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On the Cover

Cobie Evans, president of the Livingston High School chapter of the Future Farmers of America, prepares to water a Pin Oak tree planted at the site of a dedication Aug. 10 for the Lower Cumberland River Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration Project. Partners, shareholders and friends joined Congressman Ed Whitfield in Dycusburg, Ky., on the banks of the river to celebrate the completion of the project. For complete story, see page 5.

Lieutenant Colonel Byron Jorns From Where I Sit

Folks,it is not often enough that I remind you all just how good you are. I am blessed to be your commander.

...let me highlight a few statistics that help illuminate the high calibre of our workforce. These are folks, offices, teams that are pulling on the rope together...everyday.

...as you know, your Nashville District recently received four out of six Division Honorary Awards. Mary J. Hayeland won the Administrative & Office Support Person of the Year Award. Mike Ensich was named the Civilian of the Year. Doug Radley was presented the Leadership Excellence Award and Bob Sneed earned the

Communication

Outstanding Environmental Stewardship Award. Last month, at the national USACE Senior Leader's Conference in St. Louis, 22 awards were presented to some of the Corps' 44 districts. Your Nashville District was recognized with three of these awards ... which equates to about 14 percent of the awards offered. This is a tremendous achievement ... and a positive reflection upon the entire Nashville District workforce. I applaud your professionalism, your work ethic, and your commitment to the communities we serve. Well done...and well deserved.

...with the advent of hurricane season upon us, I anticipate that Nashville District will be called upon heavily to assist with natural emergencies. This is our tradition and our legacy. Already, we've deployed our Rapid Response Vehicle (RRV-03)...and repositioned at various locations throughout Florida. I thank our workforce for the overwhelming response in volunteer support to help with recovery efforts in stricken communities throughout the state. Hurricane Charley...and Frances have left their mark. Others are sure to come...and our own Tennessee and Cumberland valley are not immune to severe flooding. I rest easy knowing

that folks like you are ready and willing to anticipate and respond when necessary to protect life and property within our seven-state region.

...I appreciate what you do, everyday.

Now a few words about safety, a subject about which we must all be well-versed.

Although we all strive to drive safely, wear our seat belts and practice defensive driving, an accident still may occur. The National Safety Council says that one in eight drivers will be involved in a motor vehicle crash this year. Would you know what to do and what questions to ask? The National Safety Council suggests the following.

1. Stop your vehicle if it is clear, safe and legal.
2. Move the vehicle out of the road if there are no serious injuries and it is safe to do so.
3. Turn off the ignition of each car involved.
4. Make a first aid check of all persons involved in the crash.



5. Call the police and, if necessary, emergency medical services.
 6. Gather the names of all persons in the motor vehicles involved and the names of all witnesses to the crash.
 7. Ask to see the other driver's license and write down the number.
 8. Exchange insurance company information. Do not discuss fault or make statements about the crash to anyone but the police.
 9. Secure a copy of the relevant police report from the local precinct.
- Always remember to wear your seat belts because they do save lives. 🇺🇸

August Employee of the Month

Debra J. Groghan, budget analyst for Operations Division, has been named the Nashville District Employee of the Month for August. Debbie is recognized for her excellent work on the District's Command Operating Budget, as well as for her support in resolution of Chief Financial Office issues (particularly Construction In Progress) for Operations Division.

Groghan provided exceptional support to the Readiness Branch and other District elements for national emergencies and deployments of employees for the Global War On Terrorism. Her flexibility, efficiency and willingness to help others have been invaluable in the implementation of P2 for Operation & Maintenance programs and projects. Senior leaders select the Nashville 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. 🇺🇸



Debbie Groghan

One Corps Provides Florida Relief

BONITA SPRINGS, Florida, September 2004: Buffalo, Wilmington, and just about every Corps District and activity in between, from Seattle to Honolulu, from New Orleans to New York, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers team members have arrived to respond to Hurricane Charley.

Was someone you know out of the office recently? The chances he or she was in Florida working 12-hour shifts through two or more weeks is somewhere in the ballpark with the chance that a vacation caused the temporarily empty desk chair.

