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BIRCH LAKE YACHT CLUB

# Birch Barker

Weekend of June 16, 2012

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Jim Foos (West Side) and his grand daughters triple ski each year (and for last 10 years)! Jim is 75 years young, Amy is 27 and Becky is 28!

## First party a hit!

### Commodore's Comments

Dear Fellow Lakers:

Okay, this is getting to be a habit. It is Tuesday night, 11:34 pm and I am just starting to write my article.

Thanks to everyone who attended my cocktail party Saturday night. The thing I love best about these get togethers is getting to talk with everyone, seeing what they have been up to, just plain catching up (plus the appetizers and desserts are not bad either:) Not much was left at the end of the evening. We have some pretty terrific chefs here on our lake.

Thanks to Phil and Sandy for keeping everyone happy by working the bar, they are so good at it!!!

Looking forward to the Ladies Tea on Friday morning, can't wait to see what Celia and Carla have planned. Hope to see many of you there.

The Poker Run entries are coming

in. Make sure you send in your form and \$15 entry fee soon. Any questions, get with Rich or Stan. The evening continues on with the Hog Roast at Camp Tannadoonah. Looking forward to both these events.

Don't forget to send in any updates for the Birch Lake Directory. They are due this weekend. Look for more information in the Barker.

The Spaghetti Dinner is next on the calendar, scheduled for Saturday, June 23rd. The East Side will be gearing up any day now getting ready to prepare a delicious Italian feast for you.

And lastly, don't forget to support our advertisers in the Barker. When you visit one of them, send a thank you their way for supporting Birch Lake.

That is all for now, I am sure I will think of something once I send this off to Phil, but guess it will have to wait until next week.

Here's to smooth sailing.

~Commodore Pam

### 2012 BLYC Calendar

June 23 .....	Spaghetti Dinner
June 30 .....	Boat Parade
June 30 .....	Fireworks
July 1 .....	Pancake Breakfast
July 1 .....	Fireworks Rain Date
July 14 .....	Vice Commodore's Party
July 20 .....	Women's Golf Outing
July 21 .....	Poker Run/Camp T Hog Roast
July 27 .....	Men's Golf Outing
Aug. 4 .....	Corn & Sausage Roast
Aug. 25 .....	Fall Dinner
Sept. 8 .....	Sailing Awards
Sept. 15 or 25 .....	Game Night/Card Party
Oct. 6 .....	Annual Chili Cook-Off

#### Board Meetings - 9 am (Saturdays)

July 7, Aug. 4 (Homeowners Meeting to follow board meeting), Sept. 8

#### Sailing Regattas

4th of July weekend; Labor Day weekend

Note: ALL dates and times are subject to change. Watch the Barker for updates!

The Birch Barker is always soliciting and accepting materials for publication. Please E-mail your materials to sailorphil@philvitale.com, put the items in the stone newspaper/mailbox at my home, 63174 Birch Rd. (East Shore), mail to Phil Vitale, 102 So. Broadway, Cassopolis, MI 49031, or fax to (269) 445-9200. Please include a self-addressed, stamped envelope if you want photos or any other materials returned. To contact me by phone, call (269) 476-1680 or (269) 445-9200, or BLYC Commodore Pam Mullin, (269) 476-1080. --Phil Vitale, editor

# — Birch Lake Notes —

## Line Dancing on Tuesdays

Lind Harman will teach/host line dancing at the Yacht Club on Tuesday morning until further notice.

## Newberg open house

Newberg Township Fire and EMS (corner of M40 and M60), in conjunction with Satori Salon will host an open house on Saturday, July 14 from 11 am to 5 pm. There will be a med-flight, smoke house, dunk tank, kids waterball and a bounce house. Port-A-Pit Chicken & Ribs will be available (\$7 for chicken; \$8 for rib tips ... comes with two sides and a drink). All are welcome!

Summer Olympics is theme of the 4th of July Boat Parade for 2012

The theme for this year's Birch Lake Boat Parade is "The Summer Olympics." The official Summer Olympics will be held in London and other parts of the U.K. this summer. And we on Birch Lake have every intension of duplicating the games right her on our own lake this 4th of July holiday. For great ideas for decorating your water vessel go to the official Summer Olympics web site and wake up the creative and athletic juices in you! You can be the athlete you always dreamed about being!

