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NASA Rocket Stays in Southern West Virginia Thanks to WV Surplus

For many years, a rocket has stood on display in southern West Virginia. While the rocket was originally on loan from NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center, its future became unknown when NASA decided to remove the rocket from its inventory.

"For legal reasons, the rocket had to be made available to other federal agencies first, but we felt confident it would be allocated to us once it was available," said Doug Elkins, federal property manager for WV Surplus. "The people at NASA and GSAXcess (which handles the donation of federal property) wanted to keep the rocket where it was for the people of that community."

Elkins was able to register the McDowell County Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB) as an eligible organization and ensure the request was made for the federal property to be allocated to the CVB. Now that the rocket

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Screening for Federal Property Changes Going into Effect July 24

Those who work with eligible organizations that are registered with WV Surplus may be familiar with GSAXcess.gov, the website that allows users to search for and view available federal property. However, beginning July 24, 2023, a new website will be available from the GSA's Office of Personal Property Management. Following the retirement of GSAXcess, the new system for screening federal property, Personal Property Management System (PPMS), will combine several GSA applications to provide a more modern and user-friendly experience.

Usernames and passwords for the new system will remain the same as before and may still be requested through WV Surplus for new users. Additionally, WV Surplus will continue to handle requests for federal property.

To learn more about the PPMS website, training will be available in the coming months. An FAQ guide was published by GSA and can be viewed online at https://gsaxcess.gov/html/UserGuides/PPMS_FAQ.PDF. All questions regarding federal property can be sent to Doug.J.Elkins@wv.gov.



Educational Opportunities of Processes and Procedures Allows Focus on Human Element

Since I became the manager here at WV Surplus, I continue to be amazed by my staff. During the last few months, we have received a large amount of furniture from our state parks as they are renovating, as well as the WV Parkways project at the Bluestone Travel Plaza. From loading and unloading, placing it on the warehouse floor, selling to customers...it is the WV Surplus circle of life.

We have been lucky to have had two big opportunities recently to educate people about what WV Surplus has to offer. The first event was our webinar for eligible organizations (Page 4). Doug Elkins, who oversees federal property, and Matt Harper, the WV Surplus warehouse supervisor, are so knowledgeable about the programs we offer and do a tremendous job of sharing that knowledge with others. Each time we offer this presentation, WV Surplus has new

participants in its state and federal surplus property programs. I love seeing these programs continue to grow. It is a great feeling to see someone from a nonprofit visit our warehouse and receive the items they need to continue providing services to our state.

Our other big opportunity came with our annual Customer Appreciation Day. As you can see from the photos on Page 3, it was a busy day and many people joined us at our evening reception to take advantage of the day's extended hours. We had many first-time visitors during the event, which is always great. I was lucky enough to get to chat with many of our visitors during our reception and thank them for their support of WV Surplus. And as you can see from the article below, some customers really took advantage of the extra hours.

While it is rewarding to edu-

THE MANAGER'S PERSPECTIVE

GREG CLAY



cate people during these events about how WV Surplus receives items and how those items are made available to the public and eligible organizations, these events also provide us with the opportunity to showcase the human element of what we do. As a government agency, it can sometimes be hard to see past the paperwork and procedures, but it's the people who make the magic happen. From the staff here at WV Surplus to the visitors stopping by the warehouse, that is the real magic of our little circle of life.

Saving Big on Home Furnishings with WV Surplus

From appliances to furniture, WV Surplus receives a wide variety of items that can help customers save money. During our recent Customer Appreciation Day, one couple took advantage of the extended hours and discounts to furnish their new apartment. They planned ahead and brought a trailer to transport all of their items. WV Surplus is pleased that its warehouse items will find new life at the couple's college apartment.



Purchased Items:

2 Bookcases	4 Dining chairs
2 Desk chairs	2 Desks
1 Table	

Total: \$149.80

Annual Customer Appreciation Day a Success for WV Surplus

Each June, the West Virginia State Agency for Surplus Property (WV Surplus) hosts its annual Customer Appreciation Day event. This event, which includes a special after-hours reception, allows WV Surplus staff to celebrate their customers with light refreshments and extended shopping hours.

