

## Morrison Industries looks for workers

On this joyous weekend when we pause to absorb the moment of Bonnaroo, there is one thing that can still catch my attention among the guitar solos and cheese pizza.

A job fair.  
Morrison Industries held a job fair Saturday in hopes of landing 25 to 30 employees. Company president Jacob Wilson tells me they are in need of assemblers and experienced welders. If you missed the job fair, don't hesitate to contact Morrison Industries if you're interested in one of these positions.

"We're definitely in hiring mode," said Jacob. "Our new presence in Detroit is opening a lot of doors for us. It's bringing us attention and leading to more orders here."

Morrison Industries opened a new facility in Detroit in mid-January. It's aptly named Morrison Industries North and is located among the Big Three automakers.

"When you're around them more, you get more opportunities to know them," said Jacob. "We are definitely getting more of a presence with GM and Ford."

The goal of opening the facility in Michigan was to create work at both Morrison Industries plants. So far that goal is being achieved.

The plant in Michigan has right at 25 employees. The plant in Morrison has 150 employees with the hope of growing to 175 to 180.

"There aren't many people who don't have jobs," said Jacob, who added the family atmosphere at Morrison Industries is a



great recruiting tool. Like the rest of Tennessee, the Warren County economy is robust as we continue to ride an eight-year economic upturn. Let's always remember these good times when the outlook is not so peachy.

### SAVE THE WORLD! RECYCLE

Citizens on Planet Earth recognized World Environment Day on Tuesday and stressed the need to recycle more.

I realize the thought of recycling is not exactly sexy. It's so much easier to throw everything in the trash and be done with it. Finding the time, and space, to recycle is extra work. It's a chore. I know this.

The problem is our planet has a finite amount of space and more of it keeps getting filled with garbage. We need to do something. We need to act responsibly.

McMinnville Green is leading the local charge when it comes to recycling. Business owner John Hoch is nearing one year at his new location at 946 Sunset Point Road and five years overall.

"We're keeping so much stuff out of landfills," said John. "When I first started, we were recycling about 10,000 pounds a month. Now we're recycling about 500,000 pounds a month. I see potential to eventually



**McMinnville Green owner John Hoch, front, has grown his recycling business to four employees and estimates he recycles about 500,000 pounds of materials each month. Working in the background are Josh Macanas, left, and Bobby Tanner.**

get up to 2 million pounds a month."

John says the main three things he recycles are plastic, cardboard and paper. He said it doesn't take long for plastic to really add up.

"So much of what we use comes in plastic bottles," said John. "Milk, water, shampoo. You'd be amazed at how much space you save in your garbage if you take out all the bottles for recycling."

John says one of his biggest barriers is that people commonly throw other trash, especially food, in with materials to be recycled. He says separating the recyclables with the trash can be labor-intensive and bog down his efficiency.

"If people would put a little effort into it, we could really save a lot," said John.

Once the recyclable material is separated, it's compacted in 3,000-pound bales. When there are enough bales of a similar



**Recycling sprawl. McMinnville Green has grown and now fills the property at 946 Sunset Point Road. Business owner John Hoch can be reached for recycling-related questions at (931) 259-3301.**

material to fill the back of a semi-trailer, it gets hauled off to recycling centers around the region. John gets paid for the bales by weight and uses the money to pay four full-time employees and other business expenses.

If you've toyed with the

idea of recycling, John offers this advice.

"Start simple and start with one product," he said. "Once you get one product down and make that a habit, then you can think about expanding to other things."

John says this area is a

little behind other states when it comes to recycling. He said in talking to people who have moved here from out of state, they are frequently stunned with how little emphasis is placed on recycling.

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**Morrison Industries held a job fair Saturday in search of 30 new employees to do assembly and welding. If you missed the job fair but are interested in this type of work, call Morrison Industries at 668-7909.**



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