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Angela and Barry Grandgenett Win Rain Barrel Contest

PLEASANT HILL, Iowa – August 12, 2015 – The rain barrel contest started July 1st and ran through July 31st, giving residents the chance to enter online at pleasanthilliowa.org/stormwater, the Public Library, and City Hall.

The winners Angela and Barry Grandgenett of Pleasant Hill are proud owners of a new rain barrel. The Grandgenett's were randomly selected from over 65 participants who entered the contest. "We are excited to collect the rain water from our roof to water our plants and lawn," said Angela Grandgenett. "We are also excited to educate our friends, family and neighbors on the benefits of using a rain barrel to divert water from storm drains, which flow into streams."

Stormwater runoff is water that runs off impervious surfaces from rain, snow melt, and surface drainage. Capturing rainwater where it lands, and infiltrating or slowing down the stormwater through Best Management Practices (BMPs), allows the pollutants and sediment a chance to settle out. Some BMPs include rain barrels, soil quality restoration, rain gardens/bioretenion cells, pervious pavement systems, and native planting buffers/swales.

"A rain barrel will save homeowners, up to 1,300 gallons of water during the peak summer months," said Madeline Sturms, Senior Planner. "Using a rain barrel protects our environment and saves residents money and energy."

Learn more about stormwater and the benefits of constructing a Best Management Practice (BMP) on your property at pleasanthilliowa.org/stormwater.

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