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Birch Barker

A Publication for the Members of Birch Lake Yacht Club

Volume Eleven, August 5, 2000

COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

The 40th Annual Birch Lake Open was a great day on the links. Someone was watching over us at Spruce Ridge — there were showers just before and after the start. The rest of the round we watched huge cumulus towers and lightning surrounding the course while we stayed dry. John Ball and Jim Beck ran another top-notch affair. There were too many others to name (read: remember), so I'll just say thanks all to the many volunteers and sponsors who made the event a success. Last Saturday morning was oh so quiet on Birch — some mysterious result? We will have to see if the same holds true after the Ladies Golf and Luncheon.

Calling all Kidz! Saturday is RegattaKidz arranged by Fleet Captain Troeger and hosted by Don and Lind Harman. Everyone is welcome to come out for a sail, just bring your PFD (personal flotation device) and amble over — we will find you a ride. Gather at 1 pm for refreshments, before sailing at 2 pm. Any boat is welcome — the only requirement is that Kidz be onboard. Should the weatherman not cooperate we will try again Sunday at 2 pm (after the season races).

Save some energy for next weekend as we have the Kidz Fun Fair, Corn and Sausage Roast and House Walk.

See you on the water,

-Bob King, Czk

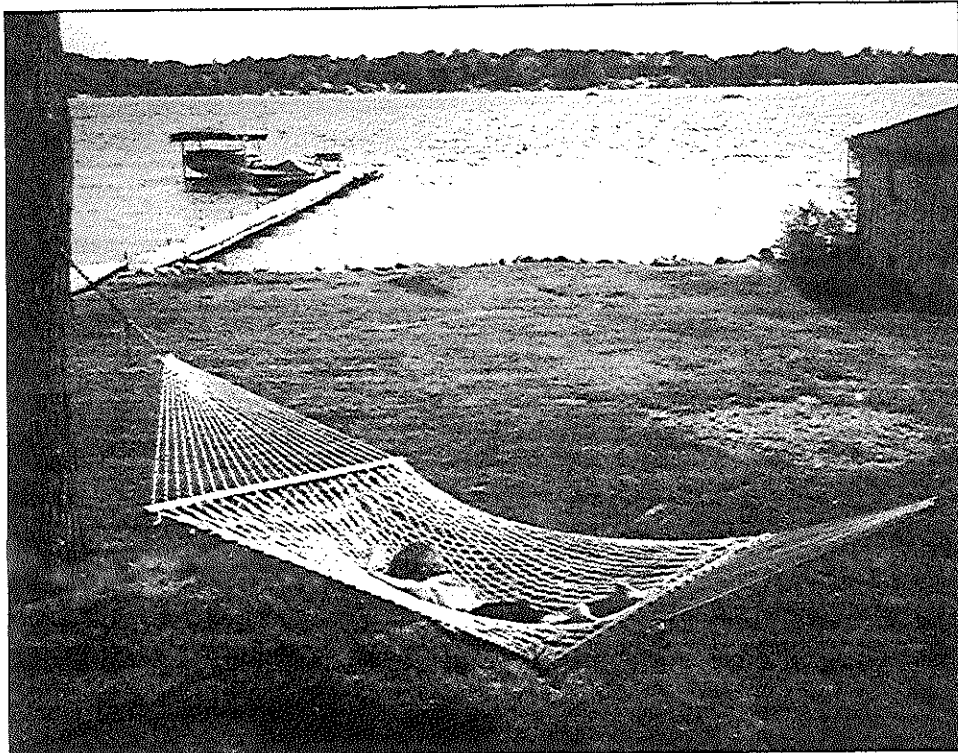


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| 1978 - Dick Whiteman | 1998 - Al Cover |
| 1979 - Roy Henderson | 1999 - Jim Beck |
| 1980 - Dave Anthony | 2000 - Bob King (current) |

*Is this your last Barker?

The Board has discussed how to increase membership. Did you know that in years past the Barker was reserved for members only? I have no intention of asking the delivery team to track who has not paid but offer this for your consideration. I am also told that Directors used to go door to door collecting dues — bet that was good duty. I have tried to use humor, then persuasion to ask for help, seeking both volunteers & financial aid. To any I may have offended I'm torn between the urge to apologize or say "hard cheese."

