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The Beecher and Upper Lakes Public Inland Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District

Annual Meeting

- September 1, 2012 -Beecher Town Hall Beecher, Wisconsin

- Call to Order -

Call to order by Nancy McKenney.

Board of Commissioners in attendance: Nancy McKenney (via conference call), Phil Sweet (via conference call), Tracy Kupsh, John Keeley - Town of Beecher Representative, and Clancy Whiting - Marinette County.

Also in attendance, 32 Lake District members as well as Chuck Druckrey, Marinette County Water Resource Specialist and Shirley Prudhomme, Peshtigo Times Reporter.

- Approval of Agenda -

A motion was made by Clancy Whiting and seconded by Marcia Miracle to approve the agenda.

- Reading of Minutes -

A motion was to dispense with the reading of the minutes as they were printed in the annual newsletter. John Keeley asked to amend the 2011 annual meeting minutes as printed in the annual newsletter to strike the second sentence of the 5th paragraph ,"... there are no reserve funds, as any excess funds were needed for the new town hall." Amended minutes were unanimously accepted.

- Officers Reports -

- a) Chairman Report
- b) Treasurer Report

Tracy Kupsh summarized the treasurers report is printed in the newsletter and reviewed the 2013 proposed budget.

c) Town of Beecher Report

John Keeley reported that the boat landing and dam was finished. It was noted that no motorized vehicles should be driven on the dock. Question was raised regarding how much the boat landing costs.

d) Marinette County Report

Clancy Whiting suggested land owners should attend a meeting on September 17, 2012 at the Dunbar Town Hall on proposed Marinette County Regulations Chapter 21 Shoreline Water Runoff . See the Marinette County website for more information.

e) Aquatic Plan Committee Report

Committee shared that the siphon drawdown technique dropped the lake level by 4.5 feet. Siphons worked better than expected and could have hit the 6 foot drawdown goal except for elevated areas in the channel area in front of the Schmeisser's property. Lake levels returned to original by March 20th despite low precipitation totals. The committee is exploring options to attain six foot goal in the future through dredging or other options. Plan to petition WDNR in an attempt to amend the grant to include dredging in lieu of chemical treatment costs. It was stated that no chemical treatment was performed in 2012 in order to comply with the terms of grant and determine the impact of the drawdown on EWM in areas where applicable. Marinette County mapped 11.5 acres of Eurasian Milfoil which they recommend treating. Grant will cover 75% of chemical treatment. The district will need to apply for an extension of the grant into 2013.

Howard Ritchie motioned to chemically treat the Lake in 2013, the motion was seconded by Fritz Schmeisser. Motion was passed.

f) Communication Committee Report

Doyle Curtis discussed the need to exchange information in a more timely manner. See the start of the website at beecherandupperlake.com. Doyle Curtis and Jim Prentiss are looking for committee members.

g) Nomination Committee

Nancy McKenney reviewed the election process. Tracy Kupsh nominated Judy Siudzinski for the open Board of Commissioner position.

- Unfinished Business -

a) Easement on Warner Property

The Board of Commissioners still plans to pursue a legal agreement allowing the Lake District to utilize the Warner Property for official Lake District business.

b) Beecher Lake Insurance

The Board of Commissioners is looking at options to add errors and omission coverage.

c) Shoreline Protection Committee

The Board of Commissioners is communicating the need for committee members and a chairperson.

d) Ad hoc Boundaries Committee

The Board of Commissioners is communicating the need for committee members and a chairperson.

- New Business -

a) The 2013 budget was reviewed and the number of Lake District members was discussed. A review of the Lake District properties with Marinette County and Carolyn Keeley - Town of Beecher Treasurer showed 71 properties within the boundaries. There was an increase in the number of Lake District properties as lots were subdivided. Marcia Miracle motioned to accept the proposed budget, the motion was seconded by Jim Lauscher. The motion was passed unanimously.

b) Board of Commissioners Election

Tracy Kupsh motioned to elect Judy Siudzinski for the open Board of Commissioners position and the motion was seconded by Clancy Whiting. Motion passed unanimously.

