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ALL THE NEWS IN, ON AND AROUND THE LAKE.

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COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

Our Commodore Sue Wagner has set an impossibly high standard for her successor. It's a little like teeing off after John Daly. Fortunately, Sue has things so well organized it may be possible to muddle through next summer on her momentum. I cannot thank her enough for all she has done, and I will be relying heavily on her sage advice and counsel.

This summer has passed too quickly, and our oldest children began school a week or so ago. As a child, I recall stewing with indignation at the "back to school" ads featuring well-scrubbed kids carrying books and apples. Because I was never ready to leave the lake, I wondered what kind of kid would smile at the prospect of summer's end? (The ads never seemed to outrage my parents.) Apparently the kids in those ads grew up to be the school administrators who have started the school year in the middle of August and extended it to the middle of June.

Despite all the changes in the world, the lake has managed to retain its clarity and its surrounding hedge of trees. The people on the water quality committee deserve thanks for their untiring efforts; but the beauty of the lake and its desirability as a place to relax and play ultimately stems from the attitude and care of all the lake residents - year round or seasonal.

Scott Troeger



REMINDERS

Please take a moment to fill in the Birch Lake Directory Update if you are new to the lake since the last directory was printed or if there have been any changes. This is an important part of our communication.

Once again we owe a BIG thank-you to **Bullard Farms** and **Kevin Bullard** for donating the corn for our Corn and Sausage Roast. Be sure you thank Kevin when you stop by the Bullard's Market east of Elkhart.

Anyone using the yacht club pontoon trailer is asked to donate \$10.00 to take care of the upkeep. This covers both in and out for the season. Please make your check payable to the Birch Lake Yacht Club and send it to Linda Rasmussen, Treasurer.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(All times given are Indiana)

Aug. 31	Fall Dinner (only by reservation)
Sept. 1	Aerobics & Luncheon (see last week's Barker)
Sept. 14	Directors' Meeting
Oct. 17	Flu & Pneumonia Clinic

FLU & PNEUMONIA CLINIC

The Cass County Health Department will have a flu and pneumonia clinic on October 17th from 9:00-11:00 a.m. (MI Time) at the Cass County Conservation Club on U.S. 12 and Birch Road. This will be the time for senior citizens to get their flu shots. Please call the Council on Aging for an appointment 1-800-323-0390.

SAILING RESULTS 8/25/96

A little wind and good competition - what more could you ask for?

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E. Troeger	4	DNS	King	6	5
T. Troeger	DNS	4	Olson	4	3
			S. Troeger	2	1

Labor Day Weekend Schedule:

Regatta:	Saturday, August 31 - 2:00 two races
	Sunday, September 1 - 10:30 three races
Awards:	Monday, September 2 - 10:00 at BLYC



ANNIE'S LAST HURRAH

Some of you are probably wondering the significance of the hot air balloon which flew over the lake last Friday evening trailing something. It was fulfilling the wishes of Annie Torma, our dear neighbor who died last February. Annie's ashes, along with those of her husband Joe and beloved dog Missy were scattered over Birch Lake. Her family was here to witness her last request. Annie will always be with us.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE LAKE

Jeff and Sue Troeger and sons from Steamboat, Colorado had a fun week and Connie & Earl's place. **Audrey Troeger** was born to Libby and Tom Troeger of Indianapolis. Audrey was born on Grandpa Earl's birthday. She won't be *too* spoiled with three brothers.

The 1996 **Arnold** Olympics were held on Saturday, August 17th at their cottage on the west side. The Team Birch swimnastics team, choreographed by **Megan Arnold**, performed and received a perfect "10" score. After the event, 35 people, including 4 of **Catherine Arnold's** children, 12 of her grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild, enjoyed the 4th annual "Frajita and Margarita Party". The party features the finest in Mexican food, and **Mike Story's** famous margaritas. It is catered by the five Story grandchildren, who want to ensure that their midwest relatives get at least one good Mexican meal a year. The Storys are spending their fifth consecutive August vacation at the cottage. They spent time here as children and now return every summer for a sibling reunion, since they now live in five different places. They enjoy sharing the Birch Lake experience with other friends.

Did you see the tiny little girl water skiing? It was **Ryan Lynn Durham**, granddaughter of **Bev and Herm Kruggel**. She began skiing at the beginning of the summer, and won't be 3 years old until October!! Bev said grandson **Blake Roytek** also began at age 2.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE LAKE (Cont'd)

Parnells and Niezgodskis will celebrate Labor Day with a family gathering. John Jr. and wife Sylvia with daughters Laurie and Ashley will arrive from Cincinnati, Ohio; Dick from Stow, Ohio; Kimberly and husband Ken Poe; Babe and J. D. Miller; Brian (a senior at I. U. Bloomington) and Brian's twin brother Shane, who is starting a new job in Greenburg since graduating from Rose Hulman; Kathy, Ron and Bobby Niezgodski and Dorothy Parnell. This is the first family gathering since Parnells' golden wedding anniversary in 1992, a perfect ending for our summer weekends at Birch Lake.

NEWS FROM THE COVE

John Drolet is back home after a stay at Elkhart General Hospital. Glad to see you back, John!

A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR.....

This winds up another summer season at the lake. The residents scatter far and wide during the other three-fourths of the year. We'll look forward to getting together next year and finding out what's happened to all of us in the interim. Have a safe, healthy, and happy life until we meet again.

CONGRATULATIONS TO LIZ AND AL COVER. KATHLEEN HAS A BROTHER BORN AUGUST 26th. BROGAN JAMES WEIGHED IN AT 8 lbs. 10 oz.

PEANUTS



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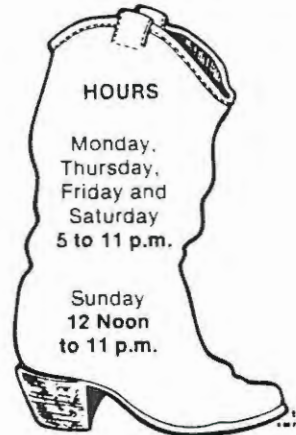
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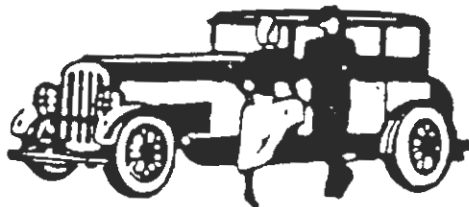
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