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## **FAYETTE COUNTY CELEBRATES EARTH WEEK, KICKS RECYCLING INTO HIGH GEAR**

**Uniontown, PA** – Preserving the earth and being environmentally responsible are important all year long, but Fayette County is kicking its recycling efforts into high gear this month in observance of Earth Week, April 18-24, and Earth Day, April 22.

Fayette County Recycling Coordinator Sheila Shea and her hardworking staff of two got started several days before Earth Week began, participating in a Spring Hard-to-Recycle Day in Stewart Township. Both Stewart and neighboring Springfield Township took part in the effort to Keep Fayette County Green, along with Ohio State Park. She reported the event brought in “104 tires, 22 appliances, 20 televisions, 40 other electronics, and 86 tons of trash.”

Shea also assisted at a Smock Clean-Up Day spearheaded by 10-year-old Luke Hamaker. The cleanup yielded 215 tires and 30 bags of trash, Shea said.

On Earth Day, Keep Fayette County Green will host a shredding event from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Fayette County Recycling Convenience Center, 105 Romeo Lane, Uniontown. The event is for county residents only, and there is a limit of four boxes or two 32-gallon bags per car.

“I want to do this throughout the year if I have the staff, but there’s only the three of us,” Shea said, noting the shredding event most likely will be held annually. The Uniontown Lions Club will be on hand at the shredding event as well.

“They’ll be here to educate on eyeglass and hearing aid recycling,” Shea said.

The Lions Club also will offer free vision screenings and brooms and bags for sale.

For Take Your Child to Work Day on April 24, Shea will visit the Fayette County Courthouse to educate the kids on the importance of what she does.

“We’re going to talk about Earth Day and recycling,” she said.

Kids also will receive a marigold and have a chance to make a bird feeder from household materials to take home with them. Shea said the craft shows kids about reuse, not just recycling. The program will be held at 1 p.m. in the courthouse basement.

The following day, Shea and her staff will clean up trash on Penn and Locust streets and at the intersection of Penn Street and Gallatin Avenue.

On April 26, Keep Fayette County Green will hold a Spring Cleaning Hard-to-Recycle Day from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the recycling center. Electronics, white goods, furniture, mattresses, box springs, passenger and light truck tires, and specialty recycling are among the items that will be accepted. No hazardous waste will be accepted, and small fees apply.

The county will extend its recycling efforts into next month, when Keep Fayette County Green, in conjunction with Perryopolis Borough and Perry Township, hosts another Spring Hard-to-Recycle event, this one scheduled for May 10 at the Perryopolis Ballfield, 108 Knox St. The cleanup will be held from 8 a.m. to noon, with the same list of accepted items as the April 26 event.

For more information about Keep Fayette County Green, the Fayette County Recycling Convenience Center or any Earth Week events, email [sshea@fayettepa.org](mailto:sshea@fayettepa.org). Keep up with the Fayette County Recycling Program by following “@FayetteCoRecycling” on Facebook.

To learn more about Fayette County, visit [www.fayettecountypa.org](http://www.fayettecountypa.org).

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