

The
Weekend
Of

Aug. 20,
2022



Birch Barker

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Birch Lake Yacht Club



Thanks to Dave Dufour (east side) for the nice photo of the sailboats and fishermen from last Sunday.

COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

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August 20, 2022

Sunday, I finished my seventh consecutive day of sailing – the most I've done in one week. I taught five days of sailing lessons at Camp Tannadoonah, sailed in the Kidz Regatta on Saturday and sailed in three Sunday races. At Camp I had back-to-back classes for beginner sailors, and we used the Camp's Barnett 1400 sailboats. The kids were awesome: fun, willing to try something new and very polite and nice to each other. By the end of the week we had all bonded and were having fun just being together. The last day there was no wind so we discussed practicing tipping and turtling (where the boat's mast is pointing directly into the water and just the bottom of the boat is showing which looks like a turtle's shell) the boat close to shore. One young man told me he was still nervous about tipping so I said we should try to face his fears by breaking down what we were doing and why. We tipped and turtled numerous times. We even showed the other group of sailors what to do in a turtling situation. The water was warm, the sun was shining, and we all were having fun, even my nervous sailor was laughing and seemed to be gaining confidence. Teaching sailing has been a

highlight of the summer and I hope to be able to assist again next summer as it brought me so much joy.

Friday evening, my husband Tom and I, along with some 15 other boats and a couple kayakers, gathered near Camp Tannadoonah's pier. At roughly 9:15 pm, as the skies were darkening, we could begin to see the glow of candlelight coming down the Camp's 87 steps (yes, I counted them going up one day), and the campers lined up along the piers and waterfront, the entire time singing camp songs. This was our first time experiencing the Candlelight Serenade, held the last night of camp for the summer. The parade down to the waterfront and the singing lasted about 30 minutes. All the candles reflected in the water, and it was a beautiful sight. After the program boaters honked their horns, clapped, and whistled in appreciation, which made the campers respond with their own hootin' and hollerin'. Thank you Camp Tannadoonah for sharing your lovely tradition with those from Birch Lake lucky enough to witness it.

Saturday, many Birch Lake kids and grandkids showed up to participate in the 2022 Don Harmon Kidz Regatta. Bob and Leslie King (north side) hosted the event and offered a delicious lunch for the kids, their parents, and the MC Scow and Sunfish sailors who showed up to take the kids sailing. Tom Cassady (east side) and Bob set the course, and the race committee

2022 Birch Lake Calendar

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 inside
2022 BLYC BOARD MEETINGS
Sept. 10, 9 am @ BLYC
~2023~
May 20, 2023 - Spring Dinner
(details tba)
July 1, 2023 - Fireworks (tentative)

boat was captained by Bad Patty Luecht (east side) with help from Deb Hall (cove) and Deb's friend Lori Tobias. The wind was strong, and we got in two quick races. All the kids seemed to be having fun on the boats, especially experiencing a real sailboat race. A huge thank you to Bob King for bringing the Kidz Regatta back to Birch Lake. I hope the momentum generated continues into next summer and beyond.

With Camp finished for the year and some lake kids already back at school, this week, it feels like summer is over. But not so fast, we have two big events yet this month and more in September. We look forward to the Fall Dinner this Saturday, where I will pass the Commodore "life jacket" to Deb Hall, who will be your next

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Commodore. The following Friday, August 26, is the Ladies' Lunch & Style Show at Woodfire Grill in Dowagiac. Check the Barker for more details on these and more upcoming events.

It has been an honor to serve as your Commodore alongside the officers and board members this past year. I have enjoyed working with Vice Commodore Deb Hall who has been a great partner in all we planned and implemented. I know she will do a wonderful job in her new role. Fleet Captain Steve Frew (east side) brought his enthusiasm to the sailing activities and was able to enhance the Camp's Junior Sailing program and grow interest in sailing overall. Treasurer Deb Spratt (north side) and Secretary Mike Sheffleck (west side) offered their considerable experience, help and guidance. And to the rest of the BLYC Board, I have appreciated your input and wonderful support. To all the many volunteers who support the lake community, I know many of you do your work quietly, behind the scenes, and I want to thank you for the gift you are to Birch Lake.

