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Upshur County resident honored for recycling efforts

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 Coalition is proud to honor Dr. G. Paul Richter, a 50-year resident of Buckhannon and a retired professor of chemistry from West Virginia Wesleyan College. Dr. Richter's career was associated with the sciences which enabled him to pursue his passion for the care of the environment, including exploring, studying, and removing trash from caves. Upon his retirement, he immediately took up causes associated with litter control and recycling as a member of the Upshur County Litter Control Committee.

Dr. Richter also was a co-founder of the Buckhannon River Watershed Association, which has a mission of preserving and protecting the watershed. He also worked with the Upshur County Solid Waste Authority (UCSWA) as a volunteer and, in 2012, was appointed by the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection to the UCSWA. Dr. Richter continues to lead and participate in the activities, promotions and educational conferences of the UCSWA.

Dr. Richter will be recognized at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, April 11, during a ceremony at the UCSWA office, located at 380 Mudlick Road, Suite 102 in Buckhannon.

Other 2016 West Virginia Recycling Champions include:

- Wally Reynolds, nominated by 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
- Claude Marra, nominated by the Pleasants 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

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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