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FINAL LINK OF WHITE RIVER STATE PARK AWARDED TO SFC



What a year it's been. Big highs and deep lows. It kept us all wondering "What do we do now?" The answer was and will always be "Learn from it, have faith, appreciate what we have, be smarter and work harder."

We have lived the economic fat and happy time, let our belt out a few notches and have now just stepped onto the scale. It's time to get into shape. No New Year's Resolution just yet. We need to plan what our program will be and make sure that we succeed in the long run. Fad diets won't get it, we need to remain healthy and strong. We can all get into better shape.

Let's all promise to give thanks and make the holidays truly special.

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Selection of Company Largely Based on Qualifications

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has awarded a contract for the final downtown link in White River State Park to Smock Fansler. This project will fill the gap left by the demolition of the Beveridge Paper plant earlier this year and ties into the South Park area parking lot the company did three years ago.

While the bid price of \$8.2 million was considered in determining the bid award, there was also a significant qualifications section that weighed heavily in the final determination. Smock Fansler's successful completion of the Zoo and South Park segment and an extensive portfolio of architectural sitework were factors in the award.

This segment of the park will include the following features: Interpretive Plaza, Performance stage (pictured), Pavilion, Discovery Playground, Entrance Gateway (pictured), limestone cladded walls, and a terraced garden. The project also includes a welcome and services building with public restrooms. Axis Architecture designed the building.

The Smock Fansler team will be lead by President **Tom Fansler III**. Project managers will be **Dick Etchison, Dick Wright** and **David Roth**, field supervisory people will be: QC Manager **Joe Davee** and Superintendents **Jon Mason** and **Scott Shackelford**.

As with the rest of the projects of the White River State Park, Sasaki Associates of Watertown, MA designed the project with Stuart O Dawson and Varoujan Hagopian leading the project team.



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George Kessler

SFC Partners with Storrow Kinsella To Nominate Kessler's Work

Smock Fansler's experience with the construction and restoration of parks and historic landscapes will complement the a team of landscape architects and preservationists with the completion of the **Kessler Boulevard Plan National Register Nomination**. The Storrow Kinsella Partnership was chosen recently by the City of Indianapolis to complete the project over the course of the next year.

George Kessler, a nationally recognized landscape architect, is known for his park and boulevard systems across the country from Texas and Florida to Kansas and Indiana. In addition to his large scale planning work, Kessler is also known for his park designs. Some of his park projects, because of their integral connection to the boulevard system, that may be included in the nomination are Riverside and Garfield Parks.

The project will entail the development of an application to nominate the Kessler Park and Boulevard Plan in Indianapolis as a National Historic Landmark. While the Boulevard Plan is central to the project, secondary applications nominating additional historic resources for National Register status will be prepared. The Kessler Plan for Indianapolis was developed in 1908 and encompasses a significant number of historic resources including parkways and boulevards, parks, bridges and secondary connections, avenues or streets.

For more information on this project or Kessler's work contact **David Roth** at 317.248.8371.

•2820 WINS A \$25 GIFT CERTIFICATE TO O'CHARLEY'S•

Superintendent Assignments

Brandon Anderson	Marian College
Johnny Andrew	International Truck & Engine
Glen Cheney	Perry K plant & St. John Fountain
Roger Crase	St. Vincent Hospital
Dan Emery	Target Distribution & Carmel Courthouse
Bruce Fish	Perry K plant
Fred Gordon	RSR & Gleaners Food Bank
Jerry Henry	IUOE Local #103 Training Center
Bill Johnson	Castleton Business Park drainage
Mark Kramer	Clarian Monorail-Methodist Station
Jon Mason	Riverfront & Carmel Drive
Mike Myers	Retaining Wall-Allisonville Road
David Long	State Museum
Mark Pennington	Carmel Drive Streetscape & Walks
Scott Shackelford	Riverfront & Mi-Tech Metals
Ben Stevens	Heritage Environmental
Evan Storm	Nucor Steel & Noise Abatement
Bruce Summerlot	South Street & Meridian Corridor



SFC/Lone Star Crew (l-r): Front- Jeff Bell, Cliff Garner, Richard Turner; Rear- Evan Storm-Superintendent, Mike Johnson, Charles Paige, Jacob Farr, Dennis Padgett
Photo courtesy of Bob Hodits, Lone Star Industries

Last summer the company completed a project for Lone Star Industries in Greencastle. The result of the job was doubling the plant's crusher capacity. The real challenge in the job was all of the work had to be performed while regular operations in the area continued.