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

~Commodore Barb Cassady

Crockpot Challenge

Let's talk about the BLYC Crockpot Challenge! We have a tentative date set

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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 ID YOUR CROCKPOT!!

Arrival time for participants will be 5:30 pm to allow setup time for the crockpots: Hors d'oeuvres and top-

pings (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. (But NOT the crockpots).

BYOB: we will be using leftover beer and wine, but it is 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 vot-

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ing ballots at the door as you come in.

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

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

~BP

Dear Birch Lake Sailors,

I am pleased to announce that Steve Frew has agreed to stay on a second year as our Fleet Captain. Steve has done a great job coordinating all the details for racing and he has re-engaged the BLYC sailors with Camp Tannadoonah in their Junior Sailing program.

We look forward to the continuation of all the good work being accomplished.

~Soon-to-be Past Commodore
Barb Cassidy

Birch Lake Barker Sign Contest

Congratulations to the three winners of the Birch Lake Barker Sign Contest.. First Place was won by Dylan Snider of the Cove, who has agreed to use his camera to help create a new feature in next

summer's Birch Barker!

Second and Third was taken by Brendon Snider (Cove) and Avery Grundy (East side). Dylan won an underwater digital camera, Brendon and Avery both won a floating football, and all three (and their siblings) got a bunch of candy for their efforts. All three of the winners did a lot of walking to find all the signs (and all three found at least one sign that I missed). Nice work guys, thanks for playing!

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 at the Wood Fire Trattoria in Dowagiac. Six lovely Birch Lake ladies will be modeling fashions from the Marshall Shoppe. There are three lunch options. Tickets are \$32, and include main dish, salad, dessert, non-alcoholic drink, tax, and tip. Tickets can be purchased from Ronni Eshleman, 317-418-9557, Denny Weesner 650-862-4711, or Jeannie Welch 574-286-2890. They will also be available online on the Birch Lake Yacht Club website. This event sold out last year, so get your tickets early!

To Birch Lake Customers,

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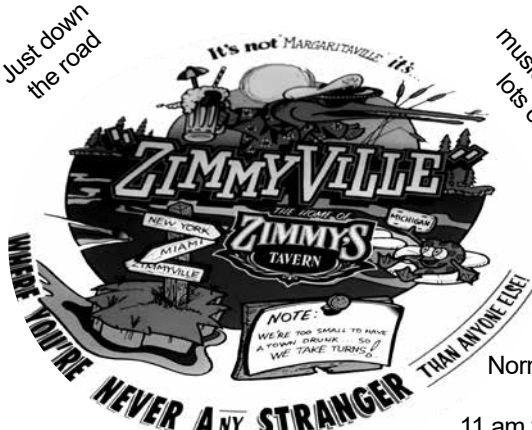
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~Shawn O'Donnell, O'Donnell's Dock's

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From left Earl, Tom, and Jack Troeger in a blast from the past ... thanks to Mr. Bob (King, north side) for the pic.

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— Water Quality Report —

Purple Loosestrife on Birch Lake

The Birch Lake Water Quality Committee started the Purple Loosestrife Management Program in 2000. The Program has been very effective. In 2000 we had 10 sites located on all shores of the lake, some of which were very dense. We continue to monitor for Purple Loosestrife each year and remove the plants that we find. The Plants bloom from late June / early July until about the end of August. In early September they begin to drop their dried seeds. Hopefully all blooming plants have been removed by this time to prevent future growth next season.

If you see, or suspect you see the plant, please call Bruce Wagner, our Water Quality committee Purple Loosestrife Specialist (Cottage 269-476-2090 or Cell 574-286-7183) or any member of the Water Quality Committee to have it checked out.

This year Purple Loosestrife was removed or is in the process of being removed from two sites on Birch Lake. Typically, we find Loosestrife each year in three or four locations and the volume of plants at each site has diminished.

What is it?

Purple Loosestrife is a plant that was accidentally introduced to the United States and distributed as an

ornamental. It is most easily identified during the flowering season. This spiked-shaped purple pinkish flower can be seen above the water level in ditches, streams, rivers, lakes and other moist shallow water sites. This plant is an upright hardy perennial four to eight feet tall and most often found in groups.

