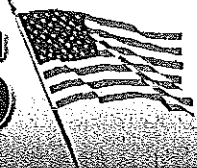


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Former Job Corps student Jamesia Ruffin talks to a goat at the petting zoo at the GR2010 at the Joliet library. (JAN. CARSEN FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA)

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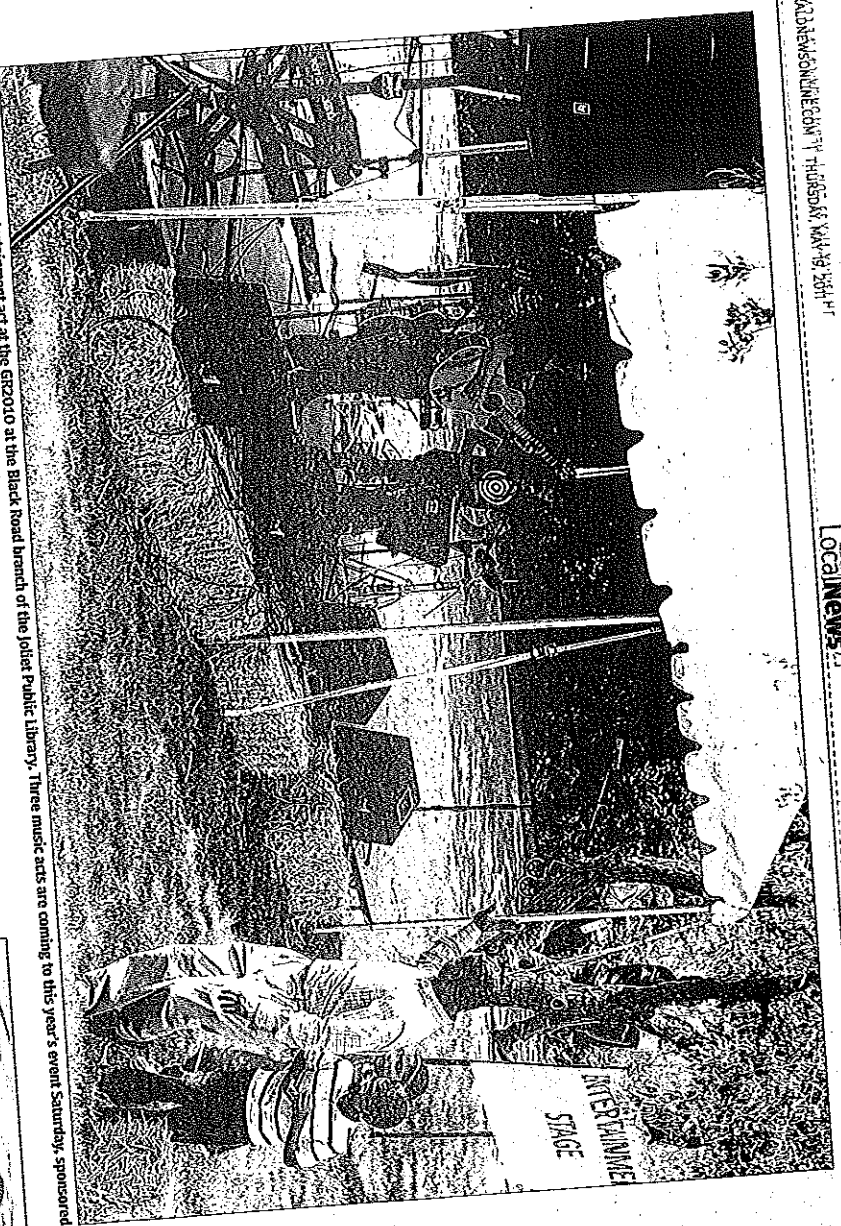
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A family waves at an entertainment act at the GR2010 at the Black Road branch of the Joliet Public Library. Three music acts are coming to this year's event Saturday, sponsored by 10 community groups. | PHOTOS BY JAN LARSEN-FOR SUNSHINE MEDIA

ECO-FRIENDLY FUN

GR2011 event offers family entertainment with valuable lessons

BY JAN LARSEN
For The Herald-News

JOLIET — What does green mean? It's an energy-efficiency movement taking over the world.

