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NEWSLETTER

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READY- AIM- FIRE

CONFLICT and RESOLUTION
No Problem at GLEN ELDER



The AmeriCorps crew at Glen Elder is beginning to see the results of its work. The team has worked on and off at the target range that was demolished during the flood of 1993. The latest effort was setting limestone posts around the parking area. It was a day at the target range that spurred AmeriCorps Member Judy Long to draw a cartoon depicting how well the crew "works together" and handles "Conflict and Resolution." According to Long, "One of the crew was especially ornery one day. Although the crew didn't actually tie the member to the post with barbed wire, it was mentioned - all in a spirit of fun."

The cartoon was presented to the Regional Facilitator at the training session for all members on Conflict and Resolution on March 14.

While the team at Glen Elder has not "fired" on any of its members, it has, like other environment teams, worked with fire. They have been doing a lot of burning in the wildlife areas.

WILLIAM ALLEN WHITE WOULD BE PROUD OF THE GOOD NEWS FROM EMPORIA

The wetland team of Neil Bass and Jim Peterson have completed remote sensing and the riparian inventory in Lyon and Morris counties. In addition to their daily community service, the team has been active with students and senior citizens.

Members have been assisting with the OWLS (outdoor wildlife learning station) project at Emporia Middle School. Member Jim Peterson says, "This exciting program was initiated by 8th grade science teacher Janet Hesterman and utilizes grant monies provided by the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks (KDW&P) and matched by Dibble-Webb Press of Emporia." The funds are being used to purchase hundreds of trees and shrubs that will eventually form a 1300 ft., six-row windbreak north of the school building. The planting will provide necessary habitat and food for a variety of wildlife and will be used as a living classroom by middle school science classes, in addition to beautifying school grounds. AmeriCorps biologists Neil Bass and Jim Peterson contributed technical and practical knowledge that will ensure the success of this worthwhile project. Member Neil Bass said, "The team plus representatives from the NRCS field office, KDW&P, Dibble-Webb Press, and middle school volunteers were present on March 31 to assist with planting. McDonald's of Emporia contributed refreshments."

The Emporia team has also placed wild bird feeders (compliments of KDW&P) at local retirement centers and schools.

PERRY TEAM REPRESENTS A GOOD MIX

Nathan Sexton grew up in Southeast Kansas and currently lives in Emporia. He graduated from Emporia State University with a bachelor's degree in Environmental Biology and enjoys sports and outdoor activities. Through the AmeriCorps program he hopes to gain experience in a wildlife related agency, with a goal of being employed in wildlife management or conservation. He has two aquariums filled with fish.

Rick Linneman grew up in Smith Center, Kansas, and currently lives in Topeka. He is the Corps' lone Kansas University graduate with a bachelor's degree in geography. Rich enjoys hunting and has adopted a dog named "Meri-Corps" who he is attempting to train to hunt. Rick is also a member of the U.S. Naval Reserve.

Greg Wahlmeier, from Mayetta, joined AmeriCorps for the educational benefits and for the experience. He is currently attending community college night classes. Greg is enrolled in the Kansas State University (KSU) Professional Pilot program. In addition to his AmeriCorps service, he serves as a crew chief for the Kansas Army National Guard on a UH-1 Huey helicopter, and is awaiting a slot for Warrant Officer/Flight School. Greg has been a pilot since age 17 and he too enjoys hunting and fishing.

T.J. Wahlmeier, also from Mayetta, like brother Greg joined AmeriCorps for the educational benefits and for the experience. He is currently on active duty with the Kansas Army National Guard, and will return in July to finish his tour with AmeriCorps. T.J. is training as a crew chief in the UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter, and plans on attending Office Candidate flight school in the future. T.J. received his private pilots license in 1994.

Greg says, "One nice thing about our team is that we all come from different areas, and have separate views on the situations we encounter. These differences also make for some interesting conversation. Each one of us has a speciality that educates the others and adds to our ability to 'GET THINGS DONE.' Nathan is a wealth of information on wildlife and teaches us something about it every day. T.J. is the one who pushes us to 'get things done,' and seems to have a million different ways to do everything. Rick is an excellent time manager and keeps us on track during the day so that we can get as much done as we can." Rick says, "Greg can fix anything he can get his hands on, broke or not."

The team is involved in a number of different park projects ranging from restoration and maintenance of flood damaged facilities, to the building of wildlife habitat and controlled burns. Greg says, "We spend a good portion of the week interacting with the public in one way or another. It may be in the form of giving informative presentations to local boy scout troops, working with local schools, talking with visitors to the lake, or in just talking about what is new during our daily stop at Jim's Station, while eating peanuts and sipping sodas."

Greg says, "We all agree that AmeriCorps is an enjoyable experience, and we are pleased that we were given the opportunity to participate in the program. Being given the trust and opportunity to be involved in the decision making process enhances the learning experience and builds self-esteem and confidence, therefore making us better people."

THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING IN THE CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY SERVICE

Thanks to those of you who will participate in the Celebration of Community Service in Topeka on April 19. Meeting and working with non-USDA AmeriCorps Members from across the state will be a good experience.

Arlen Flax and Cody Lind will represent you in the "Celebration of Service" in Kansas City, Kansas, on April 25.

WETLANDS TEAMS HAVE NEW DIRECTION

On April 6, Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman announced that the U.S. Department of Agriculture will make agriculture wetlands delineations and certifications only upon request until the Congress completes action on the 1995 farm bill and the National Academy of Science completes work on a wetlands study.

"Current wetlands determinations by USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) are still valid," said Jim Lyons, under secretary for natural resources and environment. "Any new delineations also will be valid. What we're saying is that we are not going to make delineations in advance until we and Congress have a chance to review and, if appropriate, revise current policy."

What will the wetlands teams now focus on? Kansas AmeriCorps Project Director Larry Miles says, "During the week of April 24 we are going to get together with NRCS principal staff and Area Conservationists to determine the new focus of the teams. The emphasis will continue to be wetland and riparian related."

PROPOSED 1995/1996 AMERICORPS PROJECTS

Kansas AmeriCorps/USDA Larry Miles says, "We are at this time proposing that the Parks and Wildlife teams be renewed for 1995/1996. Three other projects have been proposed: Aquatic Habitat & Riparian Restoration, Shawnee County, 5 members; State Park Restoration, Crawford County, 5 members; and Big Creek Bank Stabilization & Riparian Improvement, Hays, 2 full time and 16 part time members."

DID YOU KNOW?

The family of Hays team member Tracy Beech, wife Kim, and son Brenden, have family cat, and a pet ferret. Kevin Feleay will married to Angela Schirer on April 22. Craig Curtis, also of the Hays team, is to be married in June 17 to Anita Lessor. Audrey and Ryan Tompkin (a member of the Manhattan team) have a 7 month old daughter named Leigh.

NEWSLETTER GAFFS

"Fur trees?" Several of our AmeriCorps biologists and riparian specialist have assured me that Kansas does not have "Fur" trees.



And, "Kneel"ing to someone, is not something our **Rugged Individualist** "Neil" Bass would do.

Common Ground

The RECD AmeriCorps Newsletter

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AmeriCorps members with Dayton Watkins, Louis Elliott (far left and left), Thomas Fern, and Michael Dunn (far right and right).

Administrators Meet with AmeriCorps Members

By: Laura Duncan

AmeriCorps Pledge

I will get things done for America--to make people safer, smarter, and healthier.

I will bring Americans together to strengthen our communities.

Faced with apathy, I will take action. Faced with conflict, I will seek common ground. Faced with adversity, I will persevere.

I will carry this commitment with me this year and beyond.

I am an AmeriCorps Member. And I'm going to get things done.

On November 28, 1994, AmeriCorps participants met with Michael Dunn, Acting Administrator of Rural Housing Community and Development Services, and Dayton Watkins, Acting Administrator of Rural Business and Cooperative Development Service, after they spoke at the Kentucky RECD state conference. Dunn and Watkins talked to AmeriCorps members about the role of AmeriCorps and the services that AmeriCorps members may provide in their communities. Watkins inquired about the communities each served in. Please see "Administrators", p2

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He stressed the importance of community involvement to the members and challenged participants to demonstrate, through their efforts, the vital role of AmeriCorps in community life.



Happy New Year

Getting The Job Done

By: Rebecca Estep

Getting the job done—that is the goal of the AmeriCorps program. It's in our pledge. It is our motto. I joined the AmeriCorps program for many reasons, not the least of which was the opportunity to make a difference in the community— to get the job done.

It's not been easy. I

have had to face many obstacles along the way, such as growing into a new job; learning all the ins and outs of a set of government regulations which sometimes seem to make little or no sense and which at times appear to hinder more than help; dealing with lack of funds, space and equipment; and adjusting to the awkward feeling of taking one step forward, two steps back. Even worse is the feeling that for every person we can help, there are ten other people that need our help.

The area to which I've been assigned is one of appalling poverty, joblessness, and other conditions that one would associate with a so-called "third world" country. While it's a joy to help one person improve their standard of living, that joy dissipates very rapidly when returning to either the office, or home, and driving past even more dwellings that are not fit for animals to live in. Even worse is when you're trying to alleviate the problem (and it seems the more energy you put into your work, the more it grows in intensity), that's when you discover that you're one person very quickly.

So, what do we do? Do we rejoice with the ones we've helped? Or dwell on those who still need help? Do we say that the glass is half full or half empty? I believe that doing exclusively one or the other poses a danger.

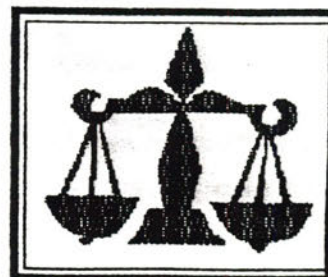
More obvious is the danger of just seeing the problem, seeing the glass that is

half empty. If we dwell on simply how much more needs to be done, we lose courage, and quickly become overwhelmed and paralyzed in our pessimism, becoming of no use to the people we are agonizing about.

On the other hand, there is equally a danger of just seeing what we've accomplished, seeing the glass as half full. When we lose sight of our mission and just focus on what we have done, we become tempted to just rest on our laurels. We slack off and are not as effective in reaching those who yet need help.

Perhaps what needs to be practiced is balance. We can take pride in our successes, but we need to use those successes as an incentive to spur us to do even more for our community. We must never lose sight of our mission; realizing that one person cannot alleviate all of the problems in our area, we can at least make a start.

As I write this, we are on the threshold of a new year, a new beginning. We should start this new chapter in our lives by remembering that we are here to make a difference in our lives and the lives of others. With that in mind, I wish you the blessings of the season.



KRADD Update: School-to-Work Initiative

By: Laura Duncan

On November 28, 1994, Matthew Hall, the AmeriCorps participant working at Kentucky River Area Development District (KRADD), went to Frankfort to receive a \$180,000 grant check for KRADD's School-to-Work initiative from the Governor of Kentucky, Brereton Jones. Kentucky was one of eight states to receive funding for the School-to-Work initiative.

Following a competitive application process, Governor Jones awarded KRADD monies to initiate its program. Matt Hall worked extensively on the grant package in October and November of 1994. He helped put together the package, revise the document, and went to Frankfort to participate in an application interview prior to receiving the funds.

The School-to-Work initiative will incorporate career education into the curriculum of grades K-12. The curriculum will include such innovative techniques as vocational training, mentoring programs, and shadowing programs. The purpose of the initiative is to provide the students with broad transferable job skills. The goal of KRADD's program, according to Hall, is to "integrate changes, enhance

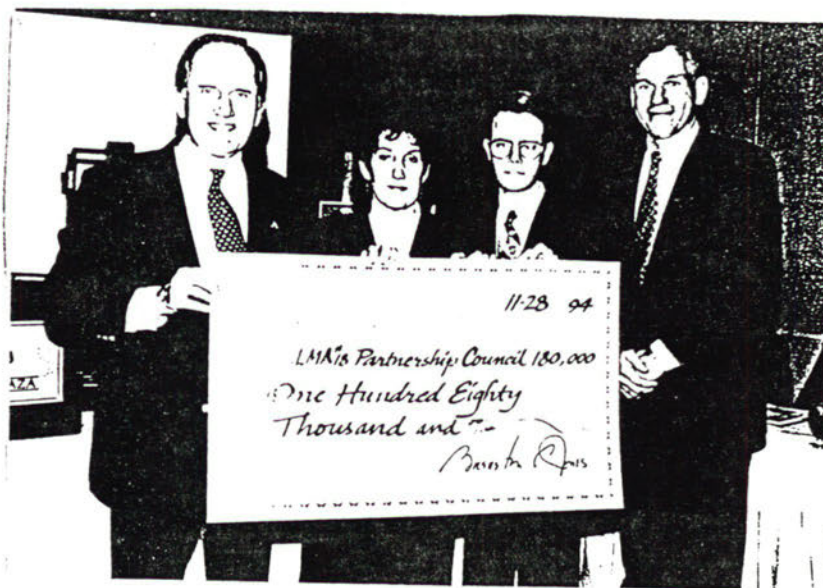
overall learning of students, and provide industry training."

Though Hall is no longer working with the project, he has found the experience a rewarding one. He especially enjoyed working with the council that advised on and planned the School-to-Work initiative for KRADD. The council, composed of members of the community from the business, industry, labor, and education sectors, helped Matt to feel comfortable in his role and appreciated.

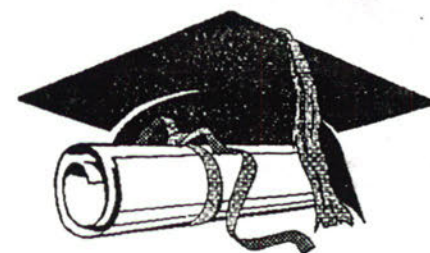
The relationship he established with the council was the highlight of his work. Another crowning moment came for Hall when he had his picture taken with the governor of Kentucky. Though he didn't get to talk with the governor, receiving the check from Governor Jones was a

dream come true for Hall.

Hall expects the educational aspect of the initiative to begin right away. As soon as a coordinator has been hired, the curriculum will be implemented. Some high school students participating in the program will be placed at job sites right away, but the full impact of the program will be felt in 2007 or 2008 after today's kindergartners complete the twelve year plan.



Governor Jones (left) issues award check to Matthew Hall (second from right)



Jackson, Wayne/Clinton Designated a Rural Empowerment Zone

By: John Mills

It was about four forty-five p.m. Tuesday evening, December the 20th, just before closing time at Kentucky Highlands Investment Corporation when the phone began ringing almost continuously. The little office that houses the organization was frantic for several hours beyond its regular closing time. The staff hurriedly received and relayed information for the following day's presidential phone call from Washington officially announcing that Kentucky Highlands was an Empowerment Zone winner.

The constituency of callers that evening consisted mainly of officials from the White House, senator's offices, county Judge-Executives, and reporters from the Louisville Courier Journal, the Lexington Herald-Leader, and a few local papers. As each of us heard of the announcement, we felt KHIC President Jerry Rickett was up to his typical prank of prematurely and confidently announcing we had received the award.

However, we quickly came to realize from his intense expressions that this time, it was the real thing. Once confirmed, the behavior alternated between incredible excitement, with people

jumping up and down or shouting, and that of quiet amazement or simply trying to overcome disbelief.

Many of the people responsible for developing the "strategic plan" for the Jackson, Wayne/Clinton EZ attended the news conference the next day, which was held in the basement of Kentucky Highlands. There was media coverage from WLEX TV18, WYMT TV57, and a handful



of journalists were present to document the official announcement from President Clinton via telephone. The conference phone call linked all of the EZ or EC awardees together on the same line so that President Clinton could speak to each recipient. What was said was not audible to the people in attendance, but it was nevertheless exciting to watch the President of the United States recognize and award three counties in southeastern Kentucky and the people who devote themselves to those communities.

Everyone should realize that each county in southeastern Kentucky needed

an EZ, but it is important that we appreciate the fact that at least some counties in our area received an EZ. The economic impact that the EZ funds can make in those counties should extend beyond their borders to surrounding counties. We like to think of ourselves in Southern and Eastern Kentucky as a close knit group of neighbors with a common identity sharing the same basic problems. Maybe we need to live up to that vision.

What Now?

By: Laura Duncan

We all knew this day was coming, yet I wasn't prepared for the shock of it. I fully expected Cumberland Gap to be designated an Empowerment Zone (EZ), or an Enterprise Community (EC) at the very least. The odds of this happening were incredibly small. Still, I hoped. When the announcements were made on December 21, 1994, Cumberland Gap was absent from the list of designees. In my four months of working with AmeriCorps, I had never thought seriously about what I would do if Cumberland Gap didn't become an EZ or EC. Now I have to.

Thinking about my disappointment, I wondered if other AmeriCorps members felt the same. Of course, we had been fortunate enough to get one of our AmeriCorps Please see "What", p5

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sites designated an Empowerment Zone--Kentucky Highlands Investment Corporation (KHIC). I realize after talking to him that John Mills, our AmeriCorps volunteer at KHIC, is as excited as I am disappointed, but how does Matt at KRADD feel? Or Michele at CVADD? Mona at KCEOC? Lara at Big Sandy Area Development District? I imagine that all of them feel as I do to some degree because this changes things for all of us.

Now, we all must learn how to do something with nothing. And perhaps this is the greatest challenge of all--to accomplish something, to get things done, with limited resources. But perhaps this is the biggest blessing of all as well. More often than not most of us, as AmeriCorps workers and as human beings, will have to do much with little. Such is life. More often than not, even if there are resources available, we have to dig a little to find them. It is not a simple thing.



This is something that the communities we work in already know. Since I came to Middlesboro in October, I have watched as Bell County tried to build an industrial park. To finance it, the county had to apply for grant funds through three different agencies. Pineville, also in Bell County, attempting to expand its water treatment plant, has applied or will apply for funds (mostly loan funds) through at least two separate agencies. Each of these agencies, of course, have their own policies and procedures for applying for, receiving, and using grant and loan funds, and the applicant is responsible for figuring out the rules and following them carefully. This is hard work.

For each of the AmeriCorps participants whose site did not receive a designation, it will be hard work, also. Work to redirect our energies. Work to get things done. Work to empower ourselves and our communities. But there will be rewards, too. Rewards like seeing our communities evolve. Rewards like becoming an essential part of our communities. Rewards like getting things done for our communities, ourselves, our country.

We could look at this situation as a disappointment, but we can also see it as an opportunity--an opportunity to test our abilities, to grow as people, to rise to the challenge that life has offered us, to excel.

Something Good in Barbourville

By: Rebecca Davidson

A couple of weeks ago when Laura Duncan asked someone to write an article about something good that had happened on the job, I didn't feel I had anything good to say because of a couple of disappointing loan applications which hadn't worked out.

After several things not working out, you look forward to something that does. It finally did. A young couple with two small children came in and applied for a 504 repair loan.

I went with Barry Turner, ACS, to make the initial inspection. We found that more than half the roof leaks, there are holes and cracks in the walls big enough to put your arm through, there is absolutely no insulation in the entire house, the porch has fallen through, and they are presently heating their house with portable electric heaters.

It is just a dangerous situation for the whole family, especially for the six-month old baby and the three-year old toddler. Everything looks good, and we will probably be able to do the loan. However, their house is in such bad shape that it will take more than our loan to help them with everything they need.

I took the advice of Dave Gibson in Washington. Please see "Good", p6

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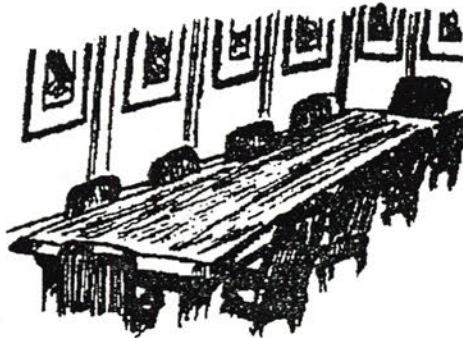
with whom we all spoke at the December 13th AmeriCorps meeting. Mr. Gibson said we should try to find other resources to help the families in our communities. Anna Jean Tackett came to our office to talk with Robert Dunn, County Supervisor, about another family, and while she was there, I asked her about the programs she works with that assist lower income families-KIP, GEER, ARC, and GAP. While discussing the family I have been working with, Ms. Tackett and I found that two of the four programs she works with might benefit this family. They may receive enough help now to make most of the necessary repairs to ensure safety for their children.

Programs like AmeriCorps are what help a community. I am glad to be able to make a difference in my community while being an AmeriCorps member.

December Training By: Laura Duncan

The final AmeriCorps training session of 1994 was held on December 13th. The session held at ECU campus in Corbin, KY was hosted by KCEOC's AmeriCorps participant, Mona Powell. Powell graciously provided refreshments to AmeriCorps participants and RECD session trainers. Thanks Mona!

The first half of the session was devoted to introducing AmeriCorps members to RECD waste/water loans and grants and public facilities loans. RECD employees Doug Moore and Jimmy Hall discussed qualifications for these loans and processing of the loans, then reviewed a checklist of documents required for receiving a loan. Afterwards, Moore and Hall fielded questions from AmeriCorps participants and discussed with several participants particular RECD loans or potential loans within their service areas.



The second part of the session was used to discuss site objectives and to call Dave Gibson, the national RECD AmeriCorps director, in Washington to discuss the objectives and other issues. Gibson pointed out specific areas of a few participants' objectives which need work. He said that AmeriCorps members need to become "resource[s] for technical assistance" within their communities. As part of the process of becoming a resource in the community, Gibson suggested that AmeriCorps members spend time on the

Internet. Gibson stated, "Tons of resources [are available] on Internet for small communities." AmeriCorps members individually introduced themselves to Gibson and told Gibson a little bit about the communities in which they work. Louis Elliott, Kentucky's RECD AmeriCorps director, asked Gibson to attend an AmeriCorps training session slated for February and to meet with AmeriCorps members. Gibson plans to attend.

Site Profile: Kentucky Highland By: Laura Duncan with John Mills

Kentucky Highlands Investment Corporation began in the 1960's as part of the Kennedy and Johnson administrations' initiative called the War on Poverty. The Job Start Corporation was established 26 years ago using federal grant funds in order to create jobs and provide economic opportunity in southeast Kentucky. It evolved into Kentucky Highlands Investment Corporation (KHIC). During the Reagan administration, KHIC was forced to learn to survive without federal grant funds. KHIC responded by thriving. According to Elmer Parlier, Vice President of Investment at KHIC, "[KHIC] should be a model for Please see KHIC, p7

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investment companies to illustrate how venture capital can be implemented for community/economic development." Indeed, Kentucky Highlands stayed in business after other non-profit CDCs (Community Development Corporations) ceased to exist following the Reagan era.

