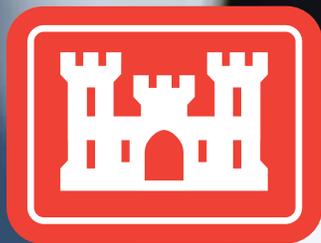


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Repairs on pace at Lock and Dam 5A

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Scott Uhl, operations, manages the winter dewatering maintenance at Lock and Dam 5A, near Fountain City, Wis., Feb. 19. The project is on schedule to be completed before the start of the navigation season on the Upper Mississippi River.

Photo by Patrick Moes



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Comments from the top

Team, What's in your future? Are you trying to jumpstart your career or planning your retirement? In either case, a failure to plan will, more often than not, end in less than desirable results.

The district faces the same dilemma. A failure to plan for the hiring, training, retention and replacement of highly qualified, motivated individuals will, more often than not, result in a less than productive organization. It's the job of leaders at all levels within our organization to continuously be planning for the future, to ensure we can continue to execute our missions and take care of our people.

What does this mean? It is the responsibility of each team member to not only be looking out for one's own professional development and career goals but also to be grooming those that will be filling in behind. Every one of us will, after all, retire someday. A good leader is a good mentor!

The Army defines mentorship as "a voluntary, developmental relationship

that exists between a person of greater experience and a person of lesser experience that is characterized by mutual trust and respect." The Army's senior leadership believes that mentorship is a powerful tool that can help build competence, leadership skills, self awareness and morale. Their views are shared by the leaders of nearly every successful private company as well. Those qualities are central to the success of the Army (and by extension, the Army Corps of Engineers) now and well into the future.

A mentor serves as a role model and sounding board for the mentee. He or she can help define goals, identify strengths and weaknesses and assist in coming up with a training plan. He or she should be able to educate mentees more about the organization and what is needed to succeed and advance in it, as well as assist the mentee in gaining more self confidence. Ask almost any successful person, and you will learn that a mentor took an interest in them somewhere along the line. I know that's true for me, and I try to repay my good

fortune and secure the future of the Army profession by filling that role for as many young officers as I can.

In so doing, I have learned as much as my mentees. Mentors gain insight into what is going on in their organization at different levels, increase their own professional contacts and develop their own personal and professional skills, which results in better ability to lead. They also help improve the performance of current employees, and contribute to grooming the future leaders of their organizations, in our case, the St. Paul District and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Recent survey results and retention numbers tell us we need to do a better job at developing our talent and communicating with our employees. I am not a big believer in formal mentorship programs, because if it's formal, it's often forced, and therefore won't achieve the desired results. That said, I challenge all of you to find both a mentor and a mentee. If you are not yet a supervisor, a mentor can be invaluable



Col. Daniel C. Koprowski

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to your future. If you are a supervisor, it is your duty to this organization and those you lead to develop the bench. Whichever role you play, mentor or mentee, the benefits of doing so will be significant for you and the district.

Mentoring doesn't have to follow a script, but if you're interested in some ideas about how to go about it, the Army does offer a guide on how to do so here: <http://www.armycounselingonline.com/download/Mentorship%20Handbook.pdf>.



Tom Lytle, engineering and construction, reviews a robot design during the Minnesota State VEX Robotics Championship tournament in St. Cloud, Minn., Jan. 24.

Photo by Tom Crump



Capt. Chris Raisl, readiness operations center, discusses a robotics project with a student during the Minnesota State VEX Robotics Championship tournament in St. Cloud, Minn., Jan. 24.

Photo by Tom Crump

What is Vex Robotics? According to their website, “VEX is the largest and fastest growing middle and high school robotics program globally with more than 3,500 teams from 20 countries playing in more than 250 tournaments worldwide.”

Engineers share knowledge at state robotics competition

Story by George Stringham

It may not be as glamorous as robots fighting to the death in a metal cage, but recently, three members of the St. Paul District volunteered to serve as judges at the Minnesota State VEX Robotics Championship tournament in St. Cloud, Minnesota. Tom Crump, Regional Planning Division North chief; Capt. Chris Raisl, operations officer; and Tom Lytle, mechanical engineer, took a Saturday out of their own time to mentor 60 middle and high school teams competing in the tournament.