In years past we have ceased printing the list of members in good standing after the 4th of July — Phil was asked to run the list indefinitely. Thanks for your support.

Calendar beginning August 5*

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|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 8/5 - 9 am - 1 pm - Lake Garage Sales | 8/19 - 10 am - Homeowners Assoc. Mtg. |
| 8/5 - 2 pm - Regatta Kidz | 8/26 - TBA - Fall Dinner |
| 8/12 - 9 am-Noon - Kidz Fun Fair | 9/2 - 11 am - Labor Day Regatta |
| 8/12 - 5 pm - Corn & Sausage Roast | 9/3 - 1 pm - Labor Day Regatta |
| 8/13 - TBA - Lake Walk (or ride) | 9/4 - 10 am - Sailing Trophies |
| 8/15 - 1-3 pm - Ladies' Tea; \$5 | 9/16 - 9 am - Board Meeting |
| 8/19 - 9 am - Board Meeting | 9/16 - 10 - Noon - Club Shutdown |

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

If you have items for the BARKER, please put all materials in the Barker box (at the Yacht Club) by 3 p.m. on Sunday afternoon, or e-mail the info to me at sailorphil@webcraftarts.com. If you must, mail (10 days prior to desired publication date) to Phil Vitale, 122 So. Michigan, So. Bend, IN 46601, call Phil at (219) 232-3735, or fax your items to (219) 232-3853.



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

Birch Lake Notes

Ladies Tea

Come to the BLYC "Mansion" as we try to turn back the hands of time! For two hours you can pretend you are a "Lady of Leisure!" Sip upon fine teas and enjoy wonderful pastries. Wear your favorite garden hat and frock or your jeans and tee shirts. Sit for a while, relax and converse with your neighbors and friends while you sample the special treats. Door Prizes will be given away too! Call for reservation, seating is limited. For tickets call Darlene Troyer (476-2636) or Mary Ann O'Neil (476-2831)
Tuesday, Aug. 15 — 1 - 3 pm
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House Walk

The Birch Lake Housewalk will be Sunday, August 13 from 1-4 pm. Get your tickets at the Corn & Sausage Roast or at the door of any home on the tour. Cost is \$5. Five boats will be going from home to home during the tour. You will know them by the balloons on the back.

-Denny Weesner

News from "a little corner of heaven"

Things are WET & SOGGY on the South side as I write this. Bah, Humbug! Did we have to have all 3-1/2 inches of rain for the month of July in the last week?

Yard sales on Birch Lake should be on the South, East, East hill and Northwest (look for signs). Weaver, Erhardt, Greenig — at Weaver's, DeRutigliano's, Ball's and Papendria on the East, Went and O'Neill on the hill, and at least Cowen's at their daughter's on the northwest. Sales will be Saturday from 9-1 (10-2 Michigan). Hope everyone had something to occupy last Sunday. I guess God does have a sense of humor.

-Julie Weaver

Birch Lake Housewalk — Home No. 4



The last home that we will "spotlight" on our home tour, but by no means the least, is Jim and Shirley Blue's beautiful place on the East side. This home was completely renovated 10 years ago and featured in two magazines: Professional Builders and Remodelers (Aug., 91) and Remodeled Homes (Winter, 92).

A cheery sunroom at the front of the home looks out at the lake. The living

area is huge and is done in white, black and shades of grey, and the fireplace has a marble front. The kitchen/eating area looks out on a pretty garden area that we never see from the road. The upstairs has a full exercise room, 2 bedrooms and Jim's work area. Jim has such pleasant surroundings that it is no wonder he has written numerous articles and a book. This is a home you won't want to miss!

More news from the South side

The birthday flag is flying at the Parkinson's — Maddie turned 7, Bella 5 and Carmen is in the circle, ready for the big "1." Maddie is basking in her recent fame....no fewer than two placements in the Barker (we're sure the AP will take note).

We'll be giving John Erhardt a run for his reunion money as we'll be hosting the Barker Clan this weekend — complete with 10 grandchildren. If the whit flag goes up, you'll know that we ran out of provisions, room or both!