Kentucky Highlands serves eleven counties in eastern Kentucky-Bell, Clay, Harlan, Jackson, Knox, McCreary, Pulaski, Rockcastle, Whitley, and Wayne. 3,832 people are employed by companies that KHIC has invested in.

Managing government programs which help businesses create jobs is KHIC's essence. KHIC is expert at packaging start up business deals, getting capital, creating a business plan, complying with tax regulations, and training management personnel.



The future of KHIC looks as promising as its history. KHIC applied for and recently received designation of its Jackson, Wayne/Clinton area as a rural Empowerment

Zone. The Clinton/Gore administration, which spearheaded this economic development plan, announced KHIC's designation in late December of 1994. Due to the award, over the next ten years 40 million dollars worth of grant funds and tax incentives will be funneled into the area to attract businesses and promote economic growth. KHIC has several projects planned.

In Jackson County, there are plans to improve interior access roads and the sewer system in Jackson County Industrial Park as well as to build a spec building on the site; to construct a large water supply reservoir; to establish an entrepreneurial training center; to renovate downtown areas in McKee and Annville; and to build a community center.

In Clinton/ Wayne County, plans include the construction of an industrial park; renovation and expansion of the Clinton County Public Library (which will include a state-of-the-art computer center with a fiber optics network); acquisition of a recycling and composting facility; construction of an amphitheater; development of a youth center and swimming pool; revitalization of downtown Albany; building of a Wayne County Youth Center; extension of waterlines to unserved sections of the Zone; construction of a regional airport; and construction and equipping of rural fire stations within the

Zone.

At the time that I finish this article, KHIC has not received any EZ funds, and so preparatory work is still underway. AmeriCorps' John Mills has been helping write letters to get the word out about the designation and attending planning meetings. He foresees a similar role even after the funds start rolling in, with him and many other KHIC personnel quietly working behind the scenes to assure that jobs continue to be created, the economy gains strength, and the quality of life is improved for eastern Kentuckians.

Get Yourself Connected: BBSmania

By: Laura Duncan

In the last issue of the newsletter, I supplied you with basic information needed to access online services such as America Online, Compuserve and the Internet. In this issue, I'll tell you about Bulletin Board Systems or BBSes. The first computer bulletin board systems were created in the early 1980's. They were first designed so people could list objects to sell or trade. As computer speed grew and PCs became more powerful, transferrable files, freeware, shareware, and even chat and mail were added.

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WEEDING in the WILD

EnviroCorps workers toil on island
in effort to stamp out Scotch Broom

by JANET GOETZE
of The Oregonian staff

WEST LINN — The bright yellow flowers of Scotch broom are pretty in their native land — Scotland.

In this country, however, the plant introduced as an ornamental species about 140 years ago has become a threat to native flowers.

For the past several years, The Nature Conservancy has recruited volunteers to fight the ornamental-turned-pest on an island it owns a mile upstream from West Linn's Willamette Park. This year, however, it has special help from the government.

About a dozen members of the EnviroCorps, a branch of the federal AmeriCorps program which helps meet critical needs in cities and natural areas, are on the island this week. They are pulling up young shoots, cutting down large clusters. Scotch broom, which some plant experts also call Scotch heath,

The Conservancy, a private, non-profit organization specializing in preservation of natural areas, wants the nonnative off the 20-acre island to save the habitat of the white-rock larkspur.

The larkspur, also called a delphinium because its full scientific name is *Delphinium leucophaeum*, is found in only a half-dozen places in the upper Willamette Valley.

The Conservancy's Little Rock Island has one of the largest colonies of the larkspur, which is doing well this spring despite the Scotch broom threat, said Daniel W. Salzer, the research coordinator for the organization.

Over the past half-dozen years, however, drought kept down the numbers of the white flowers that bloom on pale, slender stalks.

For members of the federal program, snipping away at broom branches was wet work in Wednesday's drizzle. Nevertheless, several could the seedment remains re-

“I’ve learned a lot about the Northwest’s habitat and native species versus the exotic plants. Everyone is very motivated.”

Kathryn Heriza,
EnviroCorps volunteer

warding, both intellectually and financially.

Most members of EnviroCorps are 18 to 22 years old, though some are in their 30s and 40s. Some have completed college degrees and are working, in part, to pay off student loans. Some are still working on degrees, and their pay goes toward college expenses.

For Jonathan Mugglestone, 21, a Colorado native majoring in biology at Lewis and Clark College, the federal program offers experience in managing natural areas and cleaning up waterways.

Before his crew went to Little Rock Island, Mugglestone worked on Columbia Slough projects and helped disconnect downspouts that could direct polluted storm water into the Willamette River.

For Kathryn Heriza, 28, who graduated from Pendleton High School and went to Pomona College near Los Angeles a decade ago, the EnviroCorps is a chance to explore new career possibilities.

Heriza majored in English and taught school in California and Portland for several years. Last



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EnviroCorps worker Kathryn Heriza helps pay off her government loans by weeding out Scotch broom on Little Rock Island in the Willamette River.

fall, she decided to join EnviroCorps to see how she liked working outdoors. She had held summer jobs with the U.S. Forest Service while going to college, but she never thought of them as full-time possibilities.

“I’ve learned a lot about the Northwest’s habitat and native species versus the exotic plants,” she said.

She also liked meeting fellow EnviroCorps members from all over the country.

“Everyone is very motivated,” she said.

After they cut down mature Scotch broom laden with seed pods, the work crew piled the branches on a rocky area blackened by someone’s campfire that obviously had burned out of control. But it was an area with little

soil to nourish any seeds that might burst from the Scotch broom pods before volunteers can haul it away to a composting site.

The fire-blackened area was a reminder of the human threats The Conservancy faces on the 50 preserves it manages in Oregon.

The organization encourages visitors to study the plants, birds and insects on its private property. But visitors should stay on marked trails to avoid trampling sensitive plants, Salzer said.

They also aren’t permitted to camp overnight, build fires or erect outhouses. Salzer recently had to remove one of those from Little Rock Island.

People, he said, can be greater threats to a natural area than Scotch broom.

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Pastureland/Grassland Management Project Begins in SE Minnesota

Work is starting on a pastureland/grassland project in the 11 county area of SE MN, designed to improve the forage/grassland base, improve water quality, and increase the profitability of grassland agriculture while maintaining and enhancing the environment.

Management of grazing land is often neglected, not because of a lack of concern, but from a lack of knowledge. The goal of this project is to provide landowners with a better understanding of how their pastures work by providing management plans and technical assistance.

The pastureland/grassland management project is being conducted by Tracy Guthmiller, an AmeriCorps member with the USDA - Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) working in the Hiawatha Valley RC&D Office.

Annual Area 7 Envirothon

The eleven Soil and Water Conservation Districts (SWCDs) in SE Minnesota are sponsoring an area "Envirothon" for May 4, 1995. This learning event involves teams composed of 3 to 5 high school students, competing against each other in an outdoor setting to test their knowledge of natural resource issues. The teams will visit five different "hands on" learning stations during the day, covering the topics of soils, forestry, watershed, wetlands and wildlife. They will be tested on each topic. At the end of the day, the team with the most correct answers wins and the top 3 teams become eligible to compete at the State Envirothon.

This year we have 23 teams registered. The Olmsted SWCD will be sending 3 teams, 1 from Mayo HS and 2 from Byron HS. They will be competing on May 4 at Oxbow Park located just outside of Byron, MN. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. and the awards ceremony takes place from 1:00 until 1:20 p.m.

Did You Know?

Minnesota ranked 6th in corn and soybeans; 4th in oats, barley and green beans; 3rd in spring wheat, sunflowers, flax and sweet corn production and 1st in sugar beets in 1993 crop production.

Olmsted County, in 1993, was 4th in the state for green beans, 6th in sweet corn, 7th in beef cows and 10th for both hay and cattle/calves.

In the United States, the total acres of farm land has decreased every year since 1954 when it reached its peak of 1,206 million acres. In 1993, there were 978 million acres of farmland, down from 980 million acres in 1992, which is a 1% decrease.

Changes in Olmsted County			
Year	Farm Numbers	Average Farm Size	Total Farm Acres
1987	1,446	220	318,748
1993	1,270	241	305,831

Source: Minnesota Agriculture Statistics 1994

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Woolsey praises local work site

Congressional representative Lynn Woolsey, who played an instrumental role in shaping AmeriCorps as a member of the House Education and Labor Committee, praised local AmeriCorps members who began performing community service this week in exchange for educational grants.

"Not only has AmeriCorps opened the door to higher education for Sonoma County residents, it has given new life to meaningful new programs in our communities that have been neglected for too long," said Woolsey.

Several AmeriCorps members working with the local branch of the Soil Conservation Service (SCS) met with Woolsey earlier in the month and toured a work site at the Atwood Ranch in Glen Ellen. The members will be working on a variety of water quality improvement projects throughout Sonoma County. Members

meeting with Woolsey included Nancy Scolari, Mike Jensen, Julie Maggi and Colin Close.

"We'll get a lot of conservation work done in Sonoma County thanks to the AmeriCorps members who will be working with us," said Lisa Woo Shanks of the Soil Conservation Service in Petaluma.

Fifteen thousand Americans were sworn into the AmeriCorps recently in ceremonies across the nation. The year-long, full-time program will provide the local participants with a stipend of \$12,000 and an educational award of \$4,725.

Woolsey also noted that a coalition of 18 nonprofit agencies in Sonoma County, known as the Sonoma Project, will be bringing on 27 AmeriCorps members who will work in a variety of fields such as education, public safety, the environment, and health and human services.

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Local AmeriCorps members from L-R: Julie Maggi, Colin Close, Nancy Scolari and Mike Jensen.

Four Local AmeriCorps Members

What does Bill Clinton's community service program look like on a local level? Four AmeriCorps members with the Soil Conservation Service (SCS) will work on a variety of pollution reduction projects in Marin and Sonoma counties.

AmeriCorps is President Clinton's national service initiative composed of diverse groups of Americans who will begin performing critical service to meet human, environmental, public safety, and educational needs in return for a \$12,000 stipend and a \$4,725 educational voucher.

In the Petaluma SCS field office, Nancy Scolari and Mike Jensen will work with landowners in Marin and southern Sonoma counties. Their goal is to improve water quality and riparian habitat through management measures on dairies, livestock operations, and vineyards.

Nancy Scolari - a native of the Salinas Valley, Nancy was raised in a predominantly agricultural area in which her family previously owned a dairy. Nancy is concurrently attending Sonoma State University studying Environmental Technology with a concentration in water quality. She hopes to continue her education in the area of soil science once the AmeriCorps program is completed.

Mike Jensen - of Penn Grove, a Sonoma County native for 25 years, will be working for the Soil Conservation Service field office in

Petaluma. Mike is a recent graduate from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Landscape Architecture. He is excited to be working in the agricultural community where he was involved in a local 4-H program.

In the Santa Rosa Field Office, Julie Maggi and Colin Close will be assisting individual landowners with reducing stream pollution from animal waste and erosion problems.

They will also help landowners who want to form small watershed enhancement groups to restore and improve salmon and steelhead habitat.

Colin Close - is a long-time Sonoma County resident. She received her bachelor's degree from Sonoma State University where she studied the environmental issues facing landowners. She realizes the tremendous contribution the agricultural industry makes to Sonoma County's economic and cultural well-being.

Julie Maggi - a Sonoma County resident, recently graduated from SSU with a bachelor's degree in geology. She was raised in the Santa Rosa area on the small farm her family owns. "Though I've lived in New York, I frequently visited my family in Sonoma County and was saddened by the continued loss of our agricultural land and open space. It's the primary reason I left New York to pursue a natural science degree."

1993 Ag Production Up 1 Over Prior Year, Sets Re

California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) Secretary Henry J. Voss announced the release of the agricultural production statistics compiled by the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) California Agricultural Statistics Service, which values California's agricultural industry at a record \$19.9 billion, a 10% increase over the \$18.1 billion estimate for 1992.

The \$19.9 billion reflects cash farm receipts for 1993, which generate more than \$70 billion in related economic activities. Recent economic studies indicate that one in 10 jobs in California is related to the agriculture industry in some way.

California agriculture is considered one of the most diversified in the world with more than 250 different crops and livestock commodities, and no single crop dominates the state's economy. "In California, we lead the nation in the production of 75 different crop and livestock commodities," Voss said.

California has been the number one ranking agricultural state in the nation for 46 years.

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Rangelands have the potential of being a source of nonpoint pollution when overgrazing removes a high percentage of the vegetative cover and exposes the soil surface to water erosion. Fact Sheet 14 describes the effects livestock have on riparian areas and associated streams.

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AmeriCorps First Quarter Report

Redlands Field Office
As of November 30, 1994

1. Number of Members Enrolled at the Time of the Launch:

On September 12, 1994 four AmeriCorps were sworn in at the launch. They were Penny Peterson, Adrian Gonzalez, Tai Diep, and Barbara Castillo.

2. Number of Members Enrolled at the End of the Quarter:

As of November 30, 1994 there are **seven** AmeriCorps members stationed at the Redlands Field Office. **Three** new members began their service on September 26, 1994. They are Toan Bui, Jamie Fisher, and Kevin Nguyen.

3. Total Number of Hours of Direct Service Performed:

The **first four** AmeriCorps members (Penny, Adrian, Tai, and Barbara) have performed **440 hours** of their service time. The other **three** AmeriCorps (Toan, Jamie, and Kevin) have completed **360 hours** of their service time to the AmeriCorps program.

4. Total Number of Hours in Training:

The AmeriCorps members for the Redlands Field Office have completed **111** hours of training on various subjects (hydrology, topography survey, waste management planning,...).

5. Progress Towards Meeting Community Service Objectives:

The objectives for the AmeriCorps members in the Redlands Field Office are to reduce water pollution, conserve water, and improve irrigation. As of November, no practices have been installed but there has been great improvements in the projects set to meet our objectives. Three dairies have been surveyed which total **130 acres, 6,867 tons** of waste will be recycled or eliminated once the practices have been implemented. An average of **\$9,000 savings** were realized to owner by having the AmeriCorps and Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) do the surveying.

AmeriCorps members also surveyed Rathbone Creek in the City of Big Bear under the Clean Lakes Project. They staked approximately **6,000 feet** along the creek and **5,000 feet** were actually surveyed. Due to conflicting weather conditions (snow, ice, and wind) the survey has not been completed. The information that was gathered will still be important to the continuation of the Rathbone Creek project. Once completed, this project will reduce the risk of flooding to homeowners and businesses in the City of Big Bear.

A survey of Mrs. Eldona Arns ranch was also completed by the Americorps but practices have not been implemented as of this date. The Arns ranch is **5 acres** with **38 horses**. The applied practices will recycle **26.5 tons** of waste per year.

6. Primary Accomplishments:

The AmeriCorps members have been involved in several community service projects in the area. They have worked after hours and on weekends in many occasions. Their work has made a difference in the community. The projects include:

The Annual Grape Harvest Festival in Ontario

- * booth was set up to provide brochures to the public.
- * approximately **80,000 people** attended the event and **600-700 persons** received brochures and/or information from the booth.
- * Jackie Amsler (Director) was pleased with the outcome and with the assistance of the AmeriCorps members.

Annual Speak Off Contest in the Redlands Public Library (East Valley Resource Conservation District)

- * **eight students** from several high schools participated.
- * one of AmeriCorps (Barbara) was one of three judges for the speak off.
- * **17 persons** attended the contest.

The Nature Discovery Program (Inland Empire West Resource Conservation District)

- * a total of 690 elementary students attended the program for the Fall.
- * participating students were involved in several activities which provided information and awareness on wildlife needs.
- * one of the AmeriCorps (Penny) is involved in actual coordination of activities as a Naturalist and other AmeriCorps provided assistance with set up and clean up of activity sites, assisted Naturalists with pre-plan activities, and provided supervision of students.
- * teachers were given an opportunity to evaluate the program (see attachment).
- * both parents and teachers were satisfied with the program.

Haunted House in Chino (Monte Vista Park)

- * Halloween event targeted to youth 10-14 years of age.
- * approximately 200 youths attended the Haunted House.
- * the event provided youths a safer, community based place to celebrate Halloween.
- * Jamie volunteered to dress up as a witch and Tai and Kevin provided assistance.

Big Bear Rathbone Creek

- * AmeriCorps took part in surveying Rathbone Creek in the City of Big Bear.
- * 5,000 feet along the Rathbone Creek were staked and surveyed.
- * the survey will enable NRCS to begin providing assistance to the residents of Big Bear and thus reduce the risk of flooding to the area.
- * this project has been a great experience for the AmeriCorps members since a couple of them had never worked under those weather conditions (snow, ice, freezing wind).

Eldona Arns Horse Ranch in Chino Hills

- * AmeriCorps surveyed and created the plan for the ranch, NRCS Engineer supervised.
- * about 26.5 tons of waste will be saved or eliminated once the practices have been installed, this is waste that would have gone to neighboring properties if not controlled.

Morongo Indian Reservation in Cabazon

- * the reservation is an area of 31,724 acres, contains a watershed and is a flood prone area.
- * AmeriCorps have compiled several informational maps that will be used to document structural changes and/or add-ons to the reservation.
- * this information will assist with the design of a conservation plan to reduce the risk of flooding to homeowners in the reservation.

Non-point Source Pollution (NPS) program

- * the Members provided research through several sources (FFA clubs, 4-H clubs, and universities).
- * this information will be use to provide educational workshops to the general public on how to properly manage non-point source pollution.

Ayala High School in Chino Hills

- * providing assistance to the FFA class on restoration of the eroded hillside on school grounds.
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7. Projected Outcomes For Next Quarter:

Our projections for the coming quarter will be to survey and have practices installed on more dairies. We are beginning the Morongo Indian Reservation project and will continue till the middle of January. At that time, we will request some assistance from NRCS State Office personnel to provide training and guidance to the AmeriCorps. This will enable the AmeriCorps to continue with the project. Also, we have training sessions on computers scheduled. AmeriCorps members are planning on a couple of community service projects for the Christmas season.

8. Primary Challenges:

None at this time.

9. Primary Training and Technical Assistance Needs:

Computer training.

10. Media Coverage:

None at this time.

11. Other Creative Documentation:

None at this time.

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Dear Buddy,

We are requesting your participation in a planning session on Thursday, November 17, 1994, at the N. Fork of the Red River Conservation District and Great Plains RC&D office, 401 E. Main in Sentinel, Oklahoma. The meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. We will be planning the March 17, 1994, 60th Anniversary Celebration for the planting of the first windbreak in the nation near Mangum, Oklahoma. The meeting will include Leonard Graumann, Forestry representatives, SCS and Conservation District personnel, as well as others involved in the AmeriCorps project. We need to map out a plan to ensure the greatest public participation and post event public information. I think it is pertinent that we have a broad spectrum of input in the planning of this event, especially some landowner and conservation district director involvement.

If you are unable to attend or if you have any comments or suggestions for the meeting, please contact my office at 405-393-4319. I hope to see you there!

Sincerely,



MARK A. ROSE
Coordinator

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cc: LeRoy Tull, AmeriCorps Project Coordinator, Stillwater S.O.

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Fifth Legislative Day

The State Legislature adjourned Friday, Oct. 7, to meet again at the call of the chair. Next meeting of the **Conference Com. on HB 1002** will be Tuesday, Oct. 18 from 2 p.m. to 10 p.m. in Room 432-A, State Capitol. Discussion on the medical fee schedule; workplace medical plans.

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

WALTERS LAUNCHES STATEWIDE 'AMERICORPS' PROGRAM

Seventy Oklahoma young people joined the ranks of President **Bill Clinton's** "AmeriCorps" program, becoming "Team Oklahoma" during a ceremony with Gov. **David Walters** Friday, Oct. 14.

"Thirty years ago, President Kennedy's **Peace Corps** offered Americans the opportunity to help less developed countries," Walters said. "Today, President Clinton's AmeriCorps provides an opportunity to lend a helping hand to America's inner cities and rural communities."

In August, the governor announced that the state had received more than a half-million dollars in grant money to initiate the program in Oklahoma. AmeriCorps is a nationwide program that helps supply workers to inner cities and rural areas for community service projects. Program volunteers are awarded scholarship money, a minimum-wage salary and health care benefits for their work.

"Oklahomans have always been among the most generous of Americans and we are excited about the potential of Team Oklahoma to help our communities and educate our youth," Walters said. "AmeriCorps is being praised nationwide as a smart, workable plan to help communities through volunteerism with health care assistance, teen programs, elderly services, environmental work and any other conceivable need in urban and rural America."

The governor's **Commission for Community Service** is coordinating the program and assigning the workers to any of eight service programs around the state. Director **Nancy Deaver** recently attended the national unveiling of AmeriCorps with Clinton in Kansas City.

"AmeriCorps offers the opportunity for a qualified person to spend a year or two in community service while

financing their education," Deaver said. "The living allowance and health benefits make the AmeriCorps positions similar to minimum-wage jobs but the hours are spent in a unique learning environment which provides real service to the communities and provides AmeriCorps members with valuable experiences and training."

35 Slots Still Available, Deaver Says

So far, the commission has set up workers in more than 50 Oklahoma cities and towns in 33 counties, officials said, but Deaver said there still are 35 slots available in a number of different locations.

AmeriCorps originally started out placing workers through two programs, **LIFE (Love for the Independent: Frail and Elderly) inc.** of Oklahoma City, where members help the elderly with home repair, and the Enid-based **Rural Health Projects**. RHP works with the **Department of Human Services** to organize teen pregnancy prevention programs in four targeted sites.

Six new programs have been added that include a farm worker training and service program and the **Environmental Careers Organization** that works to link communities and industry and helps them keep the environment safe. Also added is the **National Community Aids Project**, U.S. Department of Agriculture **Public Lands and Environmental Team** and the **Youth Volunteer Corps of America**.