Effects:

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

Spread:

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

Management (Eradication)

Once the plant becomes easily evident (in mid-July) but before it goes to seed (in early September), Specialist Wagner will slowly tour the lake in his pontoon boat and with binoculars searching for purple loosestrife, usually about four times per season. You will



recognize his pontoon boat by the Purple Loosestrife banner hanging on the side. If seen, he will later return from shore in waders and pull each plant (by its roots), bag and properly dispose of it and the Water Quality Committee will be notified of the plant's location.

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BLYC Season Standings to date

Date	14-Aug	14-Aug	14-Aug	Total	Point	Races	%	
Race	21	22	23	Points	Average	Finished	Finished	
MC Scow/Sailor				MC Races				20
Scott Troeger #1489	1	1	1	23842	1589	15	65.2%	
Barb Cassady #2506	5	6	6	27441	1444	18	78.3%	
Bob King #1199	DNS	DNS	DNS	12852	1428	9	39.1%	
Phil Vitale #500	4	5	3	24043	1414	17	73.9%	
Bill Luecht #1579	3	3	5	29679	1413	21	91.3%	
Pat Welch #1979	2	2	2	27890	1395	20	87.0%	
Pat McGann #1735	DNS	DNS	DNS	22210	1306	16	69.6%	
Amber Grundy	7	4	7	21248	1250	17	73.9%	
Sandy Vitale	6	7	4	16482	1177	14	60.9%	
Steve Frew	8	DNS	8	8454	1057	8	34.8%	

Sunfish/Sailor				Sunfish races				20
Gail Turlock	DNS	DNS	DNS	3200	1600	2	8.7%	
Bob King	DNS	DNS	DNS	4721	1574	3	13.0%	
Pat McGann	DNS	DNS	DNS	3121	1561	2	8.7%	
Rick Russwurm (Green/Blue)	1	1	1	35475	1542	23	100.0%	
Pete Soldato	DNS	DNS	DNS	5934	1484	4	17.4%	
Stewart Spratt	2	2	2	20702	1479	14	60.9%	
Scott Sortal	DNS	DNS	DNS	7230	1446	5	21.7%	
Amy Troeger	DNS	DNS	DNS	5565	1391	4	17.4%	
Steve Frew	DNS	DNS	DNS	11061	1383	8	34.8%	
Bob Niezgodski	3	3	3	30381	1381	22	95.7%	
Herb Cleveland	DNS	DNS	DNS	15736	1311	12	52.2%	
Camille Butler	4	4	4	26667	1270	19	82.6%	
Cole McGann Bell	DNS	DNS	DNS	2458	1229	2	8.7%	
Chris Scofiled	DNS	DNS	DNS	2381	1191	2	8.7%	
Jeff Walls	DNS	DNS	DNS	9471	1184	8	34.8%	
Tammy Walls	DNS	DNS	DNS	1089	1089	1	4.3%	

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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The BLYC Sailors had a full and busy week of great sailing--especially Commodore Barb Cassady, who sailed for us 7 days in a row!

FINAL WEEK OF THE BLYC-CAMP TANNADOONAH 2022 JUNIOR SAILING PROGRAM:

This past week was the last of the Camp's 2022 season. Commodore Barb closed out the Junior Sailing Program for this year out by teaching sailing Monday through Friday. On Friday night at 9:00 p.m., many boats gathered near the camp to watch and listen as the campers carrying lights sang the beautiful Camp Tannadoonah song as they descended the stairs in single file and gathered on the waterfront. It was a moving conclusion to a wonderful camp season. The Junior Sailing Program will be back in action at Camp Tannadoonah again next year, and we are already looking forward to it!

DON HARMON KIDZ REGATTA:

On Saturday, Bob and Leslie King welcomed sailors and kids to their beautiful home on the North Side for Bob's revival of the Kids Regatta, which he has renamed the Don Harmon Kidz Regatta.

