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A 30-foot shipping container obtained through the Federal Surplus Property Program was transformed into a library pod for a child care center in Tucker County.

Shipping Container Sees New Life as a Library Pod

In a rural part of Tucker County, a shipping container sat in a field as a research site for atmospheric deposition. When funding for this program ended, the shipping container was no longer needed. Julie Dzaack, a contractor for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, had been responsible for monitoring this site for several years and was the liaison for decommissioning and reclaiming the physical site. The shipping container itself was federal property though and Dzaack began to think of what else it could be beyond a research site.

Dzaack also served as the administrative coordinator for the Mountain Laurel Learning Cooperative (MLLC) child care center, and in that role, she could see new life for the shipping container. The Montessori based facility serves 50-60 kids but has limited space. Bringing the shipping container onsite could serve as additional space for the center to use. Dzaack brought the idea to the attention of MLLC staff and directors to see if the item could be of use and research how they could even obtain the shipping

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Water Buffalo Tanks Offer Fresh Water Solution in Case of Emergency

With 1,040 square miles of land, Randolph County is the largest county by area in West Virginia. Serving a population of more than 29,400 can create some unique challenges across such a large area. Thanks to three newly acquired water tanks, preparations for disaster response in that area have gotten much easier.

“Over the last few years, Randolph County has experienced water supply problems due to spring flooding and water line breaks,” explained Randolph County Commissioner Cris Siler. “We were lucky to have borrowed a water buffalo tank from neighboring counties during these incidents but knew it was important to have our own source of providing water to our communities during times of need.”

When Siler set out to obtain a water buffalo tank for his county, he was encouraged to contact WV Surplus, which had recently obtained one for its

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Happy New Year from the WV Surplus Staff!

With the end of 2022, WV Surplus is preparing to start the new year after some big changes.

On Oct. 24, 2022, WV Surplus launched its redesigned website. In the third quarter issue of *The Property Connection*, we previewed many of its new features including the mobile responsive version and reference pages for the different programs WV Surplus manages. The WV Surplus contact form has also proven to be of use to customers. As we move into the new year, WV Surplus is exploring additional ways to improve its digital services to customers.

In December, WV Surplus experienced another change with Elizabeth Cooper's departure. Cooper has worked for the State of West Virginia for more than 20 years, spending 12 of those as the WV Surplus manager. Cooper played a large part in the development of the surplus property program for the state and served on the national level. We would like to thank her for her many years of service and wish her the best in her newest position with the state's Consolidated Public Retirement Board.

In addition to looking back at this year, the Purchasing Division, under which the WV Surplus pro-

gram is administered, published its annual report looking back on the fiscal year for 2022. This report is published to provide statistical information to the general public and share its accomplishments. Within the Fiscal Year 2022 Annual Report, WV Surplus was recognized for the following accomplishments:

- Sold 348 vehicles;
- Sold approximately 380 items available through our online auction site GovDeals;
- Hosted two webinars for veterans who own small businesses in coordination with the West Virginia Small Business Administration;
- Sold one of the state's planes through an online auction;
- Saw the first West Virginia veteran receive a federal asset through the Veterans Small Business Enhancement Act which is overseen by each state's individual surplus programs;
- Received positive feedback from the General Services Administration (GSA) Personal Property Management team's audit of WV Surplus; and
- Conducted our annual fixed assets training program virtually.

A copy of the Purchasing Divi-

A MESSAGE FROM WV SURPLUS



sion's Annual Report is available online at www.state.wv.us/admin/purchase/Annualreport/Annual22.pdf.

While we are halfway through Fiscal Year 2023, the start of a calendar year is still very important for WV Surplus. In the coming months, we will be announcing our 2023 schedule of events, including webinars for eligible organizations, more veteran outreach, and our annual Customer Appreciation Day reception.

Is there a special event or way we can be of service in 2023? Let us know! Whether it is handling unique inventory or making ourselves available to answer questions, WV Surplus is always here to help our loyal customers. We hope to see you soon.

Annual Holiday Gift Guide Presented on Facebook Page

During December, WV Surplus presented its seventh annual Holiday Gift Guide on its Facebook page. Throughout the month, WV Surplus shared a number of unique items from the warehouse that were available.

Items featured in the 2022 Holiday Gift Guide include a Windows Surface tablet (\$120), laptop bags (\$10), bar stools (\$25), a toaster oven (\$10), wooden media cabinet (\$150), and chairs and loveseats (\$50-75). All of these items were offered at a considerable discount when compared to the retail cost of that item when purchased brand new.

The annual Holiday Gift Guide has become an im-

portant tradition for WV Surplus and often reaches many individuals who have not heard of WV Surplus prior to this campaign. Throughout the month of December, posts from WV Surplus reached more than 3,800 individuals. The most popular post made during this time was for chairs and loveseats, which received many Facebook comments and inquiries. During this time, WV Surplus customers also had the opportunity to hear radio ads regarding the offerings at the state warehouse in Dunbar.