What about sustainability? It means not taking more than you put back. It's about not damaging the Earth so future generations can enjoy what we enjoy.

Learn more about going green, the latest developments in renewable energy and green technology, at GR2011: Celebrating Sustainability Festival from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday

at the Joliet Public Library's Black Road Branch.

The sustainability festival allows families to enjoy organic foods, a petting zoo, yoga classes and other fun and healthy activities — all for free.

The festival will include more than 30 eco-friendly exhibits, from green building techniques to recycling clothes. Greenways, live music acts and myriad activities for children are three reasons why last year more than 3,000 people attended.

Visitors can even recycle electronics and unneeded medical equipment — or climb a "rock" wall for only a \$1.

This year's music acts are Thrua Hamlin, 9 to 10:45 a.m.; Kent Noble, 11 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. and the Sanctified Grubbers, 1:15 to 3 p.m.

CHECK OUT EVENT LINEUP ON NEXT PAGE

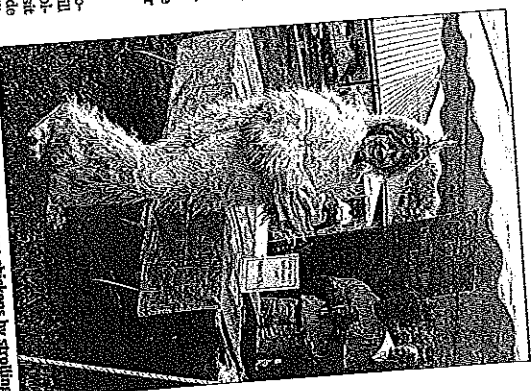
I'm most excited about is Growing Home's community supported agriculture program," said Jeanne Phelan of Joliet, who conceived this event. "It's an opportunity for consumers to support a local farm while getting access to fresh-picked organic produce (CSA) subscribers pay in advance for their season's worth of produce, then receive a box of seasonally diverse vegetables and herbs each week."

The J. Lee Brown Memorial Farm is in Marenville, about 40 miles west of Joliet. "Joliet Junior College has signed up to be the drop-off spot so we'll have this CSA for the first time ever here," Phelan said.

GR2011

Partners for GR2011 are the Joliet Public Library, Forest Preserve District of Will County, Joliet Township, Joliet Junior College, Joliet Job Corps, City of Joliet, Grade 100, willcountygarden.com, Joliet School District and the University of Illinois Extension Service.

Visit www.celebratingsustainability.com for more information.



Gini Luster promotes free range children by strolling through GR2010. This year's event will be Saturday at the Joliet Public Library on Black Road.

GIVEAWAYS

Joliet Urban/Farm Garden Project: 400 tomato plants, samples from Nature's Path and Eden Food

Juice Plus Whole Foods: Chewy food supplements that contain no chemicals

City of Joliet Forestry Department: 200 serviceberry and flowering crab tree seedlings

No Toxin Zone: E book on 10 toxins you can toss today.

Olive Living, Joliet Montessori School: Food samples

Citizens Utility Board of Illinois: CFL bulbs

Poopy-Doo Farms: Mama's Magic Manure to those who bring a failing-to-thrive plant.

Dishonored: Raw food

Door to Door Organics: Organic fruits

Speedway Auto Parts: Coloring books

Harrah's Casino: 1,000 CFL bulbs & 500 reusable bags

The Wales Institute: Samples made of 100 percent plant-based ingredients made to resemble the taste, smell and flavor of meat

Happy Baby: puffs, melts (freeze-dried yogurt snacks), tot veggie and fruit pouches.

