdoor entertaining, as well as enjoy sports events and playful activities with kids. It's all coming together for you!

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

Your energy is getting a lovely boost! In particular, you will seek out ways to be playful and sportive because you want to have fun and pleasure! Expect to socialize more as you enjoy entertaining diversions, sports events and playful times with kids. This is the perfect time for a vacation! Even romance will be hot and sexy. Even your health will improve!

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

You are still eager to get organized and work hard to accomplish as much as possible. In fact, you will be more hands-on than ever - digging in to get things done! Visiting guests, relatives and family get-togethers will create increased activity where you live, and this demands your attention. In addition, you're in a positive frame of mind, which is the key to every successful operation.

## Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20)

Starting this week, you are cranking up your efforts to have a good time. You want to party! You want to enjoy vacations. You want to have time off. This is why you will delight in sports events and enjoy playful activities with kids. Your ability to communicate to others will be forceful and to the point, which is good news for those of you who sell, write, teach and act. Your days will get busier. You will entertain more at home because you want to make everything to come together! And you want to express your creative energy! And of course, an increase to your earnings and wealth is another reason to be happy!

# Birch Lake items of interest

## The Moon for this Saturday

(At Midnight, US Central time, as viewed from the Northern Hemisphere)

Illuminated Fraction: 0.825  
3.5 days until full moon



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Sunset: 21:20:27 PM

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# Birch Barker Funnies



**This was GO FUND ME when I was growing up.**

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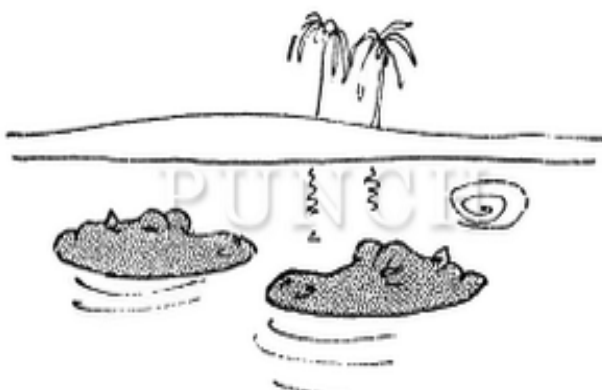
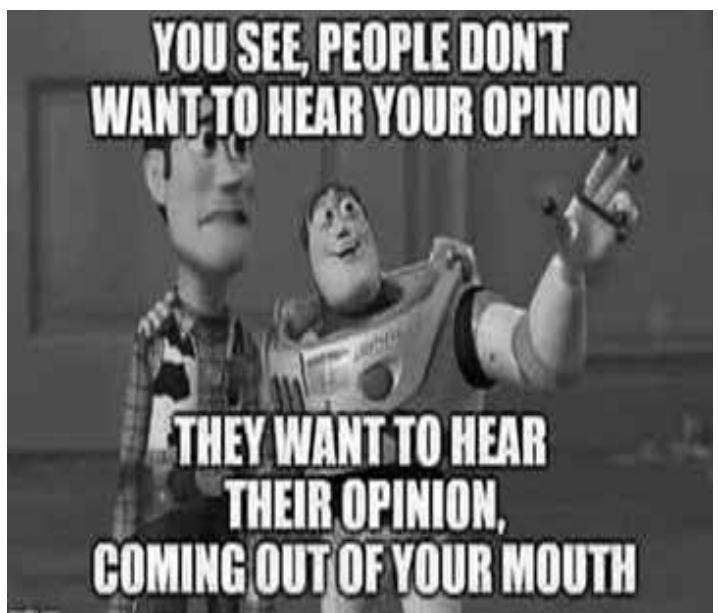
**If common sense was lard, most people wouldn't be able to grease a pan.**

We think we're so much smarter these days, but 50 years ago the owners manual told you how to adjust the valves.



Today it tells you not to drink the contents of the battery.

