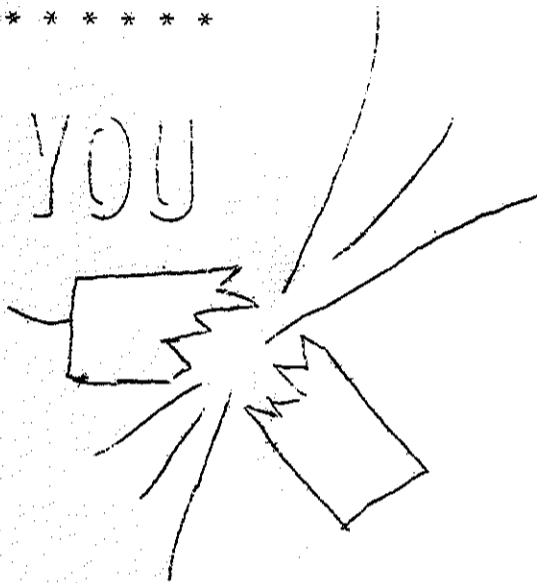


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SCHEDULE OF REMAINING ACTIVITIES

- July 4 Fireworks
- July 7 Boating Course

- July 18 Young Juniors Party
- July 19 Directors' Meeting
- July 19 Square Dance

- August 1 Stag Golf Outing and Dinner
- August 9 Boat Parade
- August 9 Melon Mess
- August 16 Annual Dinner
- August 25 Directors' Meeting

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TED PEAK SAYS:

Sorry there was no "Ted Peak Says" in last weeks Barker. Much like the weather your friendly Deputy wasn't up to par.

Now that the hot, humid and muggy weather that we all enjoy so much is here we can start thinking about boats again.

When the weather is hot, there are lads in the water. Boat operators must then be especially careful, particularly near swimming areas. It is hard to see someone in the water. You are reminded of the law requiring boats to stay 100 feet away from piers, rafts, and swimming areas. When dropping a skier, you should plan so the boat does not come inside rafts where other people may be swimming. Swimmers also have a responsibility to stay in swimming areas and away from boat traffic.

I have noticed there are a few people who have areas roped off with bleach bottles. This is illegal. To place buoys in the water, you need a permit from the Department of Conservation. The application for permits may be obtained from the Sheriff's office. The buoys then must be of standard size, shape and markings.

There are several boats on the lake that do not have the 1969 registration. It is necessary that you have a current registration before you can operate your boat. There are also several boats on the lake this year again with Indiana registration. If a boat is kept in Michigan for 90 days, it then must be registered in Michigan. If there is any question about this, please contact your friendly Deputy.

The boating safety course for all children from 12 to 16 years of age will be held next week. The first class will be Monday, July 7 at 10:00 a.m. Michigan time at the Yacht Club. If you know of any kids who are between the age of 12 and 16, please advise them of the class.

JUNIORS

As previously announced in the Birch Parker, an organization meeting for the Junior members was held Saturday afternoon at the clubhouse. The following Juniors were present.

Stacey Cowen, Jane Axelberg, Paula Kruggel, Julie Ball, Debbie Gard, Jan DeCoudros, Lynne Erhardt, John Erhardt, Tim Troeger, Scott Troeger, Stephen Troeger, Dan Axelberg, Steve Cowen, Vicki Schaar, Pam Schaar, Roberta Schmitt, Rhonda Weesner, Dickie Carpenter

It was decided to hold a Juniors party Friday July 18 from 7 to 10 p.m. (Indiana time) at the clubhouse for Juniors ages 7 through 13. Adult planners and sponsors for the party are Mildred Carpenter, chairman, Jean Axelberg, Scharr and Gussie Echols. Admission will be free to members. Memberships are 50¢ and will be sold at the door. The older Juniors did not attend the meeting, so no activities have been planned for that age group.

Interest in a skiing group has been expressed. An organization meeting will be held July 6th at 3:30 in Doolittle's front yard.

SKIING GROUP STARTED

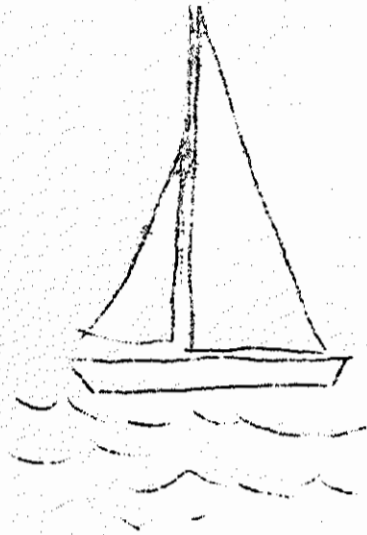
DO YOU SKI? WOULD YOU LIKE TO IMPROVE YOUR SKIING ABILITIES? If interest is adequate, a skiing group will be started. An organization meeting will be held July 6th at 3:30 Indiana time, 2:30 Michigan time in Doolittle's front yard. (Cottage 353)

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Hope you all noticed the beautiful sight of the 17 Sunfish last Saturday. The fleet is growing at a terrific rate. Their 4th of July Regatta should compete with the fireworks spectacular!

