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**Adopt-A-Highway Announces 2018 Volunteer Awards**

*Volunteer of the Year Award presented to Danny Montgomery of the Midway Getters 4-H Club*

ROANOKE, W.Va. (August 4, 2018) – The WVDEP’s Adopt-A-Highway Program, in conjunction with the Rehabilitation Environmental Action Plan (REAP), hosted the Volunteer Appreciation Picnic Saturday at Stonewall Resort.

AAH Coordinator Kim Smith presented Danny Montgomery, of Masontown, with the program’s Volunteer of the Year Award. Montgomery, who has been a member of the Midway Getters 4-H Club for 20 years, has been an integral part of the group’s cleanup efforts in his tenure -- having participated in over 60 cleanups. Montgomery also leads the group’s conservation efforts by planting and maintaining a flower bed in the center of Masontown each year and fostering and delivering 1,000 tree seedlings to students, teachers and personnel at Valley Elementary in Arthurdale.

The list of group winners is:

* **Most Active Group in One Year:** Midway Getters 4-H Club
* **Most Litter Collected in One Year:** Midway Getters 4-H Club
* **Most Litter Collected – Lifetime Achievement**: Midway Getters 4-H Club
* **Most Active Group – Lifetime Achievement:** Cox & Cox

Smith also handed out 25 Grandfather Awards, which went to AAH members with 20 or more years of service. Only those registered for the event received an award.

The AAH Program currently has over 4,500 active members, with as many as 4,200 participating in the AAH’s Spring Cleanup event.

“Our goal is to thank the public for all the hard work they do,” said Smith. “They save the state over $1 million each year with their volunteer efforts.”

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