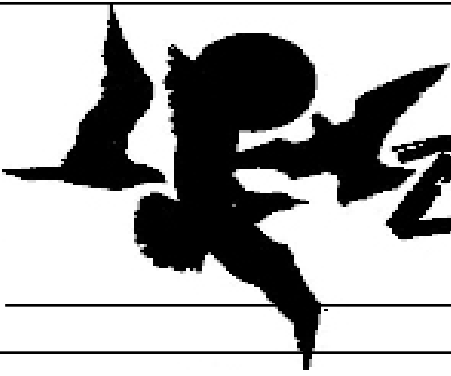


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Thanks to Good Patti Russwurm (north shore) for the "twofer" pic of a couple of bald eagles in a tree by lone St. (the road leading to the Yacht Club) last week.

COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

This is a bittersweet moment for me as this will be my final article written for the Barker as my term is coming to an end. I am leaving my duties in the capable hands of Sue Davis, who I have no doubt will be a great Commodore. I am fortunate to have had a successful year only because of the support of so many people, and I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge them.

To my fellow officers and board members, thank you for all of your support this past year. Every one of you at some point was willing to listen and offer me your support on various issues. You had my back, and for that I am grateful.

I would like to thank the many event chair person(s) for overseeing all of the get-togethers held at the Yacht Club throughout the summer months. These

events ran smoothly because of their hard work and perseverance. I also want to thank any and all Birch Lake residents that volunteered their time to help out at these events when it was needed. It takes a village, or in this case a lake community.

A huge thank you goes out to Phil Vitale, our Barker guru for all of his hard work in compiling, editing, securing advertisers and making sure everyone meets the deadline for publication (I will miss the Monday morning tickler) and to the Niezgodski family for pickup and delivery of the weekly paper to the various delivery people, and to those delivery people who make sure that the Barker is delivered to every home around the lake.

2023/4

Birch Lake Calendar

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, Yacht Club, 1 pm

Sept. 30 Crockpot challenge, details inside

July 6, 2024 - FIREWORKS

BLYC Board Meetings

Last meeting: Sept. 9

BLYC Board meetings begin at 9 am

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— Birch Lake Notes —

Thank you to our residents who serve on the Water Quality Committee namely Paul Fallon, Terry Dugan, Bruce Wagner, Jen Ball, Cindy Bernaciak, Pat Welch, Rick Russwurm and Ron Niezgodski. These volunteers gather water samples, look for invasive species, conduct tests and make all residents aware of ongoing issues. Their work insures that Birch Lake will remain the beautiful, idyllic retreat for our generation and for generations to come. Kevin and Cindy Bernaciak stepped up by selling 50/50 tickets at several functions to raise funds to support our water quality efforts and I thank them for their time.

A thank you goes out to Steve Frew, our BLYC Fleet Captain who has done a great job to promote sailing on Birch, along with his course setters Vic Jones and Tom Cassady and the Committee Boat crew of Bad Patty Luecht, Patti Russwurm, Ron Niezgodski, Bill Butler and Karen Brovold. I also want to thank Bob and Leslie King for bringing back the annual Don Harman Kidz Regatta, giving our kids an opportunity to experience the art of sailing.

Thanks to my handy hubby Bud, who performed jobs around the building, such as opening the building this spring with the help of Tom Rogers and Bill Butler, fixing a leaky sink, repairing the outside deck, replacing the BLYC sign-

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post and relocating it to a more visible place and for being my biggest supporter during my year as Commodore.

I apologize if I have forgotten to mention anyone as it was not my intention. Going forward, be generous, be kind, show compassion, spread love and joy and remember, the sun always shines on Birch Lake, even on a cloudy day.

~Commodore Deb

Crockpot Challenge

The 2023 Crockpot Challenge will

be September 30 at the BLYC. Again this year 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!

~Sandy & Phil



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FLEET CAPTAIN'S CORNER



Last Sunday ... not a good sailing day

Last Sunday was good for pedal boats ...

With sailing canceled again due to lack of wind, and glassy smooth water on Birch Lake last Sunday morning, the coolest boat went pedaling by our pier. A dad and his small child were on a fluorescent orange pedal kayak with an outrigger and a mast that had a sail. But with no wind, the sail was furled up and the dad was pedaling along, while the child hopped about happily on the trampoline. So if current Sunday wind trends continue, maybe all of us MC and Sunfish sailors can start a BLYC Pedal Kayak Fleet instead!

