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**Wetzel County Coalition
 Against Drug Abuse**

The Future of Wetzel County is up to YOU


The Wetzel County Coalition Against Drug Abuse is a diverse group committed to a better Wetzel County. We have been in existence for several years and we have had some great successes. Among our achievements involved several successful Rx Drug Take back days sponsored by the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration. Over the past 2 years we have received unwanted medications that could otherwise be sitting readily available for children, teens, and drug abusers. In addition, we are working with Magnolia HS in support of their Drug Free Clubs of America program. Magnolia now has approx. 130 student members who have pledged not to take illegal drugs. We hope to find ways to spread this very effective program to other schools in the county. We also have a Youth Advisory Council that engages in special events and programs in the community to help promote a safer, drug-free environment. We have other programs that are being implemented, as well as some that are in need of community participation. **We cannot do this alone, we need your help!**

If you have any questions regarding the Coalition or the meeting, please contact Brandi Murray, Wetzel County Substance Abuse Prevention Program Coordinator at (304)-455-2468.

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**MILITARY SCHOOL MUST SALUTE
 PRO-LIFE FREE SPEECH**

SARASOTA, FL -- After Liberty Counsel sent a demand letter, Sarasota Military Academy (SMA), a public charter school, responded with assurances that it will require teachers to respect the First Amendment right of pro-life citizens to speak on public sidewalks on behalf of abstinence and the rights of the unborn. However, a follow-up letter was necessary to again correct the record of false allegations by SMA staff about Liberty Counsel's clients.

Liberty Counsel represents Bill Calvin and others with the Center for Bio-Ethical Reform in Sarasota who engage members of the public, including high school students, on public sidewalks within Sarasota's legal "public forum," as is their right, regarding the Christian faith, abstinence, and the humanity of pre-born children. They do so via outreach efforts, including personal conversations, literature distribution, and the display of signs on public sidewalks as part of the Center's Abortion Awareness Project. Liberty Counsel's clients' goal is to display the humanity of preborn children, and reach current and future voters as they believe that preborn children

should receive the full protection of the law, because they are human beings made in the image of God. Since school resumed in August, there have been at least three instances of SMA employees violating Liberty Counsel's clients' protected speech rights. Sarasota Military Academy staff, in uniform, have been confiscating literature from students, and instructing them not to talk to Mr. Calvin and the others, all while SMA staff are on school time and acting in their official capacity. Contrary to the false claims of SMA staff, Calvin and others do not "yell" at or "harass" students. Rather, they engage in personal dialogue and the free exchange of ideas, and conduct themselves appropriately. A key reason they are trying to reach high school students with the truth about abortion and abstinence is that two-thirds of such students report they are not currently sexually active, as defined by the CDC's 2015 National Youth Health Risk Behavior Survey. Each interaction by our clients with willing passersby begins with an offer of literature accompanied by a phrase like "Can I give you this?" or "Would you like this?" Our clients stand still on the sidewalk, and offer literature and a chance to talk. They

do not pursue or force interaction with a person who declines the offer. Staff and students at other Sarasota schools have approached our clients and quietly thanked them for being there.

"Employees of public schools, including public charter schools like this military academy, are obligated to perform their official duties on school property, and not interfere with the First Amendment rights of others," said Mat Staver, Founder and Chairman of Liberty Counsel. "The actions of Sarasota Military Academy employees here have violated not only our client's First Amendment rights, but also the rights of public school students. Students have the right to hear and receive information, without having literature confiscated by the government. Teachers have free speech rights while they are not working, but when they are, they may not attempt to shut down the speech of others with whom they personally disagree. We are pleased SMA has chosen the wiser course of action in confirming it will respect First Amendment rights," said Staver.

**MANCHIN AND CAPITO
 ANNOUNCE MORE THAN
 \$9.2 MILLION FOR RURAL
 DEVELOPMENT IN WEST VIRGINIA**

Washington, D.C. -- Today U.S. Senators Joe Manchin (D-WV) and Shelley Moore Capito (R-WV) announced \$9,295,505 - \$591,505 in grant funding and \$8,704,000 in approved loans - from the United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development program for rural development projects in four West Virginia communities.

"Rural development projects provide economic opportunities that are felt across very corner of West Virginia," said Senator Manchin. "This funding will be used to purchase a new police vehicle in Lewis County, construct a new water treatment plant in McMechen, conduct a feasibility study in Mingo County and improve the water and waste disposal system in Wyoming County."

"Access to quality public services and economic opportunity are essential for West Virginia's rural communities to thrive. This funding will assist local leaders in their efforts to grow our economy, and improve the quality of life for West Virginians. I will continue to advocate for programs like these that invest in our state's future," said Senator Capito.

Individual awards listed below:
 \$6,650,000 to the City of McMechen - Rural Development funds will be used to construct a new water treatment plant, rehabilitate and install security for the ground wells, complete potable water line replacements, and rehabilitate two water storage tanks. The City of McMechen owns and operates a Class I ground water only public water system in Marshall County, West Virginia. It is located adjacent to the Ohio River, south of Wheeling, WV off WV Route 2. The source of raw water is pumped from four ground wells. The system consists of a water treatment plan, two steel finished potable water storage tanks, and a distribution system with a total of 0.6 M gallon storage capacity. The distribution system consists of approximately 5.79 miles of water main ranging from 4" to 12" diameter steel pipe. The City serves approximately 956 residential and commercial customers and 1 resale user.
 \$4,900 to the Lewis County Commission - Rural Development funds will be used to purchase a new AWD Ford Police Interceptor sedan through the WV State bid procurement process, with the installation of all necessary emergency response police equipment.
 \$50,605 to the Mingo County Redevelopment Authority - Rural Development funds will be used to conduct a study of the feasibility of a Wood Products Industrial Park to be located in Mingo County West Virginia. The study will investigate opportunities in marketing value added and end-use manufacture of wood products of the West Virginia timber industry.
 \$2,590,000 to the Center Public Service District - Rural Development funds will be used to replace approximately 1,250' of 15" pipe, 4,812' of 12" pipe, and 38 existing manholes in the Sycamore Avenue and Rock Castle Creek areas. The project will consist of installing a rotary fan press, modifying the existing screen mechanism, and installing a new NPW system. These improvements will significantly decrease I&I, customer complaints, and environmental concerns. No customers will be added with this project.

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