Those interested in joining Team Oklahoma should contact the community service commission at (800) 697-1577. AmeriCorps will take applications until all positions are filled, officials said. jh

Captions for Oklahoma AmeriCorps slides:

1--The USDA AmeriCorps environment teams stationed in Sentinel and Mangum pose at a windbreak site outside Mangum. Those pictured include, from left, backrow: Lynden Haygood, district conservationist, Mangum Field Office; landowner, Milton Vaughn; Christopher James, Mangum; Cindy Marquez, Dill City; Dustin Camp, Hobart; Grant Griffith, Sentinel; James Buchner, Lawton; and Tome Wilson, district conservationist, Sentinel Field Office. Front row, from left: Jesse Carter, Sentinel; Sam Rice, Warren; Chris Shield, Sentinel; Tommy Koons, Colony; and Brent Smith, Sentinel.

2--Rick Freeman, AmeriCorps team member in Woodward, demonstrates chainsaw safety to other team members: (from left) Mary Ager, Amanda Squires, Robert Martin, Leslie Woldridge, Bryan Farrell, Charl Marshall, and Anthony Lovelace.

3--The Mangum and Sentinel teams work together to restore this windbreak outside Mangum.

4--Cynthia Marquez, a member of the Sentinel team, clears out dead branches at a windbreak.

5--Brent Smith and Chad Gross cut and move fallen branches at a windbreak.

6--James Buckner chops dead trees from a dilapidated windbreak into firewood for the landowner.

7--AmeriCorp team members, (from left) Brent Smith, Chad Gross, Grant Griffith, and Dustin Camp, cut and clear fallen branches from a windbreak.

8--Paula Jones visits with USDA AmeriCorps members outside the State Capitol after the swearing-in ceremony.

9--AmeriCorps teams pose with Civilian Conservation Corps alumni members at the CCC annual reunion.

10--Brent visits with CCC alumni about their experiences.

11--The Oklahoma AmeriCorps teams pose at the Oklahoma State Capitol with Governor David Walters.

12--Oklahoma Governor David Walters swears in AmeriCorps members at the ceremony at the Capitol.

13--Oklahoma USDA AmeriCorps members Anthony Lovelace (left) and Leslie Woldridge pose with Governor Walters at the Capitol.

14--The Oklahoma AmeriCorps Team

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SERVING LANCASTER, PALMDALE AND THE HIGH DESERT

AmeriCorps to help plant trees in A.V.

By Karen Maeshiro
Daily News Staff Writer

LANCASTER — Six members of President Clinton's AmeriCorps community service program will work with Antelope Acres residents this fall to plant trees as windbreaks against dust storms.

In addition to installing windbreaks in the west end of the Antelope Valley, the team will help residents in fire-ravaged areas of Leona Valley, Pasadena and Ventura County protect their property against flooding, mudslides and soil erosion, officials said.

"I think it's a great opportunity for us," said Bob Dean, district conservationist with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Soil Conservation Service in Lancaster. "What they are doing is to further our work. With our limited staff, they are picking up on items we would like to do but don't have time to do."

The AmeriCorps program, approved by Congress last year, is a \$360 million effort to encourage high school and college graduates to perform a year or two of public service.

Under the program, the AmeriCorps members will work with various organizations for about \$6.66 an hour, plus vouchers to help pay for college or job training, officials said. Dean's six-member team will work with the Soil Conservation Service.

A clerk is already at work in the Soil Conservation office in Lancaster and three other crew members at a district office in Somis in Ventura County. He expects to have two more applicants at work in Lancaster by next week.

Each member receives a \$12,000 stipend for 45 weeks of full-time work. In addition, each will receive free health care and a \$4,275 educational voucher for each year of work.

The money can be used toward college tuition, job training,

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"It doesn't even match, and you

know what? It works fine," Shelton said. "I'm having to learn about the mind-set of bureaucracy. That's one reason why I feel like an alien."

Shelton and Singer, city government outsiders, were swept into office five months ago in an election in which two incumbents, Arnie Rodio and George Root, were defeated. Singer finished first, followed by Councilman Henry Hearn and Shelton.

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AmeriCorps: making a difference

Of the 46 teams assigned to the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) under the AmeriCorps program, South Carolina is hosting three.

AmeriCorps is the new service initiative described by President Clinton in his inaugural address and put into operation shortly thereafter.

Sponsored by government agencies, AmeriCorps provides opportunities for a diverse group of members from varied ages and backgrounds to serve their country while receiving educational awards and vocational training in return.

In exchange for their year of service, the participants receive a living stipend, educational awards for college or vocational training, basic health insurance, and, in some cases, child-care allowances. The program also benefits the participants by giving them lasting skills, experiences and training in a diversity of subjects.

Of the three teams serving in South Carolina, the Rural Economic and Community Development Service (RECD) was granted 15 members to concentrate on the southwestern Lowcountry of the state. U.S. Forest Service (USFS) received five and Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) received 20.

Based in Greenwood and Newberry, the NRCS put its first group to work on public safety and community development. They spent six weeks on a road inventory in Edgefield County, creating a spreadsheet database of data that supplemented an updated road map of the county.

The second Greenwood group spent four weeks on a stream coding project to upgrade the state's ability to gather information about the quality of streams, rivers and lakes.

Another group conducted a grassland survey in Abbeville County, while a final group visited 16 farms to conduct water-quality surveys in Newberry County.

The RECD teams are concentrating their services on the southwestern Lowcountry, while the USFS members are centering on Williamsburg County.

Qualifications

Education backgrounds vary for the AmeriCorps team members who are either



AmeriCorps volunteers John E. Morgan III and Karen Kinard clean up a wooded area.

from the project areas or nearby counties. Mostly college and professional school graduates, the members' expertise is matched with the needs of the rural community they serve.

The teams work to empower communities to help themselves by developing local leadership needed to assure community planning activities that help them reach their goals.

These volunteers learn skills in community and coalition building, strategic planning, environmental protection strategies

and communication enhancement.

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Overall, there are more than 20,000 AmeriCorps volunteers in this service initiative designed to address the nation's needs in the areas of education, human service, public safety and environmental needs from a community perspective.

The United States Department of Agriculture received almost half of the 2,500 AmeriCorps slots awarded to federal agencies. Of these, the 40 members assigned to South Carolina are carrying out their assigned task.

USDA was set up by Congress as a "people's department" to acquire among the people of the United States useful information on subjects connected with agriculture ... and to procure, propagate and distribute among the people new and valuable seeds and plants.

Rural electrification was initially set up as a part of the USDA, and continues under that agency.

"The USDA of today is leading the effort to bring the AmeriCorps service program to success," said Mark Berkland, South Carolina State Conservationist with the USDA.

"The USDA-AmeriCorps members will help to plant seeds throughout America for a future built upon volunteerism and community service," he continued. [From material gathered by Angi Paulus.]

Joel - This is a very nice article generally but the highlighted portion reflects a major problem that I've detected in a number of pieces about the USDA AC programs - Your field PR folks leave some confusion about the relationship of AC to the Department (d to other federal agencies), we should always emphasize that the bulk of ACs are w/ nonprofits & 2) even those w/ federal agencies are working in communities, usually w/ local non-profit partners. We are getting murdered by Congress on the federal programs & this exacerbates it. Can you give guidance to the field? Rick



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(202) 720-4369

DATE: JUNE 26, 1995

RE: USDA/AMERICORPS COMMEMORATIVE SIGNS

Have you ever visited a former Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) site from the 1930s and seen one of the plaques commemorating the work of the CCC? Enclosed are metal plaques similar to those of the CCC just waiting to be erected at our USDA/AmeriCorps projects across the country.

Now future generations will know of our community service to the country through AmeriCorps!

Facilitators and project managers need to work together to determine the number of plaques needed by each project. We have 1,000 plaques and less than 100 sites, so there should be plenty of plaques to erect at as many individual work sites as possible. For example, Rural Development Team members might place plaques on houses they have renovated or on main streets that have been revitalized due to the work of AmeriCorps/USDA members.

Space has been left for projects to engrave more information as desired. I encourage you to make the erecting of the plaques a part of your graduation ceremonies or some sort of ceremony that would make for a good media event.

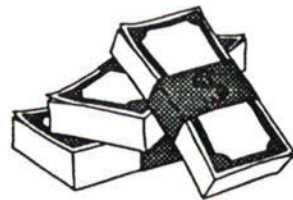
If you need additional plaques, call the facilitator for your area or leave me a message at (202) 720-4369 with any questions or comments and I will get back to you as soon as possible.

Beals Island Regional Shellfish Hatchery Newsletter

January 12, 1995

New Business

Great things have been happening this fall at the Beals Island Regional Shellfish Hatchery (BIRSH). First, the hatchery received a grant from the Northwest Atlantic Ocean Fisheries Reinvestment Program which will provide funding for BIRSH through most of the 1995 season and will also provide opportunities for fishermen and representatives from shellfish committees to gain hands-on training in shellfish aquaculture at BIRSH. The training program will include both laboratory and field work. These funds are administered by the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation under amendments four and five of the Northeast Multi-species Fishery Management Plan.



By now you may have heard of President Clinton's new national service initiative and domestic Peace Corps called AmeriCorps. * Under the USDA branch of AmeriCorps, the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) of Maine has created twenty positions to conserve and promote natural resources throughout the state. BIRSH received five of these positions, not only to help at the hatchery, but also to promote community education about marine resources and work on water quality in the downeast area (i.e., opening mudflats to clam digging). In addition to NRCS support for AmeriCorps members at BIRSH, the Bingham Betterment Fund, the Maine Aquaculture Innovation Center, and the University of Maine at Machias are also sponsors.

* This winter, BIRSH also received a grant from the Maine Aquaculture Innovation Center for a soft-shell clam broodstock conditioning experiment to be carried out by the hatchery staff, the AmeriCorps members, and Brian Beal of the University of Maine at Machias. This experiment will hopefully enhance our understanding of the reproductive cycle of the soft-shell clam. Clams normally spawn in late May or early June along the Maine coast. If hatchery staff wait until then to spawn broodstock and rear larvae, the juveniles to be planted the following spring will be quite small. If we can condition broodstock by controlling water temperature and food, we may be able to push our season ahead two to three months. Since clam survivorship in the flats relates

directly to planting size, spawning adult clams in March or April would result in larger juveniles for seeding and higher harvest yields.

Research Updates

Brian Beal

Assistant Professor of Marine Ecology
University of Maine at Machias

Clam growth and its application to shellfish management

In our first newsletter, we discussed the time of year when clams on downeast flats do most of their growing. Figure 1 demonstrates that clams have a rather considerable annual spurt of growth that coincides with warm weather and abundant food supply. (Please note that these figures give length of clams in metric units where 25 mm = 1-inch.) Growth between April and June represents about 15% of the entire yearly growth whereas 65% of the yearly growth occurs from June to August. By mid-October, clams larger than 3/4 of an inch essentially cease growing. This information was generated by following the growth of individual hatchery clams planted in Jonesboro and Cutler (i.e., eastern Maine). The figure shows that clams that begin growing at around 4 mm (approximately 1/6th of an inch) in April will average a little less than 25 mm (1-inch) by mid-October and that no growth occurs from October to the following April.

One question that others outside of the downeast area might ask is how does this information relate to my particular area? For the past two years we have studied clam growth on Swans Island and during the 1994 season we also worked in the town of Waldoboro. It turns out that clams in these areas also grow for a limited time during the year and that a definite growth spurt exists in both areas just as it does downeast. Although the sampling frequency was not exactly the same for the downeast, Swans Island, and Waldoboro sites, it is apparent that growth is fastest during late spring through early summer, and that after mid-October, growth ceases until the following spring (Figure 2 [Waldoboro] and 3 [Swans Island]).

For the Waldoboro site, 73% of the growth observed occurred from April to July. Growth had ceased by the October sampling as there was no difference in size of clams from 4 October to 29 November. Clams from the Swans Island site were initially divided into two groups ("Medium" and "Large") although there was little difference between their initial average size of 10mm and 11mm, respectively. As was the case in Waldoboro, 66% of the yearly growth occurred between the planting date of 1 May and the first sampling date of 24 July. Between July and October, the remaining 34% of the annual growth had occurred. By October, both groups had attained the same size and showed no significant growth to the next sampling period (1 December). It is unlikely that clams in either

Figure 1: Jonesboro 1989-1990

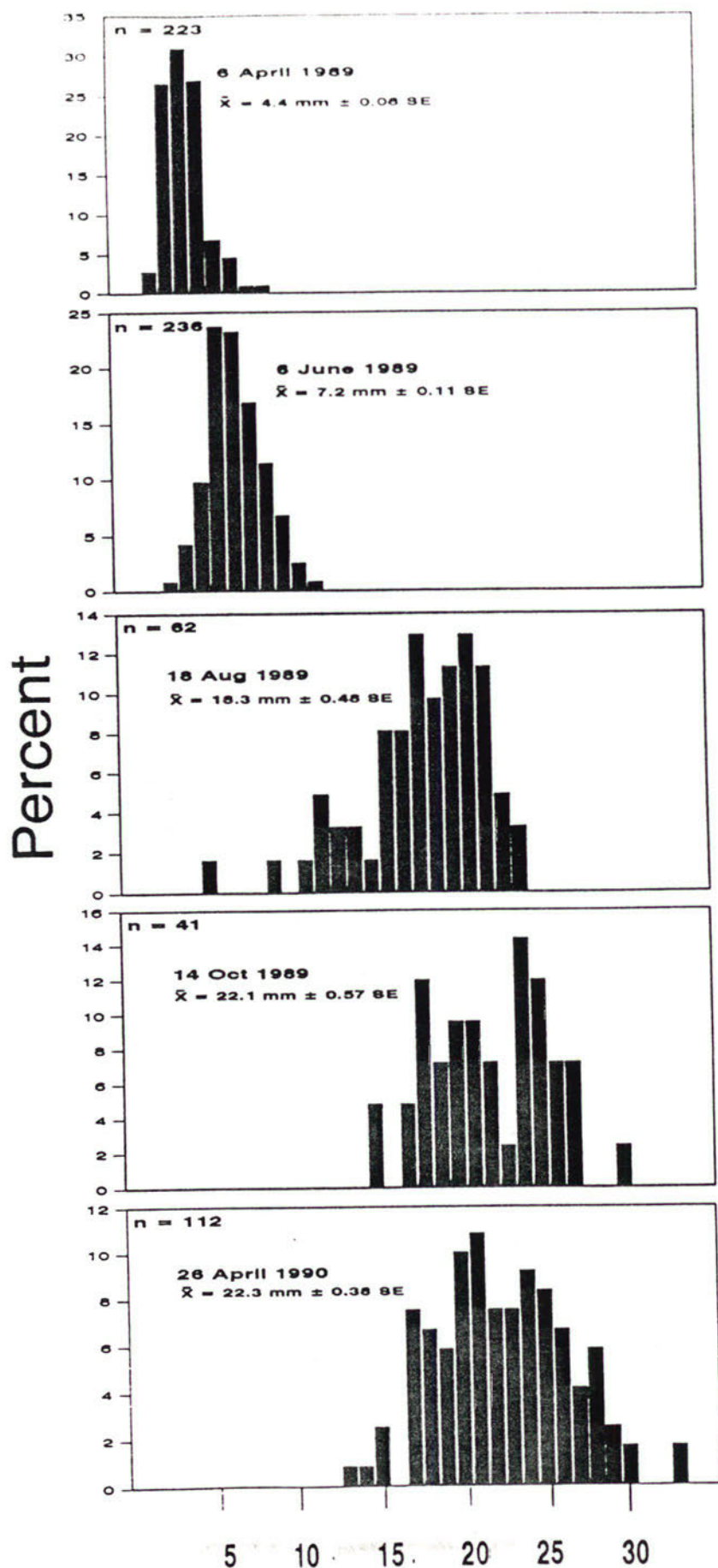
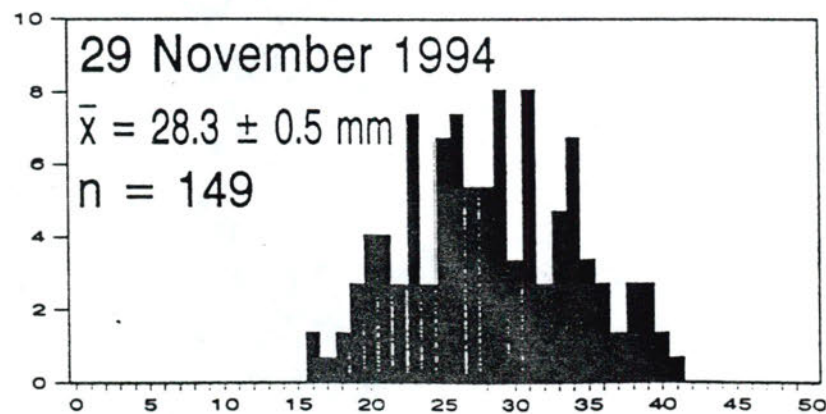
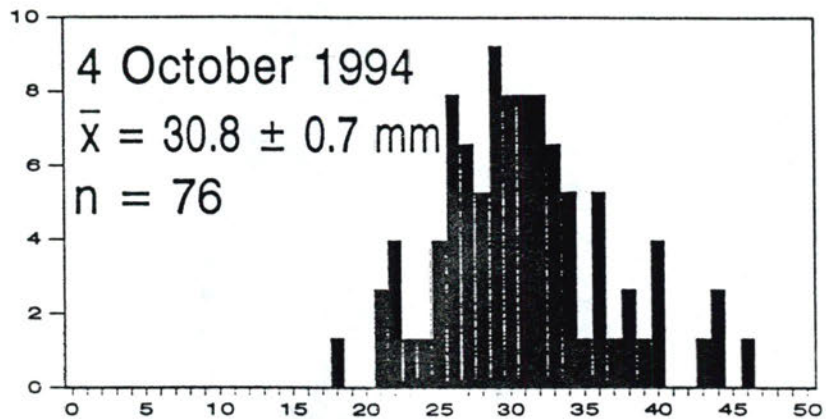
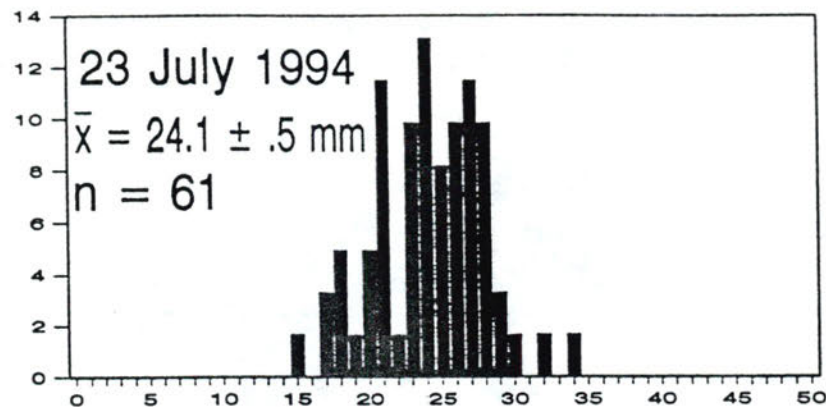
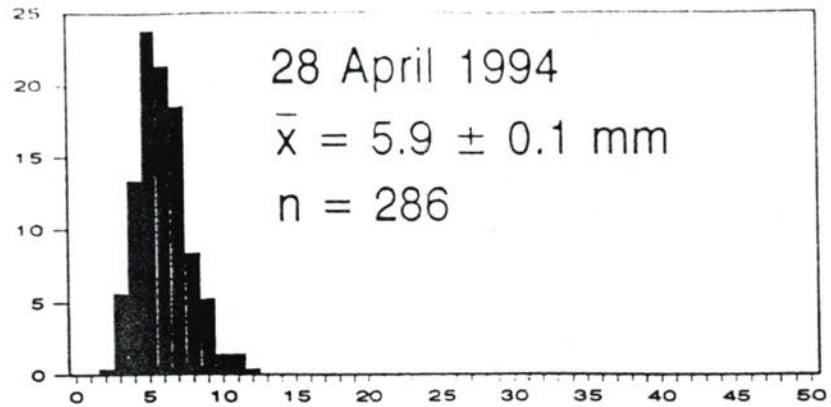


Figure 2: Waldoboro

Percent Frequency

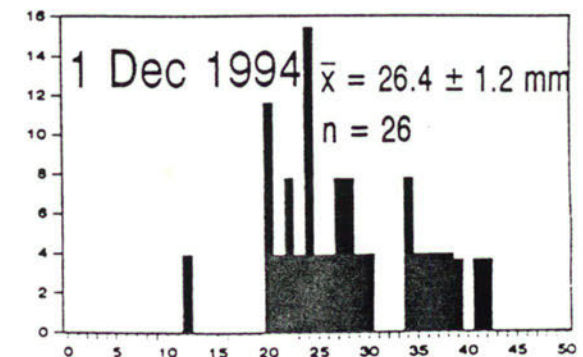
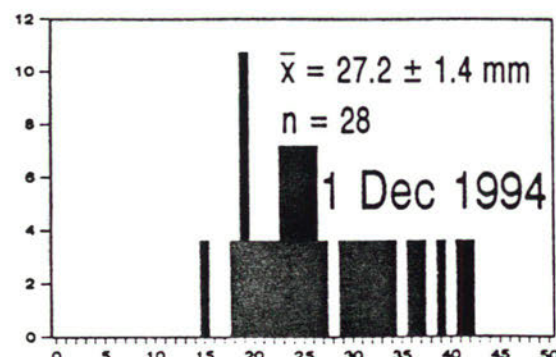
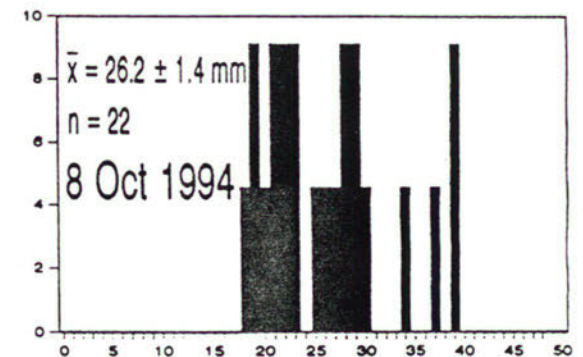
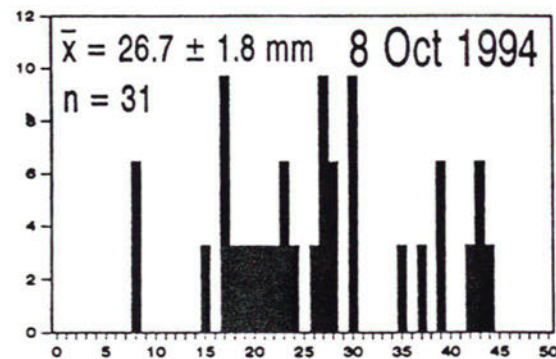
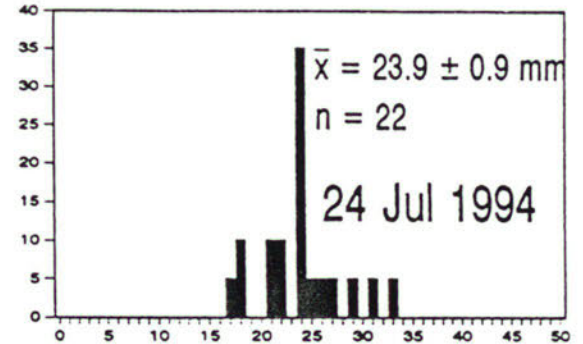
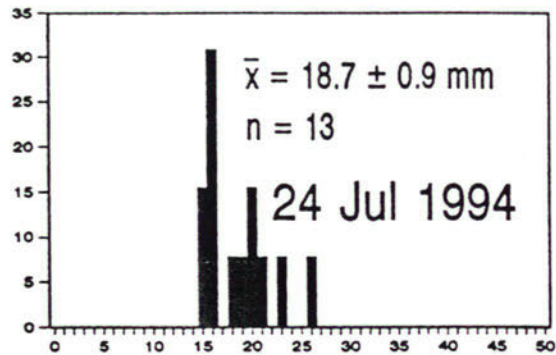
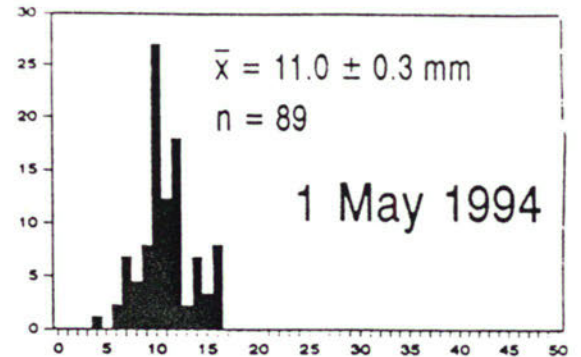
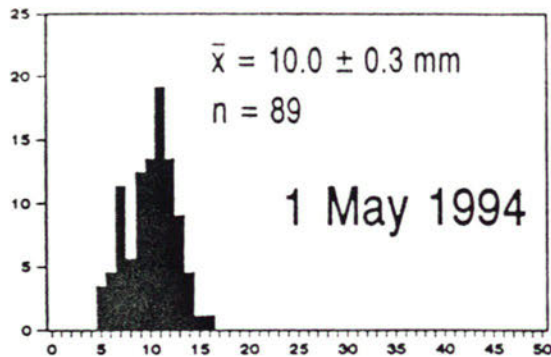


Shell Length (mm)

Figure 3: Swans Island

"Medium"

"Large"



Shell Length (mm)

Shell Length (mm)

Percent Frequency

location will add to their shell until next spring.

