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There's still time to purchase tickets for the 4th annual "Pickin on Polluters" event on Sunday, October 10th! This event will be safely distanced outside at the Barn of Harpers Ferry. There will be a silent auction and performances from local artists including The Gypsy Ramblers, Mark Cullinane, and Caveman TV. We will also have door prizes and food for purchase from Old Fireman's BBQ, which will feature championship barbecue, veggie sides and desserts. All proceeds will benefit Jefferson County Vision and Eastern Panhandle Green Coalition. We hope to see you there!

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Longtime Jefferson County resident, Mike Glenn, first got involved with Jefferson County Vision after learning about Rockwool's air quality permit and the pollution it would bring. His main concern was about the effects of ozone on the surrounding region as he learned that Rockwool's smokestacks are permitted to emit 470 tons of volatile organic compounds (VOC) and 239 tons of nitrogen oxides each year. Dr. Glenn decided to take matters into his own hands and began researching the effects of ozone in Jefferson County. During his career, he worked as a soil scientist with the Department of Agriculture before retiring five years ago. Early on in the fight against Rockwool, he spoke at local meetings, including the Board of Education and explained his findings on the effects of ozone. He also attended an air quality symposium in Harpers Ferry where he spent time looking into satellite imagery with Jane Williams, Clean Air Chair of the Sierra Club. He looked into resources available to the public to see how much he could monitor pollution from a single site, which is difficult with the available technology.

Dr. Glenn's most pressing concerns are the effects of ozone pollution on reducing crop yields, especially soybeans, in the surrounding region as well as fine particulate matter (PM 2.5) pollution. He has stayed committed to the fight against Rockwool and other heavy industry in Jefferson County due to his concerns about how he and the surrounding community would be affected. His work has filled an important gap, single-handedly researching these effects in terms of satellite imagery. Dr. Glenn hopes that in the future, Rockwool's air quality permit will be re-opened to allow for more accurate data analysis and public comments to be presented and that ultimately, Rockwool will be required to utilize cleaner technology.

Attending local government meetings is another important way you can be active in the community. Your presence helps to hold our officials accountable

to the values and concerns of Jefferson County's citizens. "Think global, act local!"

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Please consider a gift to support our critical work if you are able to. We greatly appreciate every donation. All proceeds benefit JCV's efforts to lead legal, political, and community action to support sustainable growth, without heavy industry, and to empower our citizen's voices to ensure a clean, transparent government in Jefferson County.

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