

## Recycling Returns to Hancock County

The Hancock County Solid Waste Authority resumed its recycling drop-off program in November of 2008. The objective of the program is to provide county residents and businesses the opportunity to recycle close to home.

Tomlinson Run State Park was the original site for the drop-off. Over the months the program grew and has since been relocated to the New Cumberland Volunteer Fire Department on WV State Rt. 2. The site is manned and open every Saturday from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

Collection of the following materials provides residents with a robust recycling program right in their own backyard.

- Aluminum, steel and bi-metal food and beverage cans
- No. 1 (PET) clear containers for soft drinks and bottled water.
- No. 2 (HDPE) colored or translucent containers for milk, juice, and household chemicals.
- No. 3 (V) plastic tubing, insulation, siding and PVC pipe.
- No. 4 (LDPE) plastic film, dry cleaning bags, bread bags and plastic bags.
- No. 5 (PP) catsup bottles, yogurt containers, margarine tubs, medicine bottles.
- No. 6 (PS) protective packaging, food containers.
- No. 7 (Other) combination of resins.
- The following paper products - newspaper, magazines, catalogs, shredded paper, office paper, copy paper, coated paper, file folders, envelopes, greeting cards, mail inserts, telephone books, paperback books, and hard back books with covers removed.
- Corrugated cardboard (folded).



**Members of Boy Scout Troop 37 and 138 lend a hand with electronics recycling at the Hancock County clean up. The authority, in conjunction with the county commission and a committed group of volunteers, have conducted two clean ups a year since 1991.**

## Mountaineers and MGSWA Recycle



Since 2006 volunteers wearing gold T-shirts shouting MOUNTAINEERS RECYCLE have been scouring pre and post game parking areas at WVU games encouraging tailgaters to recycle and returning later to remove their bounty.

Mountaineers Recycle is a collaborative effort between WVU Facilities Management, WVU WE-CAN, WVU Center for Civic Engagement, WVU intercollegiate Athletics, and the Monongalia County SWA.

Since its inception Mountaineer fans have recycled 35 tons of cans, plastic bottles and cardboard. This equates to: 300,000 plastic bottles and 303,000 aluminum cans or removing 23 cars from the roads. This amount of recycling saves enough water to fill 30 backyard swimming pools and saves 97 tons of CO2 from being released into the atmosphere.

Volunteers from WVU student groups, WVU staff & employees, and community members gather more than 4 hours before the game to hand out gold recycling bags to any tailgater wishing to participate. Tailgaters are asked to put aluminum cans & plastic bottles ONLY in the recycling bags. All glass and any other trash is to be put in trash bags.

One modification made to the program last year and continuing this year is the addition of "recycling kits" for season ticket holders. Each kit comes in a reusable tote bag and includes 10 recycling bags, 10 trash bags – both pre-printed with what items go in each bag, a keychain in the shape of a WV license plate that says "WE CAN", and a WE CAN bracelet.

The tote bags have instructions printed on the outside for the tailgater to follow. Use of the kits has increased collection and compliance in the program.

Next time you find yourself in Morgantown cheering on the Mountaineers, look for those gold shirts and do the right thing – be a Mountaineer that Recycles.

**To find out more about recycling in your area, contact your local Solid Waste Authority**

## The GREAT PAPER CHASE

By Sandy McClure, North Central West Virginia Recycling Cooperative, Inc.

The **GREAT PAPER CHASE** began in 1995 as the brain-child of Taylor County recycler, Lee Fauley. It is a county-wide mixed grade office paper recovery program in Taylor County. The processed paper serves as feedstock for St. Felician Kraft, Inc. - a dry-pulp deinking mill located in Fairmont, West Virginia. Fauley enlisted the aid of the North Central West Virginia Recycling Cooperative, Inc. to develop a grant application and program for the venture. The grant program sought to achieve three objectives:

- Aiding youth oriented programs in Taylor County.
- Recycling to save energy and natural resources,
- Meet waste reduction goals set forth in the West Virginia Code,

A board of directors was organized by Fauley and the North Central WV Recycling Cooperative, Inc. to review grant applications and to make grant awards. Members were chosen from both the public and the private sector. Members include: Taylor County Development office, Region VI Planning and Development, Board of Education, Taylor County Solid Waste Authority, WVU Extension Service, North Central WV Recycling Cooperative, Inc. and the Taylor County Recycling Coordinator and from the private sector, a representative from Pratt Whitney. Also serving on the board of directors is the program's founder Lee Fauley. Two other contributors have seats on the board of directors - Rich Rager from RRHAMCO and a representative from Waste Management of West Virginia.

When the program began Fauley contributed \$0.025 per pound or \$50/ton for every ton of office paper processed at his facility. Originally only mixed grade office paper was processed from Taylor County collections. Today we have two additional equal contributors-Taylor County scrap dealer Rich Rager and Waste Management of West Virginia. Each ton of mixed grade office paper processed by Fauley's facility is worth \$150 to the **GREAT PAPER CHASE**. Paper is processed from not only Taylor County collections, but from surrounding counties as well. Several large businesses in Harrison County became aware of the program and wanted to contribute their office paper to the project. In the past ten years nearly five hundred tons of mixed grade office paper has been processed by Fauley. This has amounted to 153 grants totaling \$58,328!

Grants have been awarded to several school projects, summer reading programs, scouts, 4-H groups, athletic teams-boys and girls as well as school groups and groups not part of the school system, Humane Society/Kindness to animals programs, self-enrichment programs, leap pads, track programs, public libraries, FFA programs, money to purchase instruments for the high school band, and money for band music. The **GREAT PAPER CHASE** has set the goal of helping kids in Taylor County! The far reaching goals of grants has assisted a wide array of young people-maintaining interest in the program and leading to the increase in the volume of paper recycled in Taylor County.

The **GREAT PAPER CHASE** is a "win-win" on-going program for all of Taylor County. The county is working diligently toward meeting their recycling goal, participation rates remains high because money comes back into the community and the youth of the county benefit for all their efforts. The general population realizes that the amount of money available for grants is in direct proportion to the amount of paper collected and processed.

## I-81 Southbound Welcome Center Goes Green

The I-81 Southbound Welcome Center and the Berkeley County Solid Waste Authority has implemented two recycling opportunities in the vending area of the Welcome Center. Recently, the Berkeley County SWA purchased ten portable recycling containers for use at the Welcome Center and other county recycling facilities. These recycling containers were funded, in part, by a WV- Division of Environmental Protection REAP Litter Control Grant.

The containers will allow the I-81 Southbound Welcome Center to accept aluminum cans and plastic bottles #1 and #2 for marketing at the Grapevine Road Recycling Center and other recycling facilities. The containers have a "Thanks for Pitching In" theme in an effort to promote litter reduction in West Virginia.