SW Michigan Interlake Regatta at Corey Lake a big success!: Last Saturday, three Birch Lake Sailors traveled to Corey Lake for the first SW Michigan Interlake Regatta held there since 1985. We wanted to see how it was done, in preparation for possibly hosting the event here at Birch Lake in 2024. Our friendly and generous hosts at Corey Lake brought it off without a hitch. Sailors came from Grand Rapids, Indianapolis, Eagle Lake, Indian Lake, Gull Lake, and Birch Lake. Everything was well organized, well prepared and well staffed. The wind cooperated, the starting horn went off and soon 28 beautiful MC's with white sails were tacking back and forth into the wind and across each others' paths, on a long course almost the entire

length of Corey Lake. What a thrill! There were two races before a delicious shore lunch, two more races after lunch, and an early evening awards ceremony. Corey Lake hometown hero Bill Farabaugh won first place against stiff competition. Barb Cassady and her sister-in-law Amy Cassady Holdeman did the best of our Birch Lake contingent, but we were all way back in the pack. I edged out Pat McGann and his friend Kelly Davis Wilson in the "best of the worst" category. Everyone got a long-sleeve T-shirt and a waterproof phone case, along with other swag. Most importantly, lots of fun and camaraderie!

Junior Sunfish Fleet races, Saturday, August 25 at noon: Tom Cassady will have a race course set up for our Junior Sunfish Fleet races on Saturday, August 25. Races will start at noon, so kids should plan to be near the starting line 15 minutes early. Life jackets required! Anybody who wants to sail in this event but doesn't have a Sunfish, please let us know!

Sailing Awards Luncheon, Saturday, September 9, 2023 at 1 pm, is now moved to the BLYC Yacht Club: (Notre Dame plays away at NC State.) All past, present or future Course Setting Boat, Committee Boat, Rescue Boat personnel or Sailors; and actually all BLYC members who would like to attend are welcome! And that includes all Kidz Regatta and Junior

Sunfish Fleet kids and their families! Everybody is welcome! Sandwiches and beverages will be provided. Please bring an appetizer or a dessert. Please RSVP. Looking forward to seeing you all there!

~ F.C. Steve

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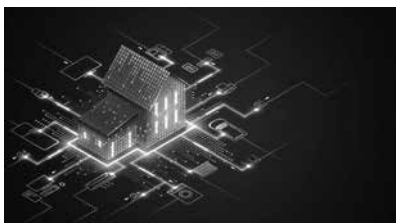
Date	8/13	8/13	8/13	Total	Point	Races	%
Race	15	16	17	Points	Average	Finished	Finished
MC Scow/Sailor				Total MC Races = 17			
Scott Troeger #1489	4	1	1	26416	1553.88	17	100
Barb Cassady #2506	1	5	2	25962	1527.17	17	100
Bob King #1199	2	6	3	12704	1411.55	9	52
Patrick Welch #1979	5	2	4	16888	1407.33	12	70
Phil Vitale #500	3	3	6	21924	1370.25	16	94
Bill Luecht #1579	7	4	5	18963	1354.5	14	82
Steve Frew #656	6	8	7	19551	1221.93	15	88
Sandy Vitale #2159	8	7	8	16746	1196.14	14	82
Amber Grundy #1173	DNS	DNS	DNS	3606	1202	3	17

Sunfish/Sailor				Total Sunfish Races = 17			
Rick Russwurm	1	1	1	26497	1558.64	17	100
Stewart Spratt	2	2	2	13926	1547.33	9	52
Pat McGann	4	3	3	21230	1415.33	15	88
Bob Niezgodski	3	5	4	22019	1376.18	16	94
Herb Cleveland	5	4	5	13473	1347.3	10	58
Camille Butler	6	6	6	21768	1280	17	100
Amy Troeger	DNS	DNS	DNS	7299	1459.8	5	29
Bob King	DNS	DNS	DNS	2888	1444	2	11
Connor Caplis	DNS	DNS	7	1156	1156	1	5
Pete Soldato	DNS	DNS	DNS	3121	1560.5	2	1
Bill Butler	DNS	DNS	DNS	0	0	3	17

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.
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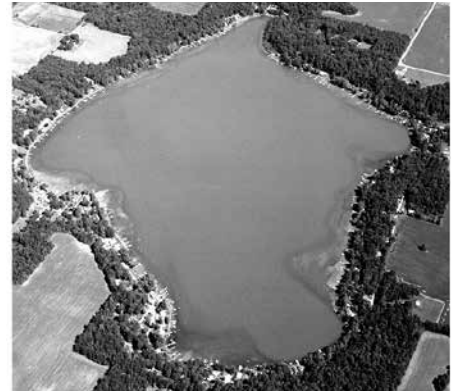
It's time to review with you our Commandment # 5, "Thou Shalt Not Allow Phosphorus, Nutrients and other Chemicals to Enter Our Lake."

