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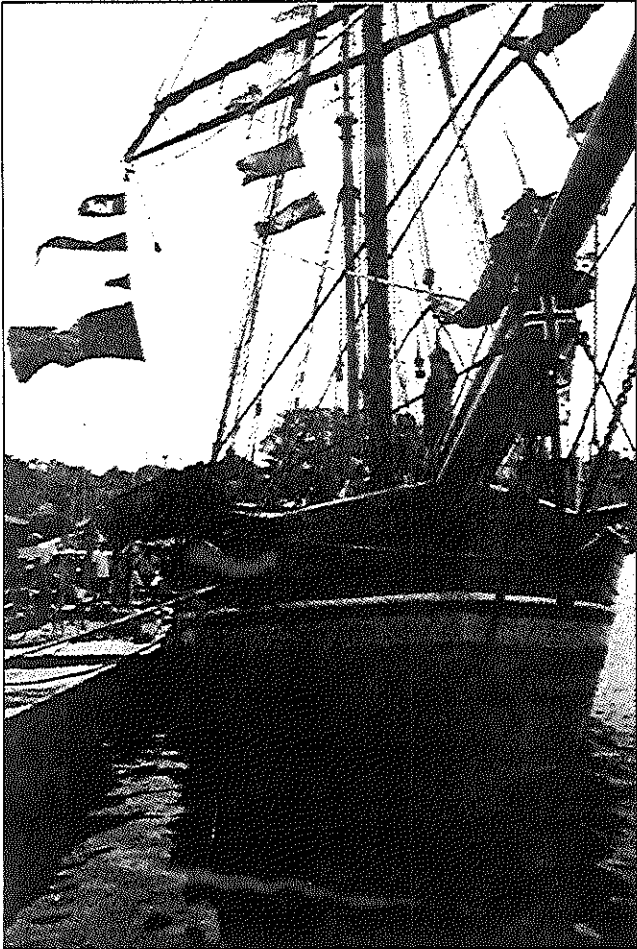


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Tall ship sighted in cove

*Mystery boat slips out in dark of night
"I saw it go through the outlet,"*

COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

I'm told the Ladies Golf and Luncheon was lots of fun. Many thanks to Betsy Custard and Mardy Miller for running this event. Those gorgeous golf towels are likely to be a hot item for years to come.

RegattaKidz was blessed with fair air all Saturday. Fleet Cap'n Troeger detailed the event (see below and inside). This always sends me back to when we would gather at Earl Troegers' before a Regatta in years past. You might think the RC (Race Committee) had the best seats on the lake – not. The best seats were onboard the boats! I really appreciate all the Kidz, both Big and Little, who came out to sail.

This weekend is a whirlwind, beginning with the Kidz Fun Fair. Send or bring the Kidz over for friendship and fun from 9-noon. Play clothes are dress-of-the-day – we will hose 'em off if they get too dirty. Parents who can help are wanted and welcome.

Around 5 pm the smell of Corn and Sausage will fill the air. This annual event is one of the best "feeds" of the summer, so put on your party biband head for the hill. We all owe gratitude to Kevin Bullard — visit Bullard Farms for fruits and vegetables (see ad within). As always, parking is at a pre-

mium so consider boating, walking, car-pooling or parking at the Landing to leave space for those who must drive.

Sunday afternoon from 1-4 pm four gracious hosts will open their homes for a look-see. Walk to the nearest home and tour the lake by boat to see the rest. Snoop (uhh look) to your heart's content – purchase advance tickets at the Corn and Sausage.

On Tuesday afternoon, 08/15, from 1-3 pm, the Ladies will have Tea at the *mansion on the hill*. If past events hosted by these party-planners are an indication, this is a must-do. To reserve space contact Darlene at 476-2636 or Mary Ann at 476-2831.

Remember: shirts and/or mugs purchased at the Pancake or Buffett will be laid out at the Corn and Sausage. A limited number will also be available for sale, so arrive early!

