

2005 has been a busy year for the Friends of Scenic Lodi Valley. Besides celebrating our organization's tenth anniversary, the Friends have been active in several events and issues in our community. Among them were:

- The state's premier Aldo Leopold memorial event, Lodi Reads Leopold, held the first weekend in March. Watch for information about this year's event to be held on March 4th.
- Presentation to the community of the Trudy Weber Memorial crane sculptures in Spring Creek Park took place in June. This is a truly fitting tribute to a treasured member of the Lodi community.
- Continuous weeding, management, and the planting of an additional 500 plants in the rain garden. Interpretive signage has been added and the US Geological Survey's monitoring equipment has been installed. Our rain garden has become nationally and internationally known.
- In June, the Watershed Team initiated an educational presentation and community discussion at the Preserving Spring Creek breakfast. Presentations by the DNR, Trout Unlimited, and the Sugar River Watershed Association highlighted the forum.
- Members, sponsored by the Friends, attended several community forums in southeast Wisconsin. Columbia County held "Planning for Our Future Water Supply" and the Rock River Association presented "Land, Water, and Communities."
- The Spring Creek Water Trail Team continued its work on clearing the creek of fallen trees and debris so it will be navigable from Lodi to Lake Wisconsin.
- A series of articles in the Lodi Enterprise, written by members of the Friends, illustrated the ten year history of our group.
- Our quarterly and annual membership meetings included a presentation by Lyn Lorenz on cranes and musical entertainment by local musicians, Buck and Don.

In 2006 the Friends are planning continued work on the Spring Creek Water Trail, increased cooperation and collaboration with community groups in our area that share our mission, and more community events to educate and raise awareness of watershed issues facing our community.

To be a part of these activities (and fun!) by becoming or renewing your membership in the Friends.