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POET BIOREFINING – HANLONTOWN RECOGNIZED FOR THEIR VOLUNTEER WORK



POET Biorefining – Hanlontown team members sprucing up the bridge.

POET Biorefining – Hanlontown recently received the Shining Star Volunteer Award given by the Mayor of Mason City, Iowa.

The award is given out each year recognizing an individual and a group that have spent a considerable amount of time volunteering in the community.

POET Biorefining – Hanlontown’s General Manager Kelly Hansen said although their plant is not located in Mason City, they decided to not only help the Hanlontown community, but branch out to other communities in the local area.

“We volunteer to give back to the community, to support those who’ve

supported us,” said Hansen. “And personally, I’ve found it fosters a sense of teamwork when you have the opportunity outside of work to get to know your coworkers.”

Some of the volunteer events included painting a bridge, during which the team was able to utilize their harness training, cleaning up and painting along trails, roadside cleanup and helping prepare and serve food at a soup kitchen every other month.

“One of the true reasons I like working here at POET is the people’s willingness to get involved,” said Hansen, “not for themselves, but for others.”

FREEDOM is everywhere



Josh & Rebecca Tickell, filmmakers of FREEDOM at the premiere POET Biorefining – Alexandria held in Indianapolis.

The documentary FREEDOM was released in June and has been making its way across the country ever since. The documentary dispels many myths about ethanol and provides an insight into alternative fuels that are available right now.

A few POET plants took part in helping spread the word about the documentary.

POET Biorefining – Alexandria held a showing of FREEDOM on Indiana University-Purdue

University Indianapolis’s campus. Josh and Rebecca Tickell, the creators of the documentary, hosted a question and answer session following the showing.

POET Biorefining – Gowrie also did a showing at the Farm News Ag Show Exhibit at Iowa Central Community College in Fort Dodge, Iowa.

POET Biorefining – Macon distributed over 900 FREEDOM DVDs to federal and state legislators and key business leaders in the Mo. area.

And POET Biorefining – Hanlontown, Iowa handed out 100 FREEDOM DVDs to its producers.



Adam Wirt, POET Biomass Coordinator, gave a presentation at the Farm News Ag Show where POET Biorefining – Gowrie held its FREEDOM screening.

**Let's take a moment to recognize the POET Biorefineries
that have gone a year or more without a lost time accident.**

- Corning, Iowa
- Mitchell, S.D.
- Portland, Ind.

- Coon Rapids, Iowa
- Scotland, S.D.

- Fostoria, Ohio
- Hanlontown, Iowa
- Marion, Ohio
- North Manchester, Ind.

- Big Stone, S.D.

- Glenville, Iowa
- Laddonia, Mo.
- Macon, Mo.

- Emmetsburg, Iowa

- Hudson, S.D.



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Project LIBERTY takes off



Construction signs for Project LIBERTY, POET's first commercial-scale, cellulosic ethanol plant, were put up in late November. This signifies the start of construction with workers preparing the LIBERTY site adjacent to the already existing grain-based plant, POET Biorefining – Emmetsburg. Full cellulosic operation is slated for 2013. POET is excited to see this long-anticipated project underway!

Worksite Wellness

Nov.10 marks the 5-year anniversary for POET Biorefining – Glenville, Minn. on an impressive run of no lost time due to an accident. This great feat is not a stroke of luck, however. The Glenville team has accomplished this through their safety-first culture.

Safety and health go hand-in-hand. So in addition to a focus on safety, the Glenville team has also been committed to wellness, as their recent award has shown. The Glenville team members won their first Worksite Wellness Award that was given out by their local Chamber of Commerce in Albert Lea, Minn.

POET Biorefining – Glenville started a formal program beginning in 2008. They have hosted wellness fairs, organized walking events, assisted in payment of a local massage therapist, and have fruit available on a daily basis for team members. They



Doug Olson, Chamber President, presents the committee members Jenni Hanna, Beth Cody, and Kelly Bordewick the Worksite Wellness Award on Oct. 20 during the Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner.

have also increased the number of water coolers and eliminated sweets at company meetings and birthday celebrations.

The Glenville team is clearly demonstrating how keeping team-member health a top priority pays off. Congratulations to POET Biorefining – Glenville on earning the Worksite Wellness Award!