



*The Historic Carrollton Covered Bridge*

# The Bridge

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## **Important Dates**

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| May 9     | Board of Education Meets at BOE Office; 6:00 p.m. |
| May 12    | Annual Student Art Show at A-B College            |
| May 16-20 | WESTEST 2 Testing for Students in Grades 3-11     |
| May 21    | GED Examinations at Barbour CTEC; 8 a.m.          |
| May 23    | Board of Education Meets at BOE Office; 6:00 p.m. |
| May 23-27 | WESTEST 2 Makeup Testing Window                   |
| May 30    | Memorial Day Holiday: No School                   |
| June 1    | End of 4th Nine-Weeks and Second Semester         |
| June 2    | ISE Day                                           |
| June 3    | Preparation Day                                   |
| June 6    | CE Day                                            |
| June 7    | Parent-Teacher Day                                |
| June 13   | Board of Education Meets at BOE Office; 6:00 p.m. |
| June 25   | GED Examinations at Barbour CTEC; 8 a.m.          |
| June 27   | Board of Education Meets at BOE Office; 6:00 p.m. |

Dear Colleagues,

If the old saying “April showers bring May flowers” is true, then this month should be one of the most colorful we have had in a long time.

As you may have heard by now, the Barbour County Board of Education voted unanimously to approve Dr. Joe Super as the next Superintendent of our school system. Currently, contract negotiations are on-going and a contract signing ceremony at a Board meeting will be announced. Dr. Super is expected to begin his duties as Superintendent on July 1, 2011.

Dr. Super is currently serving as Superintendent in Pleasants County Schools. During his tenure there he has passed an excess levy and a bond to support building a new St. Mary’s High School. Previous to his tenure in Pleasants County, Dr. Super served as Director of Special Education and Assistant Superintendent in Randolph County. Welcome, Dr. Super, to Barbour County Schools!

I greatly appreciate the Board of Education and your support for me this school year as I struggled to fill the void in the position of Superintendent. All of our employees and the central office staff could not have been more supportive. I hope that this year has been a successful one for you.

I would like praise the efforts of our reading and language arts teachers, literacy coaches, and principals for the work they have done to raise student achievement. During the past few months the elementary schools and middle schools have met with our reading consultants and the feedback to us from the consultants has been very positive. From the beginning of the year benchmarks to the middle of the year benchmarks, every school has demonstrated a positive trend. All of you will probably remember that in past years we have always shown a downward trend during this same time frame. As additional evidence that the reading initiative is working, we have seen a marked decrease in the number of students moving from elementary school to middle school next year that will still need Wilson interventions. Congratulations to all of the educators that have put their heart and soul into making this initiative work. Your efforts are making a difference!

The work on the reading initiative is still not complete. We will begin work in the area of comprehension and written expression this summer. Go to the Professional Development website: <http://www.barbourcountyschoolssd.com/> to see when professional development is scheduled this summer.

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We will also begin work on two new exciting areas. The West Virginia Department of Education has mandated that all county school systems implement a Response to Intervention (RTI) model in mathematics for next school year. The county math team will begin meeting this month to start framing our model that we will begin implementing in our system next school year. Also, there was no Social Studies Textbook adoption this year. Middle and high school social studies teachers will begin work on identifying technology based resources for implementation in their classrooms for next year. This is an exciting move for these teachers as our system as the state of WV moves towards one to one computing for all students.

If you get an opportunity, please come out to the contract signing ceremony for Dr. Super to make him feel welcome.

Interim Superintendent

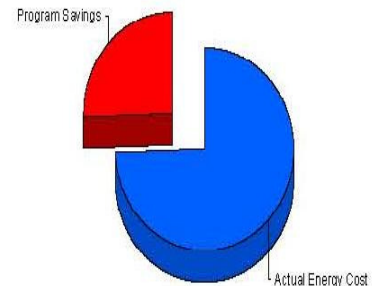
**PBHS Hosts Inaugural Career Day**



On Wednesday, April 20, Philip Barbour High School held its first Career Day, sponsored by the Community Relations Committee. Students were polled to see what types of careers they would most be interested in learning more about, and 33 of the top choices were presented to the students. Students then selected the top three fields that they wanted to pursue. All students attended three forty-minute sessions in their areas of interest. The presentations gave students a brief introduction to possible future careers. The 44 presenters (above) came from a variety of areas such as the medical field, law enforcement, architecture, coaching, EMS, journalism, business, photography, education, engineering, forestry, music, and coal mining during the event, which proved to be both rewarding and educational.

**County Energy Program Produces Significant Cost Savings**

The energy conservation program initiated in late-2006 by Barbour County Schools has resulted in a cost reduction of about 25% over the past four years or so. Data from the end of March, 2011, shows that a savings of \$838,583 has been realized over this period. This can be measured in terms of 43,377 MMBTU or 5280 metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub>, the equivalent of 948 passenger cars not driven for a year or 135,505 seedlings grown for five years. Everyone's cooperation is appreciated in making this initiative a success!



