



# Birch Banker

ALL THE NEWS IN, ON AND AROUND THE LAKE.

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## COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

Weekend update.....Sunday morning...Icepack in place...Wow! What a party. Vice-commodore, Linda Curtis sure knows how to throw a shindig. If you weren't there, you missed the unveiling of the hidden talents of scores of Birch Lakers.

Before the night was over we were balladed, serenaded, countried, locomotioned and rock & rolled by dozens of the more than one hundred people who attended. From the outset, performers eagerly waited their turns to take the stage. The depth of talent here at the lake is tremendous.

Ron and Carla Colwell of "Diamonds in the Ruff" brought their Laser Karaoke equipment and did an outstanding job, just as they did last year. Linda also had many able-bodied helpers...but I'll let her tell you about that inside.

It's raining now. If you're going to have a hangover, this is the right kind of day. I can comfort myself knowing that I'm not alone.

Let's see...what's next? The Teen Party is Saturday night at 7:00p.m. at Birch Lake Yacht Club. It sure saounds like fun, so all you young people, 12 to 18 years old, should come on down and "Rock the House".

The date for the Birch Lake Men's Open Golf Outing is rapidly approaching. The number of golf carts is limited so hurry and get your reservations in. Don't forget that you can save \$5.00 if you register and pay in advance. We need to know very soon the number of golfers so that various arrangements can be made.

Starting to feel a little melancholy. Rainy days sort of bring that out in me. I'm thinking that suddenly the summer is half over. It's time for the "Back to school" sales to begin. The Fall Dinner will be here before we know it.

But I feel better when I remember what a successful season it has been. That success is attributable to the support that we have received from everyone. Here at Birch Lake. Thank you again.

Bob Waddle  
Commodore 1994

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

- July 23rd - Aerobics Make-up Class - 9:00a.m. - BLYC
- July 23rd - Teen Night - 7:00 to 10:00p.m. - BLYC
- July 24th - Sailboat Races - 10:30a.m.
- July 26th - Birch Lake Walk - 9:00a.m. - BLYC
- July 27th - Aerobics - 9:00a.m. - BLYC
- July 27th - Ladies Luncheon - 11:30a.m. - BLYC
- July 29th - Birch Lake Golf Outing - 11:00a.m.
- July 30th - Director's Meeting - 9:00a.m. - BLYC
- July 31st - Sailboat Races - 10:30a.m.
- Aug. 2nd - Birch Lake Walk - 9:00a.m. - BLYC
- Aug. 3rd - Aerobics - 9:00a.m. - BLYC
- Aug. 5th - Aerobics - 9:00a.m. - BLYC
- Aug. 7th - Sailboat Races - 10:30a.m.
- Aug. 9th - Birch Lake Walk - 9:00a.m. - BLYC
- Aug. 10th - Aerobics - 9:00a.m. - BLYC
- Aug. 12th - Aerobics - 9:00a.m. - BLYC
- Aug. 13th - Fun Run - 9:00 or 10:00a.m.
- Aug. 13th - Corn and Sausage Roast - 5:30p.m. - BLYC
- Aug. 14th - Sailboat Races - 10:30a.m.
- Aug. 16th - Birch Lake Walk - 9:00a.m. - BLYC
- Aug. 17th - Aerobics - 9:00a.m. - BLYC
- Aug. 19th - Aerobics - 9:00a.m. - BLYC
- Aug. 21st - Sailboat Races - 10:30a.m.
- Aug. 27th - Fall Dinner - 6:00p.m. - BLYC

**VICE COMMODORE'S COCKTAIL PARTY/KARAOKE**

Saturday evening at the Yacht Club quite a few stars were born. I never knew we had so many (musically) talented people on Birch Lake. I can't carry a tune, even in a bushel basket.

I wish I had the space to mention all the stars by name, but there were so many. They all know who they are plus 90 other people who witnessed the event.

Bob and I were greatly impressed with the attendance. It will definitely be on the calendar of events next year.

Thanks a million to all those listed below. I couldn't have done it with out them.