-Elizabeth Parkinson



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Adrianos continue Birch tradition

This year the Andrianos of Fort Wayne continue the family tradition at Birch Lake as they assume ownership of the Cowen cottage (W308), formerly Stacia's grandparents, in the cove. Stacia Cowen Andriano has many fond memories growing up and spending summers at the lake.

Stacia, plus husband, Fred, and children Gregg, 12, Elizabeth, 11, and Janelle, 8, are experiencing all the fun and challenges of cottage ownership. The details of maintaining a boat, pier, a septic system, and a well, to mention only a few, add new meaning to their lives. (It all looked so easy when you were young or just visiting). They hope to spend even more time here in the future.

Great grandma Cleland from Florida has been visiting both the Andrianos, and Dick and Peggy Cowen (W350). She has enjoyed the peace, quiet, and refreshing weather — a great break from Florida's heat.

As an expert at garage sales, Grandma Dorie will man the Andriano/Cowen garage sale (W308) on Saturday and oversee the lemonade stand set up by Janelle Andriano and Phyllis Rasmussen.

Kudos

I would like to acknowledge the great appearance of this seasons Birch Barker. The new design, photographic/digital images and expanded content have been a pleasant and welcome surprise. I have always been a great fan of Sunny Waters also, and hope sometime to meet this fascinating Pulitzer prize-winning author in person.

Sincerely, we all owe the editor, his staff, the Commodore, and all of the support people who deliver the Barker to lake residents a whopping pat on the back. Great job girls and boys — you too Sunny!

-Bruce Harlan

News from the cove (and outlying areas)

By Sunny Waters

August! Who put this summer on fast forward? I want more!

Thank you, Gertie, for you loquacious poem. THIS IS WAR!

Many thanks also to Camp Tannadoonah for the lovely serenade.

Have you all had the pleasure of meeting Roger and Suzanna Falk and Fred and Carol Freihofer? They're great additions to Birch Lake in my opinion, and I'm NEVER WRONG!

Frivolity aside, Marc Golden is at Mayo Clinic recovering from mega major surgery. Please keep Marc and Ilene in your prayers. This could be Mayo's first lie-down comedian!

The new neighbor interview will hopefully appear in next week's Barker. Several attempts have been made, but quickly drawn drapes and the sound of locks clicking tend to make one wonder.

Sucks, I even brushed and flossed (I seem to on a dental hygiene kick of late).

This week's hot news:

Cove folk gathered to watch the felling of several trees at Bill Lloyd's. Vicki Rogers provided an elegant touch to the occasion with trays of pork rinds, day-old jelly doughnuts and Mountain Dew. We all went home with a warm feeling. Must've been the pork rinds.

Ask B.S. why he is sometimes referred to as Senor Fellini.

In closing, if you dullards fail to pick up the pace in providing newsworthy info, just let it be known that Associated Press, Reuters and the Washington Post are dangling offers I may not be able to refuse.

Be kind to one another and make a contribution to a worthy cause.*

— Sunny

**Preferably the "Sunny Waters full body liposuction fund."*

News from Camp Tannadoonah

We are finishing up our residents camping season and are happy to report a 21% increase in enrollment over last summer. Thanks to all of you who helped make this summer such a successful one!

We are starting a Camp Tannadoonah wish list.

Items on the list are:

- Sink basin and counter top for main work room
- Lattice work for outside of main lodge
- Room air conditioner for main lodge
- Shop vac
- Vacuum sweeper

- Landscaping materials
- Field stones
- Stepping stones
- Mulch/wood chips
- Maintenance supplies
- Leaf blower
- Wood splitter
- Carpet remnant (indoor/outdoor) 10'x12' for dining room bathroom
- Sink basin for bluebird cabin
- Deep wheel barrel
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-Janie Stephenson

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THANKS, THANKS, THANKS!*

John and I want to thank all of you wonderful people for sharing in our 60th wedding celebration and making it such a special day.

Our children, Mike and wife Katha, Steve from Apopka, Florida, Marianne Desmond from Royal Oak, MI, and Kathy and husband Denny from Midland, MI hosted the celebration at our cottage on the patio of our home at 14878 Birch Lakeshore Dr. on Saturday (July 22) from 1-5 pm.