Eight Nashville District employees are currently deployed to Florida in response to Hurricane Charley. Two have already returned. Jonathan Jarrett deployed on Friday, August 13, to set up satellite communications for immediate response and returned 10 days later. The Rapid Response Vehicle-03 was deployed on Thursday, August 19, to provide communications for the Power Planning and Response Team. Cleo Howard, Ted Ryon, and Mike Swing deployed with the RRV. Mike Swing returned Sept. 1. Stephen Beason is the roofing Subject Matter Expert, Yvette Walker and Jimmy Felkins deployed with the Logistics Planning and Response Team, and Kim Trevean deployed for admin support. John Baird and Bob Taphorn are providing Quality Assurance.

At press time, deployed personnel were preparing for the onslaught of Hurricane Frances so they could be first responders to areas most heavily impacted by what some forecasters were calling a 'monster' storm.

Sarah Tingley, is one of 22 people here from Wilmington, North Carolina. She had only been at home for a few weeks, after returning from Iraq in late May. There, she worked in a Green Zone office setting up CEFMS operations. Here, she has been out in rural Florida,



The Nashville District Rapid Response Vehicle-03 joined other Corps assets to provide communications for the Power Planning and Response Team.

meeting residents who need temporary repairs to their storm-damaged roofs.

A collection of photos are available at <ftp://www2.lrn.usace.army.mil/pub/Jonathan%20Jarrett/>.

Pem Hall, from Omaha District, celebrated his birthday in the Emergency Response and Recovery Organization (ERRO) headquarters. He, too, is working on the Temporary Roofing mission to provide interim repairs for more than 10,000 homes until permanent repairs can be done. It's known as "Operation Blue Roof"—perhaps why the icing on his cake was bright blue.

New York District's Doug Leite is also a "deployment triple-dipper." He has been deployed to Kosovo and recently returned from duty in Afghanistan. Why is he on the road again? To help identify

and prepare sites where FEMA can put temporary housing. Thousands of people have become homeless as a result of Hurricane Charley. FEMA is doing the big job of acquiring trailers and mobile homes. The Corps assignment is to find and design new neighborhood sites complete with infrastructure.

Roberta Cotton, of Jacksonville District, is one very busy human resources specialist. She is making sure that those who are needed to do every kind of job, from Quality Assurance on contractors, to setting up computer networks, are presented to meet the need. Each person needs orders, transportation, and housing.

The roll call could go on for pages . . . Buffalo, Charleston, Detroit, Fort Worth, Galveston, Honolulu, Jacksonville,

Kansas City, Little Rock, Louisville, Memphis, Mobile, Nashville, New Orleans, New York, Omaha, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Portland, Rock Island, Savannah, Seattle, St. Louis, St. Paul, Tampa Bay, Tulsa, Vicksburg, Wilmington. . . all have contributed people to the recovery effort.

Col. Bob Carpenter, Commander of Jacksonville District and leader of the recovery effort for the Corps, said, "I see One Corps here. I don't know where anybody is (See 'One Corps' on page 10.)



A Bobcat collects debris scattered by Hurricane Charley, a procedure that is due to be repeated many times as a result of damage wrought by Hurricane Frances.

Partners Gather to Dedicate Project

Story & photo by Dave Treadway

Nearly 50 local residents joined Congressman Ed Whitfield Aug. 10 on the west bank of the Cumberland River in Dycusburg, Ky., to dedicate an Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration Project that will also provide protection for the small town.

Congressman Whitfield called the project a textbook example of cooperation between local residents and government agencies.

"Without that cooperation," said Whitfield, "we would not be where we are today. I commend each of you here today, and the agencies you represent, for the success of this project."

Local sponsors for the Project included the Counties of Livingston, Lyon, and Crittenden. Stakeholders included USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Governors Office for Local Development, the Kentucky Division of Forestry, the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, the Kentucky Department of Water, the Kentucky Department of Conservation, County Conservation Districts, Big River Rural Electric, the Pennyrile Area Development District, the Pennyrile RC&D Council, LGE/KY Utility, as well as high schools in Livingston and Lyon Counties.

The project stabilized a total of 1150 feet of eroded streambank at six sites, reestablished and protected the riparian buffer, and restored suitable macro-invertebrate substrate to reduce adverse impacts to aquatic resources caused by erosion.

Sites were selected to receive stabilization based on 1) severity of erosion, 2) loss of riparian zones, 3) proximity to known mussel beds, and 4) proximity to other sensitive areas, such as species of concern, wetlands, archeological resources, or prime farmland.