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|-------------------|-------------------|
| Dick Bender       | Al Cover          |
| Terry Curtis      | Liz Cover         |
| Steve Cranmer     | Brian Machalleck  |
| Christen Mitchell | Debbie Rothschild |
| Erik Mitchell     | Bruce Wagner      |
| Bob Waddle        | Sue Wagner        |
|                   | Ashley Welsh      |

Thanks again,  
The Vice Linda

**SAILING NEWS**

Eight sailors were on the line waiting for the wind last Sunday. After waiting 30 minutes the race was canceled and the rain came. We thank those who were ready to race. That is the way sailing should be. The sailors should be ready to race at the allotted time and the race committee should make the decision.

Thanks to those who were ready and a special thanks to Marty and Doris Sante for their willingness to start the races at the last minute.

See you Sunday on the course.  
Earl Troeger.

**DIRECTOR'S MEETING**

Commodore, Bob Waddle, has called a Director's Meeting for July 30th at 9:00a.m.(IN) at Birch Lake Yacht Club.

TEEN NIGHT!

TEEN NIGHT!!! - Saturday, July 23rd, 7:00 to 10:00p.m.(IN) at the Birch Lake Yacht Club. Featuring the "Rock the House" DISC JOCKEY SERVICE. Feel free to bring your favorite CD's or tapes if you want to insure your favorite is played!

Pizza, pop, and snacks will be served. The party is for ages 12 - 18 years.

If you have any questions call:

- Barb Pence - #2018
- Margie Trybus - #2563
- Claudia Gableman - #2132

TREASURER'S REPORT

Update on the Fireworks contributors. A big thank you to Jeanette and Elaine Lochmandy for their donation.

MORE ON THE LADIES LUNCHEON

We will be served grilled Chicken Breast on a bed of lettuce with chopped red peppers, sunflower nuts, fruit and a choice of Honey Lemon or a "Light" dressing, small loaves of brown bread, a dessert of spumoni plus Iced Tea or coffee.

Price \$7.00 paid in advance. Dress - casual. Nice door prizes!

- Date: Wednesday, July 27th.
- New Time: 11:30a.m.(Indiana)
- Where: Our own Birch Lake Yacht Club

R.S.V.P. to your Committee Members:

- Le King - #2128
- Nadine Brown - #2125
- Louise Rieth - #2174
- J. J. Harlan - #9714
- Thelma Koontz - #9657

It will be a very nice get together - Reserve early!  
Thelma Koontz

We were very fortunate last Saturday to have Sharon Varricchio as our instructor for the CPR course covering adults, infants and children. The course is sponsored by the American Red Cross through Three Rivers Area Hospital and is very thorough yet fast paced.

All participants achieved certification through hand's-on and written testing:

- Colleen Garoutte
- Terilyn Montague
- Barb Zesinger
- Bob Waddle
- Jane Nagy
- Kellie Bienz
- Tammy Hanstine
- Sue Montague
- Phyllis Davis
- Christine Troeger
- Becky Beers
- Linda and Buzz Rasmussen

Thanks again everyone for your participation and congratulations on attaining certification for the next year.

Sincerely,

The Rasmussen's

HAPPY "FIRST" BIRTHDAY SPENCER RHEINHARDT!!

CRITTER (TURTLE) SIGHTING

Two painted turtles believed to have been entered in the Cove's Turtle Race, #4 and #10 (it was hard to read the numbers) were caught and released on the East side by master turtle hunter, Kristin McCoy. Nine year old Kristin can be seen with her big net on a quest to catch and release Birch Lake turtles daily! Kristin spends the better part of her summer visiting her grandparents, the Hornbecks - E200-6 - and will go to Camp Tannadoonah for her fourth year during "Pirate Week" this summer.

P.S. Does anyone know how these turtles placed in the race?

NEWS FROM THE COVE\*

Larry and Debbie McCay hit big time with the purchase of a single Power Ball ticket. Now 64 million dollars to the better, they plan to blow a good sized chunk on a shopping spree in Williamsville. Deb's a happy girl, a new flyswatter and measuring cups have been on her wish list for a long time.

Sadly, we won't be seeing much of Jim Bergan anymore. It would seem that a talent scout was in the midst of all those Karaoke merrymakers last Saturday, and spotted Jim's obvious talent, so it's off to Tinseltown. Good luck, Jim, we'll miss you and don't forget the little people.

A flurry of excitement is expected early this week when the Air Force I seaplane will land on our lake. Our very own Cisco Minix, bless his heart, has devised a viable national health care plan and is to be transported, with all haste, to Washington, D.C. for finalization meetings with Mrs. and President Clinton. Way to go, Cisco!