- Announcements -

- a) The next Board of Commissioners meeting will be on November 10, 2012 at Beecher Town Hall
- b) There was no picnic in 2012.
 - Nancy adjourned the meeting -

- Open Forum - Comments from Property Owners -

- 1. Discussion was held regarding floating bogs on the lake. It was recommended that The District study removal strategies.
- 2. Chuck Druckrey suggested the Town of Beecher add a 'No Power Loading' sign by the boat landing.
- 3. Paul Lassee questioned how the Lake District boundaries, specifically the 'Murray' property that was part of the original lake district boundaries and the lots, have been divided over the years. The District is looking for Boundaries Committee to review.
- 4. Clancy Whiting asked if he is eligible to be on the Boundaries Committee and also if he could be the lead?

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Message from the Chair 2013

Dear District Property Owner:

On behalf of the Beecher and Upper Lakes Public Inland Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District Board of Commissioners thank you for supporting and guiding us at the last year's 2013 Annual meeting. The Annual meeting directed the work of the District Board of Commissioners and Committees throughout the year.

As District property owners the Annual Meeting provides you with an opportunity to weigh in and advance important issues, provide guidance, vote on the budget, and elect new Commissioners. Please plan to attend the Annual District meeting on August 31, 2013, at the Beecher Town Hall from 9:00 am - Noon.

To carry out the day to day operations of the District, there are five commissioners: John Keeley, Supervisor, Town of Beecher and Clancy Whiting, Marinette County Board representative; Beecher Lake District property owners: Tracy Kupsh, Treasurer, who is completing the 2nd year of a 3-year term; Judy Siudzinski, Secretary, who is completing her 1st year of 3-year term and me, completing the 3nd year of my second 3-year

The Board of Commissioners has convened quarterly during 2012 and 2013 to monitor and manage the budget, consider changes to insurance, support committees, consider a long term solution to control of Eurasian Milfoil., and prepare for the Annual Meeting. Highlights from the Board of Commissioners and Committees include the following actions: 1) contributed \$400.00 to the Town of Beecher for the Beecher Lake boat landing improvements and new dock; 2) approved a new Boundaries Committee (members, charge, and budget); 3) reviewed and updated the insurance policies; and 4) submitted an Aquatic Invasive Species grant application.

This year the Aquatic Plant Committee, led by Joe Siudzinski, worked in cooperation with Chuck Druckrey, CLM, Marinette County Water Resource Specialist, to initiate and monitor the effects of a low dose whole lake chemical treatment. As you may recall our attempt to draw down lake levels to freeze out the Eurasian Milfoil (EWM) was met with limited success. This was due to several factors including extensive muck and debris that prohibited the flow of water from the main lake to the dam.

After further consideration, the District Board of Commissioners and Aquatic Plant Committee, in consultation with Chuck Druckrey, prepared an Aquatic Invasive Species grant application to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. This application proposes multiple strategies for the effective, long-term control of Eurasian Milfoil.

Chuck Druckrey and Joe Siudzinski will be attending the August 31, 2013 Annual meeting Open Forum at 9:00 am to provide you with an evaluation of Eurasian Milfoil in the Lake, discuss the grant application, and answer your questions so that are prepared to vote on a resolution for Requesting Wisconsin Aquatic Invasive Species Control Grant Funds (see insert). To move forward, a majority of a quorum of the District must pass the resolution.

The goals of the application are to: 1) make the necessary changes to effectively use winter drawdown as a Eurasian Milfoil management tool, 2) minimize dependence on herbicides to control this invasive species, and 3) implement long term, effective controls in a cost effective manner.

The application proposes to:

Public Inland Lake Protection

- Modify the dam by installing a drain pipe and shut-off valve to:
 - Speed up water level changes. Simplify the drawdown process.
- Allow the drawdown to be maintained through winter.
- Dredge a channel from the main lake to the dam to:
 - Drain another 2.5 feet of water from Beecher and Upper Lakes.
- Selectively use herbicides and county-owned hydraulic harvester on isolated plants.
 - Complete annual surveys to evaluate the effectiveness of management practices.

The total estimated cost of this project is \$175,735.00 over a 3 year period.

- The grant will fund (75%).
- The District share is estimated to be (25%).
 - District reserve funds are currently available for this project.

