



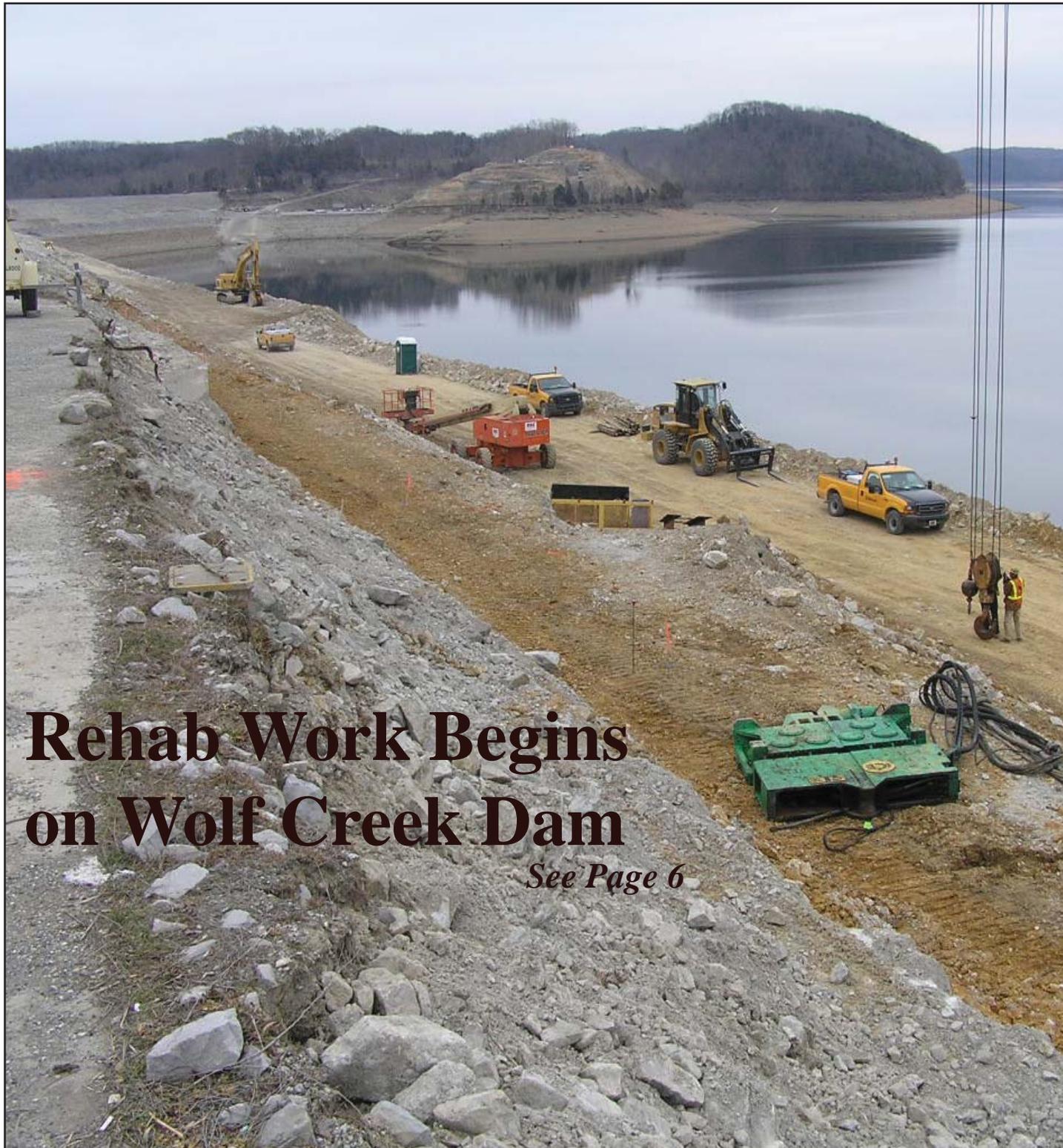
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SAME Offers Scholarships for '07-'08

The Nashville Post of the Society of American Military Engineers is accepting applications from graduating high school seniors and current college students until mid-April.

Scholarships for as much as \$2,500 will be awarded for use during the 2007 – 2008 academic year. Complete eligibility requirements, selection criteria, and an electronic version of the scholarship application can be found on the Nashville Post website at www.samenashvillepost.org. Sons/daughters or grandsons/granddaughters of a Corps or retired Corps employee are eligible to apply provided they meet eligibility criteria.

The deadline for applications is **April 16**. Winners will be notified by June 30 and scholarship funds will be distributed

directly to the student's university by August 1.

To assist deserving students pursuing a college education in the fields of engineering, architecture, mathematics, or computer science, the Nashville Post created a scholarship program in 1990. From a modest single scholarship of \$500 in 1990, the Post has awarded 198 scholarships during the past 16 years totaling nearly \$247,000.

