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COMMODORE'S COMMENTS

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The sixteen boats and 34 sailors participating in last Sunday's Kidgatta (ten Sunfish and 6 MC's) presented a colorful array of sails not seen on the lake for years. Thanks are extended to the sailors who provided the boats, to the Committee Boat operators at the start and finish lines and particularly to Bob King for organizing the event.

Independence Day and the Fourth of July have become nearly synonymous, but the Continental Congress actually voted for independence from Great Britain on July 2, 1776. The Declaration of Independence was signed two days later to explain the action already taken. John Adams wrote effusively to his wife Abigail that "The second day of July, 1776, will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great anniversary festival . . . solemnized with pomp and parade, with shows, games, sports, guns, bells, bonfires, and illuminations, from one end of this continent to the other, from this time forward, forevermore." Based on that equally confident and erroneous prediction, if John Adams were here today he would probably either be a meteorologist or an economist.

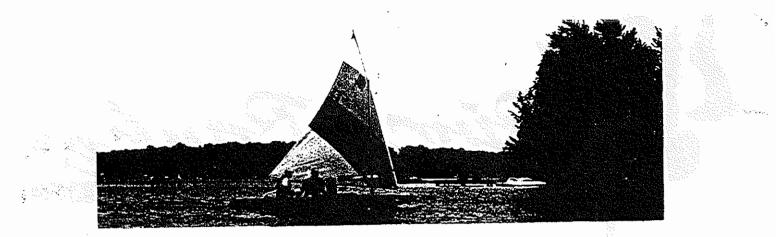
The following events are scheduled for the Fourth of July weekend. The fireworks display will be launched from Camp Tannadoonah and is planned for dark on Friday, July 4, with a "raindate" of Saturday July 5. The Boat Parade will be at 4 p.m. (Ind. time), 5 p.m. (Mich. time) on Saturday, July 5 and will begin and finish at John and Claudia Gableman's (S 48) with trophies to be distributed by a distinguished and incorruptible panel of judges. The Boat Parade is a perfect opportunity for exhibitionists and voyeurs alike, so plan either to participate in a boat or cheer from shore. The Pancake Breakfast will be on Sunday, July 6 at Camp Tannadoonah beginning at 8 a.m. (Ind. time), 9 a.m. (Mich. time). The Birch Lake Yacht Club makes a donation to Camp Tannadoonah out of the proceeds of the Pancake Breakfast.

The next board of directors meeting will be at the clubhouse on Saturday, July 12 at 9 a.m. (Ind. time), 10 a.m. (Mich. time). I realize Marc Golden would prefer an earlier time, but this will give him the early morning hours to complete repairs to llenc's chimney.

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Mike Goetstein instructing a "Regatta Kid", aka Grandson Brent during last Sunday's outing.

HOMEOWNER'S ASSOCIATION NEWS

The public vote on the proposed thirty year 9.1 mill property tax increase for the Constantine Public Schools construction program has been scheduled for Tuesday, September 23, 1997. All of Birch Lake except the West side and the Cove is in the Constantine Public School district and would be affected by the proposed property tax.

CHRIS BALL, age 11 and a 5th grader at Jefferson Elementary School, Middlebury, Indiana, was recently named Student of the Year! He and his parents, John and Jennifer, were honored at a breakfast given by the Middlebury Optimist Club. Chris also received a \$50 savings bond. Way to go Chris!

FOUND - An inflatable whale, which beached itself during the recent storms. To identify and reclaim this denizen of the deep, please contact the Lindzys, at 476-9868

MARKET ANALYSIS FOR PROPOSED BIRCH LAKE SECURITY PATROL - A four year Cass County Sheriff's Deputy, fully bonded, is offering random patrol service for cottages 3 to 10 times weekly, day or night. Interior inspection may also be arranged for vacated residences. Surveillance vehicles will be clearly identifiable and theft deterrent decals will be available for windows. Depending upon demand, one or two additional full time deputies will be employed. (This service is not affiliated with the Cass County Sheriff Department.)

Please direct any questions to Jeff Bienz at (616) 476-2517. I will cater to you needs. Your response is vital in determining viability for this service.

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Pancake Breakfast	Sunday, July 6, 8:00am	Tannadoonah
Garage Sale	Saturday, July 12	
Men's Golf Outing	Friday, July 25	Park Shore/ BLYC
Vice-Commodore's Party-Karoake	Saturday, July 26	BLYC
Homeowner's Assn Committee Annual Meeting		BLYC
Ladies' Golf Outing	Friday, August 1	Park Shore/ BLYC
Jimmy Buffet Party	Saturday, August 2	BLYC
Corn and Sausage	Saturday, August 9, 5:30	BLYC
Fall Dinner	Saturday, August 23	BLYC
Sailing Trophies	Monday, September 1, 10:00am	BLYC

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If you are looking for a BABYSITTER, please contact Brittany Gableman at 2132. Brittany is 12 years old and CPR certified.

