

## Court to rule on WV pooling statute challenge

A federal appeals court has instructed a lower court to resolve a pending suit challenging the constitutionality of West Virginia’s oil and gas pooling and unitization law. The federal district court previously declined to resolve certain constitutional issues presented in the suit on the grounds that those issues should be decided by a state court instead of a federal court.

In 2022, the West Virginia Legislature enacted Senate Bill 694 to revise West Virginia law governing the pooling and unitization of oil and gas formations associated with horizontal well development. Pooling and unitization essentially involves combining separately owned properties into a single “unit” through which one or more horizontal wells are drilled. The oil and gas pro-

duced from the horizontal well is then allocated among all the properties in the unit for purposes of calculating production royalties payable to the mineral owners.

Prior to Senate Bill 694 becoming effective on June 7, 2022, formation of a pooled unit for a horizontal well drilled through “shallow” oil and gas formations, which includes the Marcellus Shale, required consent of 100% of the mineral owners for all the properties to be included in the unit. This 100% consent requirement

**Pooling challenge** *Continued on page 24*



*Robert Stonestreet Babst Calland*

## 2024 Spring Swing set for May 6 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 6, 2024, at Berry Hills Country Club in Charleston.

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

We have registration options that include sponsorships with foursomes, sponsorships without foursomes, single golfers or foursomes. We’ll match players for single registrations.

We have several levels of

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Diamond, Bronze and Hole sponsorships are available.



*Jim Crews  
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## Winter Meeting wrap-up

GO-WV recently concluded its 2024 Winter Meeting. While the weather prevented some from attending, the conversations and presentations were very informative and positive.

One of my favorite events is the past presidents' luncheon where past presidents from IOGA, WVONGA and now GO-WV, along with our present board members, discuss past and current challenges and how they were resolved. I am thankful for their guidance and friendship.

Our security summit was well received, and I received a lot of positive feedback regarding the speakers and the material. Thank you to Jason Porter for working hard to put it together.

The legislative reception was full, and I am very appreciative of our lawmakers taking the time to interact with our members and to hear from Senate President Blair and House Speaker Hanshaw. They have been and continue to be advocates and strong supporters of our industry and they appreciate the role our industry plays in attracting new businesses and investment to the state.

Although they couldn't attend in person, I'd like to thank Senators Joe Manchin and Shelley Moore Capito for joining us remotely. Their time is valuable, and I appreciate them fitting us into their busy congressional schedules. I also want to thank Governor Jim Justice for speaking and encouraging our industry to keep going so that the "Toby and Edith's" of the world recognize the importance we play in the quality of life they and we all enjoy.

Steve Gandee from Encova also presented some good news to our member companies to the tune of a potential 8.3% reduction in our Workers' Compensation insurance for qualifying members.

I was encouraged to hear from Curtis Wilkerson and Jeff Nehr regarding their work in power generation and microgrids as those items, along with the Hydrogen Hub, will be the future of demand growth in our state. I was also encouraged to hear from Scott Potter regarding the LNG demand coming in the next 12-24 months that will aid in pricing and help our allies with geopolitical security.

Brielle Appelbaum was extremely informative regarding the upcoming elections and things to look for as we near election day.

I always learn something from our executive panel and this year was no different. Thank you to Mike John, Kyle Mork and Greg Floerke for taking the time to discuss what is going on at their respective companies and how they view the future for the industry.

Lastly, congratulations to all our reclamation winners, Kelly and Pam Moss on the Rusty Hutson, Sr. Heritage Award and 2024 Gunslinger Kevin Ellis. I can't conclude this article without thanking Lori, Charlie, Katie and Jordan for putting on another great program.



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# GO-WV mourns the passing of WV Oil & Gas Festival powerhouse Barbara Vincent

Barbara Vincent, 88, of Sistersville, WV, passed away Jan. 9, 2024 at home.

She was born Dec. 16, 1935, in Tyler County, WV, a daughter of the late Russell Ferrell and Chloe Underwood Ferrell.

She was the organizer of the West Virginia Oil & Gas Festival for many years. She last presided over the Festival in September of 2023, presenting the Oil & Gas Person of the Year to Jim Crews.