With your approval we will continue advancing the grant application and if funded, implement the plan. Additional information is detailed in this newsletter. We are looking fpr property owner input at the Open Forum as we deliberate Eurasian Milfoil control measures. The Board of Commissioners supports long-term controls so that we can concentrate on other topics of interest to the Lake District.

The Shoreline Protection Committee (to monitor and address invasive plants and insects, including gypsy moths) and the Habitat/Fish Committee were authorized during the 2012 Annual Meeting. Please contact me or other Board of Commissioners if you are interested in leading the development of these committees (recruiting members, developing a charge or purpose, and a budget).

Thank you to all of the dedicated members of the Board of Commissioners and Committees. The District continues to benefit from resources provided by the Town of Beecher, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR), and Marinette County. Beecher Township meetings are the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm. Please let any Board of Commissioner know if you would be willing to attend the meetings.

Thank you once again, Helen and Doyle Curtis, for publishing the annual newsletter (Beach Chair News). It is a pleasure to serve the District with so many dedicated individuals.

If you have a desire to join a Committee or serve as a Board of Commissioner, please contact any of the Board Commissioners or Committee members.

The Board of Commissioners looks forward to seeing you on August 31, 2013.

Sincerely,

Nancy McKenney

Nancy McKenney, Chair, Board of Commissioners The Beecher and Upper Lakes Public Inland Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District

Call for Nominations

Beecher and Upper Lakes Protection and Rehabilitation District **Board of Commissioner**

Nancy McKenney is completing the last year of her second three-year term. We are grateful for her dedication and willingness to serve.

Are you or someone you know interested in serving as a Board of Commissioner for the District?

Who makes up the Board of Commissioners?

The Board of Commissioners is made up of five individuals. Three Commissioners are elected by property owners at the District Annual Meeting and serve 3-year staggered terms (all must be property owners and if possible, one a full-time resident). One representative is from the Town of Beecher Board, and one representative from the Marinette County Board.

How are the officers (Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer) determined?

After elections at the Annual Meeting, the Board of Commissioners meets to determine who will assume the District Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer roles. Commissioners with experience in certain roles may wish to contribute to the District by applying their expertise (example: someone with accounting

experience may be the Treasurer). However, no specific occupational experience is required to be a Board of Commissioner.

What does the Board of Commissioners do for the District? Commissioners meet quarterly to carry out day to day District business with direction provided by property owners during the Annual meeting. The Chair presides at the annual meeting, at all special meetings and meetings of the Board, and at all public hearings held by the Board. The Secretary keeps minutes of all meetings, prepares and sends notices for all meetings. The treasurer is responsible for maintaining district funds, preparing reports, preparing an annual budget, preparing documents for Audit Committee review and certifying tax statements annually

Roles and duties are carried out in accordance with Wisconsin Statutes Chapter 19 General Duties of Public Officials (includes Open Meetings and Public Records), and Chapter 33 Public Inland Waters.

When and where are the 2013-14 meetings being held?

to present to the Town of Beecher Treasurer and Clerk.

2013-2014 Meeting Dates

November 2, 2013 **BOC** January 25, 2014 **BOC** April 12, 2014 **BOC** July 19, 2014

BOC

District

Annual Meeting

*Dates have been reserved for the Beecher Town Hall from 9:00 a.m.

- Noon unless noted.

August 30, 2014

Aquatic Plant Committee Committee Report to Board of Commissioners

Committee Members:

Jane Devine, Doyle Curtis, Mike Gotstein, Joe Siudzinski

Eurasian Milfoil Chemical Treatment for Beecher and Upper Lakes, 2013

The effort stated in January where Brenda Nordin, WDNR Water Resource Specialist and Chuck Druckrey, Marinette County Water Resource Specialist met with the Board and Aquatic Committee at the Beecher Town Hall to understand the WDNR's proposal to switch to Whole Lake Chemical Treatment vs. Spot Treatments which we have completed in the past. Whole Lake Treatment entails distributing 2, 4-D liquid chemical, amount determine to be appropriate was 77 lbs. within the lakes in a manner whereby all water is treated. The chemical needs to be remain in contact with the plants for 14 days to be effective and the lakes needed to be stratified, weather warms enough in Spring that the least dense water masses sit above the more dense layers allowing chemicals to float across the more dense layers and impact the shallow areas where the vegetation is available for treatment. The outcome of this January meeting was consensus to migrate to Whole Lake Treatment and start planning for the new requirements that were needed for whole treatment.

