



In memoriam

George E. Brake

George E. Brake, 58, director of the Van Wert Solid Waste Management District, died on Wednesday, Sept. 23, in a traffic accident near his home.

Brake, who had served as director of the Solid Waste District since 1995, was best known publicly for his tireless efforts at promoting recycling within Van Wert County. He worked hand-in-hand with the county commissioners in setting up the Van Wert Recycling Center in 1995.

Former County Commissioner Gary Adams said that in addition to setting up the current recycling program, Brake also went out and found grants to pay for the equipment at the recycling center.

Adams added, "He was a quality man, conscientious and honest. He was all about recycling and cleaning up our country, which made it easy to hire him."

Commissioner Thad Lichtensteiger praised Brake for his knowledge of recycling. He was always trying to find sources for more items that he could recycle. Lichtensteiger noted, "He was one of those guys who absolutely loved what he was doing and was always trying to find ways to make recycling easier."

Brake is survived by his wife Kathy and five children. CCAO extends sympathy to the Brake family.