Birch Lake will celebrate the holiday on Saturday, June 30. The boat parade will begin at 2 pm from Dick Bender's pier on the south side of the lake.

## Birch Lake Directory Updates

It's time to update our beloved Directory and the sooner we get your information, the sooner your household can have a brand new, crisp, accurate and informative directory.

Enclosed in this issue of the Birch Barker is an Update form. You may:

1. drop it off to Fallon's at 63600 Birch Road (brown house, green roof)
2. mail it to 63600 Birch Road, Vandalia MI 49095
3. fax it to 269-476-1467
4. complete the form at the Fourth of July Pancake Breakfast



5. complete it, scan it and send the pdf to [Celia.Fallon@gmail.com](mailto:Celia.Fallon@gmail.com)
6. or ignore it and allow the editors to decide your directory entry.

Boats will line up, one behind the other, for registration and instructions at that time. The parade will commence after all boats are registered. The parade will be led by this year's Grand Marshall, who will be named in the Birch Barker on June 29. After the parade lap, the boats will return, one at a time, to the registration dock to receive their trophies. Each family group will receive a trophy for their participation in the parade but only one boat will receive the much sought after "First Place" trophy.

Lets show the real Birch Lake spirit by participating in this very exciting summer event. Serious and not so serious contenders may participate, this is all in fun!

*-Carla Chester and Ilene Golden*

Camp Tannadoonah gettin' pretty!

We're working on making Camp look as nice as possible for our guests this summer!

We could really use...

- Volunteers to help with planting flowers
- Landscape materials - mulch, topsoil, rock (we can use a lot of all of them)
- Annuals, perennials, ground cover - if you have a great source for these, let us know
- Flower pots of all kinds, large, small, hanging pots, etc.
- And we'd love to borrow a power auger for digging post holes!

Got Pix?

We are looking for photos of (and around) Birch Lake for a 2013 calendar.

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# — Birch Lake Notes —

We're particularly interested in covering all the seasons, so if you have a few (please no more than 5 per person), please send them to us ... you can email your submissions to [sailorphil@philvital.com](mailto:sailorphil@philvital.com) or get them to Commodore Pam, Vice Commodore Chas, or to Phil (see black box below for addresses, etc).

Thanks to Vice Commodore Chas there is also a cool ONLINE form to submit photos ... find a link to the form at <http://www.philvital.com> (follow the link to "The Birch Barker.")

## Roads to be closed

An update on the closure of Brownsville — The Road Commission has received a report from Enbridge Energy that the project will not be complete until the end of June.

The Road Commission also reports that Redfield Rd. at the bridge East of Adamsville Road is still closed. The detour is Adamsville Road, US-12 and Cassopolis Street. This project is expected to continue through July 31st. If you have questions, you can contact the Road Commission at 269-445-8611.

## Cass County Conservation Club

The Cass County Conservation Club will host a garage sale on Aug 12 to 14 in the club parking lot. This is the weekend of the large US-12 garage sale. For a nominal fee, spots are available for you to display your items. For more details or to reserve your spot contact Connie Sue Hulse at 269-641-2590.

The following events are also scheduled at the Cass County Conservation



Thanks to Mr. Bob for the cool photo of the MCs

## Club on US 12 at Birch Rd.:

June 30 — Boating Safety Course  
July 14 & 15 — U-Pick'em Bingo  
Aug. 25 — Corn and Sausage Roast  
Sept. 15 & 16 — U-Pick'em Bingo  
Nov. 3 & 4 — Bingo Proceeds to

Weekly events include Line Dance class w/ Fran every Monday @ 6pm;  
Zumba every Wednesday @ 5:30 pm;  
Yoga every Tuesday @ 6 pm; Euchre every Thursday @ 6:30 pm.

## Barker Deadlines

Please be advised that the deadline for submitting information for any particular edition is always the Tuesday of the week before publication (example: the deadline for materials for the next issue is Tuesday, June 12) ... thanks.

## Advertising in the Barker

We are still (and always) accepting both display and classified advertising for the Birch Barker (see page 17 of today's Barker).

