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## Fourth of July Campout

The Fourth of July weekend was a great one. We couldn't have asked for better weather and that made us all happy campers. The Ice Cream Social was held at 1 p m on Friday.

We stuffed ourselves on ice cream and wonderful desserts. There were about 27 campers and guests in attendance. Thanks to the North's and Henry's for the patriotic decorations and dishes. And a great job on the setup and cleanup. Thanks!



Happy Campers on Saturday

us next time.

Saturday night's potluck had about 36 people in attendance. The Veselak's supplied ham and the campers all brought wonderful side dishes, as well as desserts. Lucky for us there was ice cream left over to accompany the great desserts.

To those who could not join us, please know you were missed. We look forward to having you with

## Change for Aug 23 Potluck

An Open House to celebrate Mike Veselak's retirement from the City of Bloomington will be held in the place for the potluck scheduled for 5 pm on August 23, 2008.

We are moving it to Mike and Cindy Veselak's house at 117 N Bone Dr. in

Normal. This will be an open house to celebrate Mike Veselak's retirement from the City of Bloomington.

If you are coming from Lake Bloomington and are on North Main Street: take a right on Gregory (at U-High). Then go all the way to Parkside Drive and turn

left onto Parkside. Take Parkside to Tompkins Drive and turn left. We are on the corner of Tompkins and (117) N Bone Drive.

Please call Cindy at work 888-5120 if you have questions.

**A BIG THANK YOU** to Barry and Debbie Carney for all their time and efforts this year. They have given much time and talents to keep our camp running this year. If you have time to volunteer, please let them know.

Aug -22-23-24

Aug 29-30-31-Sept 1

Sept 12-13-14

Sept 26-27-28

Oct 10-11-12

December - 2008

Open house at Veselaks -Aug 23 @ 4:30-7:30

Potluck -Aug 30 @ 5 p.m.

Potluck Breakfast -Sept 13 @ 8 a.m.

Potluck - Sept 27 @ 5 p.m.

Soup Lunch-Oct 11 @ noon

Christmas Party-Date and time to be announced

## It's safe to follow "the five second rule" for food dropped on the floor?

It's probably not even safe to follow a one-second rule: The transfer of bacteria from a contaminated surface to food is almost instantaneous—or, at the very least, quicker than your reflexes. In a recent study, Clemson University food scientist Paul Dawson, Ph.D., and students contaminated several surfaces (ceramic tile, wood flooring, and carpet) with Salmonella. They then dropped pieces of bologna and slices of bread on the surfaces for as little as five seconds and as long as 60 seconds. After just five seconds, both food types

had already picked up as many as 1,800 bacteria (more bad bugs adhered to the moisture-rich bologna than the bread); after a full minute, it was up to 10 times that amount.

**Bottom Line:** There are 76 million cases of food borne illness annually in the United States, according to the CDC—so unless you're the only family on the block that sterilizes their floors on an hourly basis, you should refrain from eating dropped food. "Let's not forget what comes into contact with

floors—people bring animal feces on their shoes into their homes," Dawson says. And don't assume that countertops are clean. Dawson's team also found that the Salmonella actually survived as long as four weeks on the test surfaces. As the recent tomato-related illnesses nationwide showed, "raw fruits and vegetables are as frequently the perpetrators of Salmonella transfer as poultry," Dawson says.

## Farmers' Almanac out with its 2008 forecast

LEWISTON, Maine - Keep your boots, long johns and snow shovels handy this winter if you live in the East, the Farmers' Almanac's forecast suggests. Residents of the West, however, can look forward to a milder winter this time around.

"Mother Nature is going to be sort of two-faced," almanac editor Peter Geiger said.

The almanac's 2008 edition, which goes on sale Tuesday, foresees plenty of snow across the Northeast, temperatures averaging as much as 3 degrees below normal along most of the Atlantic Coast, and four major frosts as far south as Florida. The Great Lakes region will also take a pounding.

The outlook is tamer for the Great Plains, the Rocky Mountains, the desert Southwest and the Pacific Coast, but Geiger said snow in Colorado will be more than adequate for skiing.

Other predictions include a cool, wet spring in many places, active tornado and hurricane seasons and a warmer-than-normal summer in much of the country.

