

## 2023 Spring Swing set for May 8 in Charleston

Come join your industry peers, invite your clients, get outside and enjoy a day “on the links” at the GO-WV Spring Swing! We will be gathering on May 8, 2023, at Berry Hills Country Club in Charleston.

Registration opens at 8:00 a.m., with the shotgun start at 9:00 a.m.



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*Jeff Isner  
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## Pipeline safety & damage prevention April topics

The GO-WV Safety Committee is sponsoring two seminars on pipeline safety and one on damage prevention in April.

The pipeline safety seminars, one in Charleston and one in Bridgeport, are presented by the Gas Pipeline Safety Division of the PSCWV. There is no charge to attend, lunch is provided and registration opens at 8:00 a.m. [Registration is required.](#)

Topics each day include WV regulatory update, regulators, completion records, WV top inspection issues, inspections and intervals, and forms and procedures. Lunch April 4 is sponsored by Mountaineer Gas Company and lunch April 6 is sponsored by BHE GT&S.

The Tuesday session will take place at the Marriott Town Center Hotel, 200 Lee St., E., Charleston, and the Thursday session will take place at BHS GT&S, 925 White Oaks Blvd., Bridgeport.

The Gas and Oil Association of West Virginia (GO-WV) is hosting its second annual Damage

Prevention Seminar from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Stonewall Resort in Roanoke, WV on Wednesday, April 5, 2023.

Our sponsors are Hope Gas, Apex Pipeline and Diversified Energy.

The agenda is packed with presenters that have excellent information to offer to any Utility Operator, Contractor, Producer/Operator or other entity that benefits in better understanding the current regulations and best practices concerning damage prevention. This educational opportunity is open to all operators of public service districts, municipal water and sewer utilities, gas operators and producers, contractors involved in any ground disturbance activities as well as others interest-

**Safety seminars set**



*Jason Porter  
Safety Committee  
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# Gas and Oil Association of WV wins the day at the Capitol

Yesterday was National Susan Day. Today is National Pancake Day. Tomorrow is World Compliment Day...and don't you look great?!

All these pale in comparison to February 22, 2023, which was Gas and Oil Day at the WV Capitol. While there's no Hallmark card and it's generally not considered a gift-giving occasion, there's value in setting a day aside to draw attention to the good work our industry is doing.

So much of what we talk about under the State Capitol's gold dome – funding programs and cutting taxes – so much of that is possible because of the work we are doing. We created half a billion dollars in severance tax revenue in one year alone. We paid tens of millions of dollars in property taxes to local counties. We provide energy, in a safe and responsible way, to power our lifestyles. And we create jobs; jobs in Charleston and in the Marcellus shale region and all over the state. There is a lot to celebrate.

So we let lawmakers know all that, as well as the millions we spend on roads, the national energy security we help provide as we mark the one year anniversary of the Russian invasion of Ukraine, and the millions we pay in royalty to West Virginia Residents. Did I say there was a lot to celebrate?

This year we had students from Putnam County's George Washington Middle School on hand to help us mark the occasion. They are doing hands on work designing oil and gas projects – and it was great to see the next generation of our industry workers. They were pictured on the house floor and in the governor's office with some of their delegates and senators. A fine way to mark a special day, and one they will remember for years to come.

Maybe it should be a national holiday. All due respect to Susans, and pancakes, and compliments...the Gas and Oil Association of WV wins the day.

*Please see pages 12 and 13 for additional photos of the event.*



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## Gas & Oil Day emphasized jobs, community benefits of WV energy



West Virginia energy and its benefits to the region were on full display at the State Capitol February 22 as the Gas & Oil Association of West Virginia (GO-WV) held its second annual Gas & Oil Day in the capitol.

Gov. Justice issued a proclamation recognizing Feb. 22 as "Gas and Oil Day."

The event, which convened over twenty companies and organizations across the state's natural gas and oil sector, along with lawmakers and students from George Washington Middle School in Putnam County, emphasized the industry's role in job creation, energy affordability and access, and boosting key industries in the state like manufacturing.