Barb was a vital asset to the community of Sistersville. She was a stoic and gracious lady who will be missed by so many in the community.

Barb was a member of the Oxford Street Church of Christ and retired after 45 years of service from First Federal Bank in Sistersville where she served at the Vice President. She served as the Secretary of the SHS Alumni Association for 25 years and President of the Tyler County Development Authority for 15 years. She served on multiple committees supporting Sistersville, including Sistersville Cemetery Association and ArtsLink. She enjoyed listening to Mountaineer Sports on the radio and loved her Friday night dinners with her friends.

She is survived by her sons, Eric (Connie) Vincent of Sistersville, WV and Barry (Kate) Vincent of Seattle, WV; grandson, Kellen Vincent; step-granddaughters, Sabrina (Chad) Buchanan and Brandi (Rick) Walton; step- great grandchildren, Sydney (Dylan) Reynolds, Jace Reed,

Jaxon Buchanan, Brylee and Zander Henderson and Breagan Walton; step-great great granddaughter, Leighton Reynolds and special nieces, Teresa Rader Hamrick, Beth Rader Plummer and Shelley Rader Shamblin.



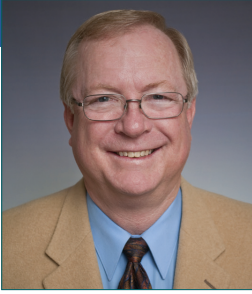
In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Carroll D. Vincent and sister, Betty Ferrell.



*Above, Charlie Burd, left, looks on as Vincent presents the 2023 Oil & Gas Person of the Year award to Jim Crews.*



*Left, past recipients pose with Vincent in September 2023. From left: Ben Hardesty (1992), Vincent, Jim Crews (2023), Lori Miller Smith (2022) and Charlie Burd (2017).*



## From the Burd's Nest: What a difference a year makes!

One year ago, I took the leap of faith and had total left knee replacement surgery. My doctor, and friend of thirty years, had finally convinced me that previous October that waiting was no longer an option. Bone on bone, no ACL, arthritis, swelling and constant pain. My doctor told me that had he seen me walking across his parking lot and not known me, he would have given me his business card!! He also told me that once I got the left knee fixed, I would be knocking on his door to get the right knee fixed. He was spot-on and on August 22, 2023, I had total right knee replacement surgery. I have never regretted either decision.

As I write this February newsletter article, your GO-WV lobbying team is actively and carefully tracking all legislation that is being introduced to safeguard the interests of our members and all those engaged in the oil and natural gas industry statewide. At this point, while there are multiple bills of interest, it is much too early to know just what may happen by the end of the Session on March 9. So, I will save all that fanfare for specific GO-WV Action Alerts or for future newsletters and Legislative Reports.

While I will not go into any level of detail, I can say that from the 30,000-foot view at this VERY early stage of the Legislative Session we are currently monitoring well over 100 pieces of legislation that could impact your business. Here is a small sampling:

WVDEP Rules that we support and that address:

- Alternative emission limitations during startup and shutdown operations (SB2 / HB4027).
- Underground injection control (SB17 / HB4029).

WV Tax Department Rules that we support and that address:

- Citizen tax credit for property taxes paid (SB55 / HB4081)
- Income tax paid at the entity level by electing pass-through entities (SB56 / HB4082)
- Income tax credits for property taxes paid (SB57 / HB4080)

### **SB235 / HB4292:**

- These companion bills seek to apply penalties for nonpayment of royalties under terms of oil and natural gas leases. SB-235 has been placed in a subcommittee further discussion, while
- HB-4292 rests in the House Judiciary Committee for further debate. We do not support this legislation as introduced without major, industry friendly revisions.

### **SB258 and SB373:**

- These two similar bills seek to provide tax credits for employers providing childcare for their employees. We support this effort.

### **SB395 / HB850:**

- These companion bills seek to modify the valuation of industrial property and natural resources as tax legislation (HB-4336) from 2022. We support this effort.

