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## COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

What a glorious weekend we just had! To borrow a phrase "It doesn't get any better than this". Cool nights, warm sunny days, just enough wind to make the sailors happy, what more can we ask for? Exactly.....more of the same.

The event that will kick off the season here at the lake, the Commodore's Cocktail Party, will take place this Saturday evening at 5:30 p.m.(IN) at the Yacht Club. Here is a chance for new Birch Lakers to meet their neighbors, and for long time residents to renew old acquaintances. There will be a cash bar and guests are requested to bring a snack or appetizer. I hope to see you all there.

The Yacht Club will look pretty spiffy for the party thanks to several people who sacrificed time on a beautiful Saturday morning to clean in and around the Yacht Club. The clean-up was complicated by the mess that several uninvited "critters" made during the winter. Steve Horvath, Bruce Wagner, Linda Curtis, Steve Cranmer, Arline Machalleck, Mike Machalleck and Sue Waddle all helped to restore the Yacht Club to its original grandeur.

There are 58 paid members of the Yacht Club and there is \$1220.00 in the Fireworks Fund as of the Director's Meeting on June 4th. We are running short in both categories. Please make it a point to pay your dues and donate additional money for the Fireworks Show soon. All of the Yacht Club's expenses are paid from dues including utility bills, insurance, upkeep and improvements. The Fireworks Show depends solely on donations for its funding.

Well, enough begging for one day. I hope that this weekend is a carbon copy of the last two and I hope that every minute that you spend at Birch Lake is a joy.

Bob Waddle  
Commodore 1994

**SUMMER "1994" EVENTS**  
(all times Indiana)

- June 11th - Commodore's Cocktail Party - 5:30p.m.- BLYC
- June 19th - Sunfish season begins - 10:30a.m.
- July 2nd - Boat Parade - 10:00a.m.
- July 2nd - Fireworks - at dark
- July 3rd - Pancake Breakfast - 8:00a.m.
- July 3rd - Fireworks Raindate
- July 16th - Vice-commodore's Cocktail Party/Karaoke Night - 8:00p.m. - BLYC
- July 22nd - Ladies Golf Outing
- July 29th - Birch Lake Golf Outing
- Aug. 13th - Fun Run - 9:00 or 10:00a.m.
- Aug. 13th - Corn and Sausage Roast - 5:30p.m.- BLYC
- Aug. 27th - Fall Dinner - 6:00p.m. - BLYC

**FIREWORKS CONTRIBUTORS**

The following Birch Lake families have contributed to the Fireworks Fund as of June 4, 1994. A big Thank You to all of them.

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**SAILING NEWS**

Sunfish sailing season to start Sunday, June 19th, at 10:30a.m.(IN). All Sunfish sailors WELCOME.  
Give it a try!

MC races are scheduled to start the weekend of the 4th of July. Watch the Barker for more.

**PONTOON TRAILER**

Once again the Yacht Club offers the use of the maroon pontoon trailer to lake residents for the sum of \$10.00 for the season (both in and out). New tires are on the trailer this year thru the efforts of John Gableman.

We ask that the trailer be lifted off the ground when you finish. This helps make the tires last longer.

Also, when traveling with or without weight on the trailer **PLEASE** use the chain to carry the load and let the cable loose. The cable and winch have been replaced a few times already.

### INFANT, CHILD AND ADULT CPR AND RESCUE BREATHING COURSE

Linda Rasmussen has arranged through the Three Rivers Area Hospital for a Level B Infant, Child and Adult CPR and Rescue Breathing Course to be given at the Birch Lake Yacht Club for any interested person. This is handled by the American Heart Association and twelve (12) participants are needed for a class to be held. Sharon Varricchio, who is a Certified American Red Cross instructor, will be teaching the course.

Date: Saturday, June 18th  
Time: 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. (MI time)  
Where: Birch Lake Yacht Club  
Cost: \$20.00 per person

Please call or leave a message with Buzz or Linda Rasmussen at #476-2021 if you'd like to attend! It is important that you reply by Wednesday, June 15th.

