



# Investing In Our People

## Around the District

### Children's Forest Tree Planting

By Tracy Spry, park ranger, Lake Red Rock

On Oct. 17, Lake Red Rock area elementary children participated in planting trees at the "Children's Forest," a six-acre tract of land in the Whitebreast Recreation Area.

The Children's Forest was started 20 years ago, when the Governor of Iowa designated 1980 as the year for the "Plant Iowa" program. Before the children came out to the lake, Tracy Spry, Lake Red Rock, presented a program at their school about the importance of trees and how to plant them correctly.

Patrick Trier, Lake Red Rock, assisted with the event's coordination, and students from the Knoxville High School's Science Club volunteered to help students from Knoxville East Elementary plant their trees.

Approximately 120 first-, second- and fifth-graders participated in the event.

### Eco-Meet Draws Crowd

The 12th annual Locks and Dam 14 Eco-Meet was held at Duck Creek Park, in Bettendorf, Iowa, on Friday, Oct. 20. Nineteen teams participated in the event. Fourth- and fifth-graders from various elementary schools in and around the Quad City area took part in the activity. More than 70 students learned about the Mississippi and its uses, water safety and the animals in the surrounding area.

Presenters during the event included Greg Wolf, Clinton County Conservation Board; Keith Majors, Davenport city forester; Amy Kazda, Mississippi River Visitor Center; Steve Vacek, Mississippi River Project.

### Trick or Treat

A pre-Halloween Trick or Treat Night at Thomson Causeway Recreation Area attracted nearly a full house of campers at the recreational site and involved 57 youngsters who eagerly went from campsite to campsite trick or treating for candy.

In addition to the youngsters of on-site campers, the youth of Thomson, Ill., were also invited to participate in the special event as part of the Thomson community involvement efforts.

### Still Cleaning Up

One area severely impacted by the Great Flood of 1993 was the Saylorville Lake Bob Shetler picnic area. This area lies directly in the path of the spillway channel and it felt the wrath of a 46,000 cubic feet per second discharge during the peak of the event.

Flood repair dollars were used in 1995-1996 to repair facilities and utilities in the area.

Additional damage was caused during the tornado of 1998 when trees throughout the area were toppled. During the past two years, the maintenance and ranger staffs have worked to restore this area to a state that will likely make it become the most popular of the group picnic areas.

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### Congrats ...

Congratulations to **Rich and Kristin**



**Nessler**, Public Affairs, on the birth of a new son, Caleb, October 1. He weighed 7 pounds and 3 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long.

### Speakers Bureau

By Justine Barati, Public Affairs

**Karen Hagerty**, from Planning, Programs and Project Management Division, worked with the Duck Creek Watershed Partners on Oct. 5 at St. Ambrose College in Davenport, Iowa. The Watershed Partners are a group of more than 30 members of the local community who are working together to restore and improve the Duck Creek Watershed.

**Charlene Carmack**, from Planning, Programs and Project Management Division; **Steve Vacek** and **Joe Lundh**, from Operations Division; **Mike Cummings**, from Engineering Division; and **Justine Barati**, from Public Affairs, spoke at Louisa-Muscatine High School's River Fair. They spoke with more than 100 students about topics ranging from the Environmental Management Program to the Flood of 1993 and eagles.

Sixty-five students at Eisenhower Elementary School in Davenport, Iowa, learned more about geology when **Vern Greenwood**, from Engineering Division, spoke with them on Oct. 6.

On Oct. 11, **John Punkiewicz**, from Operations Division, discussed water and boating safety with sixth-grade students at Jordan South in Milan, Ill.

More than 200 students at Earl Hansen Elementary in Rock Island, Ill., learned more about the river during their river fair. **Justine Barati** and **Mark Kane**, both from Public Affairs, demonstrated the lock and dam model to the kids whose ages ranged from five to 12.

**John Quick** and **John Behrens**, both from Engineering Division, demonstrated the lock and dam model to more than 250 students at Logan Grade School in Moline, Ill., on Oct. 25. 📷

## Notes from the Mississippi\*

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

- ✓ Portable gantry cleaned and painted.
- ✓ Water temperature sensor repaired.

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

- ✓ Broken window in the shelter on the upper wall replaced.
- ✓ The lockmaster gave a rehabilitation update presentation to the Bellevue Rotary Club.

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

- ✓ Manholes and pits along the lockwall pumped.
- ✓ New Cover for lower I-wall control stand being built by Robyn Rogis.

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

- ✓ Dam greased and roller-gate chains oiled.
- ✓ Number five pier house power washed.

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

- ✓ Tower for Internet camera on dam installed.
- ✓ Wooded travel bumpers on crane installed.

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

- ✓ Safety chain at gate number four repaired.
- ✓ Padlocks on dam gate control boxes lubed.

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

- ✓ New sign on blacktop installed while bridge is being repaired.
- ✓ Armor plate in lock chamber repaired.

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

- ✓ Semi-annual maintenance on jib cranes completed.
- ✓ Fence around upper storage-yard installed.

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

- ✓ Public rest rooms pressure washed and painted.
- ✓ Cement pad on the south end of shop set and placed.

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

- ✓ Mercury 90-horsepower motor on pontoon installed.
- ✓ Faulk coupling on number one miter gate repaired.

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

- ✓ Concrete I-wall and dam stairway patched.
- ✓ Crane power washed and sanded.

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

- ✓ Tainter-gate bulkheads in storage yard moved and restacked.
- ✓ Lines on safety blocks checked and stolen ring buoys replaced.

\*This is a small sample of work completed at District locks and dams throughout the month.

## Great American Smokeout November 16

Tobacco use is responsible for nearly one of every five deaths in the United States. For this reason, the American Cancer Society's (ACS) volunteers and staff hold the Great American Smokeout every year to help smokers quit cigarettes for at least one day, in hopes they will quit forever.

More people quit smoking on this day than any other day of the year. 



## District Commander's Award By Joann Wilgenbusch, Resource Management

**William S. Wineland**, park ranger, Operations Division, Sayorville Lake Project, was recognized Oct. 10, with the **District Commander's Award for July 2000**, by Col. William Bayles, District commander.

Wineland came upon a vehicle-bicycle accident on Highway 415, east of the Oak Grove Recreation area during a routine vehicle patrol July 25.

The bicycle rider had suffered a severe head-injury resulting in bleeding, respiratory difficulty and a lack of pupil reaction. Wineland contacted the county dispatcher, requested an air ambulance and provided first aid to the victim while waiting for the emergency rescue team.

His rapid response to the emergency situation helped to save the life of the accident victim. 