Habitat preferred by fish and other organisms was severely impacted by erosion along the banks of the lower Cumberland. The erosion process, to



Congressman Ed Whitfield is assisted by Judge Executives from Lyon, Livingston and Crittenden Counties flanked by District Engineer Lt. Col. Byron Jorns and Cobie Evans, president of the Future Farmers of America Chapter at Livingston High School, as he cuts the ribbon to signify completion of the Lower Cumberland Project.

include bank failure, is normal in large river environments, but other processes which cause soil, sand, and gravel to be deposited to the benefit of aquatic life were not occurring. Historically, the floodplain was more densely forested than it is today and the river continually cut some banks and deposited material in other areas. This process resulted in a continual input of woody material that served to provide valuable and diverse aquatic habitat.

Long-term benefits to fish and wildlife will include improvement in water quality and aquatic habitat, reduced sediment input to the river, reduction in required dredging, and increased value to wildlife in restored areas as a result of planting species of vegetation native to the region.

The dedication ceremony was held on the riverbank behind 213 Walnut Street in

Dycusburg on property owned by Wayne Wallace.

Over the course of more than 20 years, Wallace had watched more than 50 feet of his property disappear, a victim of the river as the waters rose and fell.

"When I first moved here," said Wallace, "I could bushhog the road along the bank of the river down to my neighbor's place. The roadway is gone now, washed away by the daily rise and fall of the river. In 1997, water rose all the way to the second step of my house and was about this deep in my garage," he gestured with his hand near his leg, "and that day I rode my boat right up to the church downtown. The church parking lot was covered with water."

Congressman Whitfield broke ground for construction of the \$6.4 million project on June 29, 2001, at the same location. ■

District Lakes Plan Events for National

Story & photos by Dave Treadway

District lakes plan a number of events to commemorate the 10th annual National Public Lands Day this month.

Old Hickory plans to revamp an archery range, Dale Hollow will host students at an Environmental Education Camp, J. Percy Priest plans to improve the fitness trail at Anderson Road Recreation Area, while Cordell Hull, Center Hill, Dale Hollow, Martins Fork, Lakes Cumberland and Barkley will hold events to tidy up the shoreline. Cheatham Lake will conduct several events on Sept. 18.

Old Hickory Lake

The staff at Old Hickory Lake will protect and improve the archery range and surrounding areas on Saturday, Sept. 18, and has invited everyone to help.

The public will have a unique opportunity to give something back to the area and community by installing new targets and yardage markers, and placing new stone on the trail along with other maintenance. Volunteers will also have the opportunity to participate in clean-up efforts at other locations surrounding Old Hickory.

Volunteers should check-in at the Range by 8 a.m. Those who help with the morning's activities will then be treated to lunch at 11 a.m. courtesy of Whitt's BBQ and H.G. Hill Grocery. For more information or to pre-register, call Mark Klimaszewski at 822-4846 or 847-2395.

Dale Hollow Lake

The staff at Dale Hollow will host 45 area school students at the 26th annual Environmental Education Camp Sept. 14-17.

During the week, the Boy Scouts of America will show students how to prepare food in the great outdoors, the Tennessee National Guard will demonstrate equipment, Robyn Reil with Tennessee Tech University will teach water safety before each student tries piloting their own canoe, and Heather Garland with Tennessee Nature Conservancy will talk about cave conservation. On the final day of camp, Karen Hargrove from MTSU will talk about trash and teach students the value of reducing garbage by recycling.

The Friends of Dale Hollow Lake, Inc., will join the Corps of Engineers Sept. 25 to help restore the shoreline's natural beauty by sponsoring the annual Shoreline Cleanup. The Cleanup offers individuals a chance to demonstrate support for the environment.

Cleanup will begin at 8 a.m. Volunteers may check in at four locations: Pleasant Grove Recreation Area, Obey River Recreation Area, Lillydale Recreation Area, and the Dale Hollow State Resort Park Marina. After the collection effort, all volunteers are invited to stay for a free picnic cookout sponsored by the Friends of Dale Hollow. The picnic will begin at the Dale Hollow Dam

Recreation Area shelter at 1 p.m. Sunset Marina in Byrdstown, Tenn., has donated the Grand Prize, a four-day houseboat rental that one lucky volunteer will enjoy. For more information, or to pre-register for this year's Shoreline Cleanup, call (931) 243-3136.