To avoid endless questions through the weekend, we have yet to secure a Commodore for next year. Maybe the Board will simply appoint someone at the upcoming meeting – watch your Barker to learn who was promoted!

See you on the water,

-Bob King, Czk

Kidz take to lake for annual fest

You may have noticed a colorful armada of sailboats stretched out nearly the width of the lake Saturday afternoon as a dozen sailboats of different sizes, 29 "kidz," and an assortment of old timers took part in RegattaKidz 2000.

Don and Lind Harman hosted a pre-race gathering at their home on the East Side with snacks (the sailboat shaped

cookies were a nice touch) and hats as mementos for the younger sailors. After a brief race meeting to review the course and some fundamentals, the race committee of Jim and Sally Beck and Bruce and Sue Wagner set a starting line.

There were two races, each consisting of a reaching leg (wind from the side of the sailboat) from the East shore to the

West shore and a reaching leg back again to finish at the East shore. The wind was a little stronger than ideal, but there were very few mishaps, and all were minor: One actual and several near capsizings, a loose mainsheet, and things like that. Two of the youngest sailors, Tory Troeger and Alex Ball, tried a new tactic by catching the upward mark's anchor line

with their daggerboard and dragging the mark with them, giving the other competitors a moving target to go around.

I would like to give thanks to Don and Lind Harman for hosting the event, to the Becks and Wagners for operating the committee boat, to Bob King for arranging the hats, and to the participants of all ages.

See Page 3 for race results

2000 FALL DINNER

Conversation hour 5-6 pm
Catered dinner to follow
Seating is limited, so please send or drop off reservations and payments to *Birch Lake Yacht Club* c/o Bob or Leslie King.

Dinner is \$10 for adults & \$5 for Kidz.

We plan to attend (Indicate adult/child):
(names)

Calendar beginning August 12*

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

*See <http://www.hometown.aol.com/blcking/blcy.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

Have you purchased your tickets for the Ladies Tea yet? There are only a few open seats left, and tickets will not be sold at the door! If you were planning to come and have forgotten to call for tickets, call Mary Ann O'Neil (476-2831) or Darlene Troyer (476-2636) before Sunday evening (August 13) to purchase tickets.

Tuesday, Aug. 15 — 1 - 3 pm
BLYC "Mansion" — \$5

Annual Ladies Golf Outing a hit!

Fourteen Birch Lake ladies and their guests met Aug. 4 at the Diamond Lake Golf Course to test their skills and to enjoy a perfect summer day. Each participant received a golf towel embroidered with a blue heron and "Birch Lake Golf Outing." First place prizes were awarded to Barb Zessinger, Mardy Miller, Louis Reith and Judy Doba at the luncheon that followed at Lindy's. Judy Doba received an award for "closest to the pin." Bev Kruggel won for the "longest drive." Second, third and fourth place teams each received prizes. Becky Beers and Allison Weaver donated floral arrangements and Longaberger baskets for door prizes. Mardy Miller and Betsy Custard, coordinators of the outing, also recognized Nancy Walker for her contribution towards the prizes.

A limited supply of Golf Towels will be sold at the Corn and Sausage Roast.

Eastside Zebra Mussel Busters

Ryan, Jarod and Jordan Rader, grandson's of Roma and John Went (East Hill) have done a marvelous job of hunting each weekend for Zebra Mussels. They are patrolling the East shore, snorkeling under piers for the pests. When the mussels are found, they are removed from our beautiful lake. So, if you see three boys under your pier, you'll know it's the Zebra Mussel Busters. The boys hope

News from the cove (and outlying areas)

By Sunny Waters

*Scooper of late-breaking news
(dog owners, kindly be responsible for other scoopables)*

Greetings from Valium Valley. This week's major agitation occurred when the string on Linda Bergan's tea bag came loose and she retrieved her Bigelow Chamomile with a spoon.

We are borderline pathetic.

Regardless of how many request by devoted readers, stuffy old Phil refuses to include my photo in the Barker. However, teak heart, you will have your chance when the next Victoria's Secret catalogue comes out, or you might check out the Sports Illustrated swimsuit issue. I'm available for autographs.