Questions about the program should be directed to Lannae Long in the Environmental Restoration Branch, at 615-736-2049, e-mail at Lannae.J.Long@us.army.mil or William James, Chairman of the Scholarship Committee, at (615) 369-7508, or William.L.James@lrn02.usace.army.mil.



photo by Velma Cross

On the Cover

Workers from Advanced Construction Techniques LTD, a firm from Toronto, Canada, prepare the berm upstream of the centerline of the earthen embankment at Wolf Creek Dam for work that will place a concrete diaphragm wall within the structure. Halcombs Land-ing, in the background, is being modified by VCI-Doyon, a contractor from Knoxville, Tenn. For complete story, see page 8.

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Lieutenant Colonel Steven Roemhildt

Commander's Corner

March Madness

March is approaching quickly and normally the phrase "March Madness" brings connotations of college basketball. The phrase can have a much more serious connotation in reference to our safety record. Based on data from the last five years, Nashville District employees have **significantly more accidents during the month of March** compared to any other time. The most common type of accidents experienced are contusions, back strains, knee sprains, eye injuries, and skin irritations.

The month of March, besides being associated with college basketball, is also known for transition. During this period, we typically see a change in weather and with that, a transition from winter to summer work activities.

We are starting to see more physical, outdoor work because of the warmer weather. Additionally, we typically introduce new personnel into our teams or projects this time of year. During the March transitional, we see new activities, new people, and new environments. Even with our experienced work force, it takes time to adjust to these new conditions. During this adjustment time, we are most vulnerable to accidents.

Communication

We must take **pro-active** and **aggressive** steps to mitigate our vulnerabilities. Supervisors – as you use Composite Risk Management (CRM) in your decision-making process; look to step 2 (Assessing Hazards) and step 3 (Develop Controls & Make Risk Decisions) to incorporate the proper mitigation planning and action for identifying and controlling risk. All Employees – take pride in maintaining self-discipline and adhering to standards in performance of duties; be cognizant of your surroundings and utilize the proper Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) that Activity Hazard Analysis (AHA) and Position Hazard Analysis (PHA) dictates.

Just as the teams with the best records compete for the NCAA Championship in Basketball, the Nashville District has a great safety record and our competition is

against complacency and inaction. Our goal is preventing accidents and we are doing great; let's sustain the momentum we began with FY07!

This is a team effort and I appreciate everyone's support. **Remember Safety – Because You Are Important!**



Nine year old Alec Szostecki, (right) son of Command Sergeant Major Chuck Szostecki, Readiness Branch, and friend Chance Cummings recently visited with District Engineer LTC Steven Roemhildt and discussed a number of topics, including Paul Kariya and the Nashville Predators.

January Employee of the Month

Connie Flatt, Programs Section - Planning, Programs & Project Management Division, was named employee of the month for February. Flatt is recognized for her outstanding achievements in formulating the FY 2008 President's Budget and executing the FY 2006 and 2007 Programs for the Nashville District.

She "wears several hats" including program analyst for the Operations and Maintenance (O&M) appropriation and Navigation business line as well as a leading Corps authority on P2, among other assignments. For the O&M program in 2006, she was instrumental in getting significant funding reprogramming actions completed in an environment where precious few were allowed in the wake of highly restrictive language in the FY 2006 Energy and Water appropriations.



Connie Flatt

In FY 2007, she has con-

sistently tracked continuing resolution funding requirements for O&M and select Construction General projects resulting in the District receiving just the right level of funding to advance projects and pay employees without tying up funding possibly needed at other Corps locations.

During the final formulation of the FY 2008 budget, Flatt served as the lead in providing information crucial to Kentucky Lock being included in the FY 2008 President's Budget after a two-year absence.

She is highly respected for her keen insight into the ongoing development of P2, especially the recently fielded requirement to use P2 for funding schedules (2101s) and the President's Budget submission for FY 2009. She has a particularly good understanding of the relationship among P2-CEFMS-RMS and other systems and is widely sought after to help solve related issues.

Senior leaders select the District Employee of the month from the many excellent employees identified by the District's chain of command. Selected individuals personify the seven Army values of loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity, and personal courage.

TSP Web Site Compromised – Accounts Impacted

by Steven Foshee

The U.S. Secret Service discovered in mid-January that security compromises occurred within the Federal Government Thrift Savings Plans (TSP). The TSP website revealed that 24 participants had been infected with keylogging software.

Criminals utilizing this software did so without the participant's knowledge and recorded all key strokes and vital account information.

"Anyone can be a victim of keylogging if their computers are not protected with updated security software such as anti-virus or spyware," said Lawrence Engman, Information Management Office. "Along with the precaution of adding security software, ensuring that browsers are promptly closed after reviewing TSP accounts is suggested to reduce leakage of vital information."

Engman compared computer security issues with employee's safety. While leaving the federal building most employees scan their surroundings as they walk towards their vehicles. He suggested adopting this safety/security awareness of scanning the area before conducting government business on computers in unfamiliar locations.

The information management expert also suggested passing up the opportunity to use a computer that is offered free at a library, hotel or coffee house. These public computers are particularly vulnerable to either having a device attached to the keyboard or a keylogging program installed that records and stores all key strokes.