Classified ads are free to members of the BLYC (non-member rate is \$5 per ad). Email your classified ads to the Barker at [sailorphil@philvital.com](mailto:sailorphil@philvital.com).

Display ads are charged at the low, one-time rate of \$65 for a 1/8 page ad; \$130 for a 1/4 page ad; \$260 for a 1/2 page ad; and \$520 for a full page ad.

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# — Barker Kids of the Week —



Congrats!

Congratulations are in order to a couple of Birch Lake kids this week ... including David Bolinger (son of Jan and Olga, grandson of Jim and Debbie, East Side), shown at left receiving his yellow belt in Brazilian Karate (don't mess with David!) ...

and Calvin King (son of Bob & Leslie and grandson of Bill and Le, North Side), right, who graduated from John Adams High School last weekend.



## BLYC 52nd ANNUAL MENS GOLF OUTING (4-MAN FLORIDA SCRAMBLE) JULY 27, 2012 - \$70/man SAUGANASH GOLF CLUB

61270 Lutz Road, Three Rivers, MI — Shotgun start at NOON; dinner at BLYC at 6 pm  
\*must have registrations by July 9th.

### Additional Information

- team prizes and contests
- lunch not included but the club has complete restaurant and beverage service availability
- the mens' and ladies' outing is looking for donations of door prizes. If you have access to logo merchandise that could be donated to one or both, please contact Bob or Stu at [ReBauc@aol.com](mailto:ReBauc@aol.com) or [slsvb1@comcast.net](mailto:slsvb1@comcast.net).
- We have need for 80 players in the mens' and 40 players in the womens' event.
- Send entries to Bob Baucus (19470 Starbrick Road, Edwardsburg, MI 49112) or drop checks to Phil Vitale (63174 Birch Road, Vandalia, MI - east side)

### Foursome Information

Team Captain:

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
Name & Shirt Size

Total Enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*Checks should be made out to BLYC\*\*

### Please Print Players Names & Shirt Sizes

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

# — Birch Lake Notes —

## NEW EVENT — BLYC POKER RUN & Camp Tannadoonah Hog Roast

Saturday - July 21, 2012

Join the fun - first 52 players get to play! \$15 entry fee.

You will receive a playing Card at each home. Players must visit all 5 homes on Birch Lake to pick up cards to be eligible to win!. At the last (5th) home, poker hands will be presented to the official Dealers (Stan & Rich). Refreshments provided at each home.

Best Poker hand wins \$250; second best hand - \$100, third best \$50.

Event starts at 3pm - meet at Stu Spratt's and get the first card.

Other stops include:

West shore - Sheffieck's

East shore - Fallon's & Chester's

South shore - TBD

North shore - Mullin's

Pontoon transportation will be provided between stop! Finish at Mullin's. Attend the Camp Tannadoonah Annual Hog Roast afterwards - including Live Music and of course - the hog!!!!

Drop entry form off to any of the hosts - Mullin, Spratt, Sheffieck, Fallon, Chester. Limited to the first 52 players!!!!

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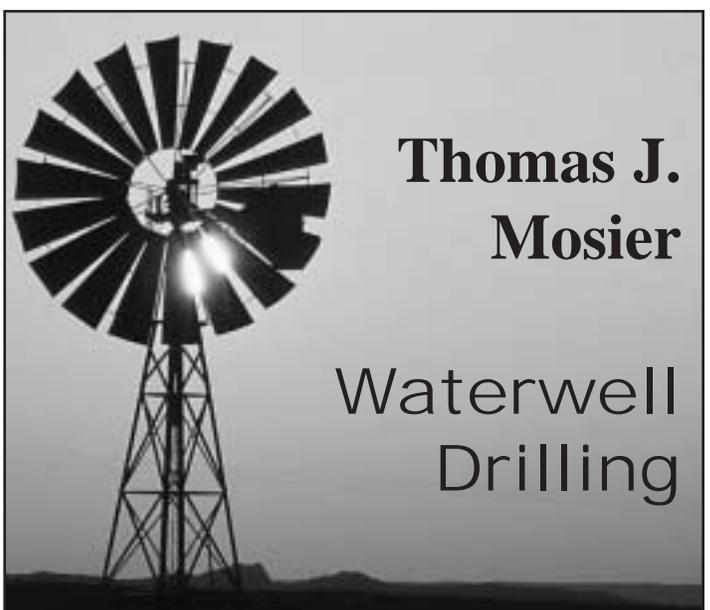
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**New Price: \$99,000**