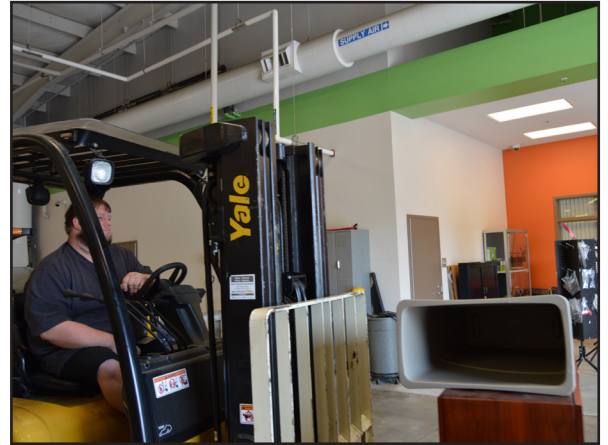
“WV Surplus is a great resource to West Virginia residents and our eligible organizations,” said WV Surplus Manager Greg Clay. “The reception really gives us a chance to say ‘thank you’ to our loyal customers and welcome new ones.”

This year’s reception was on June 13, 2023. Those who attended shopped for items such as furniture, electronics, and vehicles.

“This is my first year as the manager at WV Surplus and my first Customer Appreciation Day. I was so pleased to see so many people stop by during the reception,” added Clay.

State employees, except for Purchasing Division employees, may acquire property from the WV Surplus for personal use as long as they purchase as a member of the public.

To learn more, visit WVSurplus.gov or call 304-766-2626. WV Surplus also maintains a Facebook page at www.facebook/WVSurplus.





New Employee Joins Staff at WV Surplus

Recent visitors to WV Surplus may have been greeted by a new face. In April, WV Surplus welcomed Kaitlyn Jarvis as its office assistant and front desk receptionist.

In Jarvis' role as an office assistant, she will greet customers visiting the WV Surplus warehouse in Dunbar, sort mail, and manage listings on the GovDeals auction site. A graduate of South Charleston High School, Jarvis previously worked at the customer service desk for Kroger. She enjoys spending her free time with family.

"I am so thankful for this opportunity with the state and I can't wait to see what the future holds for me," said Jarvis.

Welcome Kaitlyn to WV Surplus!

WV Surplus Outreach to Eligible Organizations Continues to Reach New Individuals Across West Virginia

On May 16, 2023, WV Surplus hosted a webinar that provided information on the state and federal surplus property programs to eligible organizations, including public agencies and nonprofit organizations. The webinar was attended by 44 individuals from more than 39 organizations, including Fairmont State University, Barboursville Volunteer Fire Department, Eastern WV Airport Authority, South Charleston Public Library, House to Home Homeless Shelter, Taylor County Senior Citizens, Webster Memorial Hospital, and the West Virginia Department of Education.

"Each time we host this presentation, WV Surplus connects with eligible organizations that are totally un-

familiar with our services," said WV Surplus Manager Greg Clay. "Eligible organizations in West Virginia provide great services to our state, and we want them to know how WV Surplus can support them in their efforts."

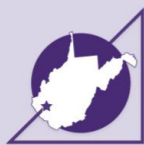
A post-event survey revealed that 80% of the respondents were "Very Unfamiliar" or "Somewhat Unfamiliar" with WV Surplus prior to attending the webinar. One attendee remarked how surprised they were to learn the program exists.

On the survey, another respondent stated that learning who to contact at WV Surplus was extremely beneficial and found "the federal property was extremely interesting."

Staff of eligible organizations who want to learn more about the surplus property program are invited to view a recording of this webinar at <https://youtu.be/YFropr6cwzU>.

Questions regarding the state and federal surplus programs should be directed to 304-766-2626 or wvsasp@wv.gov. Additional information is also available on the WV Surplus website at WVSurplus.gov.

An Orientation to State and Federal Surplus Property Programs



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A copy of WV Surplus's annual presentation to eligible organizations is available to view on demand at <https://youtu.be/YFropr6cwzU>.

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

ROCKET

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is the property of the CVB, it can continue to remain on display for visitors.

"Many of us are familiar with the story of Homer Hickam and the Rocket Boys," said Elkins. "It feels great to have helped the rocket stay in McDowell County and preserve that bit of history."

WV Surplus is pleased have assisted the McDowell CVB with this unique acquisition of federal property. Many organizations such as 501(c)3 nonprofits, state agencies, local municipalities, parks and recreation commissions, churches, volunteer fire departments, homeless shelters, and other nonprofits are also eligible to receive federal property. To register, visit <https://administration.wv.gov/surplus/forms> and select the appropriate form under "Applications for Eligibility". *Please note that qualifying for the WV Surplus eligible organization program does not guarantee eligibility for the Federal Property Program.*

Does your local government or eligible organization have a need? Contact WV Surplus at 304-766-2626 or visit our website at WVSurplus.gov to learn how WV Surplus can assist your organizations with future purchases.