What a difference one little letter makes. Take the H out of shucks and the meaning deviates seriously. Please re-read last week's NFTC and add the H; you'll know where.

There may not be a NFTC column next week. Quite possibly, with an o.k. from B.S., I'll be running off with Regis. Strictly platonic, of course.

Chase's Annual Events: August 12th is the Chinese Festival of Hungry Ghosts. Shucks (with an H) all they have to do is show up at the corn and sausage roast. Hope to see you all there. The sausage server accepts tips.

Thought du jour: You know you're getting older when you think Britney Spears is a type of weapon.

B.S. and I, under the tutelage of Gertie Temple, are waging war against pretty but harmful purple loosestrife. If you spy us with our clippers and plastic bags, please call off your dogs and put down your shotguns. This stuff has got to go!

Go jump in the lake!

— Sunny

P.S. Forget Regis, Sean Connery just called!

the rest of the people on the lake are checking under their piers as well. These Zebra Mussels like to hang out in dark places. Thanks boys for the great job you have done and will continue to do.

—Maryann O'Neill

Notice: The Birch Lake Homeowner's Association Annual Meeting is next Saturday, Aug. 19, at 10 am (11 am Michigan time) at the clubhouse. Members of the Association are invited to attend to discuss matters of interest to Birch Lake, and for the election of a Board of Directors. The proposed agenda includes: Report on Membership and Finances; Update on Taxes; Zoning

Master Plan; Local Elections; Water and Air Issues; Parks and Public Land; Governmental Meetings and Boards; Porter Alliance of Lakes (P.A.L.); Election of Board of Directors.

News from Camp Tannadoonah

We just finished another successful resident camping season. We will continue having weekend camping this fall with children from the South Bend/Mishawaka area. We would like to thank you again for the many ways in which you continue to assist us. Hope you enjoyed the candlelight ceremony on our last night...it was wonderful to see so many boats out on the water that evening!



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BLYC Sailing News

The morning fog obscured even the nearer shores, but the race committee of Steve, Julie and Chad Plaia brought sunshine and a fair wind with them.

The Southwest wind presented the sailors a more familiar course, a triangle beginning at Kiloqua in the Northeast, then to the Outlet, then to the Landing, back to Kiloqua and finishing into the wind again at the Outlet.

There were two good, brisk races with frustratingly shifting winds at the Outlet mark. Near that mark there was an unusual commotion in Tom Howard's boat - had he lost his Olympian calm? It turns out he was doing battle with a horsefly, and the horsefly was winning.

Earl Troeger had so many crew members he had to ship them in shifts: grandson Brett the first race and granddaughters Carly and Aubrey the second.

The strains of "Nearer My God to Thee," the last song played by the Titanic's band, wafted from Bob King's sinking Sunfish as he thought quickly for a loophole in the tradition that captains go down with their ships.* Bob overcame that sinking feeling to win the second race, no doubt because he had an incentive to reach shore quickly.

-Scott Troeger, Fleet Captain

**For future reference, Bob, a ship is square-rigged with three masts and a bowsprit, while a Sunfish is lateen-rigged and has*

The results of the August 6 races and the Season standings are:

MC's	Race 1	Race 2	Cumulative Points	Average
Harold Cranmer	1	2	1558.52	
Don Harman	2	1	1530.52	
<i>(crew: Jody Meyers)</i>				
Rick Harman	DNS	DNS	1511.87	
Earl Troeger	3	3	1406.50	
<i>(crew: Brett, Carly and Aubrey Troeger)</i>				
Sunfish	Race 1	Race 2	Cumulative Points	Average
Tom Howard	1	3	1518.21	
Bob King	5	1	1499.29	
Scott Troeger	2	2	1491.78	
Jim Bolinger	3	DNS	1407.12	
Dave Olson	4	4	1370.40	
Rick Russwurm	6	5	1272.33	
Amy Troeger	DNF	DNS	1156	

Next Races: Sunday, August 13, 2000 at 11 a.m. (12 m. Michigan)

only one mast: in other words, you don't have to go down with your Sunfish. Besides, you're

the Commodore, not a mere captain, so you can delegate things like that.