Sampling requirements prior to the treatment included temperature profiling to determine stratification and water lever monitoring to determine the total number of gallons within the lakes and the water outflow.

Treatment occurred on May 17th of this year, and we began executing the sampling and temperature requirements of the chemical treatment permit the next day. Overall, we sampled the lakes to determine chemical levels based on the WDNR's Plan on 10 different field visits with 11 sampling points each time along with a temperature profile at a keystone point and temperature at each sampling point. The purpose of the sampling is to determine how quickly the chemicals break down based upon a variety of factors, lake characteristic, water temps, tannins, water currents and weather based; storm events during and after treatments, ambient air temperatures, etc. The samples were then sent to Florida to be analyzed by the Corp. of Engineers for inclusion into a national database of testing results. This was completed at no additional expense to the Lake District or the WDNR.

On July 18th, Chuck and a Marinette County intern along with Brenda and two additional WDNR employees spent an entire day on the lakes in 2 boats in 90 degree hot summer weather analyzing sample points on both lakes for milfoil and profiling other vegetation within the lakes. We should have some of those results and data points to share at the annual meeting.

Observations from the results are encouraging and discouraging at the same time. Milfoil is present in the lakes; we did not expect anything less. Many areas where we had dense coverage and colonies have not formed as in the past. Other areas where we have had good control with spot (pellet form) chemical treatments on the North shores of Upper Lake and the channel, treatment has not been very effective. Our thoughts is the water inflow from Beecher Creek followed the shore around and the chemical washed to other areas of the lakes due to the currents in those areas. We may have to modify our treatment type in the future in those areas. There will be more to follow on the effectiveness of the treatment and alternatives at the annual meeting, please plan on attending.

Submitted by Joe Siudzinski



Please contact us if you would like to nominate a candidate for the Board of Com-

missioner election: Tracy Kupsh, kupshs@gmail.com 920-660-0918.



Every other Wednesday in Amberg, food is distributed to those in need.

Please remember to bring your non-perishables to the Annual Meeting on August 31st. To whom much is given, much is required, (Luke-12:48). I've heard that phrase spoken before but never understood where it came from until I started to write this article. Google is wonderful tool. To whom much is given is not just about monetary wealth, it's about gifts of family, health, and the ability to make a difference in the lives of others.

For the past eight years, The District has collected non-perishable food items at the annual meeting and donated the items to a local food pantry, Pastor Fred's in Amberg and some years to St. Margaret's in Pembine. To be honest, it depends whether I'm going North or South when I leave the Lakes. Need knows no boundaries. As we think in those terms, if you wish to contribute school supplies, diapers, blankets; those items would be appreciated as well. To understand the extent of poverty in Wisconsin, United Way of Brown County has a specific section on their website with reporting on poverty rates of individual Wisconsin counties and much more information on services and volunteer opportunities that are offered in North Eastern Wisconsin. The website link is

http://www.browncountyunitedway.org/impact/poverty.html.

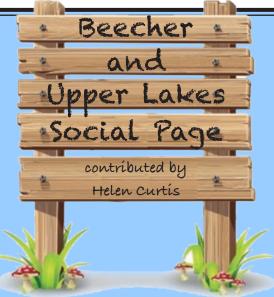
Thanks your help and support. Joe Siudzinski



A Great Neighbor is Devine

When we first moved to Beecher Lake we meet GI Jane (as we like to call her). She helped us out from being around when we put boats in the water to answering questions about the lake. One day she had trouble with her water pump just as she was leaving for the day. Larry went over to her house to see if he could fix it. The next day she came to thank us, I said maybe the "pump fairy" fixed her water pump. She said sure the "Pump Fairy Larry. Thank you Jane for being a GREAT neighbor and friend, we sure are going to miss

Cheryl & Larry Richter



We want to keep our Beecher and Upper Lakes sign current, so please let us know if you want to be added and we will take care of it. Please don't put your own signs up! We will be making changes soon...taking down old and putting up new.

