



Think twice before you decide to discard that milk container again

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When you have poured the last drop of milk out of its plastic container and are about to discard the jug, the Washington Elementary School Parent-Teacher Organization and students want you to think twice.

Instead of throwing the emptied jug into your garbage container, they encourage you to rinse the jug to prepare it for recycling. The benefits to society and the environment can be astounding.

The school bought a new sign, made of about 1,900 milk jugs, with a grant the Washington PTO earned from the Ottawa-Sandusky-Seneca Joint Waste District.

After working for months to make it happen by making phone calls, sending e-mails and having meetings, the "new sign" committee accomplished its goal. The old sign is down, and the new brick pillars and sign announcing Washington Elementary School, home of the Bull Dogs, is in place.

The group needs to wait for the weather to break in order to put in the LED lights and landscape around the sign to complete the project.

The school is promoting recycling initiatives and public awareness as part of that grant requirement.

A ribbon-cutting ceremony in the spring will formally present the sign to the community.

The Washington Township Trustees have garbage and recycling programs from 8 a.m. to noon on the first Saturday of each month at the township house in Hessville. Township residents can bring in their cleaned recyclables that day free.

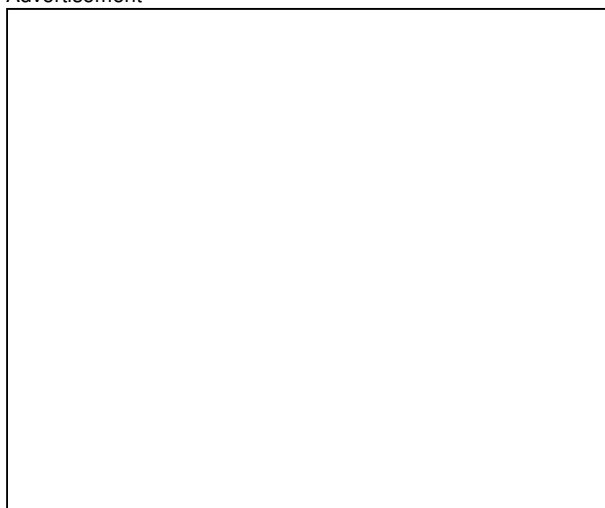
The PTO shared some tidbits:

- Shampoo bottles can be used to make tough mailboxes.
- Plastic peanut butter jars can be used to make basketball shoes.
- Some types of plastics can become tennis ball

fuzz, furniture, surfboards and much more.

- Up to 17 trees can be saved by recycling one ton of paper. **THANKS A LOT** Mayor R.F. Opelt and town officials thank people who donated time to help with snow removal, including Tim Weinstein, Ryan Smith, Brenda and Paul Naus, Ben Opelt, Phil Daniels and Jerry Lohr. Volunteers moved snow off streets, alleys and walkways. A special thank-you goes to the Lucky Farmers, who volunteered their equipment to help in the cleanup.

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