



## Around the District

### **Coralville Lake Receives Early Christmas Present**

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Smith have decided to return for the 2000 summer recreation season. The Smith's have been working for the reservoir for 16 summers. After implementation of the new National Recreation Reservation Service they were hesitant about using the new system. However they decided that they were going to miss being at Coralville Lake and will give the new system a chance. The Corps employees at Coralville Lake are very happy to have them return.

### **Sugar Bottom Contract Completed**

Final inspection of the sewage ejector pump at Sugar Bottom campground, Coralville Lake, was conducted and the system is ready for the coming recreation season. This contract replaced the last suction ejector system on the project and finally completes a repair that has been in the budget request for many years. The new grinder pumps are much more reliable and should eliminate the occasional sewage spills associated with failure of the old system.

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### **Notes from the Mississippi**

#### ***Lock and Dam 11, Dubuque, Iowa***

- ✓ Replaced 600 ft. of cable in upper tow haulage.
- ✓ Replaced broken shear pins on #1 lock gate.
- ✓ Keith Weuste promoted to Lock Repair Leader.

#### ***Lock and Dam 12, Bellevue, Iowa***

- ✓ Old gate timbers were removed from the pontoon and placed on the lock wall.
- ✓ Planking was replaced on one of the dam carts.

#### ***Lock and Dam 13, Clinton, Iowa***

- ✓ December 8, Iowa Technologies came to the lock to check miter gate stress points.

#### ***Lock and Dam 14, Le Claire, Iowa***

- ✓ Installed heater and cab on Massey tractor.
- ✓ Troubleshoot and repaired electrical short on #11 dam tainter gate.

#### ***Lock and Dam 15, Rock Island, Ill.***

- ✓ The overspeed circuitry on the turbine was repaired.
- ✓ Brakes for turbine are being rebuilt.

#### ***Lock and Dam 16, Muscatine, Iowa***

- ✓ Made repairs to fisherman warning lights.
- ✓ Inspected the ring buoy boxes on the dam, river wall and lock wall.
- ✓ Put new desiccant in all the lock machinery brake assemblies.

#### ***Lock and Dam 17, New Boston, Ill.***

- ✓ Installed insulated covers on upper and lower haulage units for the season.
- ✓ Dam submerged for winter operation.

#### ***Lock and Dam 18, Burlington, Iowa***

- ✓ Installed new crane heater.
- ✓ Installed shelter on #4 miter gate.
- ✓ Hauled gate timbers from storage yard to river wall.

#### ***Lock and Dam 19, Keokuk, Iowa***

- ✓ Assisted the maintenance crew with repairing the lower river miter gate quoin seal.
- ✓ Finished removing the abandoned air line from the riverside tunnel.

#### ***Lock and Dam 20, Canton, Mo.***

- ✓ Maintenance crew completed Gregory Ditch project.
- ✓ Erected maintenance shelter for servicing machinery.

#### ***Lock and Dam 21, Quincy, Ill.***

- ✓ Installed ladder and handrail for emergency exit in basement.
- ✓ Repaired #3 valve and replaced limit switch.

#### ***Lock and Dam 22, Saverton, Mo.***

- ✓ Replaced timbers on #2 and #4 miter gates during slow traffic.
- ✓ Ladder rungs in I-Wall crossover pit were found to be badly corroded and were replaced.

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### **Congrats...**

Congratulations to **James and Holly Punkiewicz**, Structures Division, on the birth of a new son Dec. 2, 1999. His name is Caden James. He weighed 7 pounds 4 ounces and was 20 1/2-inches long.

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### **Sympathy...**

Antonio John Tonda, 90, a former employee of the Rock Island District, Survey Branch for 30+ yrs., passed away on Dec. 5, 1999, at Westridge Manor Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

# 3rd Annual Groundhog Job Shadow Day

By Justine Dodge, Public Affairs

On Feb. 2, area eighth-grade students will be given the opportunity to get a closer look at the world of work and how the knowledge and basic skills they learn at school can be put into action. Through [Junior Achievement's Groundhog Job Shadow Day](#), students and workplace hosts will be bringing basic skills to life.

This year, the focus of Groundhog Job Shadow Day will be emphasizing the Thirteen Necessary Skills (identified by the Iowa Association of Business and Industry) needed in every career opportunity versus matching students to potential career aspirations.

Volunteers will be paired with two eighth-grade students. The students will be at the Clock Tower from roughly 9:45 a.m. to 1 p.m.



