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THE KXY IS YOU

Our Barkxr typxwritxr works quitx wxll
xxcxt for onx kxy. It is trxu that thxrx arx forty kxys that
function wxll xnough, but just onx kxy not working makxs this
diffxrxncx.

You may say to yoursxlf, "I am only onx pxrson. I won't makx
a diffxrxncx." Bu^r it doxs makx a diffxrxncx bxcasx a program
to bx xffxctivx rxquirxs thx participation of xvxy pxrson.
Thx nuxt timx you think you arx onx pxrson and that your xfforts
arx not nxxdxd, rxmxbxr our typxrwritxr and say to yoursxlf,
" I AM A PXRSON. I AM A KXY PXRSON."

WATER POLLUTION

"IT STARTS WITH YOU....."

Water Pollution is a problem that our lake, like others
in the state faces every day. When we think of our lake being
polluted we think of septic tank run off, wash water, and
the problem with outsiders at the public beach polluting our
lake. These are only a few of the things that contaminate
the water. The real problem lies with each and every one of
us. Only through our efforts to keep the water clean will we
have a lake that we can be proud of.

Look to yourself first when you think of pollution, start
inside your house and work your way out to the yard. Look
at how many things add to the water problem and then do some-
thing about them. Here are a few things that will help you.

1. Use a phosphate free detergent.
2. If your washer has a sud saver use it. Recycle that water.
3. Showers---use as little water as possible. Have your kids
take their showers together. Shower with a friend (preferable
with your spouse!!) Extra water going into your septic
system puts a added strain on it.
4. Make sure that whatever you put down the drain inside of
your house isn't going directly into the lake. This is
a hazard to all of those using the lake to swim.
5. OUTSIDE - Have a drain pattern for the water that comes off
the roof. This water is dirty and contains pollutants.
A rock garden dry well works well for this problem.
6. Clean out your septic tank and dry well. Just because the
dye we used last year didn't come through to the lake this
still isn't saying that your system is without fault.
7. SOIL SAMPLE - Take a sample of your soil to a reliable
nursery center. Tell them you live on the lake. They
will provide you with the proper fertilizer for the type
of soil you have. Many of us fertilize without knowing
what are lawns really need. Extra fertilizer that is not

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- absorbed into the lawn is deposited into the lake thus adding to the pollution and makes the algae grow in leaps and bounds.
8. Do not burn leaves near the water or rake your leaves into the lake. This adds to the nitrogen content of the lake.
 9. If possible insist that roads be sanded in the winter.
 10. Try to alter the run-off of water from the road. This type of run-off contains oils and gas and eventually lands up in the lake.
 11. Last but not least keep your car tuned--what comes out of your car drains into the water. The same goes for your boat motor.

Remember--- "I DO POLLUTE THE LAKE AND I CAN STOP IT"

(parts of this article are from Sandra Mriscin ML&SA President)

SAFETY TIPS FOR BOATERS

Boat operators must give first priority to the safety of all persons using the waters. In addition, they should at all times respect and cooperate with the lawful activities of other water users.

Be sure that your boat carries enough Coast Guard Approved life jackets, flotation cushions, or life preservers to equip each person on board.

If you use your boat after sunset or before sunrise, it must be equipped with workable navigation lights. The State Department of Natural Resources or the water safety office of your local sheriff's office will provide you with the exact requirements.

To tow water skiers, your boat must have a 170 degree wide-angle rear-view mirror located so the boat driver has a clear view of the skiers. At least one competent person must be on board to observe and, if needed, to assist the skiers.

Always drive at a speed slow enough to be able to stop within the assured clear distance ahead of you.

Boats must not drive within 100 feet of a buoyed or occupied swimming area, raft, dock, or boat at anchor. The only exceptions are when the boat is in a well-defined channel, when operating at a "no wake" speed and when picking up or dropping off water skiers.

Boats cannot come within 100 feet of a diver's flag at any speed unless tending the diving operation.