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WV Surplus' Employee Pettry Transitions to New Role

As a WV Surplus employee for more than five years, Wendy Pettry is stepping into a new role at WV Surplus. Pettry will now oversee the online auctions on GovDeals and inventory management for WV Surplus. Pettry will also serve as the fixed asset coordinator for that program. Pettry assumes these duties following the retirement of long-time WV Surplus employee Sherry Fewell.

Petry's new duties includes approving/rejecting disposition methods for state assets; monitoring the receipts of sales revenue; the annual collection of fixed asset certifications; listing assets to GovDeals, approving or declining winning bids on GovDeals; en-

suring GovDeal winners receive the correct asset; and completing all paperwork associated with GovDeal auctions.

"I'm very grateful for the opportunity to learn and grow within WV Surplus," said Pettry. "I work with great employees who are not just employees but more like family. I enjoy all the customers who come to visit us each and every day. I'm looking forward to expanding my knowledge and ensuring my department that I will give my new duties 110%."

Congratulations to Pettry on her new position.



Wendy Pettry

WATER BUFFALO TANKS

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federal warehouse. After speaking with WV Surplus, Siler was able to put in a request for two additional water tanks. Due to the geographical size of the county, the additional tanks ensure that they can be placed around the county for faster delivery.

All three water buffalo tanks were obtained through the federal surplus property program. Assets listed online through this program are often available for purchase at a cost significantly lower than buying new. Siler estimates that Randolph County was able to obtain three used water buffalo tanks for the price of a single new item.

"Acquiring these items through WV Surplus is just good money sense," said Siler.

While Randolph County is not seeking any immediate property, the commissioner plans to continue monitoring for what federal property is available online and will be contacting WV Surplus when trying to fulfill future needs.

WV Surplus has the authority to administer the transfer of donated federal surplus property through the U.S. General Services Administration. While this service is available to all eligible organizations, a current *Application for Eligibility* must be on file with WV Surplus. The application can be found online at [www.](http://www.state.wv.us/admin/purchase/surplus/forms/SurplusApp107A.pdf)

[state.wv.us/admin/purchase/surplus/forms/SurplusApp107A.pdf](http://www.state.wv.us/admin/purchase/surplus/forms/SurplusApp107A.pdf). Registered organizations may obtain a unique user ID and password from WV Surplus to screen property at GSAXcess.gov.

Federal property available for donation includes construction equipment, fire trucks, industrial machinery, medical equipment, trailers, tools, and much more. Please note that the entity that receives property will be required to follow service use requirements.

To learn more about the federal property program, visit WVSurplus.gov or call 304-766-2626.



Three trailer mounted water buffalo tanks were acquired by Randolph County through the Federal Surplus Property Program. These items were transported from outside states to the WV Surplus warehouse in Dunbar before being transported to Randolph County.

SHIPPING CONTAINER

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container.

Because it was federal property, the shipping container could only be acquired through the Federal Surplus Property Program which led Dzaack to contacting WV Surplus.

“After we decided to take the plunge, [former WV Surplus Manager] Elizabeth Cooper helped me through the application process to determine if we were, in fact, eligible to request it,” explained Dzaack. “At that point, we were up against a tight deadline. Elizabeth patiently answered our questions, including ‘What if we can’t figure out a way to actually get it moved and placed on our site?’ We could not have navigated the process without the help of Elizabeth and Doug Elkins, who stepped in after our application was complete.”

In addition to submitting a request with WV Surplus to get the federal property allocated,

MLLC had many logistical challenges. This included determining where the storage container would sit on their property, preparing the site, running electricity to the location, and finding an affordable way to move the container.

“Tucker County is rather rural but very community-minded, and a 30’ shipping container that has been sitting in one location for over 15 years doesn’t move easily!” said Dzaack. “Sunrise Sanitation, our local solid waste and recycling business, agreed to take a look and determined that they could make it happen. The overall project was not an easy job for them, nor a quick process for us. Working with WV Surplus, however, ran like clockwork!”

The transported shipping container now serves as a library pod for the children at MLLC. With reading space and plenty of books, it provides that additional space the facility needed.

“We would absolutely recommend WV Surplus,” said Dzaack. “This was perhaps a one time opportunity and we are grateful that it landed in our laps. We would not have started with the idea of getting a shipping container to meet our space needs! But when we realized that it was a viable and cost effective option through surplus property, it made great sense! We now peruse the surplus inventory and keep it in mind as we have specific needs at the Learning Center.”

To learn more about the federal property program, visit <https://administration.wv.gov/surplus/program/FederalPrograms>. Additional information on programs offered by WV Surplus is available at WVSurplus.gov.



