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## Apprenticeship Readiness Week Held in Parkersburg

Throughout the last week in June, the Parkersburg-Marietta Building and Construction Trades Council, in partnership with the City of Parkersburg and the Mid-Ohio Valley Workforce Development board, held the first annual Apprenticeship Readiness Week in Wood County.

During the week-long event, Mid-Ohio Valley high school students participated in a camp that gave them the opportunity to get hands-on experience and training with different trades such as welding, crane work, drone work, poly pipe fusion and more.

More than 50 local students visited training centers from WV Building and Construction Trades-affiliated construction craft apprenticeship programs and even had the opportunity to declare which craft program they were going to apply for at the end of the week.

“Well, if you do some hands-on activities with them to not only look at their interests but their attitude

and ability to do certain jobs that sparks those interests, and that interest becomes a fire. They become hun-

gry and want to do that and make a career out of it,” said Bill Monterosso. Buddy Malone, Business Manager

for the Parkersburg-Marietta Building and Construction Trades also **Cont. on p. 3>>**



*Justin Williams, Director of the WV Affiliated Construction Trades (ACT WV), speaks at the Apprenticeship Readiness Week luncheon in Parkersburg, West Virginia on June 28.*

## Construction Underway at Utility-Scale Solar Project in Marion County, WV

Earlier this year, First Energy subsidiaries Mon Power and Potomac Edison began construction on their second utility-grade solar site in West Virginia, located at the Rivesville solar site in Marion County.

The Rivesville property is approximately 27 acres of brownfield site, sit-

uated along Morgan Ridge Road. The property has been unused since the Rivesville Power Station was closed more than a decade ago in 2012.

Once installed, the solar panels at Rivesville solar will produce up to 5.5 megawatts (MW) of renewable power.

The Rivesville solar site is the second of the companies' five planned solar sites in West Virginia.

The companies' first solar site, which sits on 80 acres at the Fort Martin Power Station, was connected to the distribution grid in January 2024 and can produce up to 18.9

MW of solar energy per hour.

Ultimately, the companies' five sites are expected to collectively generate 50 megawatts of renewable energy.

Construction of the Rivesville site and a third site in Berkeley County **Cont. on p. 4>>**

# Trades Sign MOU for Repowering Project at Mount Storm Wind Farm in Grant County

Earlier this year, the West Virginia Building and Construction Trades signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Clearway West Virginia for the renovation and repowering of Mount Storm Wind Farm in Grant County, West Virginia.

Currently, the Mount Storm Wind Farm has 132 turbines.

However, the repowering of Mount Storm will reduce the total number to 78 state-of-the-art turbines and generate enough electricity to power over 138,000 homes every year.

In June, Clearway applied with the West Virginia Public Service Commission for a waiver of the siting certificate related to the modifications being done during the repowering project.

The deadline for comments is November 11th of this year.

Clearway is repowering the Mount Storm Wind Farm to add decades to the site's operations and continue investing millions of dollars in Grant County.

The Mount Storm repower upgrades the existing infrastructure with state-of-the-art technology, allowing the wind farm to generate more reliable local power with fewer turbines.

As with most technologies, wind farms benefit from refurbishment as newer, more efficient equipment becomes available.

A full repowering of the Mount Storm Wind Farm means that the current turbines will be completely recycled, resold, and reused with fewer turbines and more efficient, re-

liable, state-of-the-art technology.

Deploying modern turbine technology will extend the life of the project by 35 years.

Clearway also owns two other wind farms in West Virginia, including the brand-new Black Rock Wind Farm (located in Grant and Mineral Counties) as well as Pinnacle Wind Farm (located in Mineral County), which completed its repowering and renovations earlier this year.

"We are very excited to continue our work and partnership with the

good folks at Clearway to repower Mount Storm Wind Farm," said Chuck Parker, President of the West Virginia Building and Construction Trades Council.

"Together, we have completed the work at both Black Rock and Pinnacle Wind Farms, and I know we will see the same success on this project at Mount Storm."

