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Just To Be On The Safe Side ... Winter Driving Hazards

by Bill Bennett, Safety Office

Winter driving can be hazardous and stressful. Wind, ice, and snow conditions add to the normal dangers of driving. But there's a lot you can do before the winter driving season to negate those dangers and protect both yourself and your family.

Before winter arrives, have your car inspected to be sure it's ready for the road during winter weather conditions. You can do this yourself or take it to a certified mechanic. Check your battery, wipers and fluid, thermostat, brakes, ignition system, antifreeze, exhaust system, lights, oil level, heater and defrosters. Make sure everything is in good working order to keep you safe throughout the cold weather.

Pay attention to the weather forecasts and road conditions in the winter months. If the weather is bad, staying home might be the best possible course of action. If you have to travel, do so in the daylight. You are most likely to get help if you get stuck during the day. Never warm up your vehicle in the garage. This releases carbon monoxide, which is toxic and can kill you.

When driving, always wear your seatbelt. Wear sunglasses to protect your eyes from the glare of the sun reflecting off the snow. Know your car and how it handles in the snow. Features like traction control



photo by Dave Treadway

Deer crossing roadways create an additional hazard at this time of year.

and antilock brakes can be useful in bad weather conditions. Know how these work and if your car is new, practice driving it in a snow-covered parking lot before venturing out on the road.

Take it slow, especially in icy conditions. Don't tailgate and be sure to allow a safe distance between vehicles. Do everything slowly, stopping, accelerating and turning. Leave plenty of time and space to maneuver. Sliding and skidding usually happen when turning, stopping or accelerating. Going extra slow will help ensure your safety.

If visibility is low, slow down even more. Consider getting off highways and driving even slower. This will take you out

of the path of large trucks that can cause accidents. Use only your low beams, as your high beams will reflect back off the snow and won't increase your visibility. Turn on your hazard lights to be sure other drivers see you.

In the event your car gets stuck, don't get out. Put up the hood and tie a cloth to the antennae. This will make you more visible to emergency vehicles and other drivers. Keep the windows, air grill and tail pipe clear of snow. Wrap up in blankets and huddle up with passengers to stay warm. Run the heater for fifteen minutes each hour to keep from freezing. Move your body around to stay warm.

Check your tires to be sure they are road ready. Install tires that are appropriate for the anticipated driving conditions. In moderate amounts of snow, all weather radials will do the job nicely. If you live in a climate where you experience a lot of snow, consider snow tires. These have better tread to deal with snow and ice. Crash rates and related injuries are higher in the winter than any other season. What may come as a surprise is that the most serious crashes that involve injuries do not occur during a snowstorm, but rather when the weather is clear and drivers are less attentive to surrounding conditions. There is no substitute for being prepared and alert.



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Bruce Johnson, lock & dam equipment mechanic at Old Hickory Lock, is presented the "I Love My Job" Award by Pete Leighty, chief, Plant Unit, on behalf of 2nd shift employees working at the Wilson Lock maintenance closure. The plaque reads "I Love My Job Award presented to Bruce Johnson for his harmonious & cantankerous attitude from your friends on second shift Wilson Lock October 2006". No matter what job Johnson was assigned during the closure, when asked about his progress he would always preface his answer with, "First let me explain, 'I Love My Job'", so therefore it was only fitting that he be presented this token of their gratitude.



photo by Dave Treadway

On the Cover

Glen Gadberry, (left) a contract employee acquired through Tartar Contracting Services, operates the boom Oct. 30 on the PRIDE of the Cumberland to place woody debris into the chipper. Dudley Hosch, a member of the Friends of Lake Cumberland, stands on the deck of the Lake Cumberland skimmer boat to assist in the process. The volunteer spends Mondays and Tuesdays each week on the vessel as a valuable member of the crew. For complete story, see page 6.

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Readiness Update . . . Are You Prepared for Deployment?

by Kathy Grimes

Deployed Personnel: Civil Emergencies: 0 GWOT: 2 Total Deployed: 2

Readiness Activities:

New Madrid Earthquake Planning: The New Madrid Earthquake Response Plan continues to improve. LTC Roemhildt was briefed on the Contracting and Human Resource annexes in October. Briefings will continue as the commander's schedule allows. The Readiness goal is to brief each annex to the commander and prepare the Final Operations Plan by early March next year. Once completed, the District will conduct exercises to prepare for participation in a Tennessee Earthquake Exercise in June with the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency.

Always prepare. Nashville District has been fortunate this year, because employees did not have to deploy for hurricanes, but this should not give you a false sense of hope. The winter months are coming and those months could present new challenges. Recently the Buffalo District had a Snow Emergency declared that required

USACE to deploy a Temporary Power PRT.

The 2006 Hurricane Season officially ends on November 30, but hurricanes do occur outside the official season. The last hurricane of the 2005 season was named Hurricane Epsilon, which developed on December 2 and lasted five days before dissipating. Fortunately, the National Hurricane Center doesn't anticipate a reoccurrence of that this year.

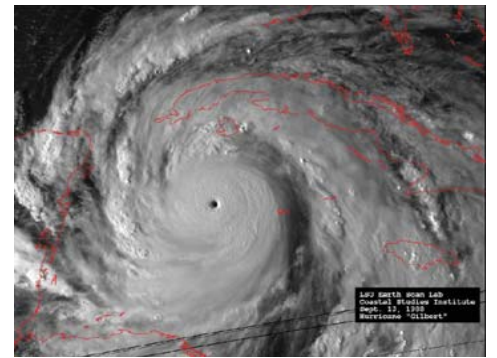
Persons interested in deploying:

Those who are interested in deploying in support of disaster operations should begin preparing now! To do so, you should:

- Get your supervisor's approval
- Complete your Personal Data Sheet (PDS) and Medical Screening in ENGLink <https://englink.usace.army.mil>
- Get the Hepatitis A and Tetanus shots {Contact the Health Unit for assistance}

NOTE: Everyone's immunization information was erased in ENGLink. Please go into ENGLink and provide the required immunization info on your PDS.