How important is this information and how can it be useful in managing both hatchery-reared and natural clam stocks? To really manage clams effectively, there are four basic pieces of information that should be known about the clam population on a particular flat: 1) how many clams are on the flat (that is, what is the number of bushels per acre), 2) what is the size distribution of these clams, 3) what is the size-specific mortality rate of these clams (this is essential so as to predict accurately what the standing stock will be at some future date), and 4) how fast do clams grow. The first two pieces of information can be generated by conducting a population survey of a clam flat. Techniques for survey work are available through the Department of Marine Resources or your local DMR area biologist. The third portion involves some experimental investigation where clams of various sizes are marked and measured, planted in the flat in several marked plots and then sampled over the course of the year. This information will not only allow you to understand how clams survive and how their survival is related to their size, but will also be useful in determining growth rates.

Suppose a shellfish committee knew in April that a flat had clams at a density of around 70 bushel per acre and that only 20% of these clams were harvestable (i.e., 50.8mm, or 2-inches) and that 60% of the clams fell into the size range between 38-48 mm (i.e., 1 1/2- to 1 7/8-inches). In addition, suppose the committee knew that for this particular flat, that 90% of the clams between 38-48 mm would reach 2-inches by late August and that the survival rate of this range of sizes was 85% during the April to August period. It would make the most sense to keep this particular flat closed until August for two reasons. The first is that digging a flat with a large percentage of sub-legal clams is likely to do more damage to the resource than it is worth. Studies by DMR as well as Canadian biologists have indicated that up to 50% of the sub-legal clams that are not taken end up dead either due to suffocation because small clams may get buried too deeply once the mud has been turned over onto them, or they become easy prey for gulls, fish, and moon snails. The second reason for waiting would be, of course, the difference in price per bushel from April to August. Last year, April prices to the digger were around \$45/bushel whereas August prices approached \$100/bushel and in some areas in southern Maine even topped the \$100-level.

Critical decisions about how to manage a town's clam resource cannot be made with any degree of accuracy without quantitative information. If your shellfish committee would like more information about research projects hatchery staff and researchers are currently undertaking, past results of projects, or clam survey data or interpretation of data, please contact Brian Beal at UMM (255-3313).

Fall Happenings

As usual, clams were placed in overwintering units in Mud Hole Cove, near Beals Island, in November to be recovered and planted in April. Five towns sent people to participate in the overwintering process; from Friendship, Marilyn Bolen and Kendall Winchenbach, from Perry, Ian Emery and Richard Look, from Kittery, Mike Gowell and Scott Moffat, from Waldoboro, Sam Chapman, Billy Bragg, and Merritt Callmore, and from Scarborough, Peter Angis, Keith Googins, Steve Snow, Ronald Willette, and Timothy Downs.

AmeriCorps members at BIRSH have also been involved in efforts to culture other bivalve species including sea scallops, Placopectin magellanicus, and surf clams, Spisula solidissima. Unfortunately, members were unable to get the surf clams to spawn and the scallop larvae did not survive past the planktonic stage. However, new techniques for spawning scallops were developed and will hopefully prove successful next year.

Because the hatchery has only run through the winter once before, two years ago, many renovations and improvements were necessary to make both hatchery and greenhouse workable and energy efficient for the winter season.



Manager's News

Dwayne Shaw

The sea scallop research project has been an ongoing, though secondary, part of the hatchery program since our humble beginnings back in 1987. Since that time, we have made about two dozen attempts to raise scallops and were successful only once. The swimming larvae (planktonic stage) of this species is very susceptible to environmental stress. However, we are still not sure what the requirements are to guarantee survival of scallop larvae so we will continue to explore new methods in 1995. As a result of the groundfish collapse, the federal government has funded a number of sea scallop research projects. We intend to stay in touch with developments related to the culture of this interesting (and valuable) shellfish, and are hopeful that in time we can routinely produce scallop seed for wild stock enhancement and/or aquaculture "grow-out".

In 1994, the Department of Marine Resources (DMR) issued a "Request for Lobster Hatchery Proposals". In response to numerous local suggestions that we get into the lobster stocking business, we sent a proposal to the DMR -- however, during the period between April and August, the Lobster Advisory Council changed its position on the necessity for supplementing the wild stocks and chose not to fund any lobster hatchery effort. This, of course, was very

discouraging, but, in 1995, we will raise and release lobsters regardless of state funding support.

Clam seed production at the hatchery this past year was below normal in terms of size of seed produced. Because the spawning of adult clams is not fully understood, we were unable to condition adults during the winter season to get a "jump" on the summer growing season. This is comparable to starting your tomato plants indoors in order to assure ripe tomatoes before frost in the fall. We need to create/simulate summer spawning temperatures, etc. in the hatchery as early in the year as we can to get large (1/2-inch or bigger) clams in the fall. This year we have received a grant from the MAIC to experiment with various methods of conditioning clams out of season. We will test the effects of feeding rates and temperature on clam reproductive condition.

Visits:

Since September, school groups from Bar Harbor, Lubec, Jonesport-Beals, and the University of Maine at Orono have visited the Hatchery. Both The Emerson School from Bar Harbor and the Lubec Grammar School received a newly developed tour called an interactive tour which involves job shadowing and teaches students what it is like to work in aquaculture. The consortium of Maine high school science and math teachers were also given a tour of the hatchery. In addition, AmeriCorps members visited The Emerson School and gave a presentation on aquaculture in Maine.

Attention Educators

The staff at BIRSH has developed curricula that spans all grade levels and covers such topics as:

The Hatchery
Water Quality
Marine Environmental Issues
Aquaculture
Intertidal Biology and Ecology
Natural History
Conservation Biology

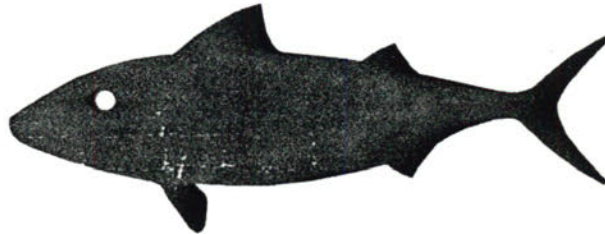
Staff members are available to visit any school or community or civic group in Maine, especially schools in Washington and coastal Hancock Counties. Some reimbursement for travel fees would be appreciated, but is not required. If you are interested in any of the above programs please send us written notice and a phone number and we will get back to you. Send all requests to:

✱ Jane Lamson A.C.
PO Box 83
Beals, ME 04611



Water Quality

In the state of Maine, the USDA branch of AmeriCorps is administrated by the Natural Resource Conservation Service. All twenty positions are brought together under the NRCS by a main focus of water quality, hence this is a large part of the AmeriCorps members' work experience at BIRSH. So far this fall, all five AmeriCorps participants have been trained in water quality sample collection and analysis. They have also been involved in the continuing water quality project in cooperation with the Jonesport-Beals High School. In addition, they have initiated a water quality project much like the one at Jonesport-Beals at Narraguagas High School with the Town of Harrington as their partner in the community. Water quality curricula have also been developed for all grade levels and for interested community members.



AmeriCorps volunteers are also assisting the Department of Marine Resources Area Biologist in Washington County, David Clifford, in preparing for Sanitary Shoreline Survey in the spring. In addition, a project in conjunction with the Department of Marine Resources, the Department of Environmental Protection, local plumbing inspectors, and town officials has been implemented in an effort to clean up and open shellfish growing areas of Beals Island, Jonesport, and Addison. Lastly, a grant has been written to Shore Stewards and the Maine Community Foundation requesting funds for equipment to produce water quality testing videos in cooperation with Jonesport-Beals High School for community education.

Thanks!!

We'd like to thank Will Hopkins of Eastport for donating an IBM 286 computer and Paul Thompson for donating a modem to BIRSH. This will really help us jump into the twentieth century!



Wish List

We are hoping to upgrade this IBM 286 to a 386. Any donation of equipment towards this goal would be appreciated. Other helpful donations would be filing cabinets, office equipment, or a camcorder.

Septic Information

For information or paperwork explaining the Small Community Grants Program for updating septic systems and licensed overboard discharges, contact Clarissa Trasko or Jim Sohnes at DEP (phone #: 207-941-4570).

Thanks for your support:

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Win a bike in Twin Valley June 3

Local businesses are promoting the Agassiz Recreation Trail with a picnic June 3 at Heiberg Park.

Come for the pig roast and stay for the mountain bike drawings because two new mountain bicycles will be given away that day.

The event is part of National Trail Days and the promotion of the new trail through Twin Valley.

The bikes were purchased with donated funds from Twin Valley Co-op, Twin Valley State Bank, Twin Valley-Ulen Telephone Company, Buckle's Hardware, Sew Happy Creations and Twin Valley Liquor Store.

Americorps personnel were busy assembling the bikes last Tuesday. Pictured to the right are Aaron Neubert (left), Jeff York and Kathie Musch. The bikes are currently on display at various businesses around town.

The picnic begins at 11 a.m.



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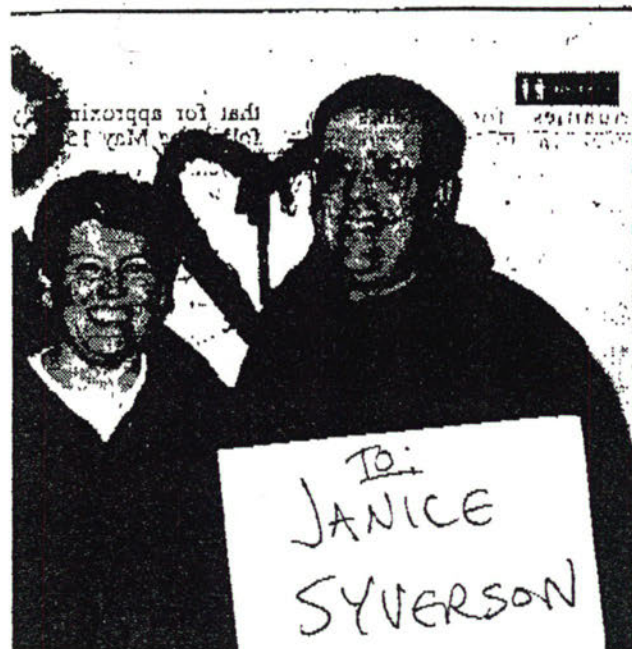
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Lewiston Journal
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Pizza fo

John Spitzer of St. Charles won the pizza for a
cently from Jimmy's Pizza. The trip to Hawaii was
Richardson of Braham, Mn.

AmeriCorps to assist with National Day

Two AmeriCorps members from
Lewiston will be assisting as crew
leaders at the National Service Day
activities in the Twin Cities April
25th. Mike Aho and Linda Dahl
will participate in a three hour crew
leader training session after which
they will supervise groups of
AmeriCorps youth participants
working on one of six projects.

The projects include improvement
and clean up, mural painting and
beautification at a shelter, painting
over graffiti and a carnival for
children.

AmeriCorps is a national service
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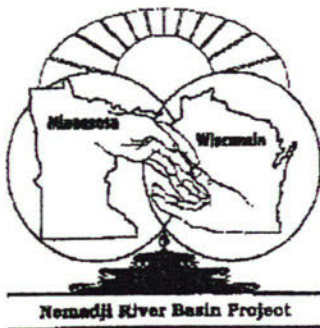
Dear Carla Gennrich,

My name is Jeff York, I am writing on behalf of the 10 USDA NRCS AmeriCorps members in Northwest Minnesota. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for organizing and inviting us to your National Service Day community service event. It was very exciting to work with other AmeriCorps members from around the state as well as the other service oriented groups. We feel that this experience was very worthwhile and hope that we made a difference in the communities that we helped serve. Once again, thank you very much!

See you next year,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Jeff York", written over a horizontal line.

The Northwest AmeriCorps Team



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April 9, 1995



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Cromwell Students Place 2nd in The Envirothon Competition

A team of four students from Cromwell High School recently placed 2nd in the "Envirothon," an outdoor competition testing students knowledge about the environment and natural resources. They competed against 23 other teams from throughout northeast Minnesota.

Students on the team were Brian Granholm, Stacey Homstad, Travis Homstad, Keith Anderson and Derek Houck. Oscar Eliason was their teacher advisor.

"I commend you all for being part of the Envirothon and for using your brain power to learn about things that will someday benefit the environment," said Sam Cook, Outdoors Writer for the Duluth News-Tribune, who presented the awards. "In addition to what you did today, learning about the environment, I urge you to just get out in the woods and discover and explore."

The event took place on Monday, May 1, at the Cloquet Forestry Center. Approximately 110 students, in teams of 4-5, participated. The teams visited five different learning stations covering the topics of water quality, wildlife, forestry, soils and energy conservation. At each station, presenters asked the teams 20 questions on their related topics. Teams were then allowed 30 minutes to work together to answer the questions.

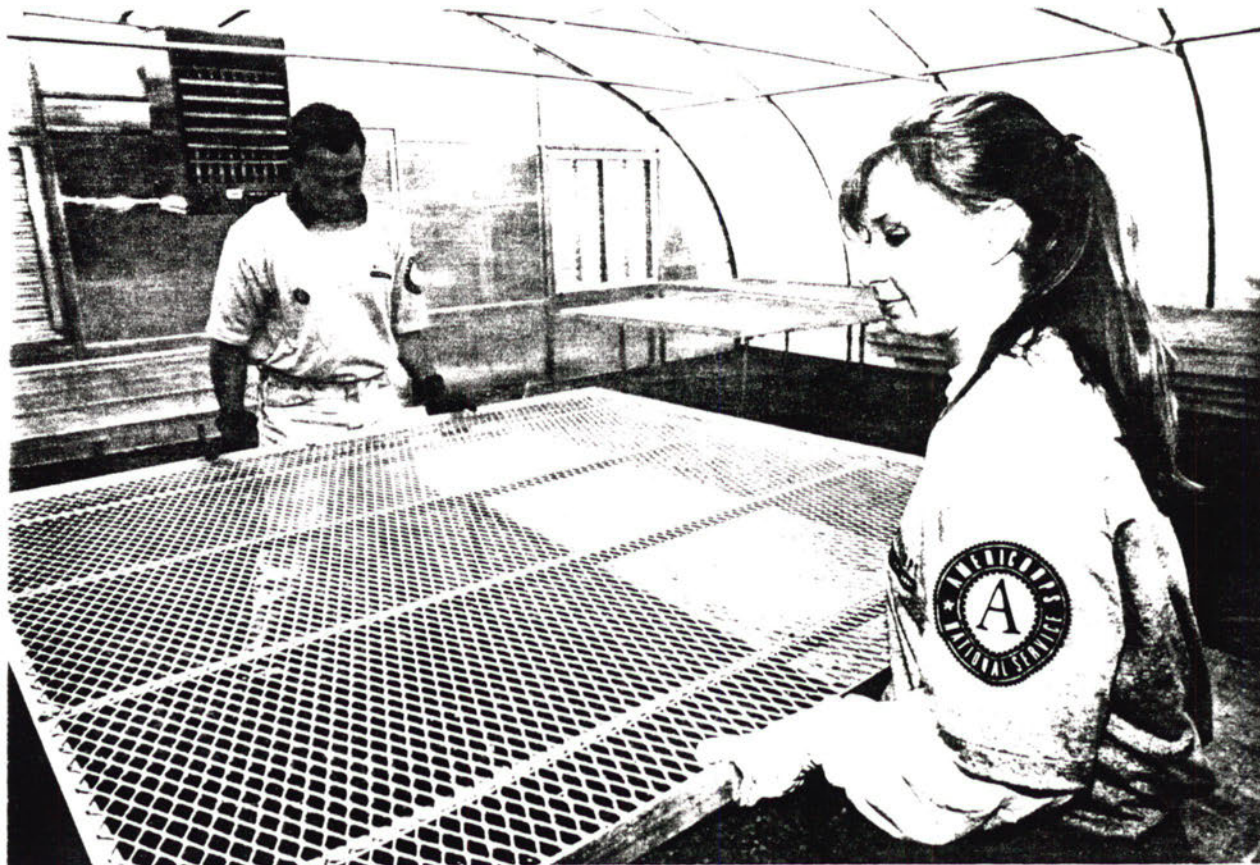
The presenters included professional foresters, soil and water conservation officers and members of AmeriCorps. AmeriCorps is the domestic Peace Corps created by President Clinton and Congress to engage Americans of all backgrounds in direct service to their communities in exchange for an educational benefit that can be used to pay for college, job training, or to pay back student loans. The USDA now has approximately 1,200 members serving 38 states.

The Cromwell team along with teams from Willow River and Silver Bay, first and third place respectively, will be competing at the state Envirothon to be held May 18th.

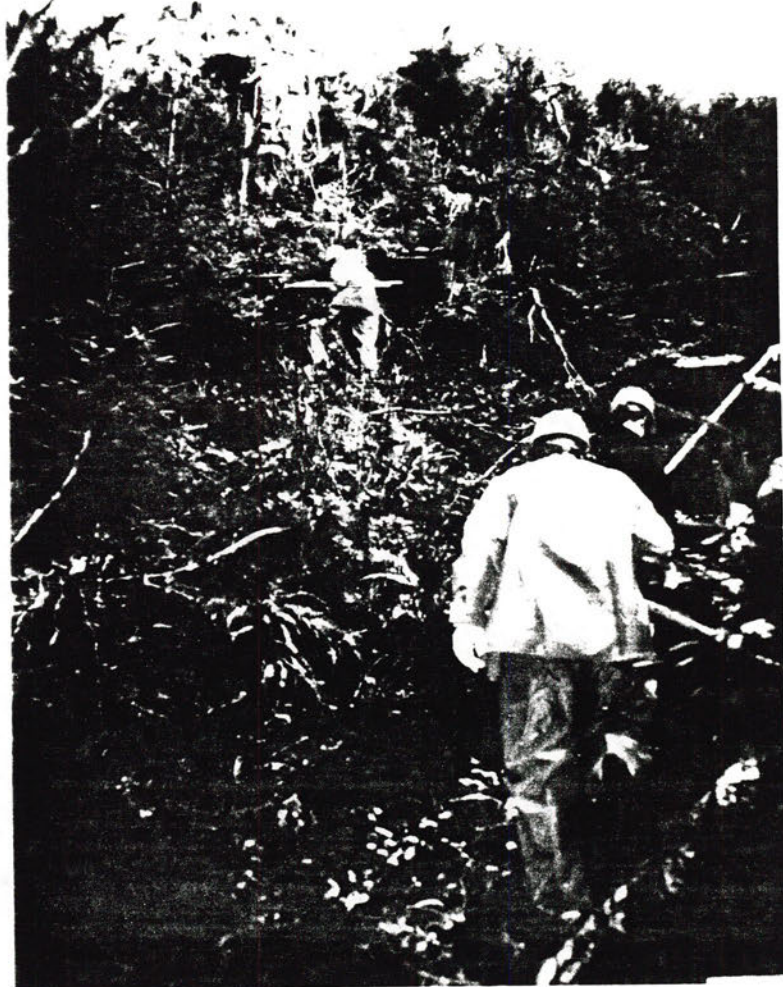


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Members in Acworth, Georgia build greenhouses which will be used to grow plants for the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta.



Selective pruning helps ensure high quality, knot free lumber for timber harvesting. Members hike up steep terrain to prune young Douglas Fir on the Hood Canal Ranger District, Olympic National Forest.



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Janice Syverson
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Dear Janice:

I want to thank you for all your work during the 1995 Christmas Toy & Joy Shop. Your efforts made it a great success.

We hope that you will consider volunteering in this capacity again next year.