If all regulatory hurdles are cleared with the WV PSC, the Mount Storm repower is expected to be complete by the end of 2027. ■

**"We are very excited to continue our work and partnership with the good folks at Clearway to repower Mount Storm Wind Farm"**

**Chuck Parker**

*President*

*West Virginia Building and Construction Trades Council*

## Trades Attend Nuclear Energy Workshop



Justin Williams, Director of the WV Affiliated Construction Trades (ACT) speaks at the Atoms for Appalachia Workshop earlier this month.

The Atoms for Appalachia Workshop presented an opportunity to support West Virginia in exploring advanced nuclear energy technologies and to amplify state and regional voices to strengthen existing nuclear energy initiatives.

Additionally, the event laid the groundwork for future collaboration throughout Appalachia.

"We're here to explore ways we can partner together to ensure we are ready to build a nuclear facility when and if that time comes in West Virginia," said Williams. "Also, any future project in West Virginia will need a highly skilled and drug-free workforce. We are ready to take on that task."

The panel's focus was on the opportunities of building the workforce(s) essential to a nuclear industry in West Virginia and how apprenticeships are part of that solution. As well as how early engagement would be beneficial to any project's success.

**I SUPPORT REPOWERING MOUNT STORM WIND FARM**

To continue Clearway's operations and investment in Grant County.

**Case Number:**  
**24-0527-E-CS-PW**

Online comments can be filed by scanning the QR code with the camera on your phone or tablet.

**Clearway**

In June of this year, Clearway applied with the WV Public Service Commission for a waiver of a siting certificate related to modifications planned during a repowering project at Mount Storm Wind Farm. Scan the QR code above to show your support for the repowering project.

# General Election: November 5

## WVBCT 2024 General Endorsements

<u>US Congress</u>		20th	Sarah Drennan (R)	56th	Kayla Young (D)	77th	Joe Statler (R)
Riley Moore (R)		23rd	Evan Worrell (R)	57th	Hollis Lewis (D)	78th	Diane Market Gaston (D)
<u>State Treasurer</u>		25th	Sean Hornbuckle (D)	58th	Walter Hall (R)	79th	Evan Hansen (D)
Larry Pack (R)		26th	Matthew Rohrbach (R)	59th	Andy Shamblin (R)	80th	John Williams (D)
<u>Attorney General</u>		27th	Michael Amos (R)	60th	Dana Ferrell (R)	81st	Anitra Hamilton (D)
John "JB" McCuskey (R)		28th	Ryan Browning (R)	67th	Cody Thompson (D)	88th	Rick Hillenbrand (R)
<b>State Senate</b>		29th	Wayne Bug Williamson (D)	68th	Chris Phillips (R)	90th	George Miller (R)
2nd	Chris Rose (R)	30th	Jeff Eldridge (R)	71st	Laura Kimble (R)	96th	Lisa White (R)
5th	Ric Griffith (D)	33rd	Jordan Bridges (R)	73rd	Bryan Smith (R)	97th	Lucia Valentine (D)
9th	Brian Helton (R)	34th	Mark Dean (R)	75th	Stephanie Tomana (D)	99th	Wayne Clark (R)
13th	Joey Garcia (D)	35th	Adam Vance (R)	76th	Rick Garcia (D)	100th	Maria Russo (D)
<b>House of Delegates</b>		40th	Roy Cooper (R)				
1st	Pat McGeehan (R)	43rd	Chris Toney (R)				
4th	Bill Flanigan (R)	44th	Carl Bill Roop (R)				
5th	Shawn Fluharty (D)	46th	Jeff Campbell (R)				
7th	Chuck Sheedy (R)	47th	Ray Canterbury (R)				
8th	David Kelly (R)	48th	Thomas Clark (R)				
9th	Trenton Barnhart (R)	49th	Stanley Adkins (R)				
12th	Vernon Criss (R)	50th	Elliott Pritt (R)				
13th	Scot Heckert (R)	51st	Marshall Clay (R)				
14th	Dave Fogglin (R)	53rd	Tristan Leavitt (R)				
15th	Erica Moore (R)	54th	Mike Pushkin (D)				
		55th	JB Akers (R)				

### Election Information

Early Voting: Wednesday, Oct. 23 – Saturday, Nov. 2

General Election Day: Tuesday, November 5

Find your Polling Location: [www.GoVoteWV.com](http://www.GoVoteWV.com)

## Apprenticeship Week

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shared his excitement around the success of the event.

