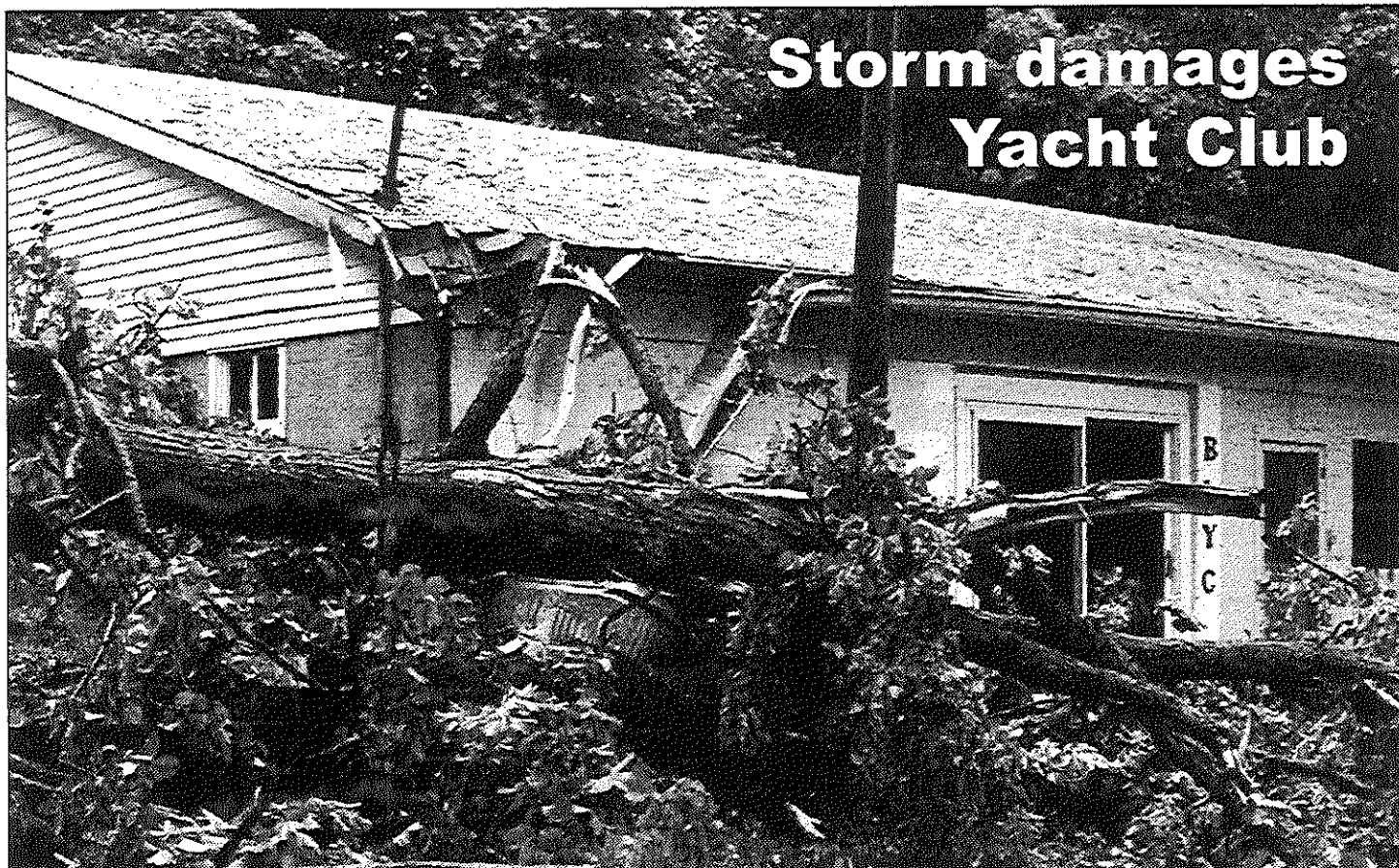


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A Publication for the Members of Birch Lake Yacht Club

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Storm damages Yacht Club

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COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

Perhaps this week we should rename the column "Commodore's Thanks." To begin with, I am very thankful the tree pictured above fell where it did. Another 10 degrees North and the Club would have been heavily damaged. We are fortunate. With any luck we can cobble together repairs in time to host all the planned events — that is, nothing is cancelled — *watch this space*. Meanwhile I must admit I was hoping for a jungle-gym for the Kidz area — looks like nature provided one!

