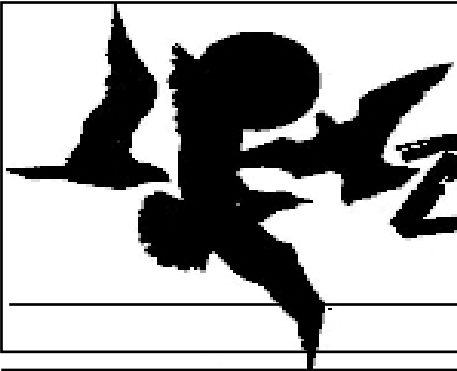


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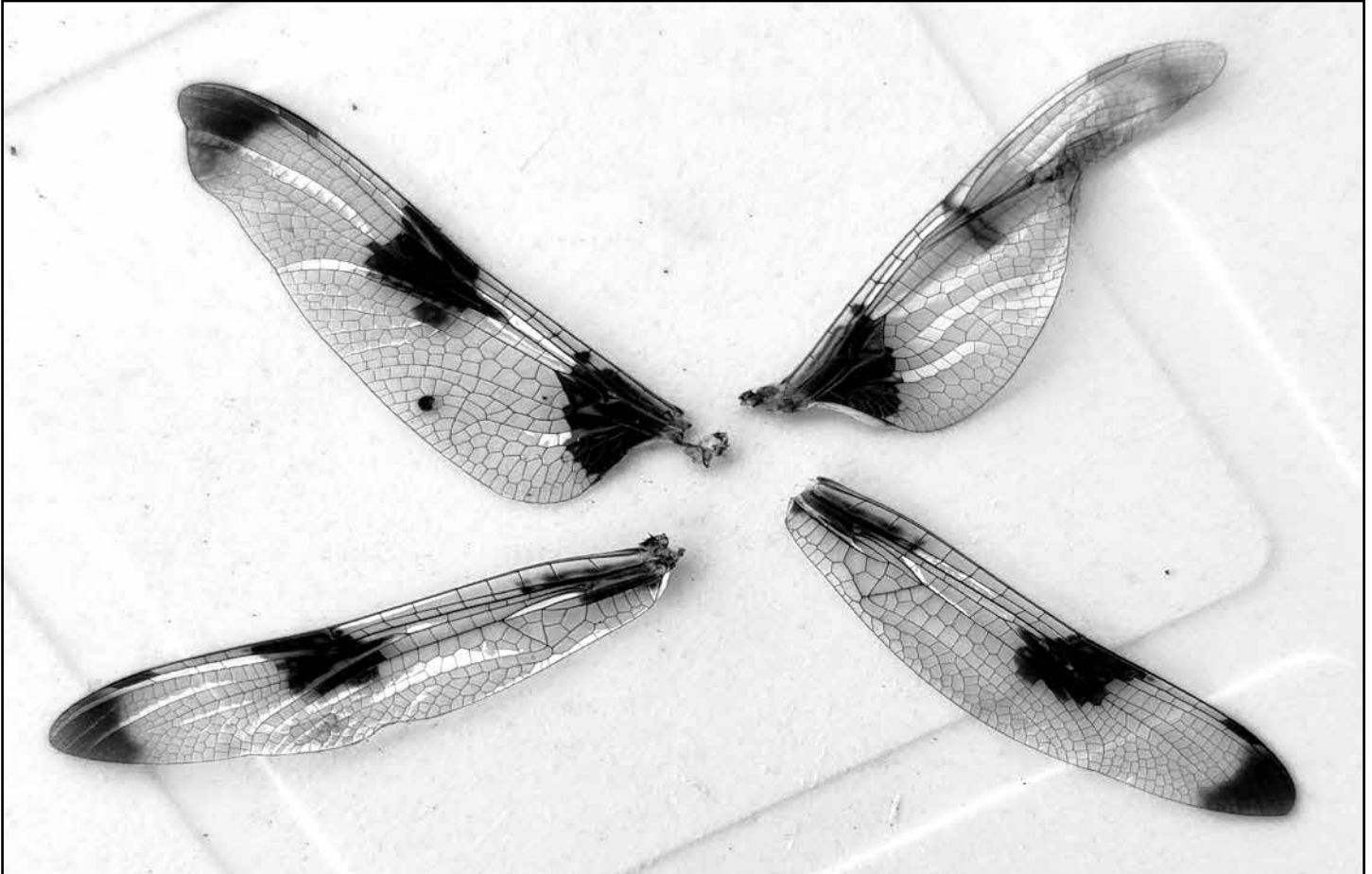
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Birch Barker

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The official summer publication of the
Birch Lake Yacht Club



Thanks to Mr. Bob (King, north shore) for the nice photo of dragonfly wings (without the dragonfly).