- Procure Personal Protective Equip-



ment: Hardhat, safety boots, safety glasses, etc.

- Hold a government credit card.

*Note: Supervisors, Timekeepers, and Travel Clerks should complete the 'Phone/Commo' section of their Personal Data Sheet. This information is required because it is displayed on the deploying person's PDS.

Readiness, it's not just a job, it's a lifestyle.



Prepare Yourself and Your Family Now

Last article in a series

- Have** an earthquake kit
- Know** how to turn off gas, power and water
- Plan** family emergency drills making plans to reunite your family
- Anchor** heavy objects to walls (book-cases, mirrors, etc.)
- Never** place heavy objects over beds, and keep heavy objects lower than head height of shortest family member

DURING a quake, stay calm...

- Think Duck, Cover, and Hold** - This is still the recommended practice
- INSIDE**, crouch under desks or tables, move to an inside corner or wall away from glass or doors which could swing, causing injury

OUTSIDE, stand away from buildings, trees, telephone and electrical lines

ON THE ROAD, drive away from underpasses and overpasses, stop in a safe area, stay in vehicle; Turn radio on for safety information

AFTER an earthquake...

- CHECK FOR INJURIES** – provide first aid if needed
- CHECK FOR SAFETY** – check gas, water and sewage breaks; check for downed power lines and shorts; turn off appropriate utilities
- CHECK FOR BUILDING DAMAGE** and potential problems during aftershocks
- CLEAN UP** dangerous spills
- WEAR SHOES** to avoid cuts on your feet from broken glass
- TURN ON RADIO** and listen for instructions from public safety agencies
- USE TELEPHONE IN EMERGENCIES ONLY** to avoid tying up the phone lines

('Patriot', continuede from page 7)

has been in a 150-foot flight cage at the AEF facility for several months, and has been responding and flying very well.

"The release of this majestic bird," said AEF President Al Cecere, "is yet another reminder of the importance of eagle conservation in the U.S. and all those Americans who have died in the name of freedom. The efforts of the American Eagle Foundation, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, and Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency continue to ensure that future generations will have the opportunity to see and enjoy the majestic eagle as it flies across America's heartland."

The 4th and 5th Grade classes from Hilham Elementary School were on hand to witness the release on a beautiful sunny day. Teacher Michelle Nivens, whose husband is Dale Hollow Ranger Gregg Nivens, brought her students to Lillydale Campground for the event.

"My students are so excited to witness this release and I am happy for them. They are so looking forward to it," said Nivens when her class arrived at Lillydale.

Each year Dale Hollow hosts an Eagle Watch in mid-January and picks up guests at Lillydale, the District's only campground listed in ReserveAmerica's list of Top 10 from across the nation.

The Corps Crowd

Congratulations to...

... Jimmy Mann, maintenance worker at Wolf Creek Power Plant, who retired Sept. 30.

... Diane Frost, Real Estate Division, whose son, Glenn, was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Army and graduated from MTSU in May. After completing Warrior Forge at Fort Lewis, Wash., in 2005, he was chosen the top ROTC cadet from a 400 man regiment and awarded a silver saber sword. Earlier this year he was awarded the prestigious George C. Marshall Award and graduated from the U.S. Army Engineer School at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. in September.



Frost

... Stacy Bilbrey, park ranger at Cordell Hull Lake, who accepted a 120 day temporary assignment in the Eastern Regulatory Field Office.

... Stephen Beason, conservation biologist at Center Hill Lake, who married Marla Shell from Livingston, Tenn., on Oct. 21. ... Current and former Navigation employees David Bethurum, Eddie McBride, Gary Bowling, Gerald Cunningham, and Mildred Cabaniss, who will all be retiring near the end of this year. A reception in their honor will be held Dec. 14 at J. Percy Priest Shop Conference Room at 1p.m. Everyone is invited!

Welcome to...

... Park Ranger Richard Rice, who reported to Lake Cumberland in mid-October from Bald Hill Dam/Lake Ashtabula in St. Paul District. He is a graduate of the University of Minnesota at Crookston, with a degree in Natural Resources Management.



Rice

... Dawn Laffoon, administrative assistant in Office of Counsel, District from the US Department of Agriculture.

... John Grayson, Contracting Division, who returns to the District after a two-year

tour in Germany.

... Jennie Emmons, co-op ranger at Center Hill Lake, who returned to work Oct. 23 after a terrible car accident in July.

Baby Brigade to...

... Doug Radley, chief of Project Planning Branch, who has a new grandson. Gabriel Lewis Rossi arrived weighing in at 7 pounds, 5 ounces, and measuring 19 inches long.

... Bill Hill, who is now grandfather to twins Reginald William and Ryan Cora Louise born Sept. 26 to daughter Yolanda and Sidney Marie born to daughter Billye



Twins Reggie and Ryan



Sidney Marie

Dale Hollow Lake, welcomed his first grandchild into the world on Oct. 4. Parents Cody and Jade Cross named the baby girl Cambrie Cate Cross. She weighed 7 pounds, 4 ounces and measured 21 and 1/2 inches long.

... Jennifer and Tim Higgs, project manager, PPPMD, whose son Aaron Arthur was born Oct. 26, weighing in at 6 pounds, 6 ounces, and measuring 18 inches long.



Aaron Arthur

... Robbie and Matt Radtke, an IT specialist in Navigation Branch, who welcomed their first child into the world Oct. 5. Tyler Galloway weighed 7 pounds,

6 ounces, and measured 20 inches.

... Bob and Anita Jarrett, statistical assistant in Navigation Branch, who welcomed their second grandchild, born to Brandon and Dana Jarrett, into the world Oct. 10. Jemma Annabelle weighed 8 pounds, 4 ounces, and measured 21 inches.



Tyler

Jemma

Sympathy to ...

... Jerry Lindsey, electrician, CROC, Old Hickory, whose son Jerry Lindsey, Jr., passed away Oct. 1.

... John Roberson, senior mechanic at Wolf Creek Power Plant, whose father, Odis Roberson, passed away on Oct. 9.