Bob shared his recollections of the history of the event with me as follows: When Bob was Fleet Captain for Commodore Scott Troeger back in the late 1990's, they invented the Kids Regatta. After several years, their good friend Don Harmon (West shore, RIP) offered to host, and did so for a number of years. Don was a BLYC MC sailor of great repute, and taught sailing at Camp Tannadoonah for many years. Another good friend and an excellent Sunfish sailor, Mike Lutz (North shore, RIP), later took over the event. Bob recalls Don as a sweet gentle mountain of a man, who began racing his MC on Birch Lake early in its adoption as the replacement to the



Barb instructs Kai, Crue, and Max on how to rig a boat

Snipe fleet. And though a very tall man, Bob thinks Don also raced Sunfish when wintering in Florida. Don's widow Lind and their daughter Barb Rondot were both at the Kidz Regatta, and provided sugar cookies shaped like sailboats, with blue icing. It was a special treat for me to hear some of Lind's recollections about Don.

Saturday's restart of the event was a great success! There was a good turnout of kids and sailors, fun games on the lawn, delicious hot dogs garnished with fresh veggies from the Smitley's bountiful garden, and pink lemonade. Bob gave an instruction session for the young passengers. Then onto the BLYC sailboats, captained by Bob King, Tom Caplis, Barb Cassady, Bill Luecht, Bob



Left: Jasper skippers the boat while Vivian and Emma await their turn. Above: With no wind, Barb, Kai, Crue, and Max have to paddle the boat.

Niezgodski, Scott Troeger, and me, and out into the lake, where Bad Patty's Committee Boat and crew of Deb Hall and friend Laurie started us on two fun races on a course set by Tom Cassady. My MC carried a nice young man named Nolan, age 8, along with my son Jack, my granddaughter Aria, age 4, and me. Nolan had some sailing experience, and was very enthusiastic and helpful on board!

Many thanks to Tom Caplis (North Shore), who took all of the photos in this article, and is the father of Abby and Connor, who participated in the event. And congratulations and thank you, Bob and Leslie, for restarting and hosting this great event! It's a very promising sign for the future of sailing on Birch Lake!

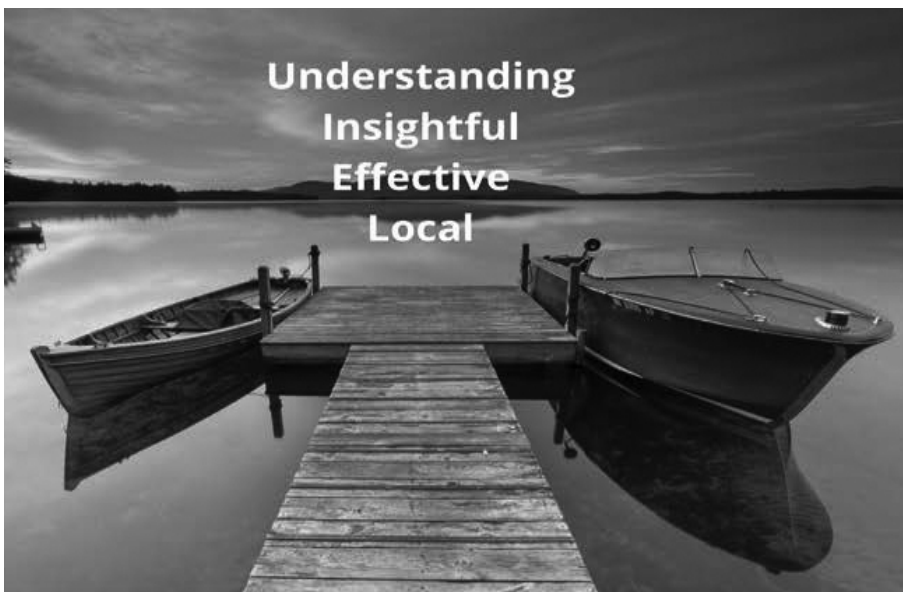
SUNDAY'S SAILBOAT RACES:

Sunday brought gray skies, gray water, cool temps, but a nice 8 mph breeze. We sailed three races!

In the MC fleet, Scott Troeger won all three; Pat Welch came in second in all three; Bill Luecht got two third places, and Phil Vitale one.