The forecasts are prepared two years in advance by the almanac's reclusive prognosticator, who goes by the pseudonym Caleb Weatherbee and uses a secret formula based on sunspots, the position of the planets and the tidal action of the moon. Weatherbee has already completed his 2009 forecast, Geiger said.

The 191-year-old almanac's winter forecast is at odds with the federal government's outlook, which is based largely on statistical trends. For the coming winter, those trends point to above normal temperatures in the East and the Southwest, with drier than average weather along the southern tier of states and up the East Coast into Virginia.

Last year's almanac forecast of a colder than normal winter was off the mark at first. Geiger blamed an unforeseen El Nino that made for quiet conditions in the East before a series of heavy snowstorms struck in February and March.

**Ham and Beans This Fall?** We are thinking about having a "Ham, Bean and Cornbread" dinner for one of the fall potlucks. Please let Connie Graber or Cindy Veselak know if you have any ideas for this? We were thinking that it would be a good September potluck idea.

# A Fishing Expedition

A kind-hearted fellow was walking through Central Park in New York and was astonished to see an old man, fishing rod in hand, fishing over a beautiful bed of lilies.

“Tsk Tsk!” said the passerby to himself.

“What a sad sight. That poor old man is fishing over a bed of flowers. I’ll see if I can help.”

So the kind fellow walked up to the old man and asked, “What are you doing, my friend?”



“Fishin’, sir.”

“Fishin’, eh? Well, how would you like to come have a drink with me?”

The old man stood, put his rod away and followed the

kind stranger to the corner bar. He ordered a large glass of beer and a fine cigar.

His host, the kind fellow, felt good about helping the old man, and he asked, “Tell me, old friend, how many did you catch this morning?”

The old fellow took a long drag on the cigar, blew a careful smoke ring and replied, “You’re the sixth today, sir!”

**Labor Day Menu for Potluck**—Connie and Bill Graber have volunteered to do pork barbeque for the Labor Day Potluck. Please bring something to go with the delicious pork. Thanks, Connie and Bill, what a great idea!!!

How Do You Catch a Unique Rabbit?  
 How Do You Catch a Tame Rabbit?  
 What Do You Call Cheese That Isn't Yours?  
 What Do You Call Santa's Helpers?

Unique Up On It.  
 Tame Way, Unique Up On It.  
 Nacho Cheese!  
 Subordinate Clauses.

# Pepsi Chicken

Take a 2 liter bottle of Pepsi, 10-14 chicken legs and 2 bottles of BBQ sauce. Put all the chicken in the Dutch Oven, pour on the BBQ sauce and add the Pepsi so that the chicken is almost completely covered. Put the lid on and set the Dutch Oven on about 8 hot

coals and cover lid with 16 more hot coals. That will give you about 360° F. (Remember the rule of thumb is 15° F per coal). Cook 20-30 minutes. Check to see if the legs are done by poking them with a fork.

Cook rice or other vegetables on the side to serve with the chicken and you have a tasty outdoor meal!

The trick is, the sugar in the Pepsi caramelizes the chicken and keeps it from burning. So, don't use Diet Pepsi!

# Congratulations to the Browns

Logan Brown joined his family on June 26, 2008. He is the son of Sarah and Matt Brown and grandson of Dareyl and Shirley Brown.

The proud grandparents were visited on Fourth of July weekend by Logan and his big sister, Ava. What beautiful grandchildren you have Mr. and Mrs. Brown!!!!



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**From Barry:**

A big thanks goes out to Wally Crouch, Harry Winterland and John Hullet for their work on the new pool house, and to Wally for coordinating getting the new pool installed!

The pool was completed on July 30th, and was inspected by the State Inspector and passed on July 31st.

The new pool is a nice addition to the camp and will be used by many in the coming years. The first group to use the Pool were the Masonic Childrens Home kids the first 2 weeks of August. They

were in the pool every day they were at the camp.

The new pool has 3 steps across the entire east end, with



2 handrails to enter. It is a lot easier than the old pool to enter, there is also no curb to step over to get into the pool.

The steps are coated with non slip paint, but once you step onto the pool bottom it is a little slippery, so be careful as you step off the last step onto the pool floor.

We are planning on keeping the pool open until the 15th of Sept. so make sure you come up and enjoy it this season before it is closed for the winter. If you have a question

about the new pool please do not hesitate to call me or send an email to SRRA@Barrycar.com.