**Got up at 5am, 8km run completed, came back prepared a vegetable smoothie for breakfast....  
Don't remember the rest of the dream....**



**"I KEEP THINKING IT'S TUESDAY."**



# ~Birch Lake Recipes~



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

## Caribbean-inspired grilled chicken kabobs

**C**aribbean-inspired chicken kabobs. You can substitute green pepper for the red pepper, if desired..

### Ingredients:

- 1 cup cream of coconut
- 1 cup lemon juice
- 1 tablespoon chicken bouillon granules
- 2 teaspoons dried marjoram
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 teaspoon red pepper flakes
- 1 pound skinless, boneless chicken breast halves, cut into chunks
- 1 red bell pepper, cut into chunks, or to taste
- 1 sweet onion, cut into chunks, or to taste
- 1 cup fresh pineapple chunks, or to taste (Optional skewers)

### Directions:

Whisk cream of coconut, lemon juice, bouillon, marjoram, garlic powder, and red pepper flakes together in a bowl until marinade is smooth.

Combine chicken, red bell pepper, onion, and pineapple in a shallow dish and cover with 1/2 of the marinade. Cover bowl with plastic wrap and refrigerate, 4 to 6 hours.

Preheat an outdoor grill for medium-high heat and lightly oil the grate.

Remove chicken, vegetables, and pineapple from the marinade, and shake off excess. Discard remaining marinade.



Thread chicken, vegetables, and pineapple onto skewers.

Grill kabobs on the preheated grill, basting with the remaining marinade occasionally, until chicken is no longer pink in the center and the vegetables are tender, 5 to 10 minutes per side.

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# — Camp Tannadoonah —

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Thank you to the many board members, family members, significant others, and friends who volunteered their time on the holiday weekend to help at the breakfast. Thank you to Tom Kuhn, Bob Bender, John Luecht, Patrick and Jeannie Welch, Jamie Green, Beth Cready, Trish Stitz, John and Maggi Michel, Bill and Sherry Holleman, Andy, Lori, Dylan and Lauren Snider, and Chas, Elyse, Kieran and Harrison Grundy who helped us pull off a great breakfast.

If you didn't get a chance to shop for your camp merchandise this weekend, the Camp Trading Post is open every Saturday morning from 10-11 am. We have sweatshirts, t-shirts, tank tops, coffee mugs, baseball hats, water bottles, stuffed animals, Frisbees, journals, and many more items. You can also call us at 574-387-6095 to arrange a time to visit the Trading Post if you can't come on Saturday morning.

We've just about reached the halfway point of our summer at camp. We've

had two weeks of staff training and three weeks of camp so far, and we have 5 ½ weeks left of the season. This week is our "Mini Camp" from Wednesday to Saturday. It's a great opportunity for younger campers to try out camp for just 3 nights.

We also combine the Mini Camp with a full week to create "Super Week" – 10 full days of camp from Wednesday the 6th through Saturday the 16th. These campers are mostly older, more experienced campers who want to do a longer session.

Also this week we start our CIT 2 program. The CIT 2s are all 16 and 17 years old and learning about what it's like to be a counselor at camp. For the 3-day Mini Camp, they will be doing a campout over at Lawless Park in one of their tent camping sites. They'll make all their meals over the fire for 3 days.

This year we have 7 CIT 2s (who are in their 2nd year of the CIT program). Our CIT Director is Miss Carmen, who is also our school year programs director (running our after-school programs). They'll also have Mr. Job, one of this summer's cabin counselors, going along on their tent camping adventure for the next few days.

We'll have a total of 163 campers for this upcoming 3-day session – a new record for any week of camp! There are 73



Mini Campers, 58 Super Weekers, 25 day campers, and 7 CITs. Because it's Mini Camp, there are a lot of younger campers – we will have 47 kids this week who are 8 and younger!

All of the kids ages 8 and younger are part of our "Sparks" program, and have a group of counselors who helps make sure they know where to go, how to find their activities, and that they get to the right places on time. They'll have a big job this week wrangling 47 Sparks!

