



Birch Lake Yacht Club

Vandalia, Michigan
June 25, 1988

It's hard to believe that the Fourth of July weekend and our fireworks show are only one week away. The fireworks will begin at dark on Saturday July 2 at the Kring's on the West side. A big thank you to Herm Kruggel for again organizing the show.

Obviously, the only way the show can be supported is through donations from all of you. Many of you have already made very generous contributions, but we are still well short of our \$2000. goal. So, we are asking for your help so that a quality fireworks show can continue to light up what should be a fun weekend. If every resident of the lake contributed something, we would easily make our goal.

Give your contribution to any director....and, thanks!

Dan Reynolds, Commodore

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JULY 2	FIREWORKS
JULY 3	(Rain date) FIREWORKS
JULY 3	PANCAKE BREAKFAST
JULY 16	DIRECTORS MEETING
JULY 29	MEN'S GOLF OUTING
AUGUST 6	TRIATHLON
AUGUST 27	FALL DINNER

Suggestion for the Jr. Members- why not ask everyone to save their aluminum cans and have the members on each side pick them up once a week to recycle.

If you have no place to store them, you can use Machallecks basement. But cans will need to be rinsed, crushed and in black heavy garbage bags to store until you have enough to cash-in.

You could have a definite project in mind for whatever money you earn from this.

Cans from Yacht Club parties could be put in separate containers so you wouldn't have to go thru trash or garbage to collect them.

A team could also patrol the area & parks around the lake. I always see several cans on my walks & some have even been Michigan refundable cans.

Editor's note: If the Jrs. don't do this it is a good project for the BLYC Members- think of the firework's we could trade for aluminum.

The KOLBER'S, in the cove, had a graduation party last Sunday for their daughter Sharon, who who is now Dr. Sharon Kolber. Sharon will be making her new home in Albuquerque. Family & friends were invited including the Kolber's Daughter & Family from Toledo and their Son & Family from Libertyville, IL.

TERYILYN MONTAGUE opened her track season at the AAU Junior Olympics with 1st place in the 400 meter relay, 1st in 1600 meter relay and 3rd in 400 meter. Terilyn will be in Huntington, IN next week for the State Meet. Teri runs with the Elkhart Zoomer's track club.

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SAILING NEWS

Last Saturday's race was canceled due to a lack of wind. There was, of course, plenty of wind the next day (Sunday). If there is decent wind today and general agreement among the fleet, we will race two races today.

There are still some openings on the Melges Cat boats for beginning sailing lessons. Call Don Harmon at 476 2039. Cost is \$5.00 for the season.

We'll run three races on the 4th of July weekend. Probably two on Saturday and one Sunday.

GEMS OF BIRCH LAKE

By: Arline Machalleck

"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 feet of Lake frontage with a 30x100 foot 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 hot dogs 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 a piece.

Wanda became pregnant and in 1951, and 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 built them a new brick house 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 as popular as the old as it was frequented by kids and parents alike.

The first cottages were sold to the Harris' and the Kelly's, 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, Staphen, and Debrah who all love to come stay with Grandma.

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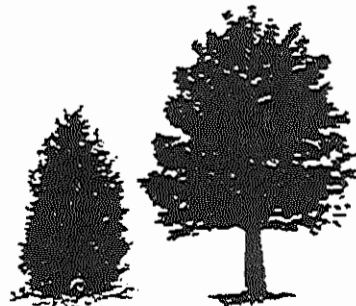
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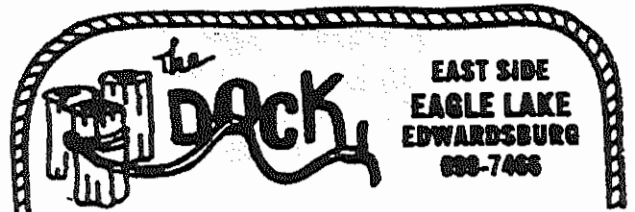


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