J. Percy Priest Lake

Volunteers will be welcome Saturday, Sept. 18, at J. Percy Priest Lake to help improve the fitness trail at Anderson Road Recreation Area.

Those wishing to help should arrive by 9 a.m. Tools and gloves will be provided. A free lunch will be served at noon for all participants.

To pre-register, call 889-1975. This will help planners bring along the proper amount of equipment and to prepare enough lunch for all.

Cordell Hull Lake

The staff at Cordell Hull will invite volunteers to take part in a cleanup of the shoreline on Sept. 18. Pickup stations will be set up at Roaring River Park in Gainesboro and at Defeated Creek Park near Carthage. Volunteers will be provided with



Volunteers help spruce up the Buffalo Valley Nature Trail last year for National Public Lands Day.



Young volunteers help add tree Old Hickory in 2003.

Public Lands Day

gloves and trash bags. Cleanup will begin at 8 a.m. and Pickup Stations will accept trash until noon. At 1 p.m., the Smith County Nature Group will host a cookout for all volunteers at the Tailwater Recreation Area shelter and award various door prizes donated by area businesses and collected by concerned citizens.

For more information, call Travis Wiley at 735-1034.

Center Hill Lake

The staff at Center Hill plans to improve primitive campsites Sept. 18 at Davies Island and East Shore. Volunteers will take a short boat ride to the sites to improve and expand existing campsites. Lunch will be provided. Center Hill will also give area residents and concerned citizens a chance to have fun while helping preserve the natural beauty of Center Hill Lake on Oct. 2 during the annual Fall Shoreline Cleanup.

This year's cleanup will be held 9 a.m. - noon, rain or shine. Sign-in and garbage pick-up sites will be located at the Floating Mill and Ragland Bottom Recreation Areas.



placards to the nature trail at

Volunteers will be provided gloves and garbage bags and assigned a section of shoreline to search for debris. A free lunch will be provided for all participants, complete with door prizes, at each cleanup location.

Volunteers should wear work clothes and sturdy footwear and, depending on the forecast, pack rain gear . . . just in case.

Participants should pre-register by calling (931) 858-3125 or (615) 548-4521. Pre-registration will help planners prepare lunches and select desired cleanup areas. Those not pre-registered may still take part by signing in at either Floating Mill or Ragland Bottom Recreation Areas. Organizers predict one of the best-ever such events.

Cheatham Lake

Cheatham Lake will begin a shoreline cleanup Sept. 18 at 9 a.m. along the Bicentennial Trail. They also plan to remove exotic and invasive plants along the Lock A Trail, as well as renovate the amphitheater inside Lock A Campground. The staff will prepare lunch for volunteers at noon.

Lake Barkley

The staff will conduct a cleanup of the shoreline Sept. 18 and lunch will be provided for volunteers at the Hurricane Creek Campground.

Lake Cumberland

The staff plans to host the 15th Annual Lake Clean-up and expects between 800 and 1,000 volunteers. The effort will begin at 9 a.m. Eastern Time on Sept. 11. A free cookout will be conducted for volunteers and will include entertainment and the awarding of a number of prizes donated by area businesses.

Martins Fork Lake




A volunteer picks up garbage in 2003 at Cordell Hull Lake near the Defeated Creek Campground.

The staff plans to host approximately 100 volunteers beginning at 9 a.m. Sept. 18 at the Hilltop Picnic Shelter.

National Public Lands Day (NPLD) provides an opportunity for everyone to contribute to the improvement of public lands.

At least 70,000 volunteers are expected at 500 sites for NPLD 2004. The National Environmental Education and Training Foundation estimates that the volunteers' work, along with community contributions of food, tools, and equipment, will result in more than \$8 million dollars worth of improvements

and provide the 'Helping Hands for America's Land'. "Each year, thousands of Americans demonstrate the importance of our country's lands by contributing millions of dollars worth of labor and supplies on National Public Lands Day," said Kevin Coyle, president of the National Environmental Education & Training Foundation (NEETF), which coordinates the effort.

"This day-long event," said Coyle, "embodies the national focus on volunteerism and reflects the country's commitment to preserving its public places for future generations." 