Phosphorus is a chemical element required for all forms of life, necessary for every cellular process that uses energy. It is used most extensively in fertilizer. It is the "limiting factor" in many, and particularly in aquatic, ecosystems. This means it is the variable in which a small change in the quantity of phosphorus **DIRECTLY CAUSES A SUBSTANTIAL CHANGE** in the output (growth) of the system (plants and algae.)

While virtually all nutrients are considered to be undesirable, preventing or the reducing the volume of phosphorus getting into an inland lake is commonly held to be the **SINGLE MOST SIGNIFICANT FACTOR** in preserving, or advancing, the water quality of inland lakes.

Due to its depth and limited inlets and outlets, it takes some 15 years to drain and replenish all the water in Birch Lake. Whatever we let, or gets, into our lake will be there for a very long time. So our need to ward off the entry of phosphorous, and other undesirable elements, is crucially acute. Accordingly, we ask that you:

- 1) Consider not using any fertilizer on your property
- 2) If you must fertilize, please:
 - A. Do so only once per year, in as small a quantity, and as far away from the shoreline, as possible.
 - B. Make sure the fertilizer contains no phosphorus
 - C. Recall that the other nutrients in fertilizer are undesirable also.
- 3) Shovel and load out ashes.
- 4) Don't allow leaves or other vegetation to get into the lake.
- 5) Bear in mind that anything left on the surface within our watershed will eventually get into the lake.
- 6) Pick up and properly dispose of animal waste.
- 7) Don't feed any wildlife, particularly not ducks, swans, or geese.
- 8) Between your lawn and shoreline plant a barrier strip, as wide as possible, of deeply rooted native plants at least 12" - 24" tall to minimize erosion and catch undesirable elements from entering the water. [This barrier strip may also help discourage geese from entering, and making deposits upon, your lawn area.]
- 9) Consider not using any weed killer or other chemicals on your property. If you must, please do so in limited quantities, away from the lake and not on a



windy day or before a rain event.

10) Recall that natural shorelines are one of our very best bets at limiting phosphorus in our lake.
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- I. Thou shalt prevent the spread of Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS).
- II. Thou shalt minimize surface runoff.
- III. Thou shalt minimize the effects of waves.
- IV. Thou shalt protect and expand Natural Shorelines.
- V. Thou shalt not allow phosphorus, nutrients, and other undesirable chemical elements to enter our lake.
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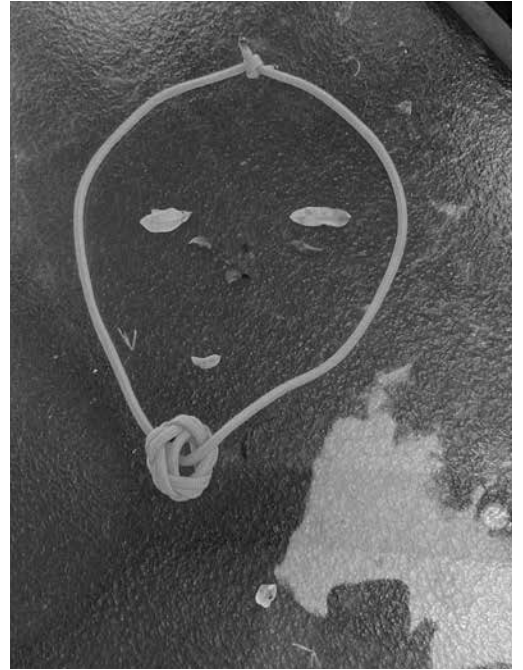
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— Barker Kids of the Week —



Lauren Belle Snider (cove) 6th birthday party with family and friends. Barbie was the hit gift of the day.