### BURNING TRASH

Once again we ask that you do not burn trash around the lake. Be considerate of your neighbors and others around Birch 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 grill. Thank you.

Concerned Laker

### BIRCH LAKE WATER QUALITY PROGRAM

In 1985 the Birch Lake Water Quality Program was initiated. Through a program designed by Lee Maager, director of the Cass County Health Dept., and administered by Gertie and Bob Temple, each residence on the lake was inspected by an environmentalist to determine if the septic system met county code. The code states that the final disposal area, either a dry well or septic field, must be at least 50 feet from the lake and two feet above the ground water.

Ninety-six systems were in noncompliance with the code and subsequently cited for violation. After ten years we are extremely proud and pleased to announce that all ninety-six systems have been corrected.

There are many people to thank. Randy and Fran Welch and Earl and Connie Troeger who served on the Water Quality Committee from 1985 to 1990; Terry and Linda Curtis and Dan and Janet Reynolds who served from 1990 to the present; Lee Maager who designed and directed the program through 1992; Bob Hause and Rob DeBeck of the Cass County Health Dept. who directed the program from 1992 to the present; and each of the 96 families who upgraded its septic system to insure that Birch Lake's water quality remains the best it can be.

There are two people, however, who have been involved with the program as chairmen of the committee through all the years and to whom Birch Lake owes more than just a thank you: Gertie and Bob Temple. The people of Birch Lake owe the Temples a huge dept of gratitude. They worked hand in hand with the health department at every site and kept detailed files on the progress of each system.

The next time you see Gertie and Bob, tell them thanks -- they deserve it!

Water Quality Committee

P.S. See attached map.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY - JANET REYNOLDS!

### TOM'S GARAGE CELEBRATING 25th ANNIVERSARY

Tom's Garage opened Memorial weekend in 1969 by Betty and Tom Griffith. It has always been a family operated business which has served the people of Birch Lake very well over the last 25 years. They started with one gas pump mounted on cement blocks and a refrigerator for oil. One year later a second pump was added plus a steel shed. The garage was located east of their house, so if Tom was left alone to tend the gas pumps as well as the garage he got a lot of exercise running back and forth. In 1975 they moved into the present building which was originally a quonset hut - steel shed in back.

Over the years the Griffith's daughters, Chris, Rachel and Becky, have worked for them. Becky is still at Tom's Garage working with Tom in the garage as well as tending the store.

CONGRATULATIONS AND THANKS FOR 25 YEARS OF GREAT SERVICE!

### FIRST MEMORIAL DAY WEEK-END AT BIRCH LAKE

Tyler Austin spent his first Memorial Day week-end at Birch Lake. Tyler enjoyed the week-end at Grandma and Grandpa Harmans along with Abby Lind (3 years) and Mommy & Daddy (Barb & Jon Rondat).

Tyler was born September 13, 1993 in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

### FIRST GRANDDAUGHTER

Dave and Christine Troeger are the proud and happy parents of their first child. Carly Ann was born April 29th and is looking forward to this summer at the lake.

Connie and Earl Troeger are very happy to have their first granddaughter. There are already 4 grandsons.

### DUFOURS ADD #6 AND #7 GRANDBABIES

Sue and Duffy Dufour, E120, added grandbabies #6 and #7 this spring. Ryan Matthew was born Feb. 27th to daughter, Jenne, and her husband, Kevin Wirt. Tyler James arrived April 29th to son, Chris, and his wife, Laura. Ryan joins big brother, Nicholas, and Tyler has big brother, Danny.

### SIXTH GRANDCHILD

Bev and Herm Kruggel have their sixth grandchild. A little girl, Ryan Lynn Durham, was born to Shelley and Ted Durham on October 7, 1993. Her brother, Parker, is 3 years old and adores his little sister.

### FIRST GRANDCHILD

Dick and Judy Lindzy have their first grandchild. Anmarie Elizabeth Lindzy was born on January 27, 1994 to Jennifer and Richard Lindzy. She weighed 6 lbs. 15 oz.

