

Earth Day Parade, Celebration, and Water Festival Selected Photos 2004

Children gather around Lynate Pattengill and Richard Renner's Recycle Cycle during parade assembly.



Robert White of the Kansas Corn Commission (E-85 Ford Taurus) joins with Sam Swearngin of the KC MO Water Services Department (Natural gas Chevy Silverado), one of the City's Toyota Prius hybrid vehicles (in white), and Environ Nathan Bokay's biodiesel vehicle (multicolored) just before the parade begins. Six alternative fuel vehicles were featured in this year's parade (not pictured: Tracy's '04 Prius, the City's E-85 Taurus).

Water Festival participants also marched in the Parade to encourage spectators to follow them to South Park. The Water Festival's theme was "April Showers to Water Towers."





Operator Ron Hall waves to the crowd. A sign on the bin lists the locations of all the bins in town.



Kathy Richardson and friends sit in the WR/R float before parade launch. They blew bubbles during the parade. Earth Ball provided by Prairie Park Nature Center.



Old West Lawrence residents march against pesticide use in their parks.



Clinton Lake Army Corps of Engineers, complete with Woodsy the Owl, are followed by Headmasters Salon.



Over 40 booths lined the sidewalks of this year's Celebration, offering information, giveaways, games and activities, and more.



The Gazebo supplied electricity and a central focal point. At left, Dickie Heckler prepares tofu from Central Soyfoods. In the background is the KLZR live remote.

At right is Shane McCall on drums with the Mark Lyda Combo, performing in the Gazebo. The inflatable caterpillar can be seen in the background.



An inflated caterpillar to crawl through and a moonwalk near the Earth Ball area added to the fun, physical children's activities.



Even back massages were among the activities at the park, here given by Headmasters Salon.



Logan Henry, held by his proud papa, is happy to be at the Celebration.



Prairie Park Nature Center's birds of prey were a hit.



Kathy Richardson of WR/R sits atop her Household Hazardous Waste barrel display.



At right: Kids play with the Earth Ball. This six-foot diameter cage-ball had its cover crafted by Marty Birrell and then painted by volunteers from the Prairie Park Nature Center. Yellow ropes defined the play area.



Diana Sjogren and Michelle Crank teach children the Recycle Relay game while Steve Stewart and Sam Swearngin teach adults about alternative fuel vehicles.



Water Festival activities ranged from erosion control to stormwater pollution prevention, learning your watershed, and practicing ways to make a difference. Above and below are activities related to erosion control.



At left, children point to where they live on the "Watershed Address" map and learn what watershed runoff from their yard affects.



At right, Vernis Flottman of the Douglas County Conservation District shows the Stream Model Trailer to residents.

Children could also trace the life of a raindrop in an activity where beads gathered represented the different stages/locations water can move through in its "life."

