

The
Weekend
Of

Aug. 5,
2023

Birch Barker

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The official summer publication of the
Birch Lake Yacht Club



Cousin love! The Petty and Caplis girls (north shore) enjoying a summer afternoon

Photo submitted by Megan Caplis

COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

The summer heat and humidity finally arrived at Birch last week. I observed so many kids and adults enjoying the refreshing waters of the lake. The weather god gave us some much needed rain, but we could have done without the wind. Several trees were uprooted and many limbs came tumbling down but luckily there were no personal injuries and minimal damage to structures.

The Men's Golf Outing was held last Friday. I have it on good authority that after a rain delay, the men golfed and still had time to freshen up before heading to the Yacht Club for a man-sized meal and some great prizes. John Ball chaired the event, and I was told that he did an exceptional job. Thank you John for putting on a great, well-run event.

The annual Corn & Sausage roast is this Saturday at the Yacht Club. Check this issue of the Barker for details.

The Don Harmon Kidz Regatta is coming up on Saturday, August 12 on the north shore at Bob and Leslie King's home. This is a great event to introduce your kids to sailing.

Vice Commodore Sue Davis has been working hard on the BLYC Fall Dinner to be held at the Yacht Club on

Saturday, August 26. Be sure to secure your tickets for this event as the deadline is August 18. Everything you need to know is in this issue of the Barker.

This week enjoy the lake and obey the rules on the water, be gentle, be kind, and remember the sun always shines on Birch Lake, even on a cloudy day.

~Commodore Deb

Corn & Sausage Roast TODAY! Saturday, August 5, 2023 It's Finally Here!

This is The Day! It's time to gather your families and neighbors for the annual Corn & Sausage Roast! From 5:30 to 7:30 pm Saturday at the Yacht Club we'll be serving delectable meals with your grilled meat choice, roasted corn, a selection of side dishes, cookies and lemonade or iced tea. Prepare yourself for a chicken breast (\$9), bratwurst (\$8) or hot dog (\$5) meal. (NOTE: We'll only have a limited supply of chicken breasts – arrive early for your best chances to get one). Still a bargain! Pay at the door – no reservations required! Come hungry, enjoy summertime favor-

ites, visit with neighbors and leave satisfied! Hope to see you there!

2023

Birch Lake Calendar

- Aug. 5 Home Owner's Assoc. annual meeting**, details inside
- Aug. 5 Corn & Sausage Roast**, 5:30-7 pm, BLYC
- Aug. 12 - Don Harman Kidz Regatta**, Kings', north shore, 1-3 pm
- 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

BLYC Board Meetings Aug. 5, Sept. 9

BLYC Board meetings begin at 9 am, and are open to all lake residents

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— Birch Lake Notes —

John Groszek's Memorial Service and Celebration of Life

Saturday, August 5 - 11 am.
Brown Funeral Home. 521 E. Main Street, Niles Luncheon following for family and close friends catered by The Skillet, held at: Eagles Lodge, 34 Sycamore St., Niles. Please let Lois know if you are planning to attend the luncheon as a count is needed for the caterer a week before. Text or call, 574-276-0960 or email: lolobirch@aim.com

AED Refresher at meeting

The Birch Lake Homeowner's Association will hold its annual meeting following the BLYC board of directors meeting on August 5. Everyone is welcome. Following that (about 10 am), East side resident Liberty Coryell will present a refresher on the proper use of the automated external defibrillator (AED) devices located around the lake.

New "Slow Down" signs available

New "Slow Down" signs are now available, courtesy of the Homeowner's Association. If your road area could use one contact Blair Garceau (476-9862). People are saying they are noticing the new signs, hopefully everyone will heed the message. Please slow down, there are many people, animals and vehicles that have to share our roads.

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— Birch Lake Notes —



Happy 50th anniversary Pences

Congratulations to Barb and Bob Pence who are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. They purchased their first cottage on Birch Lake in 1984 and have been permanent lake residents since 2015.

Crockpot Challenge

The 2023 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.

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

There will be a basket raffle, and 50/50 drawing to benefit our Water Quality.

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



Girls just want to have fun. Thanks to all who joined my Sister Pam and I for lunch to celebrate "Girls Day on the Lake," a tradition started with Bad Patty as one of the hosts more than 11 years ago. It was great fun.