RegattaKidz Results

All classes of boats started and raced together, but in tabulating the results I've broken them out by class of boat and by whether only kidz or a combination of kidz and adults were aboard. The team of Erisa Asire and Amy Davis won both Sunfish races in the "all-Kidz" category, but otherwise the standings show closely competitive results. I apologize in advance if I misspelled or miscategorized anyone. The results of RegattaKidz 2000 are at right:

-Scott Troeger, Fleet Captain

Boats with All "Kidz" Aboard (all of these were Sunfish)

Race 1

Erisa Asire and Amy Davis
Tory Troeger and Alex Ball
Matt Kelly and Jimmy Lunkers
Amy Troeger and Alice Corey
Sue and Joe Kelly and guest Joe

Race 2

Erisa Asire and Amy Davis
Amy Troeger and Alice Corey
Sue and Joe Kelly and guest Joe
Matt Kelly and Jimmy Lunkers

Boats with Kidz & Adults Aboard

Race 1

Hobie Cats
Mike, Rachael and Tess Kelly,
guests Lisa and Regina

Bob and Calvin King, Chris, and Mike Spratt, Preston, Ally and Molly Christensen

MC's

Rick Harman, Abby Randot and Tish

Tom Howard, Bobby Parnell
Harold Cranmer and Chad Plaia
Don Harman, Conner Stigner and Tyler Randot

Sunfish

Scott and Neil Troeger and Helen Corey

Tom and Wade Troeger
Julie and Amanda Lacy

Race 2

Hobie Cats

Bob and Calvin King, Chris, and Mike Spratt, Preston, Ally and Molly Christensen

Mike, Rachael and Tess Kelly, guests Lisa and Regina

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Birch Lake Notes

Vivid family memories

The timing of last week's article from the archives about Wanda Winarski and the Lazy Lodge may be an amazing co-incidence or yet another example of the extraordinary power of Birch Lake.

In the summer of 1953 a life long love affair with Birch Lake began for Dorothy Quinlan. During her summer vacations from school teaching, Dorothy and her husband Jack, and their four children, along with Waldo and Laura Hall and family, became annual renters of the cottages of Lazy Lodge run by Wanda Winarski.

I have great memories of the Winarski community pier, kids fishing from it, jumping off the end; sitting on the two benches that are still there; my sister's foot getting stuck in it; and myself falling off the end of it and swallowing part of the lake that has never gotten out of my system. I remember

my dad cleaning catfish on the old fish-cleaning table at the far end of the parking area, using the hand water pump. I remember the concession stand. I remember the creek, where you could always catch a bunch of frogs. Everyone learned to ski; even Dorothy made it around the lake more than once. We spent five of our best summers renting there, until summer jobs kept us in town.

Just as Mom might have hoped for, I met up with another family with Birch Lake history. My wife Vickie and her sisters (all Camp Fire Girls) attended Camp Tannadoonah. Vickie was the camp's business manager in 1969 and again in 1970 after we were married. I am one of only a few men to actually lived at Camp Tannadoonah. During our "honeymoon" that summer of 1970, I mowed lawns, rebuilt waterfront steps, and taught sailing to the campers. While we were on the north side

of the lake that summer, my mother and the family rented the Huston cottage on the south side.

After years of renting, usually around August 8th (Mom's birthday), we decided to purchase the first place we could, and in August 1988, we bought the knotty-pine Crowel cottage on the West Side.

Dorothy loved to visit the lake, and even though she could barely see it now because of a stroke 5 years ago, she always cherished each visit. She spent her last Sunday evening with us, enjoying the fresh air of Birch Lake, before she died peacefully in her sleep on Tuesday morning, August 1, 2000, at her home in South Bend.

