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Berkeley County resident honored for recycling efforts

Berkeley County teacher and recycling advocate, Tammy Albright, has been selected as a 2019 Recycling Champion by the Recycling Coalition of WV, Inc., for her dedication to the Operation Green Lid Program at South Middle School.

Albright is a committed recycler and participates in all recycling opportunities in Berkeley County, including corrugated cardboard, mixed paper, plastic containers, aluminum and steel cans, and glass bottles. She has been a force in bringing recycling into local schools. Albright sponsored the Gang Green Recycling Club at South Middle, creating opportunities for all classrooms in the facility to recycle paper.

Albright and her husband, Scott Albright, began their recycling efforts in Berkeley County prior to the existence of the Berkeley County Recycling Program in 1994. In those days, committed recyclers, like the Albrights, had no option but to take recyclables significant distances to locations outside of Berkeley County and even outside of West Virginia. Today, the Albrights can be found at the Grapevine Road recycling facility on a weekly basis.

In addition to the management of her own recyclables, Albright assists in the hauling of recyclables to the Grapevine Road recycling facility as a part of the Operation Green Lid Program, which South Middle School embarked on four years ago. This program is a cooperative between Apple Valley Waste and the Berkeley County Solid Waste Authority that provides schools an opportunity to recycle. Thanks to the commitment of Albright, school children gain access to a recycling program. These efforts reduce the costs of waste management for the schools, which in turn serves to benefit all the residents of the Eastern Panhandle. Valuable landfill space is saved, jobs are created and natural resources are conserved for future West Virginians.

Ms. Albright will be honored as a Recycling Champion by the Berkeley County Solid Waste Authority at 11:15 a.m. on Thursday, May 23 during the Berkeley County Council meeting at 400 West Stephen St., Suite 201 in Martinsburg.

The Recycling Coalition, in collaboration with the West Virginia Solid Waste Management Board and the state's 50 solid waste authorities, annually honors recycling champions from around the state. The coalition looks for West Virginians who reach beyond their normal responsibilities to contribute time and service to support the recycling industry. These Recycling Champions provide recycling leadership across West Virginia and make a significant contribution to the recycling community.

The Recycling Coalition is a non-profit, environmental organization that promotes the effective and sustainable reduction, reuse and recycling of materials otherwise destined for disposal. The coalition pursues these goals by promoting the purchase of 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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