Engman discussed two other relevant issues; the term 'sniffing' is used to describe the process used by devices to obtain information being transmitted wireless to a server.

The second issue was the awareness that the responsibility still rests with the employee to protect passwords, social security numbers or other information that might assist in gaining access to government information or accounts such as the TSP.

In fact a statement was placed on the TSP site January 12 that clearly stated the

TSP is not responsible for losses resulting from use of a compromised computer. The TSP fund theft was approximately \$35,000 and the funds were electronically forwarded to fraudulent accounts. At present all victims have been notified and the TSP website indicated that the personal information was compromised when keyloggers monitored each keystroke made by these participants while they entered their TSP information into their own computer. The TSP website states three ways they keep information secure:

- The TSP never sends your name or SSN over the Internet.
- The TSP computer system requires you to enter your TSP [Personal Identification Number](#) (PIN) before it allows access to your TSP account information.
- The TSP computer system uses

state-of-the-art encryption technologies. Encryption is a process by which your password and all information relating to you and your TSP account information is scrambled and locked with a mathematical key during an electronic transaction for your protection. Most browsers have an icon such as a key or a lock to represent an encrypted mode or session. A broken key, open lock, or no lock indicates that the session or mode is not encrypted.

The TSP website, as a result of these thefts, indicated numerous enhancements will be introduced, including a new alert message, more robust Web passwords, and TSP account numbers which will replace the use of the Social Security numbers for most TSP purposes. Officials will announce these changes as they are implemented.

Hidden Harbor Marina Relocating on Center Hill Lake

by CO-OP Ranger Jennie Emmons

Hidden Harbor Marina will soon move from its present location on Center Hill Lake at the head of Holmes Creek to Holmes Creek Recreation Area, about a mile downstream from

the current marina site.

The marina is relocating primarily due to challenges at their existing site which include shallow water depths, limited or no vehicular access to the area during periods of high lake levels, and site

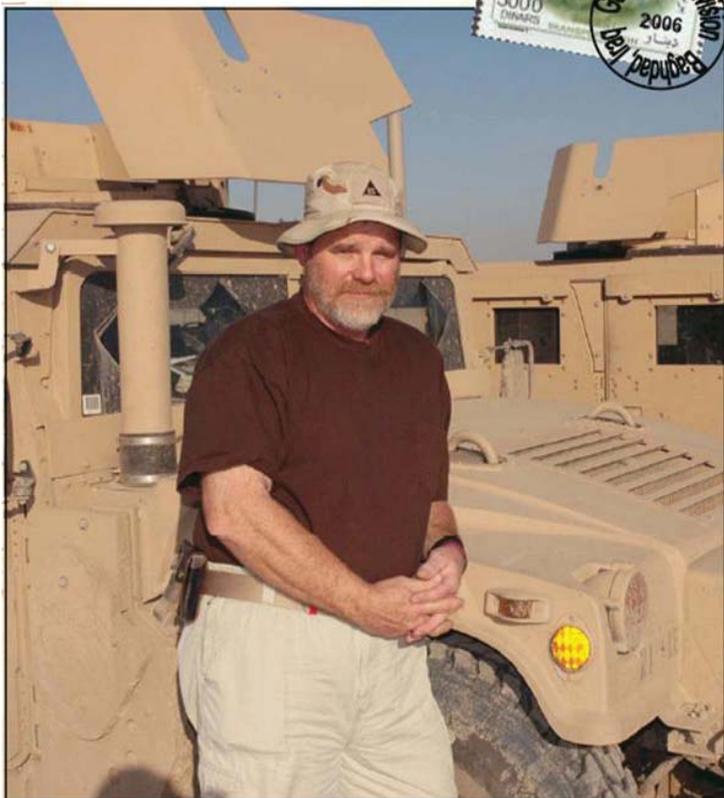
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photo by Park Ranger Mike Adcock

Hidden Harbor Marina as it sits on a lower Center Hill pool at the head of Holmes Creek. It will soon relocate to the site of the closed Holmes Creek Recreation Area about a mile downstream.

Postcard From Iraq



at me and said, “You really want to go over there don’t you?” Since I do not lie to the best friend I have, I told her, “Yes”. As she walked away she said, “Well, I guess you better go and get it out of your system.” When I brought up the subject to my supervisor, he told me that if I finished the project that I was working on that he did not see a problem with me going. When I got here in September ‘05, things were not exactly how I had seen in the brochure.

But my biggest problem was family. For the first

couple of weeks, I could not call home. Not that I could not use a phone and call home, I just could not talk to my family.

I just sent emails. The first couple of times we talked, it was really bad. To hear

their voices, my wife had set up a speaker phone so all could talk. My daughters are in college so you can say my family is grown and my wife and I have been married for nearly 25 years. Still yet it was very hard. But once you get into the groove here and working the long hours you become sort of challenged with all the work.