The Holiday weekend was gorgeous from start to finish. Thanks to all the folks who ran various events around the lake (nearly around the clock): the Race Committee for running our Regatta; the young men who escorted the donations boat

and those who made generous gifts to support the fireworks; the Camp for allowing our annual transgression on their waterfront; the fireworks crew from RKM who shot a stellar display; the Newberg Fire Department for providing personnel and equipment for safety; (*STOP, TAKE BREATH HERE*) the friends who helped clean Tannadoonah waterfront (am and pm shift); the Harman crew who ran another wonderful Pancake; all you good people who came and ate all you could eat; the folks at Access who ran overtime printing mugs and shirts; the Gableman crew who ordered and ran the Boat Parade; the hearty souls who sailed their spangled contraptions around the lake; and all you fine folks who waved your hearts out all Holiday! I expect I'm leaving someone, or numerous someones out — THANKS!

The Pancake raised \$1,810 (after expenses) which has been gifted to Camp. \$215 of this amount will be sponsoring a child to attend Camp this summer. The Tannadoonah Campership program is detailed within.

Several events are coming soon. Get your Caribbee costumes ready for the Buffett Kidz and Buffett Party on the 15th. It's gonna be BIG! We will notify you of whether to bring candles, flashlights and buck saws. Note: shirts and mugs ordered at the Pancake will be delivered at Buffett. I've heard lots of interest in *Fancy Pants Dance* and await a host / date. The Kidz carwash and painting day is 7/22 from 9 am to noon. The last Friday in July is the Men's Golf Outing — reserve your foursomes now with John Ball (see coupon below). There is rumor of a Ladies Tea brewing and a lake walk visiting four lovely lake homes. Watch this space for details to follow.

Catch your breath again on this "off weekend," or stop by for a bit of work at the Yacht Club ...

See you on the water,

-Bob King, C2k

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Calendar beginning July 8*

7/15 - 5-7 pm - Buffett Kidz

7/15 - 7 pm - Jimmy Buffett Party

7/22 - 9-Noon - Kidz Klub Daze

7/28 - 11 am - Men's Golf Outing

8/04 - 11 am - Ladies Golf & Luncheon

8/5 - 2 pm - Regatta Kidz

8/12 - TBA - Kidz Phun Phair

8/13 - Lake Walk

*See <http://www.hometown.aol.com/blcking/blvc.html> for the full calendar of events.

NOTE: be sure to use all lower case letters when typing the website name

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Note: All times in the Barker are IST (Indiana Standard Time) unless stated otherwise

Birch Lake Notes

NEWS FROM THE SOUTH SIDE

Ashleigh Whiteman will celebrate her 4th birthday on Saturday, July 8, with a big Birch Lake family get together. Happy 4th Birthday, Ashleigh
-Love, Mommy, Daddy & Big Brother Ian

NEWS FROM THE NORTH SIDE

Dr. Mike Waxman is spending some quality time at Birch Lake this week while his children enjoy Camp Eberhart. Mike is from Kansas and has spent many of the past summers on the north side.

RIP GRACEFUL LADY

The Graceful Lady, a familiar site on the waters of Birch Lake, was laid to rest last weekend after 29 years of service. Her owner, Stan Pitakos, was deeply saddened by the need to remove her from the water. The Graceful Lady succumbed to a short-term illness affecting the lower extremities. Liberal amounts of lubricant were applied, but too late to undo the ravaging damage caused by this terrible disease. You can carry fondly the reminders of her presence on the lake with you...the dents and scratches in your boat or on your pier. Services will be held July 15th on the north side. Memorial donations can be sent to Stan Pitakos, c/o Stewart Spratt, cottage 266.

-Stewart Spratt

NORTH AND SOUTH UNITE.

The Russwurms had a house full over the Holiday weekend. Parents flew in from Florida; sister and family drove in from Ohio; South Bend family joined; and friends from Niles cruised up. Unfortunately, this size crowd was too big for the Russwurm boat to haul everyone out to watch the fabulous (and I mean *fabulous*) fireworks show from the middle of the Lake. So the South

BOAT PARADE WINNERS

Congratulations to all of the participants and winners of the annual 4th of July Holiday Boat Parade.