"We constantly talk about the positive impacts our industry delivers that stretch far beyond the state's core producing counties," said Maribeth Anderson, GO-WV Board President. "Today, our elected officials were able to see it firsthand and truly understand the work GO-WV and our members – as America's 5<sup>th</sup> largest energy producing state – do creates long-term growth opportunities for West Virginia and all of us who live here."

Also in attendance were students from Maureen Miller's science class at George Washington Mid-



*Above, Sen. Eric Tarr, left, and others spoke during a news conference in the Lower Rotunda.*

dle School. Ms. Miller has attended GO-WV's science teacher workshop for the past three years and has implemented petroleum-based learning (PBL) and STEM education in her curriculum. The students, along with Ms. Miller, were introduced on both the House and Senate floors.

"The future of energy is very bright in West Virginia," said Maureen Miller, a teacher at George Washington Middle School in Putnam County. "My students always enjoy learning about our natural gas and oil, and I look forward to seeing this industry continue to grow."

Participating organizations included: Antero Resources, APTIM, Ascent Consulting & Engineering, Bowles Rice, Diversified Energy, E&H Manufacturing, Eastern Gas Transmission & Storage, Environmental Solutions & Innovations, Marathon Petroleum, McIntyre Mineral Holdings, Northeast Natural Energy, Pillar Energy, Public Service Commission of West Virginia, Seneca Technologies, Shale Crescent USA, Southwestern Energy, TC Energy, Valence Drilling Fluids, Women's Energy Network, and WV 811.

*Left, students in blue school shirts attended the day and were recognized on both House and Senate floors.*





## From the Burd's Nest: A stitch in time...

If you look up the definition, *a lesson learned* is knowledge or understanding gained by experience, positive or negative. The lesson must be significant in that it has a real or assumed impact.

The first 47 years of my career I got up, drove to the office and performed my assigned duties—like most everyone else. That was just the way we did it. But then COVID hit, and the world changed. In consideration of the mounting concerns for the spread of the virus, the IOGA Board (pre-merger) determined March 20, 2020 to be the temporary closure date for the office to the public. The staff got all Association business in order and on that Friday, we retreated to our homes with our laptops. That was difficult for me to initially get my arms around. However, on March 24, the Governor issued his “Stay-at-Home” order to help prevent the spread of the virus. There were 16 active cases in the State at that time. This order was later followed by the Governor’s May 4, 2020 “Safer at Home” order which eased some of the restrictions.

At that same time, the oil and natural gas industry, as well as many others, had been declared as “essential or critical infrastructure.” This order allowed those identified industries to function to the benefit and safety of its customers and the public. Armed with this exception, and because we needed to daily manage the Association insurance program, the IOGA staff exercised all safety protocols and rotated being in the office and the office remained functional—but still not open to the public.

Quickly, we all learned to adapt and armed with our laptops and cellphones, coupled with the use of Zoom, Webex and other such platforms, we discovered we could function without having to be collected together in the same space. As tragic as the virus was, the lesson learned on being able to meet and conduct business remotely was a mindset change that may have re-revolutionized business and commerce.

As you might expect, being an “old school”

type of person, this working from home stuff was difficult. Not because I couldn’t or didn’t want to work—in fact I found that I worked longer hours—but because I missed my co-workers, I missed the banter, I missed the feeling of unity. As the months marched on, we grew accustomed to the new “workplace.” Still, I found that I preferred to get to the office as often as possible and did.

Thank goodness, the pandemic is under control and those days of being forced to work at home or remotely are mostly behind us. But for me those lessons learned are bearing fruit again. On February 2, I had a total left knee replacement. Since then, I have been relegated to working from home while recuperating. This time however, I was much more prepared mentally and understood the parameters from which I could best function. Also, armed with my computer, cellphone, a great lobbying team and office staff, I have been able to stay abreast of the legislative activities, work inside our committee structure and carry out virtually all my critical responsibilities. Let me also recognize Lori Miller Smith, our Director of Administrative Services. She has kept the office running to its maximum efficiency and kept me informed on all activities.