~Good Patti Russwurm

The summer storm that swept across Birch Lake last week took down two trees and one boat lift ... pictured is the large tree that was toppled in the northeast corner of the lake; the tree that landed on Curtis' home (east side), Phipps' mangled boat lift and the three "angels" (Justin Bratt, Tim Burchell, and Zach Nickell) who dismantling Phipps shore station to prevent further damage from the storm.



Thanks to Patti Russwurm, Claudia Phipps and Bobbi Pack for the photos.



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— BLYC Men's Golf Outing —

The 63rd Birch Lake Men's Outing was held last Friday at Hampshire Golf Club with 39 golfers competing for cash awards. Tee times were delayed 3 hours due to a severe storm, but the course held up well and everyone was able to complete their round.

We met at the Yacht Club for cocktails followed by a catered dinner of ribs and chicken provided by Bullseye Marketplace. Award presentations followed by door prize drawings completed the evening.

Team Winners:

First Place: Mark Van Huffell, Brian Bishop, Mike Connaughton, AJ Bishop

Second Place: Bob Bender, Ken Petty, Andy Karceski, Tom Caplis (won tie-breaker with third place team)

Third Place: John DeCloedt, Bud Zesinger, K.C. Wiseman, Terry Wiseman

Fourth Place: Kevin Bernaciak, Dan Covey, Charlie Tietsort, John Ball (won tiebreaker with fifth and sixth and seventh place team).

Fifth Place: David Anderson, Brian Krol, Steve Manor, Charlie Affeld

Sixth Place: Mason Talos, Jacob Bishop, Tommy Gropp, Zach Lattimer

Seventh Place: Ray Scholes, Justin Bratt, Tim Burchell, Jon Rondot

Eighth Place: Mike Machallek, Pat McGann, Vic Jones, Bill Luecht

Ninth Place: Tim Steffen, Jamie Green, Bill Doba

Tenth Place: Bud Hall, Phil Vitale, Rick Russwurm, Mark Caenepeel

Hole Prizes:

Closest to the Pin # 11: Ray Scholes

Closest to the Pin # 6 – Terry Wiseman
Long Drive – Seniors – Steve Manor
Long Drive – K.C. Wiseman

Helpers:

The Outing takes many people to be a success:

Food Servers: Sue Davis, Cindy Bernaciak, Sheryl Covey, Jennifer Ball

Bar Tender: Sandy Vitale (with help from Phil)

Dinner Set up and Decorations : Jennifer Ball

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Door Prizes:

Bud Zesinger (dozen golf balls), Ray Scholes (hats), and Mark Van Huffell (25 hats, dry bags, golf towels, dozen golf balls, can cooler and 2 Rapala Fish Clippers). Jennifer Ball (Koozies).

Thanks:

Thank you all for making this outing a success which has resulted in contributions to Water Quality Fund and the BLYC Building Fund!

~John Ball



— Barker Kid of the Week —



The annual ScaBoom (Scannell/Hogoboom, south side) reunion the weekend of July 22.



Maggie Cassidy (daughter of Barb and Tom East Side) hosts fourth year of overnight camp with nieces and nephews.



Deborah & Steve Curtis's (east side) grandson Dean.



5th generation cousins: Clay Boverhof, Madi Hogoboom, Riley Haverkamp, Andrew Hogoboom, Atlas Boverhof. All great grandkids of Pat Scannell Hogoboom on the south side.




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— Barker Kids of the Week —



Left: The Pettys and Caplis' (both North Shore) enjoyed a visit with their cousins from Virginia.

Right: The O'Brien siblings Patty, Kathy & John came back to Birch last week for a family reunion and stayed at their childhood cottage (now owned by niece Sarah Petty).



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No wind, sailing canceled yet again, but afternoon sailing beckons

Last Sunday morning, sailing was canceled yet again, because the wind was only 4 mph at our start time of 11 am, and not forecast to improve much for several hours. When a great wind did come up about 3 pm, with no sailboats anywhere to be seen, I knew to expect some good-natured ribbing the next morning from the guys at Monday golf. And the guys didn't disappoint. I always try to explain that a lot of us have family or work responsibilities, so the best time to get all of us together on the starting line has been 11 am for as long as I can remember. But my golf buddies have a valid point: The wind doesn't care about our schedules, and the best wind usually happens in the afternoons. It's a fact of nature. And it's why Camp Tannadoonah holds sailing classes in the afternoon,

Camp Eberhart holds light wind classes in the morning and bigger wind classes in the afternoon, and our neighbors at Eagle Lake Yacht Club hold their races in the afternoons.