Speaking of new....we have new property owners on our lake! Welcome to Steve and Jodi Georgenson who bought Brosel's cottage. They have 2 young children and are from Sturgeon Bay. Rick Peterson and Liz Bauer are from Waukesha, and purchased their cottage from the Rushton's.



Joe and Paula Marcy with sons Wyatt and Ely purchased the Kehler's cottage and are making it their home!

Randy and Mary Kiehnau from Sturgeon Bay purchased the Aul's cottage. Along with their two sons they are making a lot of changes!



Helen Curtis can be reached at (920) 680-6885 or helhohl3@hotmail.com. Submissions, ideas, & pictures for this page are welcome!

Beecher and Upper Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District Association July 2013

Treasurer's Report

| | 2013 | 2012 |
|--|----------------|----------------------|
| | Dollar Amount | Dollar Amount |
| Income Summary | as of July 15 | as of July 15 |
| | | |
| Beginning Balance - Sept 2012 (per 7/15/2012 bank statement) | \$30,596.07 | \$21,225.02 |
| Labor Day Picnic | \$0.00 | 503.00 |
| 2010 Tax Collection | \$0.00 | \$156.89 |
| 2011 Tax Collection | \$294.62 | \$9,869.77 |
| 2012 Tax Collection | \$10,435.56 | 0.00 |
| Total Income | \$10,730.18 | \$10,529.66 |
| Expenditure Summary | | |
| Printing/Supplies/Web Site | (\$256.76) | (263.54) |
| Storage Unit | (\$420.00) | (420.00) |
| Casualty Insurance | (\$208.00) | (281.07) |
| Aquatic Committee (Permit and herbicide treatment) | (\$9,022.00) | (194.00) |
| Lake improvements | (\$400.00) | 0.00 |
| Total Expense | (\$10,306.76) | (1,158.61) |
| Current Funds On Hand (ties to 7/16/2013 bank statement) | \$31,019.49 | \$30,596.07 |
| | | |
| 2013 Forecasted Activity | | |
| Income | | |
| Outstanding Taxes from 2010 (1 assessment outstanding) | \$156.89 | |
| Outstanding Taxes from 2011 (2 assessments outstanding) | \$294.61 | |
| Outstanding Taxes from 2012 (2 assessments outstanding) | \$302.44 | |
| Grant ACE1-073-10.1 - Future Estimated Reimburseme | ent \$6,766.50 | |
| Grant AEPP-138-08 - Estimated Reimbursement | \$5,680.44 | |
| Total Forecasted Activity | \$13,200.88 | |

| | 2013 Year End | 2012 Year End |
|---|----------------|---------------|
| Reserve Funds * | Reserves | Reserves |
| Aquatic Committee Expense and Spillway Reserve ** | \$30,000 | \$20,750 |
| Shoreline Protection (Dry Terrain - Gypsy Moth, Invasive Plants, etc) | \$7,000 | \$4,000 |
| Boundaries Committee ** | \$0 | \$0 |
| Habitat/Fish Improvement | \$4,000 | \$3,000 |
| Attorney Fees | <u>\$2,500</u> | \$1,500 |
| | \$43,500 | \$29,250 |
| | | |

^{*} Reserve Funds can not be spent without a BOC approved committee plan and budget. Depending on requirements, funds can be shifted between reserves at the discretion of the BOC.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tracy Kupsh

Treasurer - Beecher and Upper Lake Protection & Rehabilitation District

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Beecher and Upper Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District