SUNFISH

BOAT NUMBER	SAILOR	POSITION
14766	Keith Claro	1
20909	Steve Cowen, Rick Doolittle	2
14310	Tom Troeger, Kevin Conran	3
-	Mike Machalleck	4
14580	Scott Troeger, Jack Troeger	5
22898	Mike Boote	6
21923	Pilly Carpenter	7
24252	Kevin Kruggel, Bob Harlan	8
14962	Herm Kruggel, Kurt Kruggel	9
	Major O'Brien	10
	Jill Tunnecliffe	11
25131	Wes Spratt, Stewart Spratt	12
17992	Pruce Harlan	13
	Dan Axelberg, Kevin Slaybaugh	14
21660	Don Hay	15
25165	Charlie Echols	16



Sun fish sailors: Please be reminded that sailing fees are due this weekend. Take your \$5 sailing fee to Sunfish Fleet Captain, Herm Kruggel at cottage number 383.

SNIPES

Season races 4 and 5 for Snipes were sailed in good SE winds last Sunday. In the first race, Jeff Troeger, Bryan Hague, and Tom Troeger battled in a very close race and finished in that order after the lead changed hands.

In the second race, 12 year old TOM Troeger and Bill Carpenter took an early lead and built it up to win with Jeff Troeger and Bryan Hague challenging at the end. Tom and Bill are showing that their success in the Champagne and Michiana Regattas was not luck.

Some of the older sailors had better take note. Youth is taking over as the last three positions indicate.

	Race Positions	4	5	STANDING
16953	Jeff Troger, Kevin Conran	1	2	1
15218	Bryan Hague, Cindy Fall	2	3	2
9432	Tom Troger, Bill Carpenter	3	1	3
15500	Bob Hague, Barry Hague	DNR	DNR	4
13836	Don Holtz, Don Holtz	5	5	5
17700	Jim Howard, Sue Howard	4	4	6
13835	Mary Milne, Wayne Milne	7	6	7
14375	Tom Athanas, Martha Athanas	6	7	8
	Elkhart Explorer Scouts	DNF	DNR	9

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As noted in this publication, the Annual 4th of July regatta is in progress. There will be five races to determine the winner and runners up. The races also count toward the season so the competition should be keen. Good luck to all the boats.

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BIRCH LAKE CEMETERY

The foundation of a small wooden building near Birch Lake is involved in quite a bit of history. The frame building that once stood there was the Friends Meeting House and was built in 1836.

The first Quakers in Cass County held meeting for worship in the home of Wm. and Rachel East. A log meeting house was built in 1837.

Nineteen years later the present white frame house was built on the site of the log building. The land on which it was built was deeded in that year to the meeting by Joel and Sarah East. At the same time, James and Anna East deeded an acre which apparently included the burying ground across from the Meeting House.

In 1846, an indulged meeting for worship of Birch Lake Meeting began to meet in the home of Isaac Bonine on Young's Prairie. After Prairie Grove built its own meeting house in 1848, monthly business meetings were held alternately at Penn and Birch Lake. It was out of this indulged meeting that Penn Friends Church grew.

The Cass County Friends became involved with the Underground Railroad while trying to remove themselves from slavery. Their position near the border states and their reputation as a community of practicing Christians involved the slaves. The folklore of the Underground Railroad includes Cass County Quakers as conductors and their homes as stations.

In 1847 a group of Kentucky slave owners came into Porter near the southeast corner of Calvin, left their wagons and proceeded toward Josiah Osborn's farm, which was where James Street now runs in to Brownsville Street.

Here some entered that property to seize members of a Negro family which had been given employment by Osborn. Others went on to East's a mile north at the end of what is now James Street. Still others continued on to Zachariah Shugart's in Vandalia, and to Stephen Bogue's west of Vandalia. In each place they seized Negroes who had been given employment and lodging.

By now, followed by a crowd of excited men, they turned southward to rendezvous at the wagons. At the north end of what is now Paradise Lake, they met the group from Osborn's and East's. Just before dawn they were joined by a large group of people from Cassopolis who had been alerted to the raid.

The well-armed Kentuckians were faced by a large mob threatening to prevent them from moving farther southward. Threats and angry words mounted in intensity. History written 40 years later credits the Quakers and their advice to detain the Kentuckians by taking the matter to court with preventing bloodshed.

The crowd led the Kentuckians and their captives to Cassopolis where the nine Negroes were jailed pending a court hearing. Both sides found legal counsel and in the absence of the Cass County Circuit Court Commissioner, the Berrien County Commissioner came to Cassopolis to hear the request for a writ of habeas corpus on behalf of the Negroes.