My first tour I had projects outside the wire and traveling with the military — you can see everything up close. You see the infrastructure that is so bad that it just does not work anymore and that the people do not have the simplest of services. After I returned home from my first tour, my family and I went out to dinner and when the waitress came to our table with a glass of water with ice in it, my mind flashed back to Iraq and I started thinking about drinking water ... that you can go to just about any place in the United States and get a drink of safe drinking water.

Life does not get any simpler than that. And I started thinking about coming back ... then coming back again and I guess I am still trying to help the Iraqi people get the simplest things that we all take for granted.

**Mark W. Gibson, Project Engineer
Victory South Resident Office
Gulf Region Division Central District**

When not deployed, Mark is a civil engineering technician who works in the Engineering Construction Field Office at Kentucky Lock

Helping the Iraqi People Get the Simplest Things We All Take for Granted

I really started my journey here 30 years ago. When I joined the Corps of Engineers in the 1970’s the people in the field carried slide rules. I can remember seeing my first engineering calculator and also my first computer in a Corps of Engineers office.

Anyway, I wanted to go overseas then. There was this big build up in Saudi Arabia and the Corps of Engineers was involved in that build up. Each time I asked about applying for a position back then, I was always told not now, later.

Well when later came, the Corps had completed their mission in Saudi. So my life moved on and my career lengthened. A friend of the family came over here during the first phase of the reconstruction and while home on rest and relaxation he visited our home in southern Illinois and we, his wife and my wife, sat around the living room and talked about the work going on over here.

When they departed my wife looked

GRD Opportunities

To learn more about opportunities for service in Iraq, visit <http://www.grd.usace.army.mil/>, a site designed to provide the latest print, photo and video examples of the untold stories of progress there.

Regular features include:

Recurring bi-weekly press releases on efforts to date, recent completions and effects of the Corps’ work <http://www.grd.usace.army.mil/news/releases/NR07-01-30.html>

An Online version of the monthly division magazine ESSAYONS FORWARD, which packages many stories and fact sheets into a take-away product, is available at <http://www.grd.usace.army.mil/news/Essayonsforward/index.asp>.

Corps Districts and Divisions can download material from a speaker’s bureau for presentation to both internal and external audiences at <http://www.grd.usace.army.mil/news/speakerkit/index.asp>. The site is frequently updated.

For downloadable video products: <http://www.grd.usace.army.mil/video/vid-eocenter.asp>

For downloadable photos suitable for printing: <http://www.grd.usace.army.mil/news/photos/snapshots.asp>

Regular press releases: <http://www.grd.usace.army.mil/news/releases/index.asp>

Brigadier General Michael J. Walsh, Commander of the Gulf Region Division, encourages employees to widely use materials posted on the above sites.

Wolf Creek Dam Rehabilitation Project Begins

District Engineer LTC Steven Roemhildt has made the decision to maintain the 680-foot elevation for the remainder of this year and will reevaluate lake levels in the Sept.-Oct. 07 timeframe for next year's operation. These changes are in concert with ongoing rehabilitation plans at Wolf Creek that address the problem of seepage through the foundation of the dam.

"Public Safety is our paramount concern," said LTC Roemhildt. "Since March 2005, we have modified the operation of Lake Cumberland to reduce high lake levels; we are now further lowering the lake levels to reduce risk. We understand that this decision will have adverse effects to project purposes."

Pool level modifications will reduce water pressure on the dam and decrease foundation seepage, therefore lowering the risks to people and property. These measures to reduce risk will adversely affect project purposes such as Hydropower, Water Quality, and Recreation; nonetheless, Public Safety remains the highest priority of the Army Corps of Engineers.

Because of the seriousness of the foundation seepage problems at Wolf Creek Dam, the Army Corps of Engineers is taking emergency measures to reduce the lake level and is initiating an accelerated grouting program. "A high level of risk does exist," said Roemhildt. "Reductions in lake levels will result in lower pressure on the dam." The Army Corps of Engineers has identified Wolf Creek Dam as one of the highest risk dams in the Corps inventory.

The Corps will request full funding to accelerate construction of the remedial project. Nashville District has already awarded the first construction contract for the grouting program and grouting is currently underway.

The Army Corps of Engineers has an aggressive Dam Safety Program that includes constant monitoring of all of the dams in the Cumberland River System. The Corps, in conjunction with state and local agencies, maintains emergency notification plans used in the event of a dam failure. The Corps of Engineers will keep the public informed of the conditions of Wolf Creek Dam and the progress of rehabilitation work throughout the project with news releases and postings on the website:

<http://www.lrn.usace.army.mil/pao/issues/WOLcommo/>.

Planned Public Meetings

A number of public meetings have been held downstream of the dam and more are planned. More

Libraries Where Maps Were Placed

Locations of Libraries where the public may now view maps.

