



Birch Barker

ALL THE NEWS IN, ON AND AROUND THE LAKE.

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COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

As far as I'm concerned, last week's weather was near perfect, especially since I was on vacation.

After 4-5 days of hi-temp, hi-humidity, Mother Nature cooperated with lower temperatures and humidity for the Birch Lake Golf Outing. Conditions were perfect and so too were the arrangements. We owe a big thank you to Bill and Bob King and all the volunteers for a very enjoyable day.

Labor Day is only four weeks away but we still have plenty of activities planned. Please see the Events Calendar for details.

If you haven't paid your membership dues for the Birch Lake Yacht Club, please see your closest Director. Our membership is down this year. The \$20.00 membership helps fund various events (Kid's Party) and programs (Water Quality), provides every resident with the weekly edition of the Birch Barker news letter, and provides the funds necessary to maintain the Yacht Club.

Lastly, having chaired last year's Fall Dinner, Pam and I know how difficult it was to properly plan for a successful event when so many people didn't reserve a place in advance. Please contact one of the Directors, including our host/hostess, Bob and Sue Waddle, for this year's Fall Dinner and reserve a place well in advance. Thanks!

Rich Mullin, Commodore 1993

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SUMMER "1993" EVENTS
(all times Indiana)

Aug. 6th - Teen Night - 8:00 to 10:00p.m. - BLYC
Aug. 8th - Sailboat races (2) - 10:30a.m.
Aug. 9th - Aerobics - 9:00 to 10:00a.m. - BLYC
Aug. 11th - Aerobics - 9:00 to 10:00a.m. - BLYC
Aug. 13th - Aerobics - 9:00 to 10:00a.m. - BLYC
Aug. 13th - Teen Night - 8:00 to 10:00p.m. - BLYC
Aug. 14th - Triathlon - 9:00a.m.
Aug. 14th - Corn & Sausage Roast - 5:30p.m. - BLYC
Aug. 15th - Sailboat races (2) - 10:30a.m.
Aug. 16th - Aerobics - 9:00 to 10:00a.m. - BLYC
Aug. 18th - Aerobics - 9:00 to 10:00a.m. - BLYC
Aug. 20th - Teen Night - 8:00 to 10:00p.m. - BLYC
Aug. 22nd - Sailboat races (2) - 10:30a.m.
Aug. 27th - Teen Night - 8:00 to 10:00p.m. - BLYC
Aug. 28th - Fall Dinner - 6:00p.m. - BLYC
Aug. 29th - Sailboat races (2) - 10:30a.m.
Sept. 4th - Sailboat Regatta - 2:00p.m.
Sept. 5th - Sailboat Regatta - 10:30a.m. - 2 races

PONTOON TRAILER

Our Yacht Club has accepted the responsibility of maintaining the Maroon pontoon trailer that has been used by many different families over the years to take their pontoonboats in and out of the water. Starting with this year we are asking for \$10.00 per year from those who use the trailer. This money will be used for the maintenance of the trailer which now needs new tires and a paint job.

This trailer has been made available over the years thru the generosity of the Bill King family and the Earl Troeger family. We are now asking that those who use the trailer help with maintaining it.

TRASH BURNING

Once again we ask that you do not burn trash around the lake. Be considerate of your neighbors and others around the lake. Trash Service is available weekly so there is no need what so ever to fill the air with smoke other than from your outdoor cooking.

HAPPY "10th" BIRTHDAY - LAURA PENCE!

CORN AND SAUSAGE ROAST

When: August 14th
Time: 5:30 to 8:00 P.M. (IN)
Where: Birch Lake Yacht Club
Price: \$5.50 for adults
\$3.00 for children 5 and under

"SPECTRUM" DANCE

When: August 14th
Time: 9:00 P.M. to Midnight
Where: Birch Lake Yacht Club
Price: \$1.00 cover charge
Music: 50's to 90's Country, Rock
to Polka

COURTEOUS NEIGHBOR

Please, be a courteous neighbor by keeping dogs in your yard and not the neighbors. Thank you.

VISITORS FROM TEXAS

After two long days of driving from Grapevine, Texas, Cindy (Spratt) Christensen arrived at beautiful Birch Lake (North side). She brought along her two kids, Preston (4 years) and Alyson (2 years). Preston and Alyson have had a great time fishing, boating, riding their bikes and going on nature walks, but say the water is too cold!!

They are excited about Chris, Michael and Uncle Stewart Spratt coming this weekend from Edgewood, Kentucky. They haven't seen them in 2 years.

CRITTER SIGHTING

Preston and Alyson Christensen have had a great time catching lightning bugs and watching black ants. We don't have any in Texas!!

