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ALL THE NEWS IN, ON AND AROUND THE LAKE

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COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

What a great weekend it turned out to be after all! Sunny, warm, dry, and a cool breeze. Lets hope we get some more of this! We have had enough rain for awhile.

Our first social event of the season will be this Saturday at 5:30 pm (Indiana time) at the BLYC. Its a great time to see everyone (old and new) neighbors swap stories and etc. There will be a cash bar and please bring an appetizer. See you-all there.

The Yacht Club is really shaping up thanks to a few of my friends that gave up half of their Saturday to paint, clean and build planters.

Bruce, Sue Wagner, Marty, Doris Sante, Dean Davis, Ray, Sonya Sander, Tom Howard and Colleen, Ron, Staci Whiteman, Make Machalleck, Earl Troeger and Don Harman all worked very hard. Thanks to you guys - I love you!!!

Please don't forget to pay your Yacht Club dues and fireworks donations. The dues pay the taxes, insurance and upkeep, and our super firework display is paid only by donations.

Be safe and courteous to your neighbors - God Bless

Linda Curtis

So let's hear a few words from the Vice.

What a terrific group of "worker bees," we had at the Yacht Club last Saturday! We painted, we scrubbed, we told some jokes and, before we know it, our mission was completed. Mind you, no one is going to mistake our little club house for Caesar's Palace but it certainly has a fresher look. Hope to have a good turn out this Saturday evening and be sure to notice the formerly grungy stove.

Have a good one. Especially you, Bernie.

Sue Wagner, Vice

1995 EVENTS

- June 10 5:30pm Commodores Party
- June 12 School Board Election - Don't forget to vote!!!
- July 1 9:00am Director's Meeting
- July 2 8:00am Pancake Breakfast at the camp
- July 2 Fireworks at dark
- July 3 Fireworks - rain date
- July 4 4:00 Boat Parade
- July 8 8-4 Garage sale
- July 15 8pm Karoake Party
- July 28 Women's golf outing
- August 4 Men's Golf outing
- August 12 5:30pm Corn and sausage - BLYC

1995 BLYC MEMBERS are listed below. The list includes those paid as of last weekend. The astricks indicate firework's contributions made to date. If you wish to join or help with firework cost please give donations to your nearest director or mail to Mike Machalleck.

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O'Neill*	Walker*		

1995 DIRECTORS:

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Bruce Wagner	Don Harman	Brad Walker	Dan Reynolds
	Marc Golden	Tim Steffen	Earl Troeger
	Fran Welch	Liz Cover	Tom Howard
			Steve Horvath
			Dick Bender

DIRECTOR'S MEETING: Please note the next Director's meeting is scheduled for July 1, 9:00am at BLYC - This is a new date from what was previously discussed at the last meeting.

FLOWERS FOR BLYC: Anyone interested in donating flowers for the new planters at the BLYC please contact Sue Wagner 2090 or Linda Curtis 2431

FAVORITE PHOTO - Hey everyone listen up - We need your favorite photos of Birch Lake pronto! Butch Went is going to paint a mural for us at the BLYC. We need your help. Drop them off at Linda Curtis' or at the nearest director.

YEAR AROUND HOME OR LOT ON BIRCH LAKE WANTED - Will consider trade - Weekdays call 219-277-7504 or weekends 476-9886

BEV AND HERM KRUGGEL are happy to announce the arrival of two more grandchildren. On September 28, 1994, Sydney Cather Kruggel was born to Kristy and Kurt. Mitchell Kurt Durham arrived on May 3, 1995, His proud parents are Shelley and Ted Durham.

TERILYN MONTAGUE GRADUATED from Constantine High School on June 4. A graduation party for Terilyn and her friend, Jamie Sorn, will be held at the Yacht Club on Saturday, June 17, beginning at 1:00pm Indiana time. Please stop by and celebrate with us.

Note: There was an article and picture in the June 5 Elkhart Truth regarding Terilyn and other Constantine graduates. Terilyn was one of the Academic Top 10 of the 1995 Constantine graduates.

BIRCH LAKE GARAGE SALE - Anyone planning on having a garage sale on July 8th, please get with Staci Whiteman or any Director. We are asking for a \$1.00 donation, from each home that is planning on having a sale, to help pay for advertising. Also, we need donations for the Yacht Club sale.

