



Earth Day Energy Fair -- Big Success

The April 26 Earth Day Energy Fair saw a beautiful day with many visitors coming to this event. The fair started with exhibits at the Ecology Action Center (EAC), where demonstrations showed how windows can be fixed for energy saving purposes. Also exhibited in the EAC was the energy bike which demonstrates how CFL's (Compact Fluorescent Light bulbs) use less energy than incandescent light bulbs. The displays at the EAC are still available. Feel free to stop by the EAC. Visitors were also invited to the Coffeehouse & Deli, where an insulation display compares different types of insulation. Finally came the exciting moment of announcing the winners of various prizes and awards:

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World of Difference Award Winners

Dr. Roger Anderson

from the Biology Department of Illinois State University

Dr. Anderson leads yearly prairie burns and seed plantings at various prairie restoration sites and has significantly contributed to the quality of the environment in McLean County.

The Land Connection and The Brockman Family

The Land Connection has created a pocket of diverse, organic family farms. The Brockman Family, running Henry's Farm—an organic vegetable farm, is an outstanding family farm among the members in the Land Connection.

Pat Pulokas

from Towanda 4-H Busy Bees

Pat leads the club in excellent work with recycling and conservation. They are now in charge of the Towanda Library's recyclables.

McLean County Recycling and Waste Reduction Award Winners

Mark Edwards

from The Old House Society

The Society emphasized repair of components instead of replacing in their mission to preserve and promote older neighborhoods in McLean County. In 2002, the Society recycled more than 50 tons of materials.

Lyn Mounce

from McLean County Christian School

The school collected and recycled 3,327 milk jugs as part of the Illinois Power recycled plastic bench program. Their excellent work helped raise awareness of

Earth Day Raffle Winner

Anne Nadakavukaren

Anne received \$6,775 toward a Honda Civic Hybrid or a project of her choice.

Thanks to all who participated in this raffle.

Yard Smart Logo Contest Winner

Erik Simpkins

from Bloomington High School

Eric designed a wonderful logo for the Yard Smart Campaign, which encourages homeowners to adopt safer yard care practices.

Children's Art Contest Winners

Marrissa Hutt

5th Grade

Marrissa designed a Chemical-Free Yard Sign for the Yard Smart Campaign.

Alex Symanski

Kindergarten

Alex designed a Healthy Habitat Sign for the Yard Smart Campaign.

The prizes were donated by: Babbitts Books, Willow Basket, Jimmy John's, ACME Comics, Jake's Pizza, Earth Spin and Fire, The Painting Place, The Garlic Press, Other Ports, Town of Normal, The Alamo II, Illinois State University, and Home Spun Treasures.

The Earth Day Fair was cosponsored by: Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity, Town of Normal, Rebuild America, The Coffeehouse & Deli, and The Pantagraph.

Thanks to the Youth Build of McLean for helping with the window improvements. Thanks to Miller Park Zoo's Rainforest Theater and Prairie Aviation Museum's Wright Bro's Anniversary for wonderful performances on our stage at Earth Day.



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**Room still available—
sign up for the Nature Programs for kids**

This summer the Ecology Action Center will provide the following great programs for your children to learn and enjoy the beauty of the nature in Illinois.

June 16, 17, 18, 19, 20

Nature Expedition for 8-11 yrs

Advanced Nature Experience for 12-15 yrs

Place: The Sugar Grove Nature Center at Funk's Grove. Transportation provided from the EAC. For more information call the Ecology Action Center at 454-3169.

June 23, 24, 25, 26, 27 & July 21, 22, 23, 24, 25

Eco-Action Adventures

open to all 1, 2, 3 and 4th grade students.

Place: Lake Evergreen at Comlara Park.

Activities include outdoor adventures, swimming and fishing. Transportation provided from the EAC. For more information call the Town of Normal Summer Camp program at (309) 454-9540.

July 14,15,16,17,18

Science through Art: Nature Adventurer

open to entering 5th & 6th grades.

Two class times: 9:00-11:00 am **OR** 1:00—3:00 pm. For more information call Heartland Community College, Youth Enrichment Program at (309) 268-8160.

Needed: Volunteers

We need your help this summer to

- Reach out to the community at fairs and festivals
- Help with children's activities
- Assist with Electronics Recycling

We will be at the Youth Day at the Prairie Aviation Museum May 31, Sugar Creek Arts Festival July 12/13, the Cultural Festival August 16, the Cornfest August 23/24 and Electronics Recycling every month on the third Saturday morning. If you can help, please give us a call at 454-3169.