The VEX robotics competition is supported by the Robotics Education

and Competition Foundation. Its goals include building skills and interest in science, technology, engineering and mathematics degrees and careers in students, mentors and schools in every community. Each team had won entry into the state championship through competitions at regional events held throughout Minnesota. Winners of the state tournament, along with the top judged award winners, would advance to either the U.S. Open Robotics Championship or the World Championship competitions.

The teams ranged in size from three

to 10 members. They constructed robots that stack yellow pegs and blue or red cubes. The first 15 seconds of each match is autonomous, with pre-programmed computers controlling the robot. Then the rest of the match is played with the kids controlling their robots through radio controlled joysticks.

“The level of competition was quite high and there were some incredible robots,” said Crump.

The role of the district’s three judges was to work with each team and nominate them for awards. While some

judges observed how well the teams completed tasks with their robots in competition, the district’s three judges checked each team’s engineering schematics, journals and other materials documenting the development of their robot. At the conclusion, all judges would then deliberate and select the best candidate for each award.

“This was my first event where I had the opportunity to judge at a completion like this,” said Lytle. “It’s fun and rewarding to see them so excited about these types of things, and I’m looking forward to doing more of these.”



Veterans, volunteers and friends gathered for the district's third annual Wounded Warrior Deer Hunt at Eau Galle Recreation Area in Spring Valley, Wis., Dec. 13, 2014.

Photo by Patrick Moes



Kelli Phillips, Eau Galle Recreation Area manager, talks to the deer hunt participants during a dinner in their honor Dec. 12, 2014, in Baldwin, Wis.

Photo by Patrick Moes

Military veterans take aim at deer during Wounded Warrior Deer Hunt

Story by Patrick Moes

Seven U.S. military veterans took to the woods at the Eau Galle Recreation Area, near Spring Valley, Wisconsin, with hopes of harvesting a trophy deer Dec. 13.

Carrying 12-gauge shotguns and clothed with blaze orange, the veterans marched out to their respective locations scattered throughout the park with their guides. They were all there as a part of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, St. Paul District's third annual deer hunt at the recreation area on the western side of Wisconsin and 45 minutes east of St. Paul, Minnesota.

The one-day hunt started in 2011 as an idea to pay tribute to veterans while also managing the area deer herds to ensure the numbers were balanced with the available resources, said Kelli Phillips, Eau Galle Recreation Area park manager.

Although one of the goals was to harvest a few deer from the park, early morning fog and unseasonably warm weather proved difficult for the veterans to harvest any deer, said Phillips. She said despite the weather, the main goal was still achieved. "We were able to get veterans together, connect them with other vets and let them know they are not alone while honoring their service and sacrifices they've made to support the

United States," she said.

Louis Goldstein, Wounded Warrior Project alumni coordinator, said the event was really about honoring veterans for their service while empowering them to know they are not alone. He said the Wounded Warrior Project fireman's carry logo explains a lot about what the organization represents. "Sometimes you are the guy carrying your battle buddy through tough times," he said, "and sometimes, you need your battle buddy to carry you."

The support for the veterans was evident by the number of people attending the dinner the night before the hunt, said Phillips. Representatives from Cabelas, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, other Corps of Engineers employees, veterans and friends attended the dinner. All of them thanked the veterans that were hunting. The Cabelas staff donated gift bags to each of the participants as a way of saying thanks for the veterans' military service.

"At the end of the day, the hunt is all about thanking those that give us freedom," said Phillips. "We're already planning how to build on the success of this year's event and make it better next year."



Tom Schmit, project engineer for the Roseau, Minn., flood risk management project, oversees progress on the final phase of the project. Schmit, who works out the St. Paul District's Fargo, N.D., office, travels to Roseau weekly to check on the progress and resolve any issues.