When the Commissioner granted the writ, the fugitives were taken to the home of Ishmael and Sallie East Lee, where within a few days they left with their families on the underground for Canada.

In February, 1848 the Kentuckians brought suit in Federal Court in Detroit against 8 Cass County men, including Osborn, Bogue, and Lee for recovery of the value of the slaves. After many continuances the jury disagreed but the costs of the trial were borne by the defendants.

Eventually, the worshippers at Birch Lake who were left were absorbed into the Friends Church which had been built in Vandalia in 1879 by some members of Prairie Grove Meeting. When Birch Lk. Monthly Meeting was laid down, its property reverted to Ind. Yearly Meeting at Richmond, Ind. Its spiritual legacy lies in the hearts and minds of descendants, some still living in the community.

The building was torn down 2 yrs. ago and was replaced with a plaque. ON Dec. 19, 1927 the Trustees of Ind. Yearly Meeting deeded the land of Birch Lk. Cemetery and meeting house and land to Birch Lk. Cemetery Assoc. with the provision that the property be kept in good condition. The cemetery is still used today. T.C. Carter notes tombstones so worn by the weather dates are almost illegible.

--article from Elkhart Truth, written by Peg Gawne, Editor

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Another Birch Laker in the Service:

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Jody Caeneped had as her guest Friday over night, Peggy Mahalic from South Bend. The rest of the household enjoyed the Auction sale at Jones, Michigan.

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Korinek and Mr. & Mrs. Donald Keller from Cicero, Illinois were guests of the Verlodts, Cottage 323. Mike and Pat Oerlodt from Chicago were also visiting home.

A surprise party given by Gladys Stacks was held for Dick Parnell Saturday for his 21st birthday. Friends included Mr. & Mrs. Mike Webster of Indianapolis.

Janet Hansing spent a week with Sally Hayden. Sally and Janet have been having fun swimming and boating.

Dr. and Mrs. C. J. Sequin and family were Saturday guests at the VanBuren cottage. A fun day was had water skiing and swimings.

The Tom Hunters of Chicago will be spending the next month in 132

Kim Kensill graduated last month from Rowe Military School and is enrolled in Purdue. He will be in the pre-dental school.

Pati Hartranft and 5 other girls spent 2 weeks in Daytona Beach for graduation and had a great time. Now she is back working at Kinder Mfg. Co., Inc. in the Data Processing room.

Brent Brown #127 will be at Birch Lake for a week starting July 2. His ship is the USS Guam and is in port at Norfolk, Virg.

Guests at the Bernaciak's last weekend were granddaughters, Eileen & Karen, also Chuck Fitzer of Chicago.

Visiting with the Bernaciak's for a few weeks vacation is their grandson, Kevin. Have fun sailing, swimming & fishing!

Mr. & Mrs. Mike Myers and their 6 children spent the weekend with Mike's parents, MR. & Mrs. Lester Myers. All had a good time catching fish.

Howard & Virginia Anderson brought their grandchildren, Howie III and Tracy back to Birch Lake for a visit, after spending a weekend on Howard Jr's Cruiser on Lake Erie.

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Doolittle, Jr. & daughter Jennifer of Vincennes Indiana are spending the 4th of July weekend at the Doolittle cottage. Jennifer and mother will stay on for a week to enjoy the balmy waters of Birch. Mr & Mrs. Paul Jennigan also spent the 4th with the Doolittles.

Robert Hutton, Porter Town. Clerk suffered a heart attack Mon, June 23 and will be confined to the 3 Rivers Hospital for 3 weeks.

Dr & Mrs Lahr have returned from a visit with son & daughter-in-law Dr & Mrs. Lahr of Palo Alto, Calif Dr. & Mrs. Richard Lahr of Marion Indiana spent the wk. at the Lahr cottage.

Wed. dinner guests of Machallecks were MR. & Mrs. Lawrence Butler and daughters Katha and Jill of Niles. Sat., Mike Mchalleck and fiance Katha entertained with a steak fry Chuck and Kathy Luke and Alan & Dee Coles, all of Niles. Sunday guests at Machallecks were Mr. & Mrs. George Wolf of Niles.

CORRECTION: Bert Desmond, sweating it out at a summer job in Palo Alto while his wife and daughter are here visiting her parents the John Machallecks said "He wouldn't miss Marianne and Buffy as much as he would miss Birch Lake" He particularly loves to sail the sunfish and loves Birch and hopes it won't be too long before he can enjoy it

Mr. & Mrs. Carl Hillring and W.E. Quick attended their family reunion at Niles Sunday.

The Bob Carpenters have their 3 grandchildren Lisa, John & Aaron Taylor from Ft. Wayne with them for over the 4th. The childrens parents, Jean and Fred Taylor will come for the weekend of the 4th. Also Judy and Ed Carpenter from Marion, Ind., will spend the holiday weekend here at Birch Lake. Mr. & Mrs. Carpenter are now making their Birch Lake home permanent residence

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