Site Code & Name	Cost Without CAP	Actual Cost	Cost Avoidance \$	Cost Avoidance %
202 - JUNIOR ELEMENTARY	\$122,965.75	\$71,071.26	\$51,894.49	42.20%
201 - BELINGTON ELEMENTARY	\$284,791.03	\$171,975.50	\$112,815.53	39.61%
303 - PHILIPPI MIDDLE	\$388,878.06	\$267,034.97	\$121,843.09	31.33%
302 - BELINGTON MIDDLE	\$297,379.65	\$207,686.36	\$89,693.29	30.16%
204 - PHILIPPI ELEMENTARY	\$416,090.59	\$296,748.51	\$119,342.08	28.68%
205 - VOLGA CENTURY ELEMENTARY	\$115,357.39	\$82,631.59	\$32,725.80	28.36%
001 - CENTRAL OFFICE	\$29,595.78	\$21,895.33	\$7,700.45	26.01%
203 - MT VERNON ELEMENTARY	\$111,480.30	\$86,160.41	\$25,319.89	22.71%
501 - PHILIP BARBOUR HS COMPLEX	\$1,230,411.12	\$990,521.06	\$239,890.06	19.49%
002 - BUS GARAGE	\$80,467.06	\$69,697.19	\$10,769.87	13.38%
101 - KASSON COMPLEX	\$209,470.89	\$182,916.82	\$26,554.07	12.67%
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>\$3,286,887.62</b>	<b>\$2,448,339.00</b>	<b>\$838,548.62</b>	<b>25.51%</b>

## — Odds 'N' Ends —

➤ **Finance Office Note:** Personnel who have elected to receive twenty (20) paychecks annually are reminded that they will have two (2) deductions taken from their June 28th checks to cover summer insurance premiums.

➤ **Cool Grant Received:** Barbour County was one of only 18 recipients to receive National School Lunch Program equipment grants in early May. Over 130 applications were submitted in West Virginia during the competitive grant process. The school system will acquire nearly \$80,000 for the purchase of a new walk-in freezer at Belington Middle School during the summer.

➤ **Interested in NBC?** Amber Frasure will be speaking about National Board Certification at the June 14 professional development session at 11:00 a.m. at Philip Barbour High School. The county is forming a cadre to support those teachers interested in obtaining this credential. For more information, visit [www.wvcpd.org](http://www.wvcpd.org) ("Take One!" National Board Certification). To be placed on the county ListServe for Take One!, please e-mail [cjreger@access.k12.wv.us](mailto:cjreger@access.k12.wv.us).

➤ **Support Our Young Artists:** Make plans to visit Daywood Gallery in Burbick Hall (New Main) on the campus of Alderson-Broadus College from May 11-13 to see the 2011 Barbour County Schools art show display. The 7 p.m. awards program on May 12 at Wilcox Chapel will honor the young artists and merit winners from all nine county schools, with refreshments to follow the ceremony.

➤ **Local Essay Winner:** Isabella McNaboe, a student at Belington Elementary School was one of 15 state winners in the recent Treasurer's Office "Smart 529" essay contest. Isabella's essay on a career in teaching earned both her and BES \$500 cash awards.

## Gold Stars for Barbour Students



**Golden Horseshoe Winners:** Three Barbour County eighth graders were among those honored at the Culture Center in Charleston on May 10 as they officially became Knights and Ladies of the Golden Horseshoe Society. Hannah Gregg and Jules Harshberger of Kasson and home-schooler, Lauren Farnsworth, were among 200 students who were recognized for their knowledge of West Virginia history and culture in the annual contest that originated in 1931.

**Social Studies Fair:** Social studies projects by three students from Belington Elementary School were selected for regional competition, with one advancing all the way to the state event at the Charleston Civic Center on April 29. Zoe Payne's geography project took top regional honors and earned honorable mention in Charleston, while Cadie Beth McNaboe's political science effort was chosen for second place and Anna Marie Ruf's U.S. history project claimed third in the regionals.

**Young Writers Honored:** Eighteen of the county's top student essayists were honored in a ceremony on April 5 at PBHS, with first place winners in each category invited to read their works. They included: Emma Phillips, grades 1-2 (PES); Jenna Poling, 3-4 (BES); Kara Kirk, 5-6 (KEMS); Corrine McDaniel, 7-8 (KEMS); Ashley George, 9-10 (PBHS); and Loran Davis, 11-12 (PBHS). All of the honorees were invited to attend the 2011 West Virginia Young Writers Celebration at the University of Charleston on May 6.





## Actual Parental Excuse Notes

(With Their Original Spellings) From Around the Country



- My son is under a doctor's care and should not take P.E. today. Please execute him.
- Please exkuce Pam for being absent from skool. She was sick and I had her shot.
- Dear School:  
Please excscuse Cecil being absent on June 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, and also 33.
- Please excuse Gloria from Jim today. She is administrating.
- Please excuse Marvin from Physical Education lessons for a few days. Yesterday he fell out of a tree and misplaced his hip.
- John has been absent because he had two teeth taken out of his face.
- Ray was absent yesterday because he was playing football. He was hurt in the growing part.
- Bethan could not come to school today because she has been bothered by very close veins.
- Chris will not be in school cus he has an acre in his side.
- Please excuse Ray from school. He has very loose vowels.
- Please excuse Pedro from being absent yesterday. He had (diahre) (dyrea) (direathe) the runs.
- Please excuse Burma, she has been sick and under the doctor.
- Irving was absent yesterday because he missed his bust.
- Please excuse Eddie for being. It was his father's fault.
- I kept Billie home because she had to go Christmas shopping because I don't know what size she wears.
- Please excuse Jennifer for missing school yesterday. We forgot to get the Sunday paper off the porch, and when we found it Monday, we thought it was Sunday.
- Sally won't be in school a week from Friday. We have to attend her funeral.
- My daughter was absent yesterday because she was tired. She spent a weekend with the Marines.
- Please excuse Jason for being absent yesterday. He had a cold and could not breed well.
- Please excuse Mary for being absent yesterday. She was in bed with gramps.
- Mary-ann was absent October 8-11, because she had a fever, sore throat, head-ache and upset stomach. Her sister was also sick, fever and sore throat, her brother had a low grade fever and ached all over. I wasn't the best either, sore throat and fever. There must be something going around, her father even got hot last night.
- Please excuse little Jimmy for not being in school yesterday. His father is gone and I could not get him ready because I was in bed with the doctor.