- Pulaski County Public Library, Somerset, Kentucky 42501
- Clay County Public Library, 116 Guffey Street, Celina, TN 38551
- Cumberland County Public Library, 114 Hill Street, Burkesville, KY 42717-0440
- William B. Harlan Memorial Library, 500 West Fourth St., Tompkinsville, KY 42167-1497
- Mt. Juliet-Wilson County-Harvey Freeman Memorial Library, 2765 North Mt. Juliet Rd., Mount. Juliet, TN 37122-0319
- Clinton County Public Library, 302 King Drive, Albany, KY 42602-1603
- Russell County Public Library, 94 North Main Street, Jamestown, KY 42629-0970
- Lebanon-Wilson County Public Library, 108 South Hatton Ave., Lebanon, TN 37087-3590
- Dekalb County - Justin Potter Library, 101 South, First St., Smithville, TN 37166
- Charles Ralph Holland Memorial Library, 205 West Hull Ave., Gainesboro, TN 38562-0647
- Smith County Public Library, 215 North Main St., Carthage, TN 37030-1539
- Fred A. Vaught Memorial Library, 211 White Oak St., Hartsville, TN 37074
- Nashville Public Library, 615 Church St., Nashville, TN 37219
- Inglewood Public Library, 4312 Gallatin Rd., Nashville, TN 37015
- Hermitage Public Library, 3700 James Kay Lane, Hermitage, TN 37076
- Bordeaux Public Library, 4000 Clarksville Pike, Nashville, TN 37218
- Donelson Branch Public Library, 2315 Lebanon Rd., Nashville, TN 37015
- Edmondson Pike Public Library, 5501 Edmondson Pike, Nashville, TN 37211
- Madison Public Library, 610 Gallatin Pike, Nashville, TN 37206
- Martin Curtis-Hendersonville Public Library, 116 Dunn St., Hendersonville, TN 37077
- Dickson County Public Library, 206 Henslee Dr., Dickson, TN 37055
- Clarksville-Montgomery County Public Library, 350 Pageant Lane, Suite 501, Clarksville, TN 37040
- Cheatham County Public Library, 610 North Main St., Ashland City, TN 37015
- Edward Ward Carmack-Summer County Public Library, 658 Hartsville Pike, Gallatin, TN 37066-2509
- Gorham-Machane Library, 405 White St., Springfield, TN 37172
- Stewart County Public Library, 102 Natcor Dr., Dover, TN 37058 (**Contains maps for both Stewart and Huston Counties**)

details about meetings in Creelsboro (Ky), Burkesville (Ky), Celina (Tn), Gainesboro (Tn), Carthage (Tn), Hartsville (Tn), and Mt. Juliet (Tn) will be announced as they are finalized.



photos by Velma Cross
Cameraman Steve Kaufman, from WTbQ-TV, Lexington, Ky., (right) tapes a segment Feb. 13 with reporter Greg Stottlemeyer on the earthen embankment of Wolf Creek Dam.

Speaker Details The Struggle For Equality

Story and photo by Dave Treadway

John Schmelzer, acting director, Field Coordination Programs for U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, spoke to District Employees January 9 about the struggle for equality during a Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day observance sponsored by the District Special Emphasis Programs Committee.

He told about some of the very worst moments in American History and about some of the very best moments in American History.

"About 15 years ago," recalled Schmelzer, "one of the think tanks in Washington sent a survey to all the political science professors at all the major educational institutions in this country and they asked them to name the most important pieces of legislation Congress had passed during the 20th Century. The Civil Rights Act of 1964 was not number one but it did place number three. The professors did say the Social Security Act was most important. The second most important was the Marshall Plan."

This piece of legislation, explained Schmelzer, outlawed acts of discrimination in various aspects of American society. "It literally transformed the face of America."

He recalled growing up in Miami, Fla., where blacks did not hold important positions in the police force, or local government or the school system. While blacks were employed on the police force, they were relegated to issuing tickets to those who may have been parked illegally.

"Today," alleged, Schmelzer, "we are a much more integrated, a much more heterogeneous society. The world our children inherit is so much different than mine. If we don't teach our children, if we don't give them the legacy of history, we will slip back to where we were when I was growing up in Miami. If any group is discriminated against in our society it means we haven't done our job."

Many people before us, he pointed out, paid a high price for this concept of equality, for non-discrimination to be realized. Some paid economically. Some blacks paid by losing their jobs. Some whites had their businesses burned for associat-



John Smelzer makes a point to attendees at the Nashville District Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day observance Janu-

ary with blacks. In small southern towns, essentially they were shunned.

When they went to church, others would get up out of the pews. No one would wait on them when they went to a department store or a restaurant. Their kids were bullied or picked on in school. Some paid a much higher price when they were physically attacked and beaten and the perpetrators were never brought to justice. Some ultimately paid with their lives.

Historians say there were three great American presidents. Abraham Lincoln was one, George Washington was another, Franklin D. Roosevelt was the other, one in each century. Some criticize Roosevelt for not doing enough for civil rights but

he had his hands full with many other important issues, not the least of which was World War II. It was at the beginning of this conflict that he signed an executive order saying factories should be integrated and that blacks should be paid on an equal basis as whites for equal work.

His wife Eleanor was a very outspoken advocate for civil rights and Schmelzer recanted a story to illustrate his point.

