

ing a new 4.85 mile tour route through the park, with eight waysides and 13 exhibits.

And Carlson noted that Lane was instrumental in increasing park attendance — from 80,000 when he began the position to 350,000 this year.

"With the rejuvenation of the Wilson's Creek National Park Foundation and increased community interest, Mr. Lane has created a 'showcase' for visitors," the proclamation read.

But despite the high praise from city officials and

roads that led him to the Battlefield.

A native of the Finger Lakes of upstate New York, Lane has had a career with the National Park Service that took him across the country.

His stint with the Park Service began after his 1964 graduation from Colgate University in New York. Lane, who graduated with a degree in history, thought a career with the Park Service would fit his

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need. But help also goes to hundreds of other people.

It's impossible to list all the gifts. Here are just a few:

■ One of the listed families is having an extremely difficult time, but the husband wants to help other people. He said he wears an unusual size of shoe, 8D, and that he will give two pairs that he has hardly worn to men who need them.

■ Numerous knitted items were contributed by the Dogwood Trail Girl Scouts.

■ Checks have been received from counties in Arkansas and Oklahoma.

■ Case 46, a mother of three who moved to Springfield to escape an abusive husband, left behind mo-

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Springfield law firm wins case for rifle victim in Alaska

By Barbara Clauser

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An Alaska man who recently received more than \$1 million for damages because of a defective Model 700 Remington bolt-action rifle was represented by a Springfield law firm that won a similar case in 1986.

"These rifles will be around for years to come, and every so often one is going to misfire and injure or kill someone," attorney Richard C. Miller said.

Miller's clients, the Dan Campbell family of Kodiak, Alaska, sued Remington Arms Co. Inc. after the rifle misfired while he was on a hunting expedition in Africa more than three years ago.

The severe gunshot wound to his left foot eventually will result in amputation of the

foot.

The rifle misfired upon closure of the bolt. However, evidence shows the rifle also will misfire upon release of the safety, Miller said. The jury verdict in U.S. District Court in Anchorage, Alaska, was issued after a four-week trial.

The \$1,107,000 verdict included \$724,000 for Campbell's lost wages and medical expenses, plus interest and attorney fees.

Before the accident, Campbell had owned and operated a 100-foot fishing boat. Campbell was captain of the boat and used it to fish off the Alaskan coast. Because of his injury he was forced to sell the boat and his business.

Jerry Kirksey assisted Miller in the case. Miller and Kirksey are with the law firm of

Woolsey, Fisher, Whiteaker and McDonald. An Alaskan attorney, Walt Ebell, acted as co-counsel with Miller.

Ebell contacted the Springfield firm after learning about its involvement in a case involving the same gun. It was one of the few cases Remington has lost.

That's common practice in such cases, Miller said.

"The reason is that the defendant knows everything about the case, but the plaintiff's attorney, if he's new, has to do it again," Miller said. "If you've done it once it's easier to put together a second time."

In the Ozarks case, a U.S. District Court jury in Springfield awarded \$420,000 to Evelyn and Jack Lewy of Buffalo. Evelyn Lewy was seriously injured in 1982 at the couple's

home when a rifle discharged while it was being unloaded by their son, Mike, who was 26 at the time.

In the Lewy case, the rifle misfired when the safety was released.

In another development in that case, the 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals reversed the judgment because of an evidentiary problem. It's scheduled for a new jury trial Jan. 9.

The Springfield law firm also was involved in another rifle case with Remington in Houston, Texas, but Remington settled out of court.

Miller said he is familiar with about 25 to 30 other rifle cases that either are pending or have been resolved throughout the country. The accidents in those cases ranged from minor gunshot wounds to death, he said.

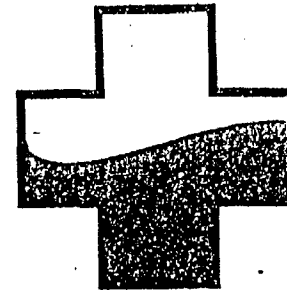
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FmHA help offered

Area farmers needing help with Farmers Home Administration loan servicing notices are invited to attend a teleconference at 7 tonight. The meeting, scheduled for the University Extension Center in Marshfield, will help people prepare various reports required in the FmHA application.

Yellow Alert

The blood supply in southwest Missouri is a "Code Yellow Alert." Certain types of blood are becoming dangerously low. O negative is needed today. Visit a Red Cross Bloodmobile or the Red Cross Blood Center, 1211 S. Glenstone, Springfield.



New signals

At 9 a.m. today the Springfield Public Works Department will place new traffic signals, located at the intersection of National Avenue and Walnut Lawn, into operation. The federally funded project cost \$50,000.

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