The annual 4th of JULY BOAT PARADE will be held Saturday, July 5th at 4:00pm. Decorate your boat in any style! Be fancy like these past entries - Cleopatra's Barge, the Giant Supersoaker, Pirate ship, Gilligan's Island, etc. or just put a few flags and balloons and join in the fun! There is no entry fee and all boats receive a prize. At 4:00 pick up your entry # at the Reynold's two story natural cedar home on the South side and proceed past the judges on the Gableman's pier a few houses from the Reynolds. All boats then parade around the Lake for all to see. Back at the Gableman's, awards will be presented. Let's keep this wonderful Birch Lake tradition going! Participate and become part of the fun. If you have any questions, call Claudia Gableman at #2132.

Ladies Golf Outing

Park Shores Golf Course, Cassopolis, MI Friday, August 1st at 9:00 am (Indiana time)

Join us at the next Birch Lake Ladies Golf Outing. We will play a "scramble" again, teaming four players of varying abilities ... you needn't be a pro to play. Everyone takes their shot and you all move to the "best ball". It's a great way for both beginners and frequent golfers to go out on the course and have some fun!

After golf in the morning we will share a delicious lunch as well as the awards ceremony at the Yacht Club. The cost is \$25 -- make checks payable to: BIRCH LAKE YACHT CLUB - LADIES GOLF OUTING. It is always helpful to make your own foursome, otherwise we will assemble groups as best we can. Please submit your entry no later than July 26th.

Call, drop off, or mail your form and payment to:

Pam Mullin 14859 Birch, N. Shore Dr. 476-8820 / 277-8884

Leslie King 1958 E. Denslow Dr. 299-0705

Le King 14877 Birch, N. Shore Dr. 476-2128

Birch Lake Golf

37th Birch Lake Open

Park Shores Golf Course, Cassopolis, MI

Friday, July 25th at 11:00 am (IN), shotgun start !

The \$50 / man entry fee covers golf, cart, favor, door prizes, refreshments & prime rib dinner. While the deadline for registration is July 19th, remember this is on a first-come-first-served basis ... we fill the course with 72 golfers. Thanks again to those who have sponsored holes & provided door prizes in the past, we hope you will support this years event as well.

Contact Rich Mullin at 8820 / 277-8884 -or- Al Cover at 9339

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	Len Ferguson - Adam	dnf dns	winner
	John Gableman - Brittany	5 dns	winner
	Mike Machalleck - Erin	3 dns	winner
	Mike Gotstein - Brent	6 dns	winner
	Marty Sante - Nick	dns	winner
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	Doug Weaver - the invisible kid too	? 3	winner
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ASHLIE NICOLE celebrated her 1st Birthday July 8th. Ashlie is the foster daughter of Ron and Staci Whiteman. Big brother Ian joined in the celebration.

1995 - 25' SANPAN PONTOON BOAT with 1996 YAMAHA 40. Curtis 476-9852

CHRIS and MIKE SPRATT have had a great week at their place on the North side of Birch Lake. The boys and their parents, STEWART and MARILYN, from Edgewood, Ky spent the past week enjoying a "relaxing" time swimming, skiing and rafting in the sun. Marilyn is the Queen of the Raft, Mike is the fishing champion and Chris is the skiing master. UNCLE STAN, from Lansing, took everyone skiing and tubing. Stewart will be sore for the next few weeks. This summer marks 30 years of splendid home ownership for the Spratts. They are all looking forward to many more years to come.

The **3RD ANNUAL BIRCH LAKE GARAGE SALE** will be held Saturday, July 12 10-6 (Michigan Time). If you are interested in participating please give \$1 to a Birch Lake Director and place a balloon on your mailbox the day of the sale. The garage sale will be locally advertised. If you have any questions call Claudia Gableman 2132.

The following have paid dues before the Barker publication deadline. An Asterisk indicates those from whom fireworks contributions have been received. If you believe any of this information is incorrect, please check with Scott Troeger or Linda Rasmussen.