Here at BLYC, we may be on pace for a record bad year with our morning starts. We have raced only 12 out of 32 scheduled races so far, and have a cancellation rate of 62 percent. But I'm happy to report that thanks to the generosity of course-setting Captain Tom Cassady, course-setting First Mate Vic Jones, and Committee Boat Captain Ron Niezgodski, who have stepped in to help address this problem, we now have the option of offering our sailors starting times as late as 1 pm if necessary to get sailable wind. In other words, we are now dipping our toes into the waters of afternoon sailing. We'll still do our best to start races at 11 am as per tradition, but we'll have early afternoon starts as an option.

We'll see how this works out. If it makes some races happen that otherwise wouldn't happen, that will be a good thing.

~FC Steve

Annual Don Harman Kidz Regatta

We once again welcome the Kids of Birch to the King's (North Shore) for camaraderie, a little learning (knot tying tutorial), a Sailing Regatta and cookies/punch. Walk, drive, boat towards the sailboats tied to moorings along the shore for v2023, rain or shine, from 1-3 pm Saturday, August 12.

The racing (assuming there's wind) will be "short course" reach-reach (the fastest point of sail) to get our kids out sailing. Please bring your own PFD (life jacket) and join us! As to the name, Don and Lind Harman (East shore) were gracious hosts to our kids for many years.

Let's Regatta!

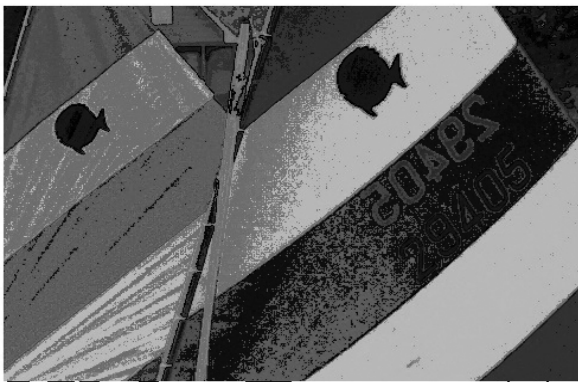
~Bob King



KOTW kudos to the trio of unknown paddleboarders.

photo by Buzz Rasmussen

Annual Don Harman



Kidz Regatta

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— Water Quality Report —

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So, the question is "do we have an issue at Birch Lake?" The answer is essentially – no, but that does not mean we do not have to be alert and watch for signs of a "bloom" of these blue green algae. On our lake "blooms" are rare, very localized, and very time-limited events. However, this year Terry Dugan has seen signs of blue-green algae the day after a Wednesday night storm the night before, and strong sun on a calm lake the following morning. One was also reported by the Kuhn's during the same time frame from the west side.

Normally, in bodies of fresh water, blooms are associated with high nutrient lakes, which we are not. However, under

the right conditions mini blooms can occur. It may present as a sort of fluorescent or shiny surface scum with bluish or greenish tints, early in the morning as the sun shines causing the blue green algae to float to the surface as they become surrounded by bubbles, most commonly after a storm or relatively high winds followed by dead calm in the morning sun. It can also look like streaks of greenish algae on the surface.

Please differentiate this from the common mats of decaying residues of the multiple hatches we get of mayflies, midges, and other insects which have larval forms in the water.

Also, we get lots of tree seeds and pollen, but these are usually in the spring and early summer, along with little mats of very green algae. With waves and wind, the bloom will disperse. Should you see something like this as you arise in the morning adjacent to the shoreline, do not let your dogs drink from the lake in the area and avoid walking or wading in that area until it has been dispersed.

Again, only a very few have been seen or reported over the years. The few seen, have been on the south or west side where the sun shines in early AM on a still lake. A reason for the fortunate lack of any blooms lately may be related to the almost disappearance of zebra mussels. These invaders had coated all hard surfaces for a number of years, but have

been very, very dramatically reduced in number recently. Does not mean gone but sort of in an ecological hibernation. Researchers at MSU have done studies that correlated zebra mussel infestations with increased blue green algae numbers in low nutrient lakes like Birch. It is believed that the zebra mussels filter out normal algae and effectively spit out blue greens, altering the algae landscape. However, the zebra mussels are more abundant this year and this may portend some increase in small blooms of blue green algae.

