

# Carlyle Lake Watershed - At a Glance

Carlyle Lake Watershed Ecosystem Partnership

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## Annual Showcasing of the Kaskaskia River Watershed

Everyone is invited to attend the annual **"Showcasing the Kaskaskia River Watershed"** from Carlyle Lake to Fayetteville on August 24, 2007 hosted by the Kaskaskia Watershed Association, Inc. (KWA), the Original Kaskaskia Area Wilderness (OKAW), the Okaw River Basin Coalition (ORBC) and the Southwestern Illinois RC&D, Inc. at the **Hidden Lake Winery**, 10580 Wellen Road, Aviston, IL. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.



collection of artifacts from the Kaskaskia Watershed, old original buildings from the area (first jail of Germantown), antiques, and demonstrations

of life during the 1800's. A guided bus tour will take us through parts of the 58 mile stretch of privately owned land from Carlyle Dam to Fayetteville, going through agricultural land, the largest tract of oak hickory forest in the Midwest, and lots of recreation and club houses along the river. The bus will then go to Glen Schuetz's place showing an IDNR C-2000 Project on conservation efforts, wildflowers, and his successful effort in controlling invasive plants. Buses will be returning to the Hidden Lake Winery at approximately 3:30 p.m.



Each year KWA showcases one of the reaches of the Kaskaskia Watershed to help educate stakeholders throughout the watershed, elected officials, and other federal, state and local agencies on the diversity and importance of the watershed.

The morning will consist of speakers explaining various issues relating to recent legislation about real estate taxes on farmland, new federal conservation incentives, long term protection, the development plans for the City of Fayetteville, USDA State Acres for Wildlife (SAFE) - Illinois, a skit by local stakeholders, and a tour of the winery. Lunch (\$12.00) will be at the winery along with entertainment by the TNT Bluegrass/Gospel Ensemble.



In the afternoon everyone will board a bus for a tour of the area, and, by popular request, going to Old Stone Fort with the Museum of Stone. It has the largest



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## Annual Showcasing of the Kaskaskia River Watershed Agenda

From Carlyle Lake to Fayetteville  
**KWA (Kaskaskia Watershed Association)**  
**OKAW (Original Kaskaskia Area Wilderness)**  
**ORBC (Okaw River Basin Coalition)**  
**Southwestern Illinois RC&D**



Presents  
**"Showcasing the Kaskaskia"**



August 24, 2007  
 Hidden Lake Winery  
 10580 Wellen Road, Aviston, IL 62216

- 8:30-9:00 Registration
- 9:00-9:15 Welcome
- Steve Jurgens, President of KWA
- Earl Schnitker, President of ORBC
- Butch Borrenpohl, President of OKAW
- 9:15-9:45 Update on Forest Taxation Legislation, Jerry Beverlin
- 9:45-10:00 New Federal Tax Incentives for Conservation Ed Weilbacher, USDA NRCS
- 10:00-10:20 BREAK
- 10:20-10:40 Village of Fayetteville, Mayor Funk
- 10:40-11:15 Kaskaskia Skit
- 11:15-12:00 Tour of Winery
- 12:00-12:30 Lunch (Sandwich, Chips, Apple, Cookie, and Drink)
- Entertainment by the "TNT Bluegrass/Gospel Ensemble"
- 12:30-12:45 Begin Boarding Busses
- 12:45 Busses Depart
- 3:30 Busses Return to Hidden Lake Winery

## Kaskaskia Watershed Association Receives Settlement Funds from Prairie State Energy



In March 2006 Prairie State Energy Campus entered into an agreement with the American Bottom Conservancy and Biddleborn resident Dale Wojkowski to resolve an appeal of the power plant's water permit.

