

Welcome back to the Cramer Newsletter! If it seems like it's been awhile, it has. But don't rub it in. We're finally opening the Center Street Arch Bridge around July 8th. After the one year steel delay and the \$500,000 of extra work on the east bank, it is ready for the public. When it opens, you should take a stroll across the bridge. You can lean over the railing and look down on the dam or you can walk on the glass panels in the center and see the water below. The designers want you to "experience" the sight and sound of the water.



The twenty crews are scattered. Kelly is near Carrollton, MO finishing the first of a package of eight bridges for KTU. This is a joint venture led by Kiewit. Kelly had to be Kiewitized before beginning work. They require more paperwork than the Corps of Engineers and have several guys watching his every move.

Speaking of the Corps, Larry is working for them at the Saylorville Emergency Spillway putting in a 30' deep trenchwall similar to what he and Harold Tompkins did in 1989. We also have a Corps job downtown along the riverwalk where Chuck will be putting in floodwalls and a lot of other stuff. Brett Hanna is assisting Chuck with all the paperwork Mike Van Iten is an assistant superintendent helping Chuck with the field work.

Jack is finishing a couple of overlays in Muscatine County and will be moving to a long one in Van Buren. Scott Doughty is doing an overlay near Osceola and Dave is doing one along I-80 in Poweshiek Co. Brad is beginning a big overlay in Boone County and Jeff is putting the overlay wearing surface on the new I-80 bridge over the Missouri River. Jensen built the river portion, we built the dry land portion, and, now, we're overlaying the whole thing.



I-80 OVER MISSOURI RIVER



DALLAS/BOONE TRAIL BRIDGE



RYAN GRAHAM IN LINCOLN

Ryan is finishing an overlay in Lincoln, NE, and then he heads to Afghanistan for a tour of duty. Please keep Ryan in your prayers that he will be successful and return safely.

Meanwhile, Jake and Josh are rehabilitating an old high truss bridge in the NW corner of Missouri on 136 over the Missouri River, Evan is finishing the replacement of the superstructure on a river bridge near Oskaloosa, Darren is redecking a bridge in Wright County, Tim is replacing joints on SE 6th in Des Moines and Scott Cornelius is putting the superstructure on the Dallas/Boone trail bridge near Madrid.

We have two big jobs going with aggressive schedules. In Sioux Falls, SD, Nels, Chad and Doug are working 7 days a week to replace a bridge on the busiest street in South Dakota. We have 140 calendar days to replace the bridge and roadway in two stages.

The other large job is the \$16 million replacement of the Broadway Viaduct in Council Bluffs. This 1500' bridge with approaches has one stage this year and one next. Ben and Bob are working on it now and more will be coming.