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“Recycling Center Earth Day Success and Update”

The Isabella County Recycling Center’s Earth Day Celebration 2007 was a great success. We were assisted by many volunteers, and several businesses supported our efforts. Our volunteers greeted over 418 cars this year, and unloaded approximately 60 yards of yard waste and brush. We ran the cars through with the help of volunteers from our local Girl Scouts, Phi Mu sorority, Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity, and many Volunteer Center volunteers. Thanks to all who attended. You made an extraordinary difference! The volunteers were greeted in the morning with donuts from Robaire’s Bakery. Everyone enjoyed pizza at lunch donated by Hungry Howie’s of Mt. Pleasant, Cottage Inn of Mt. Pleasant, and breadsticks from Pizza Hut of Mt. Pleasant. Waste Management donated chips and pop. Millbrook Water kept us hydrated with a generous donation of bottled water. Our success at this event continues year after year because of outstanding volunteers and the donations provided by local businesses. We send out our thanks to all who participated in our Earth Day, as well as the fun Earth Day activities following at Island Park. Let’s make every day Earth Day!

An Earth Day follow-up event is scheduled for Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. A secluded but beautiful site on Littlefield Road has accumulated many used tires, electronics, and miscellaneous items. Therefore, a roadside cleanup is being planned to make the site debris-free again. If you are aware of any additional sites that need to be cleaned up because of from illegal dumping, please email me at [recycling@isabellacounty.org](mailto:recycling@isabellacounty.org) with as many details as possible regarding the location. I will make sure that the appropriate officials are notified, and the site potentially nominated to be cleaned up in 2007. Please email or call to volunteer for the May 20<sup>th</sup> roadside cleanup, and let us know other sites in your neighborhood, or that you know of, that need to be cleaned up.

Sherman Township also had a cleanup collection recently. Thank you to Denise Livermore for coordinating such a successful event! **Thanks, also, to the entire Sherman Township board who was there and worked that day!** There were 800 tires collected, over 4,000 pounds of electronic waste, five trash trucks were filled to the brim, 200 large appliances, and as many as 30 couches were brought in. All this was collected from 225 Sherman Township households.

Since we’re discussing cleaning up our environment, the Recycling Center’s next Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) collection is Thursday, May 10<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 PM to 5:30 PM. Appointments are required. Please call (989) 773-9631 to schedule your HHW appointment, to let us know if you can volunteer for our roadside clean-up, or to nominate a site in Isabella County for clean-up. Thank you for “Making Every Day Earth Day!”