Photo by George Stringham



Excavators work through the day to remove the estimated 700,000 yards of material needed to complete the flood diversion channel. The channel is part of the Roseau flood risk management project in northern Minnesota. When completed, it will also feature more than 45 acres of recreation opportunities. [Click on the photo to view the video story on our YouTube web page.](#)

Photo by George Stringham

Roseau flood project nears finish line

Story by George Stringham

Working up to seven days a week, excavators are moving 50,000 to 70,000 cubic yards of material a week as contractors work through the winter to complete the Roseau, Minnesota, flood risk management project.

When excavation of the final phase of the project started in November 2014, an estimated 700,000 cubic yards of material was yet to be removed to

complete the diversion channel. Other components to be constructed during the last phase include a structure in the Roseau River that splits the flow between the river and the diversion channel during high water events. Recreational features like biking and hiking trails will be completed as well.

"At this current rate, we should be mostly done moving dirt by the end of January," stated Tom Schmit, project

engineer for the project. "There will still be some final grading, sod work and other activities that will have to wait until the ground thaws in the spring, but we're getting close."

For more than a decade, following severe flooding in 2002, the city of Roseau has been working with the Corps of Engineers to study, design and construct the flood protection system for their community.

The Corps and the city began constructing the project in 2009 and have collectively invested more than \$29 million to reduce the flood risk within the community. The project consists of the 4.5 mile diversion channel, more than 45 acres of recreation opportunities to include a scenic overlook, two interpretive sites, birding sites, nine miles of off-road vehicle trails and seven miles of multi-use trails.

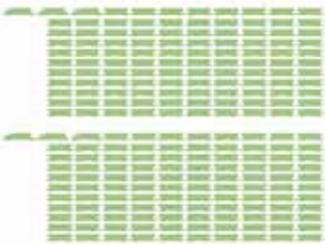
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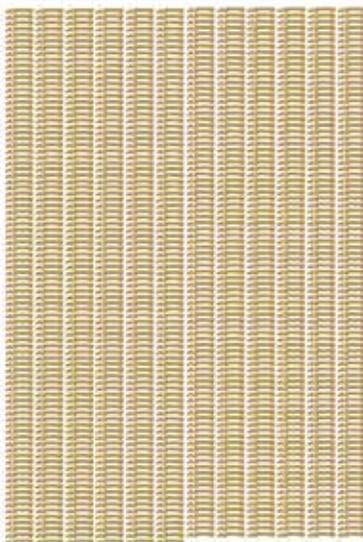
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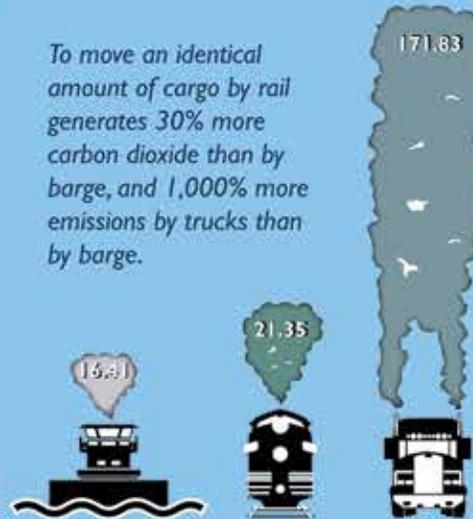


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One loaded covered hopper barge carries 58,333 bushels of wheat, enough to make almost 2.5 million loaves of bread.

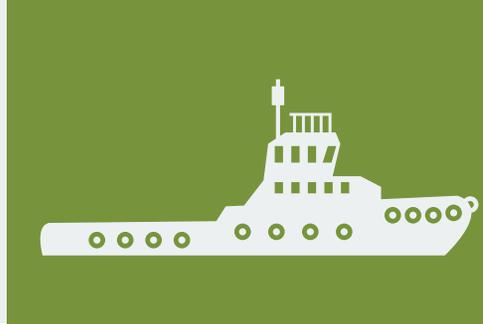
A loaded tank barge carries 27,500 barrels of gasoline, enough to keep about 2,500 automobiles running for an entire year.