Under the agreement, Prairie State will conduct additional water quality water monitoring of the Kaskaskia River

Prairie State will install a new river monitoring gauge to assist in monitoring river flow rates and will develop a larger holding pond for river water, which in-



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## Glen Schuetz Conservation and Stewardship

Glen Schuetz has received the Conservation Volunteer Award from IDNR in 2006. He has taken up the cause of conservation and stewardship of the natural resources of southwestern Illinois with a commitment rarely seen today. His interest in devoting volunteer time to conservation began in the early 1990s during a



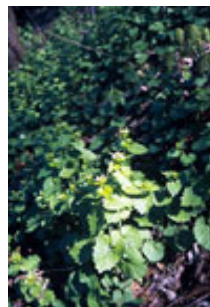
**Prairie Flowers**



**Autumn Olive**

period when the importance of the Kaskaskia River basin forest habitat area was coming to light. Glen facilitated and hosted a key meeting among IDNR personnel, Illinois Natural History Survey researchers, and local landowners to initiate serious conservation work on this recognized Resource Rich Area in Illinois. He also began working on control of various exotic plants in the mid-1990s, controlling honeysuckle on his property and spreading the message among neighboring landowners to encourage area-wide exotics control. In 2000, Glen Schuetz helped facilitate a project

to control a major outbreak of invasive garlic mustard plants in the Kaskaskia watershed, and devoted countless hours to helping his neighbors with this problem. Glen enrolled three of his Washington County land parcels in the Illinois Natural Heritage Landmark Program, and permanently preserved a 30-acre tract as a registered Land and Water Reserve through the Illinois Nature Preserves Commission. He has assisted with numerous prescribed burns on flatwoods and hill prairie sites in Calhoun, Monroe, St. Clair and Washington counties and assisted with brush cutting work and invasive plant control in Monroe County. He has developed a PowerPoint presentation on his knowledge of garlic mustard eradication and has shared it with groups. He spread the message by producing and distributing buttons about the negative effects of forest fragmentation on forest songbirds, including the resulting increase in cowbird parasitism on many forest birds. As an



**Garlic Mustard**

active member of several local conservation organizations, Glen has proven that exceptional volunteer effort can produce big results. He assisted the Illinois Resource Conservation and Development, Inc. with obtaining grants for prescribed burn equipment and herbicides for controlling exotic plants. Glen's volunteer results have educated many landowners and positively impacted hundreds, if not thousands, of acres of important high quality natural areas and wild lands in southwestern Illinois.

## Welcome the New President

Welcome to our new President, Steve Jurgens a grain farmer who lives northwest of Arthur, IL. In 1999 along with representatives from the Lake Shelbyville Development Association began meeting in Carlyle with other Kaskaskia River organizations. In 2002, the Kaskaskia Watershed Association incorporated (KWA) and Steve has served on the KWA Board since. He currently is Chairperson of the Upper Kaskaskia Local Planning Council, which was designated an Ecosystem Partnership in 1998. Since 1995 has chaired the organized watershed group, initially representing the six county Farm Bureaus and the six County Soil and Water Districts in the watershed above Lake Shelbyville. Originally, only focusing on the Upper Kaskaskia River, they identified and studied water quality of the river and Lake Shelbyville, hosted educational meeting, promoted Best Management Practices, and reached out to other interest groups. Currently he is a member of Heartland RC&D Board, Arthur Chamber of Commerce, and Commander of a local VFW post.



## Carlyle Lake 40th Anniversary Celebration

On Saturday, July 30th, Carlyle Lake's 40th Anniversary Celebration was held in conjunction with the Annual Carlyle Lake Fireworks Spectacular. The 40th Anniversary ceremony was held at 3:30 p.m. in the Dam West Day Use Area. The ceremony captured the importance of the past, present, and future partnerships responsible for the creation of Carlyle Lake, the continued success of the project and the potential growth of the entire region. Speakers included Project Manager Bob Wilkins, Carlyle Mayor Van Johnson, COL Setliff, Kaskaskia Watershed Association President Steve Jurgens, IDNR Director of Water Resources Gary Clark, and Congressman John M. Shimkus. A plaque which will be placed on the dam was presented in honor of Carlyle Lake's 40th Anniversary.



## Carlyle Lake Special Events

### September 15 & 16 – Carlyle Lake Wine and Art Festival

This event will feature wine tasting from some of Illinois' finest wineries and art exhibition which will showcase many talented artists from around the area. Live music great food will also be a part of this event.

