

Hello all,

Do you have a “green themed” Short Digital Video just waiting to be shown in a public forum? CURE (Clean Up the River Environment) is hosting the 1<sup>st</sup> Ever ‘Green’ Carpet Film Festival on November 16<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup> at the Hollywood Theater in Montevideo. The videos should be no more than 5 minutes in length and need to be at the CURE office no later than November 10<sup>th</sup>. For more information <http://www.greencarpetfilmfest.com/>



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The Blue Earth County Soil and Water Conservation District is looking for a Maple River Clean Water Partnership Technician. This full-time position has funding for two years with possible extension. For more information <http://mavdisk.mnsu.edu/kudels/mapleriverposition.pdf>

A reminder from MPCA for all those groups and projects collecting water quality data – the deadline to put the data into STORET (STORage and RETrieval System) is December 1, 2007. If you have any questions please contact the MPCA STORET Team: Nancy Flandrick at 651-296-8385; Jean Garvin at 651-296-9455 and Lynda Nelson at 651-296-7232.

#### Events:

The Ney Center outside of Henderson is hosting an evening program called “Frogs” with Becky Pollack and Reta Lind. The program starts at 6:30 p.m. If you have questions please call Becky at 507-248-3474.

On November 3<sup>rd</sup> (Saturday) The Center for Earth Spirituality & Rural Ministry is holding a “Changing the World One Bite At A Time: Healthy Land= Healthy Food= Healthy People conference. It goes from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the School Sisters of Notre Dame, SSND Mankato Provincial House Conference Center; 170 Good Counsel Drive, Mankato, MN. Cost is \$15 or a student rate of \$10 (lunch included). Registration is due October 31<sup>st</sup>. Contact 507-389-4272 or [lcoons@ssndmankato.org](mailto:lcoons@ssndmankato.org)

Check out more up-coming events click on the calendar at <http://mrbdm.mnsu.edu/calendar/index.html>

#### Grant Opportunity:

If you are looking for grant opportunities through the State of Minnesota check out this web site: <http://www.lmnc.org/cities/GrantInfoState.cfm>. This site is called Grant Resources for Cities and provides links to the state grant web site Northstar and other state agencies.

Do you know a youth who should be recognized for their commitment to the environment? Submit an application to the President's Environmental Youth Awards at <http://www.epa.gov/enviroed/peya/index.html>

Project Learning Tree has grant funding of \$200 to \$1,000 for teachers interested in environmental community action and service learning projects. The deadline for these grants is October 31, 2007. For more information go to [www.dnr.state.mn.us/grants/plt.html](http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/grants/plt.html)

### **Water quality related articles:**

According to an Indiana University study, a widely planted variety of genetically engineered corn has the potential to harm aquatic ecosystems: <http://mavdisk.mnsu.edu/kudels/geneticallyengineeredcorn.pdf>

In Winona and Houston counties a WW II-era never gas launcher is being used to control hillside erosion: <http://mavdisk.mnsu.edu/kudels/wwIIerosion.pdf>

A turkey litter 55-megawatt electric power plant opens up on the west side of Benson with a grand opening ceremony: <http://mavdisk.mnsu.edu/kudels/turkeypowerplant.pdf>

The boom for new ethanol plants takes a major hit as ethanol floods the marketplace and price of corn continues to rise: <http://mavdisk.mnsu.edu/kudels/ethanolboomfades.pdf> and more on the ethanol downturn: <http://mavdisk.mnsu.edu/kudels/cleareyesethanol.pdf> and <http://mavdisk.mnsu.edu/kudels/ethanolbracesitself.pdf>

According to the Minneapolis Tribune, there is vindication for Al Gore and the global warming concern with the awarding of the Nobel Peace Prize: <http://mavdisk.mnsu.edu/kudels/algorenobel.pdf>

The debate continues about the herbicide atrazine as the MN State Legislature holds a hearing on this controversial issue: <http://mavdisk.mnsu.edu/kudels/whistlebloweratrazine.pdf>

An editorial by Sue Meyer of Browerville speaks out about how pesticides can be harmful: <http://mavdisk.mnsu.edu/kudels/pesticidescanbeharmful.pdf>

The building of Big Stone II Coal Plant continues to be in the news as the utility companies get approval from the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission to move forward with their application to build two high-voltage power plants: <http://mavdisk.mnsu.edu/kudels/bigstonecoalloss.pdf>

- <http://mavdisk.mnsu.edu/kudels/bigstonesmallerplant.pdf>
- <http://mavdisk.mnsu.edu/kudels/bigstonestillrolling.pdf>
- <http://mavdisk.mnsu.edu/kudels/powerlinespostponed.pdf>

Sections of the Redwood River have been placed on the proposed 2008 Minnesota's Impaired Waters list: <http://mavdisk.mnsu.edu/kudels/redwoodtml.pdf>

Free organic produce worth \$24,000 is given away over the summer to be a catalyst and stimulate thought on how we treat our elderly: <http://mavdisk.mnsu.edu/kudels/freefood.pdf>

A study by the National Research Council calls on the Environmental Protection Agency to pay more attention to the Mississippi River: <http://mavdisk.mnsu.edu/kudels/epamississippiriverquality.pdf>

A 29-pound Asian Carp pulled from Lake Pepin causes concern in the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources: <http://mavdisk.mnsu.edu/kudels/asiancarp.pdf>

Please register at the Minnesota River Watershed Alliance's bulletin board at: <http://mail.mnsu.edu/mailman/listinfo/mrwa> to receive regular updates on what is happening in the Minnesota River Watershed.

**The Minnesota River Watershed Alliance (Watershed Alliance) is an organized network of citizens, public agencies, and private organizations dedicated to communicating the benefits of an ecology healthy Minnesota River Watershed to others and are actively working towards its improvement and protection. The Watershed Alliance meets four times a year and encourages landowners and recreational users of the river to be part of this effort.**

Thank you,

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