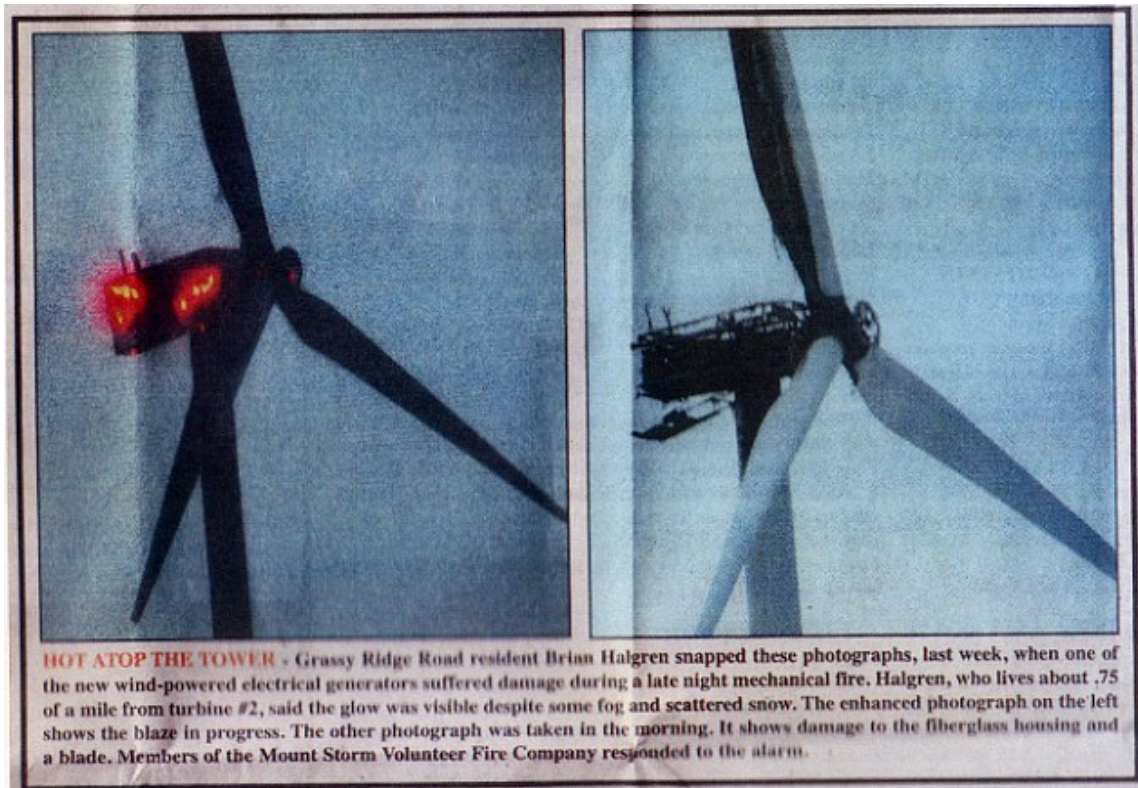


Inefficient and Unsafe



Despite continuing court challenges to West Virginia's second giant industrial 200-turbine wind project, (approved by the PSC five years ago) Nedpower began erecting new turbines at **Mt. Storm** in Grant County, WV last fall. In a recent incident a nacelle generator (twice the size of your family car) caught fire in the middle of the night sitting atop its 275' pedestal.

If you're wondering how a rural community fire department can protect its mountains from this type of fire danger, so am I and so are many residents of northern Greenbrier County.

Charleston Gazette

News of the mysterious white-nose syndrome that killed 8000 New York bats during the winter of 2007 and continues to spread south was written up today: <http://wvgazette.com/News/200804280635>. "Bat populations have declined as much as 97 percent in caves where the syndrome's presence has been confirmed. Some wildlife scientists estimate

the tally of white-nose syndrome deaths this winter could reach more than 500,000.”

We already know there are negative impacts to sensitive high elevation forested ridge tops from clearing, leveling, and road building to make way for these noisy spinning monstrosities. And, despite the hype surrounding them, we know these deadly machines are a threat to the health and property of those communities forced to live in their shadow.

Fundraiser

Please support Mountain Communities for Responsible Energy (MCRE) in their continuing battle to protect Greenbrier County’s heritage views by donating something of value to the upcoming Gone With the Wind Antiques Auction beginning at noon Saturday May 17th at 237 N. Court St. in Lewisburg.

Lewisburg commemorates its civil war history that same weekend with the major skirmish taking place on Sunday. Help keep Greenbrier County’s future as rich as its past by attending and supporting this fundraiser at the home of Florian and Margret Schleiff just two blocks up Court St. from Washington St.

Small item donations can be dropped off at The Wild Bean 119 E. Washington St., Lewisburg. For items requiring a truck pick-up contact: dave@wvmcre.org or phone Alan at 497-2261.

Thanks,

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