

Glade sixth graders help reclaim mine site on Arbor Day field trips

Sixth-grade students at Glade Middle School in Cowen marked Arbor Day this year by planning approximately 200 red oak trees on property being reclaimed by the International Coal Group at their Webster County operation.

The 65 students in Mary Cunningham, Susan Chericalo, and Sharon Ray's classes were invited by the coal company to do the project. While there, the students were also given a presentation about the mining operation and the equipment used and were taken on a tour of the mine. ICG provided the trees that were planted and gave the students a present of their own trees and a T-shirt. The coal company also provided a meal to their visitors.

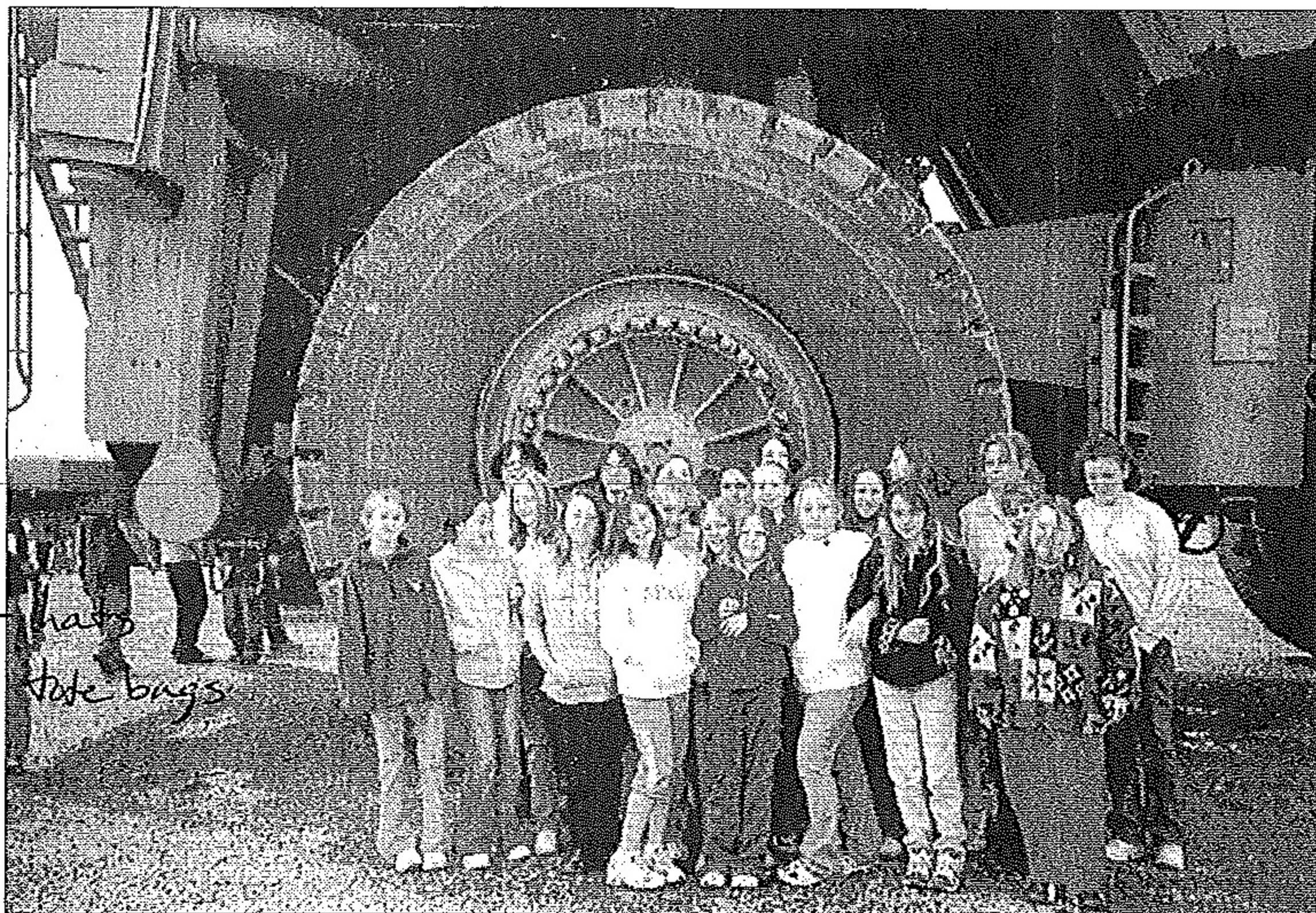
Parents of some of the students are employed by ICG, and it was an added bonus for the children to see their parents at work. Some of the parents were at the worksite at the time and waved to their children.

"It was an awesome day and a real eye-opener," commented Ray. "The children were very excited to be there and were amazed at the size of the equipment," she said.

The students and their teachers extend a big thank-you to ICG for the experience.

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Glade Middle School students worked hard on Arbor Day helping ICG reclaim the land.



The students were small compared to the huge mining equipment.

