



New Moatsville Bridge

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Important Dates

May 11	Bd. Of Education Meets: 6:00 p.m. at BOE Office
May 14	County Art Show Awards Wilcox Chapel: 7:00 p.m.
May 15	PEIA Open Enrollment Deadline (see page 4)
May 21	Baccalaureate Service Wilcox Chapel: 7 p.m.
May 23	PBHS Commencement Fairgrounds: 1:00 p.m.
May 25	Memorial Day Holiday No School
May 26	Bd. Of Education Meets: 6:00 p.m. at BOE Office
May 29	3 Hour Early Student Dismissal
June 2-16	Rescheduled as Instructional Days
June 5	3 Hour Early Student Dismissal
June 8	Bd. Of Education Meets: 6:00 p.m. at BOE Office
June 16	Final 9-Week & Semester Report Cards Distributed
June 16	Last Day for Students: 3-hr. Early Dismissal
June 17	Preparation Day for Closing of School
June 22	Bd. Of Education Meets: 6:00 p.m. at BOE Office

Hi, Folks,

In recognition and in appreciation to all Barbour County School Employees:

"A teacher takes a hand, opens a mind, and touches a heart."

- Author Unknown

In 1984, the National PTA designated the first full week in May as Teacher Appreciation Week, a special time to honor the men and women in all their capacities who lend their passion and skills to educating our children. All of you are teachers in truly special ways and for all those things you do, noticed or not, we honor you every week, but especially this week, for being who and what you are.

To me one of the best and most enduring statements about the pride of teaching comes from the *Prince of Tides*:

"There's no word in the language I revere more than 'teacher.' My heart sings when a kid refers to me as his teacher, and it always has. I've honored myself and the entire family of man by becoming a teacher."

I know that statement hits home to all of you regardless of whether your classroom is an actual instructional area, or the bus, or the lunch room, or the hallway, or anywhere else where you interact with our students. You truly have brought honor not only to yourselves, but to all of those hearts and minds you have touched and will continue to touch.

In a very humbling way it is my honor to know and serve you, so again it is with the spirit of that humble honor, on behalf of the Barbour County Board of Education and the county administration, that I take this opportunity to say

Our APPRECIATION goes to ALL of you, no matter your role,
for
what you are to our children.

~~ You truly "are" that most revered word – "teacher"! ~~

Respectfully,



BMS History Bowl Team Qualifies for State Contest

On May 5, a team of four eighth grade students from Belington Middle School traveled to Charleston to represent Barbour County in the 2015 West Virginia History Bowl. The local group made a respectable showing at the Capitol Complex, defeating East Hardy, while dropping rounds to Andrew Jackson and Peterstown.



The journey began on Saturday, March 7, when fourteen teams of 8th graders from the area competed in

the 2015 RESA VII History Bowl Tournament, answering questions about their home state. 2015 marked the fourth year that Belington Middle has competed in the regional bowl. After missing the state bowl by just one match the previous two years, the 2015 team advanced to the championship game, falling just short of the title, but securing a spot in the state bowl.

The BMS group has been studying since the beginning of the school year and attending after-school practices since November. Members include: Ariel Jones, Zoe Payne, Anna Ruf, and Kierston Shomo. The group was coached by Sarah Harris, BMS WV Studies teacher, and assisted by LaDonna Davis. Several other BMS students competed as well and just missed qualifying at a Play-In Tourney held in Bridgeport on March 21. These students were: McKenzie Carpenter, Jyra Casto, Brandon Kyle, Jenna Poling, and Trent Tallman.

Shown above, from left to right, are the history experts from Belington Middle School. They include: Kierston Shomo, Zoe Payne, Coach Sarah Harris, Ariel Jones, and Anna Ruf.

Philip Barbour Career-Technical Students Fare Well At State Event

Philip Barbour High School was well represented at the 2015 West Virginia State TSA Competition, claiming several awards. The annual event was held from March 26-28 at Cedar Lakes in Ripley, WV.



Among the local honorees were: Tim Ware: 2nd place in 3D Engineering Design; Drew Daugherty and Autumn Elliott: 3rd place in Manufacturing; Ethan Mick and Autumn Elliott: 1st place in Music Production; Bruce Trader, Andrew Erickson, and Tim Ware: 1st place in Software Development; and Caleb Arbaugh and Raquel Melgar: 2nd place in Video Game Design.

In addition, Barbour County's Autumn Elliott was elected as the 2015-16 Treasurer for the state chapter. The advisor for the Philip Barbour chapter is Mr. Brandon Antion and the county director of Career and Technical Education is Mrs. Tonya Ferguson.

The Technology Student Association (TSA) is the only student organization devoted exclusively to the needs of students interested in technology. Open to students enrolled in or who have completed technology education courses, TSA's membership includes over 180,000 middle and high school students in 2,000 schools spanning 48 states. TSA is supported by educators, parents and business leaders who believe in the need for a technologically literate society.