Two Nashville Employees Represent U.S. in Bulgaria

by Dave Treadway

When the country of Bulgaria planned an exercise this year to test cooperation between neighboring countries in southeastern Europe for the prevention, management and mitigation of emergencies, they asked the United States to provide valuable feedback with observers on the ground.

Dr. Nikola Nikolov, Bulgaria's chairman of State Agency for Civil Protection, sent his request to the Army which gave the mission to the Corps.

"USACE gave Nashville District the mission," said Natural Disaster Manager Jared Gartman, "because of the Partnership for Peace program in which the Tennessee National Guard and Bulgaria have a working relationship."

Gartman was accompanied by District Communications Team Leader Kenneth Laster, who is also a command sergeant major in the Tennessee National Guard. Laster has participated in several deployments to Bulgaria with the Partnership for Peace program in his role of command sergeant major and that deployment experience and knowledge of Bulgaria proved invaluable during the exercise.

In 2002 Laster helped build the 360-foot-long Sinitevo Bridge across the Maritza River to connect two villages previously only joined by a footbridge. In 1998, he and members of the 194th Engineer Brigade renovated a hospital located about 20 miles from the Serbian border.

"Relationships cemented during those endeavors," said Laster, "led to Nashville District providing the only two U.S. observers for the exercise. Greece, Moldova, Serbia, and Turkey also provided observers. Countries actually involved in Civil Military Emergency Planning Exercise 2004 (CMEPEX 04) included Bulgaria, Croatia, Italy, Macedonia, Romania, and Turkey."

The request arrived in May with less than two weeks notice. Passports were quickly prepared and travel arrangements made.

"We departed May 27," revealed Gartman, "stayed overnight in Paris and arrived in Kardjali, Bulgaria on May 29."



photo courtesy of Jared Gartman

Jared Gartman (left) and Ken Laster (right) speak through an interpreter with Dr. Nikola Nikolov, Chairman of State Agency for Civil Protection, Republic of Bulgaria.

The four-day exercise began May 31. Gartman and Laster observed real-world scenarios that could occur in any country.

Scenarios included techniques used to combat forest fires, structural fires, and hazardous material tank fires. This included identification and containment procedures related to those hazardous materials.

Several search and rescue procedures involved missing boaters, submerged vehicles, sinking or overturned boats, multi-story buildings with limited or no access, and removal of victims from vehicular accidents.

A security response scenario involved a terrorist threat/attack upon a critical infrastructure facility.

At the end of each day, briefs were conducted to review pros and cons of the day's events. Observers then helped develop an exercise scenario and master scenario event list (MSEL).

Gartman learned that Dr. Nikolov and Svetoslav Avdonov, deputy chairman of State Agency for Civil Protection, Republic of Bulgaria, had visited the Tennessee Emergency Management

Agency in the late 1990's and took a valuable tool back to their country.

"The Incident Command System being used (ICS)," revealed Gartman, "was recognizable during the exercise. It was being used to provide command and control of personnel and equipment."

"I first met Mr. Avdonov," said Laster, "during his visit to Tennessee when we flew together on a National Guard helicopter."

All exercises were conducted in English with the aid of translators from a local high school.

"English is spoken very well in Bulgaria," said Laster, "by most of the people under 35 years of age. The southern Bulgaria region is similar to the terrain found in middle and east Tennessee."

Gartman and Laster had the opportunity to visit the Kardjali Dam as well as the Conrat Company hydraulic and pneumatic tools production plant which produces an eastern European line of tools similar to the 'Jaws of Life' used in the U.S. to remove victims from auto accidents. 

Lillydale Makes List of 'Top Ten' Campgrounds

by Dave Treadway

Lillydale Campground and Day Use Area made the *USA TODAY* list of Top 10 great places to pitch a pup tent, posted on the internet August 16. It was the only Corps of Engineers campground to make the list, comprised mostly of state parks.

Environmental Conservation Specialist/Park Ranger Sondra Hafling helped gain the increased visibility for the popular campground.

"I worked closely with ReserveAmerica to promote Lillydale as a 'Hidden Gem'," said Hafling. "The site was scheduled to be 'live' after August 16. This is the end result of a process started months ago."