After 15 years in a field within Canaan Valley as a research site (Photo 1), a shipping container has found new life as a new source of education. The Mountain Laurel Learning Cooperative (MLLC) secured the donation of this federal property through WV Surplus and coordinated with a local business for the transportation of the 30 foot shipping container to its new home in Thomas, WV (Photo 2). The staff at MLLC were able to turn the shipping container into a library pod for its child care center (Photo 3).

We Want to Hear From You! Click to Contact WV Surplus!

GIFT GUIDE

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To see all items posted as part of the 2022 Holiday Gift Guide, visit the WV Surplus Facebook page at www.facebook.com/WVSurplus.

While the holidays may be over, the Facebook page is a great way to keep up with unique inventory and special deals at WV Surplus. "Like" our page to stay up-to-date with our current events and sale offerings. More information is also available at WVSurplus.gov.



**WV Surplus Property's 2022
Holiday Gift Guide**

Chairs and Loveseats
WV Surplus Price: \$50-75.00



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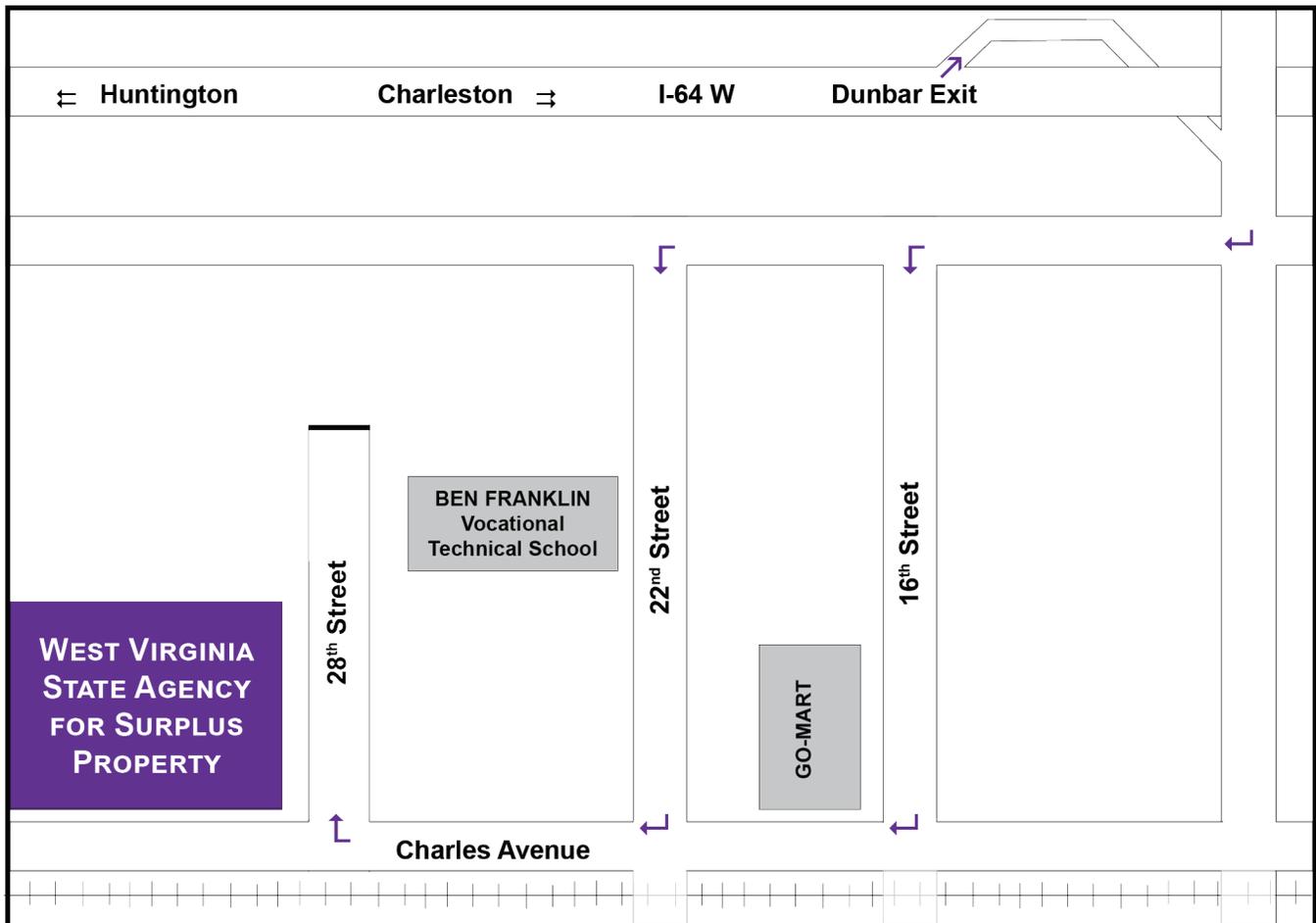
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