A lovely vase of roses and assorted flowers arrived from brother Robert and wife Gerry of Vero Beach, FL; and sons Dale and wife of Chicago; and Dick and wife Judy of Coloma, MI. Another beautiful arrangement came from Roxanne, Jerry and Kevin Kramer of Jean, Nev. A beautifully decorated cake and lemonade and iced tea was served.

Our other guests included Steve's daughter Gina Kuxhausen and her son Paul, and Paula and her husband Larry Lengacher of Sarasota, FL; Marianne's daughters, Elizabeth, of Royal Oak, MI and Hillary, of San Francisco; Dick Machalleck and wife Judy of Coloma, MI.

Many guests from the lake and our church in Cassopolis came to pay their respects. It was a lovely day!!

Our guests had to leave the Machalleck menage. Sunday, Elizabeth Desmond had to go home to Royal Oak so she could go back to the hospital at Wayne State University where she is a third-year student to become a doctor. Tuesday, Hillary Desmond left for her home in San Francisco, and Marianne left for Royal Oak. Wednesday we had to bid farewell to the Kuxhausens and Lengachers as they returned to Sarasota, FL., while here Paul enjoyed the lake and everything the lake offered. He lived in a bathing suit for five days and loved it!

Thursday Steve had to go back to Aproka, FL and our house was very quiet again with just John and I. It surely was fun, though!!

-John and Arline Machalleck

*Editor's note: This item was intended to be placed in last week's Barker.

Machalleck's on vacation

Mike and Katha Machalleck of the lake have gone on a week-long vacation to attend the wedding of the son of long-time neighbors of theirs when they lived in Regency Park in Granger.

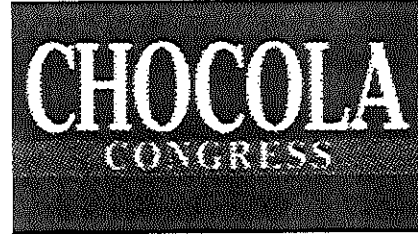
Westside news

After 17 years of marriage and a little help from last year's Jimmy Buffett night, Claire Elizabeth Brovold entered our lives on April 12, 2000. She weighed in at 8 lbs., 5 oz; 21-1/2 inches long, with a full head of dark hair. Claire is the great granddaughter of former lake resident Elizabeth Onofryton.

We know that she is a true Birch Laker, for at 16-days old she was enjoying her first boat ride.

-Gary and Karen Brovold

P.S. If you are near the west shore and hear what you believe to be a lion roaring, it's just Claire exercising her lungs!



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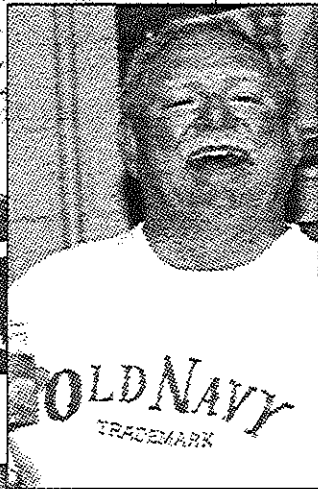
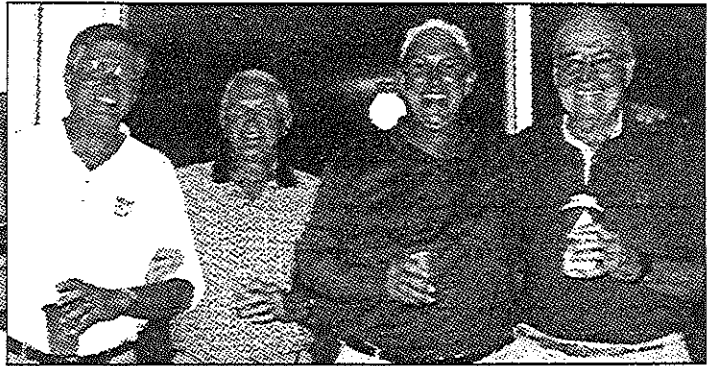
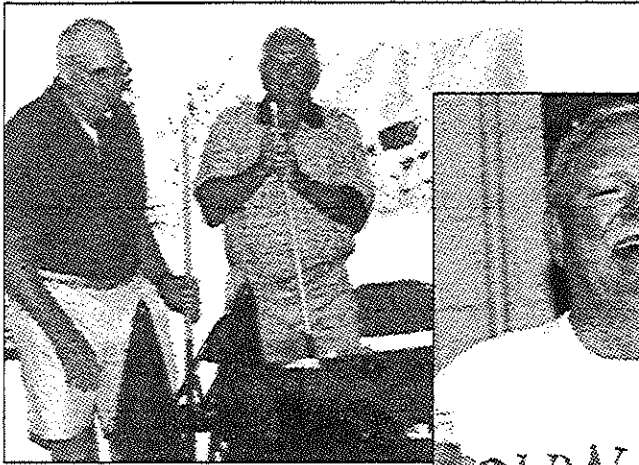
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And now: Magical Moments at Birch Lake:

*The man who looked daily into the hummingbird's nest from his window near the tree
The bird who looked daily as she nurtured her young for him to see
The man who stood beside an empty nest wishing they could have said their friendly goodbyes
When suddenly, she appeared, stood still in the air right before his eyes.
She circled his head, stood still in mid air once again in front of his face
Then out of sight in rapid flight she left with charm and grace.*

And now a word from your BLYC Water Quality Committee:

Birch Lake is enrolled in the full Cooperative Lakes Monitoring Program (CLMP) which is a cooperative venture between Michigan Lake and Stream Associations (MLSA), Michigan Department Environmental Quality (MDEQ), and the Birch Lake Yacht Club Water Quality Committee monitors:

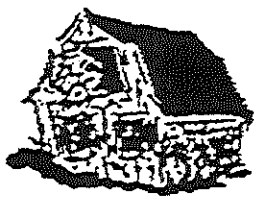
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-g.temple

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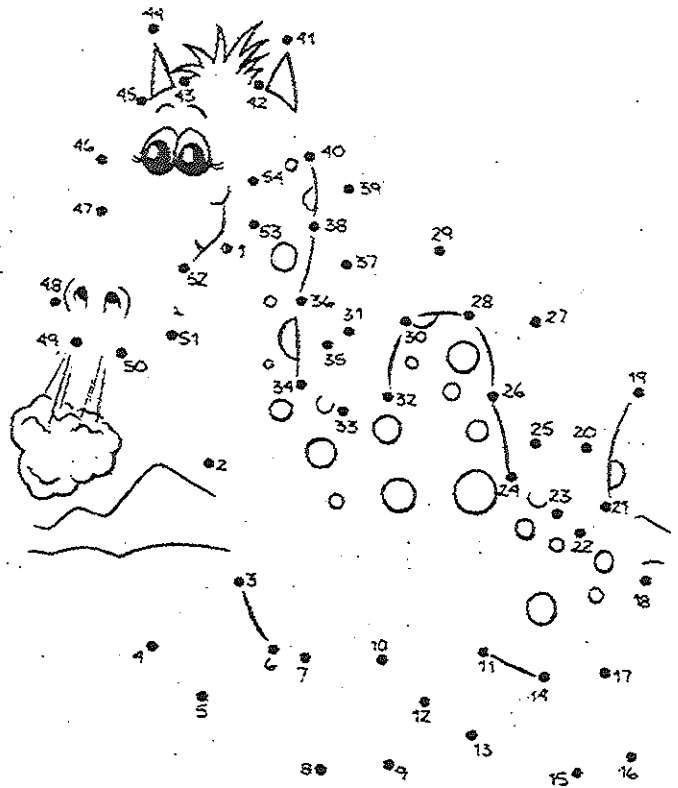
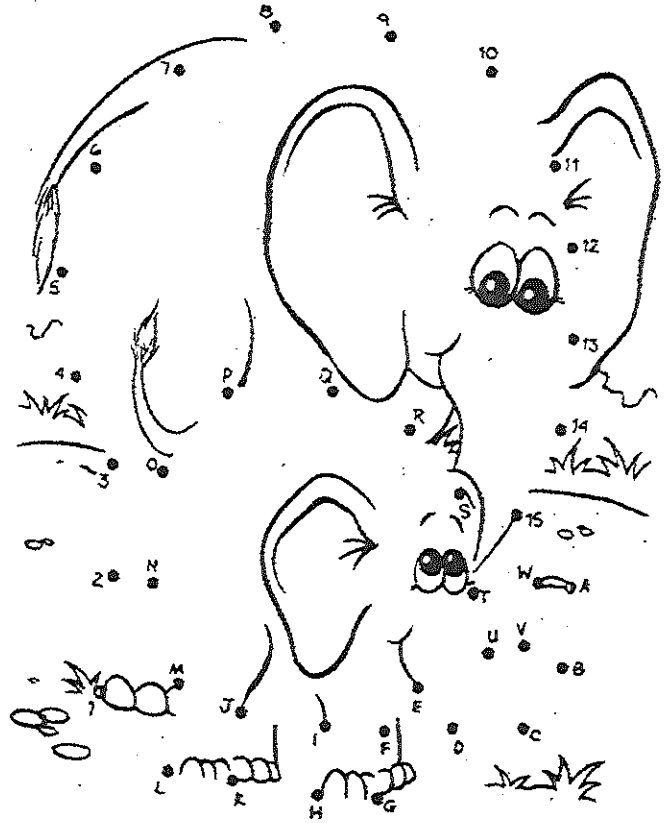
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Bad weather scuttles races