The site, http://www.usatoday.com/travel/destinations/10great/2004-06-25-camping-sites_x.htm?POE=TRVISVA says:

"For this summer vacation, consider camping -- family style. Whether you choose to bunk in a tent, cabin or lodge, children love the adventure of spending time outside," said John McDonald, marketing manager for ReserveAmerica, the reservation service for 3,000 state and federal parks throughout the country (reserveamerica.com). He shares favorite campgrounds with USA TODAY's Shawn Sell.

Lillydale is located on beautiful Dale Hollow Lake 20 miles from Livingston, Tenn. The campground offers 114 sites, 15 of which are primitive-island camping. Water and electric hookups are available. Other amenities include hot showers, picnic shelter, laundry facilities, boat launch, playgrounds, volleyball court, hiking trail, swimming beaches, dump station, and a public telephone.

The appearance of Lillydale on the Top 10 list is a major success story in which many organizations can share credit.

The popular campground owes much to the Dale Hollow chapter of the Wild Turkey Federation and the Friends of Dale Hollow Lake, Incorporated, which partnered to help reforest the campground in 2001 and 2002. The Boy Scouts of America, Upper Cumberland District, volunteered many hours in planting trees, while students from



Aerial view of Lillydale Campground.

Upperman High School, in Baxter, Tenn., constructed and installed artificial bird nesting boxes.

Lillydale was devastated in 2000 by an epidemic of Eastern Pine Beetles which destroyed 100 percent of the evergreen canopy which sheltered the campsites.

The beetles, part of a pine tree epidemic that swept through the southeastern states, ravaged the mature, non-native loblolly pine forests planted around Dale Hollow Lake approximately 50 years ago for conservation measures and erosion protection. The pine beetles have always been present, however, the severe outbreak in 2000 was due to several warm winters together



Young deciduous trees now dot the shoreline at Lillydale, replacing pines destroyed by beetles.

accompanied by several years of drought. The pine trees are damaged beyond their ability to survive, and the infested trees faded to yellow, then bright reddish brown, before losing their needles and dying. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers had to remove vast numbers of dead trees in developed recreational parks to protect the visiting public.

Lillydale was one of two popular campgrounds at Dale Hollow that were hardest hit. Approximately 1,500 large, infested pine trees were removed. The event sparked a tree restoration plan called Project Phoenix, a partnering effort among the Dale Hollow Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation, the Dale Hollow Lake U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Friends of Dale Hollow Lake, Incorporated.

Project Phoenix takes its name from an American Indian legend that the Phoenix is the thunderbird, believed to be a powerful spirit in the form of a bird. Through its work, the earth is watered and vegetation grows. Lightning is believed to flash from its beak, and the beating of its wings results in the sound of rolling thunder.

As a joint effort for Dale Hollow, Project Phoenix replaced dead pines with native hardwood tree species in the damaged campgrounds, recreational areas, and other natural areas. The campground now sports a mix of healthy native hardwood trees that include various oaks, dogwoods, redbuds, maples, ash, black and sweet gums, tulip poplars, and other native shade and landscaping species.

Directions for Getting There

Take Hwy 111 to 294 North—Willow Grove Road. Proceed on Willow Grove Road for 13.3 miles. Turn right onto Lillydale Road and proceed one mile to the recreation area entrance.

From Hwy 52 at Allons, Tenn., take Old Celina Road 1.5 miles. Right on Oakley-Allons Road for 5.4 miles. Turn left on 294 North—Willow Grove Road for 7 miles. Turn right onto Lillydale Road. One mile into recreation area. 🏠

The Corps Crowd

Welcome to ...

...John Brewington, who transferred from the Cumberland River Operations Center to Cheatham Lock.

Congratulations to ...

...Judy Potaczek, training program specialist in the Resource Management Office, who is leaving Nashville District for the West Civilian Personnel Operations Center (CPOC) at Ft. Huachuca, Ariz., to take the position of training specialist for the Human Resource Development Division. During her (almost) three years here, she ushered in Corps Path, PMBP Training, the Automated Training Management Program (ATMP), and many other training initiatives. We wish her success and happiness.

Congratulations to ...

...Doug DeLong, who married Clarissa Martin on August 8 in Jamaica.

Baby Brigade to ...

...proud grandparents Lynn and Houston Womack, whose daughter, Jennifer, provided them with their first grandchild, Taylor Lynn, born August 3. Lynn is a customer service representative in the Finance/Accounting Office.