In addition, I miss the direct discussions with Delegates and Senators and being able to convey GO-WV positions on legislation when called upon. Also, I miss the personal interactions and those little inside scoops of information that you only get by being firmly planted around *The Well* or on the marble floor of the WV State Capitol. But that is still a few weeks away.

Rest assured that your and my lobbying team of Phil Reale, Jim Fealy and Daniel Hall, in unison with the GO-WV Executive Committee and Governmental Affairs team, are doing outstanding work and continue to advance our position on several pieces of vital legislation. Look for potential Action Alerts and for sure...a full briefing in my April article.



# Crews honored by PACF for long-time service; artifacts donated to Mountwood Park

*Editor's note: The following articles are reprinted from the Parkersburg News & Sentinel, with permission.*

The Board of Directors of the Parkersburg Area Community Foundation & Regional Affiliates recently held its Annual Meeting and opened its 60th year of service to the Mid-Ohio Valley.

Long-time emeritus Board member James "Jim" Crews, a key leader in the growth of Parkersburg Area Community Foundation for decades, was honored for his service and assistance by naming the foundation's administrative office wing in his honor. The new board Chairperson Marie Caltrider presented Crews with a plaque that is now on display at the foundation office. Crews is a member of GO-WV.



*A sketch of Crews by Ron Salter, a former Board member and volunteer, was hung on the wall in that wing of its building.*

Two new artifacts from the oil era at Volcano are on display at Mountwood Park.

The park has obtained a wooden oil storage tank and a pump that were part of the endless cable pumping system invented by W.C. Stiles Jr. The ruins of the Stiles mansion, Thornhill, remain at Mountwood Park.

The tank and the eccentric pump were donated to the park by Jay-Bee Oil and Gas Inc. of Ritchie County, said Mike Naylor, treasurer of the Friends of Mountwood Park. The articles were in the woods in Wood County, he said.

"We saw it in the woods along Route 50," Naylor said.

The artifacts and others from the Volcano oil fields are located at the visitors center at the end of the parking lot to the marina. The storage tank is probably 125-150 years old, Naylor said. Abraham Burghoff was the barrel maker in Volcano who used white oak to make the staves. The pump was made by the Bessemer Co. from Pennsylvania.

Articles from the endless cable system and from the days when Volcano was active in oil are getting more difficult to find, Jeremy Cross, director of Wood County parks, said. Most of it is more than 100-years old. "A lot of this stuff is one-of-a-kind now," Cross said. "It's really getting hard to find these things, especially the wood stuff."

The condition of the wooden tank is unusual, too, for its age, he said. The tanks generally would have rotted away over the years and the effects of weather, but the wood used was either redwood or western cedar, which is rot and weather resistant.

The endless cable pumping system could pump as many as 40 oil wells from one central power station. It was installed in the 1870s and dismantled about a century later.



# EQT donates production equipment to Ukraine and funds to Wetzel County OEM

EQT Corporation (NYSE: EQT), the largest producer of natural gas in the United States, today announced that the company donated oil and gas production equipment to JSC Ukrigasvydobuvannya, Ukraine's largest gas producer. The equipment will be used to restore damaged oil and gas production facilities and revive critical production in wartime conditions.

Since Russia invaded Ukraine nearly a year ago, the full-scale war has caused damage and destruction to dozens of Ukrigasvydobuvannya's production facilities.

"Ensuring a reliable supply of energy is a challenge, not only for Ukraine, but for the entire world. We are proud to support our fellow energy workers in Ukraine as they fearlessly continue production operations under the most difficult conditions," said Toby Z. Rice, President and CEO of EQT Corporation. "This equipment will play a major role in helping to stabilize Ukraine's energy supply. We hope our colleagues continue to stay safe during these dangerous times and look forward to the day this war ends."