Very nice, all-brick home with 100 FT of very sandy beach on All-Sports Long Lake — with access into Coverdale Lake and canoeing and kayaking into the St Joe River. This



home is very spacious and has fabulous views from all of the large windows throughout. Gourmet kitchen with new flooring and eating area, Two fireplaces (living and family rooms), and rec area in lower level. New carpet in living room and master bedroom has built-ins and cedar closet. Beautiful terraced landscaping and patio with fire pit. Great home for entertaining!

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# Fleet Captain's Corner



## Drunken sailors ...

**W**hat do you do with a drunken sailor,  
 What do you do with a drunken sailor,  
 What do you do with a drunken sailor,  
 Earl-eye in the morning!

[Chorus:]

Way hay and up she rises,  
 Way hay and up she rises,  
 Way hay and up she rises,  
 Earl-eye in the morning.

This shanty was sung to accompany certain work tasks aboard sailing ships, especially those that required a bright walking pace. It is believed to originate in the early 19th century or before, during a period when ships' crews, especially those of military vessels, were sufficiently large to permit hauling a rope whilst simply marching along the deck. With the advent of merchant packet and clipper ships and their smaller crews, which required different working methods, use of the shanty appears to have declined or shifted to other, minor tasks.

"Drunken Sailor" was revived as a popular song among non-sailors in the 20th century, and grew to become one of the best-known songs of the shanty repertoire among mainstream audiences. It has been performed and recorded by many musical artists, such as The Irish Rovers, and has appeared in many popular media.

Although the song's lyrics vary widely, they usually contains some variant of the question, "What shall we do with a drunken sailor, early in the morning?" In some styles of performance, each successive verse suggests a method of sobering or punishing the drunken sailor.

- Additional verses include:
- Sling him in the long boat till he's sober,
  - Give 'im a taste of the bosun's rope-end.
  - Shave his belly with a rusty razor.
  - Turn him over and drive him windward.
  - Put him in the scuppers with a hose-pipe on him.
  - Put him in bed with the captain's daughter \*
  - Heave him by the leg and with a rung console him.
  - That's what we'll do with the drunken sailor.

\* A relative of the cat-o-nine-tails

No racing news to report this week due to lack of wind on Sunday. Perhaps tomorrow will be better.

Patty Leucht is our next committee boat captain. There are dates available for anyone willing to give it try. It's fun and it's easy. Season standings appear on this page. See you out there. That is all.

-Stewart Spratt  
 2012 Fleet Captain

MCs Sailor	Races	Total Points	Season Average
Scott Troeger	3	4721	1574
Jeff Smitley	3	4642	1547
Harold Cranmer	3	4257	1419
Gib Eberhart	3	4182	1394
<b>Sunfish</b>			
Rick Russwurm	3	4565	1522
Chris Spratt	3	4486	1495
Stu Spratt	3	4413	1471
Mike Lutz	3	4338	1446

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# Water Quality

## Proposed change stirs concerns

The Birch Lake Homeowner's Association and the Water Quality Committee request that all reading the article reprinted below email Mr. Lossee (at [loseet@michigan.gov](mailto:loseet@michigan.gov)) prior to June 21, expressing their strong objection to this proposed change eliminating requirements for notice and public hearing[s] for before installing docks at public landings.

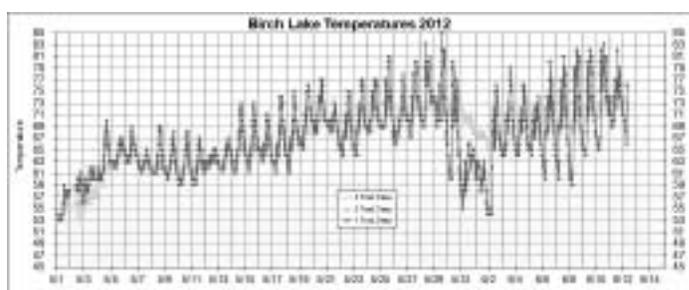


### ML&SA Opposes DEQ Issuance of Permits for Public Docks at Public Road Ends and on Publicly Owned Lands without Public Notification or Hearing

The Michigan DEQ is proposing to revise the criteria for the issuance of permits associated with certain lake and stream activities (read the above article). Proposed changes to Minor Permit categories would allow the DEQ to issue permits for the installation of "public docks at public road ends" and on publicly owned lands without first issuing a public notice and/or holding a public hearing within the affected lake community.