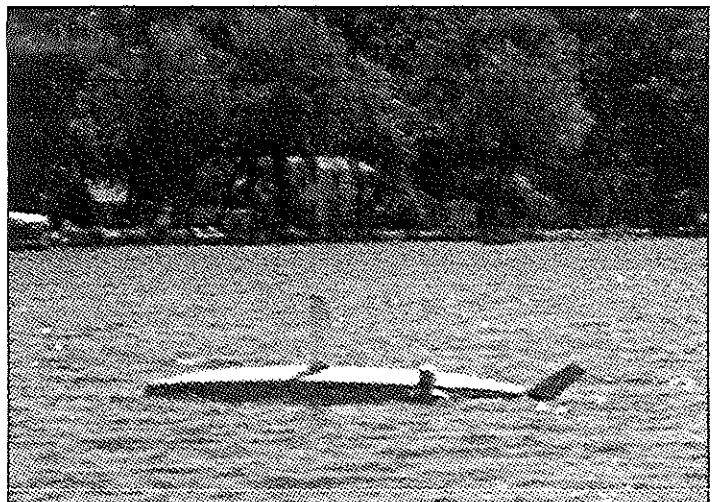
There were no races last weekend due to rain. Tom Howard sailed anyway, which may explain why he wins so often.

Next Races: Sunday, August 6 at 11 a.m. (Indiana time) 12 m. (Michigan time).

-Scott Troeger,
Fleet Captain

RegattaKidz 2000

This Saturday is the RegattaKidz, a regatta for "Kids" of all ages at 2 p.m. (Indiana time) 3 p.m. (Michigan time). Rain Date is Sunday, August 6, 2000 same time. Meet at Harmans on the East side around 1:00 (Indiana time) for refreshments. Any kind of sail powered craft is welcome. If you'd like to borrow a boat, call Don Harman (476-2039) or Scott Troeger (476-9898). Participation and refreshments are all free.





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-Compiled by Sandy Krchmar

Lake Notes are compiled from past issues of the Birch Barker. The following is from a series of historic pieces, "Gems from Birch Lake," written by Arline Machalleck. It appeared in the June 25, 1988 Barker.

"Lazy Lodge" has a special meaning to the older Birch Lakers and brings back memories of the carefree, good times and "goodies" bought there.

Peter and Wanda Winarski, back in 1943, bought from the Fulkersons of South Bend, Lazy Lodge. This was a tract consisting of 200 ft. of Lake frontage with a 30x100 ft. building on the Northeast side of the Lake and six cottages on the lots across the road; 42 acres in all.

Pete was a machinist and Wanda a beauty operator from Chicago and they loved the natural beauty of the area and soon many of their friends came to enjoy it with them, renting the back cottages or staying at the main building which slept 24.

Pete and Wanda became permanent residents here in 1947 and opened their concession place the same year, having it for the next 10 years. The concession came about because renting to so many people became too much work, so the beds went out and 15 tables came in.

The first year hotdogs and hamburgers were cooked on kerosene stoves and boy, were the pots and pans black! 100 to 150 hamburgers were sold daily over the weekend. Along with those, ice cream and penny candies were sold. Many a person will drool remembering the fresh strawberry sundaes made from berries they raised themselves and every kid could be seen blowing bubbles supplied by the 500 gum balls Wanda sold each day for a penny apiece.