... the family of Jerry W. Brown, an electrical engineer serving as a project manager in the Planning, Programs and Project Management Division, who passed away Oct. 17.

... Floyd Hudson, a lock operator at Nickajack Lock, whose mother, Edna Ashburn Hudson, passed away Oct. 13.

PRIDE Honors Marina Operator

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Cumberland, who nominated Denney for recognition.

Brock said Denney supports the Friends' ongoing fundraising efforts by donating a weekend houseboat excursion for raffle. In August and September, Denney also donated docking space at Conley Bottom for the Corps of Engineers' *PRIDE of the Cumberland* trash removal vessel.

The PRIDE Volunteer of the Month program recognizes hard work and dedication to the PRIDE initiative.

PRIDE, started by Rogers in 1997, serves 38 counties in southern and eastern Kentucky. It links citizens with resources of local, state and federal agencies to clean the region's waterways.

Lieutenant Colonel Steven Roemhildt

Commander's Corner

Take Pride in Your Work

It's another great day to be part of the Army and a member of the Nashville District Corps of Engineers. It's a great day because we get to help meet the needs of this region and this great country and it just does not get better than that. Just look at the articles in this edition of the *District Digest* and notice the theme of community assistance. Notice the reduction or elimination of major flooding in the region and just think what that means to community development. Notice the development of community in Southeastern Kentucky as part of the work we have done with flood damage reduction and environmental infrastructure. Notice the heroic efforts that occurred at Wilson Lock with the repairs to the gate after an unforeseen barge accident and the speed and determination of getting the main chamber back into operation. Notice the professionalism and efficiency of our Rangers in

Communication

protecting our shorelines and communicating with the public. You can see a pride in their commitment to their duties as I see the same pride in every employee's work. It does not matter what your particular duties and responsibilities are as they are all critical to the success of our mission, which is protecting people from water, protecting water from people and making water useful in the Cumberland and Tennessee River Basins.

We certainly have some challenges ahead of us from NSPS conversion, establishment of the Navigation High Performance Organization, Dam Safety, IMO MEEO transition, continued regionalization, and planning for a New Madrid Earthquake response. In all of these areas, I am absolutely confident that we will achieve our objectives and make it all happen while meeting our mission and providing a focus on our Corps family; our employees. The one thing common to all these challenges is the people we have working the issues. Their expertise, professionalism, care for fellow employees and the pride they have in the work they

perform are exemplary. It certainly is a great day to be a member of the Nashville District Corps of Engineers. I am immensely proud to be your commander and look forward to continued service to you, this region, and this country.



The Corps joins sponsors of the Jonesborough Section 205 Flood Damage Reduction Project to plant the final tree on Oct. 27 which signified completion of an effort to protect the historic town from flooding.

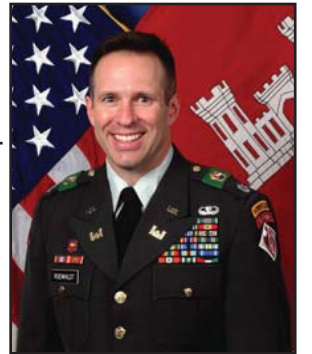
October Employee of the Month

Tim McCleskey was selected as Nashville District Employee of the Month for October.

He is the chief of the Soils Design and Dam Safety Section of the Civil Design Branch in Engineering/Construction Division.

McCleskey was responsible for preparation of the Major Rehabilitation reports on Wolf Creek and Center Hill Dams which has resulted in both these projects being approved for rehabilitation. Work has already begun at Wolf Creek Dam and is scheduled to begin at Center Hill Dam in 2007.

He recently stepped up to fill the Branch Chief's position for an interim period, in addition to his other duties. His expertise and steady leadership have



As a closing note, I would like to highlight a specific aspect of safety. As we are nearing the holiday season, you will be inundated with holiday and home safety messages, which are all great and very important. I just want to emphasize that this can be a busy time for us all, with places to visit, people to see and many great things happening in each of our lives. While we celebrate the holidays, I truly ask you to keep your head in the game here at work and at home and realize that only a fraction of a distraction can cause an accident and interrupt such a joyous season. Knowing that there are distractions and this is a busy time for everyone, please ensure that you take even more time to emphasize safety. Take the time to ensure you are performing the task at hand in a safe manner. Thank you for your consideration. *Safety, because you are important!*



Tim McCleskey

individuals personify the seven Army values of loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, honor, integrity, and personal courage.

Paige Selected as New Chief of Real Estate Division

by Dave Treadway

Ms. Priscilla Paige arrived in Nashville Oct. 30 as the new chief of Real Estate Division.

Priscilla comes to Music City from Mobile District where she served as deputy chief of the Real Estate Systems National Center and the National program manager for the Rental Facilities Management Information System.

The Belzoni, Miss., native earned her undergraduate degree and first Master's in English at Jackson State University, a second Master's degree in the College of Urban and Public Affairs from the University of New Orleans, and is currently pursuing a doctorate in the Department of Social Science at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore. Her doctoral dissertation will focus on community and economic development in the Mississippi Delta.

Paige first worked for the Corps of Engineers as a co-op student in the New Orleans District, Real Estate Division. She has also served in a program manager position at the Corps' Engineering Research and Development Center and one assignment at HQUSACE where she served as the national program manager for the Real Estate Support for Others Program. She found the later assignment very enjoyable because it provided her the best interface with a variety of customers.



Priscilla Paige

But the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority member most enjoyed a job outside the Corps when she taught English and Spanish while also serving as a cheerleader coach at an alternative high school in Baton Rouge, Louisiana—a school for second chance students. There she had a unique relationship with her students and saw the positive impact of her work on a daily basis.

Although she has been in the District only a few days, Paige already enjoys the assignment.

"People are very supportive and encouraging," smiled Paige. "Nashville is the perfect place to start as a chief."

"The team that works together succeeds together" is Paige's operating philosophy.

She hopes to become involved in some volunteer ventures here that will allow her to make an impact on adult literacy and spiritual growth.