Winners this year are:

1. Grand Marshall — Most Royal
2. Wizard of Oz; King-Rasmussen-Zesinger-Bernaciak — Most Hollywood
3. Olympics; Foos — Best Millennium
4. All in the Family; Wagner & Beck — Best TV Theme
5. Bom in the USA; Green — American Spirit Award
6. Squad Nagy Cheerleaders; Nagy — Spirit Award
7. 1950; McCay — Most nostalgic

8. USA with Stars; Lewandowski — Most Patriotic
9. Chocola; Cover — Most Optimistic
10. BL Bathing Beauties/Rub-a-dub; Lindzys — Best Nursery Rhymes
11. Patriotic/Flags; Troeger — Best Stars & Stripes

Judges: Charlene Sheetz, Linda Groszek, Suzy King, Judy Olson

Grand Marshall: Helen and Bernie Weesner (escorted around the lake by Le and Bill King).

Thanks to John Gableman for providing trophies and the use of the pier for the judges.

bailed out the North. Special thanks go out to the crew of the south-side Bender boat. Their barge arrived perfectly timed with a crew of three (Dick, Marsha, and Jason) to putz us all together safely to the center for the best seat in the house. A great time was definitely had by all.

-Patti Russwurm

PANCAKE BREAKFAST A SMASH

Don and I would like to thank the faithful Pancake Breakfast Crew. It was a very nice turn out thanks to all the great people of Birch Lake. The count looks like we had approximately 457. We would like to thank all those who helped: Helen Toth, John Groszek, Karen, Terry and Linda Curtis, Marty Sante, Darlene Troyer, Dave and Judy Olson, Mike and Katha Machalleck, Tony Sacco, Bill and Maryann O'Neill, Jim and Debbie Bolinger, Abby and Barb Rondot. Special thanks to Bill for fighting

the dishwasher and to Jim and Debbie Bolinger for help before and after the breakfast. Again thanks to all who helped. This breakfast is a nice way to support the camp and takes many helpers to pull it off.

-Don and Lind Harman

CAMP ENROLLMENT UP

We have completed two weeks of our resident camping season, and our total enrollment for the season has increased by 50 campers thus far over last years numbers. We still have spaces left for the third week (7/9-7/15), the fourth week (7/16-7/22), and the sixth week (7/30-8/5). Call camp (476-2177) or call the Camp Fire Office in South Bend (219-234-4145) for more information.

Mr. Dug and Miss Toody enjoyed meeting and talking with so many Birch Lake residents at the pancake breakfast last Sunday.

-Janie Stephenson



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Birch Lake Notes

TIM BURCHELL IS GONNA BE 50

And we want EVERYONE to know!!!!
Join us for a surprise party to help him celebrate (and give him a hard time)!

Open House on Saturday, July 8 from 2 - 5pm (MI time) at the home of Jean Hunt (his Mom) and Pat and Terry Keim (his sister and brother-in-law), 62933 Birch Road (the brown house as you are going up the hill at the north end of the lake).

Parking at the top of the hill in Kil-lo-Qua field, (near the dumpster, please!) With many thanks to David Kring!

COMMITTEE BOAT NEWS

We had our usual fun starting the races Sunday the 25th, with the help of Bruce Wagner, Phil and Sandy Vitale. We also had a "special guest," Neil Troeger.

We found out what a neat special guy he is, and what an asset to the lake. We didn't know that he owned a Chinese restaurant, and served Stir-Fry, or flew a plane and could take you to China for \$4 (he claims he has flown his sister Amy there)!!

Also, you might be interested to know that he sells "yard" insurance for 1 cent, to protect your yard from grubs!! What a bargain. Also, he mentioned that he is a Doctor, too. He said he only works 5 days a week and gets all this accomplished. If he does all this at age 5, just think what he could do at 35!!!! He is certainly a busy little guy with quite a vivid imagination. It was great fun having him aboard, and we hope he joins us again.

-Jim & Sally Beck

TANNADOONAH CAMPERSHIP FUND

Do you remember when you went to camp? Swimming, sailing, making hand-crafts, hiking, roasting marshmallows are just a few memories that might come to

News from the cove (and outlying areas)

By Sunny Waters

Nobel Prize Nominee
and all-around good egg

Another stellar Independence Day at Birch Lake. Time to clean up the celebratory flotsam on our beaches. For those of us who experience after-holiday blues, it's only 169 days until Christmas.