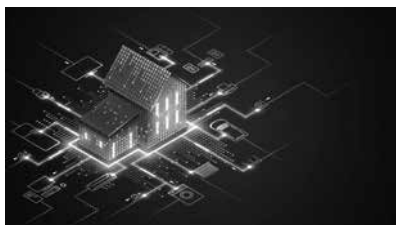


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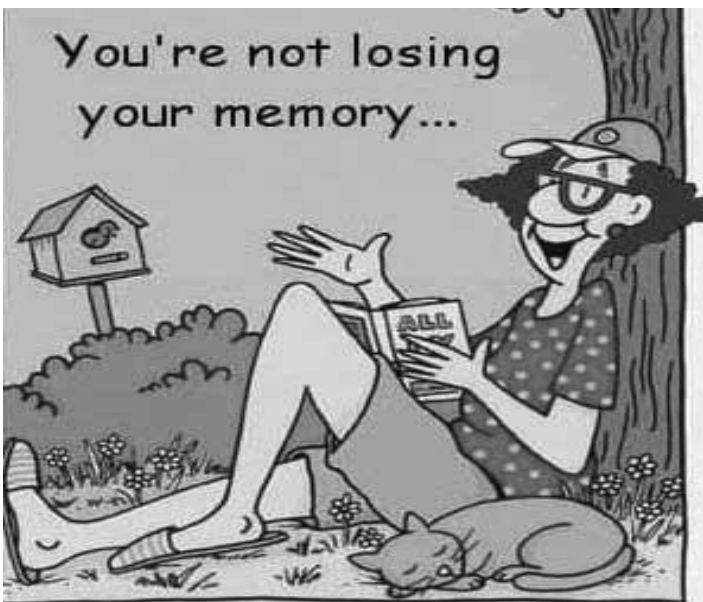
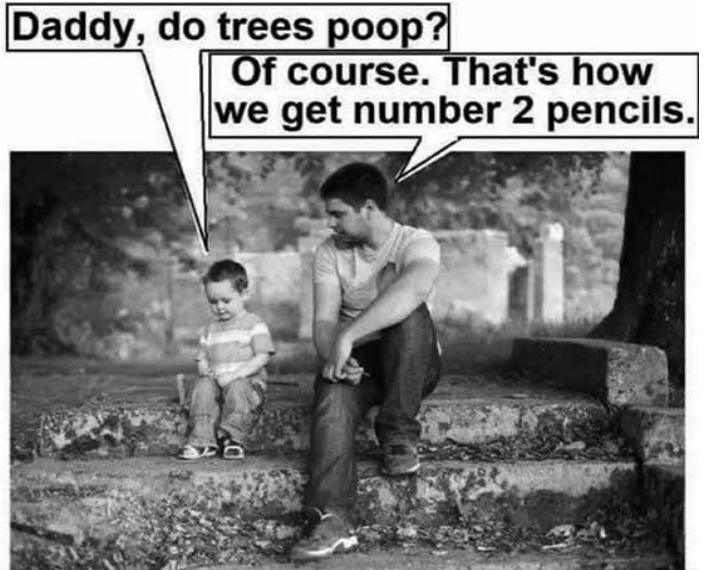
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Editor's note: The poster was produced from a painting by former Birch Lake resident and artist Coy Jankowski.

Birch Barker Funnies



You're just really good at letting go of the past!





~Birch Lake Recipes~



Provided Exclusively to the Birch Barker from Mrs. Ima Foodnudge

Caesar grilled chicken wings

These Caesar chicken wings add a tangy twist to a barbecue favorite!

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Cook Time: 30 mins
Additional Time: 4 hrs
Total Time: 4 hrs 40 mins
Servings: 6



Ingredients

- 1 (8 ounce) bottle Caesar salad dressing
- ¼ cup freshly grated Parmesan cheese
- 3 pounds chicken wings, cut apart at joints, wing tips discarded
- 1 tablespoon lemon pepper

Directions

1. Combine Caesar dressing and Parmesan cheese in a bowl.
2. Place wings in a large resealable plastic bag; pour in dressing-cheese marinade. Seal bag; toss to coat and refrigerate at least 4 hours.