SPENCER'S FIRST CRUISE

Sunday Spencer Rhinehardt visited Grampa and Gramma Zesinger at Birch Lake. He brought along his parents, Bill and Cindy, and his other grandparents, Bill and Carolyn Rhinehardt. Also visiting with Spencer were Uncle Brad Zesinger and Lynne Henry.

Grampa Zesinger had the privilege of taking Spencer on his first cruise!

Phyllis Catherine Rasmussen stopped by to check out Spencer. She was accompanied by her parents, Linda and Buzz. A fun time was had by all.

BIG WEEKEND AT THE "C" RANCH

A good time was had by all at the Curtis' last weekend. Terry and Linda were visited by all their children, Karen, Tina, Matt and wife, Chris, Steve and wife, Deborah, and 2 granddaughters, Carrie Lee (Steve & Deborah's daughter) and Brook Ann (Matt & Chris' daughter). Also, joining the group was out-of-town guest, Mark Colley.

They all made it up on skis. The boat was driven by Tim Steffen assisted by Irene and Wes who ski watched. The rest of the time was spent soaking up a lot of sun at beautiful Birch Lake. It was a blast!!

Terry was in charge of running the grill and as usual did a super job!

Hope to do more weekends like that real soon. Linda Curtis.

AXELBERG'S VISIT

Bob and Jean Axelberg visited Birch Lake for 4 weeks at the Weaver rental cottage. Bob and Jean now live in Sun City West, Arizona. They spent several summers at Birch Lake in their West shore cottage.

While here they were visited by daughter, Jane, from Atlanta and son, Dan, from Boynton Beach, Florida. Dan was accompanied by his daughter, Brook.

Also visiting were their son, Bob Jr., his wife, Terri, and children, Travis and Danielle Jean, from South Bend.

RECIPE OF THE WEEK

This week's recipe was submitted by Margie Trybus.

BLUEBERRY MUFFINCAKE

CRUMB TOPPING

1/4 cup flour
1/4 cup sugar
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
3 tablespoons margarine or butter

CAKE

2 tablespoons fine, dry bread crumbs
2 cups flour
1 cup sugar
1 tablespoon baking powder
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
1 cup fresh or frozen blueberries, thawed, drained
2 eggs
1/3 cup orange-flavored liqueur or orange juice
1/4 cup margarine or butter, melted, cooled
8 oz. carton dairy sour cream
1 teaspoon grated orange peel

In small bowl, combine all crumb topping ingredients except margarine; mix well. Cut in 3 tablespoons margarine until mixture resembles coarse crumbs; set aside.

Heat oven to 375 degrees. Grease 10-inch springform pan or 9 inch square pan. Sprinkle with bread crumbs; set aside. Lightly spoon flour into measuring cup; level off. In large bowl, combine 2 cups flour, 1 cup sugar, baking powder, baking soda, salt and 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon; mix well. Stir in blueberries. Beat eggs in medium bowl. Stir in orange liqueur, 1/4 cup margarine, sour cream and orange peel. Add to blueberry mixture, stirring just until dry ingredients are moistened. Spoon batter into greased pan; sprinkle with crumb topping.

Bake at 375 degrees for 35 to 45 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool 10 minutes; remove sides of pan. Serve warm or cool. 12 servings.

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TRIATHLON ENTRY

Be sure to get your Triathlon Entry Forms to Dan Reynolds!! It is only one week away. So get your teams together and start training if you haven't already.

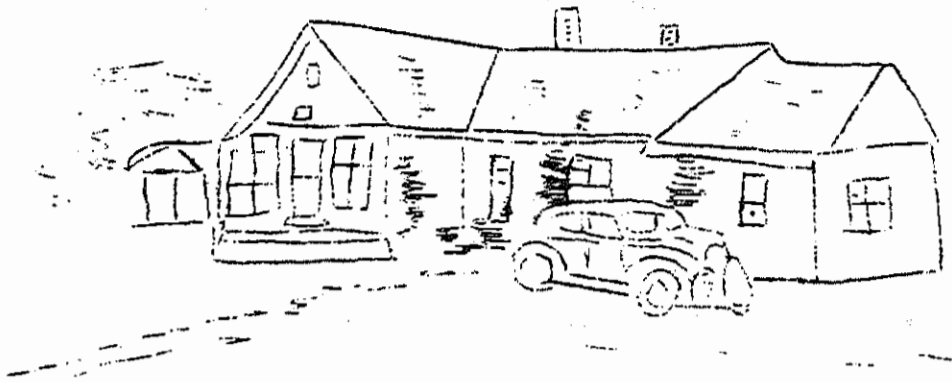
Three (3) person or six (6) person Relays, and individuals (variations acceptabel). Entry fee is \$10.00 - Trophy & T-shirt.