Motorboats must always give sailboats, canoes, or rowboats the right-of-way. And when the motorboat gives way, the other boat must not change direction or speed until after any risk of contact has passed.

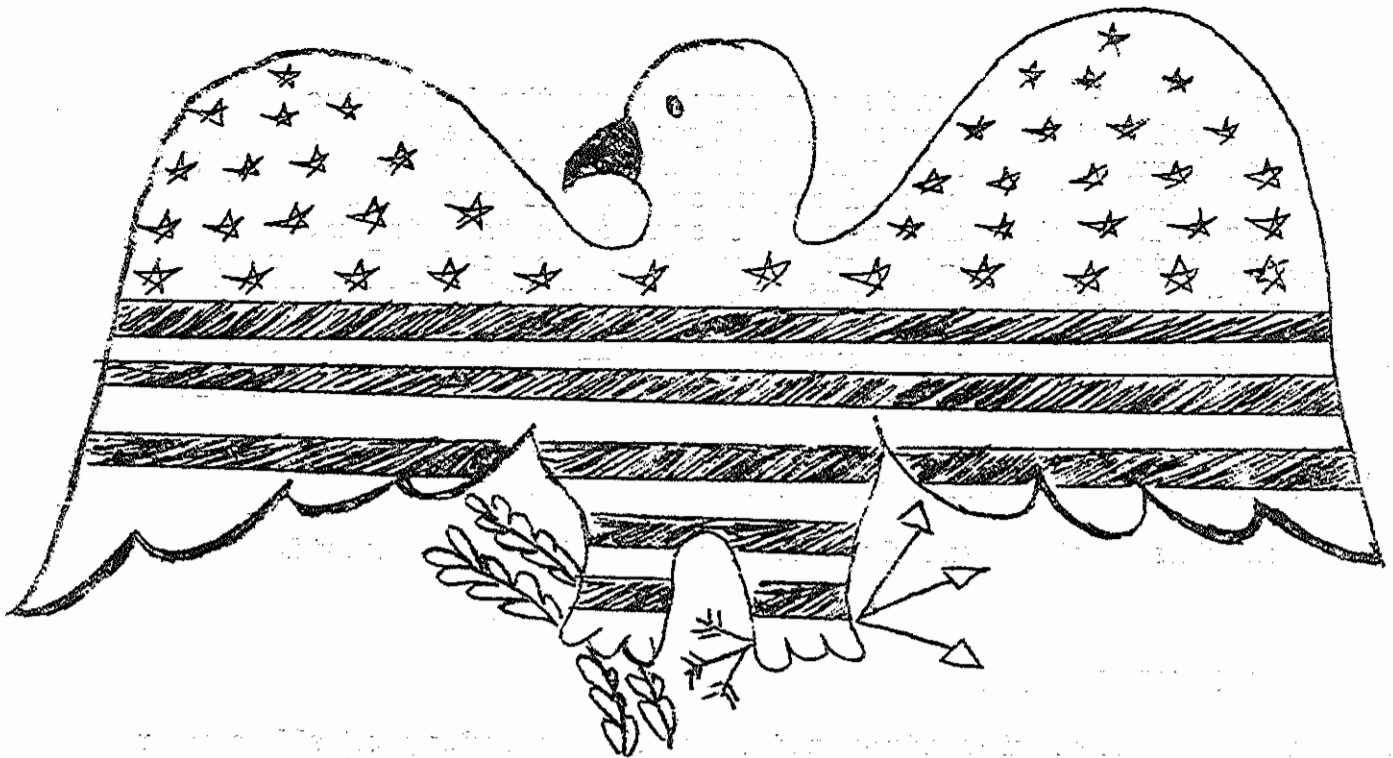
When two boats pass from opposite directions, each boat must pass on the left side of the other. Keep to your right, as a driver would pass an oncoming car.

When you overtake and pass another boat, you must pass on the left side of the other boat. The boat being passed has the right-of-way.

DID YOU KNOW!!!!!!!

