

the Watershed

Super Volunteers Transform LCC by Marty Portner, President

During the past two years the RCD has spent time and money to improve the Lake Court Center. I would like to take the time to mention a few people who have recently made a world of difference in the look and feel of the LCC. They worked on the project willingly, without compensation, and without being asked. They consistently go above and beyond to help with District efforts and they deserve special recognition.

I drove past the Lake Court Center during the tail end of the project. I saw the lights on and just a few cars in the parking lot. I went in to find that there were volunteers working to complete the project in time for the November 3rd Unification vote meeting. These individuals worked through the day and well into several nights because they were committed to complete the project on time for the community.

The RCD is indebted to **Cyndi Cantrell, Dennis Cantrell, Gene and Maureen Bronkema, Barbara O'Rourke, Barb Lundeen, Jerry**

Pohlman and Bill Stoltz who put their home improvement skills to work to make the LCC the warm, pleasant and functionally complete place that it is today. They worked long hours while the rest of us were going about our personal businesses, They gave up more than a few days an evenings to get the job done and on time.

A crew of willing volunteers who also worked very hard on this project included **Bob and Lisa Stocksdale, Herb O'Rourke, Frank Holan, Jill Peacock, Barb and Dave Strasemeier, Ron Szymorski and Jill Aigner.** Each of them gave up something to make time to be at the LCC to paint, clean and in general "lend a hand". It is most impressive that these are people do not just help out when it is convenient, but when the task needs to be done.

Some folks are **involved** in volunteering, but others, like those mentioned above, are **committed.** We thank all of you who are committed to District projects!

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Did You Know...

- The RCD is waiting for you to volunteer? Just call 815.652.2006 for more information.
- The Lake Court Center is undergoing an interior face-lift this winter?
- Fishing is permitted year-round on the Lake. All Creel Limits apply and your watercraft must clearly display the RCD identification sticker.

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Lake Management Update ... by Jerry Sellers, LMC Chairperson

The VLMP (Voluntary Lake Management Program) portion of the Lake Management Committee has come to an end for this season. Equipment and instrumentation used in the program has carefully been stored for next year. Attention and efforts are now being directed to obtaining all of the information from the state for analysis.

We are also looking forward to the **IDNR** giving us a shocking report in January for analysis. Dredging of the Silt Basin on Flagg road began on December 11th and was completed in several days.

The RCD/LMC has become a member of the **Rock River Local Partnership Council**, and organization created by

the Region 2 IDNR Ecosystems administrator. This organization and its members address issues in Ogle County pertaining to community-based wetland, riparian and shoreline restoration projects. They review and recommend applications to a C-2000 grant program administrated by the Region 2 office located in Bartlett IL. At this point we are optimistic about receiving grants, utilizing past RCD commissioned reports to support the grant writing process.

We will be working closely with our neighbor the Nature Conservancy in the application process as they have a great deal of knowledge in this area. We look forward to continuing support from local ecological organizations who can provide great benefits.

We Would Like To Extend

Our Condolences To

Becky Breckenfelder

On The Passing Of Her

Mother,

SANDY WEBER,

This Past October.