2015 Philip Barbour H. S. Commencement Set For Fairgrounds on May 23rd

Some 163 members of the Class of 2015 from Philip Barbour High School will cross the stage to be awarded their diplomas in ceremonies at the Barbour County Fairgrounds on Saturday, May 23. The 52nd graduating class will be given voice by student representatives and congratulated by school officials during the commencement exercises, which will begin at 1:00 p.m. All school personnel are cordially invited to attend the event, as well as the Baccalaureate Service, which will be held at 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 21, at Wilcox Chapel on the campus of Alderson Broaddus University.



County Art Merit Award Winners to Be Named on May 14th at ABU

The 2015 Barbour County Art Show awards ceremony will be held on the evening of Thursday, May 14, at Alderson Broaddus University, with all nine schools represented by student artists, parents, teachers and administrators. The annual celebration, along with the Spring All-County Concert and various drama productions, allows the school system to emphasize the importance of fine arts in the curriculum each year.



Student artwork will be on display at the college in the Daywood Gallery, located in Burbick Hall, from Tuesday evening through Thursday, May 12—14. The recognition program and awards ceremony is set for 6:00 p.m. on Thursday evening in Wilcox Chapel. A reception for students, parents, school personnel and guests will be held at Burbick Hall immediately following the ceremony. Light refreshments will be available to all.

County Retired Employee Group Honors Active Colleagues

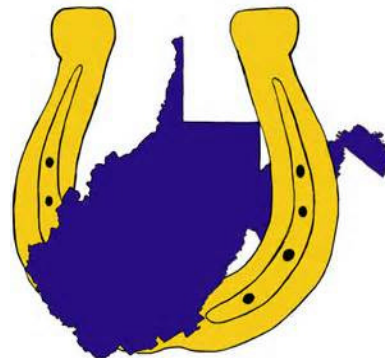
As the annual spring testing season got underway in late-April, members of the Barbour County Association of Retired School Employees continued a recent tradition by providing over 100 dozen home-made cookies to the district's schools, offices and departments.



The treats were baked, assembled and delivered by organization volunteers. Shown above as they assemble one of the high school trays are retired teacher, Sue Edwards, and former food service coordinator, Betty Daugherty. The collection and assembly process took place at Jerusalem United Methodist Church. BCARSE is an information, service and social organization of more than 100 local retired school employees.

8th Grade Golden Horseshoe Winners Named for 2015

Three Barbour County eighth graders were among those honored at the Culture Center in Charleston on Friday, May 1 as they officially became Knights and Ladies of the Golden Horseshoe Society. Ariel Jones and Anna Ruf of Belington Middle School and Kasson Middle School's Gage Poling were among over 200 students who were recognized for their knowledge of West Virginia history and culture. The annual contest originated in 1931 to promote the study of state history.



— Odds 'N' Ends —

➤ **Final Open Enrollment Reminder:** All PEIA PPB Plan policyholders **need to designate a primary care physician (PCP) by May 15th** to avoid the \$500 deductible penalty for Plan Year 2016. It is important to note that PEIA will not take these designations on an ongoing basis throughout the plan year. Questions on the open enrollment period may be directed to Amanda Huff, Benefits/Payroll Coordinator at the board of education office (304-457-3030 ext.136).

➤ **Matthew 25 Delivery Slated:** School staff should note that the next delivery of supplies provided by the Matthew 25 organization is scheduled for Wednesday, May 20, at the county CTE center. Schools should begin making arrangements to pick up these donated items by noon on that day.

➤ **CKH Training Set for August:** Assistant Superintendent, Jeff Kittle, reminds professional staff of the *Capturing Kids' Hearts* training, set for August 4-6. To enroll, personnel need to register as soon as possible at the www.pd360.com website.

➤ **"Keep America Beautiful" Grant Award:** Barbour County Schools has been named as one of 52 recipients in a community recycling grant sponsored by the Coca-Cola Foundation. The competitive award will allow Philip Barbour High School to accelerate its recycling efforts with the addition of ten large plastics and aluminum bins across the campus buildings and its athletic fields.

The large, eye-catching bins are in the shape of PET bottles, which will be placed around George Byrer Field, along with strategic positions at the high school and career-tech center. The project will be coordinated by advisor, James Poling, and the members of his Environmental Science classes.



BCS Receives Equipment Grant for Oven to Serve Three Schools

The West Virginia Department of Education has awarded \$5930 to Barbour County Schools for the purchase of a new double gas convection oven to be placed at Philippi Middle School. One of just 15 grants approved in 2015, the funding will help to improve the quality, safety and energy efficiency in the PMS kitchen, which serves up to 400 children per day, both at the middle school, and for students at Mt. Vernon and Volga-Century Elementary Schools.

The new ovens will provide an additional five racks of cooking space and allow different items to be cooked at separate temperatures at separate times. The result will be greater flexibility in menu planning and better use of cooking times and more efficient time management. The units will replace the 1979 model single-deck model currently in use.



"You think that's bad, I've got test prep anxiety."