File Photo

**Bob Wild, Operations Division, explains crane operation procedures to the eighth-grade student that he worked with during Groundhog Job Shadow Day last year.**

## Speakers Bureau

By Justine Dodge, Public Affairs

**John Behrens'** interactive lock and dam model was the focus of his visit with more than 80 third graders at Paul Norton Elementary in Bettendorf, Iowa, on Oct. 15. Behrens is a member of Engineering Division.

On Oct. 21, **Dean Magee**, from the Safety Office, spoke to more than 100 college students at Western Illinois University about careers in safety and his job at the Corps.

**Nicole McVay**, from Engineering Division, spoke with more than 60 third-grade students at Eisenhower Elementary in Davenport, Iowa. She shared information with the students about water quality and water-quality testing. She also assisted the students with water-quality testing near Locks and Dam 15 on Nov. 18.

**Scott Whitney**, from Planning, Programs and Project Management Division, hosted a job shadow student from the Making Connections program on Nov. 29. The student shadowed **Whitney** to learn more about environmental science.

On Nov. 29, another student from the

Making Connections program job shadowed **Bryan Pattschull**, from Engineering Division. **Pattschull** discussed his career as an electrical engineer and toured some projects with the student.



## Construction Management Excellence Award

Steve Frank, Construction Division, has been selected for the Construction Management Excellence Award for the Rock Island District. This is an annual Construction Division award for exceptional management of construction programs or projects.

**Next Issue: The Districts upcoming involvement in National Engineers Week, Feb. 20-26, 2000**



# How Far Is It Anyway?

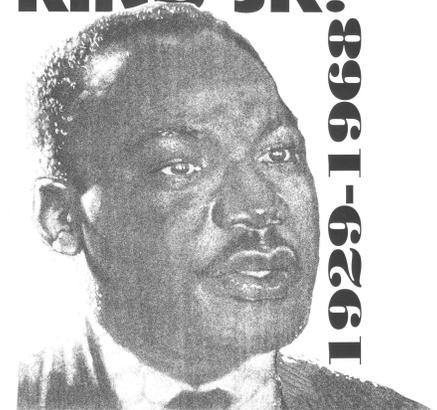
By Nancy Pierce, Logistics Management Office

Need to know the “official” distance between point A & B? A hyperlink has been added to LM’s home page to direct users to the “Defense Table of Distances.” This is the site Defense Finance and Accounting Service uses to calculate “official” mileage/distances that affect how much every traveler is reimbursed.

To access: Go to the District’s home page, click on “[District Offices](#)” (at top, center), select “[Logistics Management](#)” (left of Clock Tower picture), then select “[Mileage Rates](#).”

Our district Group ID is : **COE-RID** (not case sensitive);  
 Password is: **engineer**

**MARTIN  
LUTHER  
KING JR.**



## SALARY TABLE 2000-RUS

**INCORPORATING THE 3.80% GENERAL SCHEDULE INCREASE AND A LOCALITY PAYMENT OF 6.78%  
 FOR THE LOCALITY PAY AREA OF REST OF U.S.  
 (Net Increase: 4.69%)**

Effective January 2000

*Annual Rates by GS Grade and Step*

GRADE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	\$14,810	\$15,304	\$15,797	\$16,286	\$16,780	\$17,070	\$17,555	\$18,046	\$18,065	\$18,527
2	16,651	17,046	17,598	18,065	18,267	18,804	19,341	19,878	20,415	20,952
3	18,169	18,774	19,380	19,985	20,590	21,196	21,801	22,407	23,012	23,618
4	20,395	21,075	21,755	22,436	23,116	23,796	24,476	25,156	25,836	26,517
5	22,819	23,579	24,339	25,100	25,860	26,620	27,381	28,141	28,901	29,661
6	25,435	26,283	27,131	27,978	28,826	29,674	30,522	31,370	32,218	33,065
7	28,265	29,206	30,148	31,090	32,032	32,974	33,915	34,857	35,799	36,741
8	31,303	32,346	33,389	34,432	35,476	36,519	37,562	38,605	39,648	40,692
9	34,575	35,728	36,880	38,032	39,184	40,336	41,488	42,640	43,793	44,945
10	38,076	39,345	40,615	41,884	43,154	44,424	45,693	46,963	48,233	49,502
11	41,834	43,229	44,623	46,018	47,412	48,807	50,202	51,596	52,991	54,385
12	50,139	51,810	53,481	55,152	56,823	58,494	60,165	61,836	63,507	65,179
13	59,623	61,610	63,597	65,584	67,571	69,559	71,546	73,533	75,520	77,507
14	70,457	72,805	75,153	77,501	79,849	82,197	84,545	86,893	89,241	91,589
15	82,876	85,639	88,401	91,163	93,926	96,688	99,451	102,213	104,975	107,738