I hope all of you dads out there had a wonderful time celebrating Father's Day last Sunday with your families. You could not have asked for a better day, with the mild temperatures, low humidity and plenty of sunshine. My husband enjoyed a day of leisure spent on the deck and boat, topped off with a delicious meal of grilled steak, salad, corn on the cob and a baked potato, his favorite meal.

The spaghetti dinner is this Saturday, so grab the family and come out for a great meal. It has been three years since the last dinner, and you can't beat the price, so get your tickets early as none will be sold at the door.

It is hard to believe but next weekend will bring the Fourth of July festivities once again to the lake. Be sure to check inside this week's Barker for information on all upcoming events for the Fourth of July weekend and beyond.

If you have not done so, it is time to pay your BLYC dues and make donations to worthy programs that need

everyone's support. Please give generously where you can as every little bit helps keep our little slice of paradise the beautiful place that it is. The most convenient way is to pay online at birchlakeyachtclub.com, or look inside the Barker for information on where to remit your check.

Until next week, enjoy each day, obey the rules of the road, be safe on the water, and I pray for you enough ... which was something my grandma used to say, and it means that I pray you have enough love, joy, laughter and good things in your life.

Remember, the sun always shines on Birch Lake, even on a cloudy

~Commodore Deb

Birch Lake Flotilla

Due to past successful flotillas, let's do it again! On Friday July 14 at 6 pm, let's meet in the middle of the lake with our boats. Bring an appetizer; boats will be tied together, and we will walk from boat to boat sharing food and camarade-

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2023 Birch Lake Calendar

- June 24** Spaghetti Dinner, details inside
- July 1, 2** Fourth of July Regatta
- July 1 Boat Parade**, details inside
- July 1 Fireworks** (weather permitting)
- July 2 Camp T Pancake Breakfast**, 8:30-11 am
- July 14 Birch Lake Flotilla**, 6 pm
- July 21 Ladies Golf**, details inside
- July 22 BLYC Family Picnic**, tba
- July 28 Men's Golf**, details inside
- Aug. 5 Home Owner's Assoc. annual meeting**, details tba
- Aug. 5 Corn & Sausage Roast**, 5:30-7 pm, BLYC
- Aug. 12 - Don Harman Kidz Regatta**, Kings', details tba
- Aug. 26 Fall Dinner & BLYC Annual Meeting**, , details tba
- Aug. 26 Junior Sunfish Fleet races**, 11 am
- Sept 2, 3 Labor Day Regatta**, (Sept 4 rain date), 11 am
- Sept. 9 Sailing awards luncheon**, Frew's house (east side)
- Sept. 30 Crockpot challenge**, details inside
- 2023 BLYC Board Meetings**
July 8, Aug. 5, Sept. 9

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— Birch Lake Notes —

rie. Look for the boats in the middle!

BLYC Men's Golf Outing

Reminder - deadline for registration is the week of July 17! We are looking for \$100 hole sponsors which includes a sign at the hole as well as dinner at the yacht club. We are also looking for door prize donations. Questions - john.ball0452@gmail.com , text or call 574-535-3736.

Ladies' Golf Outing

Ladies! The BLYC annual ladies' fun golf outing is Friday, July 21. Grab three of your besties and join us at Spruce Ridge Golf Course. Tee off is at 9 am, with an enjoyable luncheon afterwards at the Wounded Minnow in Dowagiac.

