

# 10th annual recycling event a 'win-win' for community

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Vehicles were lined up from Evergreen Country Day School all the way to Evergreen Parkway in El Rancho several times Saturday as they waited to drop off hard-to-recycle items at the Mereth Meade Recycling Day.

In its 10th year, the event draws more and more recyclers every year.

"It amazes me that after all of the (recyclables) we've taken in each year, there's still even more than comes in," Larry Caine, immediate past president of Evergreen Rotary, said.

In fact, by 11:30 a.m., 60,000 pounds of shredded paper had been collected, and by 12:30 p.m., 300 tires had been dropped off for recycling. There were piles of paint cans, mounds of electronics, clothing and TVs, and stacks of bicycles, and more.

About 65 Evergreen Rotary members volunteered to unload vehicles and stack recyclables, direct traffic and keep things moving. Rotary was thankful for the vendors who spent the day helping with the recycling effort.

This year, the event was named after Meade, who was a force behind many of the area's recycling efforts. Meade, who died in 2013, was honored that year with the Lifetime Achievement Award by the Colorado Association for Recycling.

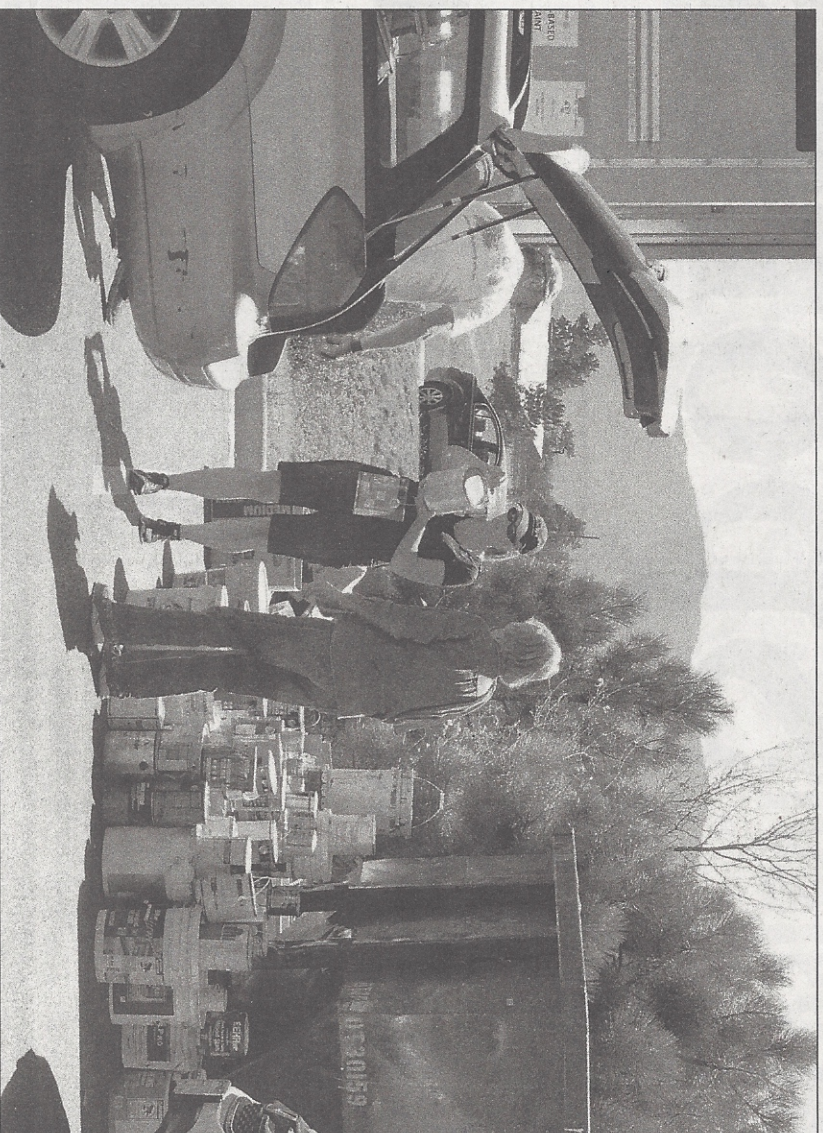
Rotarian Tim Eagan wore a necklace made of aluminum can tabs that has been passed down from event organizer to organizer.

"Lovin' the bling," another Rotarian said of his necklace as Eagan moved from station to station, helping with any job needed.

"Tim has done a great job with publicity," Rotarian Linda Lovin said, adding that between ads, signs and social media, more and more people participate in the event each year.

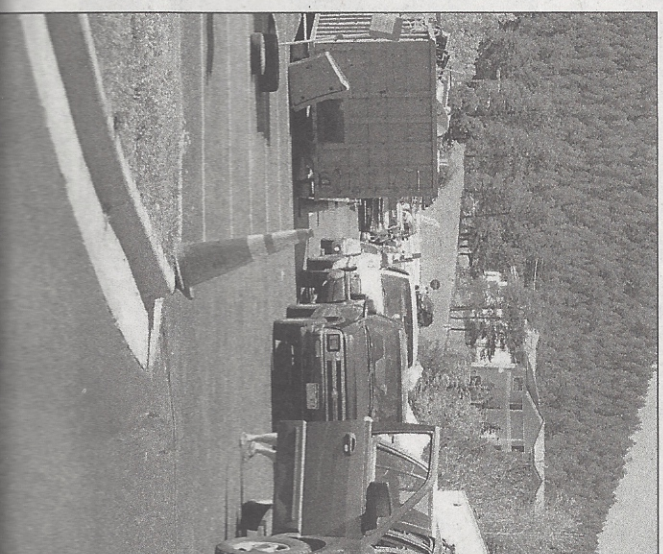
Rotary charged to recycle some items and asked for donations.

"We hope to break even," Caine said, "but if we can't, it's still a service to the community. Any proceeds we have we give to worthy causes, so it's a win-win for everyone."



**VOLUNTEERS**  
**LOOK** at paint cans before they are recycled at the 10th annual Mereth Meade Recycling Day on Saturday.

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**LEFT:** Vehicles line up outside Evergreen Country Day School to drop off hard-to-recycle items.

**ABOVE:** Bikes Together collected unwanted bikes.