Volunteers Help Clean Cordell Hull Recreation Areas

by Park Ranger Travis Wiley

Park Rangers at Cordell Hull Lake staged two opportunities for volunteers to celebrate National Public Lands Day with events on both Sept. 29 and 30.

On Friday, 266 volunteers at Salt Lick Creek Campground collected 21 bags of

litter from the Holleman's Bend Horse Trail, applied sealant to a basketball court and eradicated invasive vegetation from a large area in the campground.

Another group of 46, representing several local civic groups, worked on various projects to help enhance Corps Parks and sections of shoreline in Smith County.

At Defeated Creek Park, workers com-

pleted the replacement of park benches and removed exotic vegetation at Defeated Creek Park. At the Cordell Hull Overlook, volunteers removed graffiti and spruced up structures with paint, then constructed a new section on the Bearwallow Gap Trail.

The total effort for both days was 312 volunteers who donated a total of 1248 hours.



Volunteers construct a new section on the Bearwallow Gap Trail.



Everyone pitches in to cover graffiti with a new coat of paint at the Cordell Hull Overlook.

Corps of Engineers Recognizes Dive School Staff

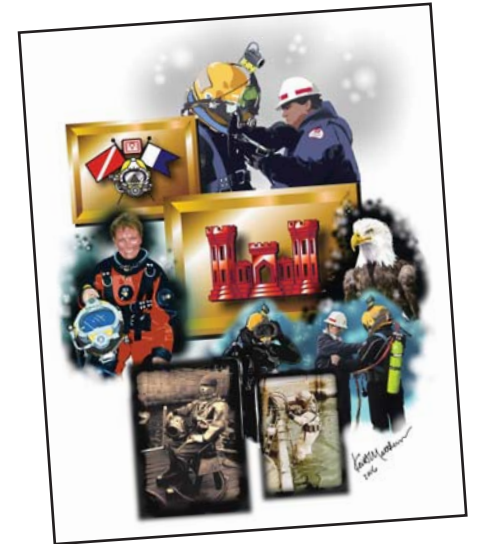
Officials with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers recognized the contributions of key members of Florida Keys Community College (FKCC) and its Diving Business and Technology Program Sept. 28 for 30 years of work diving safety training administered to the civilian divers whom they have trained during that time.

The first USACE Work Diving Safety and Supervision course was held on Truman Annex in Key West in September 1976. Ten years later the program, along with its founders and many of its original staff, moved to the campus of FKCC, where it has served as the impetus for de-

velopment of an extraordinary facility and curriculum for underwater education.

Army Corps training at FKCC now includes the original four-week 'Hard Hat' Work Diving Safety and Supervisor course, as well as training for Diving Safety Inspectors and Diving Coordinators. Courses developed for the Army are now available to other government agencies as well as working divers from the private sector. During the past 30 years these courses have brought hundreds of students and millions of dollars into the Keys Community.

With the army program as a centerpiece, FKCC has established an Associate



Degree in Diving Business and Technology that prepares students for careers in recreational diving tourism and other marine industries which flourish in both the Florida Keys and beyond. The Key West Campus has become a leading center for Public Safety Diver training, including a pioneer Underwater Port Security course, and is now used by NOAA as the East Coast training facility for its Working Divers.

At the award ceremony, Chief of Engineers LTG Carl A. Strock noted that, "the expertise that our divers have acquired at FKCC has enabled them to safely perform tasks critical to our mission", and thanked FKCC President William A. Seeker, Program Director Bob Smith, and the program staff, past and present, for "a job very well done".



photo courtesy of Gary Harding

The plaque at far right contains a brass standard symbolizing the standard by which all other dive students will be measured. LTC Steven Roemhildt, Bill Bennett, and Gary Harding participated in the award ceremony. Nashville dive students Keith Holley and Greg Cox were in attendance with others in their training class. Most of the photographs in the montage are of Nashville District divers. According to Harding, many made favorable comments about Nashville District's participation and contributions to the Corps' diving program.



Make History in New Orleans—Make a Difference for America is the catch phrase of a campaign to encourage Corps of Engineers employees to check out Corps job opportunities in New Orleans.

Because the area is rebounding after Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, Task Force Hope, Hurricane Protection Office and the New Orleans District, through its Protection Restoration Office, are seeking people with talent, ability, vision and dedication.

New Orleans has been called the Jewel of the south, the Big Easy and the Crescent City, renowned for its unique culture.

In one of the largest public works projects in American history, the Corps

is restoring, repairing and improving the hurricane protection system of southeast Louisiana, noted Commander and Chief of Engineers LTG Carl A. Strock. In encouraging staff to go to New Orleans, he said, "I can't promise you fame or glory, but I can guarantee you the satisfaction of being part of something bigger than yourself—of truly making a difference."

Employees who volunteer will have the opportunity for promotion and eligibility for higher-level positions throughout the Corps, and "return rights" for their position.

Interested employees may call (504) 862-2800 or visit www.mvn.usace.army.mil www.cpol.army.mil or www.usajobs.gov

COUNSEL'S CORNER



by Qiana Davis and Bill Hill, Office of Counsel

In March this year a large portion of our workforce was trained on the Privacy Act (PA). The training went into detail concerning the law and regulations, and provided several examples of inappropriate disclosures of information. Based on recent occurrences, there is a need to reiterate some of the guidance regarding the PA.

What does the PA prohibit?

The PA prohibits the disclosure of personal information such as home addresses, home email addresses and home phone numbers without the **written** consent of the individual. This includes a list of home addresses circulated inside the office.

What are the consequences of violating the PA?

Individuals who violate the PA by disclosing the personal information of others

are subject to administrative, civil and/or criminal sanctions.

What other documentation is covered by the Privacy Act?

Medical documentation as well as personal identifiable information, such as social security numbers, are subject to the PA. In addition to not disclosing medical information, all documentation that contains sensitive information should be kept in separate folders in **locked** files at all times. Remember that performance appraisals and awards contain social security numbers and should not be left unattended or unlocked.