~Mrs. Amber

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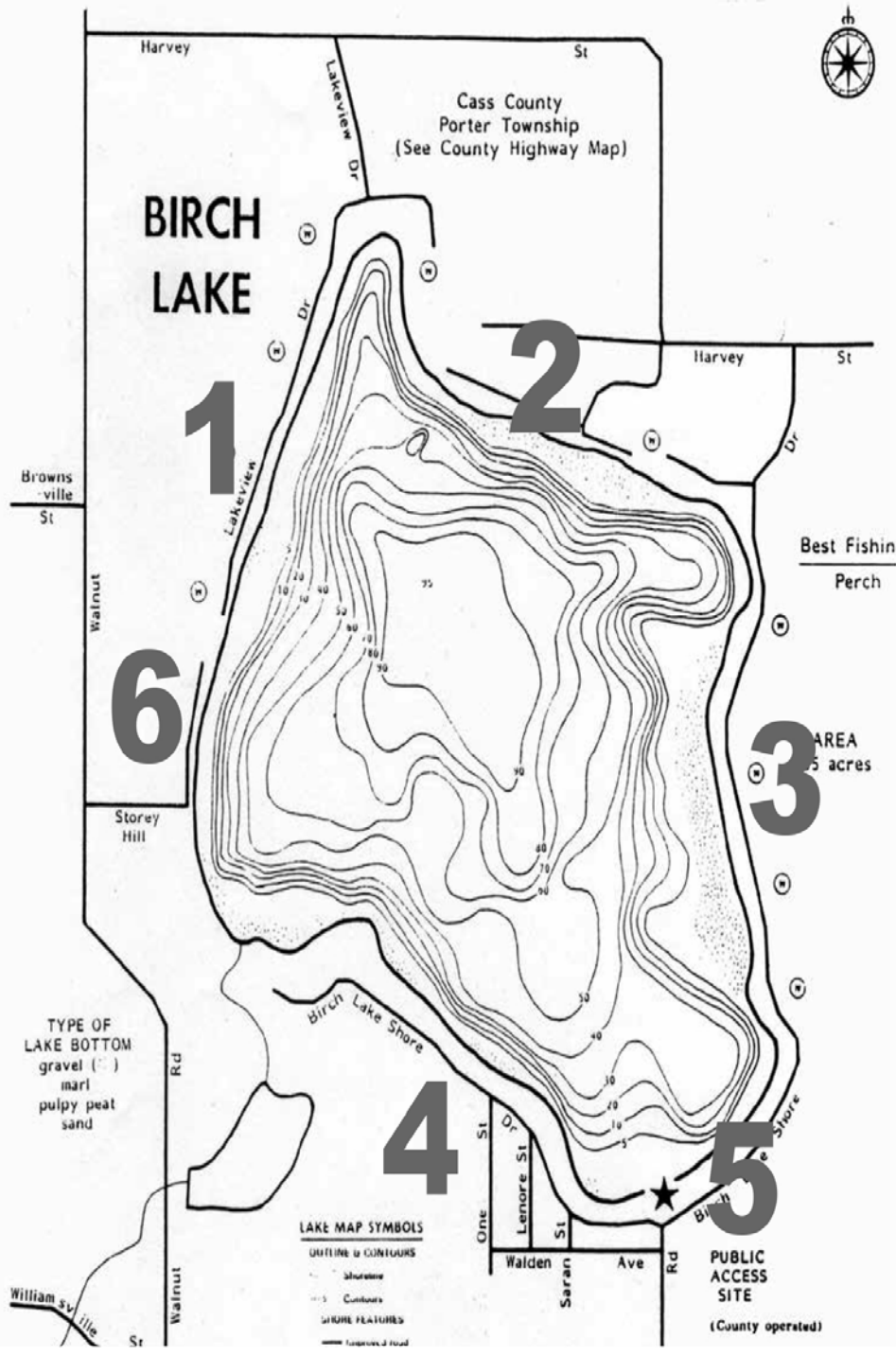


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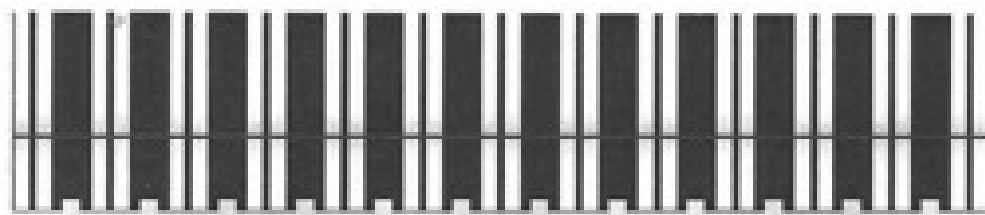
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