A major test to the crew was that while the other operation was going on, there was a significant problem with dust and debris, Bob Hodits of Lone Star recently sent us the photo.

Newsletter Changes Coming

Starting first of the year, we will be instituting some changes to Sites•Facts•Comments. The overall appearance and layout will be modified, but don't worry, the flags will stay. A one-page monthly edition will be instituted and distributed by e-mail. However, the quarterly hard copy will remain and include the articles from the monthly edition plus some of the other favorites like Safety Corner, Prez Release, and Dinner Winners.

A lot of our readers outside the company keep asking how they might be eligible for a Dinner drawing, if you have some ideas, we would love to see them. If you would like to be included in the monthly e-mail edition or have some ideas about dinner drawings, please e-mail your address to rdavis@smockfansler.com.

If you have something you think might interest our readers, we welcome articles (original or otherwise) and stories for consideration. No anonymous submissions will be used.

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Teamwork and Changes Mark the “New” Accounting Department

Major adjustments have been occurring in the accounting department since **David Doerner** joined the company this spring as Controller. He has been working with the Accounting Department to redefine positions and responsibilities. He is focusing on making the department a team with each person realizing how they personally affect one another and how the department affects the company. They are working to improve the timeliness as well as the accuracy and consistency of reports. The lines of communication are also improving between the Accounting Department and the rest of the company. David states that it is becoming a much better place because each person understands their role better. David's goals include improving reporting through the project manager to the field. This will utilize the information better, making it possible to effect change and not just using it for a past reference. David wants to continue to take positive steps forward to help add value to the company.

The Accounting Department consists of David, **Debbie Roe**, **Phyllis Montague**, **Tina Overton**, **Shannon Lindsey** and **Angie Mood**. With the exception of Phyllis, a former resident, they all live in Hendricks County. Tina brought Shannon, her best friend, to SFC when Debbie went on emergency maternity leave this summer.

Debbie Roe works in Accounts Payable and will also help develop systems and general support. She likes working here because it is a family oriented place that takes pride in their employees and community. She appreciates SFC's generous giving back to the community. She and her husband, Joe, gave birth to a beautiful boy, Dylan Dean, on September 28. When Debbie has spare time she enjoys golfing and camping.

Phyllis Montague has worked in Accounts Receivable for two years. She likes working at SFC because of the open door policy, being able to go directly to the CEO. Phyllis also states that SFC is extremely fair and always has the welfare of its employees at heart.

Phyllis has been remodeling her old home in Mooresville for the past two years. Her greatest accomplishment is the 20' by 20' water feature she dug, complete with a fountain and goldfish. When Phyllis is not remodeling her house she like to landscape, go boating and dancing.

Tina Overton joined SFC in July of 2000 as Payroll Manager. She appreciates everyone being so helpful about time card questions especially the guys in the field. She also enjoys the freedom that comes with her job and is grateful to work with such nice people. Tina and her husband, David, have been married for nine years and have two children, Alexa, 5 and Kyler, 2. In Tina's free time she likes to watch movies and be outside. She also enjoys taking her children to the park.

Shannon Lindsey, featured in the last issue, joined SFC at the end of July when Debbie went on maternity leave. Shannon is currently working in Accounts Payable. She is enjoying the challenges of her new job and gets to learn something new every day. She appreciates SFC viewing family as coming first and the flexibility given to employees. Shannon feels that this new position is a perfect job because the thing she does best is spend money, especially other people's.

Angie Mood joined SFC in May. She is the receptionist and also does a variety of tasks for Shannon and Phyllis. Due to recent events, Angie must wear gloves and a mask when opening up the mail. She realizes first hand what the world is coming to even for the small businessman. Angie values the flexibility she has with her job, the open door policy, and the variety of work. There is always something new, it's not routine.

