

Grampa's Browns Corner Daily Blab 4/11/20

Good Morning, Campers!

It's another beautiful day here at Brown's Corner Camp. Yesterday... While placing Tyler Bridge, I had to resort to using the weight box which the LS Tractor dealer did not want when I traded in my John Deere.

I have been "mowing in transit". Whenever traveling across the yard I put the mower down and cut a 60" swath. I discovered by chance that the 3-point lift mechanism lowers the weight box as well as the mower. The result is kind of like an architectural/ agricultural Bloc plans. It shaves off the tops of the biggest lumps and simply pushes down the others. Very nice.



Remember Nana on the bridge?



She wanted to know how it was going to work having the bridge deck two feet in the air. I told her I would make a ramp. So I scrounged up a bunch of concrete blocks, some new & free from craigslist. Some I found in the woods.

I built a sort of retaining wall with the blocks and a few leftover bricks. Then I did a lot of grading to fill in with dirt. Will it work?



I had hoped to include a picture of the

tractor parked on the bridge but then the sun went down.

This morning I decided to clean up the rubble from all my brick work. Mortar chiseled off of used bricks, broken bricks, brick chips, etc. Shoveled it all into the loader and used it for fill on the bridge ramp. Maybe to morrow I'll take the picture of the tractor on the bridge.



MATH CORNER

I'm sure you have been learning about measuring. I found this giant bug in the wood chip pile. How big is it?



GARDEN CORNER

I planted seeds in containers in the greenhouse to get a start on spring gardening and Nana's hanging baskets and planters.



From far left, tubs planted with tomatoes to be container-grown in the driveway. Two kinds of big tomatoes and one kind of cherry tomatoes. Then trays of petunias, Nana's herbs (Genovese basil, lemon basil, purple basil, and cilantro), three types of impatiens, and more petunias. They all looked pretty happy basking in the sun.

This afternoon I planted day lilies and hosta borders in **Elle's Flower Garden**. No [pictures available yet. Yuccas tomorrow.

NATURE REPORT

The frogs are happy to be sharing the pond with the turtles. I have seen no water snakes yet.



Pop quiz, Campers! What kind of frog is it? You can maybe try to find it on the internet or look in your *Field Guide to Reptiles and Amphibians*.

How many different reptiles and amphibians have we seen at Browns Corner? I know of four kinds of turtles, three kinds of snakes, four kinds of frogs, one kind of toad, and one kind of salamander. Come on Campers, show us you knowledge!

Browns Corner Bridge Authority Report

No new pictures here but You might be interested to know that this afternoon I

cleared a trail from the Start Point to the future location of Bridge #4, aka Theodore Bridge. I hope to build that one tomorrow. The girders are all painted and labeled and ready to go. Oops – no can do. Awaiting some fasteners from Amazon. I think they are expected on the 15th.

At the end of the day Nana and I took a nature walk around the perimeter, seeing all of the boundaries except the stretch from The Black Lagoon to the Lookout Tower and from there to Theodore Bridge. I have to get either Tyler Bridge or Theodore Bridge in service for tractor traffic before I can clear a trail to the Lookout Tower.

Well that's all I have today. Love you all. Stay healthy and do what your parents tell you. Good night.

Love, Grampa