Asire, Marty* Asire, Jack & Evelyn* Ball, John & Jennifer* Ball, John & Marty* Barker, Kevin & Sherry Beck, Jim & Sally* Beers, Becky (Griffith)/Keith* Bender, Dick* Benjamin, John & Rita Bergan, Jim & Linda* Bernaciak, Kenneth & Mary Ellen* Blackwood, Howard & Beth* Bliler, Frank & Grace* Blue, Jim & Shirley* Bolinger, Jim & Debbie Brown, John* Budzinski, Loretta* Burke, Allan & Jackie* Burket, Carl & Edythe* Caenepeel, Joe* Carpenter, Reg & Mildred Coan, James* Coles, Deanna Collings, Rich & Peggy* Cote, Adrian Courtney, Al & Norma* Cover, Al & Liz* Cowen, Richard & Peggy* Curtis, Steve & Deborah* Curtis, Terry & Linda* Custard, Phil & Betsy* Davis, Dean & Phyllis* DeCocker, Tom & Nancy* Dennert, Larry & Kay* Doba, Bill & Judy* Doolittle, Rick & Kathy* Drinkall, Tom & Shirley* Drolet, John & Loretta* Dudeck, Phil & Lisa Dufor, Duffy & Sue* Dugan, Terry & Carol* Eberhart, Gib & Barbara* Emory, Tim & Becky* Ferguson, Len & Delisa* Foley, William & Gladys* Foos, Jim & Carole*

Funk, Clarence & Nancy Jo* Gaik, Judy & Ray Garceau, Bernie & Blair* Golden, Marc & Ilene* Gotstein, Mike & Marge* Griffith, Tom & Betty* Green, Dick & Barb* Greenig, Kay & Bob* Groszek, John & Lois* Harman, Don & Lind* Harris, Bill & Dianna* Harris, Gwen* Hayden, Bill & Letitia* Hettmansperger, Jim* Herms, Bob & Slayter, Marty* Hornbeck, Ira & Mary Horvath, Steve & Irene* Howard, Tom & Colleen Jones, Victor & Leslie* King, Bill & Le* King, Bob & Leslie* Kinner, David & Marjorie* Klappauf, Ray & Lolita* Kolber, Chet & Vivian* Koontz, Thelma* Krueger, Lorene* Kruggel, Herm & Bev* Landesman, Charles/Rosalie* LaPierre, Chuck & Cherie* Leach, L.J. & Norma* Leatherman, Phyllis* Lindenfeld, Fred & Marilyn* Lindzy, Richard & Judy* Lochmandy, Jeanette/ Elaine* Luecht, Bill & Patty* Lyzen, Bill Machalleck, John & Arline* Machalleck, Mike & Katha* McCay, Larry & Deb* McNamee, Kathleen* Messner, Jim & Judy Minix, Cisco & Roberta* Monroe, Norman & Nancy* Morrison, Bob Mullin, Rich & Pam* Mumaw, Jerry & Beth* Nagy, Ernie & Jane*

Niezgodski, Ron & Kathy* Olson, Dave& Judy* O'Brien, Joe & Betty* O'Neill, Bill & Maryann* Papandria, Sheryl* Parnell, Dorothy* Petit, Claude & Claire* Pletcher, Ruth* Price, Eileen* Rasmussen, Buzz & Linda* Reynolds, Dan & Janet* Richmond, Margaret* Richwine, Mike & Debbie* Rieth, Bud & Louise* Russworm, Rick & Pat* Rzeszewski, Paul & Billie* Sanders, Ray & Sonia* Sante, Marty & Doris* Sargent, Kevin & Jan* Scofield, John & Laveta* Sikorski, Joseph & Lenore* Steffan, Tim & Irene* Stevens, Pat* Thayer, Jim* Tjaden, James & Janita Troeger, Earl & Connie* Troeger, Tom & Pat* Troeger,Scott & Holly* Tunicliffe, Bill & Joanne* Vath, Helen* Valentijn, Nico & Lynette* Waddle, Bob & Sue* Walker, Brad & Nancy* Wagner, Bruce & Sue* Weesner, Bernie & Helen* Weesner, Keith & Denny* Welch, Randy & Fran* White, Phyllis* Winarski, Wanda* Williams, Patrick & Sue* Williams, Jerry & Mattie* Wiseman, Terry & Becky Witchie, Ron & Linda* Wozniak, Ben & Vanessa* Zelasko, Mildred* Zesinger, Bud & Barb*

TO PAY DUES OF DONATIONS

Name/s Telephone Lake Address: Yes No Yacht Club Dues \$20 Homeowner's Assn. Dues 10 Sailing Fee-Individual 10 Other Fireworks Building Improvement Fund Water Quality Program Riparian Magazine (annual) Mailing address for Riparian: Total check to BLYC Ş

Please give your donation to any officer or director.