...proud parents Kevin and Jennifer Chambliss, on the birth of Logan Wyatt Chambliss, August 3. Kevin is a power plant shift operator at Barkley Power Plant.

...proud parents David and Leah Landis and big brother

Jacob on the birth of Ethan Andrew on August 13. David is the environmental protection specialist at Lake Barkley.

...proud grandparents Philip and Karen Moore on the birth of their second granddaughter, Ellie Catherine, who was born August 5 to parents Cody and Stacie Moore. Philip is a lock and dam equip-



ment mechanic at Cheatham Lock.

Sympathy to ...

...the family of Aida Jaime, former employee of both Planning and Geotechnical Branch, who lost her brother, Joel, in a motorcycle accident August 21.

...the family of Philip Burney, budget analyst, Management Support Branch, Operations Division, whose father, Charles W. Burney, passed away August 18.

Get Well to ...

...Holden Brewington, son of John and Neill Brewington. Holden was injured in a vehicle accident and is recovering at home. John is a lock and dam equipment mechanic at Cheatham.

Combined Federal Campaign Slates Kick-Off in September

Combined Federal Campaign Kick-Off & Agency Fair will be held Sept. 16, starting at 11 a.m. at 9th Avenue & McGavock. There will be door prizes, food, and Linnie Yarbrough will perform on the Alto Saxophone/Flute.

Chief of Police to Speak to Federal Executives

Ronald Serpas, chief of police, will be the featured speaker at the Middle Tennessee Federal Executive Association meeting Sept. 21. The meeting will be in Cafeteria A at noon.

One Corps Provides Florida Relief

(Continued from page 4) from!" And that's the real story of this virtual organization that has so quickly taken on vivid life. The seamless teamwork among members of the Corps, and between the Corps and other federal, state, local government and volunteer organizations, is a hallmark of our culture.

Hurricane Charley ERRO is also a Learning Organization. Lessons learned have been collected throughout, with



Command Sergeant Major Kenneth Laster, (left) a member of the Information Management Office, is awarded the Legion of Merit at the Engineer Ball in Paris, Tenn., August 28 by Brigadier General Jimmy Welch, commander of the 194th Engineer Brigade. Laster retired September 1. He was drafted into the Army in August 1966, spent three years on active duty, with one of those in Vietnam. After release from active duty, he spent the next 35 years in the reserve components. Laster was promoted to his present rank in March 1986 and assigned to the 194th, where he served until retirement. He has been trained in military occupations of infantry, signal, wire guided missile, and engineer.

the Temporary Roofing mission a leader in finding new ways to make things happen faster, better, for more people. Ron Stirrat, of Wilmington District, knows that he could benefit from this storm's lessons before this year's hurricane season is done. He spent a day in the ERRO reviewing processes to ensure that good ideas invented here can be adopted right away if North Carolina needs them.

Project Begins to Protect Moccasin Bend From Erosion

Story and photo by Bill Peoples

Officials with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the National Park Service signed an Inter-agency Agreement to Aug. 27 to start the Moccasin Bend Stream Bank Protection Project. Necessary property from the State of Tennessee, the City of Chattanooga and Hamilton County were transferred to the National Park Service.

Almost half a million dollars was set aside in the FY04 National Park Service budget to begin the project, but the effort first required that all land be transferred to the Park Service.

Corps efforts to protect almost three miles of Tennessee River shoreline along the Moccasin Bend peninsula will be led by project manager Walter Green.

"This is an exciting project because of the significance of what we will be protecting," said Green. "We will involve not only our sponsors, the National Park

Service, but the local public and interest groups such as the Friends of Moccasin Bend in deciding how we proceed on the project."

Moccasin Bend is a first of its kind. It is being added to Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park as the Moccasin Bend National Archeological District.

"We worked with Congressman Wamp, people in our Washington headquarters, our regional office and Superintendent Pat Reed here to come up with **For complete story, see www.lrn.usace.army.mil/pao/digest/**



U.S. Rep. Zach Wamp, (from left) Mayor Bob Corker of Chattanooga, Tennessee Commissioner of Mental Health Virginia Trotter Betts, Hamilton County Mayor Claude Ramsey, Director of the National Park Service Fran Mainella, and Regional Director of the National Parks Service Patricia Hooks are shown after signing documents transferring lands on Moccasin Bend, in background encompassed by the Tennessee River, to the National Park Service.