"Events like these are how we meet the future generation of craftworkers where they are," said Malone. "We plan to have many more of these types of events and hope they will grow in the years to come."

At the end of the week, a luncheon was held to cap off the week's events and honor the students and West Virginia Building and Construction Trades crafts that participated in the

event.

During the luncheon, speakers included Tom Joyce, Mayor of Parkersburg; Jeff Sandy, retired WV Secretary of Homeland Security; Justin Williams, Director of ACT WV; and Bill Monterosso, Chairman of the Mid-Ohio Valley Workforce Development Board.

For more information on WV Building and Construction Trades apprenticeship programs, log on to [www.WVtrades.org](http://www.WVtrades.org). ■

### Charleston Job Corps Workforce Meeting



Members of the Charleston Building Trades Painters, Carpenters, and Pipefitters stand with Charleston Job Corps Center CCT Manager Wendy Malmberg after the Bi-Annual Community Business Council and Workforce Council Meeting.

The event is held as a way for Charleston-area employers can connect with faculty and administrators at the Charleston Job Corps Center (CJCC).

The CJCC offers a variety of pre-apprenticeship opportunities including pre-apprenticeships for: HVAC, Industrial Painting, and Carpentry. The programs give students hands-on training while receiving a wage during their time in the Job Corps.

"We value the opportunity to work with the folks at Charleston Job Corps," said Fred Chandler, Business Manager for the Charleston Building and Construction trades. "Partnerships like these help us find potential new applicants for our apprenticeship programs, which in turn strengthens the pipeline of skilled labor to our contractors in the construction industry."

For more information on the programs offered by the Charleston Jobs Corps Center, log on to [www.charleston.jobcorps.gov](http://www.charleston.jobcorps.gov).

# \$15,000 Raised Tri-State Building Trades Hold 27th Annual DAD's Day Golf Tournament Fundraiser

Last month, the Tri-State Building and Construction Trades Council held their 27th annual DAD's Day Golf Tournament to raise money for diabetes research.

Throughout the 27-year annual fundraising campaign, the Tri-State Building and Construction Trades Council has raised more than \$300,000 for the cause.

DAD's Day, short for Dollars Against Diabetes Day, has been a long running effort by the North American Building Trades Unions in the United States and Canada to support research for a cure to diabetes.

Over the years, the trades have raised more than \$75 million for the Diabetes Research Institute, located at the University of Miami.

Opened in 1994, the Diabetes Research Institute at the University of Miami was built entirely by union construction workers. Today, the In-

Golf Course in Olive Hill, Kentucky. "We thank all those who sponsored and participated in the event from both Labor and Management,"

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Members and families of the Tri-State Building and Construction Trades Council gather for lunch during the fundraiser for Dollars Against Diabetes Day (DADs Day).

## Utility-Scale Solar

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(5.7 MW), is expected to be completed by the end of 2024.

The companies also plan to seek final approval from the Public Service Commission of West Virginia to build the additional two solar sites in Davis, Tucker County (11.5 MW), and Weirton, Hancock County (8.4 MW), once customers subscribe to the energy they will produce.

The projects were made possible by a 2021 action of the legislature,

giving public utilities the opportunity and incentive to build and own utility-scale solar projects.

"We appreciate our ongoing partnership with Mon Power and Potomac Edison," said Natalie Stone, Business Manager for the North Central Building and Construction Trades Council. "We know they will be more than satisfied with the work completed by our members to build these new projects." ■

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stitute is internationally known for its state-of-the-art research and technology related to diabetes research.

"We are thrilled to have been able to raise so much money this year for the millions of Americans suffering from this disease," said John Holbrook, Business Manager for the Tri-State Building and Construction Trades Council.

The Tri-State Building Trades Council holds their golf outing event every year for DAD's Day, and this year's event was held at Hidden Cove

said Holbrook. "I also want to thank all the volunteers who helped put this event together. Everyone's time and effort truly help to make a difference for those with diabetes."

Sponsors for this year's event included: IBEW Local 575, ACT Ohio, the West Virginia Building and Construction Trades Council, Geiger Brothers Contracting, William G. Arnett PSC, W.B. Fosson & Sons Incorporated, the Ohio State Building Trades Council, Sandy's Racing and Gaming, and IBEW Local 317. ■



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