For the Sunfish, Rick Russwurm went 1-1-1, Stewart Spratt 2-2-2, and Bob Niezgodski 3-3-3. Makes for easy reporting!

~F.C. Steve



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— Barker Kids of the Week —



Left: Kayson Patrick Ball, grandson of John and Jennifer Ball (east side).

Right: Miss Lorin Snider (cove) models her princess mermaid outfit that she received as a birthday gift last week.



Left: Bad Patty Luecht (east side) and soon-to-be Commodore Deb hall (cove) trying to stay warm on last Sunday's Committee Boat.

2022 Don Harmon Kidz Regatta

Saturday last served up all the necessary ingredients for the Don Harmon Kidz Regatta restart: kids, sailors and (Goldilocks) wind. Four MCs / two Sunfish had kidz on board sailing a lovely reach-reach course x 2.

Many thanks to: Patty, Deb and Lauri on the RC boat, Tom Cassidy for setting the course, Lind Harman and Barb Rondot for the kewl sailboat cookies and ... the sailors who took kids out sailing (some for the first time).

It's my belief we don't do enough with/for the Kidz of Birch. Just a modicum of effort, get them together, and they buy-in, have history at the lake (instead of pining for town friends). Let's do it, the



Regatta, and more, next year!
Shall we? I hope we shall.

~Bob, MC1199



— Barker Kids of the Week —



Dave and Terry Carroll (west side) welcomed grandkids from Glenwood Springs CO and Chicago. Ethan learned to slalom ski, Abby skied on two, Ellie and Kate spent the week at day camp, Reese came to visit her cousins to swim and all the kids loved to tube...next year we hope to get Mia on the EZ ski. Wonderful memories were made this week

Birch Barker Kids of the Week

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Recently Visiting Birch Lake are grandsons of Harold and Donna Cranmer. (west side) Jared, fiancé Kelsey, and Ellen and Chad who are here from Oregon

Birch Lake items of interest

The Moon for this Saturday

(At Midnight, US Central time, as viewed from the Northern Hemisphere)
Illuminated Fraction: 0.298
2.1 days after last quarter



Sunrise: 06:54:37 AM
Sunset: 20:36:06 PM
Moonrise: 00:41:30 AM
Moonset: 16:25:20 PM
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Birch Barker Funnies

HELLO DARKNESS, MY OLD FRIEND

I STOOD UP TOO FAST AGAIN

**Just before I die,
I am going to
swallow a bag
of popcorn
kernels.**

**My cremation is
going to be epic!**

When I was
a kid they
didn't call it
"Behavioral
Disorders",
They called
it "Being a
little brat"



The oldest computer
can be traced back to
Adam and Eve.

Surprise! Surprise!

It was an Apple.

**But with extremely
limited memory.**

Just 1 byte.

**Then everything
crashed.**

**Me: Please bring me a
screwdriver.**

**Wife: Flat head, Phillips, or
Vodka?**

**And that was when I knew
she was the one.**



~Birch Lake Recipes~



Provided Exclusively to the Birch Barker from Mrs. Ima Foodnudge

BALSAMIC GRILLED ZUCCHINI

A simple grilled zucchini recipe with a touch of balsamic vinegar, garlic, and Italian seasoning.

Ingredient:

- 2 zucchinis, quartered lengthwise
- 2 teaspoons olive oil
- 1 teaspoon Italian seasoning
- ½ teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 pinch salt
- 2 tablespoons balsamic vinegar

Directions:

- Step 1 - Preheat an outdoor grill for medium-low heat and lightly oil the grate.
- Step 2 - Brush zucchini with olive oil. Sprinkle Italian seasoning, garlic powder, and salt over zucchini.
- Step 3 - Cook on the preheated grill until beginning to brown, 3 to 4 minutes per side. Brush balsamic vinegar over zucchini and continue cooking 1 minute more. Serve immediately.



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— Camp Tannadoonah —

Camp Tannadoonah wrapped for the year

We've wrapped up Camp Tannadoonah 2022, and what a year it was! We finished the summer with a total of 1208 campers, a new season record. Last year we had 1111 at the end of the summer, so that's an 8.7% increase over our previous highest total.

