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Public invited to to energy presentation

By C.V. Moore
Register-Herald Reporter

FAYETTEVILLE — The Fayette County Green Team invites the public to a presentation about community-owned energy Monday at 6 p.m. at the Fayetteville Presbyterian Church.

"One of the Green Team's missions is to save the town money and encourage sustainable growth by exploring alternative energy sources and educating the public about conserving energy," says Green Team member Ginger Danz of Fayetteville.

Rory McIlmoil of the environmental consulting firm Downstream Strategies will give an overview of the town of Alderson's completed community energy plan and discuss how community-owned energy contrasts with traditional ownership structures.

A Community Energy Plan (CEP) is a method of evaluating land use and community design options for the more efficient use of energy. It carries no legal authority, but functions as a voluntary planning tool with the goal of saving money and leading the community towards a sustainable future.

"Since the use of energy will be embedded in every community project, planning for energy and resource use can help communities achieve long-term sustainability," says a statement from the Green Team.

Typically, large corporations control the generation and sale of electricity, reaping the economic benefits of energy production.

Community-owned energy could mean a community solar project, for example, owned by multiple community members and businesses who finance and earn income from the project.

Fayetteville Town Council members were invited to the meeting.

The U.S. Department of Energy has published a step-by-step guide for city leaders who want to develop a strategic electricity plan, available at www.nrel.gov/applying_technologies/pdfs/community_greening.pdf.

More information is available at www.hud.gov/offices/cpd and www.eere.energy.gov.



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The Friends of Coal Ladies Auxiliary has been working tirelessly for the past few months gathering items for boxed holiday meals for families in need.



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