The United States Government and the Ministry of Infrastructure of Ukraine supported the operation to deliver the equipment, which arrived in early February.

"The war has significantly complicated delivery of required gas production equipment and materials. Certain equipment is just not readily available on the Ukrainian market," said Oleg Tolmachev, Acting CEO of Ukrigasvydobuvannya. "We are extremely grateful to EQT for helping us overcome some of these difficulties. Thanks to their generous donation we will be able to repair damaged facilities much faster and implement critical production projects that will supply much needed gas to our country."

Ukrigasvydobuvannya, which specializes in natural gas and gas condensate production, is the largest gas production company in Central and Eastern Europe. Ukrigasvydobuvannya produces 12.5 bcm



*In addition to the donation to Ukraine's largest gas producer, EQT also made a donation to the Wetzel County, WV, Office of Emergency Management. EQT's Casey Durdines had the privilege of presenting the \$10,000 check.*

of gas, which accounts for nearly 70% of total gas production in Ukraine.

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After three straight La Niñas, the expectations are that El Niño will evolve during late spring to early summer 2023.

After a roller coaster of a spring, with cold temperatures holding on across the north and warm temperatures building across the south, early summer should be quite warm, especially in the Plains.

Later on, expect warm, humid weather along the East Coast and hot weather in the west once again.

As always, the summer pattern is partially influenced by spring precipitation, so we will have more information as we see how areas of drought and abnormal moisture evolve over the next month or so.

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# Upcoming events planned for 2023

March 7, 2023

## **SafeLand USA Training Class**

*WVU Alumni Center, Morgantown, WV*

Info: <https://extapps.wvu.edu/extforms/index.cfm?formid=125>

March 8-10, 2023

## **OOGA Annual Meeting**

*Hilton Hotel @ Easton, Columbus, OH*

Info: [www.ooga.org](http://www.ooga.org)

March 23, 2023

## **PIOGA's 2023 Spring Meeting**

*Rivers Casino, Pittsburgh, PA*

Info: [www.PIOGA.org](http://www.PIOGA.org) > Events

April 4, 2023

## **Pipeline Safety Seminar**

*Charleston, WV*

Info: [gowv.com](http://gowv.com)

April 5, 2023

## **Damage Prevention Seminar**

*Stonewall Resort, Roanoke, WV*

Info: [gowv.com](http://gowv.com)

April 6, 2023

## **Pipeline Safety Seminar**

*Bridgeport, WV*

Info: [gowv.com](http://gowv.com)

May 4, 2023

## **PIOGA Clay Shoot Networking Event**

*Promise Land Sporting Clays Club, Freeport, PA*

Info: [www.PIOGA.org](http://www.PIOGA.org) > Events

May 8, 2023

## **Spring Swing**

*Berry Hills Country Club, Charleston, WV*

Info: [gowv.com](http://gowv.com)

May 12, 2023

## **SOOGA Spring Golf Outing**

*Lakeside Golf Course, Beverly, OH*

Info: [sooga.org](http://sooga.org)

May 22-24, 2023

## **IOGCC Annual Business Meeting**

*Oklahoma City, OH*

Info: [iogcc.ok.gov](http://iogcc.ok.gov)

June 5-6, 2023

## **Science Teacher Workshop**

*Embassy Suites, Charleston, WV*

Info: [gowv.com](http://gowv.com)

June 6, 2023

## **Oil Patch Classic Golf Outing and Steak Fry**

*Wanango Country Club, Reno, PA*

Info: [www.PIOGA.org](http://www.PIOGA.org) > Events

June 22, 2023

## **SOOGA Spring Clay Shoot**

*Briar Rabbit, Zanesville, OH*

Info: [sooga.org](http://sooga.org)

August 3-4, 2023

## **OOGA Summer Meeting**

*Belmont Hills, St. Clairsville, OH*

Info: [www.ooga.org](http://www.ooga.org)