West Virginia State Agency for Surplus Property

Hours: 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding state holidays

Specializing in:

- Office furniture and equipment
- Shop equipment
- Electronic equipment
- Tires, engines, and vehicle parts
- Rolling stock and heavy equipment
- Plus many more items

Information: For property information and availability, contact the Federal or State Warehouse Supervisors at 304-766-2626 or toll-free at 800-576-7587.

Terms: All organizations must pay by check or credit card. No cash transactions permitted.

The Property Connection

This online publication is made available to all eligible participants of the West Virginia State Agency for Surplus Property on a quarterly basis.

For additional information on becoming an eligible organization, please call 304.766.2626 or complete an *Application for Eligibility* at:

WVSurplus.gov

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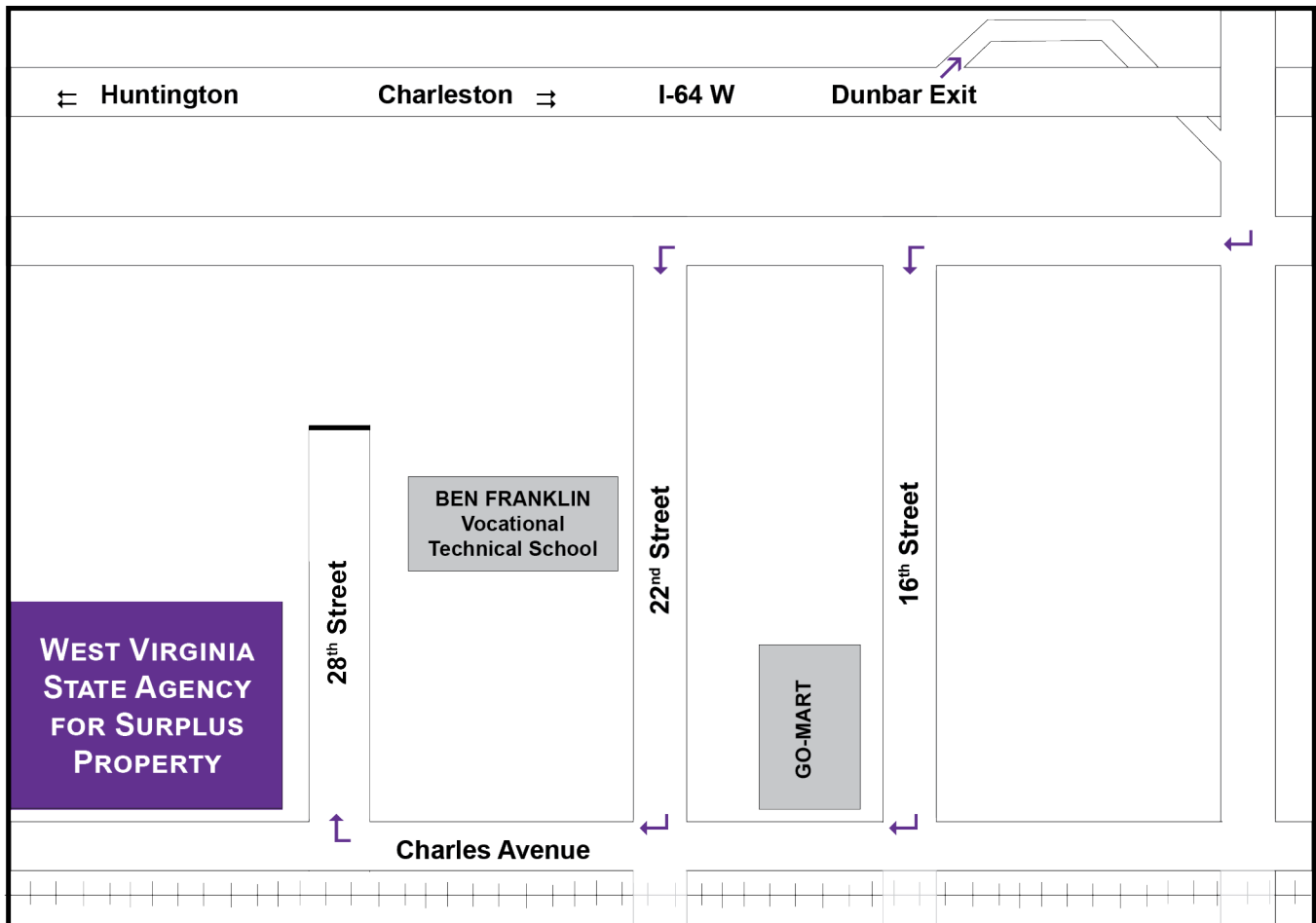
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Surplus Property Warehouse Location



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