

Green River Lake - A valuable resource

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Green River Lake, operated by the United States Army Corps of Engineers, is a valuable resource to our area.

Park Ranger Andrea Davis, of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, presented an overview of the lake and its operations Nov. 19 to Greensburg Rotary members.

She said, "We're here to protect the resource and the people who are using that resource."

As a man-made lake, Green River pro-

vides numerous opportunities for the public to enjoy.

This year, Davis said, was its 50th anniversary, having been completed in 1969.

She noted the lake was built to help control the flooding of Green River.

With the river's length over 300 miles, Green River Lake is in the middle of the river system, Davis said.

The park ranger said there are two different pool levels which determine the height of the water at any one time.

Davis mentioned summer pool is higher



Andrea Davis

and during the winter the pool level drops some seven feet.

Recreational activities at Green River Lake, such as swim-

ming, camping, and boating, are attractive advantages.

With reference to the Corps, she said, "We have three campgrounds that we manage."

The Army Corps of Engineers employee noted the differences between Green River Lake and Green River Lake State Park.

According to Davis, the park is managed by the state covering some 1,600 acres, whereas, Green River Lake is run by the Army Corps of Engineers consisting of over 32,000 acres of land and water, and a wildlife management

area of over 20,000 acres leased to the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife.

She said some 8,200 acres is water acreage at summer pool.

Davis noted the lake serves as a supplier of water.

"We are the main water source for Taylor and Adair Counties."

Green County also depends on the lake as a water source.

She commented the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers maintains a visitors' center at the lake which provides educational experiences for area school children.

With reference to the park rangers, Davis said, "We are the face of the Corps to the public."

When asked about the timing of water released from Green River Lake, as compared to the lakes of Barren, Rough, and Nolin River, she said the unique species located in Green is a determining factor.

Park Ranger Davis has Green County connections, including her father-in-law and mother-in-law Jeff and Tammy Davis. She is married to their youngest son Korey.

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Shuffett is a graduate of Murray State University with a degree in Broadcast Journalism but it was while he was at Murray that he earned another nickname.

"While at Murray, I was sometimes called Drifting Dave," Shuffett joked. "Not because I was getting lost but because my mind wandered off a lot."

One of Shuffett's favorite interviews that he did for Kentucky Life involved a lady from nearby Taylor County.

"I interviewed Mrs. Lera Williams, who was the oldest living Kentuckian at the time," Shuffett said.

"She was 110 years old and was sharp as a tack and at the time, she was the 66th oldest living person in the world."

Just to prove the point that a dog is man's best friend, Shuffett often had a dog along

with him in his travels across Kentucky.

"I was known for having a dog as a co-host," Shuffett remembered. "People liked the dogs and I needed all the help I could get on the show to make it a good show."

This episode of Kentucky Live marks the first time that all three hosts have been together.

Doug Flynn used to play major league baseball with the Cincinnati Reds and other organizations. Bryon Crawford has written for The Courier Journal and also hosted WHAS-TV's program, Sideroads.

All three men have extensive experience covering unique people and places in Kentucky

and this episode of Kentucky Life all three men to tell some of their best stories.

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Amid my skepticism, I always pull for the most optimistic outcome for my town. In the case of Parcels B and C, I hope that time will prove me wrong and Landrum right.

I'll be the first to drive down to Greensburg, where Landrum returns next month to a quiet country life of farmer and restaurateur, shake his hand and give him his substantial share of the credit for an economically invigorated Frankfort.

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