August 13-15, 2023

## **GO-WV Summer Meeting**

*The Greenbrier, White Sulphur Springs, WV*

August 17, 2023

## **26<sup>th</sup> Annual Divot Diggers Golf Outing**

*Tam O'Shanter Golf Club, Hermitage, PA*

Info: [www.PIOGA.org](http://www.PIOGA.org) > Events

August 25, 2023

## **SOOGA Fall Golf Outing**

*Oxbow Golf Course, Belpre, OH*

Info: [sooga.org](http://sooga.org)

September 14, 2023

## **PIOGA's Birds & BBQ Clay Shoot**

*West Penn Sportsmen's Club, Murrysburg, PA*

Info: [www.PIOGA.org](http://www.PIOGA.org) > Events

September 15-16, 2023

## **GO-WV Sports Weekend**

*Bridgeport Country Club, Bridgeport, WV*



## Why you matter

The Ukraine war is a year old. Interesting that the USA is financing both countries. U.S. taxpayers are paying for weapons and aid to Ukraine. U.S. consumers are financing Russia's weapons through high gasoline and diesel prices. In the USA when oil prices go to \$100 per barrel we hear about obscene profits. When oil went from \$40 to \$100 what did Russia do with the windfall profits they received without drilling any new wells? Could they have used it to finance weapons for a war with Ukraine? We have the capability to produce more oil and be the swing producer to drive down world oil prices and Russia's profits if Washington would actively support the American natural gas and oil industry instead of restricting it and threatening to put it out of business. The people of Ukraine and the world are losers and weapons makers get the profits.

We can change this. The Butterfly Effect is a hypothesis presented to the New York Academy of Science in 1963 by Edward Lorenz. His theory simply stated is; *A butterfly could flap its wings and set molecules of air in motion, which would move other molecules of air, in turn moving more molecules of air—eventually capable of starting a hurricane on the other side of the planet.* He was laughed out of the conference. What he had proposed was ridiculous. But his idea fascinated some scientists. Over forty years later scientists concluded the Butterfly Effect is real.

This doesn't mean a butterfly can actually cause a hurricane. It means small changes in initial conditions can create big changes over time. It's called the *Law of Sensitive Dependence Upon Initial Conditions*. It was first shown scientifically in weather modeling. Rounding off just one of 12 variables created a drastic change in the result. Lorenz said, "Complex dynamical systems exhibit unpredictable behaviors." (like weather) "Small variances in the initial conditions could have profound and widely divergent effects on the system's outcomes. Outcomes are unpredictable." People are especially unpredictable.

We make thousands of decisions over the course of our lives. Some decisions are major like where we attend college, what career or job we choose, where we choose to live and who we choose to marry. We expect these decisions to be life changing maybe even predictable.

What about Butterfly Effect decisions? Those small unpredictable "insignificant" decisions. Like the Friday night in small town Albion, Michigan when I decided which bar to go to. Harry was there. I don't remember how we met. Maybe a mutual friend introduced us. Harry and I became friends. A few months later Harry was renting a house in the country north of town. He needed a couple of roommates to help pay the rent and utilities. Harry asked if I wanted to move. I had a small simple apartment. Nothing to worry about except paying my rent. I was comfortable. Deciding to take a risk, I moved in with Harry. John, one of my friends from work joined us.

It was a good decision. Lynnda, now my wife, lived next door. She looked good. I found a unique way to meet her by cutting her grass when I cut ours. I asked her out. The rest is history. Harry was my best man. Lynnda and I have been married 47 years. It took a lot of thin threads to get us together. I chose the Michigan job with Halliburton over one in Arizona. That was a big decision. My choice of bars on a Friday night, was an insignificant (Butterfly Effect) decision connecting me to Harry and ultimately connecting me to Lynnda. If Lynnda or I had made just one different decision we may have never met. One Butterfly Effect decision changed a lot of lives especially for our three children, eight grandchildren and the lives they have impacted.