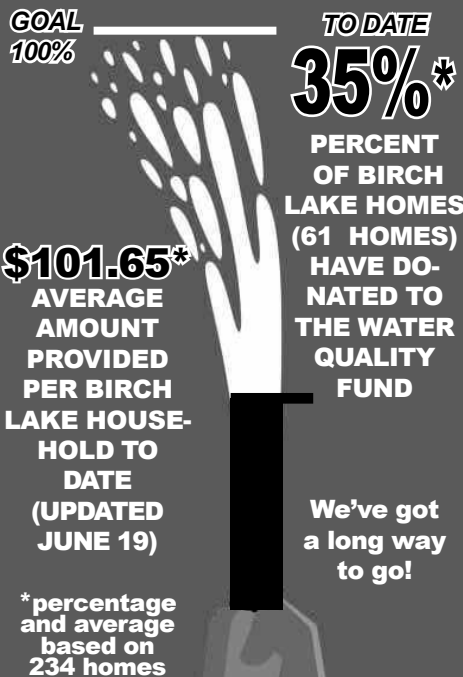
You say you're not a good golfer? We don't care. It's a best ball scramble so everyone can come and play without any worries. If you are unable to get a foursome together let us know and we'll help find you a great group of ladies who'll make it a fun day.

Just want to enjoy the lunch without golfing? There's space for that too. Check out the Ladies Golf Outing form in this Barker for more info or call one of us. Lunch should start around 11:30 or so. Come join us.

~Carol McCoy, Blair Garceau

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— Birch Lake Notes —

Crockpot Challenge

The annual Crockpot Challenge will be September 30 at the BLYC. Again there will be two categories: Savory and Sweet.

Prizes will be given for each category. Basket raffle, and 50/50 to benefit our Water Quality.

Entries will allowed in at 5:30 pm. Tasting will begin at 6.

This year, we will be sponsoring a food drive for the Food Bank of Cass County. Please contribute with non-perishable foods. Let's help our community!

~Bad Patty

Birch Lake boat parade

This year's boat parade theme is "It's A Small World." For many of us, Birch Lake is our favorite place to be, but where else in the world would you like to be?

Start working with your family and friends on your boat decorations and be ready to join this year's parade. It will be on Saturday July 1 at 3 pm.

Participants should meet at Past Commodore Waxman's pier on the East Side at 2:30 pm on that day to register, pick up your instructions and get your boat number.

If you have any questions before then, feel free to give Dan a call at: 317-506-1680. Look forward to seeing you and having fun in the sun!

Yacht Club building use

For information on the rules and requirements, and to make arrangements to use the BLYC building, contact Sandy Vitale at 269-476-1680 or 269-858-8184 (call or text), or send her an email at sv6102@gmail.com.

BLYC Directory

Got corrections and updates? Send any updates to onlinebarker@gmail.com and we'll publish them here for folks to update their directories.

