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Schools Win With Phone Book Recycling

Three Mahoning County schools have completed the AT & T Project ReDirectory recycling challenge by collecting nearly 9,000 lbs. of outdated telephone books. AT & T Real Yellow Pages, in partnership with the Mahoning County Green Team conducted the phone book recycling drive during the month of April. The winners were presented with their awards at the Mahoning County Board of Commissioners meeting on May 20. Results of the competition reveal that Damascus Elementary School recycled 3,275 lbs. of phone books and received \$500.00; Canfield Village Middle School recycled 2,745 lbs. of phone books and

received \$300.00; Martin Luther King Elementary School recycled 2,540 lbs. of phone books and received \$200.00.

"What a great way to help Mahoning County schools raise money and provide local residents and students the opportunity to go 'green,'" said Jim Petuch, Green Team Director.

AT & T Advertising Solutions has promoted environmental sustainability for many years, and feels it's not just an important part of the job, but critical to the future of the communities it serves.

"I want to extend my congratulations to the students at Damascus Elementary School, and thank everyone who

participated in this project," said Vicki Raymond, AT & T Advertising Solutions area marketing manager.

AT & T Real Yellow Pages directories are made from recycled paper and wood fiber waste. Phone books are accepted in Green Team recycling programs year-round.

For additional information about this project or other AT & T projects, visit the Web site at <http://adsolutions.att.com>.



Earth-friendly Fun at the Canfield Fair

The Canfield Fair is an exciting event that local residents look forward to every year. This year it will be particularly exciting because the Green Team is offering a variety of activities.

On Friday, September 3rd, the Green Team will be involved in OSU Extension's "Senior Day" forum. This event will occur between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. in the Expo Building. The Green Team plus a host of other guest speakers will be addressing issues important to senior citizens. In addition to guest speakers, the event will

include a catered lunch, hourly prize drawings, promotional materials and hand-outs, and live entertainment.

Throughout the entire fair, Green Team staffers will be on hand at our colorful display in the Government Building. There fairgoers can learn about our wonderful environmental programs, pick up a pencil made from recycled content, and play enlightening eco-games complete with prizes. Also during the fair, please remember to recycle your bottles and cans. The Green Team will be providing "pop

bottle" collection containers throughout the fairgrounds for aluminum cans and plastic bottles. In addition, a collection container for aluminum cans will be available at the Angels for Animals booth to help generate funds for the shelter.

Whether you're interested in participating in our Senior Day presentation, playing eco-games, or just stopping by to chat with a staff member, the Green Team will be there to accommodate you.



Environmental Quote

"If civilization is going to invade the waters of the earth, let it be first of all to carry a message of respect - respect for all life."

~ Jacques-Yves Cousteau

Learn to Compost with the Green Team

Did you know that nearly 1/4 of the waste stream is composed of organic material that can be easily recycled? The process for recycling organics is called composting, and the Green Team is conducting an educational seminar to teach you all about it! On Sunday, Sept. 19, The Green Team will host a Compost Seminar at the Lake Milton Fire Dept. located on Mahoning

Ave. in Milton Twp. The compost seminar will be conducted in the fire station hall from 1:00 pm until 2:00pm. The cost for the seminar is \$10.00 for Mahoning County residents and \$40.00 for non-residents. Seminar will include a one-hour training session with video instruction and open discussion. Registrants will receive a back-

yard compost bin, instructional booklet and trouble-shooting guide. If you would like to participate in this activity, please call the Green Team at 330.740.2060 and request a registration form.

~ Kim Lewis



Library Schedule

July 12	Springfield	11 am
13	N. Jackson	11 am
13	East	3 pm
14	Canfield	10 am
14	Struthers	2pm
15	Main	10 am
19	West	11am
21	Campbell	11 am
22	Austintown	11am
26	Lake Milton	11am
26	Newport	2 pm
27	Brownlee	11 am
27	Greenford	2pm
29	Sebring	10 am
29	Poland	2 pm
Aug. 4	Boardman	10 am



Make a Splash with Us at the Library

Hey Kids! Join us this summer at Mahoning County libraries for an enlightening new program! We will be reading a brilliantly-illustrated book titled One Less Fish by Kim Michelle Toft and Allan Sheather. This book, set in Australia's Great Barrier Reef, conveys an important mes-

sage about the fragility of our ocean eco-systems and suggests measures we can take to improve conditions. After reading the book we will create decorative fish from used CD's and scrap paper. At the conclusion of the program, participants will receive a "Don't Teach Your Trash To Swim"

coloring book and recycling information to share with their parents. This program is recommended for children in grades pre-K through 5. Refer to the library schedule at left for the location nearest you.



Recycled Boat Regatta Set for August 14



A recycled boat regatta will be held August 14 at Harry Meschel Park in Lake Milton.

Check-in is at 9:00 a.m. and the race will begin at 9:30 a.m. near the Lake Milton boat ramp.

All boats must be made out of 70 % recycled product and they must be able to be broken down

and recycled after the event. No nails, old boogie boards, surf boards, 55 gallon drums, or containers that have held hazardous material will be permitted.

