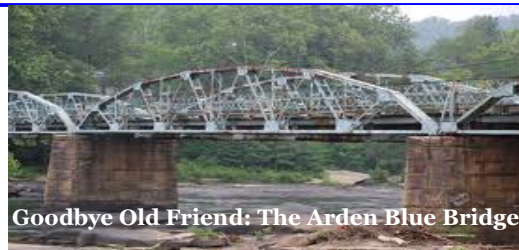


The Bridge



Goodbye Old Friend: The Arden Blue Bridge

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Important Dates

- November 12 Veterans Day Holiday
Schools Closed
- November 13 Board of Education Meets
at BOE Office (6:00 p.m.)
- November 13 Parent-Teacher
Conferences: PBHSC
- November 14 Elementary Parent-
Teacher Conferences
- November 15 Mid. School Parent-
Teacher Conferences
- Nov. 19—23 Out of Calendar and
Thanksgiving Holiday
- November 26 Board of Education Meets
at BOE Office (6:00 p.m.)
- December 10 Board of Education Meets
at BOE Office (6:00 p.m.)
- December 17 Board of Education Meets
at BOE Office (6:00 p.m.)
- December 21 ISE Day: No School for
Students (Tutoring)
- December 22 GED Testing at CTEC,
beginning at 8:00 a.m.
- Dec. 24—31 Out of Calendar and
Christmas Holiday
- January 1 New Year's Holiday:
No School
- January 2 Schools Reopen on
Regular Schedules

Hi Folks,

The last few days have seemed like a lifetime.

“Sandy” took her toll in many ways...snow like we have not seen in the last couple of years, power lines down, trees snapped like toothpicks, families left without power, food and water, and many homeless. Sadly we are not sure when the restoration will be complete.

We called several two-hour delays to help families get their children ready for school in some daylight versus in the dark with the fall time change. The delays also benefited our teachers with time to prepare instructional materials after not being in classrooms for over a week.

I cannot begin to thank all the folks who pitched in whenever and wherever they could. Several of our employees, as well as several of you, were seen as volunteers in shelters serving those in need. Our bus drivers have been great in making sure our kids are picked up in safe places and brought to school and back home safely. All of our staff members have gone and continue to go out of their ways to make kids feel secure and welcomed in warm, friendly classrooms. The “911” folks, power companies, etc. have been working way beyond overtime to pull our county back together. Again, my thanks go out to everyone for their work, their prayers, and their sense of community.

Regrettably, our Levy and Bond proposals did not pass. I want to thank all those folks who understood the need of moving our county forward and supported our students with “YES” votes. More than ever, our Board will be faced with some hard decisions in the coming months. The bottom line is: Our students are and will be the biggest losers.

No matter what comes our way, we do live in the best country in the world, in the best state in the country, and in the best and most truly wonderful place called Barbour County. Now, with a holiday approaching, please allow me to wish all of you a truly blessed and Happy Thanksgiving. Don't worry too much about your waistline, I hope all of us and all our neighbors have all the turkey possible and that we enjoy our time with family and friends.



County Middle School Students Check for “Pulse” of the Last Frontier

A team of six students and educators from Barbour County joined colleagues from eight states and Mexico in a weeklong adventure at the Green Bank National Radio Astronomy from July 8–14 in search of pulsars in outer space. The enrichment camp was made possible through a five-year National Science Foundation grant, originally designed for high school students, but expanded over the past two years to include talented eighth graders.



was discovered and confirmed during the week, while data collected by the Barbour County group is still being evaluated.



The science students learned how to collect and read a wealth of data collected by the Green Bank telescope. Participants worked alongside WVU astronomers, learning about the profession, its tasks and goals. One pulsar

The inquiry-based enrichment activity was coordinated by local teachers, Terri Riffle, of Belington Middle School, and Kathy Prusa of Philippi Middle. Student astronomers included: Rylee Shahan, Zach Kittle, Alexis Serback and Nathan Sandrick. These students are now leading follow-up teams at their respective schools, as they share their knowledge and continue to analyze some thirty sets of data.

New Staff Development Sessions Announced

A pair of professional development opportunities will be available to all county professional and service staff personnel during the first week of December:

- * *“Developing Student Respect and Cooperation”* Dec. 3, 2012, from 4:00-7:00 p.m. in the PBHS auditorium.
- * *“Effective Student Management”* Dec. 4, 2012, from 4:00-7:00 p.m. in the PB auditorium.

More detailed descriptions of these and other professional development opportunities are available at <http://www.barbourcountyschoolssd.com/>



— Odds 'N' Ends —

➤ **Two-Hour Delays:** Assistant Superintendent, Jeff Kittle, has announced that the upcoming two-hour delay schedule set for November 28 will be held as planned. Other planned two-hour delays will not be cancelled unless additional loss of instructional time occurs due to inclement weather or other unforeseen factors.

➤ **Early Retirement Reminder:** The Finance and Personnel Offices would like to remind those personnel who are contemplating retirement in June of 2013 that they should notify the Board of Education in writing as soon as possible of their intentions to assist in staffing decisions for 2013-14. Those who submit such formal notice by January 15 will become eligible for an incentive bonus (\$500 for professional staff and \$250 for service staff).

➤ **Lady Colts Return to State Tourney:** Congratulations are extended to the Philip Barbour volleyball team as it advanced to a remarkable 11th consecutive state tournament in Charleston on November 9. After capturing the sectional championship and finishing as runners-up in the regional event, the Lady Colts were eliminated in the semi-final round, but not before posting a strong 37-14-1 record under veteran coach, Heather Halfin.



It's a Three-Peat for PB's Girls Cross Country Team



The Philip Barbour High School girls' cross country squad pulled off a rare three-peat in the 2012 Class AA-A state meet at Ona on October 27, placing three runners in the top ten to edge runner-up Frankfort 75-81. The trio of all-staters, Brianna Waybright, Allison Villers and Marissa Long led the charge on the historic day for Philip Barbour.

The Lady Colts became the first team to win three consecutive titles at the girls' Class AA-A state cross country meet. Coach Missy Kaiser was named the state Coach of the Year. "It is great for the school and great for the county," Kaiser said.

"It was a lot closer than it was in past years, and we didn't know we had it won until the results were posted," she continued. "This was one of those meets where it proves that you need everybody doing their job." Number four runner, Katie Mahoney, who had battled injuries all season, provided pivotal points towards the team's ultimate triumph.

Another (True) Funny Exam Answer

(d) Explain why phosphorus trichloride (PCl_3) is polar.

God made it that way.