While Michigan Lake and Stream Associations does not oppose the installation of public docks under the limited criteria specified by Public Act 56, we nevertheless recognize that the very presence of these obtrusive physical structures at public road ends carry significant potential to adversely affect public safety, degrade natural shoreline structures and habitats, affect the riparian rights of those living near or adjacent to public road ends, diminish the overall navigability of inland lakes as well as the overall social ambiance and quality of life within affected inland lake neighborhoods. For these important reasons, Michigan Lake and Stream Associations is adamantly opposed to the issuance of DEQ permits to install "a single seasonal public dock or wharf that is authorized by the local unit of government..." or on public lands without first offering affected lakefront residents the right of due process fostered by timely public notification and/or the opportunity discuss the proposed public dock at an open public hearing.

Michigan Lake and Stream Associations strongly suggests that lakefront property owners send an e-mail to Mr. Todd Losee (e-mail: [loseet@michigan.gov](mailto:loseet@michigan.gov)) of the DEQ Water Resources Division expressing their objection to the issuance of Minor Permits to allow installation of a public dock at a public road end or on public lands without first notifying members of the affected lake community and/or holding an open public hearing. Please note that the deadline for commenting on these proposed changes is June 21st.



Water Temperature charts provided by Steve Quinlan (west side)

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# Stu's Star Stuff

## Summer solstice

Wednesday next week is the summer solstice, which is the longest day of the year for us at Birch Lake and the start of the summer season. The solstice occurs at 7:09 pm EDT, when the Sun reaches its northernmost point for the year. And aren't you glad we no longer have to translate the time of day for those who simply couldn't grasp what time it happened to be wherever they were standing? I know I am. And since I've set foot down this road I may as well continue.

Celestial bodies — the Sun, Moon, planets, and stars — have provided us a reference for measuring the passage of time throughout our existence. Ancient civilizations relied upon the apparent motion of these bodies through the sky to determine seasons, months, and years.

Not until somewhat recently (that is, in terms of human history) did people find a need for knowing the time of day. As best we know, 5000 to 6000 years ago great civilizations in the Middle East and North Africa began to make clocks to augment their calendars. People needed to know how late the band played at Jabar's Oasis on Saturday night and at what time Jaquim's Family Restaurant opened on Sunday morning. Clocks were needed.

All clocks must have two basic components:

1. A regular process or action to mark off equal increments of time. Early examples of such processes included the movement of the sun across the sky, candles marked in increments, oil lamps with marked reservoirs and sand/hour glasses.
2. A means of keeping track of the increments of time and displaying the result. Our ways of keeping track of

the passage of time include the position of clock hands and digital time displays. (Cultural aside...Young folks today have no concept of clockwise and counter-clockwise because the numbers just magically appear on their timekeeping devices such as iPads and cell phones.)

Timekeeping devices evolved from obelisks/sundials, water clocks, and incense burning clocks to finally mechanical pendulum clocks in 1656. A Dutch scientist's early pendulum clock had an error of less than 1 minute a day, the first time such accuracy had been achieved. Christiaan Huygens's later refinements reduced his clock's error to less than 10 seconds a day.

Quartz clocks came into use as early as 1920 and greatly improved accuracy, although from one quartz crystal to another there was some variation. After the study of quartz crystals stimulated with electricity scientists realized that atoms (and molecules) have resonances; each chemical element and compound absorbs and emits electromagnetic radiation at its own characteristic frequencies. These resonances are inherently stable over time and space. An atom of hydrogen or cesium here today is (so far as we know) exactly like one a million years ago or in another galaxy. Thus atoms constitute a potential "pendulum" with a reproducible rate that can form the basis for more accurate clocks.