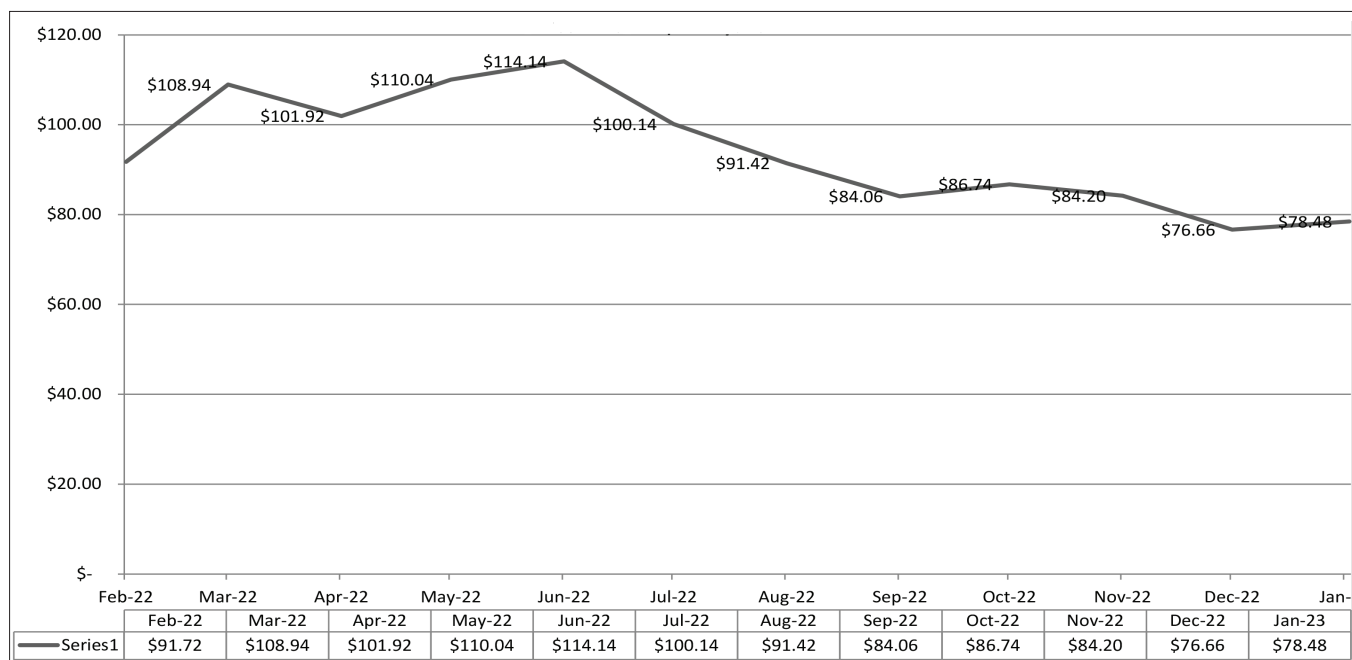
You matter and so does everything you do. What we do impacts people and our planet in a positive or negative way. We impact current and future generations. BJ was our senior captain in 1999. When I asked, "What's your dream? Where do you want to be at the end of the season?" BJ

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# Gas and Oil Day at the Legislature





# The day in pictures



*Oil and Gas Day at the Legislature included a news conference featuring Senate Finance Chair Eric Tarr and House Energy and Manufacturing Vice Chair Mark Zatezalo. Maureen Miller brought her students from George Washington Middle School in Putnam County. They had a full day of activities and legislative visits. Industry representatives visited with a number of legislators including Senators Clements, Queen and Tarr and Delegates Kelly, Marple, Zatezalo*





## 2023 scholarship deadline: March 17

In 1997, the Independent Oil and Gas Association of West Virginia, Inc. (now the Gas and Oil Association of WV, Inc. - GO-WV) established its Scholarship Program in an effort to become more involved in higher education in West Virginia. The Scholarship Program was specifically created to reward the outstanding scholastic achievements of high school seniors whose parents work in the oil and natural gas industry and are association member companies. The Association also awards deserving high school “student employees” who have completed a required number of working hours at an association member company.

