



The official e-newsletter for the ND Solid Waste and Recycling Association

Recycling Workshop to Feature Glass Discussions and more in Devils Lake, October 21

You won't want to miss out on the next NDSWRA workshop! Join us October 21 from 10:30 to 2:30 in Devils Lake to discuss issues such as glass markets, keeping contamination out of recycled materials, starting up a recycling program, enhancing community use of existing recycling services and more. Contact Mary Aldrich (701-293-8428, maldrich@minnkota.biz) or Angela Boeshans (701-298-6944, aboeshans@cityoffargo.com) to register. (The registration form was also attached to the e-mail.)

Name Change Passes with Flying Colors

For those who were not at the annual symposium, you not only missed out on the great networking and fun, but we have an announcement: The NDSWMA is now officially the NDSWRA! What does all of that mean? With a one-letter, two-word unanimous vote, our organization will now be the North Dakota Solid Waste and Recycling Association (formerly the ND Solid Waste Management Association). This means our Web site will also change to www.ndswra.org, be sure to bookmark the new site!

Keep North Dakota Clean Poster Contest Winners Online

The NDSWMA, along with the ND Department of Health – Division of Waste Management, co-sponsored the topic “Reduce, Reuse and Recycle” for the 2004 Keep North Dakota Clean Poster Contest. The posters can be viewed at the following link: <http://www.state.nd.us/dot/divisions/exec/webposters/index.htm> (see poster numbers 10, 11, 12 and 27) Galen Bren, NDSWRA President and Kent Belland, NDSWRA Board Member worked on selecting the winners. A lot of the pictures are great -- talented young North Dakota artists!

Recycling Program Grows

What happens when communities come together to recycle? It continues to grow! The recycling program in Southeastern North Dakota includes Enderlin, Sheldon, Alice, and a bit from Fingal. A recycling trailer (purchased in the early 1990s with a grant from the North Dakota Department of Health) is placed in each community for an extended period of time where residents can drop-off their recyclables. Residents can recycle newspaper, cardboard, plastic bottles and aluminum/tin cans in the trailer.

Rick Gillund, Enderlin's Public Works Superintendent and recycling “leader”, said that the community recently purchased a second “gently used” baler for their recycling program. The two balers are used to bale the recyclables from surrounding communities, including cardboard from commercial businesses. The recycling program not only provides jobs, but it helps reduce the amount of waste that is hauled away to the Gwinner MSW landfill.

The program also expanded by building a new 140' x 105' building that is partially heated in order to store more recyclables and equipment. The building has a lean-to on it to keep the drop-off containers out of the elements before being baled. For more information on their cooperative recycling program or baler, contact Rick at (701) 437-3461.

Searching for a Recycling Trailer

The City of Bismarck is looking for one or two recycling trailers for a new City drop-off recycling site. Currently the city uses Geneva trailers, but other styles would be of interest. Contact Galen Bren at (701) 222-6431 or via e-mail at gbren@state.nd.us.



Storage Loft made from Recycled Content - HDPE

A Fargo business man is making old detergent bottles and milk jugs into storage lofts. These durable units are lightweight and hang in garages, barns, boat houses or utility sheds. You can store large items off the ground such as luggage, coolers, boxes, canoes, lawn furniture and more. Each loft removes over 14 pounds of plastic from the waste stream, and various parts are made in Wheaton, MN, Thief River Falls, MN and West Fargo, ND.



Units are about \$60.00, are 2 x 4 feet in length and suspend from rafters (as can be seen in the adjacent picture). It is modular and portable, so no more tearing apart shelving units when you move from apartment to apartment. Need something larger? Put two or three together for a 4 x 8 or 2 x 16 size. Other types of storage lofts are metal and have many pieces to assemble...this one has only 10 pieces.

Grants, Grants and More Grants!

Check out some excellent Web sites to get free e-mail notices of grant funds that are available.

The EPA HQ Office of Environmental Education (OEE) posted a new item on its Web site this week. If you are interested in receiving updates about EE grants and the upcoming 2005 Solicitation Notice, please register your email address at:

<http://www.epa.gov/enviroed/grants.html>

Click on the blue button on the far right side of the page.

Also, if you would like to receive notifications about other Federal educational grants, please register your email address at:

<http://www.grants.gov> Eligible applicants for EPA EE grants include any local education agency; state education or environmental agency, including Tribal schools, colleges or universities; not-for-profit organizations; and noncommercial educational broadcasting entity. All applicants must be located in the United States.

Galen Hawkins, inventor, spent five years planning and drafting and trying out various types of materials. He also needed financial backing for the 8,300 pound mold, which is not cheap! In August of 2003, the Hawksnest Storage Lofts began production. No more soggy boxes and it frees up floor space! Check with your local Ace or True Value Hardware stores, Macs or Mills Fleet Farm to find the Hawksnest. Practice what you preach by purchasing recycled content items (especially those made in our home states). The Hawksnest does not have a Web site; however you can reach Mr. Hawkins by phone at (701) 237-0944.

New and Improved Recycling Markets Directory!

Minnesota's NEW and IMPROVED Recycling Markets Directory is on the Minnesota Office of Environmental Assistance Web site at: <http://www.moea.state.mn.us/market/markets/index.cfm>. Minnesota has had a Recycling Markets Directory for a long time, however, the new directory is now searchable, which offers users the ability to easily and quickly find exactly what they are looking for without wading through information they aren't looking for.

All information has been verified and updated and new markets for Minnesota material have been added. They will be updating the directory on an ongoing basis and would appreciate an e-mail or call if you notice anything that is missing or incorrect. Please feel free to pass this along to those you feel would benefit, as well as bookmark it for yourself! For more information, contact Tina Patton with the Minnesota Office of Environmental Assistance at (651) 215-0214 or at tina.patton@moea.state.mn.us.



Board Member Spotlight

Name: Kent Belland

Position: Pollution Prevention Coordinator, ND Dept. of Health, Div. of Waste Mgmt

Duties: Assist communities and agricultural or businesses with pollution prevention, recycling and solid waste issues. Also performs inspections at both Inert and MSW landfills.

Best Thing about the Job: Opportunity to work with the good people of North Dakota, especially cities and counties which I haven't had the opportunity of working with before.

Before this Job: Landfill Inspector and prior to that position, worked with water quality projects in SW ND.

Grew up in: New England, North Dakota

Enjoys: "In the past I skied, hiked, played tennis and softball and a realm of other activities, but now that I'm all 'crippled up' and older, I'm trying to learn to play the game of golf." (Proven at the conference tourney!)