### **SB526 / HB4759:**

- These companion bills seek to verify the legal employment status of all persons who come into your employment through the federal E-Verify system and to report such employment to the appropriate governmental agencies. HB-4759 is on track to pass third reading in the house on January 26. From there it is sent to the Senate for further consideration.

### **HB4411:**

- Relating to the standardization of leases, deeds, or contracts relating to oil and gas. We do not support this legislation as introduced.

### **HB4662:**

- This bill would require the withholding of West Virginia personal income tax on natural resources royalty payments to those that live outside West Virginia. We do not support this legislation as introduced.

### **HB5045:**

- This legislation would establish primacy on Class VI injections wells through the administration of the West Virginia Water Pollu-

**Burd's Nest**

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# GO-WV mourns the passing of former IOGA-WV president Chester (Chet) Dodd

Chester (Chet) Dodd, Jr. died on January 26, 2024, at the age of 96, at the Arthur B. Hodges Center at Edgewood Summit, Charleston, W.Va. Chet was born January 12, 1928, in Spencer, W.Va., the oldest child of Chester C. Dodd Sr. and Margaret Bliss Goad Dodd. He graduated from Spencer High School with the class of 1945 and then attended The Ohio State University, receiving a bachelor's degree in Business Administration. While at OSU he joined Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity. He became a life-long loyal fan of OSU football.

While attending OSU, he met Joan Marie Miller of Worthington, Ohio, daughter of Lester John Miller and Marie Margaret Medley and they married on December 17, 1949. Joan predeceased him on January 18, 2018, after 69 years of marriage. Besides his parents and wife, he is also predeceased by his sister, Barbara Starcher.

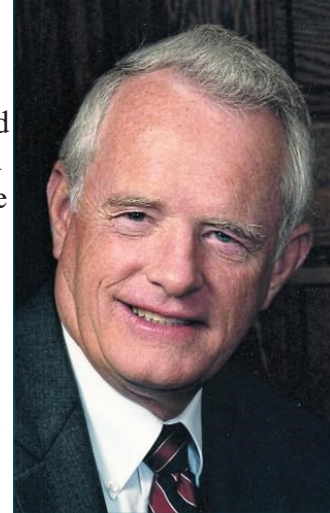
He is survived by three daughters, Margaret Joan "Jody" (Chip) Chatlain of Tarpon Springs, Fla.; Linda Ann (Robert) Fluharty of Charleston; and Kathryn Marie Hunt of Spencer; 11 grandchildren, nine cherished great-grandchildren, sister, Margie Barnes, brother, Steven Dodd (Patty), and many beloved nieces and nephews.

After college, Chet joined his father in business with C.C. Dodd Construction in Spencer. In the 1960's he was an agent and manager for State Farm Insurance in Ohio. Later, he was Director of the Property and Casualty Division and Director of Agent's Licensing for the WV Department of Insurance. In 1967, Chet rejoined his father at C.C. Dodd Oil and Gas for the remainder of his career.

He served as president of the Independent Oil and Gas Association of West Virginia (1978); President of Independent Petroleum Association of America (1978); and member of the Appalachian Geological Society.

Chet was an active civic leader for many years. He was a member of the Board of Traders Bank from 1971 to 2003 and Chairman from 1991

to 2003. He was past president of the Spencer Rotary Club and a Paul Harris Fellow. He served as president of the Board of Directors of the Roane General Hospital, the Roane County Chamber of Commerce and the Edgewood Summit Resident's Association, chaired the Roane County Republican Party and was a director of the Roane County Field Club. He was a 50-year member of the Spencer Masonic Lodge.



As a boy, Chet sang boy soprano in the church choir and played cornet in the Jr. High and High School band. As a Freshman at Ohio State, he auditioned and was accepted to sing with the prestigious Symphonic Choir. Later, he sang with the Richard Johnson Choral Ensemble, a semi-professional group in Columbus, OH, and the SPEBSQSA (barbershop). He sang in a church choir continuously for seven decades. He enjoyed performing in plays throughout his life.

Chet was a devout and active member of the United Methodist faith throughout his life. He served as Sunday School teacher, lay leader, choir director and Chair of the Board of Trustees of St. John's UMC in Spencer. He was appointed lay delegate to the WV UMC Annual Conference for 20 years and to two Jurisdictional Conferences. He served on the Conference on multiple committees and ministries and was a trustee for the WV United Methodist Foundation.