Units to Carry 27,500 Barrels of Liquid Cargo



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2014 MISSISSIPPI RIVER NAVIGATION STATISTICS



First Tow

April 14 - Motor Vessel Angela Kay

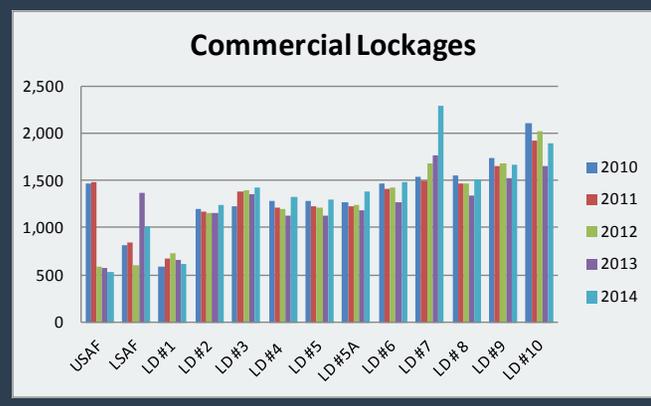
Last Tow

November 20 - Motor Vessel Mary K. Cavarra

Tonnage

Total tonnage
89,937,142

Nearly 90 million tons passed through the district's 13 locks and dams in 2014. Shippers saved more than \$270 million dollars by using the inland waterways navigation system.



The 2014 navigation season was one of the shortest on record. A late spring, coupled with June floods which created channel closures and emergency dredging, closed early because of an early November freeze.

Recreational Vessels

Total Vessels
35,527

Lock staff locked more than 35,000 boats in 2014.



The dates are from Lock and Dam 2 in Hastings, Minnesota, and are considered the unofficial opening and closing dates of the St. Paul District navigation season because tows that can pass through Lock 2 can reach St. Paul, Minnesota.

Commercial Lockages

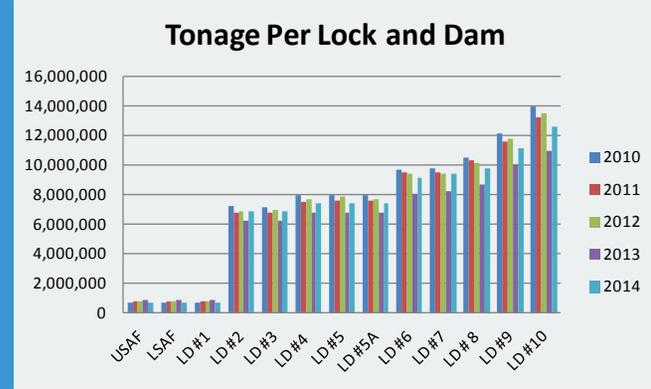
Total lockages
17,685

The commercial lockages were the highest in the past 5 years and 1,577 more than the 2013 season.

Recreational Lockages

Total lockages
15,315

Recreational boat lockages were down by more than 2,500 compared to the 2013 season.



Exercise readies staff for dam emergency

Story by Shannon Bauer

About 30 employees participated in a dam safety exercise in the district's Emergency Operations Center Dec. 16, 2014.

The purpose of the exercise included testing the district's emergency action plan for White Rock Dam and its event reporting guidelines, as well as the response of the district's Readiness Operations Center.

The exercise scenario involved having flood conditions similar to 2001 in the Red River of the North and Minnesota

River basins. Pools at the district's Reservation and White Rock dams were full, and the basin received an additional 4 inches of rain, making flooding downstream inevitable. Participants met in the EOC to walk through a response.

Dam Safety Program Manager Doug Crum coordinated the exercise with assistance from the ROC. He said overall feedback he received from the participants to date has been positive, although he is still collecting after action comments. These comments,

he said, will be used in planning future exercises.

"I think the district's readiness for unusual emergency events has been enhanced by this tabletop exercise, because it targeted several different offices that project drills do not generally include, such as the contracting, legal and security offices," he said. "We are planning similar exercises for the future that will focus on other dams and/or levees that the district manages."