Thanks to Bill Luecht (east side), who sent in the photo of the Alien of the Week (a Barker first!)



Cousins, Henry and James, (grandkids of Matt and Amy Koscielski, cove) enjoying one more summer day at the lake!

Kids of the Week

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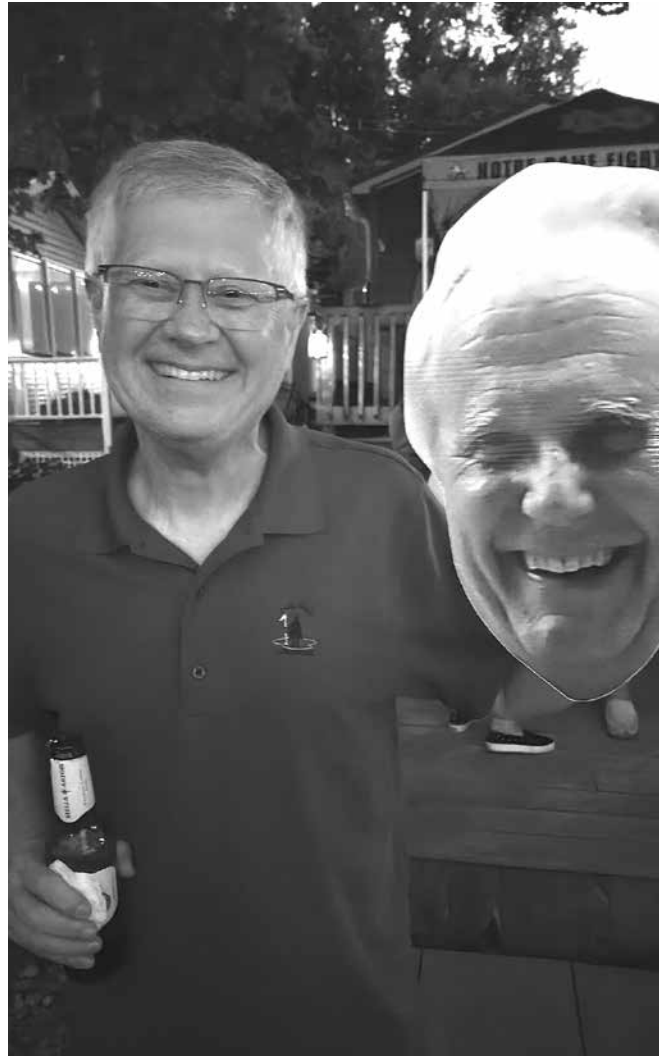
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Sue Ann Dufour (east side) checking out the August 19 Barker



Ray Waters (south side) at the Birchacola Bash.

