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Recycling Champion recognized for Pleasants County

The Recycling Coalition of West Virginia, in collaboration with the West Virginia Solid Waste Management Board and the state's 50 solid waste authorities, is honoring **Recycling Champions** 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 Recycling Coalition is proud to honor former Pleasants County resident **Claude Marra**, who was a member of the Pleasants County Solid Waste Authority from 2009 until June 2015. Marra also served as grant administrator and recycle center operations resource manager for the PCSWA.

Marra obtained a significant amount of grant funding for the operation of the Pleasants County recycle center. Without these funds, the center would not be in operation today. Marra provided excellent day-to-day guidance to the operation of the recycle center and his connections to key Pleasants County personnel and his excellent relationship with the St. Mary's Correctional Facility enabled the PCSWA to better serve the county.

In addition to Pleasants County residents and businesses, the recycling center is used by businesses in neighboring Tyler, Wetzel and Ritchie counties. Materials collected included corrugated cardboard, mixed paper, plastics, metals, books, newsprint and electronic materials.

Other 2016 West Virginia Recycling Champions include:

Wally Reynolds, nominated by the Berkeley County Solid Waste Authority
City of Bridgeport, nominated by the Harrison County Solid Waste Authority
Frank Young, nominated by the Jackson County Solid Waste Authority
Ron Williams, nominated by the Kanawha County Solid Waste Authority
Brian Wilmoth, nominated by the Marion County Solid Waste Authority
Harold Lowe, nominated by the Roane County Solid Waste Authority
Craig Morris, nominated by the Taylor County Solid Waste Authority
Stuart Thayer, nominated by the Tucker County Solid Waste Authority
Dr. G. Paul Richter, nominated by the Upshur County Solid Waste Authority

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 through the promotion of purchasing products made with recycled content material; 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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