Hosting exercises is a tool to improve district readiness for unusual events. Exercises supplement planning and training. The Corps dam safety program requires exercises to test the effectiveness of emergency action plans. The overlying purpose of emergency action plans and dam/levee safety exercises is to reduce loss of life and property damage by preventing or delaying embankment breaches and providing timely warnings for community evacuations.



Liz Nelsen, engineering and construction, listens to the discussion during a simulated dam breach exercise Dec. 16, 2014.

Photo by Patrick Moes



The district's crisis management team works through the emergency action plan during a dam safety exercise Dec. 16, 2014.

Photo by Patrick Moes



Michael Bart, engineering and construction chief, participates in the dam safety training exercise Dec. 16, 2014.

Photo by Patrick Moes



Kris Taverna, left, operations, and Dale Rud, operations, remove damaged concrete at Lock and Dam 5A, near Fountain City, Wis., Jan. 15.

Photo by George Stringham

Mother Nature helps maintenance crew

Story by George Stringham

Following a historically late start to the navigation season in 2014, Mother Nature once again showed who's in charge, giving the region a shot of cold air and shutting down navigation earlier than anticipated. This worked in favor of the district's maintenance and repair section, based out of the Fountain City, Wisconsin, service base.

The St. Paul District takes advantage of the frozen river during the winter to dewater the lock chamber and perform a laundry list of maintenance items. The lock in the spotlight this winter is Lock and Dam 5A, near Fountain City, Wisconsin. While the maintenance items are similar to previous years, Lock and Dam 5A presents different challenges.

Unlike most lock and dam facilities the lock chamber and lock house are physically located on an island in the river. While all the heavy equipment needed to perform the work is barged on site prior to the river freezing, extra logistic details had to be considered.

Bob Edstrom, project management, said one area that needed to be addressed was how to get wet concrete across the river to the lock chamber. The solution was to load a truck onto a barge immediately downstream of the dam where the river rarely freezes due to the constant movement of water

created by the spillway. The truck and barge would then be moved across the river to the lock chamber where the concrete would be off loaded. He said the facility also has a crane on tracks situated atop the dam that can be used to move materials to the lock chamber.

Another concern was safety and responding to an emergency.

"While safety of our crews and the public is always a top priority, one thing we did differently in preparation for this winter's maintenance is [familiarize] first responders who may be called out in an emergency," said Mark Beseler, Lock and Dam 5A lockmaster. "They can't drive right up the lock house or chamber like they can at other facilities."

A pleasant change to the project this year has been the milder weather, at least initially. Despite the early cold snap that closed the river to navigation and allowed maintenance crews to start early, the weather has been working in the district's favor. "Our guys are used to working in the extreme cold while doing our winter maintenance projects," said Scott Uhl, maintenance and repair section supervisor. "This year's milder temperatures have been a pleasant change."

Uhl added that working on the river in the winter is still cold.

2014 By the Numbers for St. Paul District

*All numbers are approximate

Budget
(FY 2014):
\$162,000,000



Tons of commodities
shipped through
locks: 89,937,142



Dollar amount for
all contracting
actions:
\$46,515,103

Public
website
views:
2,282,133



Miles driven in GSA
vehicles: 1,115,391



Cubic yards
dredged: 1,081,115



Civilian
hours
worked:
1,047,155



Revenue generated at
our recreation
sites:
\$850,558



Dollars saved by
industry by shipping
products through the
district: \$270 million