July 8th annual events:

1. Winkies of Oz convention to celebrate Dorothy's melting of the Wicked Witch.
2. Miller Lite Slow Pitch Softball Tournament. (No wonder the pitching is slow with all those suds sloshing around.)
3. John Erhardt's birthday — talk about sloshing!

July 7th, Cove dwellers gathered at Blackwood's for a last hurrah. Our dear

longtime neighbors, the Haydens, are departing soon to live year-round in California. Bill and Tish, the very best to you and may Birch Lake always have a place in your hearts, as you will in ours.

A note to Beck's Bistro: You haven't experienced fine dining until you've sampled Loretta Drolet's Chicken on the Ceiling. The cooking method is a wee bit unconventional but worth the effort.

Must run; today is shoelace washing day. Alphabetize your spice rack and soup cans, throw away the green fuzzy stuff in your fridge, and for Pete's sake, wash your doorknobs. Think about all those dirty hands.

— Sunny

mind at first. Then you remember all those special people — your bunkmate who later became your best friend, and your counselors! Camp was a great experience for you!

Yet, each year many children cannot attend camp because of family finances. Perhaps the family has had an emergency that prevents payment, or a single parent simply does not have the funds to provide a week of camp. Camp Tannadoonah does offer assistance to these youth. The only way this is possible is through generous donations from concerned people who provide funding for campers to attend. If you are interested in helping a less fortunate child attend camp, contact Camp Tannadoonah at 476-2177 or call the Camp Fire office at 234-4145 for additional information.



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Have A Safe and Fun Summer!

Fourth of July Regatta provides two days of thrills

Seven Sunfish, two MCs and a Hobie cat from Florida sailed in fresh Southerly breezes for the 4th of July Regatta. There were three races on Saturday morning and two races on Sunday afternoon. Marte Saute ran the committee boat, with help from his son and Dave Olson.

The triangular course for the first two races began at Kiloqua (NE corner), then rounded marks at the Outlet (SW corner), Tannadoonah, returned to Kiloqua and finished at the Outlet. A wind shift caused a change for the final three races to a course beginning at Tannadoonah, to the Outlet, to Kiloqua, back to Tannadoonah, with the finish at the Outlet. Although there were plenty of boat waves accompanying the holiday traffic, there was sufficient wind to drive through them, giving a sensation of sailing in the Gulf Stream.

The two MCs need some of their fellow competitors to join them. The Hobie cat

raced with the MCs, and it was interesting to observe the contest between the superior speed of the catamaran Hobie cat and the superior maneuverability of the monohull MCs.

The Sunfish races were characterized by tight groupings and hard fought finishes. Tom Howard continues to sail in some sort of magical zone of excellence, and only Bob King was able to share any first place finishes with him. Jim Bolinger is making a habit of trouncing the Fleet Captain, and Rick Russwurm is proving to be a natural sailor, causing concern among the old-timers. The Fleet Captain, in addition to making remarkably poor tactical choices in all the races, managed to disqualify himself in the last race. His post-race review of the rules exploded his erroneous notion that being forced into a buoy by outside forces exonerated him from doing a penalty turn.

The 4th of July races count both for the

Regatta and for the Season standings. To complicate matters, different scoring systems have traditionally been used for the Regatta and for the Season. The Season standings are based on the "square of 40" scoring system, with 1st place getting 1600 points (square of 40), 2nd place getting 1521 points (square of 39) and so forth, the winner being the boat with the highest average. The Regatta uses an "Olympic" scoring formula, where 1st place gets 0 points, 2nd place gets 3 points, third place get 5.7 points, and so on, with the winner being the boat with the lowest number of points. For the Regatta, all boats must sail all races, or receive for missed races the number of points which a boat finishing one place after last place would have received. A disqualified boat also receives the points which a boat finishing one place after last would receive, and boats finishing behind the disqualified boat are moved up one place.

