



Birch Lake Yacht Club

Vandalia, Michigan

July 9, 1988

Our Pancake Breakfast was well attended by 200 plus. Brad and Nancy deserve a big thank-you for their time and expertise. Also, Sherry (Chief Batter Mixer) and Bill Holleman (Assistant Batter Mixer), Bob Temple (Bus boy), Linda Rasmussen (Sausage chief), & Marty Sante (Cashier) should receive mention for their part in making a very enjoyable breakfast for all.

A Corn and Sausage Roast is being planned for August 6 - watch the Barker for further details.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JULY 16	DIRECTORS MEETING
JULY 29	MEN'S GOLF OUTING
JULY 29	LADIES LUNCHEON
AUGUST 6	TRIATHLON
AUGUST 6	CORN & SAUSAGE
AUGUST 13	COUPLES RACE

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RANDY ROGERS, Son of TOM &
VICKI ROGERS, (Cove) was
fishing off the end of his
pier when fully clothed he
suddenly found himself in
the lake. When questioned,
all his friend, Heather Hol-
lerman, could say was, "I
don't THINK I pushed him in!"

TERI MONTAGUE competed in the
AAU State Meet in Huntington,
IN. Teri finished 7th in the
400 meter, 2nd in the 400
meter relay, 2nd in the 1600
meter relay. There were 17
girls in the 400 meter-Teri's
time was 70 seconds. In the
1600 meter relay, Teri's time
was 68 seconds - her fastest
time this year. Teri will be
competing this Saturday in
Hammond, IN for regional honors
then
then on to the Nationals in
Cleveland, Ohio the following
week. Parents TERRY & SUE
MONTAGUE should be proud of
their runner.

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FOR SALE-44" Round table with
contour chairs on pedestals in
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JOHN and LORETTA DROLET had a
special treat over the 4th as
their daughter, MARIE and her
husband, LARRY from Dallas TX
came to Birch lake for a visit.

Arriving Wednesday July 6th for a
2 week stay from Jean, NE was
ARLINE MACHALLECK'S sister RUTH
ROGERS and her 15 year old GRAND
DAUGHTER, ANDREA OVERBY. They
will be coming from 113 degree
weather and look forward to cool-
ing off in Birch Lake.

HUGE GARAGE SALE - TORMAS
Saturday all day...

On Saturday, July 2, a family
picnic at MARY & DENNY KRINGS
turned into a whole lake picnic!
They had "eats" & dancing for
60 people-60 showed up, but 200+
could hear the merriment!

The Band "Analogue" which played,
consisted of Mary's Brother-in-
Law and his 2 sons. They played
a variety of rock & roll.

A good time was had by all, but
Denny and Mary want to know why
more people didn't show for their
big bash... more publicity next
time Mary! - - -

Last Saturday MARY JO MEYER of
Niles spent a lovely afternoon
with ARLINE & JOHN MACHALLECK
catching up on all events of the
past winter.

Highlight of the afternoon was a
pontoon ride around the lake see-
ing the many changes made in the
past 10 years. GENEVIEVE LAGONI
joined us so she & Mary Jo could
reminisce.

Mary Jo had Genevieve as her 1st
grade reading teacher and many
years later emulated her as a
Reading Consultant in the Niles
School System.

LADIES LUNCHEON-July 29-Ramada Inn
Elkhart-11:30 Barb Zesinger and
Linda Curtis - Co-Chairwomen



On your mark Get set GO! The race is on, the turtle race that is! 7:30pm was race time at the HOWARD BLACKWOOD cottage on the Westside. The contestants consisted of 7 turtles found in Birch Lake, owned and trained by the Westend residents. The crowd of 50 or so was in high spirits as the grill lid was lifted off the contestants, and the race began! Unfortunately when the lid was lifted the poor turtles were so stunned that for 30 seconds they refused to budge! Eventually only 2 turtles moved out and amidst all the clapping & cheering the winner was #4 "The Turtle", trained by the KOLBAR family. This was certainly an event that Westside residents will look forward to each year. Other racers & trainers include: Muffin, ANN BLACKWOOD; Herbie, JERRY MINIX; Bubba, MARIE (DROLET)-STROKESBERRY; Luke, CHRIS BLACKWOOD & DAVID THOMAS; Window, SCOTT BOUWKAMP, Cookie, SCOTT BOUWKAMP.

SAILING NEWS - Last weekends races were among the most frustrating that most of the sailors have been in. The wind (if it could be called that) tested not only our skill but also our patience.

IN Saturday's race, Mike Machalleck did the right thing at the right time and finished first. Mike Gotstein had a good second place finish with Marty Sante third.

SUNDAY'S race was a genuine "drifting match" with wakes from speed boats supplying more momentum to our boats than the wind. Tom Howard outlasted everyone for 1st, followed by Don Harmon & Mike Gotstein.

SATURDAY RESULTS	SUNDAY	SEASON STANDINGS	
1 Mike Machalleck	1 Tom Howard	1 Steve Sante	7 Marty Sante
2 Mike Gotstein	2 Don Harmon	2 Dave Troeger	8 Mike Machalleck
3 Marty Sante	3 Tom Howard	3 Tom Howard	9 Rick Harmon
4 Steve Sante	4 Marty Sante	4 Harold Cranmer	10 Matt Ross
5 Don Harmon	5 Rick Harmon	5 Mike Gotstein	11 Bob Cranmer
6 Harold Cranmer	6 Mike Machalleck	6 Don Harmon	

GEMS FROM BIRCH LAKE
By: ARLINE MACHALLECK

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 and the property up Birch Road 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 Road now occupied by the Hansons, to his property on the lake, now known as Larsons, 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; the 2nd in the Birch Shores plat. They joined the few other dwellings on the lake; the Harvey House and Lazy Lodge farther North on the East side and the Thayer house 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 Road; 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 3 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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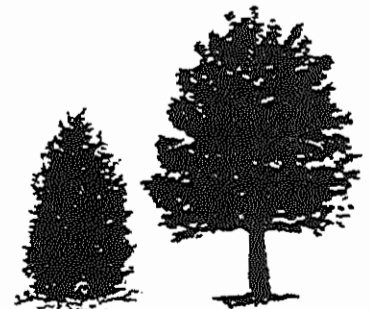
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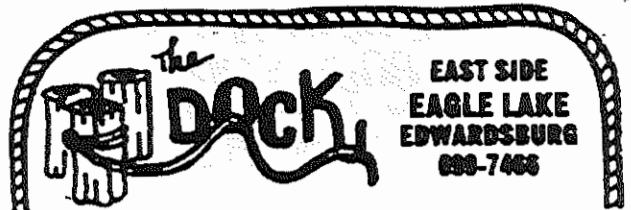
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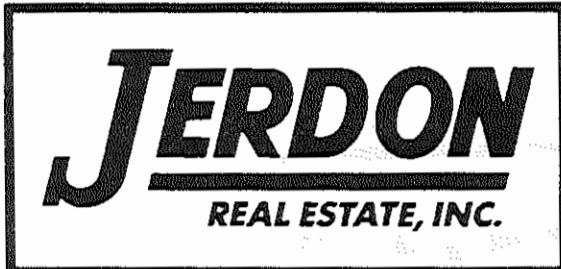


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