Contract awards to
small business
(FY 2014):
\$32,000,000



Flickr page
views:
126,790



Volunteer hours
worked at one of
our recreation
sites: 32,889



Acres surveyed
by Channels
and Harbors:
27,400



Commercial lockages:
17,685



Recreational
lockages: 15,315



Uploads into MODA,
the district's digital
file storage system:
12,877



Gallons of
unleaded fuel
used: 63,665



Facebook fans
at the end of
the year: 6,373

Gallons of
diesel fuel
used: 3,719



Gallons of
E85 fuel
used:
2,836



Computer help
desk tickets
completed:
1,292



Contracting actions:
574



Individuals that
volunteered at one
of our recreation
sites: 467



Channels and
Harbors surveys
completed: 351



Twitter
followers:
2,002



Field site
visits by
ACE-IT
employees: 160



New hires to include
temporary
employees and
students: 104



GSA vehicles owned
at the beginning of
the year: 118



GSA vehicles
owned at the
end of the
year: 112



Freedom of
Information
Requests
processed
(FY 2014): 55



Resignations: 30



Retirements: 28



OCONUS
deployments: 4



Lost-time
injuries reported
in 2014: 3



Lean Six Sigma
Green Belts
earned: 1





Jeff Cook, Pokagama Dam Recreation Area manager, replaced Jeff Kleinert as the site manager.
Photo by George Stringham



Jeff Cook, Pokagama Dam Recreation Area manager, is excited to bring his passion to for the outdoors to the Mississippi River Headwaters project.
Courtesy photo

Cook takes the lead at Pokagama Dam

Story by Ben Watson

Jeff Cook said he always knew he wanted to be a park ranger. From his early childhood growing up in Egan, Minnesota, Cook encountered park rangers at the Autobahn Center in Sandstone, Minnesota, giving a presentation about the outdoors for kids. From that point on, he knew he wanted to do what park rangers do – interact with the public, teach them about being good stewards of the

environment and be involved in all the activities that Minnesota has to offer.

Cook graduated from the University of Minnesota, Crookston, where he earned his bachelor's degree in natural resource management. He got his start in the Corps as a seasonal hire, working at the district's recreation area in Crosslake, Minnesota, for two seasons and then one season in Grand Rapids, Minnesota, working at the district's

Pokagama Dam Recreation Site. With this experience, Cook gained a full time position with the Corps in Yankton, South Dakota.

While there, he honed his skills in interacting with the public, stressing safety on the water and managing an abnormal flood season during the 2011 Missouri River floods. Cook described his flood fight in Yankton by stating "We had fast run off of mountain snow

and more rain in four to five weeks than we get all year." These were the conditions that greeted Cook in Yankton and allowed him to gain invaluable experience with the Corps.

Now, as the operations manager at Pokagama since June of this last year, Cook is eager to bring his passion for the outdoors and recreation to the campground nestled just outside of Grand Rapids.



District employees take time during the holiday awards show to take some group photos. Some of the groups used creative props to add to the festivities. *Courtesy photos*



District holiday awards a success

Story by Patrick Moes

More than 150 employees, past and present, gathered Dec. 4, 2014, in downtown St. Paul, Minnesota, for the annual holiday awards ceremony.

While the attendees enjoyed each other's company, the entire event could not have been accomplished without the work of the volunteers that organized it. Co-chairs Terri Stamm, safety, and Ralph Augustin, regulatory, led a group of 14 employees.

The staff included:
Andrea Sterling, planning;
Julie Ritter, resource management;
Janet Golubski, engineering and construction;

Roberta Just, operations;
Cindy Hitchcock, project management;
Dawn Johnson, engineering and construction;

Wendy Medlin, visual information;
Emily Chavolla, visual information;
Gwen Davis, small business;
Allison Fairbanks, public affairs;
Tom Sully, executive office;
Angie Peterson, executive office;
Melanie Nelson, regulatory; and
Bryanna Sauer, resource management.

Both the senior executive team and employee benefits association contributed to offset the cost of tickets for all who attended.





Clockwise from top left, Terri Stamm, safety; and Eric Wittine, engineering and construction, receive Achievement Medals for Civilian Service from Col. Dan Koprowski, district commander. Scott Baker, engineering and construction, receives the Mississippi Valley Division Construction Excellence Management award. Regulatory employees Eric Hanson, Tom Mings and Nate Campbell, receive a Certificate of Achievement. Stephanie Ehnstrom, records manager; Sue Robinson, resource management; and Lupe Santos-Jensen, equal employment opportunity, enjoy the holiday gathering.

Photos by Wendy Medlin





Editor's Note

Do you have news you want to share with the district? Send your announcements of births, weddings, graduations, etc., to *Crosscurrents*.
cemvp-pa@usace.army.mil.