We averaged 134 campers per week overall, including both day and overnight campers. Our Day Camp program was at 99.66 percent capacity for the summer – we had 289 out of 290 spots for the summer filled! Our overnight program was 94 percent full for boys and 93 percent full for girls over the course of the summer. It was certainly a busy summer!

Now that staff have gone home (most of them, at least), we have a rental group here for the week. They bring all of their own staff and run nearly all of their own programs. It's a church group from Livonia, Michigan, from The Basilica of Saint Mary, an Antiochan Orthodox Church. They call their week at Camp Tannadoonah the "village up north."

This is the fourth time they've been here, but the first time since 2019 because of COVID. This year they only brought about 45 campers and have nearly 30 counselors and staff! The staff arrived Sunday afternoon to get everything ready, and their campers arrived on Monday around 1 pm.

You may have heard them from the lake when they arrived – the kids and staff were VERY excited! They were cheering and yelling and clapping, and one of the staff was introducing people over the loudspeaker. The kids had been on a bus for about three hours, so they were really energetic! Once they unloaded the bus, they had a dance party on the front lawn of the Dining Hall for 20 minutes or so.

Over the course of the week, they will be doing traditional camp activities like crafts and nature and archery, and they're planning to swim and go canoeing and kayaking and fishing. They also rented a pontoon boat so they can take pontoon cruises in the evening and take the kids tubing during the day. On Wednesday, Gabby and I will be leading a couple hours of teambuilding activities for their kids, and Kyle (who was our waterfront director this summer) will be lifeguarding for them in the afternoons.

Next week our after school program at Good Shepherd Montessori in South Bend starts back up on Monday, and the following week we start our before and after school program at Sam Adams Elementary in Cassopolis.

We have rental groups and events booked at camp for most of the weekends this fall, starting with a wedding the



weekend of August 27. We have a group from Spectrum Health doing a wilderness medicine event out here on August 30-31, a student retreat with a group from Notre Dame, a wedding shower, a reunion of ladies from another camp (Minnewonka Lodge in Minnesota), our 2nd Annual Grown Up Camp weekend, another wedding, and our Fall Family Camp Weekend! The last group finishes up the 2nd weekend of October. It will sure be a busy fall at camp!

~Mrs. Amber

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Our grandson found this bottle a few weeks ago in the lake. Please text 616.914.2622 if this is yours.



White cushion, looks like a **boat cushion**, washed up on

west side after the big storms recently. Call Ron or Katie (269) 476-9317 to claim.

Found: **One Pelican kayak paddle**. Sitting on end of Dugan pier or call 269-832-5588.

White, wooden footrest for Adirondack chair floated up to Temples' (north side) . Pickup on end of pier.

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HOW TO BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR

Be AED-ready

Automated External Defibrillators (AED)s can save a life in case of an emergency. There are AEDs at six Birch Lake homes. Simple instructions are on the units (and on the next page of this Barker) ... knowing where they are and being ready and able to use one might mean the difference between life and death. Be AED-ready!