Angie enjoys watching movies, bass fishing with her husband, and playing with her pets. Her pets Maggie, a basset hound, and three cats. Angie has been married for four years. Angie and her husband, Eric, lived only 15 minutes away from each other growing up but did not meet until they both went to the same college (Oakland City) 3 hours away from home.

David Doerner, CPA joined SFC in the position of Controller and was introduced in the Spring 2001 edition of the newsletter. David has been impressed with SFC atmosphere and the family oriented environment. He declares the last 5 months as a time of change. After Debbie left, others had to step up to help out through the time without her. Everyone did their part and more.

Story by Jamie Loehmer

•2448 WINS A \$25 GIFT CERTIFICATE TO TEXAS ROADHOUSE•



The SFC Accounting Team (l-r) David Doerner, Shannon Lindsey, Angie Mood, Phyllis Montague, Debbie Roe, Tina Overton



Meet Jamie Loehmer, Marketing Intern

This semester, **Jamie Loehmer** is working as an intern in the Marketing department. Jamie is a senior marketing major at the University of Indianapolis. She is from Winamac in northern Indiana. While at SFC, she has done newsletter articles and research to help in creating the company's e-commerce direction for the future.

The past two summers, Jamie had two different internships at Allison Transmission in the sales and marketing departments. She is on the track team at the University of Indianapolis



Problem Solving Abilities Put to Test

When the International Union of Operating Engineers Local #103 began looking for someone to build their new training facility near Anderson, they came to Smock Fansler. Long a signatory to the IUOE Labor Agreement, SFC is one of only a few contracting companies that self-performs their own sitework. Most contractors subcontract their sitework. The Local 103/ Smock Fansler relationship has been beneficial for both organizations.

The site will include two pre-engineered buildings, one for offices and classrooms and the other for an indoor training facility. The site is located just off I-69 at the Chesterfield exit and was formerly a gravel pit.

Because of the former gravel pit, Project Manager **Dick Etchison** and Superintendent **Jerry Henry** were faced with a severe problem with loose fill. The poor soil compaction required an abnormal solution. The result is one hundred and ninety four, thirty-five foot deep, and sixteen inch diameter auger cast piles. Each pile has 1 ¼" (#10) reinforcing steel rods running the full depth. The photo shows the drilling process.

•4975 WINS A GIFT CERTIFICATE TO APPLEBEE'S•

I am only one; but I am still one. I cannot do everything, but still I can do something. I will not refuse to do the something I can do.

-Helen Keller



Safety Corner

What is Silicosis?

Nearly 300 construction workers die each year from silicosis also known as grinder's asthma and mason's disease. However, many workers have never even heard of the word. Silicosis is a disabling and often fatal dust-related disease and results from the body's response to the presence of silica dust in the lungs. Airborne silica occurs commonly in both work and non-work environments. High amounts of silica dust are often produced from activities such as brick/block concrete cutting, sandblasting, asphalt paving and demolition operations.

Symptoms of silicosis may include shortness of breath, severe cough, fatigue, loss of appetite, chest pains and fever. These symptoms seldom develop in less than five years and take more than two years to become disabling or cause death. The development of silicosis is influenced by several factors including: the form of silica, amount of dust inhaled, length of exposure, age, smoking habits and individual resistance. There is no cure for silicosis, however it is a 100% preventable disease and can often be avoided with proper ventilation, wet cutting, and respiratory protection. Inhaling silica dust has also been associated with other diseases including tuberculosis and lung cancer. As you can see Silicosis is a silent threat to the health of all construction employees. Be sure to take all precautions in helping to protect yourself and your co-worker.

Russ Bartholomew, Safety Director

Check for YOUR Number!!

Only two of last issue's certificates were claimed. **Phil Worland** and **Linda Mills** checked and found their numbers, but **Russ Bartholomew** and **Ted Painter** did not. Phil and Linda each won a \$25 Gift Certificate to a local restaurant. Hidden throughout this issue are four digit numbers. Next to that number is the name of a local restaurant. If the four digits match the last four of your Social Security number, you win that certificate, **IF YOU CLAIM IT!** To claim your prize, contact **Angie Mood** at the office or have your supervisor pick it up for you.

•1269 WINS A \$25 GIFT CERTIFICATE TO CHI CHI'S•