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Leading Missouri toward environmental sustainability through waste reduction and recycling

Missouri Recycling Association to Hold Annual Awards Luncheon

The Missouri Recycling Association (MORA) will be holding its annual award luncheon on September 12 in Independence, Missouri as part of its annual conference. A total of 7 award winners will be recognized with the Missouri Recycling Association's Achievement Awards.

The Branson Convention Center in Branson, Missouri will be honored for their commitment to sustainable practices, including waste diversion in the amount of 230 tons since 2014.

Avenue of Life in Kansas City, Missouri, will receive recognition for their program to recycle mattress, diverting nearly 6,000 tons of material from the landfill since 2014.

USAgain of Hazelwood, Missouri, will be receiving an award for textile recycling in the state. Their program has diverted over a million pounds of used textiles from landfills.

Gerry Wass of Purdy, Missouri, will be honored for his work in building a recycling program at the local high school. The program is now 10 years old and has recycled over a million pounds of materials.

The First Graders of Ralls County Elementary will receive the Next Generation Award in recognition of their project to recycle plastic bottle caps. The students collected 3,950 pounds of caps and as a result, 10 benches made of recycled plastic will be placed throughout Ralls County.

Tim Smith will receive the Lifetime Achievement Award for his service for 17 years as Chair of Ozarks Headwaters Recycling & Materials Management District and 12 years of service as the state Solid Waste Advisory Board Chair.

Jean Ponzi of St. Louis, Missouri, will be receiving the prestigious MORA President's Award. Ponzi has been a member of the Missouri Botanical Garden's EarthWays Center team for 23 years and has managed the St. Louis Green Business Challenge for the past nine years.

Since 1992 the Missouri Recycling Association has sought to lead Missouri toward environmental sustainability through waste reduction and recycling. Each year MORA recognizes companies, programs and individuals who have displayed dedication to this goal.

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