TRIATHLON: Saturday - August 14th - 9:00a.m.(IN)

Swim 200 yards, bike 2 miles, run 1.4 miles

Starts at the Reynolds on the South side.

Call Dan Reynolds (#476-8877) for questions or information!



EARLY WILLIAMSVILLE

We'd like to turn back the pages of history just a few short years and give you a glimpse of Williamsville over a century ago. The earliest records in this township are the entries of land in 1828 by John White (who was probably the first settler in North Porter) John East, and Nathan Williams. At this time, Josiah Williams built the great mill just south of the main streets of Main and Mill and it was operated by W.W. Camp. The old mill by the creek has played an important part in the history of Williamsville. Many sacks of feed and flour have been ground by the great stone run by the water power coming down the mill race from Birch Lake and the Mill Pond. Austin Searer came here in 1880, bought the mill and the ground feed, made cider and sorghum syrup.

Where Breece's store now stands, was a large two story brick building, the William Merrit Store. This store has changed hands many times since it was first established back as far as 1860 by Josiah Williams, the gentleman who laid out the village in March 1848, that bears his name. Some of these people are: Wm. Merrit, William Merrit Jr., J. Fred Merrit, Milo Merrit, Oscar Loupee, Tom White, Albert Snyder, Hyton Jones and the present owner Mrs. G. Breece.

The General Store played a very important part in the history of this community because it was the center of all business transactions in the early days. Part of the time it housed the Post Office, and most of the time the only telephone in the vicinity.

Down on the corner of Main and Mill Streets, in the house now owned by Harry Griffit, was an Inn operated by a man by the name of Austin. No doubt many a weary traveler spent the night in this haven. Directly across the street was a grocery or general store, as they most were in those days, operated by Rhuben Weikle, and later by Tom White. In the center of the block was a telephone exchange installed by Perry Storey.

Zackery Brown started a barber shop in this same block and operated a feed store and livery in connection with the barber shop. Other ventures were a saw mill run by Albert Reck and Jerome Cousins, a cabinet and paint shop operated by Will Rhinehart, and a copperage by Hardy McCally.

There were two physicians in the village. Dr. Moore lived at the southwest corner of Main Street and a Dr. Fort.

Amy Richmond had a barber shop and ice cream parlor combination in 1912.

Mail was carried at this time on horseback or by horse and cart; the route running through Williamsville to Vandalia. The carrier was James W. East.

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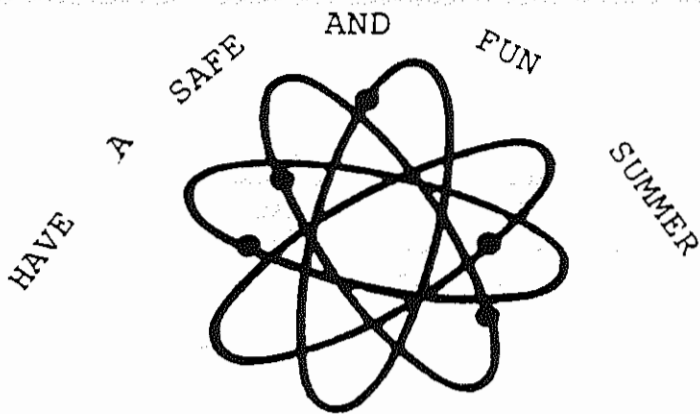
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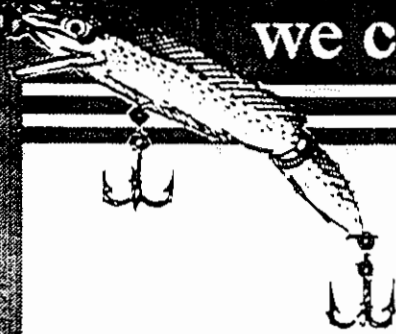
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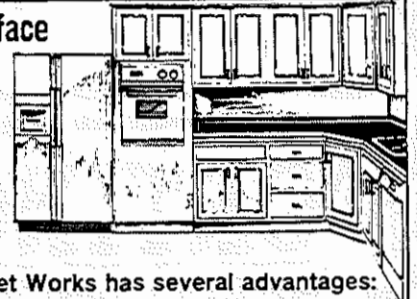
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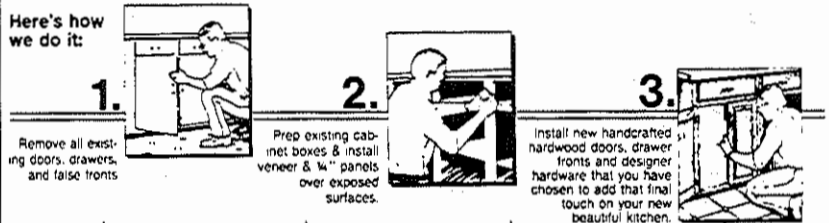
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