Boats which must now be registered include:

1. motorboats of any length
2. all other boats of any length (such as sailboats), EXCEPT
 - 1) boats 16 feet or less which are hand-powered by oars or paddles and not used for rental or commercial purposes.
 - 2) non-motorized canoes not used for rental or commercial purpose.
 - 3) such other vessels as lifeboats, rafts, and All Terrain Vehicles not used as boats.



EDITORS PAGE

We have just one week left to prepare for the nations 200th birthday. Here at Birch Lake we will be celebrating this special event in many ways. A very special way would be for all residents, neighbors, relatives and friends to join in a bell ringing and horn honking session for three (3) solid minutes in honor of the birthday occasion. The time chosen is 2 p.m. IN/3 p.m. MI. This time coincides with other bell ringings across the country. Let's ALL join in the celebration and let everyone hear how proud we are of our country.

July 3rd is the date that the Jr. Yacht Club has set to put on their special bicentennial water ski show. Time for this event is 6 p.m. IN/7p.m. MI. Anyone interested can contact Tim Shay, chairman of the Jr. Yacht Club.

Don't forget that special bicentennial boat parade on July 4th at 5IN/6MI. If you haven't chosen your theme yet you'd better get on the ball. The prizes chosen for the parade are enough to make anyone young or old want to enter. We will be giving a life raft, a very nice ski rope with a padded handle, sleeping bag and many more exciting prizes. Don't forget there is a prize for every entree.

Then there is the special fireworks display to be held on July 4th at dark. The Yacht Club has gone all out this year and ALL picked out a very special display. If you haven't contributed to the yacht club as of yet please do so, if your not joining this year I do hope that you will give a donation for the special fireworks display. Even if you don't believe in them you do get the benefits. This will be the last year for fireworks due to the ban imposed by the states, so lets give what we can and remember the special fireworks display is put on with YOU in mind.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMERICA

BICENTENNIAL BOAT PARADE REGISTRATION FORM

NAME _____ COTTAGE # _____ PHONE _____

Fill out and return to Judy Olson or call her at 476-2780. This will give us an idea as to the amount entering and for the proper amount of prizes to be selected.

Lake News

Mr & Mrs. Robert Stanley are staying at the Lafferty's for the weekend. The Stanley's are from Toledo, Ohio.

Mr. & Mrs. Joe J. Horvath from Haas Dr., South Bend, were guests of Dorothy & Bill Humphrey for a long, fun and bridge weekend.

Robert Decker cottage # 145 is traveling in England, Holland, and Germany for three weeks with the Singers and Ringers of the First United Methodist Church of Elkhart.

The 4th of July promises to be a lively one for the Bob Doolittles this year. Daughter Ann Johnson with her three children, Drew, Kim and Kita will be visiting for a month from their home on Maui, Hawaii. The twins will celebrate their 6th birthday on July 23. Also, son Robert Jr. and his family (daughter Jenny, Gretchen & Becky) will be staying for a week over the 4th. The walls at cottage # 353 will be bustin! This will be a real Doolittle family reunion.

Clifford R. Cowen's (308) guests Father's Day were Dick, Peggy, Steve, Stacia, and Bradley Cowen of Osceola, Miss Janet Guyer of Mishawaka and Peggy's Mother and Father, Louis and Eldora Cleland of Mishawaka.

Great Grandpa I.T. Bowers and Great Grandma in cottage # 307 are so happy their granddaughter Julie and her husband Jim Rans have purchased cottage # 318 (just 9 doors further down the path.) Great Grand baby Ryan Christopher who is now 7 months old enjoys his Birch Lake dips.

Harry and Gerdie Woodard from South Bend enjoyed an afternoon of fishing and pontooning with the I.T. Bowers at cottage # 307.

FOR SALE: One Canvas Boat House Cover with Frame. \$250.00

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Cottage # 314 - Crulls.

Mr. & Mrs. Dave Kinner and Mr. & Mrs. Russ Holder and son Steve and Brian Kinner and friend Nancy- all from South Bend and Mr. & Mrs. Jim Rans and son Ryan Christopher from cottage # 318 celebrated Fathers Day at cottage # 307.