Last Saturday, August 5, Dorothy's family, including her 11 grandchildren and 3 of her 4 great grandchildren, gathered at Birch Lake to remember the great times and to enjoy the healing waters of the lake. Although we will miss her, we will always know how much she loved being here.

Now, every time we walk around the lake we always point out places where past Quinlan history happened. We'll point out the cottages we rented to be at the lake to celebrate Grandma's birthday. We'll reminisce about when all the grandkids were little; showing off the new babies; the older ones skateboarding down the hill by the yacht club — grandma bandaging all the skinned knees; the kids jogging up and down the steps behind Bender's house (just like in the movie "Rocky"); playing in the sandbox near the shore; trying to swim in the colder water after the rain came; the next generation learning to ski; and always losing to Grandmother at Scrabble. And there always was, and probably always will be, another birthday cake for her with one more candle on it.

-Steve Quinlan and the Quinlan family

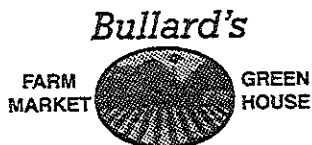
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**"A BLACK FLAG," THEY MERRILY SAID,
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Pirates exploited the "sweet trade" in a golden age that lasted about 30 years (from 1690-1720). They plundered the major sea-going merchant ships of Spain, France, Britain and the Dutch - it made no difference what flag a vessel sailed under. Privateers had Letters of Mark, under which the Crown of one

country authorized attacks on the ships of their enemies.

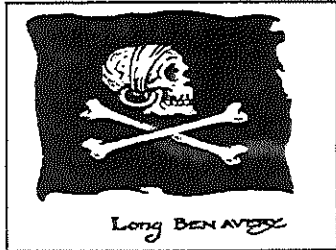
Legendary leaders include: Blackbeard, Kidd, Every, Bonny, Tew, Roberts, Wilmerding, Morgan, Rackam and Stoeken. Many sailors became pirates because of the lure of wealth. A seaman was paid about a pound per month - a successful pirate voyage might yield \$3,000 pounds per man!

Captain Bartholomew Roberts spoke the famous lines: "In so-called honest service

there are meager rations, penurious wages, backbreaking labor and harsh injustices. In piracy, there can be plenty and satiety, pleasure and ease, excitement and glory, liberty and power. Who would not find heavy balance on this side, when the worst hazard is only the noose's choking. No, a merry life and a short one for me!"

The pirate ship flew a Jolly Roger - usually with a skull, crossed bones, daggers, etc. The

nefarious Blackbeard was said to have flown an unadorned red masthead streamer on locating a prize. When attack was needed, he'd strike the red and fly a black pennant signifying approaching death. Some famous flags are shown on this page.




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The Cooperative Lakes Monitoring Program is a partnership between the Land and Water Management Division of the Department of Environmental Quality and the Michigan Lake and Stream Associations. The primary purpose of this cooperative program is to help citizen volunteers monitor indicators of water quality in their lake and document changes of lake quality over time.

CLMP provides sampling methods, training, workshops, technical support, quality control, and laboratory assistance for the volunteer who does the lake monitoring.

Reliable information, including water quality data, is essential for determining the health of a lake. The BLYC Water Quality Committee is taking an active role in obtaining this information and managing and protecting Birch Lake.

Monitoring activities began shortly after ice-out this year.

The early April water sample was collected to measure Total Phosphorus during Spring Turnover. Late-summer Total Phosphorus sampling occurs during September.

Transparency monitoring began in mid-May and continues to mid-September. Secchi Disk transparency is measured weekly over the entire summer period.

The first sets of chlorophyll samples were collected during mid-May and continues once a month through September.

Birch Lake is participating in the Dissolved Oxygen/Temperature pilot study this summer. Bob Temple is using an electronic D/O temperature meter to monitor these parameters. Equipment and supplies were available to support only four monitoring groups for the pilot study. Each group includes four to six lakes. The equipment and supplies are shared among the volunteer in each group on a rotating basis to measure D/O temperature profiles in the lakes every two weeks from mid-May to mid-September.