"Eleanor invited a black opera singer to an important hall that was owned by the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR). When the Daughters find out who this young opera singer is, they cancel the invitation. The woman who is supposed to sing, Marian Anderson, was the first black opera singer to make it big. Well, when they canceled the invitation, they were messing with the wrong person. The President's wife promptly informed her husband that she would resign from the DAR. Eleanor's ancestors came over on the Mayflower and her resignation would get their attention. She also asked the President to have the Secretary of Interior announce a concert to be performed on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial and Marian Anderson would be the featured singer. 50,000 people turned out to hear Marian Anderson sing in the 1930's, an event that was the forerunner of Dr. Martin Luther King's speech at that same location. So Roosevelt's piece of legislation sent a message to America about non-discrimination and his wife was instrumental in enforcing it.

"Roosevelt's successor, Harry S. Truman then signed legislation that integrated all combat units in the military, an institution considered one of the great equalizers in American history."

Upcoming Events

A celebration of Women's History Month is being planned for March. As details are finalized for this event, they will be circulated to the workforce so those who wish to attend may make plans to do so.

'Friends' Force Multiplier at Dale Hollow Lake

by Park Ranger Mark A. Willis

One old proverb calls, "A friend ... the little prize in the cereal box of life." There's a lot of truth in that old saying, and the staff of Dale Hollow Lake feels very lucky to have not just one but a whole *group* of special friends who are passionate about the beautiful Lake and the wonderful quality of life it offers the region.

Without this civic-minded group of volunteers, many programs and events would suffer dramatically.

The Friends of Dale Hollow Lake, Inc., is a nonprofit cooperating association which works closely with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on activities and issues concerning Dale Hollow, with the goal of preserving and maintaining the unique beauty of the lake and its outdoor recreational opportunities for future generations.

The Friends association (the FODHL) is involved in a number of activities during the year including the annual Environmental Education Camp for local high school students from four different counties, the annual Shoreline Cleanup, and the ever-popular Eagle Watch events which take place each January.

During the annual Environmental Education Camp, the FODHL partners with the Corps of Engineers and a regional chapter of the Boy Scouts of America to demonstrate outdoor cooking skills for participating high school students. During this particular program, the FODHL members and Scout leaders not only demonstrate how to prepare outdoor meals "in the wild", but students also must prepare their own outdoor meal for lunch on that particular day.

The FODHL also provides ongoing assistance with the annual Dale Hollow Lake Shoreline Cleanup. Although the Shoreline Cleanup actually takes place each September, the FODHL volunteers have been responsible for coordinating a Poster Coloring contest in the spring to help prepare for the Shoreline Cleanup in the fall. These tireless volunteers have visited classrooms in five counties and work closely with students in designing and submitting posters that address the need



photo by Environmental Protection Specialist Sondra Carmen

Visitors to Dale Hollow Lake are treated to hot refreshments courtesy of 'The Friends' on a cold morning before boarding a barge for the annual Eagle Watch event.

for keeping our environment clean. The winner is utilized as the "official" Shoreline Cleanup poster and will be mass-produced and posted in areas throughout this region prior to the actual Cleanup. During this major special event the FODHL also contributes funds to provide a lake-wide "picnic" for Cleanup volunteers. FODHL also helps acquire numerous door prizes from local businesses and these are randomly awarded to cleanup volunteers at the end of the day.

During the Dale Hollow Lake Eagle Watch tours, FODHL volunteers are once again on hand, providing hot coffee and doughnuts for all event participants. The FODHL also prepares an interpretive display for Eagle Watch that focuses on local history, environmental concerns, and the goals of their organization.

In 2001, Dale Hollow lost 90 percent of its pine trees to infestations of the southern pine beetle. The Lillydale and Willow Grove Campgrounds were especially hard hit with Lillydale losing the entire forest canopy that shaded the campground. The 'Friends' quickly responded to the emergency by partnering with the National Wild Turkey Federation to raise funds and volunteers to help reestablish a forest

cover in the popular campgrounds. "Project Phoenix" was born and within a year nearly 300 hardwoods were planted in Lillydale and Willow Grove Campgrounds. Soon there will again be a beautiful forest canopy in both camping sites to provide shade for campers.

For 13 years, the 'Friends' have stood shoulder-to-shoulder with Corps Resource Management Staff. Because of the 'Friends', these programs and events are a success year after year and their environmental message of preserving and maintaining the unique beauty of the lake is heard by young and old alike.

During 2007, the 'Friends' plan to implement some new programs, one called Adopt-A-Shoreline on Dale Hollow Lake and "YOU" are invited!!

If you are one of the many who love Dale Hollow and would like to get involved in activities that will help protect and promote this valuable one-of-a-kind resource, then The Friends of Dale Hollow Lake is the group for you. To find out more about the FODHL, call (931) 243-3136, Monday – Friday, from 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.



Watching for Eagles at Dale Hollow



photos by Mike and Sondra Carmen



The staff of Dale Hollow Lake again hosted eagle watch tours during an unseasonable warm January.