Old Hickory Takes Advantage of Workforce Recruitment Program

Story and photo by Steven Foshee

When the Old Hickory Resource Office needed help for the summer, they turned to a proven source.

The Workforce Recruitment Program (WRP) again came through and Kristy Shaw helped serve customers in a number of ways through the end of August.

The 2004 graduate of Volunteer State Community College in Gallatin, Tenn., worked as an office clerk to help maintain files, in addition to various other administrative tasks.

She also proved her versatility by serving as the reservations clerk for customers who wanted to reserve Rockland picnic shelter and facilities.

"I think the WRP program for students with disabilities is great," said Shaw, "The program offers opportunities for young people to work with the federal government in a diverse job market. Students can prove their success in an office environment on a daily basis just the same as employees without a disability." The 22-year-old Shaw also participated in the program two

years ago where she worked as an office assistant for an Air Force chaplain in Washington, D.C.

"Kristy was a huge asset working in the Old Hickory Visitor Center," said Administrative Assistant Nancy Taylor, "providing our customers with general information regarding Old Hickory Lake and the surrounding areas. Kristy always had a smile and a friendly word for everyone."

The Office of Disability Employment Policy, U.S. Department of Labor, and the U.S. Department of Defense (Personnel

and Readiness) coordinate the WRP for college students with disabilities.

The program in turn coordinates with numerous agencies like the Corps of Engineers to place an estimated 1,500 college and university students with disabilities. These summer interns undertake any number of special projects that might have been postponed, perhaps, for lack of time or resources. Many times they assume some responsibilities when regular staff are on annual or sick leave and serve in areas such as communications, science, and administrative support.

Trained recruiters visit campuses to conduct interviews with interested students with disabilities. The information is then compiled in a database where potential employers can search by state or job category to identify qualified applicants. To obtain a copy of the database on CD-Rom, simply send your name and mailing address to the email address:

wrp@dol.gov 



Kristy Shaw at just one of her many 'work stations' during the summer.

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Just To Be On The Safe Side ...

by John Tibbels

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has a standard on blood-borne pathogens. This standard is designed to protect people from exposure to diseases, which can be contracted by direct contact with blood and other body fluids. Hepatitis B affects the liver and is the disease most feared.

Employers must identify workers at risk, provide safety needles and puncture-proof containers, ensure that universal precautions are practiced, provide gloves, masks, and other protective equipment. If supervisors determine that workers are potentially exposed to blood or other body fluids while on the job, those workers will be provided Hepatitis B vaccinations. These vaccinations consist of three shots during a one-year period and are provided at no expense to the

employee. Employees may refuse to take the Hepatitis B vaccination but must sign a declination statement. The worker may change his or her mind at any time and receive the vaccinations.

Although the OSHA standard is mostly used to cover workers in the medical field, it still has applications when people on the job may be in a position to provide first aid to a coworker or a member of the public. That's when training and personal protective equipment is needed. 🏠

Know Before You Go Certainly Applies to Operating a Boat

by Park Ranger Charlie Leath

Everyone has heard the saying "A little bit of knowledge is a dangerous thing." This holds true when it comes to boating. Just because a person knows how to launch and start a boat does not mean they have the knowledge to operate it safely. According to the U.S. Coast Guard, 80 percent of accidents that occur in boats are caused by boat operators who have no formal training in boat operation. How much training do you have?

There are many opportunities to learn more about safe boating that are

conveniently located right at your fingertips. The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, U.S. Power Squadron, Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency and other agencies offer training courses. These courses are inexpensive or free. Some are available online and can be completed in the comfort of your home. It is wise for anyone to take a boating course and as of January 1, 2005, it is mandatory in Tennessee for boaters born after January 1, 1989, to have proof of completing a nationally approved boater education course. Many insurance companies give a discount to those who submit a

certificate of successful completion of a safe boating course.

What all is required to be in a boat? Are different items required for different size boats? When are children under 13 required to wear a life jacket? Is there a speed limit on the water? What does that red flag with a white stripe on it mean? These are only a few questions that everyone operating a boat should know. If you cannot answer all of these questions, you should consider taking a boater training course. Make every trip in the boat an enjoyable experience. A safe trip will be a fun trip. 🏠