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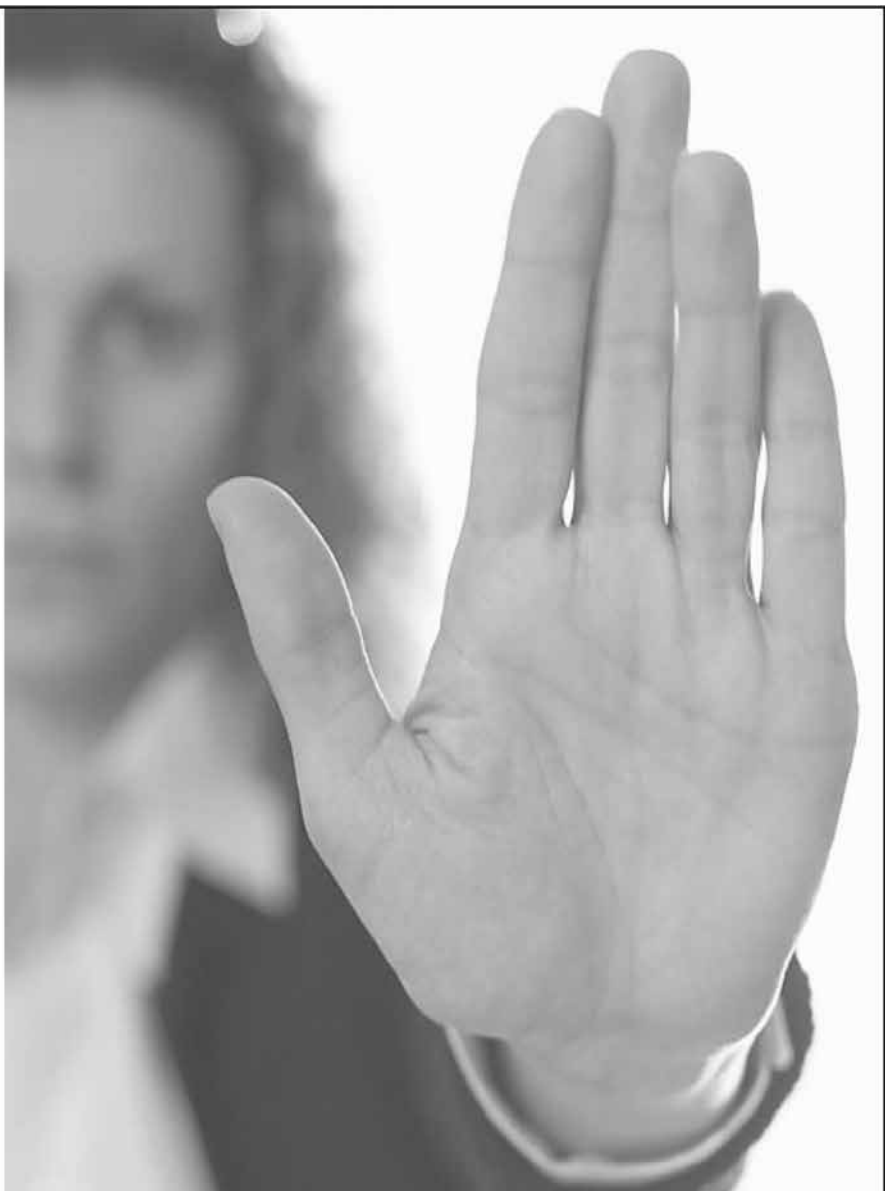


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Some lake residents have told carriers they do not want Barkers piling up in doors, as it gives the look of an empty home and increases the possibility of a break-in. Nonetheless, the delivery team has been instructed to NOT deliver in or on mailboxes,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

Vic Jones (east side) has placed a box in his driveway (see photo) for residents who haven't made arrangements for deliver to pick up their own Barkers ... Many residents have attached a length of PVC pipe (see photo above) to their mailbox stand for delivery. If you would like to arrange an alternative place for delivery (see photo above of Barker delivery option), contact Ron at 476-9317). If you do not wish to have the Barker delivered at all, email birchbass1@gmail.com or call Ron Niezgodski at 476-9317.

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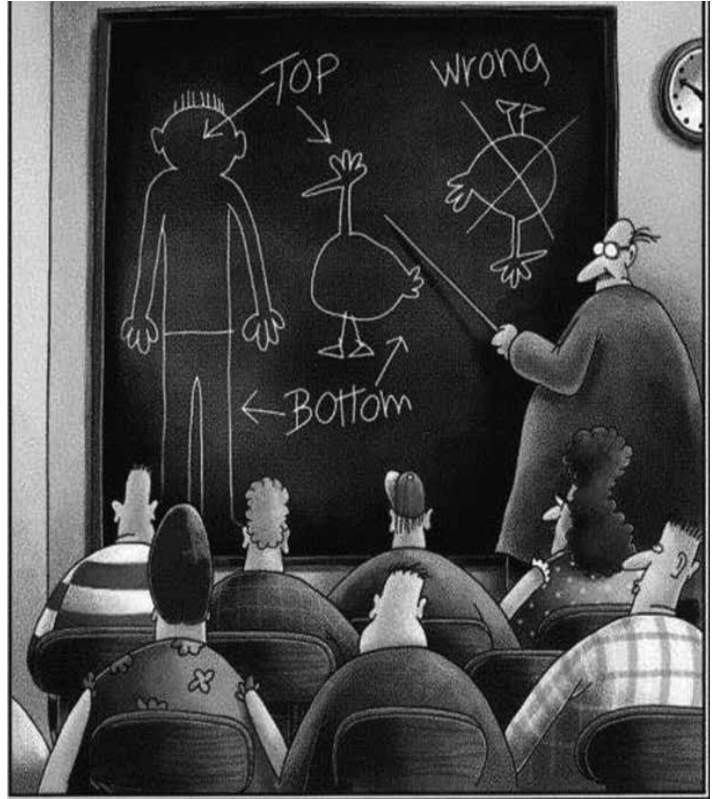


This beautiful poster is on sale this summer for \$25 while supplies last. It measures approximately 23" X 35", and would be a great addition to your home. The proceeds will be used for needed improvements to the yacht club building. Posters may be purchased through Becky Wiseman, 14910 Birch Lakeshore Drive (south side) on Saturday and Sunday from 11 am to 1 pm. Make checks payable to BLYC.