Lake scientists have developed a variety of numerical indexes based on water quality data to express lake productivity on a continuous numerical scale. Carlson Trophic State Index (TSI) incorporates water clarity, or transparency as measured by a Secchi Disk; the algal plant pigment chlorophyll a; and total phosphorus as indicators of lake productivity.

Cooperative Lakes Monitoring Program Total Phosphorus Results (2000) during Spring Turnover have been received by Bob Temple, volunteer, from Ralph Bednarz, Department Environmental Quality. Trophic State Index is Oligotrophic.

Secchi Disk Transparency Measurements average 20 feet. Results are sent to Don Winne, Executive Director ML&SA. Trophic State Index is Oligotrophic.

Oligotrophic: Beautiful - clear - free of weeds - free of large algae blooms

Chlorophyll and Dissolved Oxygen/Temperature results are not available as yet from Mr. Bednarz; however; the graphs which plot the temperature and DO data as separate depth profiles indicate that we still have dissolved oxygen at 90 feet! Being able to participate in this pilot study is exciting and rewarding. We appreciate the equipment and supplies made available to us and enjoy sharing with other lakes.

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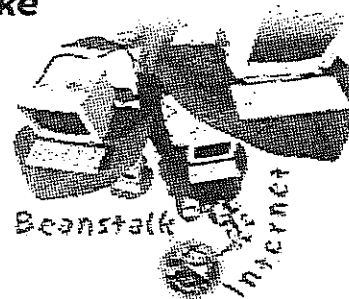
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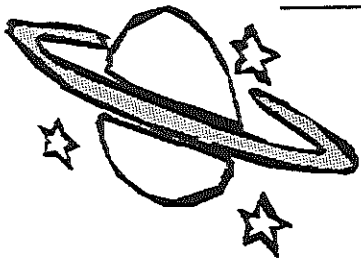
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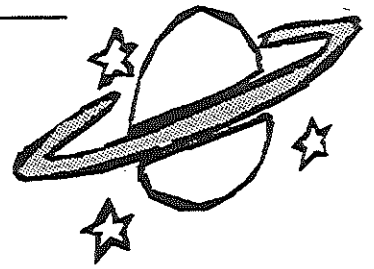
and heat. They built great temples in its honor and developed rituals to help keep it strong.

But there's nothing mystical about the Sun. It's simply a star - a giant ball of hot gas illuminating our corner of the universe.

Like all stars, the Sun was born from a large cloud of cold, dark gas. The shock-wave from an exploding star squeezed the gas together, so it condensed to form our Sun.

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The sky is full of wonders every night of the week. But daylight hours can also hold some interesting sights. The waxing moon can often be seen during the day. Venus, and sometimes Jupiter, can occasionally be seen before the sun has set or after it has risen above the horizon. Another that usually gets overlooked is the sun itself.

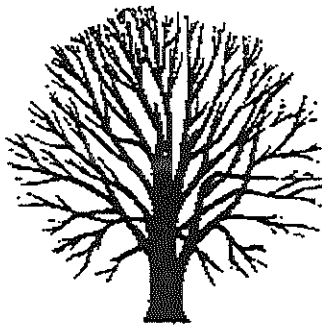
Every day for the last four and a half billion years, the Sun has risen in the east and set in the west. It will continue to do so for billions of years more. It's little wonder that our ancestors worshiped this giver of light

huge that it could hold a million Earths inside.

In another four or five billion years, it'll swell to many times its current size. It will swallow Mercury, and maybe Venus, too. Earth will be reduced to a burned-out cinder. Millions of years after that, the Sun's outer layers will drift away, leaving only a small, hot corpse. The Sun will continue to rise and set in Earth's sky, but no one will be left to watch it. Until then, enjoy the show. It's free.