In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to the C.C. Dodd Charitable Trust, c/o the United Methodist Foundation, 500 Virginia St. E., Suite 750, Charleston, WV 25301.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.taylorvandalefuneralhome.com](http://www.taylorvandalefuneralhome.com)

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# Division of Motor Vehicles

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**B) Vehicle Information**

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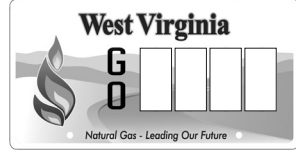
I certify that all information on this application is true and correct and if I cease to be in good standing with the above organization, I will immediately return the special license plate to the Division of Motor Vehicles.

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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.
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 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.





## 2024 scholarship deadline: March 15

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 for GO-WV member companies. The Association also awards deserving high school “student employees” who have completed a required number of working hours at a GO-WV member company.

Since 2020, two annual one-time, \$1,000 scholarships are also sponsored by ConServ Incorporated and earmarked 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, over \$230,000 has been awarded to these very deserving students. Complete eligibility rules and documents for both scholarship types are found on pages 28-33 or at <https://gowv.com/education/scholarship/> and will be 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 Friday, March 15, 2024. 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.

GO-WV will accept completed applications, including all documents, postmarked by Friday, March 15, 2024. 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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February 7-9, 2024

**NAPE**  
*GRB Convention Center, Houston, TX*

March 6-8, 2024

**OOGA Annual Meeting**  
*Easton Hilton, Columbus, OH*  
Info: [ooga.org](http://ooga.org)

March 18, 2024

**Southern Gas Conference**  
*Columbia Convention Center, Columbia, SC*  
Info: [hartenergy.com](http://hartenergy.com)

March 20-21, 2024

**West Virginia Construction & Design EXPO**  
*Charleston Coliseum & Civic Center*  
*Charleston, WV*  
Info: [wvexpo.com](http://wvexpo.com)

April 18, 2024

**PIOGA Spring Meeting**  
*Rivers Casino, Pittsburgh, PA*  
Info: [www.pioga.org](http://www.pioga.org)

May 6, 2024

**GO-WV Spring Swing**  
*Berry Hills Country Club, Charleston, WV*  
Info: [gowv.com](http://gowv.com)

May 15-17, 2024

**SUPER DUG**  
*Fort Worth Convention Center, Ft. Worth, TX*  
Info: [hartenergy.com](http://hartenergy.com)

May 20-22, 2024

**IOGCC Annual Business Meeting**  
*Skirvin Hilton, Oklahoma City, OK*  
Info: [iogcc](http://iogcc)

May 23, 2024

**WV Chemical Alliance Zone Spring Meeting**  
*Location TBD*  
Info: [cazww.com](http://cazww.com)

June 5-6, 2024

**GO-WV Science Teacher Workshop**  
*Hampton Inn & Suites Morgantown*  
*Morgantown WV*

June 27, 2024

**KOGA 87th Annual Meeting**  
*Campbell House, Lexington, KY*  
Info: [www.kyoilgas.org](http://www.kyoilgas.org)

August 4-6, 2024

**GO-WV Summer Meeting**  
*The Greenbrier, White Sulphur Springs, WV*  
Info: [gowv.com](http://gowv.com)

September 20, 2024

**GO-WV Fall Sports Outing**  
*Bridgeport Country Club, Bridgeport, WV*  
Info: [gowv.com](http://gowv.com)

September 22-25, 2024

**GPA Midstream Assn. National Convention**  
*Marriott Rivercenter, San Antonio, TX*  
Info: [gpamidstream](http://gpamidstream)