Please remember that there are many volunteer opportunities available throughout the year. Should you be interested in these opportunities, please contact our office.

Again, thank you for all your help!

Mrs. Lt. Sandra Dennis
Assistant Corps Officer

SJD/lmh

March 3, 1995

Director
Americorps
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AG BOX 1310
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Washington DC 20250-1310

Dear Sir or Madam:

My wife and I have just attended an "open house" staged by leaders of the Americorps organization in Goldendale, Washington. The Greener Pastures Institute is in the process of building a new headquarters in Washington state.

We met some very dynamic, committed young people at the open house describing their myriad efforts to restore riparian habitat in Klickitat County and take on other needed community service projects.

I understand that political pressures may be brought to bear to disband this program which is obviously creating educational and training opportunities for young people while at the same time contributing to community beautification and development. It reminds me of the old VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America) program.

I hope you will pass this letter along to those who can positively influence continued funding of the Americorps program.

Sincerely,



William L. Seavey
Director

cc: Dave Kreft, Natural Resource & Conservation Service, Goldendale



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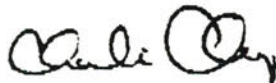
Dear Ana:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your superb assistance with the Aztec and Bloomfield business survey. Without your dedicated effort we would have been unable to meet the stringent deadline set forth for the completion of the project.

I've spoken with Patty Lundstrom and Jennifer Dowling at the COG, and they were equally impressed by the timeliness in which you were able to conduct all of the surveys. Though the analysis is currently in its early stages, the results appear to be promising and we anticipate gaining a great deal of insight.

Thank you again for your help and we will forward a copy of the final report to your office.

Sincerely,



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Al Keller, Manager City of Bloomfield

**METRO**

March 24, 1995

Senator Mark Hatfield
711 Hart Senate Office Bldg
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Hatfield:

Attached is a resolution adopted March 23, 1995, by the Metro Council, in support of continued funding for the AmeriCorps program. We have found AmeriCorps to be a valuable tool to provide valuable work experience for urban youth and college students, while helping local projects aimed at cleaning and restoring the environment.

We have local experience with AmeriCorps, through an EnviroCorps project employing 20 young people working to restore parts of the Columbia Slough and other fragile natural environments. This program is already producing results from a committed group of workers.

We hope that you will give strong consideration to continuing funding for AmeriCorps on a national level, to continue producing benefits, like those already accruing to the Portland metropolitan region, in communities throughout the United States. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Ruth McFarland
Presiding Officer

Mike Burton
Executive Officer

Ed Washington
Metro Councilor

HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING
IS A COMPLETE AND EXACT COPY OF THE
ORIGINAL THEREOF

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

Guthy Ross
Clerk of the Metro Council

FOR THE PURPOSE OF EXPRESSING
SUPPORT FOR THE NATIONAL
AMERICORPS PROGRAM

) RESOLUTION NO. 95-2119
)
) Introduced by Councilor
) Ed Washington

WHEREAS, The AmeriCorps program was established in June, 1994 to provide opportunities for young men and women across the country to work on conservation projects while earning a small stipend and college tuition credit; and

WHEREAS, The AmeriCorps program also provides the opportunity for its participants to gain valuable work experience while contributing to their community; and

WHEREAS, Metro is a participant in a local EnviroCorps program that is affiliated with AmeriCorps, which provides work experience for up to 20 young adults in helping to restore the Columbia Slough area adjacent to the former Whitaker School; and

WHEREAS, The local EnviroCorps program provides an excellent opportunity for inner-city youth to serve their community by cleaning and restoring this part of the Columbia Slough, and serve their own interests by doing productive work; and

WHEREAS, The EnviroCorps program is an excellent example of federal and local cooperation to achieve the multiple goals of assistance to our young people and environmental restoration; and

WHEREAS, Reduction or elimination of funding for the program at the federal level will deprive residents of the Metro area and across the country from realizing the multiple benefits of this most worthwhile program; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED,

That the Metro Council supports continued funding for the AmeriCorps program by the U.S. Congress, and directs that this resolution and a cover letter be sent to all members of Oregon's and southwest Washington's congressional delegations.

ADOPTED this 23 day of March, 1995.

J. Ruth McFarland
J. Ruth McFarland, Presiding Officer



House of Representatives

State of South Carolina

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Medical, Military, Public
and Municipal Affairs

March 30, 1995

Ms Jacqueline Porter
205 Izlar Street
Blackville, SC 29817

Dear Ms Porter:

I would like to commend you on your work for the Blackville community as an Americorp volunteer. After reading your letter concerning services for HIV positive citizens, I contacted Ms Debra Dicks of the Barnwell City Health Department. The following is a list of services Ms Dicks indicated are available for citizens of the area:

- Pre-test Counseling regarding what HIV is;
- Counseling on being HIV positive once a test is positive, including counseling about health factors and lifestyle behaviors;
- Counseling on the AIDS disease once a second lab test indicates HIV positive status;
- Questioning on whether the client has a private medical provider and/or health insurance;
- A client is then referred to an HIV case manager who is in the district. Case management is based on individual need and is funded by Ryan White funding that just recently became available;
- Help in filling out disability of Medicaid form;
- Referrals to other departments, such as the South Carolina Mental Health Department, which also provide services for HIV positive individuals; the HIV Consortium; and given information on private counseling groups (located in Aiken, South Carolina);
- At the choice of the client, follow up lab work regarding T-4 counts can be performed by the Health Department. This work is based on availability.

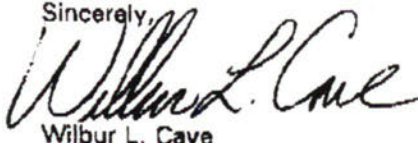
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In addition, the department now has contracts with physicians on an as-needed basis for those clients who do not have a private source medical provider. Some medication can be obtained from the Consortium, Ryan White funds, and from drug companies. The Health Department aids in filling out the necessary applications for this medication.

From this information, it appears that the problem for the county is not the lack of services, but is in convincing citizens to come forward and utilize these services. Your position as an Americorp volunteer to link resources and people is ideal for this challenge.

It is my pleasure to help you in any way I can in confronting this problem. I hope you will let me know if I can be of further assistance to you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Wilbur L. Cave".

Wilbur L. Cave

WLC/mr
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CITY OF MARVELL
P.O. BOX 837
MARVELL, AR 72366

April 6, 1995

Mr. Joel Berg
AmeriCorps Director
USDA
Room 538-A
14th & Ind., SE
Washington, DC 20256

Dear Mr. Berg,

The City of Marvell would like to express their sincere appreciation for the work that the AmeriCorps volunteers have provided in our rural community. The workers have provided services that our city would not have been otherwise able to afford or provide.

Currently Jana Coleman is working with the City of Marvell filling out grant applications, organizing community volunteer committees, and assisting with the planning and installation of handicap ramps in our downtown area. She is a major force in getting the City prepared for new projects to be implemented, such as Neighborhood Watch, a new county library in our community, and an updated City map. In conjunction with the AmeriCorps participant and the Natural Resources Conservation Service, the City of Marvell has applied for a Floodplain Management Study. With the AmeriCorps volunteers assistance this project, which is greatly needed in our area, is closer to becoming a reality for the City of Marvell.

Other individuals and groups are also being helped by additional AmeriCorps volunteers in our area. Vivian Jones is teaching Staff Development at the Boys, Girls, Adults Community Development Center located in Marvell. Harrison Locke is assisting an area farmer in vegetable production.

In closing, the AmeriCorps volunteers are an asset to not only our town but to the entire Delta region. It is with great respect that I request the continuance of this program.

Sincerely,


Clark Hall, Mayor

CITY OF MARVELL

P. O. BOX 837

MARVELL, ARKANSAS 72366

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WATER DEPT. (501) 829-2573

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March 15, 1995

Ms. Jana Coleman
Americor Program
Room 217
617 Walnut St
Helena, AR 72342

Dear Jana,

As mayor of Marvell, I just wanted to say thank you for all the long hours you put in on our recent Cops-More grant. The job you did was outstanding. The City was indeed lucky to have your co-operation.

Please keep us informed on the Flood Plain Management Study. We are in desperate need of this service. If there is anything further that I need to do please let me know.

If there is any way possible I would like to have you in Marvell on a regular basis. I feel that with your help, together we could tackle all of our problems.

Again, thanks for a great job. If there is anything I can do to help you in other programs just let me know. I am looking forward to working with you in the near future.

Thanks again


Clark Hall, Mayor

A program makes a difference

AMERICORPS

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age 14, he wrote an article in the Kakiat Junior High school newspaper on what he viewed as drug abuse among his fellow students.

When the school board moved to squelch the article, Berg sought local newspaper and radio coverage to publicize his position.

"I felt it was a greater First Amendment issue," he says. "That started me in politics. I saw how a person in office could affect public policy."

At age 18, he ran for a position on the East Ramapo district's school board. While a student at Columbia University, he worked on Democrat Gary Hart's presidential campaign, and on Bruce Levine's first campaign for the Rockland County Legislature in 1985.

Berg continued to forge his imprint in the political arena after graduating from Columbia in 1986. That year, he accepted the Democratic mantle in the race for state senator against popular incumbent Eugene Levy, who won easily.

Thereafter followed a stint

working in New York on Bruce Babbitt's presidential campaign. After the election in 1988, Berg came to Washington and landed a job as a policy analyst for the Democratic Leadership Council's Progressive Policy Institute. His primary issue was national service.

The council, chaired by Sen. Sam Nunn, introduced a project called City Year in Boston that attracted Clinton's attention, Berg says.

"In the past, programs like the Peace Corps and VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America) were mainly for upper middle class people. And there were other programs for kids from lower economic levels. But City Year connected all kinds of kids. Clinton saw this and he went from enthusiastic to evangelical. He made national service one of the centerpieces of his campaign."

'Getting things done'

Berg worked on Clinton's campaign for a year and was a member of his transition team. For three months, he held the position of U.S. Department of Agriculture director of public affairs, reporting to then Secretary of Agriculture

Mike Espy.

For the next year, he served as USDA director of public liaison, which entailed dealing with special interest groups.

"People have to remember that the USDA is not just involved with farming," Berg says. "It's also nutrition, inspecting meat, world development, research, national forests."

A year ago, Berg secured his current position, USDA director of national service, in which he strives toward four general goals: "getting things done, promoting community, building responsibility and expanding opportunity."

Berg works with community-based agencies such as youth service corps, soil conservation districts and county governments. He reports to Segal, the AmeriCorps president, and Dan Glickman, the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture.

"The leadership and spirit of Joel and his colleagues at the Department of Agriculture," says Segal, "have inspired creation of service programs that make a difference to thousands of families, and give hundreds of AmeriCorps participants a chance to give something back to their country."

Clearing a path to success

Education


Desert Sun photo by Andy Gompertz

John Soto (foreground) of Indio and Patrina Olvera of Desert Hot Springs cut and clear a portion of the Pacific Crest Trail recently as part of an AmeriCorps

project. The workers provide community service in exchange for minimum wage and funds to apply toward their education.

AmeriCorps provides paychecks, pride

by PAUL R. HUARD
The Desert Sun

Karen Perry stretched her arms wide, gesturing at the mountains around her as she stood on the wilderness trail she helped repair.

"This is my office," the 26-year-old Riverside woman said. "I can't tell you how proud I am of the work I do."

Perry was one of 18 crew members in the regional AmeriCorps program who recently helped clear and repair a section

BACKGROUND: When, why AmeriCorps was started/A5

of the Pacific Crest Trail in the San Bernardino Mountains above Whitewater.

AmeriCorps, a national service program, was signed into law by President Clinton in 1993. As a trade-off for a year's worth of labor, participants receive money for college.

Clinton said the program, with 20,000 people enrolled nation-

wide, is his proudest achievement. But it has come under fire from a Republican-controlled Congress looking for ways to trim federal spending.

Last month, House Speaker Newt Gingrich called the program "coerced volunteerism," "gimmickry" and waste of money.

Republican Congressman Sonny Bono said he didn't know enough about AmeriCorps to advocate it being cut, but he said the

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\$1.5 billion allocated over three years would make many of his colleagues take a hard look at the program.

"It's apparent there will be a lot of sacrifices required in the future. Then the question becomes, 'Where are the priorities?'" he said. "If it's just giving away a billion-and-a-half, then I think it's going to be a big problem from the get-go."

To many people enrolled in AmeriCorps of the San Bernardino National Forest — a regional program for Riverside, San Bernardino and Los Angeles counties — the program has become a means to a better life.

Angie Savio of Palm Springs worked alongside Perry, hauling rocks into a drainage ditch they built to keep the trail from eroding.

A few months ago, friends questioned Savio's sanity when she told them she would be working in the wilderness.

"Now I can use a chainsaw," said the 20-year-old member of Crew 13, based at the Palm Springs Bureau of Land Management office. "Nobody tells me I can't do or learn anything."

Although many might consider this opportunity for public service the equivalent of hard labor, the AmeriCorps members said the program is doing more for young people than the jobs they probably otherwise would get in fast-food restaurants.

"I could be clearing tables," said 27-year-old Eve Kosenchuck of Indio. "Instead, I'll be clearing brush. Which job do you think is going to teach me more?"

Called "the domestic Peace Corps" by its supporters, AmeriCorps employs 85 people from Riverside and San Bernardino counties — including five from the Coachella Valley. Participants repair hiking trails, remove graffiti from picnic sites in the San Bernardino National Forest and plant trees on fire-scarred mountains.

In return, they receive minimum wage and a \$4,725 award that can be used for college tuition or to repay an existing student loan.



Desert Sun photo by Andy Gumpert

ROAD TO SUCCESS: AmeriCorps workers earn money for school by clearing a narrow, winding section of the Pacific Crest Trail. The program has enrolled 20,000 since it began in 1994.

For information

AmeriCorps of the San Bernardino National Forest: (909) 794-6198.

Corporation for National and Community Service: 1100 Vermont Ave. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20525, (202) 606-5000.

Recruitment: This spring, AmeriCorps will recruit in high schools and community colleges throughout Riverside, San Bernardino and Los Angeles counties.

Applications: Accepted beginning in June. Next service year begins in August.

To participate: Candidates must complete an application, orientation and interview. Members are chosen based on "a true desire to go on to school," Director Randy Scurry said.

Local projects:

Repairing walking trails in the Big Morongo Canyon Preserve; removing brush and trees near Iyilwaid; rebuilding trails to resist erosion in Joshua Tree National Park.

member said the program already helped him choose a career. John Soto of Indio rose to the position of crew boss since he joined AmeriCorps in October.

Soto, 29, said he wants to be a firefighter, a job he learned to admire while working in AmeriCorps.

"When you're young, you don't look to the future," Soto said. "I need to provide for my family. I think I've found a way."

people to help us get the message out," Clinton said before leaving Palm Springs this week.

At least one AmeriCorps

ANTELOPE VALLEY

EDITION

DAILY NEWS

• MONDAY, MARCH 6, 1995 •

Americorps takes root in A.V.

Tree-planting helps residents weather storms

By Karen Maeshiro
Daily News Staff Writer

ANTELOPE ACRES — April Jorgen was a student at Antelope Valley College, Sandy Haynes was working in real estate and Phillip Sam was fresh out of college with a degree in agricultural biology.

The three took up the call to join President Clinton's Americorps community service program last fall and have come together in the Antelope Valley, where they will help residents plant trees as windbreaks against dust storms.

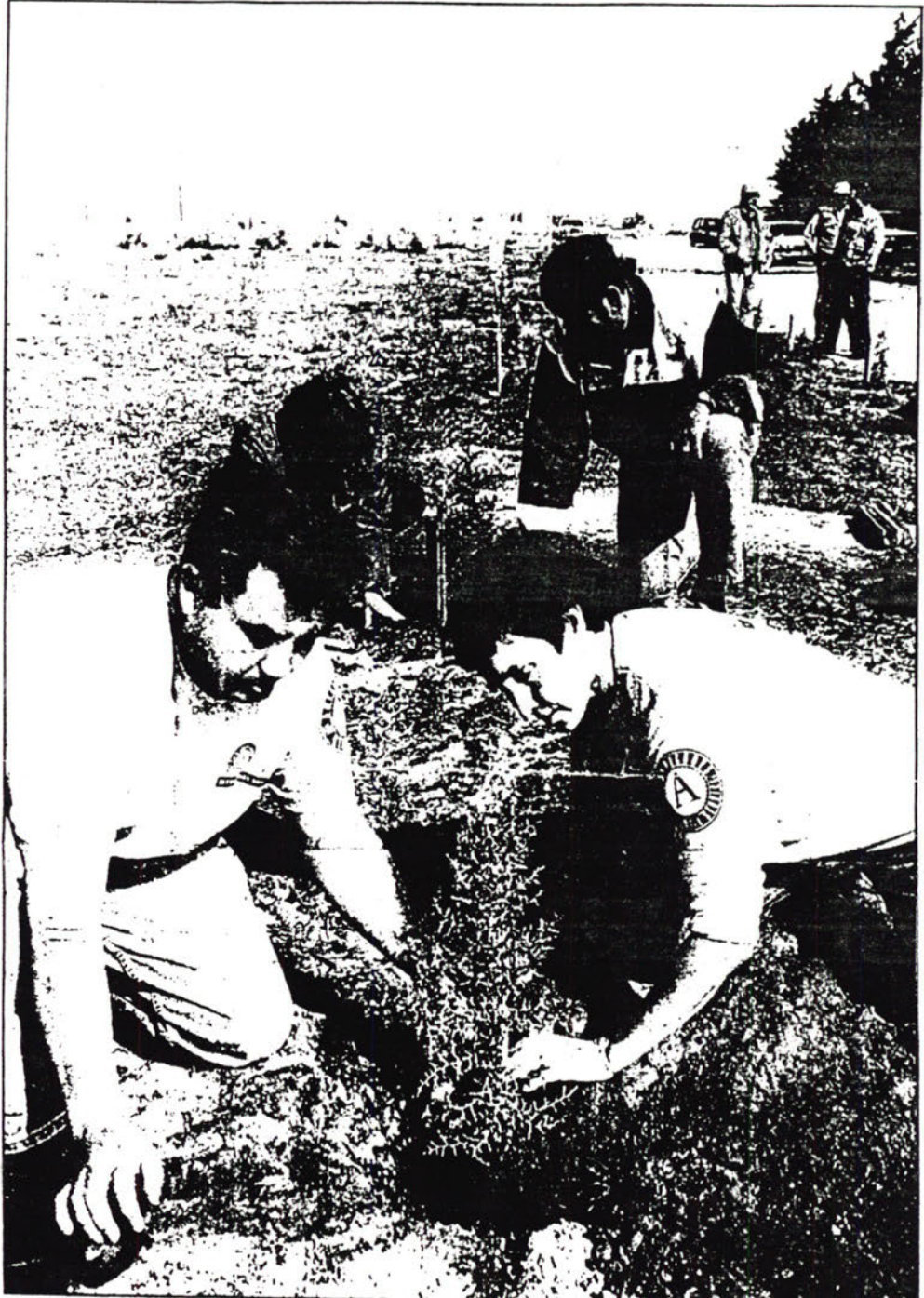
"I've always been interested in volunteering and helping people, and I'm a real outdoors person," said Haynes, a 57-year-old resident of Lancaster. "It's the joy of helping people and being outdoors. We've learned a lot about windbreaks, and we're disseminating the information to the people."

On Saturday, Haynes, Jorgen and Sam attended a tree-planting demonstration at the Antelope Acres Community Center to launch the program by the Natural Resources Conservation Service, where the three have been assigned.

About 20 people were on hand to watch as 54 Arizona cypress seedlings were placed into the ground. In the center, Natural Resources Conservation Service staff discussed the program with residents and answered their questions.

The three Americorps members will be working with residents in Antelope Acres to help plan the windbreak, determine the number and type of trees needed, and provide the labor to plant the seedlings.

Jorgen, who is hearing-impaired, provides staff support by writing up reports. Haynes and Sam get to do the outdoor work, which has included helping residents in fire-ravaged areas of



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Phillip Sam, left and Sandy Haynes plant an Arizona cypress at the Antelope Acres Community Center.

Jeff Goldwater / Daily News



AREA AMERICORPS workers met recently with Joel Berg, center, director of National Services for the Department of Agriculture. AmeriCorps workers assist with a variety of community needs.

The program has been active in Winnsboro since September. (photo by Monica Huff)

AmeriCorps...

Domestic 'Peace Corps' active in area

By Vicki Adams
Contributing Writer

AmeriCorps, the national service organization signed into law by President Bill Clinton, has been termed a success since Winnsboro adopted it in the fall.

AmeriCorps has been called the president's domestic version of the Peace Corps. Sponsored by government agencies, it allows groups of people to perform critical services to meet environmental, human, public safety and educational needs.

The members of AmeriCorps assist with tourism development, community planning, rural fire protection, timber bridge replacement and farm safety.

Lee Wooldridge, a local member of AmeriCorps, says he enjoys helping people in the community.

"I don't mind helping people and I do it everyday," Wooldridge said.

"A program I'm working on now is tutoring students in grades K-7. I'm also giving farm safety classes at local elementary schools."

Wooldridge is sponsored by Rural Economic and Community Development (RECD), which is a subset of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).

The USDA is a large supporter of the AmeriCorps program. Other agencies under USDA are Forest Service (FS) and Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

Judith Ned of Baton Rouge now lives in Winnsboro as a community planner for 12 surrounding areas. Susan Mullins of Mangham



Joel Berg

as tourism specialist.

"I like the benefits of AmeriCorps," Mullins said. "It pays child care while I'm working and I know the education and money are there if I ever decide to go back to school."

Donna Remedies, the Resource Conservation and Development (RC&D) coordinator, is the AmeriCorps supervisor over Ned and Mullins.

"I don't feel I could have accomplished as much in the community since I've been here without the girls' help," Remedies said. "All the members under FS are college graduates. They could be making a lot more money but they chose to help here. We get a lot done."

Joel Berg, the director of National Services for the Department of Agriculture, visited Winnsboro on March 30 to speak to AmeriCorps members in the area. He oversees 1,200 AmeriCorps members serving in USDA anti-hunger, environmental and rural development projects in 33 states.

"AmeriCorps is about four

things: getting things done, community, opportunity and responsibility," Berg said.

"It creates more jobs, a cleaner environment and safer community. You'll soon see how critical it is to your community."

The AmeriCorps also participated in Saturday's Catfish Festival, where they manned a children's booth.