Wanda became pregnant and in 1951, a son Peter was born. Taking care of the new infant plus all the work of the concession and cottage rentals proved again to be too much work so the large screened porched building was torn down, residence was

established in #6 cottage, known all these years as "The Honeymoon Cottage", and Pete build them a new brick house (E200) which still stands and is occupied by Wanda: Pete died in 1962.

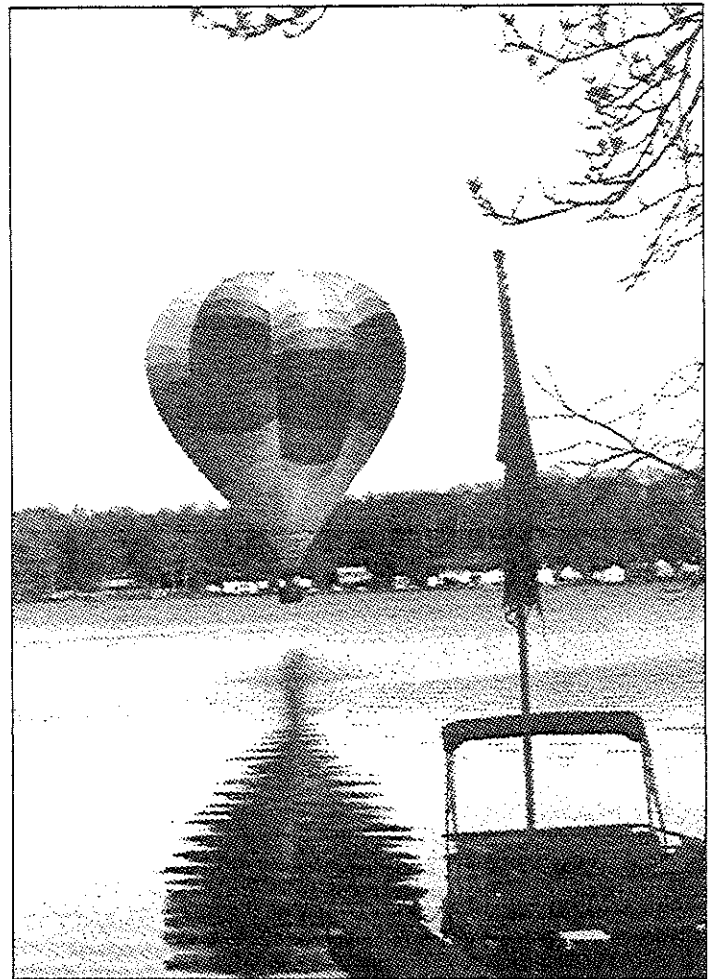
A small concession place was made in the basement of the new house and was popular as the old as it was frequented by kids and parents alike.

The first cottages were sold to the Harrises (E200-2) and the Kellys (E200-4), renters for many years, who later tore down the cottage they bought and built lovely year round homes.

When Wanda was widowed she was faced with lots of problems. Needing to find a job but unable to drive, learning to drive was her first priority and her sister, Jean Hunt and her neighbors have humorous memories of this experience in her open lot in her bright red station wagon.

Instead of working in a factory with the uncertainty of hours and having to hire a babysitter, she was fortunate in being offered a job in the cafeteria of the Constantine School and worked there for 18 years until she retired.

Now Wanda enjoys her home and Birch Lake; her son Peter and his wife, Jan and her four grandchildren, Anna, Daniel, Stephen, and Debrah who all love to come stay with grandma.