How do I dispose of sensitive information?

Recently it was discovered that sensitive information was placed in a trash bin. Please remember to dispose of all sensitive documents by shredding.

What are some tips for protecting sensitive information?

- Think about what medical information you really **need** from an employee

- Keep all medical documentation in a separate locked file cabinet
- Do not routinely collect medical documentation on sensitive illnesses
- Protect all your passwords
- Be careful when using the internet
- Do not place personal information on unsecured internet sites
- Do not use social security numbers on documents or government forms unless absolutely necessary
- Use only the last four numbers of social security ID

Where can I get additional information on the PA?

If you have additional questions, you can contact Rhonda Varnell (Privacy Act Officer) or Bill Hill in the Office of Counsel (OC). The slides of the PA training can be found on the District intranet at the OC homepage <https://www2.lrn.usace.army.mil/oc/docs/PrivacyAct.ppt>.

National Public Radio Features Tennessee Caves

Corey Holliday, (center) representing the Nature Conservancy, prepares to escort reporters with National Public Radio (NPR) into Pattons Cave on October 20 to tape a segment about creatures that live under the ground we walk on. The cave, home to blind fish and some bats, also reportedly contains lots of large and impressive cephalopod fossils jutting out of the floor and ceiling. The entrance lies on Corps of Engineers property within the boundaries of J. Percy Priest Lake.

For the story by NPR, visit <http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=6395687>. There you will also find a link where you can listen to the program that aired October 31 on NPR.



photo by Dave Treadway

Corps Display Enhances Fish Hatchery

by Dave Treadway

The Wolf Creek National Fish Hatchery, located just downstream of Wolf Creek Dam, now houses the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Display in the accompanying photo.

The mock-up of Wolf Creek Dam is prominently displayed between two large fish tanks, one behind the dam containing warm-water species such as largemouth bass, bream and stripers, and one below the structure containing rainbow and brown trout.

"Visibility of the display is just tremendous," said Marshall Jennings, "and will give the Corps of Engineers excellent exposure among visitors to the new Wolf Creek National Fish Hatchery Visitor & Environmental Education Center."

Jennings served as the Corps' point-man with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Southern Custom Exhibits, the contractor who installed the displays in the new Center.

"I worked closely with Hatchery Manager James Gray and with contractor Carl Hinton," Jennings explained. "Carolyn Bauer in the District Office assembled four presentations that tell about our Mission

areas, the construction of Wolf Creek Dam, the value of Recreation both on the lake as well as below the dam on the Cumberland River, and how important Water Quality is to the fishing industry.

"She provided those products to Hinton and he produced what is now in the display."

Volunteer Reba Wagner and husband Gene greeted visitors at the Hatchery October 30.

"We have hosted about 5,500 visitors since the Visitor & Environmental Education Center opened, more than 500 on Saturday," said Wagner. "And this is the off-season with children now back in school. Next year I fully expect our visitor count to go up from our yearly average of about 150,000."

She and her husband live in a nearby motor home in an agreement with the Fish and Wildlife Service.

The Hatchery's Gift Shop is operated by Friends of Wolf Creek Fish Hatchery, a non-profit 501.3(c) agency.

Wagner talked about one event hosted



The Corps mission and messages at the Fish Hatchery are prominently displayed.

jointly each year by the Wolf Creek National Fish Hatchery and the Catch A Rainbow Committee.

"We had more than 1,400 youngsters registered to fish in the Annual Kids Fishing Derby this year and we hope to have 2,000 for the event on June 2 next year. The number on hand that day swelled to 3,000 when parents and volunteer helpers were also counted. The Fish Hatchery stocked the stream with the entire contents of one raceway, between 4,000 and 5,000 rainbow trout."

She said several journalists have committed to attend next year's event.

"We expect them to help us publicize it and help us reach our goal of 2,000." Many of those same visitors will pass through the new Center and view the displays.

Constructed in 1975, the Hatchery flourishes because of the ready supply of water at just the right temperature from Wolf Creek Dam. It is capable of raising nearly 700,000 rainbow trout of various sizes, and nearly 100,000 brown trout for stocking streams in Kentucky.



Congressman William L. "Bill" Jenkins, (R-TN) is joined Oct. 27 by a host of officials including Jonesborough Mayor Tobie Bledsoe, Miss Jonesborough Erin Eberhart, and District Engineer LTC Steven Roemhildt to cut the ribbon and officially accept the Section 205 Flood Damage Reduction project to protect the historic east-Tennessee city.

The 'Tango' Is Part of Hispanic Heritage

Story and photos by Dave Treadway

Ms. Diana Holland, President and Executive Director of *Tango Nashville*, was the special guest of Nashville District October 12 as she shared the history and evolution of Argentine Tango to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month.

Holland explained the evolution of the Tango under the theme *Hispanic Americans: Our Rich Culture Contributing to America's Future*.

"The music started first," revealed Holland, "then the dance came along, followed by the lyrics."

"Most people widely consider the Argentines the big thing in Latin America, which has to do with the big influx of European immigration experienced by the country. There is something about the identity of Argentines that is being constantly redefined. Tango became known as the voice of the people, so when the Tango was very popular everybody talked about it but then when something happened to hush it, especially repressive dictatorships, then it went underground. When it was popular with current leadership, then the Tango flourished, like during the two reigns of Peron when his wife, Maria

Eva Duarte de Peron promoted it."

Holland said the original Tango was performed by an eight-piece band until a composer took it to an orchestra or symphony style music.

"When he first did so, he was not popular," laughed Holland, "and was frowned upon by traditionalists but his music was then picked up by a lot of different art scenes and he became extremely popular. He took Tango to a whole new level. The music was much more symphonic, more theatrical and became the stage Tango. The performing Tango went onstage and became really strong and generated productions like *'Forever Tango'* and became very popular."

In her present role with Tango Nashville, she promotes the history of the dance



Dancers Tonya Miller and Christoph Rosenmuller demonstrate the 'Tango' for Nashville District employees Oct. 12.