Taps

- Tom Krumholz**, former lock and dam operator, operations, Alma, Wis. Services were held Jan. 17 at Immaculate Conception in Fountain City, Wis.
- Alfred 'Al' Mathews**, former lower area lock and dam lockmaster, operations, La Crescent, Minn. Services were held Jan. 23 at Blaschke and Schneider Funeral Home in La Crosse, Wis.

Seasonal/New hires

- Barbara Griffin**, secretary, executive office, district office.
- Brian Remackel**, environmental protection technician, operations, district office.
- Shamron Richardson**, supervisory contracting specialist, district office.

Retirees

- Marsha Dolan**, public involvement specialist, planning, Rock Island, Ill.
- Bob Gross**, dredge captain, operations, Dredge Goetz, Fountain City, Wis.
- Marc Krumholz**, program analyst, operations, district office
- Bonnie Montgomery**, financial systems analyst, resource management, district office.
- Jim Peak**, construction chief, engineering and construction, district office
- Nancy Peck**, cook, operations, Dredge Goetz, Fountain City, Wis.
- Kenton Spading**, hydraulic engineer, engineering and construction, district office
- Murele Ware**, marine machinery mechanic, operations, Fountain City, Wis.

Congratulations

- Congratulations **district employees** that donated a toy during the holiday toy drive. Collectively, there were 27 toys donated to area children.
- Congratulations **Elliot Stefanik**, planning, on his selection as the environmental planning section chief in St. Paul, Minnesota.
- Congratulations **Kriss Zeller**, operations, on his selection as the working supervisor at Lower St. Anthony Falls Lock and Dam in Minneapolis.

- Sierra Keenan, Lance Awsumb** and **Craig Evans**, all in planning, have been selected to serve as instructors for the new planning essentials course that is being rolled out this summer. Only nine instructors were selected and three are from the district.
- Congratulations **Bobby Jackson**, operations, and his wife, **Samantha**, on the birth of their son, **Bobby Elan Jackson**, Feb. 17. He was 8.6 pounds and 21.4 inches.

Headwaters staff win golden ladle three straight years



Staff from the Mississippi River Headwaters projects partnered with the Paul Bunyan Scenic Byway Association to earn their third consecutive Amateur Golden Ladle award at WinterFest, in Crosslake, Minn.

Food drive yields tangible results

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Winter 2014

86 lbs & \$50
Amount collected during your drive event

4 days

The length of time your meals could feed a family of 4



50 meals

The number of potential meals that can be provided.

200+

The number of local food shelves and hunger relief partners we support through your donations.



GOOD FOODS IN THE GOOD FIGHT

Thank You!

Foresters support a volunteer tree planting effort south of La Crosse, Wisconsin



Students with the La Crescent, Minn., Montessori Stem School volunteered Oct. 24, 2014, to help the district's natural resources section plant trees at Goose Island Park near La Crosse Wis. The planting site was dominated by the invasive Reeds canary grass. The 13 student volunteers and four adult chaperones planted 100 trees in two hours by using a tree planting shovel. Bobby Jackson, operations, said the planting project was a great tool to allow the volunteers to have a sense of ownership in their local public lands while reinforcing teamwork skills.

Celebrating winter with broomball



District staff gathered Jan. 21 in downtown St. Paul, Minn., to square off in a friendly broomball match.

District challenged to increase E85 usage in fleet vehicles



The E85 fuel consumption is down over the past year and Ed Frey, transportation technician, is asking for everyone's cooperation to improve the numbers. A little more than a year ago, the district ranked number one in the Corps for its usage of E85 fuel. Today, the district is third. The district's logistics office manages a fleet of 112 vehicles and 70 vehicles within the fleet accept E85 fuel. Further, 39 of the vehicles are permanently located within 5 miles of a gas station with E85 fuel. It is not only the responsibility of every driver to ensure they use E85 fuel when feasible, it's up to every employee to do what they can to support the requirement whenever practical.

Click on the gas tank for the nearest gas station with E85 fuel.