On January 20th, the first day of the tour, more than 120 visitors showed up, some boarding the sightseeing barge at Lillydale Recreation Area and the remainder at Dale Hollow Resort State park. On January 27th, about 125 riders of all ages enjoyed the sunny weather to search for a rare glimpse of the nation's symbol.

"On the 20th," reported Environmental Protection Specialist Sondra Carmen, "we saw about 10 birds and on the 27th we saw about 15 birds."

Eagles winter at Dale Hollow Lake where a better food supply is available when their normal haunts farther north in Canada are frozen over. Warmer winter temperatures may mean fewer eagles have elected to abandon their summer homes and head south to Tennessee and Kentucky.

The Corps Crowd

Congratulations to...

...Joe Conatser, electrician A at Old Hickory Power Plant, who was promoted to senior electrician at Center Hill Power. Congratulations and welcome from Center Hill Power.

...Gary Hayes, park ranger at Lake Cumberland, upon his retirement planned for March 31.

...Kenneth M. Lewis, senior mechanic, Laurel Power Plant, who retired December 31, 2006, after 37 years service.

...Tiffany Hedrick, former PA student aide, who co-authored a paper entitled *"The Effects of Diet and Social Stress on Humoral and Cell-mediated Immunity in Peromyscus leucopus"* which was selected for publication in the 3rd edition of *Chrysalis: The Murray State University Journal of Undergraduate Research*.

Welcome to...

...Park Ranger Jamie Summers, Old Hickory Lake. Jamie is transferring from Dale Hollow to continue his ranger training.

...Robert Franklin, new budget analyst, to the Resource Management Office (RM), who moves from Internal Review.

Farewell to...

...Park Ranger Tasha Alexander, Old Hickory Resource, who is transferring to Lake Cumberland to continue her final year of Ranger Training.

...Gerald Wooldridge, Wolf Creek Power Plant maintenance worker, who retired December 31, 2006.

...Kenneth Lewis, Laurel Power Plant senior mechanic, who retired December 31, 2006.

Baby Brigade to...

...Tom and Nadine Cayce are proud grandparents to Jack Cole Cayce. Son Jeff and daughter-in-law Casey are the proud parents.

Jack was born January 21 at 7:45 p.m. at Baptist Hospital. Jeff works at Dell Computer



Jack Cole

and they live in the Sylvan Park area of Nashville.

...Josh Lowery, lock operator at Cheatham



Joshua Colton

Lock, and wife Amy on the arrival of their son, Joshua Colton, born January 23.

He weighed 8 pounds, 8 ounces, and measured 21 inches. Grandpa

is Chester Lowery, instructor of the Hydropower Training Program.

...Brandon Masiongale, CROC, and wife Rebekah on the birth of daughter Miley Grace Masiongale. Miley was born January 2. She weighed 5 pounds, 5 ounces and measured 19 inches.

...Chad Braun, hydraulic engineer, in the Water Management Section of H&H Branch and wife Beth on the birth of their second child, Emma Grace,



Emma Grace

born January 4. She weighed 8 pounds, 6.5 ounces and measured 21 inches.

Sympathy to...

...The family of Roy Perry, retired power plant superintendent at Cheatham and Old Hickory, who passed away January 7.

...Daniel Munoz, maintenance worker at Old Hickory Power Plant, whose mother, Carmen DeJesus, passed away January 18 in Puerto Rico.

...the family of William (Bill) Stinson, retired lock and dam equipment mechanic, Cumberland River Operations Center, passed away January 27.

...John Lively, retired chief of maintenance from the Florence Repair Station, and family on the recent death of his mother-in-law, Oma Bell Summers.

...Jerry D. Sizemore, Upper Cumberland Real Estate, on the death of his grandmother, Ethel R. Williams, January 14.

...Jimmy Johnson, Cordell Hull Power Plant electrician, whose father, Jerry W. Johnson, passed away January 29.

...Sammy Alley, Power Plant superintendent, whose brother Bobby passed away December 30, 2006.

...Greg Haste, Wolf Creek Power Plant journeyman mechanic, whose grandmother, Virginia Dare Vaught, passed away January 27.

...the family of Selby Murray, retired lockmaster, who passed away February 8.

Two Win in Water Safety Photo Contest

Two District Rangers entered winning photos in the 2006 USACE Water Safety Photo Contest and will receive awards following the International Boating and Water Safety Summit next month.

Barkley Park Ranger Michael Kuntz captured an image of a boat on fire at Green Turtle Bay Marina which placed second in the Boating Mishaps Category.

Old Hickory Park Ranger Tommy Mason took a photo of the Life Jacket Loaner



Kuntz photo

Board for use in the Digest and then submitted that image for the contest and it placed second in the USACE Employees in Action around water.

More than 300 images from throughout the Corps were judged and will be used to help promote water safety in future publicity ventures. Those same images will be placed on the USACE Digital Visual Library where they will be available for download.



Mason photo



photo courtesy of Gerald Choat

Teenager Cale Choat proudly displays the buck he recently took in northern Alabama.