The results of the 4th of July Regatta and the Season standings

MC's	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Race 5	Regatta Results	Cumulative Points
Harold Cranmer	1	1	2	1	1	1st	1573.88
Don Harman	2	2	1	2	2	2nd	1521.22
Rick Harman	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	N/A	1560.50
Hobie Cat	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Race 5	Regatta Results	Cumulative Points
	1	1	1	1	1	1st	N/A
Sunfish	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Race 5	Regatta Results	Cumulative Points
Tom Howard	1	1	2	2	1	1st	1557.27
Bob King	3	2	1	1	2	2nd	1514.54
Jim Bolinger	4	4	3	4	3	3rd-tie	1402.55
Scott Troeger	2	3	4	3	DSQ(7)	3rd-tie	1448.81
Rick Russwurm	5	5	5	6	5	4th	1285.85
Dave Olson	DNS(7)	DNS(7)	DNS(7)	5	4	5th	1332.50

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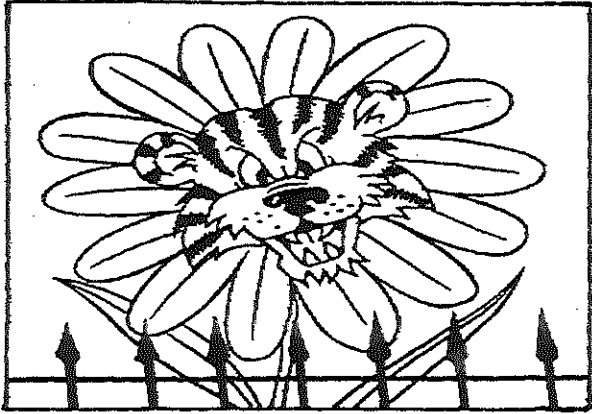
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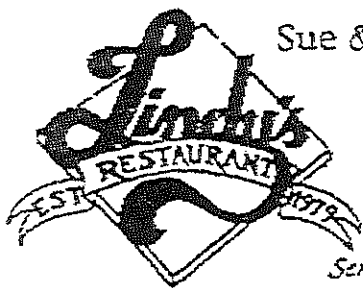
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*You've been here a longer time and you, a shorter while
 I can tell, I can tell you by your smile
 Some of you I have known so long. You were just a child.
 I felt your hands caressing me. I felt your little nose - every little toe
 Now, I watch your child - I watch your child grow.*

You the new - need some help? Some help to find your tank?
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 ASK your neighbors. They will know. The program was for ALL.
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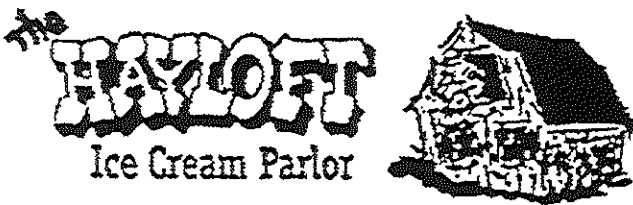
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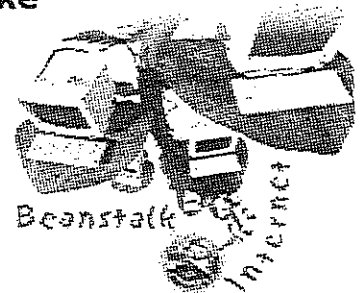
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Stu's Star Stuff*

The myths and legends associated with many of the stars and constellations we see each night can be interesting and entertaining. For example, a small semicircle of stars crowns the evening sky right now. It's the constellation Corona Borealis. Although its individual stars are modest, combined they form a striking semicircle - like a crown. It's almost directly overhead around 10 p.m.

The constellation represents the crown of Ariadne, the daughter of King Minos of Crete. According to legend, Ariadne rescued a young Greek man, Theseus, who later broke her heart.

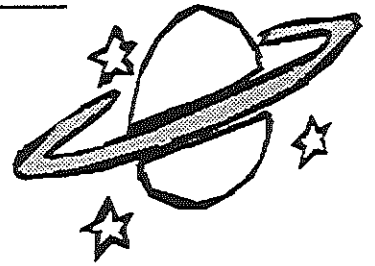
Greek mythology says that Minos imprisoned the hero Theseus in his labyrinth, which was guarded by the Minotaur. But Ariadne gave Theseus a spool of thread, which he carefully unrolled as he

traversed the labyrinth. Eventually, he found and killed the Minotaur, then followed the string to freedom. Theseus and Ariadne fled from Crete, but he later cast her aside. Moved by the young woman's tale of love and betrayal, Greek goddesses placed her crown in the heavens.

The crown's brightest jewel is a star called Alphecca, which means "brightone of the dish" - a reference to the constellation's obvious bowl shape.

Alphecca really consists of two stars locked in a mutual orbit. One of the stars is a good bit larger, hotter, and brighter than our Sun. The other is quite similar to the Sun. The two stars periodically pass in front of each other as seen from Earth; as they do so, the light we receive from this binary system fades a bit.