In the 1840s a railway standard time for all of England, Scotland, and Wales evolved, replacing several "local time" systems. The Royal Observatory in Greenwich began transmitting time telegraphically in 1852 and by 1855 most of Britain used Greenwich time. Greenwich Mean Time (GMT) subsequently evolved as an important and

### The Moon for June 16

(At Midnight, US Central time, as viewed from the Northern Hemisphere)  
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Day length: 15h 13m

Sunrise: 6:08am

Sunset: 9:21pm

Moonrise: 3:59am

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From GMT and the establishment of the prime meridian time zones were logically and methodically established in the US and around the globe. During WWI Daylight Saving Time came into use to save electricity. Its acceptance was widespread but there were isolated areas of resistance that ended up causing confusion to some. More on that another time.

*"Does anybody really know what time it is?"*

*"Does anybody really care?  
If so I can't imagine why..."*

Chicago - Robert Lamm

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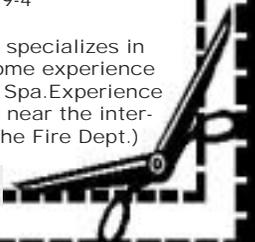
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**ARIES** (Mar. 21- April 20) — Renovations or purchases made for your home will payoff. You should want to feel good about yourself and your goals. You are best to do your research before taking on such a venture. Changes in your home will be positive. Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.

**TAURUS** (Apr. 21- May 21) — You may find it difficult to communicate with someone at work. Your ability to charm others will bring added popularity. Your competitive nature will enable you to win any contest you enter. Short trips will be educational. Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.

**GEMINI** (May 22-June 21) — Your loved ones could set you off. Your greatest gains will come through your creative ideas. Remember that no one can walk through your door if there's someone standing in the doorway. Avoid getting too close to coworkers or employers. Your lucky day this week will be Friday.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22) — You're in the mood to get out and visit friends. You will need to take a look at the renovations that are necessary and try to find the cheapest way to get things done. Try to do your job and then leave. A friendship might suffer if money becomes an issue. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug 22) — You will learn valuable information if you travel this week. Take time to listen to the problems of family members. You will make new friends through physical activities. Things are looking up. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23 -Sept. 23) — Don't make a move; your confusion has caused this dilemma and you are best to back away and reassess the situation. Be diplomatic and honest, and that person will only be made to look bad. Comfort is a necessity. Check your motives. Try a barbecue or a day at the beach. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 24 -Oct. 23) — Hold on; your time will come. You mustn't give too much to your children. Try a barbecue or a day at the beach. Don't

believe everything you hear. Your lucky day this week will be Tuesday.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22) — Don't be too quick to blame others for your bad mood. Focus on using your creative abilities in other ways. You may be out of sorts if you have been extravagant or have let children or friends take advantage of you financially. You will be able to make financial gains. Your lucky day this week will be Wednesday.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 23 -Dec. 21) — Sudden changes of heart may cause disruptions in your domestic scene. You are best to work at home if you can. You may have ignored or neglected your mate lately. You may have the day off but your thoughts will be on your work and your cash situation. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec 22.- Jan. 20) —Don't bother complaining, do the work yourself. Stretch the truth, and you may get blamed for something you didn't do. Your irritability will lead to family squabbles. You will be extremely sentimental, and if pushed by others you may hold a lasting grudge. Your lucky day this week will be Monday.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 21 -Feb. 19) — Accept the inevitable, and opportunities for advancement will follow. Someone around you may not be trustworthy. Try to be tolerant of the moods of those around you. Set the ball in motion and be relentless until you complete the project. Your lucky day this week will be Sunday.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20-Mar. 20) — Attend seminars that will bring you in contact with the right people. Opportunities to meet new lovers will come through pleasure trips or social events. You may have difficulties with family members if you get involved in petty arguments. Deception in your home is evident. Don't beat around the bush. Your lucky day this week will be Saturday.

**IF YOUR BIRTHDAY IS THIS WEEK ...** You are morally and spiritually superior to most mere mortal human beings. You should definitely buy a lottery ticket this week and split any winnings with the staff of the Birch Barker.



