



Recycling Coalition of WV, Inc.

P.O. Box 40113, Charleston, WV 25364
Phone: 304-926-0499 ext. 1673
wvrecycles.org

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

April 24, 2018

Contact: Paul Hayes, Recycling Coalition of WV, 304-926-0499, ext. 1673 or
Kim Solomon, Calhoun County Solid Waste Authority, 304-354-7786.

Pleasant Hill Elementary of Calhoun honored for recycling efforts

The Recycling Coalition of West Virginia, in collaboration with 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.

Students at Pleasant Hill Elementary in Grantsville are responsible for making recycling happen at their school. The program has inspired the children's interest in recycling by having them help sort items collected and by flattening boxes. Students bring in recyclables and use them in different ways like letting them make an igloo out of plastic one-gallon milk jugs or turning ice cream pails into Easter baskets. For many years, supportive parents and students actively collected a wide variety of material for recycling, including paper, numbers 1 and 2 plastic and cardboard which was then transported to the county's recycling center.

When Cabot Recycling Station was forced to discontinue its weekly pickup from Pleasant Hill late last year, the students and faculty continued to collect and store recyclables until a solution was found. Thanks to help from board member/teacher Amanda Morris and the staff and students, the school found a way to transport recyclables and continue recycling.

A local bus driver, Barry Miller, volunteers his time to pick up recyclables and deliver the material to Cabot Recycling Station. Kim Solomon at the Cabot Recycling Station also helps process the material. The children are learning the importance of recycling and the direct impact it has on the amount of trash being generated.

The board of directors at the Calhoun County Solid Waste Authority, in coordination with the Recycling Coalition of WV, Inc., will be presenting a 2018 Recycling Champion Award to Pleasant Hill Elementary at 2:30 p.m. on April 26 at the school. Thanks to the school for its initiation and commitment to recycling.

Other 2018 West Virginia Recycling Champions include:

Martin Distributing Company, nominated by Berkeley County Solid Waste Authority
Boys & Girls Club of Marion County, nominated by Marion County Solid Waste Authority
John C. Webster, nominated by Morgan 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.

Contributing Members

Jerry's Salvage LLC
Marshall County SWA
Wood County Waste
Upshur County SWA
Berkeley County SWA

Association of WV Solid
Waste Authorities
Michael Grunau
WV Dept. of Education
Robin Sizemore

Goodwill Industries of Kanawha
Valley Inc.
Kathy McKinley
WV Cashin' Recyclables, Inc.
Gary Walker

WV Solid Waste
Management Board
Mark Holstine
Carol Throckmorton
Nicole Hunter
Paul Hayes
Putnam Co. SWA
Charity Fellure

WV Dept. of
Environmental
Protection
Thomas Aluise
Kim Smith
Sandy Rogers
Annette Hoskins
Lisa Facemyer

Lincoln County SWA
Taylor County SWA
Jackson County SWA
Harrison County SWA
Harold's Refuse Removal