October 28-30, 2024

**IOGCC Annual Conference**  
*Cheyenne Mt. Resort, Colorado Springs, CO*  
Info: [iogcc](http://iogcc)

February 19-20, 2025

**GO-WV 2025 Winter Meeting**  
*Charleston Marriott Hotel, Charleston, WV*

August 2025

**GO-WV Summer Meeting**  
*The Greenbrier, White Sulphur Springs, WV*





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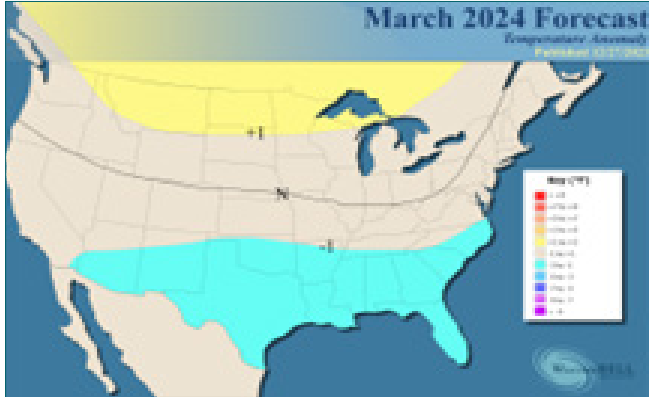
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This year's El Niño has certainly been unique and has presented its share of challenges this winter, from a very warm December to a historic cold outbreak in January, and the more recent see-saw pattern.

Maintaining the opposite theme of last winter, after what is expected to be a significant cold snap in February and early March (this time focused more in the East), the pattern should snap warmer and we should be in for an early spring. The last few years have seen a cool spring (really an extended winter), but don't be surprised to see a quicker flip to a spring and early summer pattern this year as El Niño fades.



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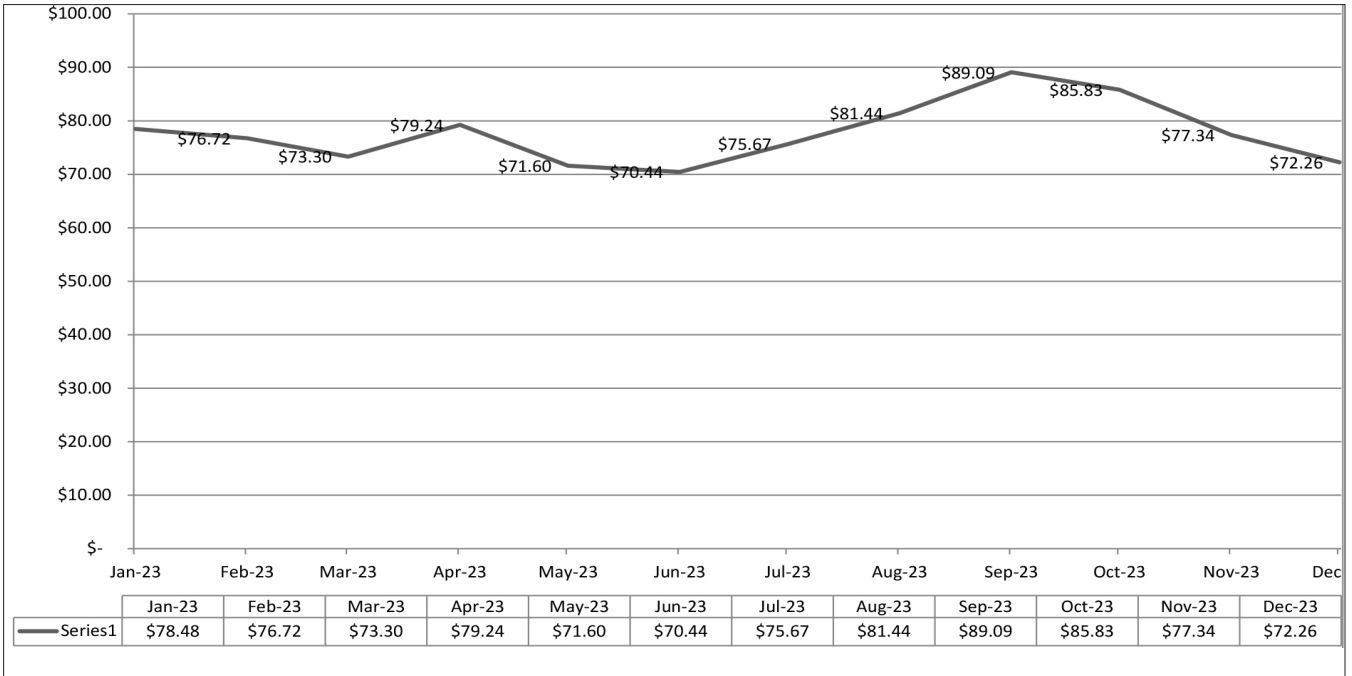
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## Oil & Gas Museum