### COLORADO VISITORS

Jeff and Sue Troeger and sons from Steamboat Springs, Colorado just returned home after a two week stay with their parents. Chris and Matt enjoyed some great days at the lake.

### THE NORTH SHORE O'BRIEN'S ARE EXPECTING

The John O'Brien's are expecting!----Daughter, Pat, and husband, Mike, and kids, Jack and Kathleen, will arrive on the 14th. We expect Jackie Stephens and roomie, Phil Krause, will show up too! Join the fun and a game of Ghost on the North side.

### HELP WANTED

Camp Tannadoonah is looking for a young man 15/16 years to work in the kitchen on a daily basis and to do yard work on weekly basis from June 20th to August 13th. Call #476-2177 for interview.

### BE ON THE LOOKOUT!

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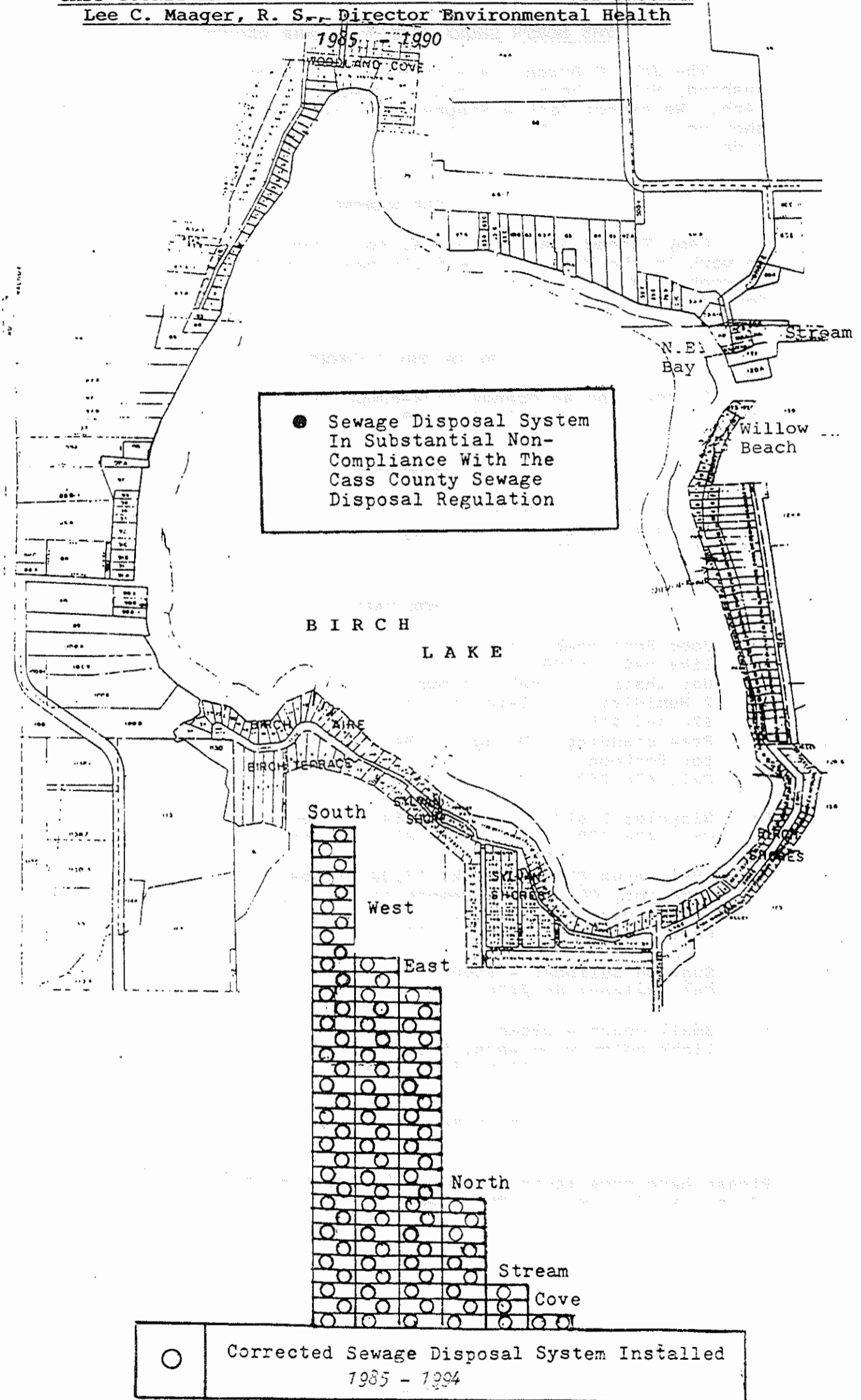
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- 4) Sunfish Sailboat - \$500.  
Call Walkers at #476-2515.
- 5) Small couch - clean - light upholstery, loose cushions, light color wood ends. \$25.  
Call Kelly's at #476-2652.