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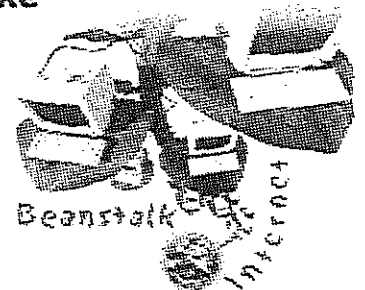
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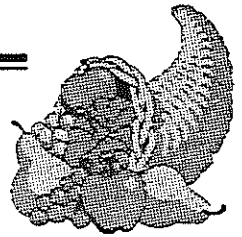
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 1-1/2 cups bread crumbs
 2 tsps salt
 1/2 tsp pepper
 1 small onion diced

2 eggs beaten
 1/4 cup ketchup
 3 Tlbs brown sugar
 2 Tlbs prepared yellow mustard

Put the ground meat in a large bowl. Pour milk over bread crumbs and add to the ground beef. Add salt, onion, pepper, and beaten eggs. Mix thoroughly and form loaf. You can put it in a 9 x 5 loaf pan, or a larger pan (to cook little whole potatoes

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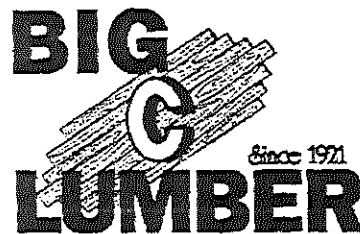


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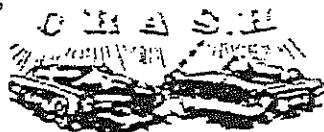
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The crescent Moon is a beautiful sight over the west side of the lake tonight about an hour after sunset. For the next several nights as the Moon waxes, it appears higher and farther toward the south at the same time of night. Tonight the Moon is a fist's width to the upper left of Spica. To find Spica, follow the arc of the handle of the Big Dipper to Arcturus, then continue that path to the next bright star. "Arc to Arcturus, then speed on to Spica."

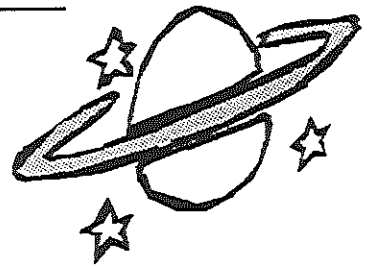
The Moon will be at this same spot in relation to Spica again in 27 and 1/3 days from now. Astronomers refer to this period as the Sidereal Month, the length of time the Moon takes to orbit the Earth, relative to the stars. To go through a complete series of phases, for example, from Full to Full, the Moon requires 29 and 1/2 days, the Synodic Month.

Sunday, the Moon is First Quarter at pre-

cisely 9:02 p.m. EDT, (8:02 IST). Most people think of it as the "half moon" although no such designation exists, much like IST. Tonight the sunrise terminator, the line between light and dark that marks sunrise on the Moon, splits the Moon exactly in two. This is a good time to inspect the craters with binoculars or telescopes, since the lunar sunrise produces shadows that accentuate the features.

An hour before sunrise Mercury can be found low in the ENE, although hard to see from the bowl of the lake. To its upper left are the Gemini Twins, Pollux and Castor. Mercury's orbit is carrying it back toward the Sun, so the swift planet appears lower each morning. A week from now Mercury will pass Mars, but you need to be up early to see either.

Monday the Moon passes from Libra, a faint, obscure zodiac constellation, to



Scorpius, a prominent one. The two brightest stars of Libra (only 3rd magnitude) are a fist's width to the right of the Moon and separated vertically by a fist. Scorpius is to the lower left of the Moon. The most prominent star is Antares, 1 and 1/2 fists (15 degrees) away. Tuesday night the Moon will stand directly above Antares, the heart of the Scorpion, just under a fist (7 degrees) separating them. More on Scorpius later.

Coming soon, a star map we all can use. Until then, enjoy the show. It's free.

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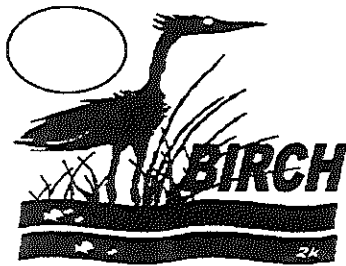
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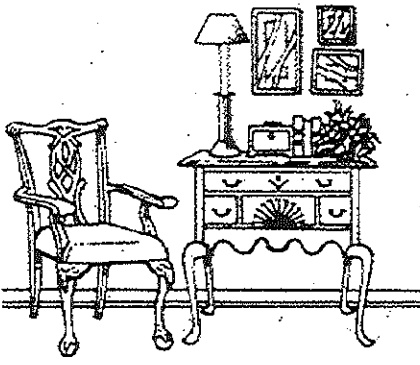
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