Teen Hunter Scores Big in Alabama

by Dave Treadway

Cale Choat, 15-year-old step-son of Civil Engineering Technician Gerald Choat, loves nothing better than to roam the woods of northern Alabama in the fall in search of his favorite game animal.

Late November found him again in Martin Forest just north of Cherokee where he hunts a 5,000 acre tract with 29 other hunters who have leased the property for the past three years.

"I scouted this area for the first time," recalled Cale, "just before hunting there that day. I sat in a tree stand on the edge of a grain field until about 7:30 or 8 but never saw anything." Choat then climbed down from the stand and began still-hunting.

"A doe came through first and was closely followed by what I could tell was a buck." He then had to first determine if the buck qualified as a 'shooter' since the deer management area rules dictate that the deer sport a rack at least 15 inches wide.

"I could see he was a big deer," said Choat, "with a good rack but he then stopped behind cover which left me only about a one-foot hole to shoot through."

That proved to be sufficient for a well-placed round from his Browning 270. Although his step-Dad was also hunting nearby that day, Cale had to drag in his own trophy since his step-Dad never heard him shoot, which he then placed on a four-wheeler for easier transport.

What he bagged may be the biggest deer ever taken on the property. The 7-point buck tipped the scales at 202 pounds before being field dressed and game officials estimated the age of the deer at 6 and 1/2 years. The antlers measured 24 inches wide (inside).

Cale said he had taken several deer in Alabama and one in Kentucky but this is his biggest buck yet.

Hidden Harbor Marina Moving at Center Hill

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limitations to modernizing the facilities to accommodate modern recreational vessels and equipment.

Various other options were considered, but they were either cost prohibitive or environmentally unfeasible.

The relocation is considered in the best interest of the Corps, the marina, and the general public.

Although the full relocation process will take approximately one year to complete, the public will start seeing the benefits of this relocation in the near future.

The marina management plans to reopen approximately 15 of the campsites with water and electrical hookups for public use later this spring. They are also planning to have at least one boat launching ramp available to the public for a \$5

launching fee.

Relocation of the floating facilities, including the dock store and the moorage slips, to the new site is not scheduled to take place until after the summer recreation season is over.

In future years, the marina may also reopen additional campsites and provide cabins or other lodging facilities.

The campground and picnic area at Holmes Creek Recreation Area were closed by the Corps under the Recreation Excellence at Army Lakes (REAL) program in 2003.

The intent of the REAL program was to transfer the management of some recreation areas to other agencies or concessionaires, while other areas were closed to prevent valuable resources from being expended at little-used areas.

In 2004, the area was made available for lease. However, no viable proposals were received.

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Just To Be On The Safe Side . . . Ladder Safety

by Bill Bennett, Office of Safety

March is the time of year where everyone is thinking about getting outside, starting to work on

their house by painting and cleaning – jobs that you have talked about all winter and would like to start on in warmer weather.

When the weather changes and spring is approaching, men get out their ladders

to start on some of these long-awaited jobs. Painting the trim on the house or just cleaning out those gutters after a long winter of collecting debris may be at the top of your list of things you have put off for a while.

Did you know that every year, there are more than 500,000 injuries treated in emergency rooms related to ladders in the United States? For a simple piece of equipment, ladders are involved in more than their share of accidents and injuries. Many of these injuries are disabling and some ladder-related accidents have been fatal. The interesting thing is that nearly everyone believes they know how to properly use a ladder. At the same time, most ladder users have had at least one or two close calls on that handy tool in the past. Does this ring a bell?

Much of the problem is related to how common ladders are and how frequently they are utilized. Users become complacent about safety both at home and on the job. Complacency is often the major contributing factor in such accidents. Take the time to think about what you are about to do.

Using a ladder is so simple . . . until something goes wrong that causes a fall. Inspect the ladder you have before you plan to use it. Use the right ladder for the job. Take time and set it up properly. Remember take time to be safe. Don't become one of the 500,000 injured each year using a ladder.

Remember Safety - Because you are Important!

In Memoriam

John N. Lambrecht retired from the Nashville District as chief of information management in 2002, after a distinguished career that spanned 44 years. He was a pioneer in the development, installation and operation of automated information systems in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. At the Rock Island District, where he entered the Corps, he created an Automated Data Processing Office from the ground up, recruiting, staffing and training a team that built the first computer at that District. Lambrecht continued that process at Nashville by purchasing the District's first computer, and then helped convert the District's financial records and business processes from a paper-based to an ADP environment.

He was a key participant in supporting a broad range of Corps of Engineers wide systems and large scale information technology transformation and modernization projects during his 35 years with the Nashville District.

Lambrecht also had major roles in the evaluation and selection of electronic mail systems widely used today, the selection and acquisition of the Corps' computer aided design system (CADD) and the



John Lambrecht

conversion of the Corps of Engineers Management Information System (COEMIS) to the Army Civilian Personnel System (ACPERS.)

Lambrecht's pioneering efforts in the area of Automated Data Processing helped lead the Corps of Engineers into the electronic information age.

He was named a District Distinguished Civilian Employee in 2005.