Margie & Dave's 27th wedding anniversary was also part of the celebration. Lots of good excuses to eat cake and ice cream.

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Cottage # 004-A

Leslie and Margaret Jensen of cottage # 42 are happy to announce they reached the very special occasion of celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on April 4, 1976.

The Jensens spent the winter in upland California.

Kay & Bob suprised them with a suprise party. 44 friends attended.

"One man's junk is another man's treasure". Big Garage-yard Sale.
At the Curtis house on East side cottage #182. July 9th & 10th from 8:00 to 5:00.

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BIRCH LAKE DOG OWNERS:

In fairness to other residents you should keep your dog tied or watch him. It is unfair to people who are walking or bicycle riding to have to tangle with or be afraid of a loose dog. Although your dog has never bitten you, he may react differently towards a stranger. A public road is for everyone's use. It doesn't appear to be when a barking dog charges at you when you are on the road. People using the road should not have to be afraid of or tangle with a loose dog. It is also the law that a dog, unattended, must be tied. Please, think of others before you let your dog run loose.

Dana and Amy Milne

Editors Comments: The problem of loose barking dogs is not only scary to those out for a walk, and to bike riders it is also against the law and fines can be imposed. Please read the following.

CASS COUNTY DOG ORDINANCE

The penalty for any violation listed below is a fine not to exceed \$100, or imprisonment in the county jail not exceeding (90) ninety days, or both such fine and imprisonment. A summons will be issued for any violation.

1. Dog running at large
2. Dog not licensed.
3. Dog bite
4. Destroying property.
5. Livestock destruction.
6. Habitually trespasses.
7. No license on collar.
8. Barking, yelping, or howling.
9. Annoyance to pedestrians.
10. Failure or refusal to produce license.

YOU MUST KEEP YOUR DOG CONFINED TO YOUR OWN PROPERTY AT ALL TIMES

Cass County Board of Commissioners

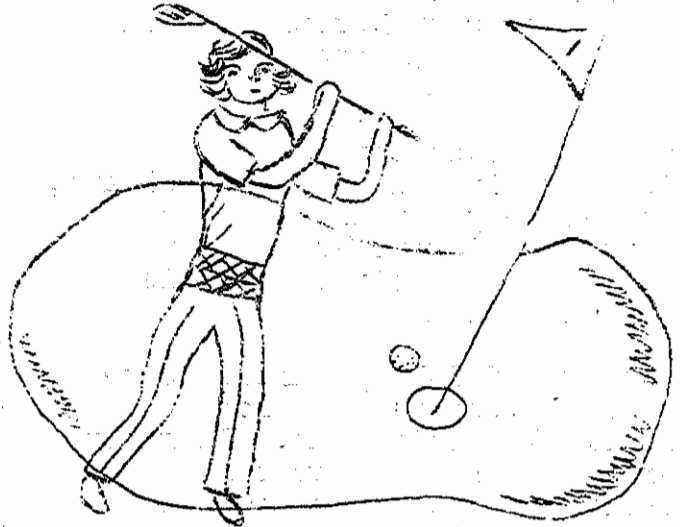
(For any dog problems call Sheriff's Dept. 445-2481 or 782-5968)
No charge for dog pick up.



ATTENTION BIRCH LAKE LADY GOLFERS

Start planning now to attend the ladies golf outing on August 10th at 8:30IN/9:30MI.

Chairman Pat Stevens, 476-2831 would appreciate volunteers to help collect prizes and do other minor chores.

