

High school senior lends helping hand to area park

ST. PETER - Thank Blake Honetschlager for the information at Seven Mile Park.

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The St. Peter High School senior is responsible for informational kiosks that appear at both ends of the park, which is between North Mankato and St. Peter. One kiosk was built as an Eagle Scout project, the other for a senior project at school.

Information will be posted about the park, water quality in Seven Mile Creek and the 32,000-acre watershed.

"It makes more people aware. Now and back through the '70s, people are more aware of what we're doing to the water," Honetschlager said.

Kevin Kuehner agrees. He is the water quality specialist for the Environmental Health Office in St. Peter. "Smaller watersheds link up. This falls into the Minnesota River, then the Mississippi, and the Gulf [of Mexico]," Kuehner said.

Kuehner will post information regarding levels of bacteria, nitrates and phosphorous in the creek. Kuehner's office paid for the kiosk construction. "Instead of us building it, Blake took it over and built it for us. He's a good student."