Since 2020, two annual one-time, \$1,000 scholarships are also sponsored by ConServ Incorporated. They are for students who are choosing a career path that benefits the oil and gas industry in a vocational/technical field such as, but not limited to, welder, truck driver, well tender, electrician, mechanic, etc.

Since the GO-WV Scholarship Program’s inception, \$206,500 has been awarded to these very deserving students. Complete eligibility rules and documents for both scholarship types are found at <https://gowv.com/education/scholarship/> and were sent to all member companies.

The completed application, including all required forms and information, must be signed by the high school guidance counselor and postmarked no later than March 17, 2023. From all the applications received, the GO-WV Scholarship Review Committee will review and award a limited number of one-time only scholarships.

Here is a quick glance at those rules:

1. Applicant must be a West Virginia high school senior.
2. Applicant must be a dependent of an employee/retiree of a GO-WV member company in good standing OR be employed by a GO-WV member company in good standing (Student employee must have worked a minimum of 400 hours in the past calendar year. Validation of hours worked and a letter of recommendation from the employer **must** be provided).
3. Applicant must enroll in a four-year West Virginia college or university or a community college/vocational-technical school.
4. Applicant must compose an essay answering the question asked on the application form.
5. Application must be signed by the high school guidance counselor.
6. The completed application and all documentation requested must be postmarked no later than Friday, March 17, 2023.

GO-WV will accept completed applications postmarked by March 17, 2023. Should you have any questions, or need additional information, please contact Katie McCracken at 304-344-9867 or [kmccracken@gowv.com](mailto:kmccracken@gowv.com).

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ed in learning more about the requirements and efforts in place regarding Damage Prevention of any asset or utility service. Continuing Education credits will be available for course attendance and participation where applicable.

The new Executive Director of WV 811, Jerry Poage, will kick off the day providing a comprehensive overview of the current 811 regulations and requirements in WV. Poage will also outline current initiatives and focus areas of WV 811 under his leadership. Joining him be Roger Sock-

man, assistant executive director damage prevention. Sockman will highlight the WV Damage Prevention Board's roles and responsibilities as well as provide an overview of the alleged violation report process. Public Service Commission's Director of Gas Pipeline Safety Mary Friend will provide an update about new PSC pipeline compliance requirements and a regulation overview with relation to damage prevention.

Sam Hall, vice president of the Damage Prevention Institute/Common Ground Alliance, will present on the newly developed Damage Prevention Institute and its current efforts and programs. Hall will also provide an overview of current Common Ground Alliance activities and best practices for damage prevention efforts.

The day will conclude with a session featuring Jim Verga, EastCom Associates, providing a presentation on line locating principles and best practices. Verga will highlight several tools, tricks and techniques that can be utilized in locating buried assets to assist in damage prevention efforts.

There is no cost to attend this seminar, but registration is required.

## Special note:

The GO-WV 2023 Summer  
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**August 13-15, 2023**  
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In 2017 Shale Crescent USA made a major decision to spend a lot of money to attend the World Petrochemical Conference in Houston, TX. Our only lead came on the last day from a chance meeting on an elevator between floors 26 and 2. That Butterfly Effect elevator meeting six years ago lead to several studies leading to contacts who have created good jobs in the Shale Crescent USA states by coming or expanding. Jobs for vendors, contractors and other businesses like restaurants and retail stores where employees spend money are created. This is a start. More jobs are coming. The lives of workers' children and grandchildren will be positively affected. Will hope in a positive