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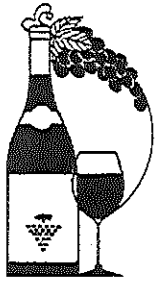
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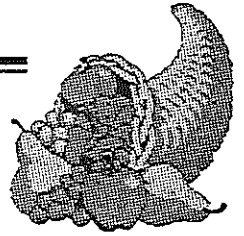
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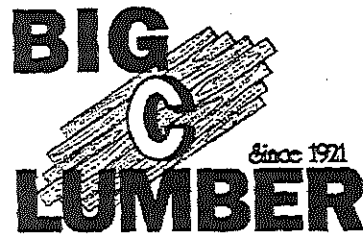


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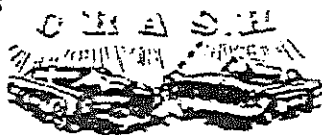
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Lake Notes are compiled from past issues of the Birch Barker. The following is from a series of historic pieces, "Gems from Birch Lake," written by Arline Machalleck. It appeared in the July 9, 1988 Barker.

Homesteaders of farmland whose boundaries touched the East shore of Birch Lake brought about many of the homes now here.

Genevieve Lagoni's grandparents, Henry and Oceana Sears, owned all the land from the present public landing to the now Haines house (E124) and the property up Birch Rd. past the farm house now occupied by the Mannings. He loved the natural beauty of the area and would not sell even an inch of his property.

But after his death in 1920, the lake shore area was platted and called Birch Shores. In 1924 an uncle of Genevieve's, Arthur Sears, moved the tenant house from their farm on Birch Rd. now occupied by the Hansons, to his property on the Lake, now known as Larsons (E106), although old timers still refer to it as the Sears house; the first house in that section.

With the platting of the lots in 1924, the north end of the Sears farmhouse (now Mannings) was put on one of the new lots to show people that other lots were for sale. This house became the Parker, then Lagoni house (E117); the 2nd in the Birch Shores plat. They joined the few other dwellings on the Lake; the Harvey house (E157) and Lazy Lodge (E200) farther north on the East side and the Thayer house (N245) on the North shore.

Originally the road went by the shore, in front of the cottages. Knowing that the owners would like the road behind the cottages, Arthur Sears offered his property at the foot of the hill to the County in exchange for relocating the road.

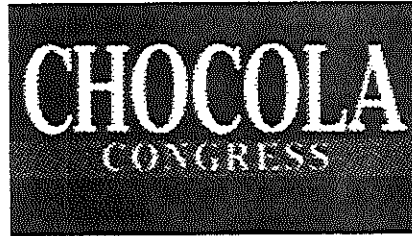
Genevieve was born the year her Grandfather Sears planted the row of stately pines on Birch Rd.; now a marker of great beauty to all, and a landmark to direct travelers to the Lake.

Genevieve's mother was a twin and she and her brother Ned were born in Williamsville, a thriving community of 300 at that time. Her great grandmother, Parthena Rinehart, lived in a log cabin in the era of Chief Shavehead, and died when Genevieve was three years old.

The Parkers lived in Chicago and spent their summers at the

Lake so Genevieve spent every summer here since 1906; in her childhood many times coming alone by train either to Vandalia or Jones where she would be met by her grandparents.

In 1936 the Parkers made this their permanent home and Mrs. Parker died in 1959. At this time Genevieve, married to Pat Lagone, teaching school and living in Niles, did some remodeling and used this for their weekend retreat. It was again remodeled in 1968. Pat died in 1961. Genevieve retired from teaching in 1973. She lives alone in her lovely home on Birch Lake and loves all seasons. Preferring the cooler temperature, she enjoys the winters here as well as the summers.



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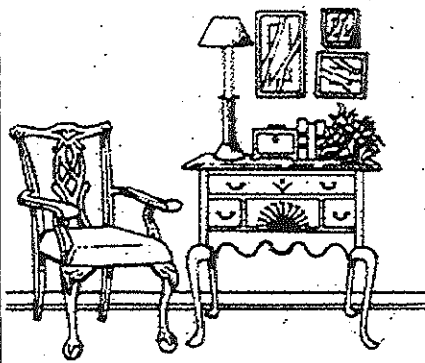
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