### September 15 & 16 – Whale of a Sail

Enjoy a mid summer regatta on Carlyle Lake hosted by the Carlyle Lake Association. This three-course race includes: multi-hulls, monohulls, and cabin sailboats. This fun filled weekend of good sailing will take place in Eldon Hazlet State Park at the Carlyle Sailing Association.

### September 27 – Carlyle Lake Blood Drive

Stop in the Carlyle Lake Visitor Center and give a donation of blood that will save lives. One donation could save as many as three lives. Those donating will receive free camping.

### October 19 & 20 – Haunted Trail

Climb aboard a hay wagon at Mariner's Village resort and take a ride down to the Little Prairie Nature Trail where ghost and goblins hide. All proceeds benefit the 2008 Fireworks Spectacular.

### November 11 – Youth Pheasant Hunt

Young hunters (accompanied by an adult) get a chance at the designated pheasant areas at Eldon Hazlet State Park. Contact the Illinois Department of Natural Resources for more information. (618-594-3015)

### December 1-30 – Festival of Lights

Drive through the Dam West Campground and enjoy the Christmas displays and lights to get you into the spirit of the season. The lights may be viewed on Friday., Saturday, and Sunday evenings from 6 to 10 p.m.

### Overwhelmed with Acronyms? Here's some help...

<i>SWCD</i> – Soil and Water Conservation District	<i>KWA</i> - Kaskaskia Watershed Association
<i>CLA</i> – Carlyle Lake Association	<i>CLEP</i> - Carlyle Lake Ecosystem Partnership
<i>NRCS</i> – Natural Resources Conservation Service	<i>QU</i> - Quail Unlimited
<i>ACOE</i> – Army Corps of Engineers	<i>NWTF</i> - National Wild Turkey Federation
<i>IDNR</i> – Illinois Department of Natural Resources	<i>WRDA</i> - Water Resource Development Act
<i>C-2000</i> – Conservation 2000 Grant Program	<i>LKSI</i> - Lower Kaskasia Stakeholders, Inc.

The stated mission of the Carlyle Lake Watershed Ecosystem Partnership is:  
**“To protect, enhance and restore the natural resources and habitat of the Carlyle Lake Watershed”**

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Watershed – At a Glance  
C/o FAYETTE COUNTY SWCD  
301 South Third Street  
Vandalia, IL 62471  
618-283-1095, Ext. 3  
Fax: 618-283-4962

Non Profit Organization  
Permit #53  
Vandalia, IL

## Label Box

To contact one of the Soil and Water Conservation Districts, please call:  
Bond County SWCD  
618-664-0555, ext. 3  
Clinton County SWCD  
618-526-7919, ext. 3  
Effingham County SWCD  
217-342-6855, ext. 3  
Fayette County SWCD  
618-283-1095, ext. 3  
Marion County SWCD  
618-548-1337, ext. 3  
Shelby County SWCD  
217-774-5564, ext. 3

### Kaskaskia Watershed Association Receives Settlement Funds from Prairie State Energy

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creates the power plant's reserve. In addition, Prairie State has also agreed to provide funding to the Kaskaskia Watershed Association to benefit the Kaskaskia watershed, and has expedited the completion of its storm water plans.

As a component of its August Board meeting the Kaskaskia Watershed Association solicited proposals from throughout the watershed to determine the most effective distribution of the \$60,000 that was awarded to KWA within the settlement. The following projects were selected:

1. Up to \$10,000 will be provided to American Bottom Conservancy to complete an independent baseline water quality test prior to the construction of the Energy Campus. Any of



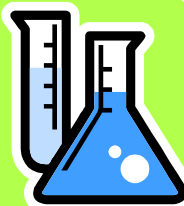
these funds that are not expended will be retained by KWA for use in other projects.

2. Up to \$20,000 will be provided to implement improvements at the Carlyle Lake Fish & Wildlife Area. Any of the funds not utilized in this project will be redirected to a streambank erosion control project (near SLM) identified



by Leonard Vasquez.

3. Up to \$30,000 not to exceed \$10,000 per year for a period of three years will be provided to the Southwestern Illinois RC&D, Inc. for administrative, technical and fiscal support.



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