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## Cooking a frog

Recently, the resort where we stayed on vacation had a very hot, Hot Tub. Setting foot in the tub, my first inclination was to jump out. It felt much hotter than my hot tub at home set at 102 degrees. Surprisingly, my body adapted to the hot temperature. The tub temperature hadn't changed but it felt cooler to me. I limited my exposure time.

The hot tub experience reminded me of the urban legend on how to boil a frog. If a frog is dropped into a small pot of boiling water it jumps out. However, if the frog is put in tepid comfortable water which is brought to a boil slowly, it will not perceive the danger and be cooked to death. The story is a metaphor for the inability or unwillingness of people to react to threats arising gradually rather than suddenly.

We can lose our democracy if we allow small freedoms to be taken away. If something dramatic happens like the attack on 9-11, we recognize the threat and act. During the pandemic we saw simple freedoms like the ability to worship taken away. In Pennsylvania people couldn't buy liquor. State liquor stores were deemed unessential. Other businesses were forced to close. The West Virginia Governor's State of Emergency and associated powers didn't end until January 1, 2023. The West Virginia Legislature acted passing SB128 restricting the powers of future governors to maintain emergency powers without legislative approval. Do we recognize the seemingly insignificant things impacting us?

Before Christmas Lynnda and I toured CRDC's mixed plastic recycling facility in York, PA. They convert 1-2 tons per hour of mixed unwashed plastic waste into a valuable construction product. We left York for a meeting in Marietta the next day and spent the night in Bedford, PA. The morning was sunny and cold with temperatures in the low 20s. As we crossed the Allegheny Front on the PA Turnpike headed toward Pittsburgh, I noticed a solar farm with all of the panels covered with snow. It wasn't producing electricity. The wind farm at the top of the mountain wasn't doing

any better. Only one of the many windmills was barely turning. There was very little wind.

At 60 degrees I can put on a jacket. At 20 degrees we need heat to survive. In weather extremes we especially need dependable energy renewables couldn't deliver. We have had single digit temperatures this winter. If the power goes off, our heat pump or furnace won't work. This is a reminder how important fossil fuels are and how thankful we are to have abundant natural gas and oil. We have a propane grill to cook on and a wood fireplace with lots of trees, if our electricity is down. Both fossil fuel solutions to survive.

According to the EIA and oilprice.com, in 2023 the world produced 81 million barrels of oil per day. The USA is the world's #1 oil producer at 13 M bpd. Saudi Arabia was #2 averaging 9.5 M bpd. Russia was #3 at 9 M bpd. Iran was reported to produce 4.3 M bpd. The increase in oil prices since 2020 have given countries like Russia and Iran profits to spend on war. I haven't seen any studies about the serious impact of wars on global emissions. COP 28 chose not to address the issue and instead focused on reducing fossil fuel use.

It's amazing how smart people can make some really dumb decisions. Over 200 parties came together at COP 28 and agreed to triple renewable energy and phase out fossil fuel use. They have access to the same numbers as we do. The world uses 81 million barrels of oil or 3,400,000,000 gallons EVERY DAY. This doesn't count natural gas and coal daily use. One barrel of crude oil equals 5,800,000 BTUs. It is a powerful, easily transportable, dependable fuel. It takes 5,670 cubic feet of natural gas to equal a barrel of oil. Compressed natural gas takes up more space than gasoline, which is why gasoline and diesel became the fuel of choice for vehicles. To replace the natural gas production from the gas well a block from my house would require 1,100 acres of windmills or solar panels. Apparently, no engineer at COP 28 had the courage to ask HOW

**Cooking a frog**

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# 2024 GO-WV Winter Meeting saw some of industry's best state and national speakers

“This industry betters everyone around it,” **Governor Jim Justice** said to a packed room at GO-WV’s 2024 Winter Meeting in mid-January. Policymakers and industry leaders echoed this sentiment during the two-day conference in Charleston, West Virginia which covered topics ranging from cybersecurity and energy infrastructure to hydrogen development and the essential role of West Virginia natural gas and oil in driving economic growth, environmental progress and energy security.



