

Letter to the editor/North

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Group aims to save lake

I remember taking my golden Labrador puppy to Glade Run Lake in Middlesex to learn to swim.

My wife often took our young son there for a "ride to the lake" to talk to the fishermen about their catch. We also took him canoeing, backpacking and bird watching. In the winter, my son and I would play hockey with his friends and their dads. I'm sure others have their own memories about visiting the lake, a jewel nestled in Butler County.

The lake was drained in July 2011, but a grass-roots effort of concerned citizens formed a 501(c)(3) charitable nonprofit organization called the Glade Run Lake Conservancy. We have 1,200 members and over \$60,000 in memberships, donations and pledges to restore the lake, which will cost an estimated \$4 million.

Anyone who wants to help can join the conservancy. A three-year membership is \$5 for those younger than 18, \$10 for other individuals and \$20 for families. We're also asking people to make a tax-deductible yearly contribution of \$20 for the next three years.

We also need people to tap into their network of family, friends and neighbors to get the message out about Glade Run Lake Conservancy and its effort to restore the lake. We have modeled our recovery actions after two successful lake organizations in a similar situation seven years ago. Supporters of Leaser Lake in Lehigh County and Opossum Lake in Carlisle worked diligently and successfully restored their lakes. We will, too.

For more information, go to www.gladerunlakeconservancy.org.

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