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Schools Win With Phone Book Recycling

Three Mahoning County schools have completed the YP Project ReDirectory recycling challenge by collecting over 11,000 lbs. of outdated telephone books. YP, formerly known as AT & T, in cooperation with the Mahoning County Green Team conducted the phone book recycling drive during the month of April. The winners were presented with awards at the Mahoning County Board of Commissioners meeting on May 31. Results of the competition reveal that Damascus Elementary School recycled 4,794 lbs. of phone books and received \$500.00; Martin Luther King Elementary School recycled 4,280 lbs. of phone books and received

\$300.00; Poland Union Elementary School recycled 2,140 lbs. of phone books and received \$200.00.

"I am very pleased with the manner in which this program has been embraced," said Jim Petuch, Green Team Director. "We continue to recycle more phone books each year which is good for the environment, and serves as an excellent reminder of just how important it is to get everyone in the community involved."

At the award ceremony, Vicki Raymond, YP Area Marketing Manager extended her congratulations to the students at Damascus Elementary School, and thanked everyone who participated in

the project. She also reminded everyone that to due to the company's environmental commitment, YP Real Yellow Pages are made from scrap material that consists of recycled paper and wood fiber waste.

If you donated your phone book to this effort please be advised that your support is greatly appreciated. If you missed the drive, remember that phone books are accepted in Green Team recycling programs year-round.



Commissioner John McNally & YP Representative Vicki Raymond congratulate Damascus Principal Matt Bowen at the BOCC Meeting on May 31.

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, August 31, 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.

~ Kim Lewis



Environmental Quote

"What is a weed? A plant whose virtues have not yet been discovered."

~ Ralph Waldo Emerson

Library Schedule

July 9 West	2 pm
10 Canfield	10 am
12 Sebring	11 am
13 Campbell	11 am
16 East	11 am
17 Boardman	10 am
18 Lake Milton	11 am
19 Greenford	2 pm
20 Newport	11 am
24 N. Jackson	11 am
30 Austintown	11 am
31 Main	10 am
Aug. 1 Brownlee	11 am
2 Struthers	11 am
6 Springfield	11 am
9 Poland	2 pm



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 educational seminars to teach you all about it! On Sunday, August 12, The Green Team will host two Compost Seminars at the Mill Creek MetroParks Farm

located on St. Rt. 46 in Canfield. Compost seminars will be conducted in Classroom A at 1:00 pm and 3:00 pm. The cost for each seminar is \$10.00 for Mahoning County residents and \$40.00 for non-residents. Seminars 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

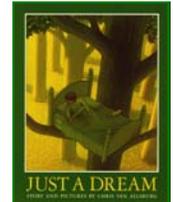


Dream With Us At The Library

Hey Kids! Join us this summer at Mahoning County libraries for a fun and exciting new program! We will be reading the book Just A Dream by renowned author and illustrator Chris Van Allsburg. This is a tale of a young boy who takes an enlightening journey into the future by way of a

dream, and returns home with a greater appreciation for the environment. After reading the book we'll create dream catchers from used containers, scrap yarn and feathers. At the conclusion of the program, participants will receive "Clean and Green" coloring books 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.



Green Idol 2012

There isn't a better way to celebrate Earth Day than to sing about the Earth's treasures! In April, the Recycling Division of Mahoning County's second annual Green Idol Contest was held at Boardman Park. Earth-friendly songs from twenty-two children in grades one through twelve echoed through the Lariccia Community Center. With the beautiful park setting as a background, the students delighted the audience with their extreme talent

and powerful messages! The winning acts went home with a gift card from the Green Team and various prizes donated by local businesses. The judges had a hard time determining who would win since everyone deserved to be a winner, but finally they came up with the following new Green Idols. First place winners were Alyssa DiNapoli, Anna Robinson, Hannah Manhardt, Sarah Varga, Amya Franziskakis, and Kristen Wolf. Second place went to

Elizabeth Jadue, Kylie Dean, and Anna Marie Jadue. Third place belonged to Ali Williams, Judy Landsberger, Julia Cooper, Karliana Ridzik, Cassidy Smith, and Kaylin Burkey. There were also participants' choice winners selected by the audience. If you enjoy singing, start planning your earth-friendly song for next year's Green Idol Contest at Boardman Park on April 13, 2013.

~ Peg Flynn



First Place Idol Winners pose with Green Team Educator Peg Flynn

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-seven participating schools collected a total of 16,254 pounds of beverage cans earning \$8,938.74. The breakdown is as follows:

Overall School Winners	Pounds Collected	Enrollment
1 st - Western Reserve Elementary	2,042	312
2 nd - Damascus Elementary	2,015	383
3 rd - Canfield Village Middle	1,801	948
Per Capita School Winners		
1 st - St. Christine	1,540	378
2 nd - Springfield Elementary	1,720	400
3 rd - Poland North Elementary	761	200

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

Additional contributors to the contest include:

Frank Ohl Intermediate School	West Blvd. Elementary School	St. Joseph/IHM School
Campbell Elementary School	Harding Elementary School	West Branch High School
Boardman Center Middle School	Mahoning Co. Career & Tech. Center	Knox Elementary School
Yo. Developmental Center	Jackson Milton Elementary School	St. Joseph the Provider
Center at Javit Court	Poland Union Elementary School	St. Nicholas School
Cardinal Mooney High School	St. Charles School	Yo. Christian School
MLK Elementary School	Willow Creek Learning Center	Leonard Kirtz 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.



Recycle Your Cartons!