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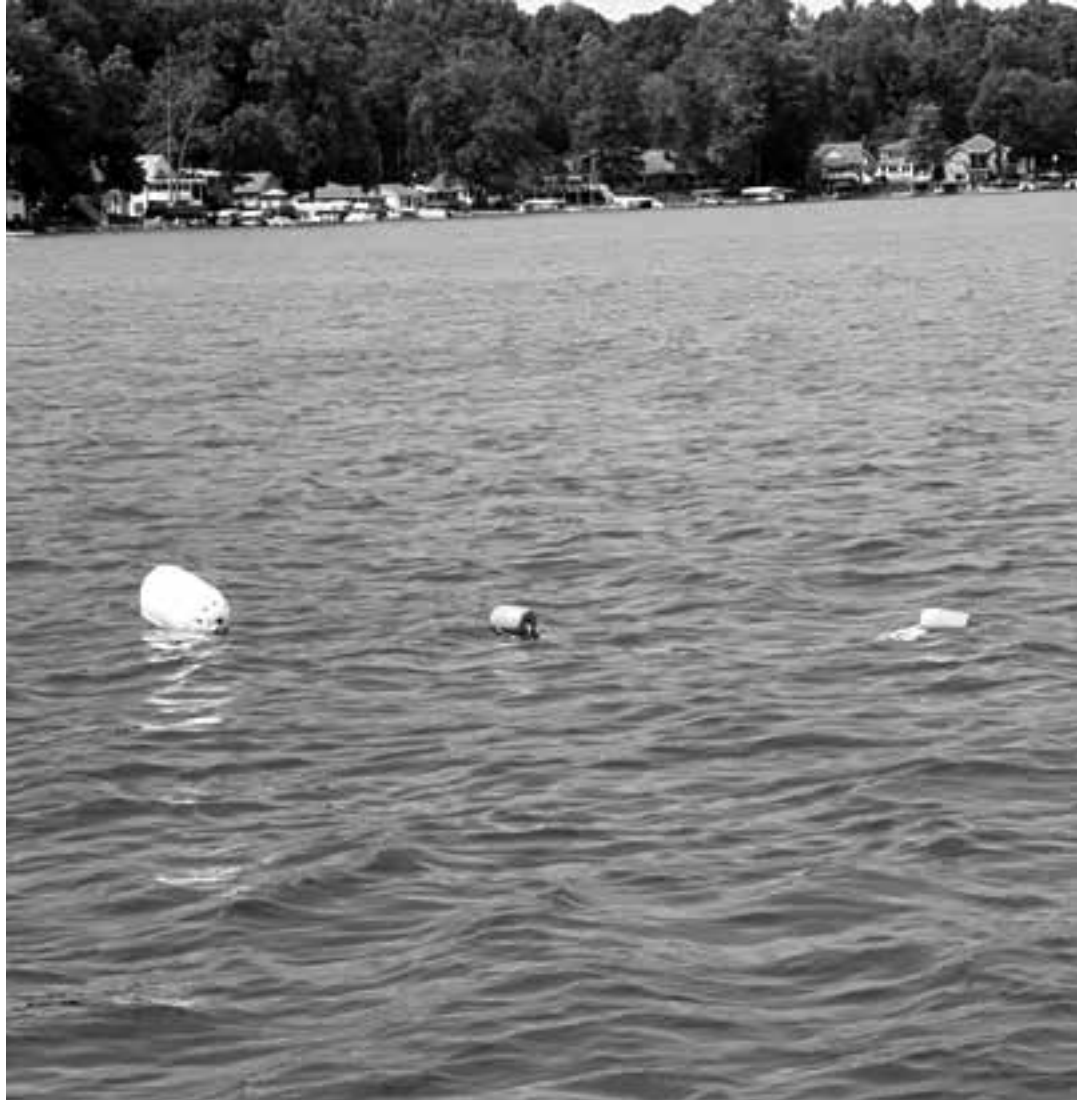
— Birch Lake Notes —

Thanks to Pat Welch for alerting us to this device, the surface portion of which is floating in about 80' of water off of the west shore.

Apparently it was placed there by the DNR to measure and record temperatures and quantities of dissolved oxygen at various depths and at regular time intervals. It may be left in place for a number of months. This information indicates stratifications within the water column, used to help determine our status as a cold water lake.

This information is good.
Please don't hit or otherwise disturb this equipment.

Thanks again Pat.