Conference Room A640 became a stage Oct. 12 for Tango Nashville to share the popular dance commonly associated with the country of Argentina.

wherever opportunity presents itself.

"We like to say that our Tango troop is extremely multicultural," declared Holland. "Performers represent Germany, Italy, Russia, Turkey, as well as the U.S." Two dancers, one from Germany, the other from Michigan, then thrilled the assembled crowd with a Tango performance before employees shared food commonly served in Spanish speaking countries.

Upcoming Events

The Special Emphasis Committee is planning an observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr., day event for January next year. As details are finalized, they will be presented in this forum.

A gathering for employees in observance of the Christmas Holidays is also being planned and more details will be announced soon.

"Summer of Peace" Highlights Lewis and Clark

Cordell Hull Park Ranger John Derby represented Nashville District in the Summer of Peace Signature event of the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial Commemoration in Lewiston, Idaho, June 5 – 17, and came away with a greater appreciation for what the explorers accomplished.

When Derby flew into Lewiston on June 4, his flight took him over the Rocky Mountains and across Salt Lake City in less than a day, but for the members of the Lewis and Clark party, also called the Corps of Discovery, this same journey took years with many hardships along the way.

In 2000, the National Council for the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial decided to highlight some of the more nationally significant festivals and events and call them Signature Events. The "Summer of Peace" was designated as the twelfth Signature Event in the series.

Opening Ceremonies, conducted by the Nez Perce Indian Tribe, were conducted at Lapwai, Idaho.

Derby joined 23 other Corps employees from around the nation and James McElhinney, a representative of the Frontier Army Living History Association, to man various venues visited by people of all ages. School programs were conducted by various federal agencies during the first four days.

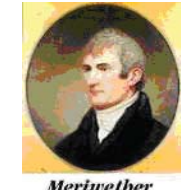
Although the event was open to the public, the majority of the public attended the event on the weekends of June 10/11 and June 14-17.

"The Corps was involved in eight separate venues," said Derby, "during this commemorative event – COE Exhibit; Corps of Discovery II keelboat; presentations in the Tent Of Many Voices (TOMV); a water safety exhibit; an artifact tent; and the reenactment encampment of Captain Lewis Company discovery tent, and video presentation."

The Corps I exhibit was part of a contingent of federal, state and local agencies. It was comprised of five parts; (1) a three-



William Clark



Meriwether Lewis



Girls dressed in native costumes danced at the historic ceremony.

part exhibit backdrop with a description of the Lewis and Clark Expedition on one panel, the Missouri River on another panel, and the Corps' mitigation efforts on the third panel; (2) a display of the Discovery Box; (3) an information table that contained a variety of Corps brochures (4) five Michael Haynes prints commissioned by the Corps; and (5) a "trading center" designed to engage more people, especially children, to peak their interest in the Lewis and Clark expedition.

A total of 3255 interpretive contacts were recorded at the exhibit booth. Corps of Discovery II – 200 Years to the Future – The Corps II exhibit consisted of 32 panels with an associated audiotape headset that discussed Jefferson's vision; Lewis, Clark, and the members of the expedition; and the natural resources and Native American influences encountered on the expedition. Visitors were encouraged to board a half-size land-based replica of a keelboat for interpretive programs about the expedition. This produced 3286 interpretive contacts.

Tent Of Many Voices (TOMV) Associated with Corps II, TOMV had a small stage for presentations and seating

capacity of 150. "Hardships of the Expedition" was presented by Heather Burke, while Ed Shirley presented "Provisioning the Expedition", Larry Spisak presented "Music of the Expedition", and Craig Rockwell presented both "Reflections

of Captain Clark" and "Capt. Clark and a Nez Perce Elder Reminisce Their Time Together on the Lewis and Clark Trail".

Because of the water traffic on the Columbia River and the number of commercial fishermen in the area, the Corps set up a Water Safety display with Ranger Kelly Thomas (NWP) in charge. The event featured Captain Alcohol – Fatal Vision Goggles were worn by a visitor who was then asked to walk a straight line, put on a PFD, put

the key into a boat ignition, turn on the bilge, blower and wipers. Captain Alcohol gave them the feeling of being intoxicated while attempting to pilot a boat.

Hypothermia tank invited youngsters to plunge their hands into ice cold water, then count to 10 before trying to retrieve pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters. Rangers then talked about the color of the victim's skin and hypothermia. The Artifact tent contained medical supplies, topographical instruments, and writing implements from the 1800-1810 time frame as well as animal pelts that would have been seen and collected during the expedition.

Captain Lewis Company - Members of the Corps' Captain Lewis' Company, as well as a member of the Frontier Army Living History Association, provided costumed interpretation (1803 Army) at the site.

"As members of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers," declared Derby, "we need to remember all of the sacrifices the Corps of Discovery encountered and remain proud for the wisdom of Thomas Jefferson so many years ago."

EAGLEs Spotted at Center Hill Lake

by Courtney Wilson

The 2006 EAGLE class recently spent a rewarding day at Center Hill Lake installing signs and helping remove trash and shoreline debris from Davies Island East, Davies Island West, and East Shore Islands. The class launched boats at Puckett's Point after everyone had donned a life jacket.

Some collected everything from discarded bottles and old tires to rusty refrigerator parts, while others went to work installing new reflective signs that will help boaters locate primitive campsites at night. As most EAGLEs worked up a hearty appetite on those projects, grill masters John Baird and Jerry Kennedy prepared to serve up a selection of burgers and hotdogs. Center Hill Park Ranger and EAGLE participant Gary Bruce coordinated the day's logistics which removed 45 bags of trash, in addition to multiple tires and other debris.

In the win-win situation, the class contributed to the environment and improved it for all who will visit the beautiful surroundings of Center Hill Lake. They left that day with the realization that it is

up to each of us to help keep our public lands clean and healthy for future generations. Whether you simply stop to pick up someone else's discarded can or partici-

pate in volunteer organizations, there is no job too small when it comes to the future of the environment. We can all make a difference.