Thanks to Greenstar Recycling & Allied/Republic Waste Services, Mahoning County residents may add another material to the long list of those accepted in both the curbside and community drop-off recycling programs – CARTONS! Milk, juice, and other beverage cartons are now recyclable in Mahoning County. Most cartons are made primarily of paper in the form of paperboard with thin layers of polyethylene or aluminum. The paper fiber is valuable and

and made into new products. In the 1990's, the District attempted to begin a carton or "aseptic packaging" recycling program; however, the technology and markets were not ready for acceptance on a large scale as today. The recovery of cartons along with #1- #7 plastic containers, helps make Mahoning County's recycling program one of the best in Ohio. **Just think; milk and juice cartons no longer have to be placed in kitchen trash cans but instead may be**

placed in the recycling bin!

This will lessen the volume of trash generated by many households and increase the recycling tonnage, thus creating more recycling-related jobs and saving landfill space. Information about carton recycling or any of the District's waste reduction programs may be obtained by calling 330-740-2060 or on the website at www.greenteam.cc.

~ Jim Petuch
Director



Placemat Winners Recognized by Mahoning County Commissioners

Commissioners John McNally, Carol Rimedio-Righetti and Anthony Traficanti honored eight students who won first place out of 1,371 entries in the Green Team's 2012 Earth Day Placemat Contest. The winners and their schools are: Garret Bueno, Jackson-Milton; Reagan Sienkiewicz, Poland North; Camryn Norton, West Blvd.; Abbie

Shoemaker, Poland Dobbins; Brooke Brocker, Canfield Village MS; Brianna Sebastian, Poland McKinley; Patrick Centifanti, Poland MS; Olivia Boyd, St. Nicholas.

Terry Bishop from Dominion provided each winner with a \$25 gift card. Look for the winning placemats at the following locations:

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



Mahoning County Commissioners & Dominion's Terry Bishop pose with placemat award winners and members of the Green Team.



GREAT AMERICAN CLEANUP™

Each spring, Keep America Beautiful brings together thousands of local organizations and millions of individuals to invest their time in creating better communities through the Great American Cleanup, the nation's largest community improvement program.

The Great American Cleanup campaign here in Mahoning County recorded another successful year of picking up litter, beautifying parks and recreation areas, cleaning waterways, handling recycling collections, planting trees and flowers, and conducting educational programs.

With such a mild winter this year in northeast Ohio, litter was visible on our streets and roadways nearly year-round when they are usually covered

by snow at least a portion of the time.

With our **674** outstanding volunteers we were able to clean **118** roadsides, **18** playgrounds, **7** waterways, **6** parks, and over **240** miles of streets, highways, and trails.

When many youth were relaxing and keeping warm on a cold, rainy Saturday morning we had over **250** scouts and **155** adults turn out for the 30th Annual Mill Creek MetroParks Scout Earth Day Cleanup. They trudged through mud to help pick up litter and beautify one of the most treasured gems in Mahoning County.

And since Earth Day, April 22, fell on a Sunday this year we had several other groups such as Poland Woods, Springfield Township and West Branch H.S. Environmental Club volunteer on that same wet Saturday to clean up their communities.

Nearly **400** bags of litter and another **121** bags of recyclables, as well as **27** tires were collected.

Our sincere thanks to the national sponsors and to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Litter Prevention and Recycling for their support and financial assistance of our litter collection activities.

HHW REMINDER Save the Date

If your garage shelves are full of products that require special attention, please be advised that The Green Team will be conducting a household hazardous waste collection at the Canfield Fairgrounds on October 6, 2012. Please mark your calendars. This will be the final HHW drive until spring 2013.



Put Waste in the Right Place

With summer in full swing, many people will be enjoying activities on the water. Whether you're swimming, boating or simply enjoying a lakeside picnic, it is important to prevent litter from entering our waterways. According to the Center for Marine Conservation the most littered items found during beach clean-ups are:

1. cigarette butts
2. paper pieces
3. plastic pieces
4. Styrofoam
5. glass pieces
6. plastic food bags
7. plastic caps & lids
8. metal beverage cans
9. plastic straws
10. glass beverage bottles

11. plastic beverage bottles
12. Styrofoam cups

These materials, known as "The Dirty Dozen" cause harm to wildlife and obscure the beauty of our natural environment.

So...how can you help? It is really quite simple. Always remember to put waste in the right place. If you must smoke, carry a portable ashtray at all times and never throw butts on the ground. Avoid using straws and purchasing items in Styrofoam packaging so that the waste is not generated at all. Place glass bottles, beverage cans and plastic containers in recycling bins so that the material can be processed and manufac-

tured into new products. And always carry a litterbag in you boat or car.

Of course, not all litter is deliberate. Often litter occurs as a result of our negligence. Ways to prevent accidental litter include closing lids on trash receptacles, securing loads on vehicles during transport, and never ever releasing helium balloons.

Preventing litter is easy. By just applying the simple strategies stated above you can protect our waterways and create a better environment today and in the future.



Drop & Shop for FREE

at the Grey to Green Festival

Saturday, September 15, 2012 10am-5pm*

*Please bring donations by noon to allow time for distribution.
Wick Park, 1105 Elm St. Youngstown, OH 44504

Everyone is invited to donate usable but unwanted clothing & household items **and/or** take items you need for FREE! The goal is to keep these materials out of the landfill and reuse them. You will be helping your neighbors and your environment.

What could you bring?

Working household items without stains odors or rips such as: Baby Items, Bedding, Bed Frames, Canned Goods, Adult & Kids Clothing, Shoes, & Accessories, Curtains, First Aid Items, Furniture, Kids Toys, Knick Knacks, Kitchen Items, Paper & Plastic Products, Tableware (plates, silverware, glasses, etc.), Toiletries-unused/new of any size, Tupperware type containers.

What could you take home for FREE?

The items available are dependent upon what is donated. Selection will change as items are donated. You are welcome to take as much or as little as you like.

You may just take or just donate items.

For more information call Sarah Ellis at 330-941-2238.

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