Sandy Eley, a local AmeriCorps member who's also with the Macon Ridge Economic Development Foundation, coordinated the booth, which included face painting, cartoon characters and information about farm safety, mental health, conservation awareness and fire safety.

The booth also featured identification cards for the children, which will be registered with the police station.

HOLLY GROVE SCHOOL DISTRICT

"Everybody is Somebody"

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March 17, 1995

Mr. Bruce Leggitt
Central Arkansas RC&D
NBA Building-Suite 205
4000 McCain Blvd.
North Little Rock, AR 72116

Dear Mr. Leggitt:

Renee Spurlock, Audria Coleman, and Jana Coleman, members of the AmeriCorps-USDA, are very active in and concerned about our community.

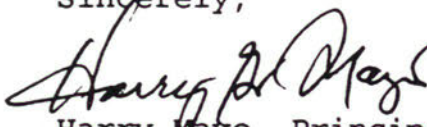
They serve on various projects whose mission is to improve the quality of life in the Holly Grove community. Two good examples are the Crime and Drug Committee and the Education Development Committee. One goal of the Crime and Drug Committee is to organize Neighborhood Watch Programs throughout the city.

As members of the City Beautification, Recreation and Tourism Committee, Ms. Spurlock and Ms. J. Coleman have the task of implementing ideas that will encourage tourism in our city thereby improving our sagging economy.

Vivian Jones is a member of the AmeriCorps-USDA Program who is working on the DAD (Dealing With Adolescent Development) Program. The goals of the DAD Program are to bring job opportunities to the city and to provide the African American youth of the city with programs to help them deal with problems they currently face. As a member of the DAD program, I plan to personally work with about thirty of these at risk African American males.

I have observed both concern and dedication to purpose in Ms. A. Coleman, Ms. J. Coleman, Mrs. Jones and Ms. Spurlock. As a fellow member serving on several committees with them, I have seen their devotion and hard work.

Sincerely,


Harry Mayo, Principal
Holly Grove High School

Mayor
LULA TYLER

City of Holly Grove

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HOLLY GROVE, AR 72069

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March 22, 1995

Paula Cole Jones
Director, Americorp
USDA-NRCS

Dear Ms. Jones:

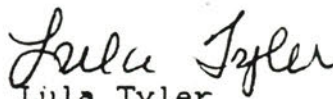
The City of Holly Grove is very proud to have Americorps workers in our town. They have shown a great interest in improving the living conditions for all of our citizens. They have shown much enthusiasm and motivation in working with our community.

The City has undertaken several projects and the Americorp workers have been very instrumental in keeping the projects out front. They have been very active in the FEMA buy-out and also in reactivating committees that will determine the growth of the City. Also they have been very beneficial in locating funding sources for our projects.

All of the citizens, especially the senior citizens, look forward to reading The Holly Grove Update that is prepared monthly by the Americorps workers. This effort has also brought the City closer together.

It is a pleasure to have Americorps workers in our community. They have been most helpful and cooperative in our endeavor to motivate our residents to become an active part of our community. I hope to see the Americorps program extended here in Holly Grove for at least another year to allow for the completion of the projects that have already been started and to further educate the public in order that the programs that have been initiated by the Americorps workers will continue to be successful.

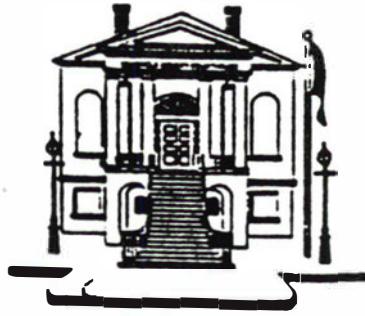
Respectfully,


Lula Tyler
Mayor

Edgefield County Tax Collector

MB Priest
Mike Casey

Linda B. Priest
Tax Collector



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EDGEFIELD, SOUTH CAROLINA 29824
(803) 637-4068

FEBRUARY 16, 1995

MR. MARK BERKLAND
STATE CONSERVATIONIST
USDA-NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE
COLUMBIA, SC 29201

DEAR MR. BERKLAND:

THIS LETTER IS TO EXPRESS THE APPRECIATION FOR THE WORK PERFORMED BY THE AMERICORP TEAM IN EDGEFIELD COUNTY. THE AMERICORP VOLUNTEERS FOR OUR COUNTY CONSISTED OF CHAD WESTON, ANGI PAULUS, CHRIS BEVER, SHERRELL STEVENS AND SUSAN MILLER.

THEY DID A ROAD INVENTORY TO HELP US IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 911 SYSTEM HERE. THERE HAD BEEN NO ACCURATE RECORDS UPDATED AS TO ALL ROADS AND ROAD NAMES IN OUR COUNTY IN A LONG TIME. DUE TO THEIR EFFORTS, WE NOW ARE ABLE TO CONTINUE WITH THE NAMING OF ROADS.

OUR TEAM HAD A VERY PROFESSIONAL AND ORGANIZED OUTLOOK ON THE PROJECT. THERE WAS NEVER A DAY THAT WENT BY THAT THEY WERE NOT A BLESSING TO US.

PERSONALLY, I CAME TO KNOW EACH PERSONALITY TRAIT AND I HOPE WE WILL ALWAYS HAVE A LASTING FRIENDSHIP BECAUSE THEY ARE VERY DEAR FRIENDS TO ME.

IN APPRECIATION FOR EDGEFIELD COUNTY AND THE 911 PROGRAM, I SAY "THANK YOU".

SINCERLY,

Linda

LINDA PRIEST AND MIKE CASEY
E911 COORDINATORS FOR
EDGEFIELD COUNTY

CC: MS. MARTHA RICH, ACTING CO. ADM.
MR. JIM WILSON, AMERICORPS COORDINATOR
MR. CHAD WESTON, AMERICORP VOLUNTEER

South Carolina Department of Natural Resources



February 9, 1995
205 Yosemite Drive
Greenwood, S.C. 29649

James A. Timmerman, Jr., Ph.D.
Director
W. Brock Conrad, Jr.
Deputy Director for
Wildlife and
Freshwater Fisheries

Mr. Mark Berkland, State Conservationist
USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service
1850 Assembly Street
Strom Thurmond Building, Room 950
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Mr. Berkland:

I would like to thank you and your staff, especially Jim Wilson, for the assistance provided to Wildlife Management Region II, S. C. Department of Natural Resources, by the Greenwood 1 AmeriCorps team. The team was eager and enthusiastic and, other than initial instructions, went about their tasks with little need for supervision by my staff. They posted about 100 miles of Wildlife Management Area boundary with about 900 signs, coded over 3,000 deer data cards, and used GPS technology to obtain location and size information on 30 of our permanent wildlife openings. Along with our personnel they helped in control burning about 300 acres to improve wildlife habitat and erected 24 new wood duck nest boxes.

The members of team, Chris Bever, Angi Paulus, Susan Miller, Sherell Stevens and Chad Weston, showed considerable interest in and appreciation for the wildlife resources of the area, even though their career choices lay in other fields. Hopefully their brief exposure will help them be more aware of the need for natural resource conservation as they pursue their careers.

I am hopeful that we will be able to obtain the assistance of another AmeriCorps team either later this year or in future years. Their help will make a significant impact on our ability to more effectively management the wildlife resources of the area.

Sincerely,

Robert W. Gooding
Regional Wildlife Biologist

cc: Tim Ivey

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COUNTY



O. DUDLEY RUSHTON

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(803) 445-2116

205 E. CHURCH ST. • SALUDA, SOUTH CAROLINA 29138

January 20, 1995

Mark W. Berkland
State Conservationist
Natural Resources Conservation Service
135 Assembly Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Sir;

As Sheriff of Saluda County and being in charge of the Jail and Dispatch Services for the Sheriff's Office, The Saluda Police Department, The Ridge Spring Police Department, Nine(9) Fire Departments in the county along with having to communicate with State Highway Patrol through the Greenwood District Office as well The Department of Social Services, Alcohol and Drug Abuse, the local Department of Probation-Parole and Pardon Services, and local Wildlife officers through Edgefield Wildlife, no one realize the importance of more than I.

I have found that there is a lot of preliminary work to be done before 911 can become a reality. this is not only time consuming, but also expensive. this created a problem, as I was not sure where this money or the qualified personnel would come from to undertake such an enormous and tedious task.

Fortunately however, I was informed by our Chamber of Commerce of an organization called AmeriCorps and the services they offer. This has been a blessing to us. The job these young people have done has been very professional. We are not only very pleased with their work but also impressed with the way it was done.

To you Sir and AmeriCorps we are forever grateful.

Sincerely,

Dudley Rushton
Sheriff Dudley Rushton

DDR/mrw

The Saluda County



Chamber of Commerce

LAW RANGE
SALUDA, SOUTH CAROLINA 29138

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February 6, 1995

Mark W. Berkland
State Conservationist
Natural Resources Conservation Service
1835 Assembly Street
Columbia SC 29201

Dear Mr. Berkland:

On behalf of the Saluda County Chamber of Commerce, I wish to express my thanks to the NRCS for their assistance in allowing us the opportunity to witness firsthand the services of AmeriCorps volunteers in our community from January 3 through January 25th.

The Newberry I team; Diggs Hill, Abbe Gage, Karen Kinard, Madeline Cislo, and John E. Morgan III exhibited sunny attitudes, abundant energy, and a willingness to work that will be hard to match by anyone else. Their work was so extremely significant to our project here for the implementation of the "911" program.

The team divided the county, researched information and gathered data, physically visited and inventoried every road in the county and prepared maps showing the location of homes, hazards, roads, etc. They developed spread sheet information identifying five fire districts in the county and computerized all the data. The information will now be assembled into revised maps of the county which will be distributed to the emergency and law enforcement personnel. The AmeriCorps Newberry I team touched the lives of every resident of Saluda County with their work in a very short time, and we truly appreciate having met and known them all.

We do look forward to seeing our friends again soon. Please extend our thanks for an excellent job! A photo is enclosed.

Sincerely,

Carol S. Williams
Executive Secretary

Enclosure

c Mr. Dan Guy
District Conservationist, Saluda County

December 9, 1994

Mr. Mark Berkland
State Conservationist
USDA - Natural Resources Conservation Service
1835 Assembly Street, Room 950
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Mr. Berkland,

I am writing to express my appreciation for the work performed by the Americorps Greenwood No. Two Volunteer team. Initially, I had submitted a proposal for the Americorps volunteers to code SCDHEC's water classifications on hardcopy maps of the state's stream system for a nine county area. I had anticipated this work effort would take approximately three to four weeks. Work was to begin October 17, 1994, with a completion date of November 17th. The team finished the initial task within a week's time and continued to complete the water classification coding for the entire state. The process incorporated a rigorous quality assurance/quality control program that the volunteers adhered to diligently. In addition, the team labeled and sleeved 2,000 photographs associated with our National Aerial Photography Program, indexed and inventoried hundreds of topographics maps, keyed in historic data on our state's water classifications and accompanied staff field biologists on sampling expeditions.

For each team member their week consisted of traveling one day to the SCDHEC's Central office in Columbia to key in data and assist in GIS coding, one day travel to meet with the field biologist for sampling, two days in the Greenwood Office for stream map coding and on their 'Free Friday' cleared and developed nature trails and erected fences at an Earth Education Resource Center in Laurens. Days began at 8:00 sharp and whether they were traveling from Augusta, Laurens or Greenwood, all volunteers arrived at the various work locations promptly. The Americorps volunteers were always professional and enthusiastic about their work, maintaining a wonderful sense of humor even when tasks became difficult or tedious. Each volunteer was a joy to work with and I cannot overstate how appreciative SCDHEC is of being the recipient of the work produced from the volunteer's effort. I believe the Americorps Program has established a wonderful beginning with this initial effort from the Greenwood Office and I wish the program continued success with future endeavors. You can be proud of the work the Greenwood No. Two team has accomplished. Again, I appreciate the opportunity to have been associated with the Americorps Program.

Sincerely yours,


Jeannie Pickett Eidson
Environmental Quality Manager

cc: Wally Turner, USDA-NRCS
Jim Wilson, USDA, Americorps Coordinator
Russ Sherer, SCDHEC WPC Bureau Chief
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Mr. Eric Aunc
Americorps
504 N. Main
Aztec, NM 87410

Dear Eric:

I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank you for the assistance you provided for the habitat improvement projects being implemented by the Farmington District. Your voluntary support for these projects is truly appreciated and we applaud your commitment to improvement of natural resources on public lands. Like many offices in the Bureau, Farmington volunteers are an integral component for on-the-ground activities and your contributions are, in many cases, a key component to successful completion of the tree planting projects.

Again, thanks for volunteering the time to help.

Sincerely,

Jack E. Farrell

Assistant District Manager for Resources

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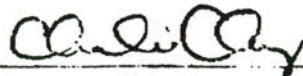
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E N V I R O C O R P S

An environmentally focused group participating in President Clinton's AmeriCorps program

This is our first Newsletter. Quite a bit is happening on both the full and part-time crews, so here is a brief description of a few major projects we are working on during our year of service in the AmeriCorps program.

•Part-time crew•

Team leader Tamra Cochran is involved in all the activities which the part-time crews participate in.

•Roosevelt team•

Beth Polidoro, Jonathan Mugglestone, Cassandra Rutherford, and Katherine Demsky, the part-timers involved with Ms. Dunster's class at Roosevelt High School, drafted a proposal to include her students in an upcoming event at Smith and Bybee Lakes on April 29th.

The Roosevelt students and EnviroCorps members have gathered cuttings from plant species found in the wetlands around the lakes and are rooting them in a greenhouse adjoining Ms. Dunster's classroom. On April 29th, at the Smith and Bybee Lakes Day, the students will demonstrate how to transplant the newly rooted cuttings and then assist anyone who wishes to join in and help plant them.

As the project progresses Ms. Dunster and the EnviroCorps crew will teach the students something about the ecology of the Columbia Slough watershed system in which the cuttings they have rooted are to be planted. It should be a rewarding experience for all concerned.

•Alberta Park team•

The other group of part-time members; Alexandria Le, Grayson Hashida, Robert Smith Jr., Richard Melo, and Avis Dunas have drafted a proposal for a multifaceted project in Alberta Park, located in the Vernon neighborhood of Northeast Portland.

The park is an ideal spot to design naturescaped areas in which native plants are grown to attract birds and other species of small animals. It is also a good location to develop a community garden, which will afford students from nearby Vernon Elementary School a safe place to grow flowers and vegetables.

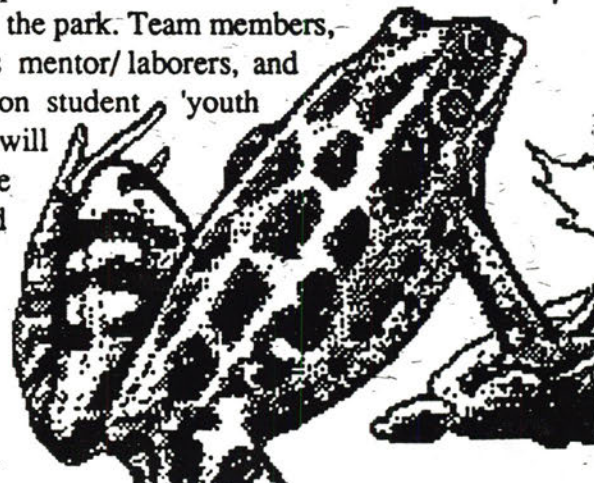


There is a possibility that building an 'urban tree house' can be incorporated into the plans as well. The tree house will serve as an outdoor classroom where community residents can participate in educational and cultural workshops on a wide variety of topics, geared towards experiential learning.

The EnviroCorps team is coordinating efforts with Mr. Yamashida from the Parks Department to discuss and refine plans for the proposed project. In early March a public forum was held at Vernon Elementary School giving people interested in the park an opportunity to voice ideas and concerns they held about any proposed changes in, or additions to, their neighborhood greenspace.

People living nearby definitely want more lights installed. We will provide the Parks Department with information about the expressed needs of the community in the hopes of gaining the city's support to make necessary improvements in the park a reality.

When we arrive at a mutually agreed upon course of action students from Jefferson High School will join EnviroCorps team members for a six week summer session in the park. Team members, serving as mentor/laborers, and the Jefferson student 'youth partners', will provide the brains and the brawn needed to get the job done.



ENVIROCORPS'

internship program commenced after the New Year, providing team members the opportunity to work individually with various Portland environmental and educational agencies.

Though designed primarily to enhance the diversity of the team members' education, which they in turn later apply to future EnviroCorps projects, the internship program also establishes working relationships with the Portland-area environmental community.



PHOTO - RYAN BOND

Internships include working with such groups as: The Nature Conservancy, The Wetlands Conservancy, The Audubon Society, and The Oregon Natural Resources Council. Other internships include taking environmentally minded classes and working with young students in the classroom.

True to the design of many of the EnviroCorps projects during the team's first year, the internship program provides team members ample educational opportunities while performing service activities.

The internship program continues through June.

RICHARD MELO



• **Whitaker Ponds** • is a large project that the EnviroCorps teams are working on in stages. The entire plan for the area will take years to fully implement, but our crews have worked steadily to plant indigenous grasses, trees, and shrubs around sections of the ponds. We plan to organize more work parties and a summer project which will focus on restoration efforts in the area.

• **AmeriCorps Video Project** •

Several of the EnviroCorps members are involved in documenting the myriad projects that other AmeriCorps teams around Oregon are working on.

We are interested in meeting the people from the diverse programs throughout the state and recording their stories. The experiences which they share with us about their year of service will be added to an ever growing testimonial that we hope will show the value of these national service projects all around the country.

The list of projects in which we are involved goes on and on. We have worked in cooperation with many other groups and each of us fortunate enough to have been here at the beginning of this 'new' idea for service will come away with something worthwhile to ponder.

Thanks to our management team for their often behind the scenes support. You know who you are.

There are many events coming up in the next few months. To find out additional information about these events, the AmeriCorps program, or other questions you may have please write or give us a call. Thanks for your interest.

ENVIROCORPS



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AMERICORPS/USDA QUARTERLY REPORT
WINOOSKI RIVER PROJECT, VERMONT

A) Number of Members enrolled at the end of quarter versus number enrolled at time of launch.

2/2

B) Total numbers of direct service performed by Members and total number of hours Members were in training.

1,040/120 hours.

C) Any major staff or structural changes you have made.

none

D) Progress towards meeting community service objectives.

Our data collected for erosion control evaluation will be shared with community members in the Winooski River Project Final Report.

E) Primary accomplishments:

A 21 mile reconnaissance survey of the Winooski River from Jonesville to Essex Jct., Vermont has been conducted since September 12, 1994. Research along the river banks and at upland sites has included inventorying and evaluation of erosion control and bioengineering measures installed in the late 1930's. Our investigation of Project Vermont included use of a GPS receiver, GIS mapping systems, pre and post Project Vermont aerial photographs and historical photographs documenting the installation of the erosion control measures. Currently, river bank cross section maps are being prepared using surveying techniques. Information from this Americorps project has been shared with USDA Forest Service, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service Northeast National Technical Center, State of Vermont Fish and Wildlife, State of Vermont Agency of Transportation and the United States Geodetic Survey.

F) Primary challenges:

A short field season due to program start date; lack of specialized training; and insufficient historical information for Project Vermont.

G) Media coverage:

Television stations WPTZ, WCAX and WBNY interviewed Americorps members on September 12, 1994. U.S. Senator Jeffords was in attendance.

Television stations WPTZ, WCAX and WBNY news conference of the Winooski River Project on October 17, 1994, sent to HQ. U.S.

Senators Leahy and Jeffords as well as Joel Berg and Eli Segal were in attendance.

Burlington Free Press photograph of news conference was printed on October 18, 1994 and used in Jim Jeffords campaign literature.

SAMPLE NEWS RELEASE FOR STATE WITH ALL THREE USDA MODELS

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Katherine Gibney (202) 720-4369

Swearing In Ceremony Set for Mississippi AmeriCorps Members

Department of Agriculture National Service Projects To Begin

Members of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) AmeriCorps program in Mississippi will be officially sworn in September 12 as part of ceremonies nationwide inaugurating President Clinton's national service initiative.

AmeriCorps is composed of diverse groups of Americans who will begin performing critical service to meet human, environmental, public safety, and educational needs in return for a \$4,725 educational voucher. In Mississippi, _____ AmeriCorps members will perform service in Anti-Hunger, Public Lands and Environment, and Rural Development Teams.

_____ will swear in the members at _____, beginning at _____.
(ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, AS NECESSARY, SHOULD GO HERE ABOUT THE ACTUAL CEREMONY.)

USDA received a grant from the Corporation for National and Community Service to place 1,200 AmeriCorps members -- more than any other Cabinet Department -- in national service projects throughout urban and rural America. The Department will run Anti-Hunger, Public Lands and Environment, and Rural Development Teams nationwide.

" AmeriCorps is a unique new type of federal program that is locally driven and focused on achieving concrete results," said Agriculture Secretary Mike Espy. "AmeriCorps transcends existing USDA agency lines and fits perfectly with our vision of a reorganized and reinvented USDA that better serves the American people."

The AmeriCorps/USDA Anti-Hunger Team in Mississippi will be run in partnership with the Greater Jackson Youth Service Corps and local anti-hunger groups. The team will focus on a wide variety of outreach and education projects in Sunflower and Humphreys Counties. The goal of the program is to increase the number of seniors receiving help with meals by at least 25 percent and to increase the number of Summer Food Service Program sites by 30 percent in both counties.

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Members of the AmeriCorps/USDA Public Lands and Environment Team will work in the Bienville National Forest, enhancing the habitat of the Red-Cockaded Woodpecker and reconditioning 23 miles of the Shockaloe Trail. They also will reroute and retread the Bienville Scenic Pine Trail, and erect proper directional and informative signs for hikers and handicapped visitors.

The Rural Development Team will engage a socio-economic mix of recent college graduates and professional school graduates in helping local communities solve their own economic, social, and environmental problems in 13 counties in southwest Mississippi.
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AMERICORPS PROGRAMS EXTENDS TO MT. HOOD NATIONAL FOREST

President Clinton's Americorps program, officially launched on September 12 1994, will present two innovative projects conducted by the Northwest Service Academy. The projects, which include tree planting and an aquatic education program, will be conducted on the Zig Zag Ranger District of the Mt. Hood National Forest.