Barb Zesinger, Editor

Please have news items to Editor by 5:00p.m. Monday. For Sale ads are \$1.00 a week. Thank you!

PROGRESS REPORT  
Birch Lake Yacht Club Water Quality Committee

CASS COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT BIRCH-LAKE-SURVEY PROGRAM  
Lee C. Maager, R. S., Director Environmental Health



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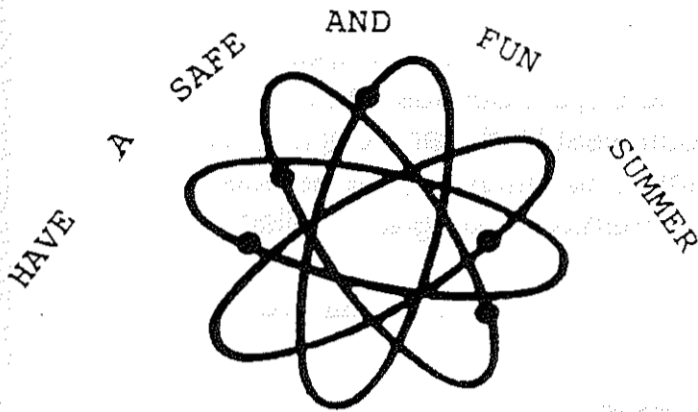
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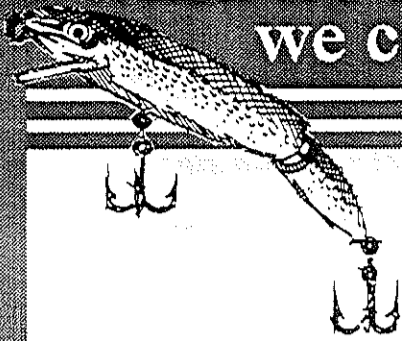
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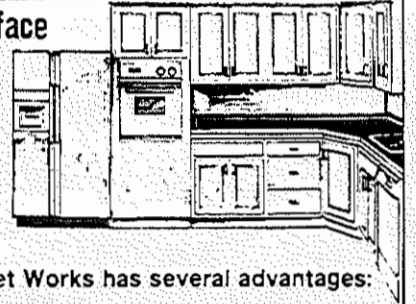


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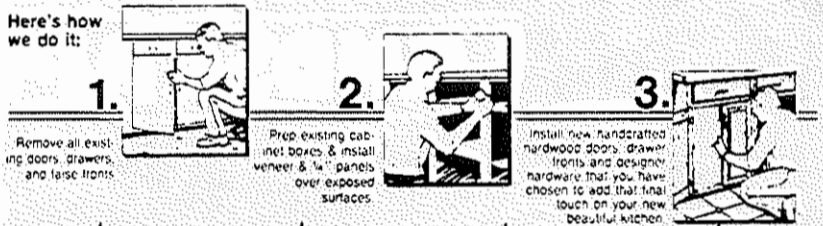
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