

# USAG- DTA Associates Participate at Earth Day Activity in Pigeon, Michigan

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The Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port Laker Schools contacted the U.S. Army Garrison Detroit Environmental Office and invited them to participate in the Embracing Our Earth III event. Representatives from the Environmental Office attended and set up several display tables with information about the Environmental



Environmental Office staff behind the display table.

Programs and Progress Reports for the USAG – DTA. The displays were designed to show how the USAG –DTA complies with environmental requirements.

There was plenty for everyone to see and do! The displays generated plenty of interest and gave staff an opportunity to talk with the residents in the area about some of their local programs including recycling. Attendees who stopped by were able to pick up free bookmarks, magnets, and posters all related to Earth Day. The posters for Earth Day were well received by the children and most of them were going to put them up in their bedrooms.

Earth Day was the theme for the Fair and displays ranged from Wildlife to Solar and Wind Energy.

Educating the public about conserving resources was very evident from the many displays. The active Windmill outside the school was turning continually generating electricity to support the event.

As quoted from Kathy Dickens about the event:

“The "Embracing Our Earth III" event, held at Laker Schools in Huron County was a huge success. Well over 5,000 people attended this day to see examples of earth friendly practices and earth friendly products. Many renewable energy applications were showcased including wind turbines, solar panels, bio-diesel processors, corn stoves, hybrid cars, energy star appliances, and high efficiency building materials. Children were able to appreciate the wonder of our world by visiting a planetarium, people were able to touch and observe many different animals.

Among the eighty or so educational booths at "Embracing Our Earth III" was an Environmental Display from the Army. This display and the Army's commitment to earth friendly practices is a model for all businesses and homes to follow. It is important that all of us make well thought out decisions about what we purchase and how our lifestyles impact the environment. Our Federal Government and the Army have set some very high standards for earth friendly building and living. It was great that the general public was educated about these standards.”



USAG – DTA staff member Cheryl Neades explains the programs to Kathy Dickens the Organizer of the Event