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## Homemade Guacamole

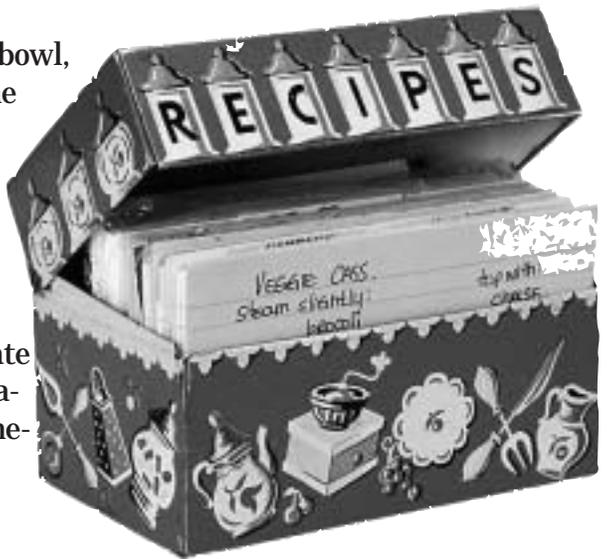
Have you ever made your own homemade Guacamole? Here's an easy and yummy recipe to try.

### Ingredients

- 3 avocados — peeled, pitted, and mashed
- 1 lime, juiced
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup diced onion
- 3 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro
- 2 roma (plum) tomatoes, diced
- 1 teaspoon minced garlic
- 1 pinch ground cayenne pepper (optional)

### Directions

In a medium bowl, mash together the avocados, lime juice, and salt. Mix in onion, cilantro, tomatoes, and garlic. Stir in cayenne pepper. Refrigerate 1 hour for best flavor, or serve immediately.



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# — BIRCH LAKE DIRECTORY UPDATE —

## Birch Lake Directory Update

It's time to update our beloved Directory and the sooner we get your information, the sooner your household can have a brand new, crisp, accurate and informative directory.

Enclosed in this issue of the Birch Barker is an Update form. You may:

1. drop it off to Fallon's at 63600 Birch Road (brown house, green roof)
2. mail it to 63600 Birch Road, Vandalia MI 49095
3. fax it to 269-476-1467
4. complete the form at the Fourth of July Pancake Breakfast
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### INFORMATION SHEET FOR UPDATE OF BLYC DIRECTORY

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# Camp Tannadoonah

## Camp time is here!

Camp time is here! We've been at camp all week for staff training, and the first group of campers arrive on Sunday for Gameshow Week. We have about 80 kids signed up for the first week, and our total numbers for the summer are looking amazing!

As of June 12, we have 509 campers registered for camp, which is 48 more than we had on this date last year. Our goal is to finish the summer with 50 more kids than we had last year, so we're right on track!

We have spent this past week working on procedures, policies, developing programs and activities, cleaning up camp, and lots of other things! It's been a tiring but fun week, and we seem to have a really great group of staff members this summer. We're really excited for the kids to arrive on Sunday!

We're trying a lot of fun new ideas at camp this summer, with new evening activities, new daily activities, and different ways of handling announcements and staff meetings. I learned so many

things at the American Camp Association (ACA) conference in February, and we're trying to implement a lot of the ideas this summer at camp.

Many of the presentations I attended had to do with better ways to interact with kids, and helping staff better understand the kids they are working with.

One of my favorites was a talk given by a psychologist named Michael Thompson, author of the new book "Homesick and Happy." He gave a presentation on the ways that camp helps kids grow and become independent, and how working through homesickness helps kids develop a stronger sense of self.

I also attended a session by Christine Carter, author of "Raising Happiness." She talked about ways to teach kids to be more grateful and happy, and how to make them talk pride in their accomplishments.

One thing we're going to try this summer is a gratefulness ritual. At the

end of each day, the campers and counselors in each cabin will end the day with a discussion of the best thing that happened to them that day.

I also got to attend a keynote by Richard Louv, author of "The Nature Principle" and "Last Child in the Woods." He is famous for coining the term "nature-deficit disorder." If you're looking for a great book to read, I highly recommend "Last Child in the Woods!" Louv's philosophy regarding free play and unstructured time has a big influence on my camp focus!

On another note, next Friday (June 22) will be our first Council Fire of the season. Around 7:30pm we will be coming down to the waterfront, and Princess Tannadoonah will canoe out of the cove to light the first fire of the camp season. Come on out on your boats to hear our campers sing and see Princess Tannadoonah!

-Miss Amber

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