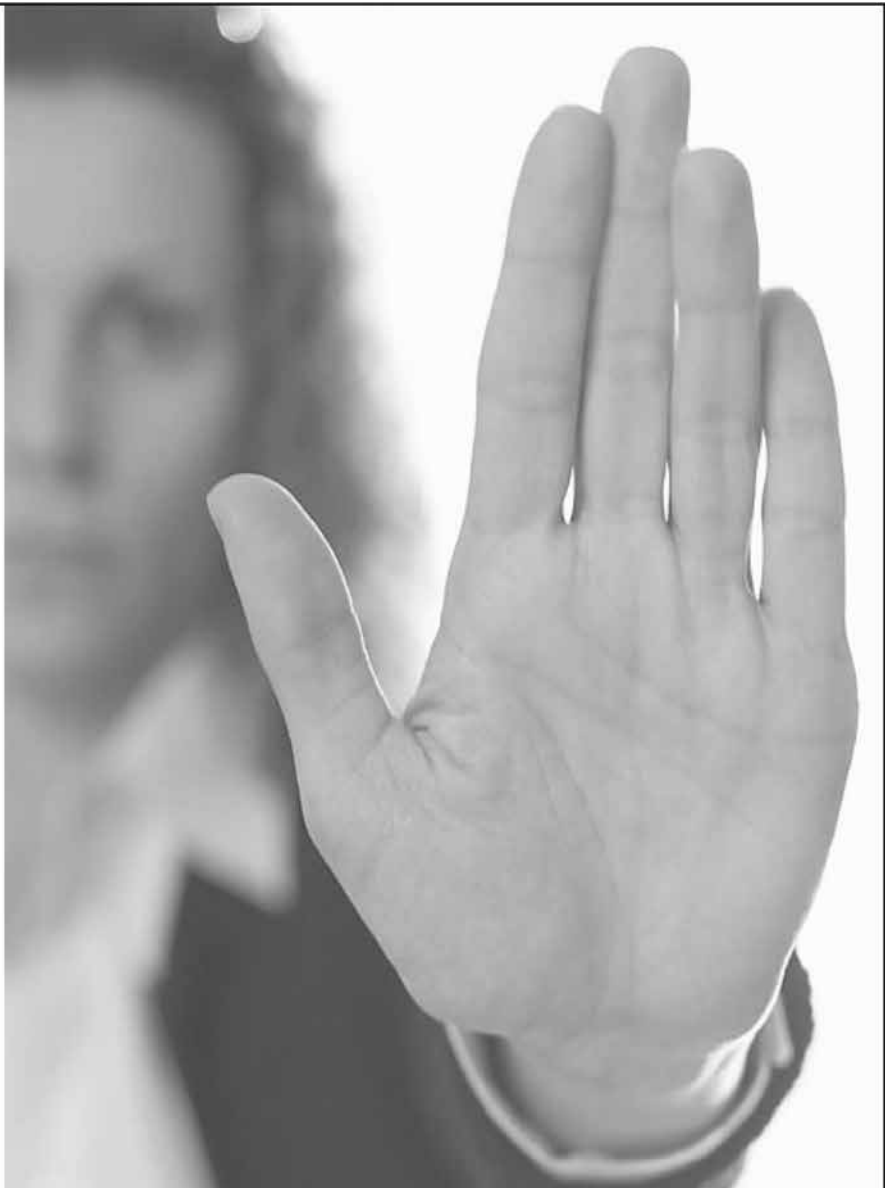


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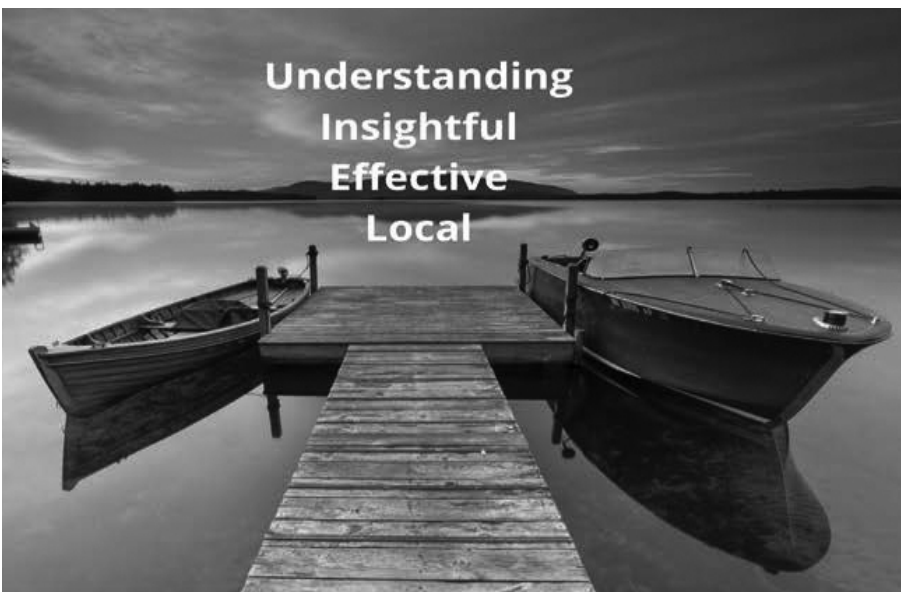


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— Barker Kids of the Week —



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A second week of no sailing

Last Sunday, the BLYC Sailors were ready to race, but the wind failed to show up during our window of racing opportunity. This made the second week in a row without sailing, the previous Sunday having been rained out. Now only Sunday, June 25 remains as a possibility for additional June racing before our Fourth of July Regatta. Not to sound too choosy, but all best wishes and prayers for good wind on June 25 from 10:30 am to 2 pm are most appreciated! Thank you!

