

Soldiers improve Custer State Park Buffalo Roundup corral

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CUSTER STATE PARK – Soldiers of the U.S. Army Reserve's 486th Engineer Company, of Southfield, Mich., completed renovations at the Custer State Park buffalo corral complex, as part of a Golden Coyote infrastructure project June 17.

The 28th annual Golden Coyote exercise provides relevant training opportunities for active-duty military, National Guard, and Reserve units. The Reservists used military occupational specialties to engineer multiple projects at the site to include: demolishing old fencing, trenching 800 feet of earth, installing electrical

components and fixtures, emplacing water lines and installing freeze-proof hydrants and geothermal waterers.

"This is the first year the buffalo corral has been on the Golden Coyote project list," said Jayme Severyn, who has worked as the Custer State Park Golden Coyote project liaison for the past five years. "The work of these service members will make the buffalo roundup more efficient this year."

The buffalo roundup is an annual fall event at the park that herds approximately 1,300 buffalo into corrals. The corral is a holding pen for animals during veterinary checks and auctions.

"Until now, the water had to be hand carried in buckets to the corral," said Severyn.

"The water line the engineers put in makes it easier to get the water to the animals."

The 16 to 22 engineers who were on-site daily completed the water line and other projects during the four-day mission at the corral.

"Mission failure was not an option," said 1st Lt. Brian Jutila, the 486th officer-in-charge of the buffalo corral worksite. "These dedicated Soldiers take tremendous pride in their work. They spent countless hours here at the buffalo corral complex, even after evening release, to make sure this project was on time and finished."

Jutila said the dedication of these Soldiers, combined with the U.S. Army's established standards in military decision making

processes, positive risk management and closed-loop learning process, contributed to the success of the project.

"The closed-loop learning process helps us to identify solutions to problems that arise at the worksite," said Jutila.

At the buffalo corral worksite, the Soldiers met the obstacle of finding a water main and had a chance to utilize the closed-loop learning process.

"We added numerous unplanned man-hours to search for an existing water line," said Jutila. The 486th has learned from the challenge.

"Using the closed-loop learning process we identified a solution to the problem of finding a water

main," said Jutila. "We brainstormed and came up with the idea that we could use ground-penetrating sonar if we confront a similar problem on future missions."

The Golden Coyote exercise has improved the unit's mission readiness by providing hands-on experience and opportunities for Soldiers to brainstorm and find solutions, said Jutila.

The platoon of engineers, comprised of 39 members, finished the project while also alternating Soldiers through combat training lanes.

Park visitors can see the work of the 486th in use this year at the Custer State Park Buffalo Roundup scheduled for Sept. 24.

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Risa Sanborn, 102 N. Plum St., Vermillion; Theft by insufficient funds check, dismissed

John Bazemore, 116 W. Broadway, Vermillion; Speeding other roadways, \$59.00 plus costs

Erin Ann Williams, 1332 Crestview Dr., Watertown; Speeding other roadways, \$19.00 plus costs

Kevin C. Mathisen, 206 N Plum, Vermillion; Failure to stop, \$54.00 plus costs

Elaine Kay Lane, 1600

E. 39th St., Yankton; County speeding, \$39.00 plus costs

Sean Franklin Sands, 221 17th Ave., Brookings; Speeding on state highway, \$19.00 plus costs

Nicholas M. Fasanella, 500 N. Dakota St., Vermillion; Speed on four-lane in rural areas, \$39.00 plus costs

Barbara Wigton, 433 Cottage, Vermillion; Possess two ounces of marijuana or less, recharged; Use or possession of drug paraphernalia, dismissed; Possess two ounces if marijuana or less, dismissed

Ryan Bradley Leaf, 115 Sycamore #3, Vermillion; Speeding other roadways, \$39.00 plus costs

Robert Angelo Sandilla, 6715 Cahill Rd., Edina, MN; Speeding

other roadways, \$39.00 plus costs

Wendy Sue Knutson, 30057 Frog Creed Rd., Wakonda; Speeding other roadways, \$19.00 plus costs

Andrew Lee Stiles, 2308 Cedar Terrace, Yankton; Possess two ounces of marijuana or less, dismissed; Ingest intoxicant other than alcoholic beverage*, \$666.00 plus costs; Use or possession of drug paraphernalia*, dismissed; *This offense may have been previously reported as having been disposed

Ryan Lee Mockler, 515 Bulow, Vermillion; Urinating in public, \$104.00 plus costs

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Ryan Lee Mockler, 515 Bulow, Vermillion; Throw match or burning object from vehicle, \$54.00 plus costs

Donald Dean Headley, 518 Burton Street, Sioux City, IA; Speeding other roadways, \$39.00 plus costs

Scott Plueger, 13296 Hickory Ave., Lemars, IA; Speeding other roadways, \$39.00 plus costs

Tanner Paul Solomon, 703 Main Street,

Newcastle, NE; Purchase/receive/consume/possess tobacco under 18, \$26.00 plus costs

Kyle Patrick Johnson, 46913 Burbank Rd., Burbank; Operate motorcycle without proper eye protection, \$25.00

Lacy Lynn Vannorsdel, 45515 288th, Viborg; Open alcoholic beverage container accessible in vehicle, \$54.00 plus costs

Wendy Johnson, 45646 W. S.D. Highway 50, Meckling; Speeding other roadways, \$59.00 plus costs

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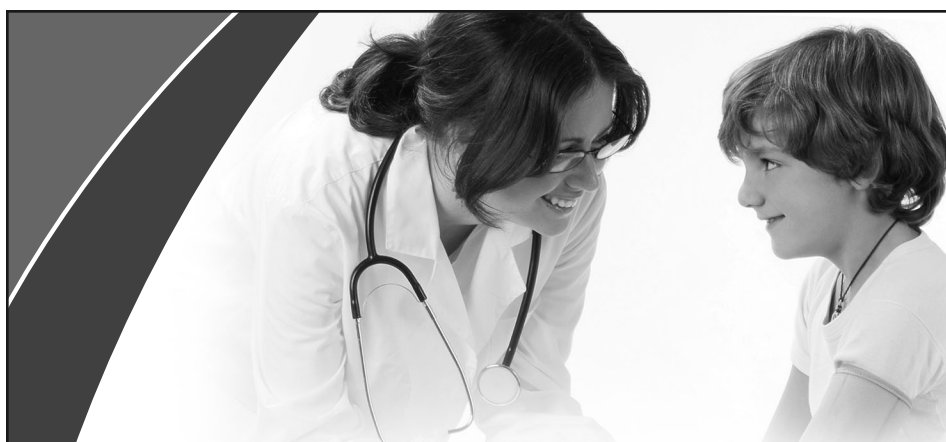
Alan C. Vlasman, 2735 Butterwood Lane, Bloomington, IN; Speeding other roadways, \$59.00 plus costs

Kimber L. Reins, 221 Lewis St., Vermillion; Speeding other roadways, \$39.00 plus costs

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