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



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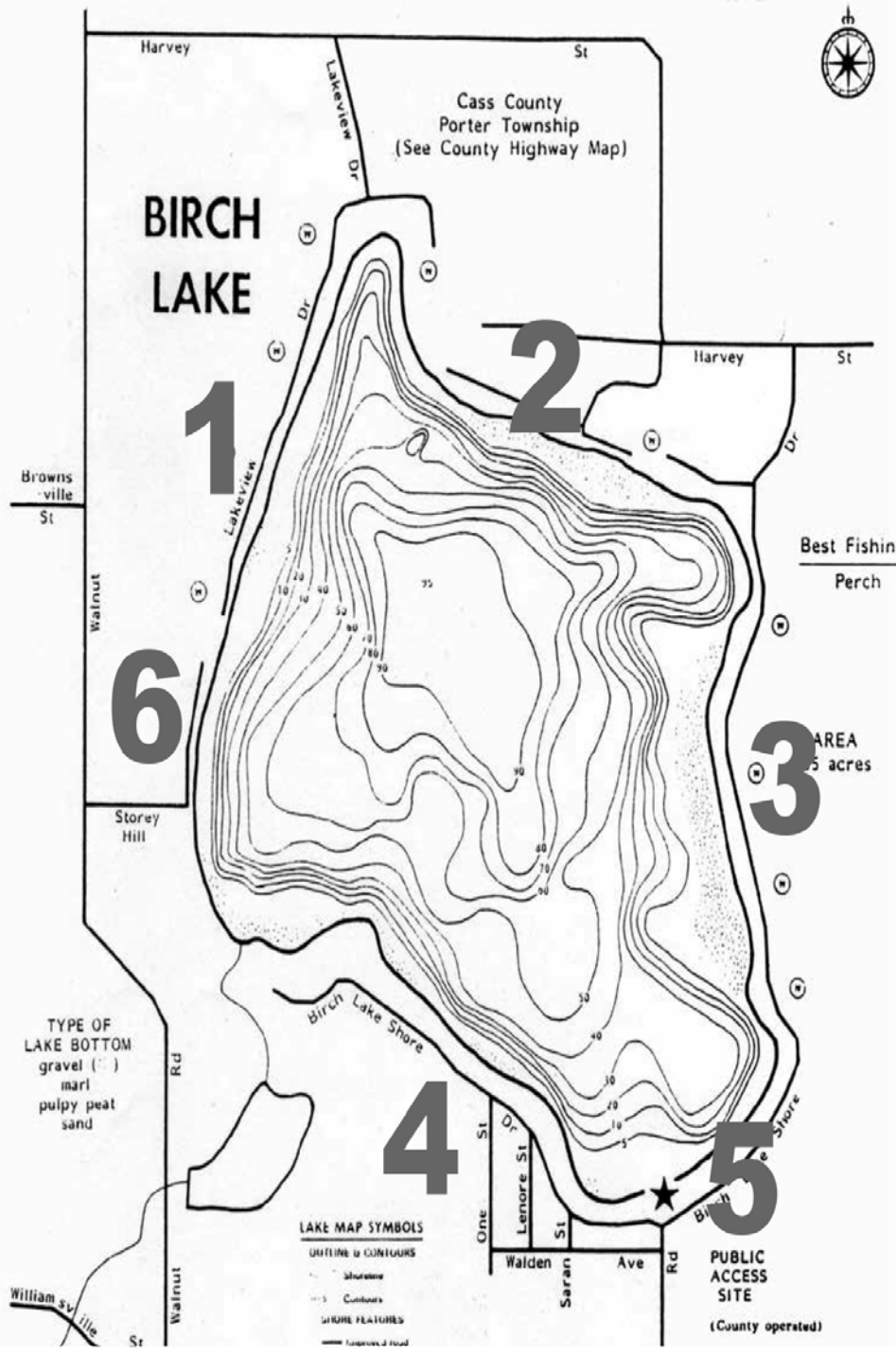
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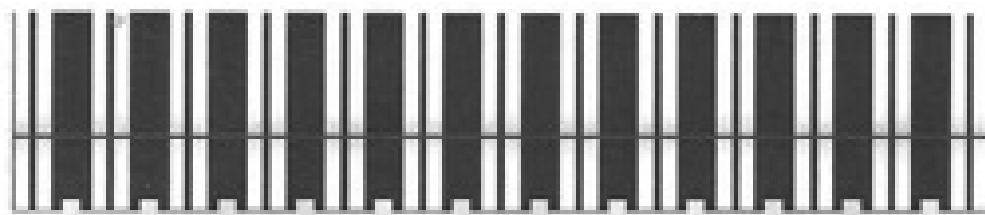
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1. **West Shore, Sheffieck home,**
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2. **North Shore, Smitley home,**
14859 Birch Northshore Dr.15046
3. **East Shore, Vitale home,**
63174 Birch Rd.
4. **South Shore, Eberhart home,**
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5. **South/East Shore, Troeger home,**
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6. **Southwest Shore, DeYoung home,**
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IN AN EMERGENCY:

1. CALL 911 and report the emergency and the patient's location immediately.
2. Pull the box open, remove the orange-colored unit, TAKE IT TO THE PATIENT and open the device by pressing the white lever at the bottom.
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