~F.C. Steve

**NO
WIND
NO SAILING**

BLYC sailing results & season standings

Date	5/27	5/27	5/27	6/4	6/4	6/4	Total	Point	Races	%
Race #	1	2	3	4	5	6	Points	Average	Finished	Finished
MC Scow/Sailor Total MC Races = 6										
Scott Troeger	1	2	1	1	2	2	9363	1560.5	6	100
Patrick Welch	DNS	DNS	DNS	3	3	4	4257	1419	3	0.5
Barb Cassady	2	1	2	2	1	1	9363	1560.5	6	100
Bob King	4	4	3	DNS	DNS	DNS	4182	1394	3	0.5
Phil Vitale	3	3	4	4	4	5	8291	1381.833	6	100
Bill Luecht	DNS	DNS	DNS	5	5	3	4036	1345.33	3	0.5
Amber Grundy	DNS	DNS	DNS	6	6	7	3606	1202	3	0.5
Sandy Vitale	6	5	6	7	7	6	7283	1213.833	6	100
Steve Frew	5	6	5	8	DNF	DNS	5995	11994	4	0.66
Sunfish/Sailor Sunfish races = 6										
Rick Russwurm	1	1	2	1	1	2	9442	1573.66	6	100
Stewart Spratt	DNS	DNS	DNS	2	2	1	4642	1547.33	3	0.5
Pat McGann	2	2	1	5	5	3	8678	1446.33	6	100
Bob Niezgodski	3	3	4	3	3	4	8514	1419	6	100
Camille Butler	4	4	3	4	4	5	8216	1369.33	6	100

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— Water Quality Report —

Eurasian Milfoil

Eurasian 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 2023 Progressive AE surveyed the entire lake for all types of invasive species

at the end of May. Their survey turned up 1 acre of Eurasian Milfoil on the east shore. They also found a small amount of Eurasian Milfoil on the North shore. On June 12th of this year, Professional Lake Management treated the site on the east shore. Progressive AE will do a second survey and determine whether further treatment will be needed.

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. Your continued financial support is greatly appreciated.

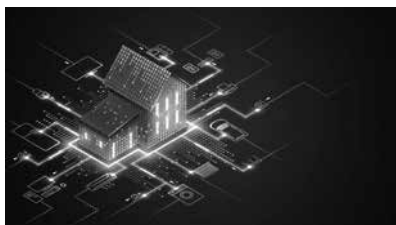


The Six Commandments of Birch Lake Water Quality

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

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Some lake residents have told carriers they do not want Barkers piling up in doors, as it gives the look of an empty home and increases the possibility of a break-in. Nonetheless, the delivery team has been instructed to NOT deliver in or on mailboxes, but to find an alternative.

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How many of these words can you find in this puzzle?

The Moon this Saturday

(At Midnight, US Central time, viewed from the Birch Lake)

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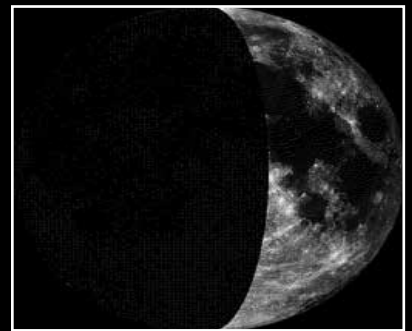
Sunrise: 06:06:31 AM

Sunset: 21:22:51 PM

Moonrise: 12:07:03 PM

Moonset: 01:07:15 AM

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Birch Lake Ladies' FUN Golf Outing

Friday, July 21, 2021

Spruce Ridge Golf Course, Dowagiac

9 AM Tee Off - \$45 per golfer

Please arrive no later than 8:30 AM

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Registration Form

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Deadline for registration is Sunday, July 16