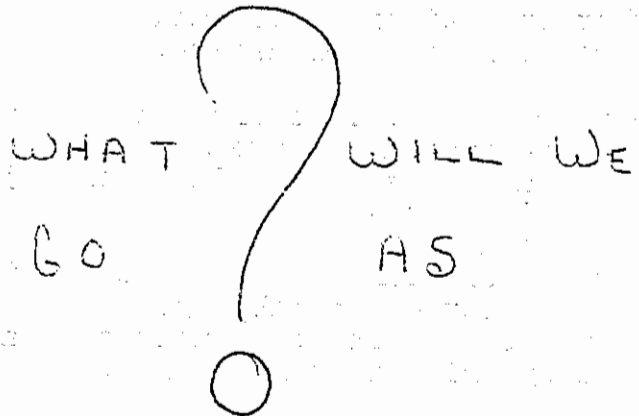


Hear ye, Hear ye, — Paul Revere,
Betsy Ross, King George III,
Minutemen and all other patriots.

EVENT: BIRCH LAKE BOAT PARADE
 TIME: JULY 4th, 1976 5IN/6MI
 PLACE: TO BEGIN AT PUBLIC BEACH NEAR YACHT CLUB
 PRIZES: 1st 2nd 3rd
 4th 5th 6th

There will be a prize for all entries.

For more information call Judy Olson at 476-2780



NOTICE TO SUNFISH RACERS

Sunfish skipper's meeting on Saturday 6-26-76 at 12 IN/1 MI Bud Lovejoy's # 102.

Rules will be discussed and a vote will be taken regarding last Sundays race.

Banana Split Cake

1st Layer

Into a oblong cake pan put a graham craker crust - bake and chill.

2nd layer

Beat 5 minutes. 2 eggs, 2 sticks of butter (1/2 #) 1 one pound box of powdered sugar and 1 t. vanilla.

3rd layer

4 or 5 sliced bananas enough to cover cream filling

4th layer

8 oz. container of cool whip

Chill till firm. Delicious!

(Don't forget that if you have a favorite summer recipe send it in and we'll print it for all to enjoy.)

ON THE METRIC SIDE

In 1971, as a result of a three year study undertaken because of growing concern over America's declining position in world trade, the Secretary of Commerce recommended to Congress that the United States adopt a coordinated national program to change to primary use of the metric system.

Not all measurements will be changed with the acceptance of the metric system. Time will still be measured in hours, minutes and seconds; electrical energy will still be measured in watts; and the light emitted by a light bulb will still be described in lumens.

As early as possible in the changeover, we will need to start "thinking metric" that is, to get a feeling for the number of meters we are tall, the number of kilograms we weigh, the number of milliliters of milk to put into a recipe, how cold it is when the weatherman gives the temperature as 20° C., and the number of kilometers our cars will travel on 20 liters of gasoline, etc. As soon as the new measurements take on meaning, we'll start using them in conversations and then when we remember facts and figures.

(from Dells book on the Metric)

I'll print more in the weeks to come to help us become familiar with the change over we will be embarking upon in the future.

BIRCH LAKE DIRECTORS FOR 1976

South Side

S026 George Varga S-000-S017
S034 Frank Horvath S-033-S046
S046A Chuck Stevens S-046A-S056
S041 Dick Whiteman S-057-S076

East Side

102 Bud Lovejoy S-0 4-E102
(to be announced) S 126-E146
200-8 Mort Hunt E 148- E 175
N 250 J.F. O'Brien E 176- E 201
(to be announced) H 001-026

North Side

N 232 Bob Temple N 205-250
N 268 Bud Zesinger N 250-275

West Side

310 Joe Caenepeel W 302-314
355 Bob Axelberg W 354-400A
350 Phil Carey W 316-353

Cove

300 Bill Hayden C 288-301

Trustees

S 001 Terry Montague
E 101 Bob Ross
E 177 Joe O'Brien

ATTENTION

There is a directors meeting Saturday June 26th at 2:00 IN 3:00 MI time. Place: Bill Haydens cottage # 300. Interseted persons should attend.

FROM GUINNESS BOOK OF WORLD RECORDS

Slalom. The world record for slalom is 40 buoys (with a 75 foot rope shortened by 36 feet) by Kris La Point (U.S.).

Cartoon Submitted By
Julie Weaver Age 12