Look for the northern crown for the next



few weeks in the evening sky. Follow the handle of the Big Dipper toward Arcturus ("Arc to Arcturus, speed on to Spica"). Corona Borealis will be almost overhead, just east of that line.

Enjoy the show. It's free!

-Stewart Spratt

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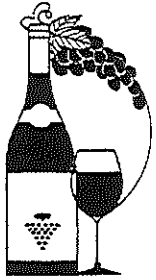
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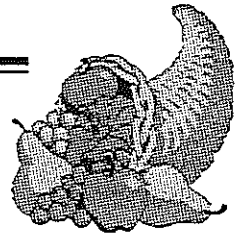
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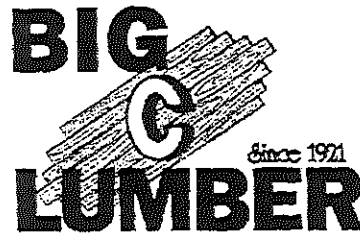


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From the Archives...

Lake Notes are compiled from past issues of the Birch Barker. The following tribute was written by Richard Whiteman Sr. and appeared in the July 29, 1978 issue of the Barker.

Tom's Garage

In the small country village of Williamsville thrives a small family operated enterprise known simply as Tom's Garage. If one could go back in time to the days of the village blacksmith, one would encounter an individual such as Tom working at the anvil and forge, shoeing the horses and repairing the wagons and machinery for the townfolk and farmers of the locale.

Although the times are modern, Tom's function is basically the same as the old time "Village Smithy". The maintaining and repair of vehicles used for transportation and farm production are the prime concern of his business.

The anvil and forge are tools of the past. They have been replaced by sophisticated electric and gas welding equipment. Electric and air powered tools and other work saving devices typical of our modern times are utilized in Tom's normal work day. Tom's shop is located behind his home, making it convenient for lunch time and afternoon naps when business is slow. Surrounding the shop are numerous vehicles in various stages of repair or disrepair if you vision them in that respect. Various projects lie clustered, in unorganized heaps by the door awaiting their turn to be operated on...by Mr. Fix-It. Somehow the pile never seems to diminish.

Adjacent to Tom's house located on the main arterial street of Williamsville, is his filling station, a Quonset hut type chicken coop, converted into a store. Two gas pumps stand at rigid attention out on the drive awaiting their opportunity to be of service.

Various necessities for the automobile can be purchased from the store. Small children are attracted to the well-stocked candy counter. Bread, milk, ice cream, pizza, and other emergency items are also available.

Normally Mrs. Tom (Betty) and the youngest of her six daughters, (two of the five that are now married served their family in the business), operate the store and pump gas. A sounding device extends across the drive, activating a buzzer in the house, telling Mrs. Tom when she must drop her household chore of the moment to offer her courteous service as a station attendant. Sometimes the customer's waiting time may be lengthened a little due to the dilemmas involved in running a household and pumping gas.

Judging from the outward appearance of this enterprise one might think it rather quaint or country-fied. However, a very definite need of the people of the area is fulfilled. People appreciate the fact that someone is available to assist them when their means of transportation is jeopardized. The little store certainly doesn't compare with the modern supermarket, but to be able to purchase items of necessity and pleasure without having to travel a considerable distance is greatly appreciated.

Author's comment: Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Griffith on the completion of their new modern garage. The nostalgia of their original place of business will not soon be forgotten.

-Sandy Krchmar



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'02 Boat registration numbers on a piece of wood found July 5 in the lake at Lorene Kreuger's West-side home. Registration number MC8245KM. Call 476-9905 or stop by 62967 Birch Lakeview Dr.

BLYC NOTES

Many members of the board felt that the residents who have not sent dues are just tardy. I thought some might have never intended to send them at all (& hope to convince you to help). Many dues were received by Holly over the last couple of weeks. Please continue to prove me wrong. -BK, C2k

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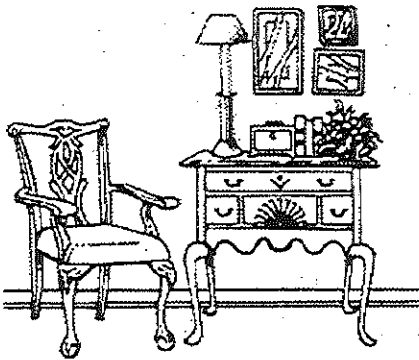
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