To enter the regatta, each crew or captain must complete an entry form and release form and return it to the Ma-

honing County Soil & Water Conservation District (MCSWMD) by August 10. The District is located at 850 Industrial Rd., Youngstown, Ohio 44509.

For more information, contact MCSWMD at 330-740-7995.



Mahoning County Schools Earn High Marks for Recycling Cans

Congratulations are in order for several Mahoning County schools in recognition of their exemplary recycling efforts. In the county-wide "Cash for Cans" contest, numbers are quite impressive. Twenty-five participating schools collected a total of 18,436 pounds of beverage cans earning \$9,251.75. The breakdown is as follows:

Overall School Winners	Pounds Collected	Enrollment
1 st - Canfield Village Middle	3,125	919
2 nd - Damascus Elementary	2,739	440
3 rd - Jackson Milton Elementary	1,191	438
Per Capita School Winners		
1 st - Ellsworth Elementary	2,089	237
2 nd - Springfield Elementary	2,088	425
3 rd - Poland North Elementary	1,012	238

These schools will receive checks for the market value of the cans along with framed Award Certificates.

Additional contributors to the contest include:

Knox Elementary School	West Blvd. Elementary School	St. Christine School
Beloit Elementary School	Lynn Kirk Elementary School	West Branch High School
Boardman Center Middle School	Mahoning Co. Career & Tech. Center	Springfield High School
Yo. Developmental School	St. Joseph the Provider School	St. Luke School
Center at Javit Court	Poland Union Elementary School	St. Jo / Immaculate Heart
Cardinal Mooney High School	St. Charles School	Yo. Christian School
Harding Elementary School		

Again, thanks to everyone involved in this worthwhile project. Mahoning County can take great pride in knowing that its youth are helping to preserve our precious environment through their outstanding recycling efforts.



Baltimore native Gary Anderson designed the "chasing arrow" recycling symbol while attending the University of Southern California in 1970. Do you know what the arrows mean?

(answer appears on page 4)

Did you know that...

- The energy saved by recycling one aluminum can is enough to run a television for three hours
- There is no limit to the amount of times an aluminum can may be recycled
- Recycling 1 ton of paper saves 17 trees
- Junk mail costs 62 million trees per year
- Recycling plastic saves twice as much energy as burning it in an incinerator
- Americans throw away 25,000,000,000 Styrofoam™ coffee cups every year
- Less than 1% of plastic bags are recycled
- Americans throw away more steel & iron annually than domestic automakers use in a year
- Making glass from recycled cullet reduces air pollution by 20% & water pollution by 50%

Source:
<http://www.recycling-revolution.com/recycling-facts.html>

Placemat Winners Recognized by Mahoning County Commissioners

Commissioners David Ludt, John McNally, and Anthony Traficanti honored eight students who won first place out of 1,822 entries in the Green Team's 2010 Earth Day-to-Earth Day Placemat Contest. The winners and their schools are: Nicholas DeLullo and Katie Masucci, Poland Union; Arianna Maillis,

Campbell Elem.; Alexis Kirby, Springfield Elem.; Maddie Buehler, Damascus Elem.; Lauren Halloran, St. Charles; Tori DeSantis, Glenwood Middle; Norah Young, Willow Creek. Tracy Stevens from Dominion gave each winner a \$25 American Express gift card. Look for these placemats at the following

restaurants:

- Boardman A & W
- Canfield Belleria
- Austintown Denny's
- Boardman Denny's
- Poland Friendly's
- Carchedi's
- Dino's
- Landmark
- Alliance Perkins
- Yankee Kitchen



Mahoning County Commissioners pose with placemat award winners and members of the Green Team.

**EFFECTIVE
FRIDAY, JULY
2, 2010
THE SEBRING
DROP-OFF RE-
CYCLING BIN
WILL BE RE-
MOVED.
THE APPLI-
ANCE RECY-
CLING BIN
WILL REMAIN.**
Nearby Recycling
Sites:
Beloit Village Fire
Station, 13760
Main St.
(open daily day-
light hours)

The chasing arrow recycling symbol has a special meaning. The first arrow represents collecting recyclables. The second arrow represents manufacturing new products. The third arrow represents using these products.



The Plan: 2013 through 2027!

Every five years, the District must update its Solid Waste Management Plan. The Ohio EPA set December 9, 2010 as the mandatory date for the commencement of this 15-month and very challenging project. During the fourth quarter of this year, I along with District staff members Mary Gresh, Lou Vega, and Jim Jerek, and volunteers Dan Kuzma, YSU Recycling Manager; Sarah Ellis, YSU re:CREATE Manager; and Jennifer Jones, Youngstown Litter Control and Recycling – will write the Plan Update without use of an outside consultant as had been the previous custom. This will save the District upwards of \$60,000.00. Mari Wren Petrony, Assistant Director, will take on even more duties as I bury myself in researching and writing this extensive document.