The 2006 EAGLE class found and collected a wide assortment of garbage from the waters and shoreline of Center Hill Lake.

2006 EAGLEs Tour Dewatered Wilson Lock

by Chris Taylor

The 2006 EAGLE class got a rare view of Wilson Lock when they visited Oct. 19. They observed work in progress on the upper gate machinery, emptying valves, sand blasting and painting on the lower gates. What we saw that day was astonishing.

Wilson Lock is huge, the largest navigational lock in the Nashville District and largest east of the Mississippi River. The lock chamber has a 100-foot lift and is 600 feet long and 110 feet wide. Standing down in the chamber looking up is definitely a site to see.

Operations Manager Jim Davis and Lockmaster Gary Bowling met our group when we arrived.

We were given the grand tour by Davis, Dale Taylor, Charlie Bryan, and Eddie McBride with the later two acting as safety officers for the dewatering.



photo by Cory Richardson
EAGLE class members descend ladders equipped for the weather, that day suitable only for ducks.

After a very detailed safety meeting, which included distribution of proper Personal Protective Equipment that included rain gear on this overcast day, we were off. We rode an elevator that seemed to descend forever to reach the bottom of the chamber. Guides divided the class into small groups and walked us around the chamber and into laterals (where the water comes into and leaves the lock chamber). From there we proceeded into the culverts which lead to the laterals. Once through the culverts we went up to one of the emptying valves. Basically, we followed the same route through the lock as the water does coming in from the river.

Viewing a lock from the top of the structure is one thing, but thanks to Jim Davis, Gary Bowling, Charlie Bryan, Eddie McBride, and Dale Taylor the EAGLE class now has a better understanding of what goes on at each lock project in the Nashville District.



'Patriot' Soars Again at Dale Hollow Lake

Story and photos by Dave Treadway

An American Bald Eagle, that only a few months ago was grounded in a pasture in east Tennessee, once again sails above the mountains around Dale Hollow Lake, thanks to a number of friends who came to its rescue. It was released by officials Nov. 9.

Dough Neatherly, of Alpine, Tenn., in Overton County, first spotted the mature eagle in January "just standing in my pasture". He called the Tennessee Wildlife

Resources Agency and Wildlife Officer Andy Barlow responded.

As Barlow approached the female Bald Eagle, it flew a short distance with difficulty and landed near a patch of woods. A short time later Barlow said he was able to catch the bird of prey, while wearing thick leather gloves, in a patch of woods, where it was unable to fly, and immediately transported it to the Ragland-Riley Veterinary Clinic in Livingston. Dr. Ragland examined the eagle and could find no visible wounds or broken bones in

berland Wildlife Rehabilitation Center and U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service employee in Cookeville.

Over the course of a day and half, Barclay offered the bird raw chicken gizzards and lean beef which, after initially refusing, it ate readily. It then ate a second helping that also included a large mouse. Barclay then transported the eagle to the American Eagle Foundation (AEF) center in Pigeon Forge, Tenn., at Dollywood.

With facilities designed to house and care for eagles, the AEF staff was able to complete the rehabilitation process. In cooperation with Dr. Mike Jones of the University of Tennessee Veterinary School, the bird was reexamined and diagnosed with a serious concussion. Initially the bird refused to eat and the AEF staff had to force feed it. But after a couple of weeks, it began to eat on its own again, and eventually began to recover from the concussion and exhibit the wild tendencies for which it is known. The bald eagle, named "Patriot" in honor of the brave and courageous men and women of the U.S. Armed Forces that are fighting terrorists and defending freedom around the world,



Students get a close-up look at the eagle before it is released.

his initial check-up. He did feel it was somewhat 'addled', 'calm' and 'tame' acting, unusual traits for such a bird of prey.

Ragland fed the bird with a tube, kept it overnight, then released it to the care of Lee Barclay, director of the Upper Cum-

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PRIDE of Cumberland Proves Its Worth

Story and photos by Dave Treadway

Dubbed a “skimmer boat” by U.S. Congressman Hal Rogers (KY-5) when it arrived in March 2005 and was commissioned the following month, it has lived up to its name as Pilot Gary Burke, contract employees and volunteers from the Friends of Lake Cumberland have made it more and more difficult to find floating debris on the surface of the lake.

The 26-foot-long tow boat named “PRIDE of the Cumberland” pushes two 60-foot-long barges lashed together on which sits a boom, a chipper and a collection hopper which is off-loaded to transport collected material to a landfill. Rogers directed \$700,000 in federal funding in 2003 for the Corps to design and build the vessel to remove debris from the lake and shoreline.

“Maintaining a finger lake as vast as Lake Cumberland with nearly 1,300 miles of shoreline,” said Rogers, “requires a Herculean effort to capture natural and man-made trash.



The PRIDE of the Cumberland has become a star performer in our regional effort, the Kentucky PRIDE (Personal Responsibility in a Desired Environment) program, charged with cleaning up Kentucky’s lakes and streams. Since it began operating in 2005, it has removed more than 6,000 cubic yards of debris from the water, making Lake Cumberland cleaner and safer for navigation. As the PRIDE of the Cumberland takes care of large debris on major traffic lanes and hot spots, other PRIDE volunteers can focus attention on hard-to-reach and out-of-the-way problem areas.”

“We have gotten rid of a lot of stuff from the surface and the shoreline,” said Burke. He then began talking numbers.

“We have operated the vessel a total of 110 days since it was commissioned and collected 3,000 cubic yards of debris,” explained the vessel’s primary operator, who adds to his running total at the end of every day. That ‘debris’ includes an aluminum flat-bottom boat, a 17-foot stripped tri-hull stuck up in a cove, refrigerators, propane tanks, freezers, hot water tanks, and old tires.

“We have chipped an additional 3,500 cubic yards of woody material we have been



PRIDE Pilot Gary Burke (above) and Glenn Gadberry (left) communicate by hand signals as they work to remove debris from the surface of Lake Cumberland.