3. Preheat grill for medium heat (300 to 350 degrees F, 150 to 175 degrees C), and lightly oil the grate.

4. Remove wings from bag; discard marinade. Heavily sprinkle all sides of wings with lemon pepper.

5. Place wings on grill. Cook, covered, turning several times, until cooked through and internal temperature reaches 165 degrees F (75 degrees C); 20 to 30 minutes. Transfer wings to a platter.

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— Camp Tannadoonah —

End of season is coming fast!

The end of the camp season is coming up fast! Next week is our last week of camp, and this year it's a special one. Every five years we have a tradition called "the Patteran." It dates back to the 1940s, and happens in years ending in 3 and 8. There is a time capsule containing records from all of the previous Patteran years, with logs of what the campers did while they were at camp, stories from their weeks here, signatures, and sometimes small items that campers added to the jar.

The word Patteran means a sign or indicator to point the way or give direction to other travelers. Throughout the week, we will give clues to the campers about the location of the Patteran, and on Thursday we will go on a hunt throughout camp to find it. Then we take it back to Morris Lodge and open the jar, and read to them from the logs and records that are contained inside.

In the past, we called this session of camp "Gypsy Week." However, the term "gypsy" is actually a derogatory and offensive descriptor used to refer to individuals who are from the Romani or Roma culture. As a result, we have decided to stop using the term and are just referring to it as Patteran Week.

One of the traditions that goes along

with Patteran Week is that each cabin is given a color, and they tie-dye bandanas in their color, and write a song to represent their group. We also have special songs that we only sing during this one week every five years. Sometimes it's hard to teach them because only a handful of us know the songs! We tell special stories and legends around the history of the Patteran, and it's an exciting week for campers who have been here in the past to see the logs from their prior Patteran weeks.

Next Friday (August 11) will also be our end-of-the-season closing campfire. Throughout the summer, campers have been working towards earning their "Order of the Birch" award. At the closing campfire on Friday, we will have a special ceremony to honor those campers. We create an honor guard of torchbearers, and announce the names of the campers who have earned this special award. They come forward through the honor guard and say a pledge and receive their award.

Those campers then lead the rest of the campers, staff, and guests to the waterfront from our Candlelight Serenade. We will come down the stairs around 9 or 9:15 pm, singing Follow the Gleam. The campers and staff will place their candles in the water, and sing camp



songs. If you're around on Friday night (August 11), come on out on your boats to see and hear this special event!

You'll see the flickering candles coming down the waterfront stairs as we proceed to the lake, and then the campers lining up around the dock and placing their candles in the water while we serenade those gathered on the water. It's a special way to close out our summer season at camp.

~Mrs. Amber

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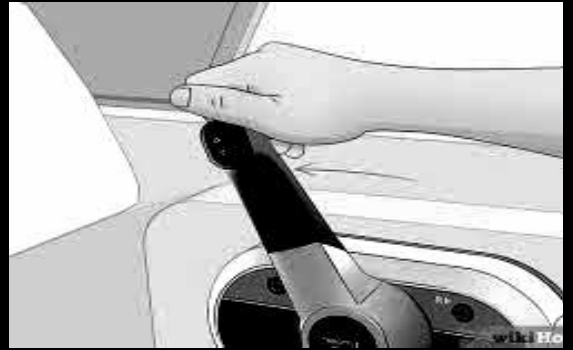
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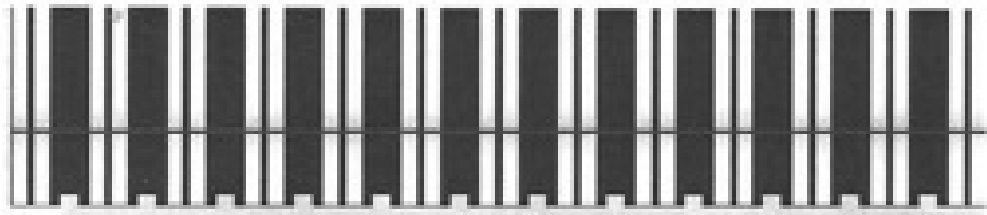
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