The Plan will guide the District through the next 15 years, and all the programs, activities, and strategies that will be implemented will be listed in great detail. The

financial section of the Plan will show projected revenues and expenditures through 2027. Recently I summarized the current expenditure percentages during a Policy Committee meeting, and 20.8% of District revenue goes out to Mahoning County communities in the form of recycling assistance funding, 30.36 % goes to county governmental agencies including the Mahoning County Board of Health, County Engineer's Office, Emergency Management Agency, Prosecutor's Office, Commissioners' Office, and the Sheriff's Department, and 28.54% goes to private companies that provide services for the District's numerous recycling programs. The remainder, about 20%, is spent on District personnel. It is evident that the District is a great asset for our community and the primary force for the implementation of recycling and waste reduction programs.

As the District staff and I, along with our volunteers,

commence the research and data collection component of the Plan Update, I urge residents to e-mail me at jpetuch@mahoningcounty.oh.gov as to the programs, expansions, or activities they would like included in the Plan Update. I must abide by the Ohio Revised Code and the Ten Allowable Uses of District funds; however, I want suggestions from the public as certain ideas may turn out to be great components of the Plan. The District's Policy Committee will approve the draft of the Plan Update prior to March 2012 and recommend it to the Commissioners who will formally present it to the Ohio EPA. For those who wish to review our current Plan, it is posted on our website: www.greenteam.cc.

~ Jim Petuch
Director



2010 GREAT AMERICAN CLEANUP

Volunteers from all over Mahoning County came together in a combined effort to improve the quality of life and the overall environment in the Mahoning Valley through litter clean-ups, beautification and tree-planting activities, tire collections, education events, and recycling collections. The national Great American Cleanup, celebrating its 26th year, takes place from March 1 through May 31 annually.

This was a banner

year for litter clean ups due in part to the mild spring weather and because citizens of our community are taking a responsible role to preserve and protect the environment. There were nearly 400 scouts who joined forces for the 27th year, to clean up the Mill Creek MetroPark. A total of 1450 volunteers conducted 47 clean ups with over 17,640 pounds of trash being collected from roadways, parks, shorelines, bike and walking trails. Another

6,360 pounds of recyclables and 534 tires were collected from public lands. These volunteer efforts deserve praise and many thanks to the national GAC sponsors and the ODNR 2009 Litter Grant for furnishing the clean up supplies. Clean ups can be conducted year round. If you are interested in organizing a neighborhood litter clean up, please contact the Green Team at 330-740-2060.



W.F.B.N 27 Caring for Our Community— PNC, Covelli Enterprises, and O'Charley's, sponsoring partners.

Check Out These Great Summer Reuse Events:

Eco Craft at the YSU Festival of the Arts Children's Area

Please join us at the YSU Festival of the Arts Children's Area. We'll be making a fun craft out of reused materials. If you want more information on the festival just visit www.ysu.edu/sfa

Help Mahoning County Habitat for Humanity get a Green Grant!

Habitat for Humanity of Mahoning County is one of the top 10 finalists from several hundred nominations from across the U.S., for a grant from Green America! What an honor! The Abraham House is an affordable house using high efficiency materials, and will be built through interfaith cooperation. This is a great project and needs to be supported by our community. Please visit the web site, and if you agree, VOTE!, and pass along this information to as many people as possible. Voting ends July 19. Following is the web site where you can vote for this Mahoning County project. <http://www.greenamericatoday.org/greengrants/habitatmahoning.cfm> You are invited to stop by Habitat for Humanity of Mahoning County's ReStore to see all the great reused items for sale that they have saved from the landfill. They are located at 480 Youngstown Poland Rd. in Struthers, OH and are open Thursdays 9am-6pm and Fridays & Saturdays 9am-4pm. If you go on a Saturday please also stop by the re:CREATE. Room.

FREE Materials Available in the re:CREATE Room

The re:CREATE room is open on Saturdays from 9am-4pm and located at the Habitat for Humanity ReStore at 480 Youngstown Poland Rd. in Struthers, Ohio. Entrance at back corner of building on Lincoln Ave. side. FREE items are great for craft projects include latex paint, Styrofoam trays, and colorful pictures. For a list of FREE materials available please visit www.ysurecreate.com and click on the newsletter tab.

AT THE CANFIELD CARDINAL CLASSIC TOURNAMENT!

SATURDAY JULY 31ST HOURS: 8AM UNTIL END OF TOURNAMENT

(TENTATIVELY ENDING @ DARK) CANFIELD HIGH SCHOOL
SOCCER FIELDS 100 CARDINAL DR



Are Your Closets Filled with Old Cleats, Shin Guards and Uniforms?
CLEAN OUT FOR CHILE EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS!



Your gently used equipment may help someone else play for the first time!

Donation bins will be set up at the High School soccer fields to collect your new and gently used equipment. All equipment will then be donated to Chile earthquake victims that are in need of equipment so they can play the game we all love!

For more information on this collection, please contact Heidi Saleh at emaly33@hotmail.com or 330-519-4195. For more information on the Passback Program, please visit www.passback.org

Share the Equipment. Share the game!

For info on FREE reuse opportunities thru re:CREATE please contact:
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In addition to these great events Youngstown State University is taking other measures to become more green. Please visit <http://www.gogreentube.com/watch.php?v=NDg0NzEx> to find out more.



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