The PRIDE performing the work for which it was designed on Lake Cumberland, creating a safer surface for boaters.

given permission to put back into the Lake because that material is not harmful to the environment. Fish may actually use it for constructing nesting areas. This year we have emptied the dumpster 30 times which equates to 1,200 cubic yards of material.”

The boom on the PRIDE has a 25-foot reach with which to pluck debris from the water or the shoreline as Burke sometimes nudges the extended ramp up on shore. “If there is one thing that would improve the vessel,” suggested the pilot of the PRIDE, “it would be a boom with the ability to reach just a little farther.”

Return visitors to Lake

Cumberland can easily tell there is much less material on the lake than before the vessel arrived.

“Last year if you drove across the Hwy 90 Bridge and looked down at the floating debris,” Burke explained, “it looked like you could walk across the river on what was floating in the water! Many coves were chocked full. We have cleaned up a cove one day and the very next day, a houseboat would be in there fishing. We worked up near Lee’s Ford for about three weeks. We’ve been up little South Fork an hour’s travel, and up the Cumberland an hour or so, up Pittman Creek, up Fishing Creek, White Oak Creek, all the big coves. We cleaned debris from two little waterfalls near Mill Springs and now they are very scenic.”

Sometimes operators use their judgement about removing items.

“We leave some submerged structure along the shoreline because fishermen like to fish around it,” Burke smiled. “If we removed all of that, the fishermen would get upset.”

The vessel operates from several locations. Sometimes the vessel is docked at the Conley

Bottom Marina right in front of the ramp or in a nearby cove where it is still visible to Marina workers. When an attendant is on duty at Waitsboro Recreation Area, it is parked there. A third location is Burnside State Park.

Material offloaded at Waitsboro and Burnside is delivered to Waste Management for disposal. That delivered to Conley Bottoms Marina is disposed of by owner Charlie Denney as his contribution to Congressman Rogers’ PRIDE effort.

On occasion the PRIDE serves other purposes. On one occasion, Burke came to the aid of boaters.

“We picked up a distress call on our radio and when we checked it out, the motor would not start and we towed the boat and occupants, a man and a woman, back to Conley Bottom Marina. Once we reached the Marina, the Fish and Wildlife people were able to assist them.” The craft is equipped with both a Marine radio and a Corps radio that picks up the police band.

Another time Burke took the vessel to Wolf Creek Dam to set Buoys near that structure.

Dudley Hosch, a member of the Friends of Lake Cumberland, spends Mondays and Tuesdays each week on the PRIDE. He lives on the lake and admitted to owning ‘several’ boats.

“Before we leave this boat tonight it will be spic and span,” claimed Hosch. “We clean it every day. The PRIDE has made the lake a whole lot cleaner. White Oak Creek 10 miles south is bare on the banks, we really cleaned it up. It won’t happen overnight, but by-golly, you can tell a difference.”

“She is a great boat,” said Burke proudly. “We’ve had a little trouble, but nothing major, a few hoses, a couple leaks, things like that.”



Glenn Gadberry and Dudley Hosch trim a log so it can be chipped and removed from the Lake Cumberland shoreline.

The vessel was manufactured by the Advanced Industrial and Marine Company of Mobile, Ala.

Visitors to Lake Cumberland in 2005 numbered more than 4.8 million with a resulting economic impact of \$155 million.

“The Corps-operated PRIDE of the Cumberland,” Rogers concluded, “has made a significant contribution in improving the quality of life and aquatic health of southern and eastern Kentucky. From massive flood

control projects to innovative sewer projects, the Corps is a critical partner for the Kentucky PRIDE program. I appreciate their partnership and service.”

PRIDE Honors Marina Operator

by Cindy Lackey, Office of PRIDE

Charles Denney, the owner of Conley Bottom Marina, was honored Oct. 25 by U.S. Rep. Hal Rogers (KY-5) in Monticello, Ky., with the PRIDE Volunteer of the Month Award for November for

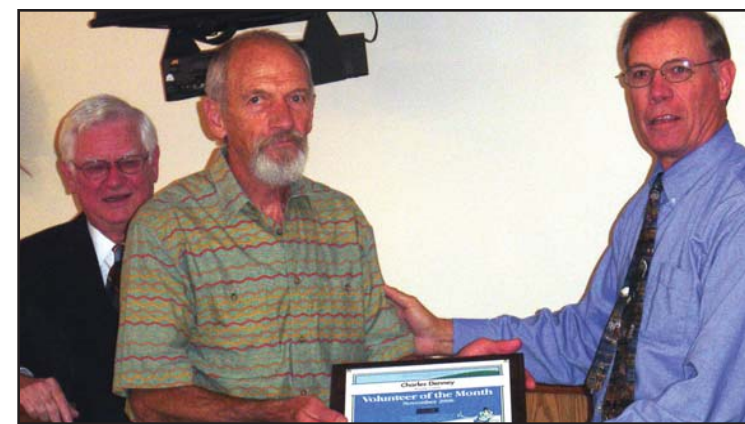
his support of efforts to clean Lake Cumberland, especially during the annual Friends of Lake Cumberland Cleanup.

Since the first Lake Cumberland Cleanup in 1990, Denney has made the Conley Bottom Marina and its resources available to the all-volunteer effort. In the 2006 Lake Cumberland

Cleanup, Denney donated pontoon boats, including fuel, for volunteers to haul trash collected along the shore to dumpsters at the Marina. He also donated free lunches to volunteers. Afterwards, he provided trailers, vehicles and his own employees to transport old tires to a disposal.

“I want to thank Charlie for generously sharing the resources of his beautiful Marina so that we all can enjoy a cleaner lake,” Rogers said. “Businesses can make a huge difference in their community’s quality of life by supporting volunteers. If everyone followed Charlie’s example, we would be much closer to our goal of restoring the natural beauty of our region.”

“Mr. Denney has been one of the Friends’ most loyal supporters,” said Nathaniel Brock, president of the Friends of Lake



Charles Denney, Conley Bottom Marina, is honored by Richard Thomas, Director of PRIDE, and Congressman Hal Rogers (left).

photo by Ranger Judy Dalton

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