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

Birch Barker Funnies

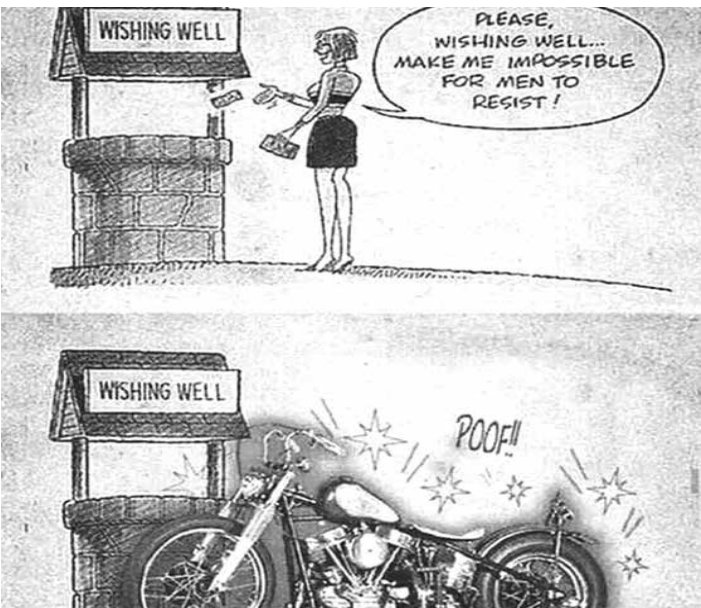
You know you're getting older when you use the word "thingy" all the time because you no longer can remember what things are called.



People who don't know which end is up



When you wake up from a nap and sit there trying to figure out what day it is





~Birch Lake Recipes~



Provided Exclusively to the Birch Barker from Mrs. Ima Foodnudge

Simple BBQ Ribs

This BBQ ribs recipe may be different than others you've tried, but for super tender ribs, give it a try! Lean, country-style pork ribs are boiled in seasoned water until tender, then finished up in the oven under a blanket of your favorite barbecue sauce as they bake to perfection. That's it! Back to simplicity, back to country life.

Prep Time: 5 mins

Cook Time: 1 hr 45 mins

Total Time: 1 hr 50 mins

Ingredients:

2 ½ pounds country-style pork ribs
2 tablespoons kosher salt
1 tablespoon garlic powder
1 teaspoon ground black pepper
1 cup barbeque sauce

Directions

Place ribs in a large pot and cover with water. Stir in kosher salt, garlic powder, and pepper, and bring water to a boil over medium heat. Continue to boil until ribs are tender, 40 to 45 minutes.

While the ribs are boiling, preheat the oven to 325 degrees F (165 degrees C).

Remove ribs from the pot, and place them in a 9x13-inch baking dish. Pour barbeque sauce over ribs. Cover the baking dish with aluminum foil.

Bake in the preheated oven until the internal temperature of the pork has reached 160 degrees F (70 degrees C), 1 to 1 1/2 hours.

Serve hot and enjoy!



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Grown up camp 2023

Our third annual grown up camp event – also known as a gathering of friends – is coming up at the end of September! This event is open to anyone 21 and older – you don't have to be a Camp alum to participate. We hope to keep offering this laid-back, fun weekend for adults for years to come. Registration is open and you can find all the information at tannadoonah.org/gathering

There are three options for participating: you can sign up for the full weekend (Friday morning through Sunday morning), or just come out for the day on Saturday, or join us for dinner and cocktails and a fun activity on Saturday evening. You can choose to stay in a cabin at camp, or you can sleep at home if you choose. The weekend is very relaxed and flexible. You can choose to participate in as many planned activities as you like, or you can hang out by the campfire and spend time with friends.

On Friday, we will have a continental breakfast, time to move into cabins and walk around camp to see all the projects we've been working on the past few years, and traditional camp activities like archery, nature hikes, canoeing, kayaking, tennis, basketball, and crafts.