The tree planting project is a result of a partnership between the National Forest Foundation, The Chevrolet Geo Tree Program, and the USDA Forest Service. Northwest Service Academy members and staff will explain the planting project and demonstrate the planting techniques that will be used.

The education program is called Cascade Streamwatch. Northwest Service Academy members serve as teachers for elementary school students from throughout the Portland Metropolitan area. Students learn about the life cycles of anadromous fish, forest ecology, water quality, and stream restoration.

Tom Tuchmann, Director of the newly formed Office of Forestry and Economic Development, will attend the program. Tuchmann was appointed by President Clinton to preside over the implementation of the President's Forest Plan for the Northwest. Additional invited guests include Oregon Secretary of State Phil Keisling, and the Oregon and Washington state representatives of the Community Service Commission.

The Northwest Service Academy is the first Americorps Program in Oregon. The Academy is based in Troutdale OR. and Trout Lake, WA. The Program provides opportunities for 90 members to participate in conservation projects and community service throughout Oregon and Washington. They earn \$4750 at the end of their year of service, which is applied to college tuition or loans.

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This is the release for the Northwest Service Academy projects for
Tuchmann et al on Monday Oct 24th. An agenda with directions is being
finalized, and will be attached.

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HELP FOR POOR FAMILIES

Extra food won't go to waste, thanks to nutrition program

Restaurants can donate their surplus, and farmers can donate produce that would otherwise be tossed.

By **MARY HILL**

REGISTER STAFF WRITER

Twenty-five inner-city families will get free meals this summer as part of a food-distribution program.

Two agencies are joining forces to gather food from cafeterias, restaurants, hotels and farms to distribute to some of Des Moines' poorest families. The program is being sponsored by the Iowa Farm Service Agency and AmeriCorps, a national service program.

Six AmeriCorps members will receive nutrition training from Iowa State University. They will then teach families how to prepare meals with the food they receive. The program will get under way in June.

Farmers will donate food that they consider unmarketable, such as small or misshapen vegetables.

Though less appealing than produce in grocery stores, the food is still nutritious. Restaurants may donate from the surplus of what they prepare each day.

About \$25,000 will go to pay AmeriCorps members and to transport or package the food.

"The program started with the (U.S.) secretary of agriculture, who decided that we needed to do our part in trying to recover some of the food thrown out every day," said Kevin Fitzpatrick, state project coordinator for the Iowa Farm Service Agency. "Instead of throwing it into the mouths of garbage cans we need to get it into the mouths of the hungry and the needy."

He said the program is similar in philosophy to giveaways of cheese and other commodities sponsored by the federal government.

"It's different than cheese, though, because there will be more

MORE INFORMATION

To volunteer or participate in the program, call the Greene County Farm Service Agency Office in Jefferson at (515) 386-3138.

than one kind of food distributed," Fitzpatrick said. He said the program will help provide "a decent, well-balanced diet."

Participants in the program will receive fresh fruit and vegetables, which Fitzpatrick said may be luxuries for some.

Volunteers are needed to package and transport the food. The distribution will be a 12-week program.

Iowa is one of 17 states where AmeriCorps members will participate in the food-distribution program.

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MILWAUKEE ANTI-HUNGER NUTRITION AND EMPOWERMENT PROJECT
-an AmeriCorps project-

AmeriCorps is President Clinton's national service initiative that allows diverse groups of Americans to earn college or vocational scholarships while performing critical service to meet human, environmental, public safety, and educational needs. Participants in the program will work for a year earning a wage of \$4.75 per hour and upon completion will receive an educational scholarship worth \$4725.

Milwaukee is one of five national sites selected by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The project is a collaborative effort between the Hunger Task Force of Milwaukee and the Milwaukee Community Service Corps. The Milwaukee Community Service Corps will recruit 40 young adults to work in teams on multiple activities within four focus areas, including:

- Community outreach for anti-hunger programs
- Infrastructure and construction for local food pantries
- Farmers markets and urban gardens
- Food handling

THIS PROJECT WILL BEGIN IN SEPTEMBER 1994

To become a Corpsmember at MCSC you must:

- be a resident of the City of Milwaukee
- be between the ages of 18-23

Recommended qualities:

- willingness to work hard
- desire to make an impact on the community
- ability to work as a member of a team

For more information about becoming a participant in the Milwaukee Community Service Corps, please call MCSC's Recruitment Coordinator, Bethany Fischer.

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1150 EAST BRADY STREET
MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN 53202
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Recruitment for USDA programs (including Milwaukee's) has already begun. Americans 17 years of age or older may apply for the USDA programs by calling 1-800-880-4183.

CONSERVATION EDUCATION NEWS

Earth Day every day . . .

at Envirothon and Conservation Camps



There's one!
Unicoi County fourth-graders spot trout just released into the stream on Johnny Lynch's Farm during Conservation Camp '95.

900 attend Conservation Camp '95

Approximately 900 students, teachers, and parents attended the RC&D Council's first-annual Conservation Camp during April and May. Schools in Carter, Johnson, and Unicoi Counties, and Elizabethton City participated. Conservation Camp '95 gave fourth-grade students and their teachers the opportunity to learn about conservation and other related topics while enjoying the outdoors.

The original dates for Conservation Camp were April 20 and 21 for all school systems. However, due to unforeseen changes in T-CAP test dates, the camp dates, locations, and presenters had to be altered. With all of the changes, the number of students attending far exceeded our expectations. For this reason, some schools did not receive T-shirts, literature packets, etc. Elizabethton City Schools attended camp April 20 and Carter County attended April 21 at Sycamore Shoals State Historic Area. Unicoi County attended camp May 5 at Johnny Lynch's Farm in Unicoi. Johnson County attended camp May 12 at Mountain City Elementary School.

At each camp there was an average of 14 learning stations for the students to visit. Professionals from nonprofit organizations, federal, state, and local agencies, as well as citizen volunteers gave 10-12 minute presentations on a broad range of topics.

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South Greene wins regional Envirothon

A team of five students from South Greene High School claimed first place in the second-annual regional Envirothon, held April 19 at Sycamore Shoals State Historic Area in Elizabethton. Teams from Hampton and Cloudland High Schools placed second and third, respectively.

Fifteen teams from high schools in Carter, Greene, Sullivan, Unicoi, and Washington counties competed. Participation increased about 50 percent over last year's regional event, with two new counties and five new high schools joining the growing number of Envirothon participants throughout the country.

The victorious South Greene High School team, newcomer to Envirothon, proceeded to the state contest, held in Crossville May 8-9.

Envirothon is a hands-on outdoor competition with regional, state, and national levels. The contest is designed to promote awareness of natural resources and current environmental issues. Since the first

Envirothon, held in Pennsylvania in 1984, at least 23 states now hold competitions.

Envirothon tests students' knowledge of the environment

in five interrelated categories: aquatics, forestry, soils, wildlife, and a current

environmental issue, which was groundwater this year. Team members work together on each challenge, agreeing on a single answer for each question.

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TN RC&D Councils



900 attend camp, cont.

Students and teachers moved from station to station, learning about forestry, forest fire prevention, aquatics, recycling, soil conservation, and many other topics. Participants received a "goody bag" stuffed with educational literature and a booklet prepared by an AmeriCorps member. T-shirts with a Conservation Camp logo were also distributed. Unicoi County students received a packet of wildflower seeds compliments of the Soil Conservation District Board.

The students brought their own lunch to camp. For the two days of camp at Sycamore Shoals, milk was provided for each of the students. Local markets provided fruit for the students during these two days.

Thanks to our presenters:

Martin Miller, TN Division of Forestry - Tree Identification
Nathan Hartgrove, NRCS - Soil Science
Pete Ervin, U.S. Forest Service - Fire Prevention, Woodsy Owl and Smokey Bear
Steve Henegar, Tenn. Dept. of Agriculture - Composting
Herb Roberts, Sycamore Shoals State Park - Watauga History
David Merinar, NRCS - Stream Table
Brad Jones, Naturalist, Johnson City - Birds
Mike Zeeman, NRCS - Stream Ecosystems
David Lane, Erwin State Fish Hatchery - Fish Habitats
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Pat Dobes, 4-H Volunteer Leader - Skulls and Hides
Beth Mahoney, Recycle America - Recycling
Connie Sharp, Agriculture Extension Service - Household Hazardous Waste
Bill Smith, TWRA - Wildlife
John Marshall, Erwin National Fish Hatchery - Fish
Victor Deyton, TWRA - Wildlife
Carolyn Buck, NRCS - Soils and Pesticides
Russel Kinser, NRCS - Soil Conservation
Chris Craig, First Tenn. Dev. District - Stream Ecosystems
Rick Thomason, Agriculture Extension Service - Soils Lab
Liz Crane, U.S. Forest Service - Water Infiltration



Inservice Workshop

August 3, 1995

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Outdoor Interpretive Activities ☐ **Recycled Art**
Science on a Shoestring ☐ **Nature Made Easy**
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Most of the teachers were very pleased with the camp and wanted to know more about camp next year. When the students were asked if they were having fun, there was always a resounding "YES!"

South Greene, cont.

Each team, composed of three to five students, is advised by science, biology, vocational agriculture, and other interested teachers. The teams receive study materials in advance from the natural resources agencies that conduct the tests.

During breaks from the contest, participants had the opportunity to visit a Career Fair staffed by natural resources professionals.

Conservation Camp and Envirothon received a helping hand from USDA Forest Service-AmeriCorps Members, Amy Crumley and Billie Barlow. AmeriCorps is a national service program addressing environmental and human needs throughout the United States.

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Agricultural Waste Utilization

Headline

Thief River Falls, March 17 ... The Northwest Minnesota Natural Resources Conservation Service AmeriCorps members working on the Nutrient Management Project have been promoting agricultural waste utilization.

What is agricultural waste utilization? Utilization is the recycling of reusable waste products and the reintroduction of other waste products into the environment. Agriculture wastes include manure, milk parlor wash water, bedding, feedlot runoff, poultry litter and animal carcasses. The term "waste" is misleading as these resources are used for multiple purposes, such as sources of energy, bedding, animal feed, mulch, organic matter and plant nutrients. Agricultural wastes are commonly land applied and plant nutrients in them recycled into new plant growth. Done correctly, land application is an economically and environmentally sound practice.

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Many things need to be considered when thinking about agricultural waste utilization. One thing that needs to occur is the preparation of a waste management plan that details steps necessary to properly utilize the wastes. One aspect of a plan is the determination of application rates. It is extremely important that application rates be based on nutrient content of manure and crop needs. Therefore, obtaining soil and manure tests would prove to be very beneficial. For best results from the manure tests, adequate agitation needs to be done. Also, to ensure that the whole crop gets what it needs, uniform application, while maintaining proper setbacks from lakes, streams, wells, sinkholes and other environment sensitive areas, across the field is extremely important.

AmeriCorps members on this project are chiefly responsible for compiling the information and writing the waste management plans. They, however, are quite versed in other aspects of agricultural waste utilization.

AmeriCorps is the new domestic Peace Corps created by President Clinton and congress to engage Americans of all backgrounds in direct service to their communities in exchange for an educational benefit that can be used to pay for college, job training, or to repay student loans.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture is running three types of AmeriCorps teams, composed of approximately 1,200 members serving 38 states nationwide: an Anti-Hunger Team, a Public Lands Team and an Environment and Rural Development Team.

If you have any questions concerning agriculture waste utilization or AmeriCorps, please contact Joy L. Swenson at (218) 681-6600.

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AmeriCorps Members Work on Recycling Waste **Agricultural Waste Utilization**

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necessary to properly utilize the wastes. One aspect of a plan is the determination of application rates. It is extremely important that application rates be based on nutrient content of manure and crop needs. Therefore, obtaining soil and manure tests would prove to be very beneficial. For best results from the manure tests, adequate agitation needs to be done. Also, to ensure that the whole crop gets what it needs, uniform application, while maintaining proper setbacks from lakes, streams, wells, sinkholes and other environment sensitive areas, across the field is extremely important.

AmeriCorps members on this project are chiefly responsible for compiling the information and writing the waste management plans. They, however, are quite versed in other aspects of agricultural waste utilization.

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The AmeriCorps members in Sheep Falls are members of a Rural Development Team.
If you have any questions concerning agriculture waste utilization or AmeriCorps, please contact Joy L. Swenson at (218) 681-6600.

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News Release For Immediate Release

"USDA AmeriCorps Members will paint buildings at the Norman County Fairgrounds"

Twin Valley MN, Apr. 28, 1995.... The USDA NRCS AmeriCorps Rural Development Team today announced that, one of their Community Service Projects for the month of May will be to paint buildings at the Norman County Fairgrounds.

Ten Northwest MN Americorps members along with three North Dakota AmeriCorps members will be painting at the Norman County Fairgrounds in Ada MN from 9-4 on Thursday, May 11, 1995. The Norman County Fair Board will furnish the supplies for the service and a few volunteers for the day.

Volunteers are welcome to come and help out. Any interested organizations or individuals should contact the Twin Valley AmeriCorps members at (218) 584-8205.

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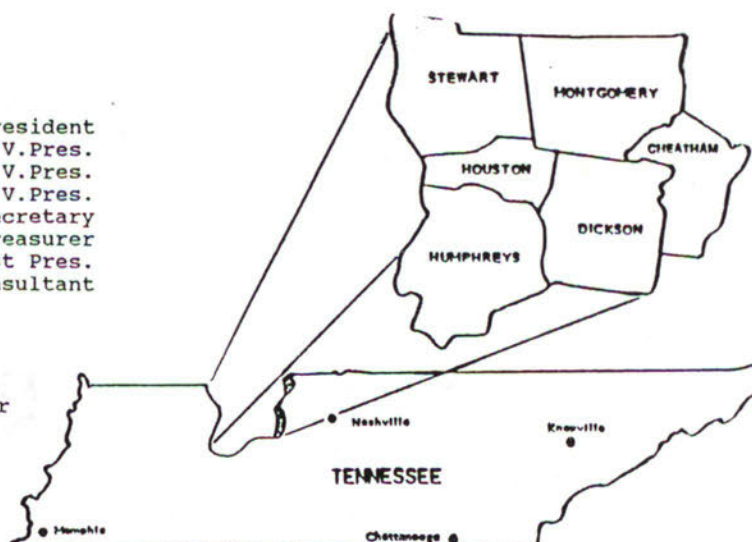
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Envirothons Successful

The Five Rivers RC&D Regional 1995 ENVIROTHON was held at the Blue Creek Nature Center (Agriculture Center) at Waverly in Humphreys County. This year's event took place on April 5 with 16 teams representing all six RC&D counties participating. Some 80 high school students (sixteen 5-member teams) were involved. With students, teachers, agency personnel, organizations and volunteers, there were some 125 people working together to make the event a great success.

The team from Dickson County High School was this year's Regional Winner with a score of 372 points out of a possible 500 points. Second Place went to North-east High School from Clarksville and Third Place to Stewart County High from Dover. The Dickson County High School team members were Mark Cagle, Jody Cason, Dennis DeBlock, Josh Knight and Jason Primm. The team leaders were Brooks Duke and John Warren, Physics teachers at Dickson High.

The Dickson County team then represented the Five Rivers RC&D region in the State ENVIROTHON held at the Clyde M. York 4-H Center in Cumberland County near Crossville, Tn. This event was held May 8 & 9 with seven Regional teams from throughout the State represented.

Our Dickson County team placed Third in the State Event! The team from Cookeville High School won the State Event and will represent Tennessee in the National ENVIROTHON to be held in Idaho in August. Second Place went to Powell Valley High School in East Tennessee.

The ENVIROTHON is a hands-on outdoor competition geared to teach high school students about Natural Resources and Environmental Issues. The competition involved five Environmental Categories including Forestry, Soils, Wildlife, Aquatics and Groundwater (this year's current Environmental Issue).

The ENVIROTHON Events are sponsored by a grant through the Tennessee Department of Agriculture and locally by Savage Zinc, Inc., Westvaco Corporation and UCAR Carbon Company. Also, Tennessee Farm Bureau has committed to donating \$1000 to the State's winning team to help them attend the National ENVIROTHON.

We graciously thank all sponsors and everyone who helped, and a special CONGRATULATIONS to our Dickson County High School team!

Americorps Program



If the AmeriCorps Program is funded for Fiscal Year 1996, it looks as if there will be fewer number of employees hired in Tennessee - down about 4 or 5 to maybe about 15 for the state. We understand this is tentative and subject to change. The application for another employee in the Five Rivers RC&D Area was disapproved. However, unless there is a change, two employees will remain in Humphreys County working through the Humphreys County SCD Board at the Blue Creek Nature Center.

Special **Thanks** to Debbie Blankenship - Secretary, Chickasaw-Shiloh RC&D for help on this Newsletter.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AMERICORPS NATIONAL SERVICE PROGRAM

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CNCS is an independent federal corporation created by the National and Community Service Trust Act of 1993. Its purpose is to administer national service programs and provide funding on a competitive basis for national service programs that address the nation's education, human, public safety and environmental needs.

Under provisions that are unique to that act, federal agencies are empowered to compete against each other in a competitive grant process to obtain funds from CNCS. On June 20, 1994 the White House announced that, as a result of the first year of this process, CNCS had awarded USDA 1,200 AmeriCorps slots and \$2.6 million in operating funds. Funds for the Department's program will also be provided from existing USDA programs and from non-profit organizations that serve as partners at individual sites.

The USDA AmeriCorps effort reflects a new emphasis on cooperation among USDA agencies. USDA's Agricultural Research Service, Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, Farmers Home Administration, Food and Nutrition Service, Forest Service, Rural Development Administration, Rural Electrification Administration, and Soil Conservation Service all will play significant roles in managing this program.

The USDA AmeriCorps Anti-Hunger projects will be at five sites, two rural and three urban, with high levels of hunger and poverty. The projects will work to reduce hunger, improve the nutritional content of family diets and give low income citizens necessary empowerment tools to help promote economic and food security. This program has been designed, and is to run, as a unique partnership between USDA, youth service corps and local anti-hunger groups and will be a model of reinventing government.

Recruitment for USDA programs has already begun. Americans 17 years of age or older may apply for the USDA programs by calling 1-800-880-4183.

USDA - AmeriCorps Anti-Hunger, Nutrition, and Empowerment Project:

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The project will create four to five (4-5) teams of eight to ten (8-10) Corps members. Team members will reflect the diversity of the Milwaukee community. The teams will implement activities that focus on four (4) anti-hunger program areas: Community Outreach and Access Services, Infrastructure Construction Help, Food Handling, and Farmers Markets/Urban Farming. Project activities in each program area would be implemented during three (3) seasonal program cycles: Fall - Winter (October-January) Spring (February-May) and Summer (June-August). Education and training for individual

participants and teams will occur throughout the project year. In addition, an initial five (5) week training and orientation program at the start up of the project will take place beginning in September. There will be two (2) "signature" projects (Fall and Spring) that bring teams together to work on large labor intensive projects in targeted neighborhoods. All team activities will be implemented in consultation and partnership with community residents, volunteers and community based organizations.

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This Milwaukee based National and Community Service Project will:

- Utilize an underutilized and untapped force of 40 young people to combat hunger in Milwaukee.
- Complement, buttress and step-up existing efforts to increase awareness and promote access to emergency food and economic and food security programs with much needed people power.
- Provide the opportunity for the public and private sectors to rally around a critical, wide-spread national effort to combat hunger.
- Deliver a multiple return on investment by improving neighborhoods, empowering community members, supporting and providing leadership opportunities for young people from all backgrounds, including economically disadvantaged youth from the neighborhoods served.
- Measure the direct results of national and community service efforts and prove the positive impact on hunger issues.
- Underscore and crystalize how the ethic of service, in a national context, can be defined locally.
- Demonstrate how a national service program supports local solutions to local problems.
- Instill and promote a sense of HOPE and OWNERSHIP for the future for young people, community members, and society at-large by assessing, identifying, and capitalizing on capacity rather than needs.
- Provide the opportunity for people with diverse life experiences to search for and develop solutions to common problems related to hunger.
- Place a premium on quality and effectiveness of programming and organizations that can demonstrate measurable results.
- Build the framework for a program that can be sustained and provide a model for other urban centers to replicate.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES

Community Outreach and Access

1. To increase awareness of and access to federal, state and local food, nutrition economic and other social service and support programs by conducting an outreach campaign to a minimum of 10,000 households. There will be 160,000 copies of up to eight (8) different easy to read informational/referral flyers distributed door to door with each household having two (2) contacts/information drops. Information requests and participant levels in targeted programs will be recorded at the beginning and end of outreach activities.
2. To increase awareness, access and referral to programs and services that reduce dependence on emergency services. There will be one on one information and referral provided on site to a minimum of 100 pantry clients, 75 meal program clients and 50 shelter clients. Follow-up interviews will be conducted with clients to measure registration in and utilization of support programs and changes in need for emergency services.
3. To increase participation of youths ages 6-17 in the 1995 Summer Youth Food Program. There will be a 10% increase of youth enrolled as compared to the 1994 Summer Youth Program. A survey of site workers and youth participants will be conducted.
4. To establish five (5) new Summer Youth Food Program sites in underserved low income communities through outreach activities to existing summer recreational and social organizations serving youth ages 6-17. Each program will enroll an average of 20 youth who participate in regularly scheduled social/recreational activities. A survey of site workers and youth participants will be conducted.
5. To increase participation of income eligible women and women with children up to age six (6) in the WIC program through the establishment of a collaborative Referral Program between WIC providers and the Infant Needs Pantries in the Emergency Food Pantry Network. There will be a minimum of 500 referrals that result in a minimum of 10% of those referred registered and participating in the WIC Program.

Infrastructure Construction Help

1. To develop a Facility Enhancement Plan for a minimum of 30 emergency food pantries to improve the safety, health and accessibility of their program facilities through on-site physical assessments that will be conducted at each pantry.
2. To improve the physical facilities of a minimum of 15 Emergency Food Pantries by providing needed rehab, repairs and maintenance to enhance safety, accessibility and enable the pantries to provide more accommodating environments for their clients. Interviews will be conducted with a minimum of 25 pantry volunteers and/or clients to evaluate the impact of physical improvements.
3. To construct two (2) handicapped accessible gardens adjacent to public housing projects or programs for handicapped/elderly residents. A survey of clients/residents of the programs with gardens will be conducted obtaining a 25% response rate to evaluate the impact of increasing the availability of fresh produce and the involvement of participants in a community building activity.
4. To support the annual Spring city-wide neighborhood clean-up project in collaboration with block clubs, city health and sanitation departments and neighborhood organizations. Four (4) teams of 10 corps members will work in 2-4 targeted neighborhoods. The work completed will be evaluated by project organizers in the targeted neighborhoods through interviews and a written report.