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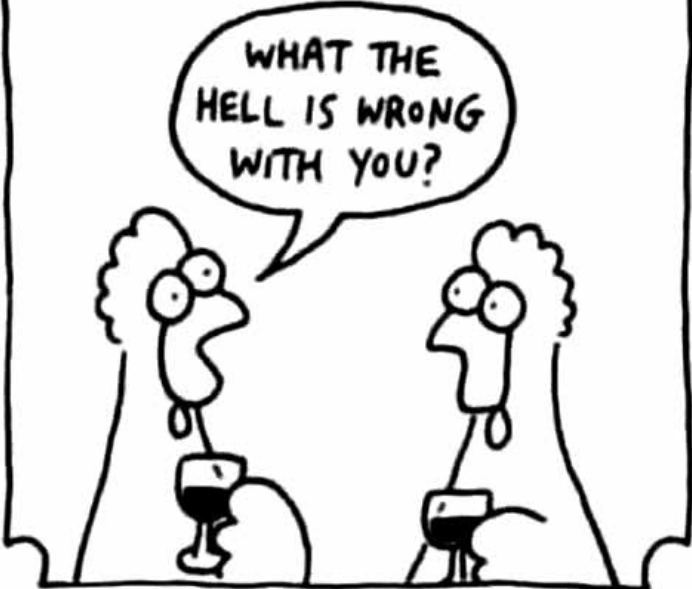
Editor's note: The poster was produced from a painting by former Birch Lake resident and artist Coy Jankowski.

Birch Barker Funnies

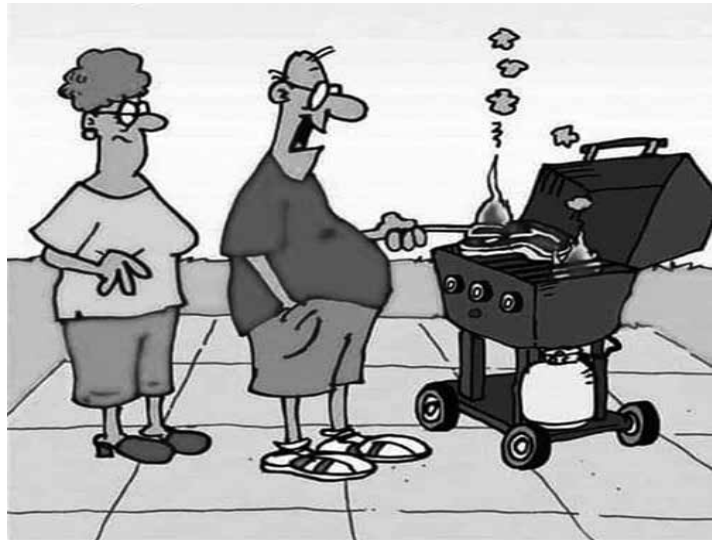
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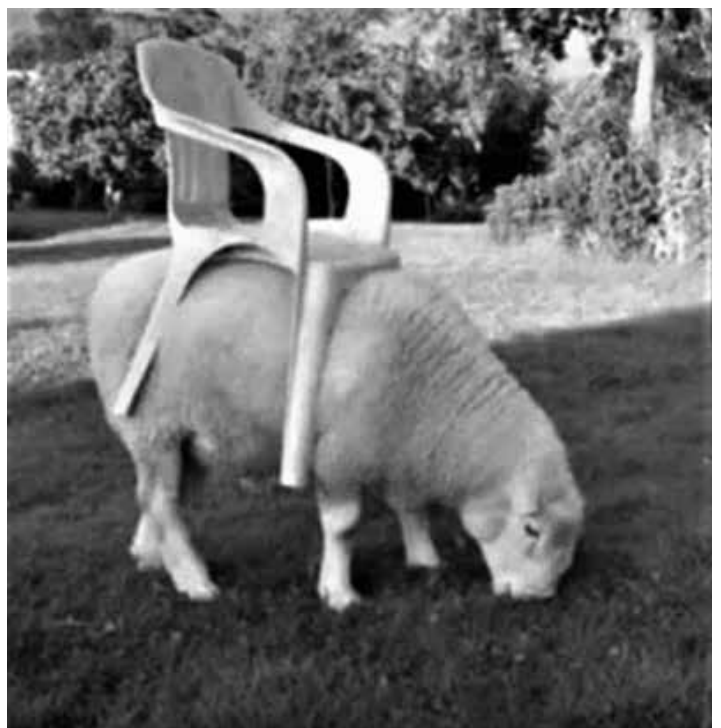
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Prep Time 5 minutes; Total Time 5 minutes

Ingredients:

- 3 to 4 cups fruit (I used 1 1/2 cups sliced strawberries)
- 1 cup grapes
- 1/2 cup blueberries
- 1/2 cup pineapple)
- 1 to 2 tablespoons instant vanilla pudding mix (Jell-O brand is vegan)
- About 2 tablespoons lemon or lime juice, optional
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract, optional
- 1/2 teaspoon almond extract, optional

Instructions

Add fruit to a large bowl.
 Sprinkle with 1 to 2 tablespoons instant pudding mix powder and toss to combine. Over time, the natural fruit juices moisten the pudding



powder. Or help it along with a splash of water.