MEMORIES OF BIRCH LAKE BY BARBARA (BOVIK) WALLIN - While at Birch Lake this summer, I enjoyed reading some of the lake's history provided by Helen Weesner and Earl Troeger, so thought I would add a little of my own.

Birch Lake has played an intregal part in my family for over 70 years. Somewhere around 1921 my Father's fraternity brother became lost in Michigan and while meandering around a corn field, he came upon Birch Lake, Lazy Lodge and Mrs. King, who obligingly told him how to find his way back to Chicago and all about the beauty and wonderful clear water. That started our love affair with Birch Lake. At that time there were very few cottages at the lake, for instance Harvey's stone house, Lazy Lodge and cabins and Thayer's. I have a picture of Lazy Lodge and the Dance pavillion where every Saturday night the folks in the area would come and dance. I also have a picture of the biggest string of fish, big bass, that Dad and "Uncle Bill" caught back then in the 1920's. Mom and Dad rented a cabin from Mrs. King for their honeymoon in 1923; I think the name of that particular cabin was "Dewdrop Inn." Many summers our vacation was spent at Lazy Lodge until we finally bought our own cottage in 1938.

Historically, Birch Lake is quite a place. We all know Chief Shavehead brought his tribe to the lake, but how many realize that they came there because they believed it was healing waters. This could easily be true; my grandmother would sit and dangle her feet in the lake at the end of the pier and swore her bunions disappeared!

I was told that the East shore's Indian name was Nun-U-Ku-Muk, which translated meant the "breezy side of Birch."

Most interesting of all, it seems that there was a back man in Williamsville who was a powerful swimmer and said he would swim under a shelf on the East side and there was an old wagon. In the 1950's some divers from Michigan State University brought this old wagon up. I took my children to watch and took a picture as the tongue and front wheels came up. I told Bill and Sharon the story that during the Civil War Quakers would bring slaves to freedom in Cass County and Quantrell's Raiders caught them with an empty wagon on the road along the lake, took the wagon pushed it out on the ice and it sunk. They told the Quakers that that was one wagon they would never use for the purpose again. The divers told me this story and it was my understanding the wagon would be in a museum at the University.

As I write this I am flooded with memories we all share of Billyville, Lanky, Ed Lowe delivering ice, free movies, etc. and in our youth we seemed to have made a bit of our own history; I came to this conclusion because Monkey Run is now a street with that name on the street sign! Also our Birch Lake Yacht Club was responsible for the only barn in Michigan with a sailing mural on the wall. Our first dance was there and Mrs. Challinor painted the mural.

Over the years, I have lived in different places but Birch Lake is the true place of my heart.

EDITOR'S NOTE: What a great story... If anyone has photos please include them, it is possible to include them in Barker.

FREE FISHING - June 10 and 11 are free fishing days in the State of Michigan. This means you do not need a license or trout/salomon stamps.

SOFT SIDE HOT TUB for sale - Used 6 times \$2500 616-435-8008
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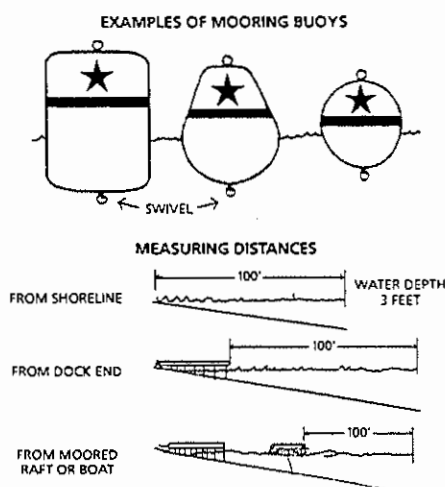
100' DISTANCES FOR NO-WAKE ZONES BY DAN REYNOLDS - A number of our members have expressed concern over reckless operation of motorcraft - including personal watercraft too close to their shoreline, especially when those craft endanger swimmers.

It is illegal to operate any craft within 100 feet from the shoreline, the end of a dock, or any moored raft or boat (except for landing or embarking at dead slow speed). A violator can be arrested and convicted.

