

## at Fountain City Lake

Last week, contractor crews began planting two wetlands at Fountain City Lake — one of the wetlands the city's ongoing commitment to improve the lake's water quality.

Once the plantings are completed, the spring-fed lake will refill and saturate the new lands. The fast-growing plants — including cattails, blue flag, bulrush, soft rush and arrowweed — should float the new wetlands back to the summer.

For years, those areas have overwhelmed the lake. The city's job has been to repair the lake's infrastructure so that the ecosystem can begin to regenerate.

"Restoring Fountain City Lake to better health and beauty has required persistence and a lot of patience," Mayor Stephen Rogers said. "But we know

quality and discourage algae growth. The wetlands do that for us."

1. There's also better water circulation in the lake, because the new shoreline fragments areas — conduits to the formation of those algae — have been converted into the wetlands while habitat was lost.

2. The wetlands plants absorb nutrients that otherwise would promote the growth of algae.

"These wetlands plant right across the water area they'll do well and require little maintenance," Rogers said. "They'll grow to between 2 and 4 feet tall. They will be controlled wetlands — not jungle, but not mowed."

Like last fall, the wetlands contractor, Russell Frank's Construction Co., is installing the golden reeds, which were then used with more stones and



State Senator Boby Duncan, Mayor and Boone County School Board Vice-Chair Andrew Brantner join the news staff during the ribbon cutting of the new library at South-Doyle High School.

## 21st century library dedicated at South-Doyle High

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South-Doyle High School has a new library that will be the envy of every other school in Boone County. The new facility, complete with a coffee area

where Superintendent of Schools, Superintendent Bob Thomas, school board member Mike Brantner, and Principal Tim Berry.

The plans were presented to Sena for the first time, a graduate of the old

and the "hangout" and added "study and research" as a part of it.

Berry said the plan began by asking students what they wanted. He said the plan was also sent to the Apple Store in the mall to get ideas. He said