2014 Proposed Budget

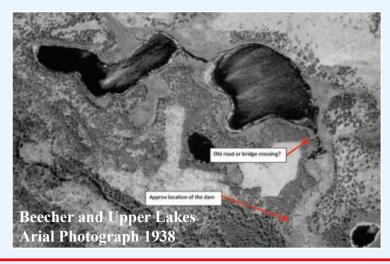
| | 2014 | 2013 |
|---|-----------------|----------|
| | Proposed Budget | Budget |
| Aquatic Plant Control | \$9,500 | \$9,250 |
| Shoreline Protection (Dry Terrain) | \$0 | \$3,000 |
| Habitat Improvement | \$0 | \$1,000 |
| Legal Fees | \$0 | \$1,000 |
| Office Supplies/Public Notice (Communication Team, etc) | \$500 | \$500 |
| Storage Facility | \$420 | \$480 |
| Picnic Costs | \$300 | \$400 |
| Insurance Premiums | \$1,300 | \$1,500 |
| Total Operating Costs | \$12,020 | \$17,130 |
| Net Position (Balance less Reserves) | \$720 | \$6,346 |
| Net Funds Required | \$11,300 | \$10,784 |
| Funds Required | \$11,300 | \$10,784 |
| Assessed Units | 71 | 71 |
| Estimated Tax Assessment per Unit | \$159.15 | \$151.89 |

| | 2014 | Proposed | 2013 |
|---|----------|----------------------|----------------|
| Reserve Funds * | Reserve | Additions & Activity | <u>Reserve</u> |
| Aquatic Committee Expense and Spillway Reserve ** | \$45,000 | \$15,000 | \$30,000 |
| Shoreline Protection (Dry Terrain - Gypsy Moth, Invasive Plants, etc) | \$7,000 | \$0 | \$7,000 |
| Boundaries Committee ** | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Habitat/Fish Improvement | \$0 | (\$4,000) | \$4,000 |
| Attorney Fees | \$1,000 | (\$1,500) | \$2,500 |
| | \$53,000 | \$9,500 | \$43,500 |

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Annual Meeting Agenda

Saturday, August 31, 2013 9:00 AM

Beecher Town Hall

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| | AGENDA | |
| 9:00-10:00 | 1. Open Forum | |
| | Presentation & Discussion: Aquatic Invasive Species Evaluation of Control Measures | |
| | and (AIS) Control Grant Application - Joseph Siudzinski, Aquatic Plant Committee Chair | |
| | and Chuck Druckery, CLM, Marinette County Water Resource Specialist | |
| | Topics of Interest Raised by District Property Owners | |
| 10:00-10:05 | 2. Approval of Agenda | |
| 10:05- 10:15 | 3. Reading of Minutes | |
| | September 2012 Annual Lake District and Board of Commissioners Meeting | |
| 10:15-10:30 | 4. Commissioner Reports | |
| | Chairperson Report | |
| | Secretary Report | |
| | Treasurers Report | |
| | Beecher Town Board Representative | |
| | Marinette County Supervisor Representative | |
| 10:30-11:00 | 5. Committee Reports | |
| | Aquatic Plant Committee | |
| | Boundaries Committee | |
| | Nomination Committee | |
| 11:00-11:10 | 6. Unfinished business | |
| | Shoreline Protection Committee | |
| | Habitat/Fish Improvement Committee | |
| 11:10-11:55 | 7. New business | |
| | Consideration of Resolution for Requesting Wisconsin Aquatic Invasive Species | |
| | Control Grant Funds | |
| | • 2014 Budget | |
| | Board of Commissioners Election | |
| 11:55-12:00 | 8. Announcements | |
| | Next Meeting November 2, 2013 at the Beecher Town Hall (9:00-noon) | |
| 12.55 | Immediately following the Annual Meeting - Picnic at the Beecher Lake Public Beach | |
| 12:00 | 10. Annual Meeting Adjournment | |

*Note: The Board of Commissioners reserves the right to take agenda items out of order and adjust time frames to facilitate District business.

Thank you for your participation.

BEECHER LAKE

BIGGEST FISH CONTEST

Catch your fish on Beecher Lake on August 31st.

Register, weigh, and measure your fish any time before 2 pm Saturday August 31st. Winners will beannounced at 3:00 pm.

Join Your Neighbors

for the Beecher Lake District Annual Picnic

at the Beecher Lake Beach

Day: August 31, 2013 • Time: Immediately following the Annual Meeting (12:15 - 3 pm)
Bring: A dish to pass and lawn chairs

District Will Provide: Bottled water, soda, hamburgers & hotdogs, relishes, paper plates, napkins, utensils.

THANK YOU to the Beecher Lake District Annual Picnic Committee,
Pam and Phil Sweet, Lori and Tom Berringer

50-50 RAFFLE!