We will serve lunch and dinner, and will have evening pontoon cruises

around the lake. After dinner there will be an evening activity similar to what we do with campers during the summer – but probably no capture the flag! After evening activity the past two years, many participants chose to hang out by the campfire and sing camp songs and share stories late into the night.

Saturday we have a full breakfast, followed by more camp activities for the morning. Saturday's schedule includes yoga in Morris Lodge, camp stories and history with Miss Toody, and more crafts, archery, and boating. Lunch is a cookout meal over the campfire – walking tacos or campfire stew or foil packet meals just like we do in the summer with campers.

In the afternoon on Saturday, football fans can hang out in the dining hall and watch the ND / Duke game on the big screen, take a guided tour of camp, or join in more traditional camp activities. We will definitely make lanyards and decorate wood coasters at least once over the weekend! Saturday evening we do dinner, cocktails, and an evening program after dinner. In the past two years we've had quite a few people join us just for dinner on Saturday night.

Everyone who attends gets a special t-shirt made just for this event! This year's shirt is being designed by two



former campers / counselors: Miss Yoli Roche and her sister Miss Jenny Drzewiecki. They're designing a throw-back shirt, reminiscent of a camper shirt from the late 80s.

We hope we have a great turnout for Grown Up Camp 2023! Please join us for a fun weekend. Register soon at tannadoonah.org/gathering

~Mrs. Amber

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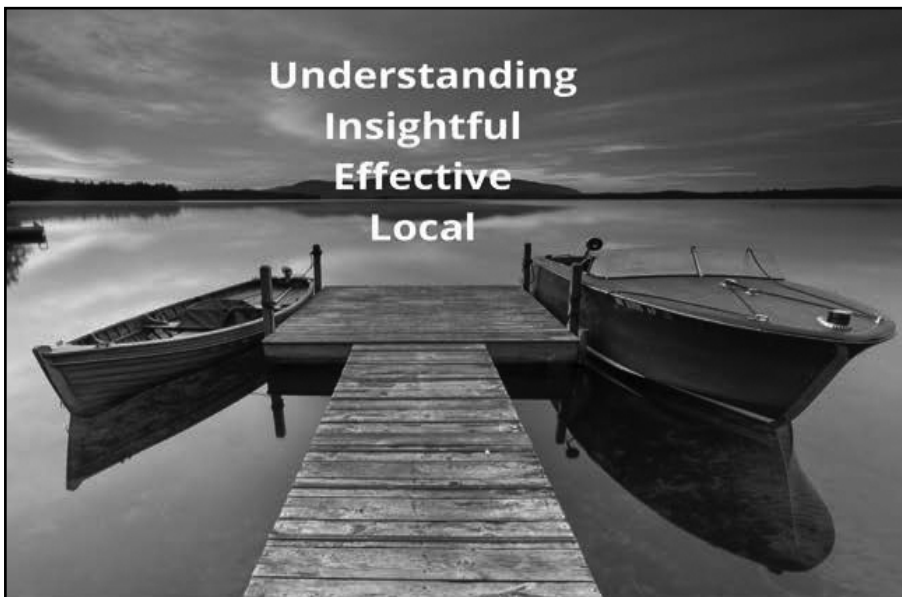
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Special thanks to Mr. Bob (King, north shore) for making and installing the "No Power Loading" sign on the back of the safety sign at the Birch Lake Landing! Hopefully all "homeys" and at least some of the "drop-ins" will get the message and STOP POWER LOADING!

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



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EMERGENCY HEART DEFIBRILLATOR (AED) locations on Birch Lake