Members concerned about boats and personal watercraft operating above no wake speed within the 100 feet limit may position specially marked standard mooring buoys to indicate the boundaries of the required stand-off distance. Any standard legal mooring buoy, white with a horizontal blue strip, can be designated a "100 foot marker" by adding six inch black stars on both sides of the upper portion of the buoy. Whether used for boat mooring without the star or a marker with the star, this is the only type of buoy that can be placed without a DNR permit.

Mooring buoys are available at most marine stores. A manufacturer that will sell direct is Rolyan Buoys, 1-800-228-3693. Model B1145 is adequate and costs \$65. Rolyan accepts Visa & MC.

Suggestion: This protective measure can be most effective when two or more continuous neighbors post 100 foot markets, creating an effective line of reference to protect their combined waterfronts.



COURTESY RULE FOR PERSONAL WATERCRAFT - Birch Lake will again ask that operators of personal watercraft observe the Lake rule that such watercraft will not be operated before 9am or 7pm (Indiana time). This allows residents to enjoy mornings and evenings in quiet.

As a resident, please inform guests and renters of this rule. Also inform guests and renters of the Michigan laws governing boating.

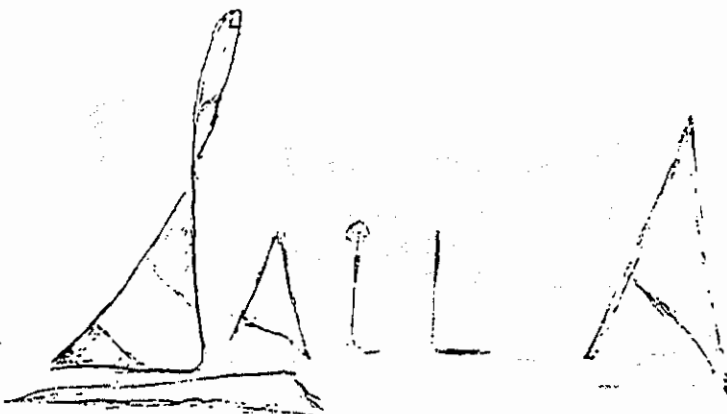
NEWS FROM THE COVE - Molly Mann, Mother and Grandmother, respectively, of Roberta Minix and Linda Bergan, passed away last week. Sincere condolences to the families.

A Word of caution. from Larry McCay; parents, please warn your young "explorers" of the danger in the old abandoned Tannadoonah building adjacent to the McCay's property. The structure was severely damaged last winter and is on the verge of collapse. Avoid disaster - stay out!

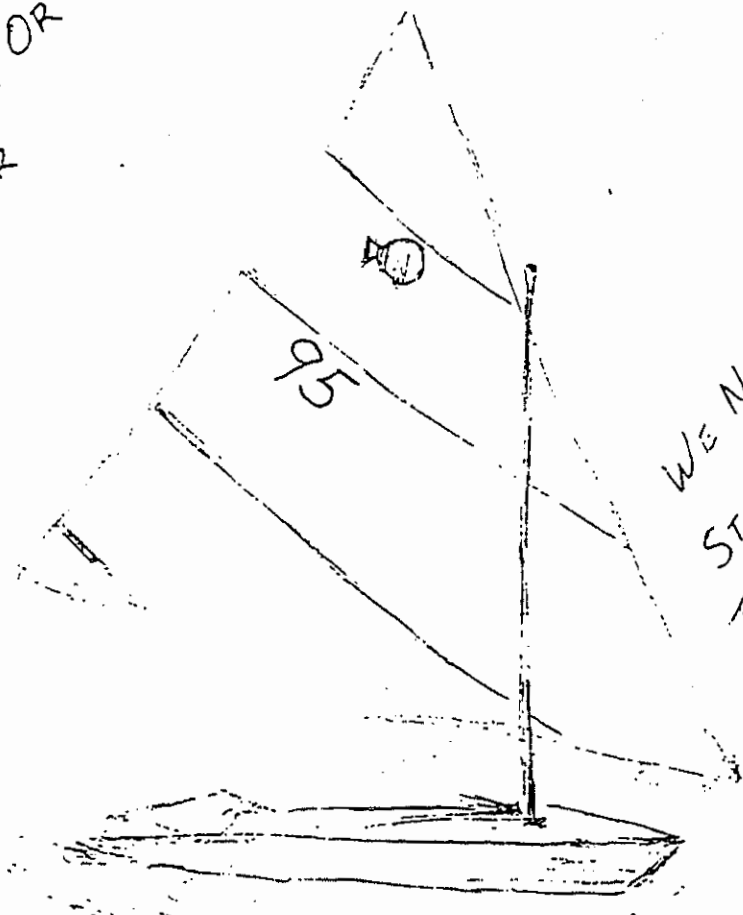
Note: The Camp is making arrangements to have the building removed, however, the date is not in the immediate future.