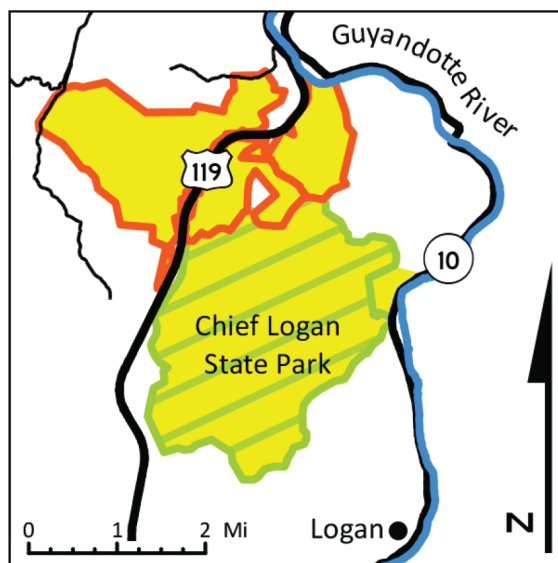
future keep kids off drugs like it did my technical college students?

Tons of plastic waste are being taken out of the environment every day by CRDC, a company SCUSA helped in Pennsylvania. Other projects are reducing global emissions by using natural gas and raw materials from our region to manufacture products here and sell them here instead of importing them. This eliminates over 20,000 miles of transportation emissions and emissions from coal fired electricity overseas. The Shale Crescent Butterfly Effect elevator meeting in 2017 is helping to create a hurricane of jobs and a cleaner world.

We are all connected. We live on the same planet. What happens in Asia or Europe impacts us in the USA. Each of us is important. What we do matters not just to us but to everyone. Our small seemingly insignificant Butterfly Decisions can have big results. We must do our best to make the impacts we have on people and the planet positive. Start with a positive attitude and a smile. We and the USA's oil and gas industry can change the world.

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West Virginia Department of Transportation

**Division of Motor Vehicles****Application for a Gas & Oil Association of WV License Plate**

1-800-642-9066

dmv.wv.gov

**PLATE SAMPLE****A) Applicant/Owner(s) Information**

Use Name(s) of Owner(s) as shown exactly on current registration card that you wish to register the license plate.

Applicant's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) on Registration \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

**B) Vehicle Information**Make \_\_\_\_\_ Year     Title No.        VIN No.                 Current Plate No.        **C) Insurance Information**

Effective Dates of Policy From: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ To: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Policy No. \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance Company \_\_\_\_\_

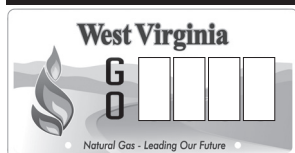
NAIC Number      Insurance Agent \_\_\_\_\_**D) Applicant Certification**

I certify that all information on this application is true and correct and if I cease to be in good standing with the above organization, I will immediately return the special license plate to the Division of Motor Vehicles.

(X) \_\_\_\_\_ / / \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No. ( ) - \_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT DATE**E) Application Information**

1. Anyone is eligible to apply for a Gas & Oil Association of WV license plate.
2. A vehicle must be Class A and have a West Virginia title and license plate in the name of the applicant before a special plate can be issued.
3. The current license plate must be returned to the Division of Motor Vehicles after the special plate is received. After issuance of the special plate, the exchanged plate is canceled and cannot be transferred to another vehicle. There are no refunds.
4. A \$91.50 fee will cover the cost of the license plate for the 1st year or a portion of the 1st year. This is a flat fee for all applicants and is not prorated. This plate will expire on July 1st every year and have a renewal fee of \$66.50.
5. Send the application and the \$91.50 check or money order payable to Gas & Oil Association of WV at the address listed below. Please include your personal property tax receipt or an affidavit from the assessor if your registration is expiring within 60 days of your application.

**Gas & Oil Association of WV c/o Charlie Burd**  
**300 Summers St. Suite 820 Charleston, WV 25301**

**\*\*\* OFFICE USE ONLY BELOW THIS LINE****OFFICE STAFF INSTRUCTIONS:**

Insert the plate numbers on the plate diagram to the left and submit this form to the WV DMV for recording and processing. Be sure to retain a copy for your records.





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- Logo listed in event program, web site page and newsletter

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**\$20,000**

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- Logo listed in event program, web site page and newsletter

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