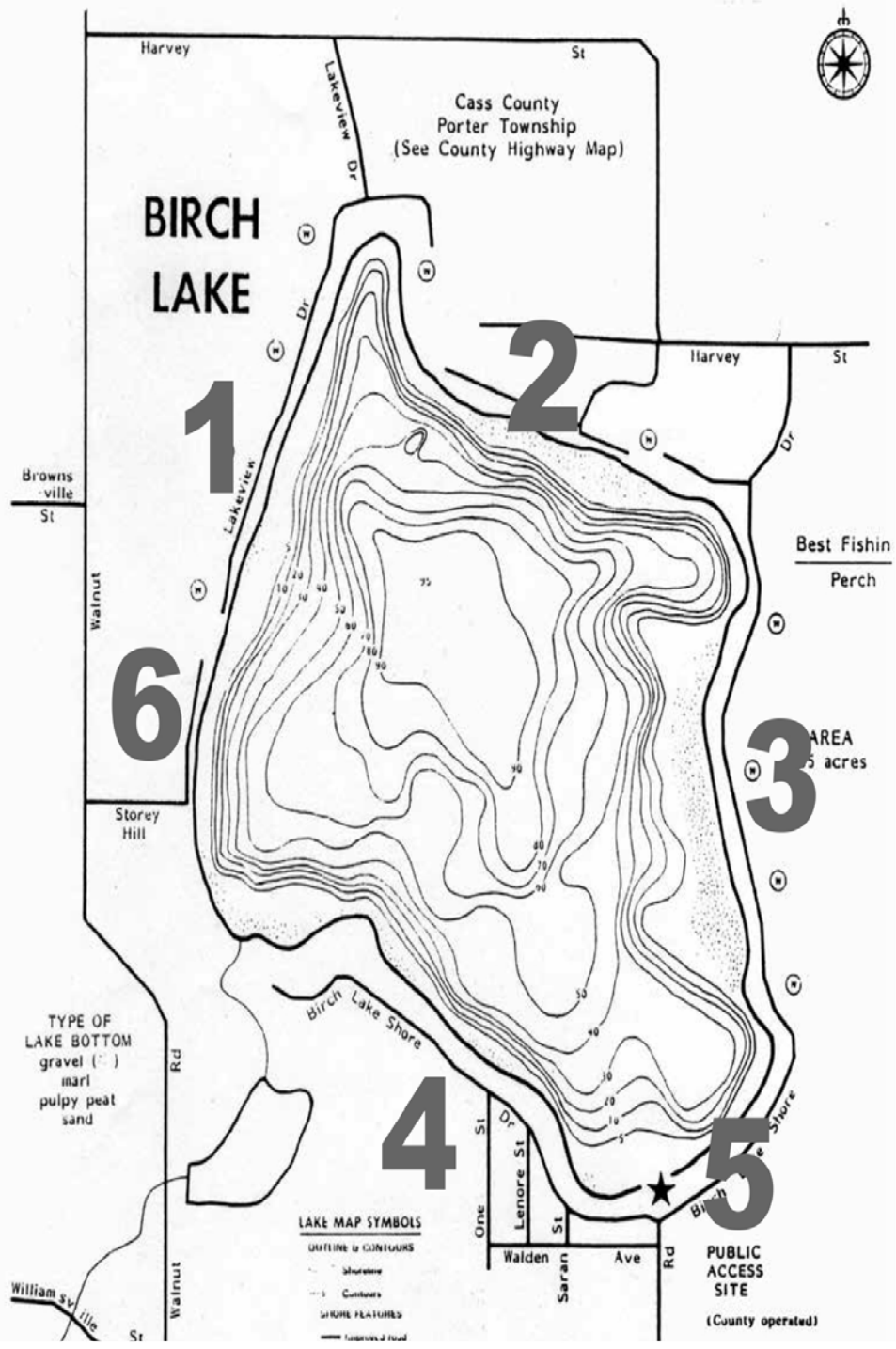
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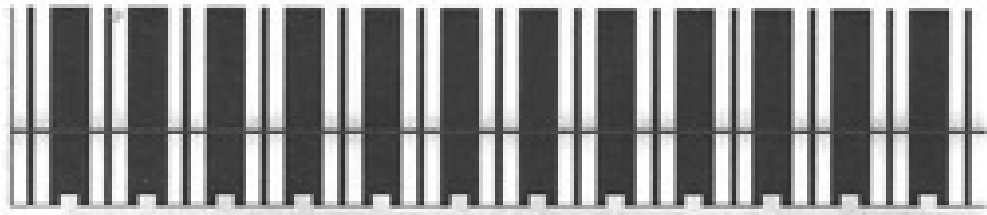
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1. **West Shore**, Sheffieck home, 62875 Birch Lakeview Dr.
2. **North Shore**, Smitley home, 14859 Birch Northshore Dr.15046
3. **East Shore**, Vitale home, 63174 Birch Rd.
4. **South Shore**, Eberhart home, 15046 Birch Lakeshore Dr.
5. **South/East Shore**, Troeger home, 63696 Birch Rd.
6. **Southwest Shore**, DeYoung home, 63255 Storey Hill St.

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