Earwig update: Operation D.E.A.D. (Doomed Earwigs Attack Drink) Dave Bouwkamp (of Blackwoodian fame) discovered a passel of life-disadvantaged "wiggies" floating in the dregs of a forgotten Manhattan. Liver complications are thought to be the cause. Forget expensive pesticides, I'll take Manhattan.

So went another week in the Cove.

\*The above information may or may not contain factual material.  
Submitted by the Wagners'

WELCOME BACK - HERB CLEVELAND AND FAMILY

We'd like to welcome back to Birch Lake some very dear friends.

Can you imagine after all these years - Herb Cleveland and his wife, Ardie, and children, Kenny and Becky, have returned to Birch Lake as permanent residents. They purchased Mr. & Mrs. Hillaring's home, just on top of Storeyhill St., and we are thrilled to have them as neighbors.

It's hard to believe Butch Habich and Herb Cleveland, alias "Butchie and Herbie" first met in 1951; they were both just 3 years old. Herb's parents bought the cottage that our friends, Herm & Bev Kruggel, just sold (to Lindzy's) and Butch's parents purchased the cottage we are still in.

It's great to see old friends return to Birch Lake along with many wonderful memories of years gone by.

Welcome Home!

P.S. Earl Troeger look out - they're back!!!

Submitted by: Jean Habich

HAPPY BIRTHDAY SOUTH SHORE GUYS!

Les Jensen  
Dan Reynolds  
John Gableman

### MORE NEWS FROM COVE

Sailor Sams Secrets to Successful Seamanship:

Anchoring:

Step 1: Secure anchor line to anchor

Step 2: Heave anchor into lake

H.B. to Chris Blackwood - The secret is in the sequence.

### A BELATED CONGRATULATIONS FOR AN AMAZING FEAT

Capt. Howard Blackwood amazed Cove Spectators when he sailed his "Out of Gas" vessel - with the aid of his hardy crew, Beach Towels and a good Southerly Wind - across the lake, up the cove and directly into his Shore Station. Amazing!

### HAYDEN'S DEMASTATION

Sorry to hear about Bill Haydens' demastation. As Lily Tomlin would have said "One Ringy Dingy makes a difference".

Marc and Eileen Golden (East side) - Congratulations on your new Floting Acre.

### FREE TIRES

Tom's Garage has old tires that can be used for bumpers. They are free to any one who wants them.

### EXPERIENCED BABYSITTER

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### ANSWER

## Three Suspects Captured In Cassopolis Robberies

CASSOPOLIS - A local man and two juveniles who police say admitted participating in two armed robberies Friday afternoon were arrested by police in a roadblock at M-62 and U.S. 12 at 2:40 p.m. Friday.

Roosevelt Hart, 19, of 120 N. O'Keefe St., Cassopolis, and two juveniles are being held in Cass County Jail awaiting court dispositions. Bond was set at \$10,000 for Hart.

The first of the two robberies occurred at the Hugh Henderson residence, 116 N. O'Keefe St., reported to police at 1 p.m. Cass Village Police Chief Frank Williams reported that three black youths used a small snub-nosed pistol to rob two disabled veterans, taking \$12 from one and \$2 from the other. Their names were not released, and both reside at the Henderson residence. A small portable radio also was taken.

Both victims were tied and gagged. One of the veterans was locked in the bathroom and the other in a bedroom closet, according to police.

At 2 p.m. Cass County Sheriff's deputies were called to Tom's Garage in Williamsville. Two males entered the station and told owner Tom Griffith "This is a stick up, we're not fooling. It's for real."

Griffith was tied, gagged, and locked in the

backroom. He told deputies that \$35 was taken from the cash register and a small snub-nosed pistol was carried by one of the men.

Deputies sent out a broadcast to area police departments and a roadblock at M 62 and U.S. 12 was established.

The three, driving a 1970 vehicle with Ohio plates, were stopped by Ontwa Township Edwardsburg police at 2:40 p.m. They found the pistol in the car and arrested the trio.