Optionally add lemon or lime juice for a tangier fruit salad and toss to combine.

Optionally add vanilla or almond extract, or both, and toss to combine.

Serve immediately, or cover and refrigerate for up to 24 hours before serving. I prefer to make it and refrigerate overnight because the flavors marry and the coating tastes best.

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Week 2 campers here; one week to pancakes

Week 2 campers are here, and it's actually our smallest session of the summer with only 80 campers! It's crazy to think that 80 is our smallest session, because my first summer as camp director (in 2006), our biggest session of the whole summer had 68 registrations. Right now, we're at 1154 registrations for the 2023 summer, with a goal of 1200; in 2006 we finished the summer with 351 total campers.

This week's theme is "Lights, Camera, Action!" and we have a theater program offered this week that campers can sign up for. The campers in that class spent Monday afternoon looking up skits and short plays, and decided on one to practice all week and perform on Friday for the rest of camp. Some of our evening programs this week are based on that theme as well – with a Variety Show one night, where campers and staff can show off their talents, and a Name that Tune activity one evening.

We have some new specialty programs this summer at camp that campers can sign up for. We have a new "Art Exploration" class, which is intended to be a more in-depth arts and crafts class, where campers can spend more time on a project that is a bit more complex than our typical handcraft activities. Some of the projects include experimenting with

watercolors, learning crocheting or knitting, glass etching, or needle felting.

Another new program this year is campcraft, which is defined as skill and practice in the activities relating to camping. In this class campers will learn knot-tying, plant identification, fire-building, how to set up a campsite, and planning a hike or trip. Many years ago, when I was a camper, campcraft was offered in addition to our traditional nature program. We've added it back this year to give campers an opportunity to learn outdoor skills.

We also added a class called Art in Nature, giving kids the opportunity to make art from found objects and items in nature. They may make nature impressions or rubbings, paint with dyes made from berries or leaves, create collages from collected nature items, etc. Other weeks we have an Art in Science class, using principles of science to make art. They may do pendulum painting, creating sand art using sound waves, and so forth.

We're also offering a basic water rescue class this year, which is another "throw back" to years ago. It's not a certification course, but an opportunity for older campers to learn water safety skills. Many years ago, Red Cross offered a certification in Basic Water Rescue (aka BWR), and it was offered at camp when I was a camper. The class will give campers



the foundation they need to eventually get trained as lifeguards when they're old enough to do so.

Reminder: we're just over a week away from the Pancake Breakfast at camp on Sunday, July 2 from 8:30-11 am. The cost is \$5 for ages 13 and older, \$3 for youth ages 5-12, and free for ages 0-4. We love to see everyone from the lake and their holiday guests at the breakfast each year! We can always use helpers at the breakfast, too! If you're interested in volunteering for a shift, please email me at amber@tannadoonah.org Thanks!

~Mrs. Amber

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Tip No 5: PLEASE STAY OFF THE COURSE

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



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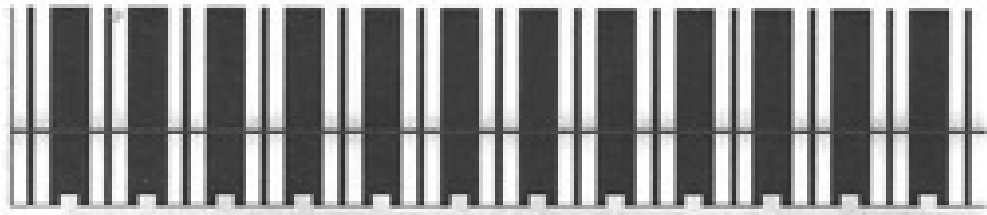
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