Farmers/Markets/Urban Farming

1. To provide affordable fresh produce in targeted neighborhoods where emergency food programs are located through the establishment of four (4) neighborhood farmers markets in collaboration with the Farm City Link Project of the Rainbow Farmers Coop. Each market will operate a minimum of one day a week through the summer of 1995 for a minimum of three (3) months. Markets will accept food stamps and WIC vouchers. The number of market customers will increase by 50% from the beginning to the end of the season. A random survey of a minimum of 25 market customers and farmers will be conducted to determine the impact of the markets on neighborhood residents, the farmers coop and the community.
2. To establish two (2) community gardens in targeted neighborhoods to provide fresh produce to the gardeners and neighborhood residents. These gardens will generate income to support the garden as well as other neighborhood projects. Each garden will be a cooperative venture involving existing block clubs, local businesses and neighborhood organizations. A portion of each gardens produce will be sold at the neighborhood farmers market. A survey of all garden participants will be conducted to evaluate the impact of the gardens.
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Food Handling

1. To increase the capacity of emergency food programs to provide direct emergency food services through placement of corps teams in five (5) emergency pantries/meal programs. Teams will assist with food pick-ups and distribution, pantry maintenance, client intake and referral and volunteer recruitment and training. A pantry operations manual will be developed and a minimum of three (3) new volunteers will be recruited for each pantry. A minimum of two (2) interviews, one before and one after the completion of the project, will be conducted with pantry coordinators to measure the quality of work performance, and improvements in pantry operations.
2. To increase the capacity of Hunger Task Force of Milwaukee to collect, sort inventory and distribute 1,000,000 pounds of donated and purchased food to a minimum of 75 pantries in the Emergency Food Pantry Network through a minimum of two (2) major community-wide food drives, a minimum of 25 food sorting sessions involving an average of 30 volunteers/sessions and the development of a systematic warehouse maintenance and distribution plan. An evaluation report will be completed based on interviews with food program staff and volunteers from Hunger Task Force.
3. To establish a minimum of two (2) SHARE programs in a pantry or meal program setting through outreach to the emergency food pantry network and community meal coalition. A minimum of 10 volunteers will be recruited to operate the sites. The number of SHARE participants will increase by 10% from the first session to the last in the project year. A survey of volunteers and clients will be conducted at the beginning and end of the project.



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HUNGER TASK FORCE OF MILWAUKEE

Since 1974, Hunger Task Force of Milwaukee (HTFM) has worked to promote food security through its emergency food, public policy, education, outreach, and volunteer programs. Each month 39,000 people, including 25,000 children, receive food from the 105 member Emergency Food Pantry Network coordinated by Hunger Task Force of Milwaukee. Hunger Task Force of Milwaukee is a non-profit community-based organization that works to ensure that food, nutrition and community programs and services are available during times of economic or personal crisis for those in need.

MILWAUKEE COMMUNITY SERVICE CORPS

The Milwaukee Community Service Corps (MCSC) is an urban youth corps program that integrates education, life skills, citizenship, and hands-on work experience into a holistic program of youth development and community service. In an updated version of FDR's Civilian Conservation Corps, MCSC uses community service work as the means for training and employing Milwaukee young adults. "Corpsmember" receive \$4.75 per hour in this national service model program. Community service projects fall into the categories of urban restoration, urban conservation, and human service work. MCSC was incorporated in 1990 as a non-profit organization and receives funding from federal and city governments, private foundations, corporations, and fee-for-service contracts.

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AMERICORPS ALLOWS MEMBER TO LEAVE HER MARK

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"My daughter told me how proud she was of the work I've done, after I took them fishing this spring," said Cindy Ochs. She is referring to her service in AmeriCorps.

AmeriCorps is the President's national service initiative to achieve direct results in addressing the nation's critical education, human service, public safety, and environmental needs at the community level. AmeriCorps provides opportunities for Americans of all ages to serve their country in an organized effort fostering citizen responsibility and building their communities. Americans age 17 or older can make a substantial commitment to their country and earn education awards for college or vocational training in return.

Ochs is an AmeriCorps Member stationed on a Kansas Environmental team at Webster Reservoir. Webster is in a remote area in north central Kansas. Cindy is a 32 year old single parent and mother of a two year old son and a 13 year old daughter.

On Memorial weekend a heavy rainstorm struck the Webster Reservoir area causing flooding to the park, closing roads and camp grounds, and isolating rest rooms and shower facilities. During a recent visit with Cindy she took me around the reservoir to show me the damage. She showed me the handicapped accessible dock that cost tax payers \$70,000 to build. Even though she suffered an allergic reaction while sand bagging the dock to prevent high water from destroying it, she was proud of their effort. When we stopped to pick up trash left by park visitors, she lamented that she could not understand why visitors could not police their own camp sites.

As we drove across the dam she spotted a large object floating in the reservoir and was afraid that it was part of a dock. It was obvious that Webster State Park had become "her" state park. She mentioned that the AmeriCorps Members had worked hard to help clean up the damage from the previous flood and now much of that work may have to be redone.

Cindy's service with AmeriCorps has been an adventure. Looking younger than her age, she has spent her service in cleaning up flood damage to the Webster State Park caused by the 1993 flood. The skills learned by Cindy, while in AmeriCorps, include the use of a chain saw and how to build and repair Wacondas. Wacondas are a pivoting sheltered

picnic table that can be turned allowing for constant shade. Hundreds of Wacondas located in the Kansas State Parks were damaged by the 1993 flood.

Before we went back to the park office she stopped and showed me a Waconda. She mentioned that when the weather was too bad to work outside, the AmeriCorps Members spent hundreds of hours fixing and repairing them. While showing me how they worked she said, "I have never done anything that I could look back at with pride and say I did that...I have never been able to leave my mark on anything, I now have something to show."

Cindy's stint with AmeriCorps has been an exciting one, it began when a large log rolled across her leg and bruised it. While carrying an idle chain saw she was nicked on another leg. While helping sand bag a handicapped accessible fishing dock, she got dust in an eye causing a an allergic reaction. The eye ball blistered and when she treated it with ice it swelled shut causing her to think that she had gotten, "frost bite on the eye." Her purse containing her watch, ring, driver's license, and identification cards was recently stolen.

Cindy wants to sign up for another tour with AmeriCorps. She said that it, "gives her flexibility." She wants to use her education award to learn to prepare income tax returns. As I was leaving the park, she was reaching for a broom to start cleaning the park office, looking for something to do until flood water started receding. Cindy could be on public assistance, instead she is providing service to her community, developing self esteem, while earning a way to become self sufficient. Cindy is an exemplification of the AmeriCorps motto of, "Getting Things Done."

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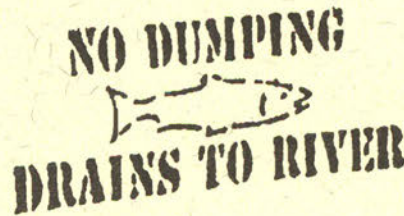
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District Awarded Contract to Educate Public On Storm Drain Pollution

The District has been contracted by the San Bernardino County Flood Control District / National Pollution Discharge Elimination System Committee (NPDES Committee) to develop, coordinate, and administer the group's public education and awareness program on stormwater management and water quality protection. The county is mandated by the State and Regional Water Quality Control Boards to provide public education to reduce the discharge of pollutants into local waterways.

The NPDES Committee will use the materials developed by the District to present educational programs on preventing stormwater pollution to children, the public, and



commercial and industrial interests. Programs may include the development and printing of public relation materials such as general informational brochures; public service announcements for local radio, cable television, and newspaper ads; development of fair booth displays; and development of materials for commercial and industrial workshops on spill prevention, illegal dumping, recycling, etc...

The mutual benefits obtained by the District and the NPDES Committee as a result of this contract are an example of what government can do to improve services, use tax monies efficiently, and eliminate duplication of services. This type of streamlining has been done by many agencies, especially small agencies that lack funding and have services to offer other agencies.

The NPDES Committee will contract with the District for two years, with a six month review. During this time, the District will have the opportunity to enter into contracts with individual cities to provide similar information and education programs required by water quality mandates.

Teacher Workshops Scheduled For Habitat Conservation Fund Project

The District is offering free 2 1/2 hour teacher workshops on endangered species and habitat conservation. Workshops are open to any interested educator, and begin at 10:00 a.m., October 29 at various locations in Los Angeles and Riverside counties.

The workshops are designed to focus on local habitats and animals, enrich teachers' conservation and science backgrounds, and conform to the state's Science Framework. Information will be particularly useful to teachers with students attending Outdoor Schools. All participants will receive the following free materials: a student's endangered species guide, lesson plans, a resource list, and a

directory of natural areas in Los Angeles, Riverside, and San Bernardino counties.

The program is funded by the California Department of Parks and Recreation's Habitat Conservation Grant program, awarded to the San Bernardino County Regional Parks Department and administered by the District. Workshops are being presented in cooperation with the Los Angeles County and Oak Glen Outdoor Science Schools.

The deadline for registration is October 19. (Professional growth credits are available in some areas - check with your principal.) For more information and reservations,

call the District office at (909) 987-0622.

Join The Earth Team!

Volunteers help the environment by assisting the District with its daily operations, projects, and special events.

Internships and work-study positions are also available for college students.

Interested? Call Bill Ruh, (909) 987-0622.

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by Member

In this day and age when baseball players go on strike for their much needed higher wages, and senatorial races reach all time campaign spending highs, it is easy and almost reasonable to think that money rules the great game of life. It seems that the individual's wants and needs outweigh all else. For the baseball player, wealth and more wealth come before the fans and even one's own baseball team, or the senator's ambition for glory and glamour overshadow the constituents or simply put, the people.

Within this sad scenario lies a simple truth: people want something for themselves in return. Ironically and unfortunately, this simple truth is evident in our American past-time of volunteerism. Yes, sad but true, a volunteer in public service such as an Americorps member, such as myself, wants something back, something given in exchange for the services I perform. Believe me, I'm no saint.

You see, the incredible myth about volunteerism is that volunteers do something for nothing in return. I am here to tell everyone tonight that volunteering in public service is overly romanticized as an absolute selfless act.

Little did Bill know that we, Americorps members, are getting much more than Bill bargained for, and we're glad of it. He thought we'd be too young, too naive to figure out how we would reward ourselves and search out our rightful returns for our dedication and hard work. We are milking this cow dry every single day.

It might not be in monetary terms, but we are lavishly indulging ourselves in the satisfaction of getting a homeless person off the streets and into a shelter and possibly convincing them to enroll in a 12-step program. We dance with joy and pleasure of educating and instilling in our youth the strength to resist hunger for themselves and those around them. We are spoiled by the frequent successes we make in breaking the red tape for individuals in the welfare system and empowering communities through small business enterprise and community

gardens. "And we gloat, gloat, gloat thinking of ingenious ways to make sure that children do not go hungry when school is out. Straight out, we are rolling in it.

Sure it isn't dough and lucky for all of us it isn't pork, but we are well compensated. What is money anyways but a nonguaranteeable, bleacher ticket to a possibly rained out game? Volunteering in public service is the real thing - to satisfy, please, spoil, and gloat.

If only baseball players could be so lucky!



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Site Supervisor: Rod Atterberry

PHONE: 309-543-2582

Agency/Org Name: Farm Services Agency

FAX: 3095433154

STATE: IL

City: Havana, IL

No. of Members Allocated by USDA: 5

			HOURS							Total
Member Name	SSN	SER STAT	PGM STAT	TRT STAT	1st Rpt	2nd Rpt	3rd Rpt	4th Rpt		
ABOUCAHINE, SUZANNE		F	A	I	363	521	521	<u>296</u>	1404	
CLARK, JENNIFER	L.	F	A	I	360	520	520	<u>300</u>	1400	
FAHNESTOCK, JR, ROGER	A.	F	A	I	360	520	520	<u>300</u>	1400	
PETERS, MARY	C.	F	A	I	40	520	520	<u>328</u>	1080	
STUFFLEBEAN, JEAN	A.	F	A	I	331	526	497	<u>346</u>	1354	

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Total Hours: 6638

No. of Members Allocated by USDA: 5

No. of Active Members Whose Enrollment Forms were recieved at USDA (not including terminations): 5

No. of Members for Whom Forms Have NOT Been Recieved*: 0

REMEMBER THAT THE TOTAL NUMBER OF HOURS FOR EACH MEMBER SHOULD BE THE HOURS SERVED AND NOT INCLUDE THE HOURS FOR PERSONAL LEAVE (40) AND HOLIDAYS (72). IF YOU HAVE BEEN COUNTING THESE IN THE FIRST 3 QUARTERS, PLEASE ADJUST THE 4TH QUARTERS HOURS SO THAT THE TOTAL IS AT LEAST 1700 OF SERVICE (assuming the person was full-time and successfully completed the program.) You can have more than 1700 hrs for a total just be sure all the hours were service hours. Thank You

* If the number of Members allocated is greater than the number of forms received, there are four options: 1. There are Members enrolled in programs whose forms have not been submitted to the USDA Director of National Service. If that is the case, list the names, SSN, Status and hours of the missing members on the back of this sheet and send the enrollment forms to the USDA Director of National Service. 2. The enrollment forms were sent directly to the Corporation. If that is the case, send copies to the USDA Director of National Service immediately. 3. There are vacancies in your program you intend to fill in the next reporting period. If that is the case, enter the number of vacancies on the appropriate line. 4. There are vacancies that you can not fill and you are relinquishing them.

REMEMBER, MEMBERS WHOSE FORMS HAVE NOT BEEN RECEIVED AT USDA ARE NOT CONSIDERED ENROLLED IN THE PROGRAM AND THEIR BENEFITS (EDUCATION AWARD,ETC.) ARE JEOPARDIZED!!!

If the number of members for whom forms have been received is greater than the number of members allocated resulting in a negative number appearing in the "No. of Members for Whom Forms Have NOT Been Received" line, you have enrolled more members in your program than authorized. Please explain this over enrollment. It may be that some members have terminated, in which case, change their status on this form and submit the proper end of term of service form to the USDA Director of National Service.

11. Please list the total number of **volunteers** who took part in activities which were sponsored or organized by all the Members in the state during this period.

1st Qtr.	2nd Qtr.	3rd Qtr.	4th Qtr.	Total
_____	_____	_____	45	_____

12. Please list the total number of **hours of community service** completed by the volunteers cited above during this period.

1st Qtr.	2nd Qtr.	3rd Qtr.	4th Qtr.	Total
_____	_____	_____	82	_____

SECTION IV - PROGRESS TOWARDS ACCOMPLISHING SERVICE OBJECTIVES:

13. **Original Community Service Objectives:** Attached are sheets summarizing the community service objectives that were originally approved for each operating site. In cases where a single objective may take an entire year to complete, that objective may have a sub-objectives listed. **You need to fill in the column marked "4th QTR Quantity" and the column marked "4th QTR Success" — as well as any column that is blank, has a zero, or has a question mark — for EVERY operating site.** Each chart should have the following columns:

"State" - The standard two-letter code for your state

"Obj No" - Each community service objective for each site is assigned an individual number

"Op Site" - Each site's unique operating site identification

"PGM Code" - Each type of service has been assigned a unique code to describe that type of service. See the appendix to this report entitled "Community Service PGM Code List"

"Obj/Impact Statement" - A few words verbally summarizing the community service objective

"Year's QTY Target" - The year's numerical goal for the people or things to be aided

"Target Unit of Measurement" - The unit of measure used in the previous column

"4th QTR Quantity" - Provide a hard number indicating progress towards the "Year's QTY Target"

"Year's Success Target" - Number for a way of measuring *quality* of service provided --- if this column is blank, has a question mark, or has a zero, please replace it with the accurate information

"Success Unit of Measure" - Explanation of the number in the previous column --- if this column is blank, has a question mark, or has a zero, please replace it with the accurate information

"4th QTR Success" - Provide a hard number indicating progress towards the "Year's Success Target"

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QUESTION 13. PROGRESS TOWARDS ACCOMPLISHING ORIGINAL COMMUNITY SERVICE OBJECTIVES

(Under "4th QTR Quantity" enter the amount of work done in the fourth quarter. Do the same for "4th QTR Success".)

Remember, since this is the last or final report, there should be no objectives with a zero entered in quantity or success, if a zero was entered for the first Three quarters. (See your last quarterly report) If you have objectives that you could not do anything on please explain why.

State	OP Site	Obj No.	PGM Code	Obj/Impact Statement	Year's QTY Target	QTY Unit of Measure	4th QTR Quantity	Year's Success Target	Success Unit of Measure	4th QTR Success
IL	T17A	1	EN-E092A	Conduct Farm-a-Syst assessments	250	assessments - water quality	21	70%	Number of people who adopt measures	9%
IL	T17A	2	EN-E017A	Educate farmers on benefits of irrigation scheduling & systems evaluations	250	adults - educated	21	70%	% of adults demonstrating increased knowledge	9%
IL	T17A	3	EN-H007A	Provide food to poor families through gleaning	15	families - food provided	1209	8500%	15 families	8000%

SECTION V - SUCCESS STORIES:

18. **Unique Successes or Great Stories :** Briefly describe one or two unique and/or exceptional success stories, a program highlight, or a 'great story' from your state. Please explain any instance in which AmeriCorps Members recruited non-AmeriCorps community volunteers for projects. Please include all media coverage, including original newspaper clips, videotapes of TV coverage, and cassette tapes of radio coverage; any letters of support or thank you letters; "before and after" photographs, brochures, posters, and newsletters created by the project; and other types of creative documentation.

The Illinois Community Action Association published a book on "How To Start A Community Garden or Gleaning Project", which included a section on Harvesting Hope.

3,000 lbs. of potatoes from this project were shipped and distributed in East St. Louis which is located 150 miles from the project. The NRCS East St. Louis AmeriCorps Team helped with the distribution of the vegetables.

SECTION VI - CHALLENGES

19. **Difficulties Faced by the Program:** Use this section to report on any problems your Members have encountered in the program this period. These should be significant issues which were related to achieving objectives, significant delays in implementation, administrative problems, or any other expectations, events or incidents that have caused the Members concern. State the problem concisely and how the issue has, or has not been resolved. Be sure to outline the steps taken and identify any resources needed to assist in resolving the problem.

We did not face any significant problems during this quarter.

15. **Community Service Objectives Narrative (optional):** If you feel it is necessary and/or helpful, you may use this space to describe in more detail accomplishments towards the original community service objectives reported in question 13 and/or your additional community service objectives reported in question 14. Please make sure you include the Operating Site ID Number in each narrative description so we can be clear which accomplishment is matched to which site.
- This project determined that gleaning would be it's highest priority, therefore, the two other objectives were not reached.

The Harvesting Hope gleaning program was a complete success. This program identified and solved every step required to establish a food recovery and distribution organization. This project recruited food recipients, established distribution sites, recruited volunteers, arranged transportation, vegetable companies and farmers were involved as partners, and established an advisory group.

This project was operated on volunteers and donations. Federal funds were not used to sustain this program.

16. **Community Building Objectives Narrative (optional):** Briefly describe how projects have brought together diverse groups of people, empowered communities to solve their own problems, built long term structures that will last beyond each AmeriCorps Member's term of service, and generally improved the abilities of local citizens to help improve their own lives.

This program established an advisory group which has agreed to try and operate this program in future years.

The partners of Harvesting Hope include churches, National Guard, County Sheriff's Dept., auto dealers, farmers, vegetable companies. All partners were committed to the success of this program.

17. **AmeriCorps Member Development Objectives Narrative (optional):** Briefly describe how the AmeriCorps Members themselves have benefited from serving in the program, particularly in regard to expanding their own educational opportunity and increasing their own ethic of personal responsibility. Describe specific skills learned by Members through either their service or training. Describe any Members that earned a GED or otherwise advanced their education. Describe any Members that left public assistance to join AmeriCorps. Relate how AmeriCorps allowed Members to continue college or graduate school. Describe how Members may have changed their ethic of work, citizenship, or community volunteerism.

All members received great satisfaction from helping needy families. Their interest in volunteerism was increased.

Two members plan to pursue post-graduate studies.

SECTION V - GENERAL INFORMATION

20. **National Identity Activities (OPTIONAL):** Please describe any activities undertaken by Members that fostered the national identity of AmeriCorps. These could include joint service activities, meetings with other AmeriCorps projects, national telephone conference calls, use of Internet to communicate with other sites, etc.

Members contacted the press and an article was published describing Harvesting Hope.

21. **Organizational Changes:** Please outline and describe any changes in your program's organization and/or structure during the quarter.

Members fulfilled their time starting in August of 1996.

22. **Organizational Improvements (OPTIONAL):** Please write any suggestions by you, your Members, site managers, or anyone else regarding ways in which the USDA or CNS AmeriCorps program could be improved.

The information flow needs to improve. All information from the national office should go directly to the State Project Director.

23. **Primary Training and Technical Assistance Needs (OPTIONAL):** Please specify precisely what kind of staff or Member training or other technical assistance can be provided by USDA, the Corporation for National Service, or other sources to improve your projects.

I think it would be of great benefit to have all members in the state or several states attend a two to three day conference. This should take place at the end of the first quarter.

{END OF REPORT}



TAZEWELL COUNTY

Farm Bureau
TAZEWELL COUNTY AGRICULTURAL CENTER

August 1, 1996

Mary Peters
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Dear Mary & Jennifer,

Please excuse my delay, but I wanted to thank both of you for your presentation to the Tazewell County Farm Bureau board of directors on July 8. Since then I have been busy with other items such as the fair and I simply have gotten behind with my letter writing.

I thought you did a good job of informing our board about the Harvesting Hope and Farm-A-Syst programs. I hope some of our directors will take part in these programs. At least they will be better informed about them.

Following your program I decided to run an article in the Tazewell County Farm Bureau paper. Hopefully, this will inform even more people about your programs. Attached is a copy of our publication that I thought you might like to see.

Thanks again for taking time to make this presentation to our Farm Bureau board. If I can be of any further assistance, please let me know.

Sincerely Yours,

Douglas Godke, Manager
Tazewell County Farm Bureau

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P.S. Mary, next time you call I will try to recognize you quicker. Your call the other day took me off guard (sorry).