Friday, December 13, 1974

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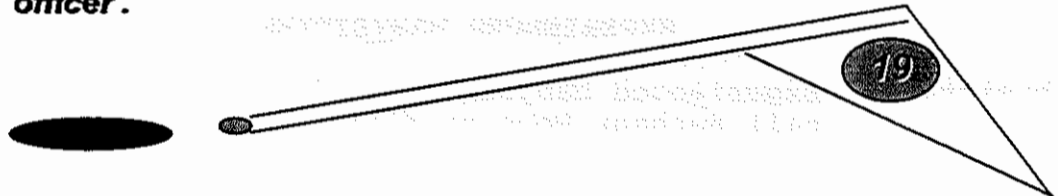
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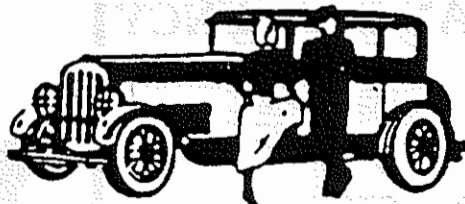
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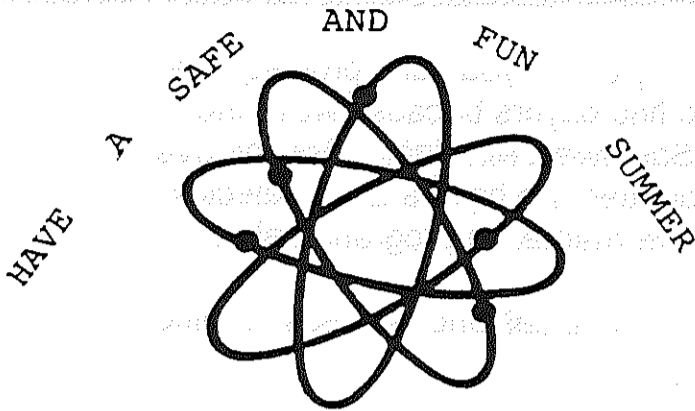
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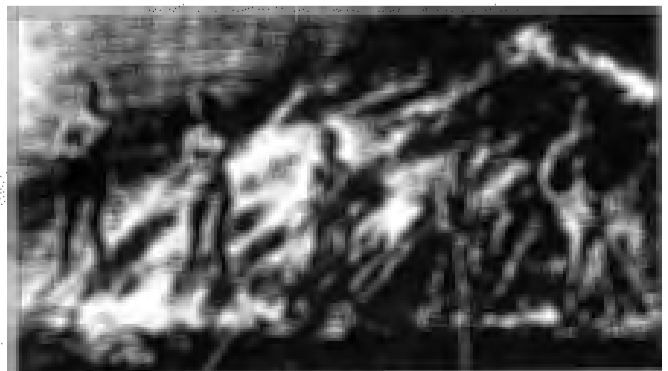
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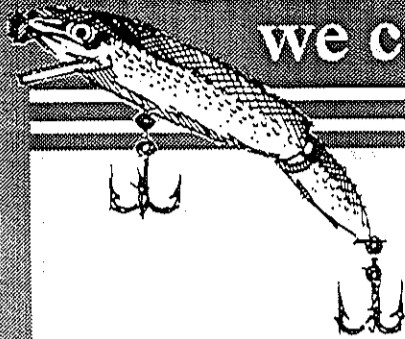
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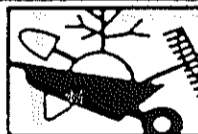
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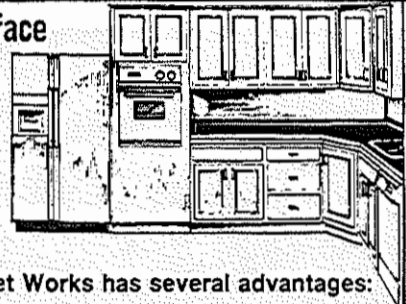
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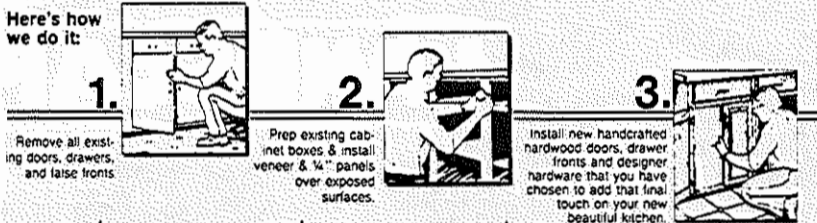
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