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Berkeley County Couple Honored for Recycling Efforts

The Recycling Coalition of West Virginia, in collaboration with the state's 50 solid waste authorities, will honor Berkeley County teacher Ashley Sturm and her husband, Kevin Sturm, as **Recycling Champions** during a ceremony on Thursday, December 17, at the Berkeley County Council meeting in Martinsburg.

Recycling Champions are West Virginians who reach beyond their normal responsibilities to contribute time and service to support the recycling industry in the Mountain State. These **Recycling Champions** provide recycling leadership across the state and make a significant contribution to the recycling community. The Sturm's efforts reduce the costs of waste management for the school, benefit residents by conserving valuable landfill space, help to create jobs, and conserve important natural resources for future West Virginians.

Mrs. Sturm is a teacher at South Middle School and contributes to her school's Operation Greenlid recycling efforts by bringing the family truck every couple of weeks and delivering the school's Greenlid containers to the Grapevine Road Recycling Center. Mrs. Sturm also promotes recycling and composting efforts through her science curriculum. In addition to recycling in the workplace, Ashley and Kevin can be spotted at least once a week at the South Berkeley Recycling Center delivering their personal recycling to that facility. The couple is constantly engaged in high level recycling and find new ways to repurpose items that others have deemed useless. The Sturms often turn something headed to the landfill into a useful item, thereby creating a better planet for all of us.

The Recycling Coalition of West Virginia is a non-profit environmental organization whose mission is to promote the effective and sustainable reduction, reuse and recycling of materials otherwise destined for disposal. The Recycling Coalition pursues these goals by promoting the purchase of products made with recycled materials; by coordinating and facilitating activities relative to recycling; and by fostering communication among organizations, government agencies and individuals through the sharing of ideas and resources.

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