Notice: Anyone wishing to hit it big in Hollywood will need an agent. We have an expert right here on Birch Lake. She is in constant contact with Stephen Spielberg. Just contact Sue Wagner. Her commission is kind of high and she doesn't tell you about the influx of fans you will have at your door looking for autographs. However, fame and fortune are at your fingertips.

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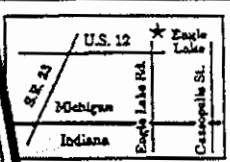
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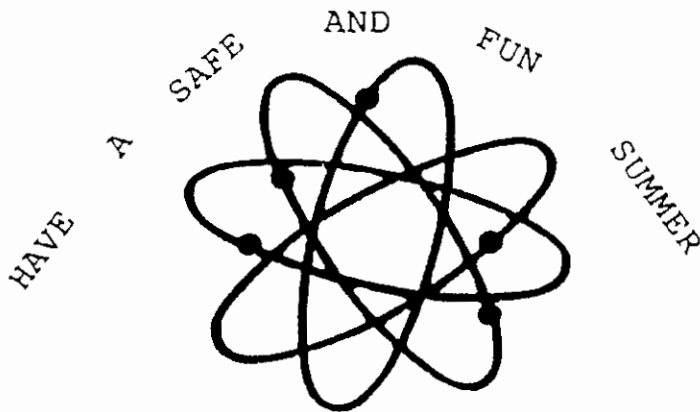
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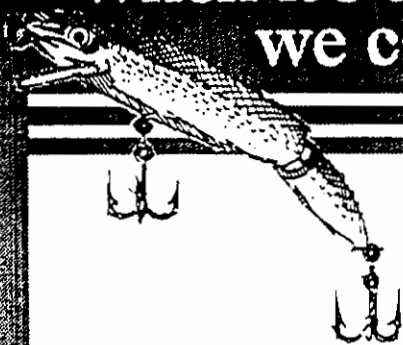
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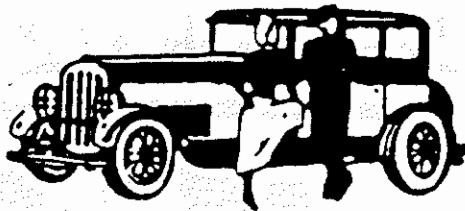
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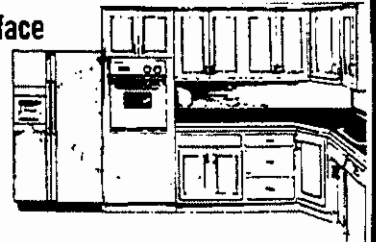
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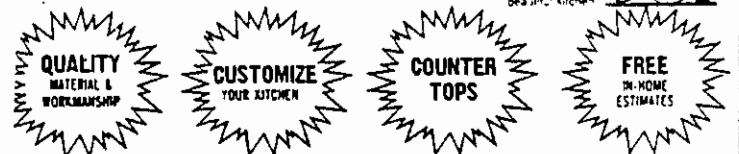
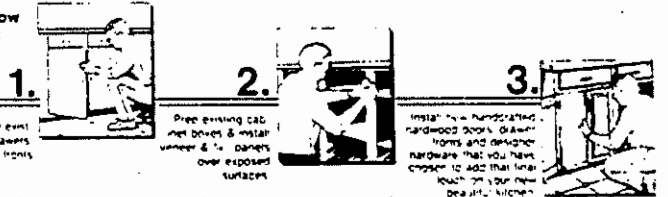
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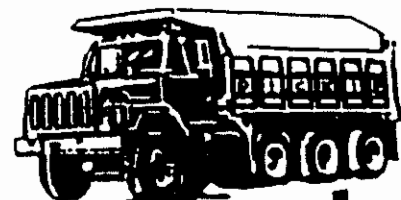
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