Give A Dip: Gluten-free dip mixes and gluten-free dry frozen wine slushies (nonalcoholic samples)

FREE ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN

Will County Land Use: Recycling bin bean bag toss

Will County Forest Preserve District: Things you can do in a forest preserve

Morton Arboretum: Leaf rubbings, counting rings on trees, science based activities

Joliet Park District: Kids Zone with tricycle races, clothesline fling, speed sort and potato sack races

Recycled art competition by Joliet Grade School District: Display and judging of art kindergarten through fifth-

grade students created using recycled materials

Angela Rafac: Paper bows and bows

Aspire/Inspire Foundation: Flower crafts

Joliet Job Corps: Pinwheels

Joliet Public Library: Craft

Heifer International: Wool

felted, butter churning

Will County Chapter of the Illinois Audubon Society:

Bird hike at 9 a.m., limited supply of bird day posters, bookmark stamping activity for kids and adults.

COLLECTIONS

Provena Saint Joseph Medical Center: Canes, commodes, crutches, walkers, wheelchairs, shower seats, slings, orthopedic braces, soft braces and similar items. Must be clean and in good condition. The Hospital Sisters Mission Outreach has saved more than 3 million pounds of health care items from landfills, distributing them to the needy in more than 58 countries.

Aspire/Inspire: Gently used backpacks

Upcycling & Repurpose: 100-percent wool sweaters in any condition

Friends of Joliet Public Library: Books, eye glasses, hearing aids, cell phones, school backpacks and batteries

Will County Land Use: Personal computers, laptops, printers, telephones/cell phones, televisions, typewriters/word processors, monitors, VCR, DVD and laser disc players, copy/fax/scanner/answering machines, keyboards, portable radio/CD players, adding machines, speakers/stereo systems, postage machines, modems, CBs/two-way radios, digital clocks, hard drives, cameras (film, digital), calculators, CD-ROM/zip/tape drives, palm organizers, handheld games, paper shredders, cords and cables (power, USB, etc.), game players, pagers, CDs, DVDs, VHS tapes, floppy disks, game controls, UPS (battery back-ups), holiday lights on wires and microwaves



Katrina Rainey, a volunteer from Joliet Job Corps, dumps old electrical parts into a bin during electronics recycling at GR2010. This year's event will be Saturday at the Joliet Public Library on Black Road. | JAN LARSEN-FOR SUN-TIMES MEDIA

SAMPLING OF GR2011 BOOTHS

American Chemical Society: Hands-on chemical demonstrations

Krieger Kiddie Corp.: Recycling clothes for cash at 12 area stores.

NECA-IBEW Joint Apprenticeship & Training Committee LU 176: Demonstration of photovoltaic and wind power generation.

New Edison Energy LLC: Renewable energy education display, hybrid street light displayed in parking lot

Poopy-Doo Farms: Composting demonstration

Devon Dempsey: Primitive skills demonstrations

Electrical Solutions Network Inc.: Energy-efficient products, rebate-

incentive programs.

Steven Helis' blacksmith demonstration: How to repair and recycle steel

Food & Water Watch: Information on food and water policies, petitions

The Land Connection: Spinning wool fleece

Green Earth Institute: CSAs, children's programs and organic vegetable farm

The Morton Arboretum: Handouts, energy-efficient landscaping, tree selection, benefits and value of trees

Upcycling and Repurpose: Redesigning, reusing and recycling thrift store clothes, purses and jewelry from used articles. List of area thrift stores

and guide books

University of Illinois Extension, Will County Unit: Vegetables and herbs for the home garden, worm composting demonstration, storm water runoff and lasagna gardening technique

Wild Ones: Benefits of native plants, native landscaping

IKEA Bolingbrook: Food and sustainability products

Yoreganics: Organic laundry, soap nuts natural wash and stain remover.

Willing Wilton Workers 4-H Club: Green projects offered through 4-H, highlighting club community service events

For a complete list of booths, visit www.celebratingsustainability.com.