*Above, Governor Jim Justice (and Baby Dog) spoke to attendees on Thursday.*

Experts weighed in on how domestic natural gas plays a key role in the global energy market. The Appalachian Basin specifically, which is America’s largest producing region, comprises about one-third of all U.S. natural gas production. The demand for energy is quickly rising across the world, meaning the supply coming out of West Virginia directly supports America’s ability to meet this demand with clean, affordable and reliable fuel.

West Virginia’s reliable and abundant natural gas is also enabling the growth of the state’s industrial sector, helping it to thrive and provide

greater economic opportunity in the Mountain State. In addition to providing crucial feedstocks for manufacturing processes, boosting the state’s natural gas-fired electricity generation would enhance flexibility as demand increases—ensuring residents and other end-users can access electricity at a moment’s notice.

With demand for reliable power expected to rise, natural gas is poised to play a significant role in meeting that demand. Natural gas supplies 40% of the nation’s electricity generation and will capture a majority of demand growth from resource retirement in the coming years; however, this is only possible if policymakers prioritize the growth of accessible and dispatchable fuel sources. In West Virginia, we must use the Grid Stabilization and Security Act of 2023 to advance in-state natural-gas generation to significantly reduce emissions, improve reliability, attract jobs, and continue providing energy savings for West Virginians.

Millions of Americans depend upon natural gas as a reliable, affordable fuel source, and West Virginia is blessed with an abundance of natural resources beneath our feet. With neighboring

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*Above, from left, GO-WV Executive Director Charlie Burd and GO-WV Vice President and Program Chair Jim Crews, at right, share the stage with legislative panelists WV Senate President Craig Blair, WV House Speaker Roger Hanshaw and panel moderator Philip A. Reale.*



## 2024 GO-WV Winter Meeting featured first-time Security Summit

For the first time, the Environmental and Safety Committee sponsored a Security Summit on the opening day of the 2024 Winter Meeting. The Summit featured segments on physical and cyber security, as well as a TSA update.

The physical security best practices panel discussed areas of detection and deterrence, as well as threats, risks and vulnerabilities, plus response and recovery. Panelists were: Adam Scott, Security Operations Coordinator, Antero Resources; Dr. William Minear II, CEM, MHRO, CMC, University of Charleston; and Mary Friend, WV Public Service Commission.

Scott opened with the question, "Who are we protecting from what?" He added that security can cost a lot, but can be as simple as identification, reporting and communicating. Friend said the code doesn't have a lot about security, adding, "Even fences aren't always required by code, but line markers and signage are required." Minear said security is about you and your people, adding, "That can be your biggest vulnerability." He stressed the need to train your people, plan for emergencies and establish relationships with partners and first responders before you need them.

The conversation moved to the areas of threats, risks and vulnerabilities. Scott said, "Secure office doors during working hours and utilize access control." The primary threats they've identified are the theft of copper and batteries, environmental extremists and those with mental health issues. Domestic and foreign terrorism also remain on his radar. Friend said the PSC can serve as "a new set of eyes" on a location or situation. Minear pointed out that the Transportation Security Administration has responsibility for surface pipelines, among other areas. He added that the "good" of major projects can come with crime involving drugs, theft, prostitution and more.

When it came to physical deterrence, all speakers stressed the basics of good locks, checking fences for gaps underneath, over the top and at gates, changing punch codes, changing codes



*Among Security Summit speakers were Dr. William Minear II from University of Charleston, Adam Scott of Antero Resources, Mary Friend of the West Virginia Public Service Commission, Jason Porter of Apex Pipeline Services and Derek Brown from EQT.*

on locks, tracking keys, varying delivery routes, routines and schedules and the need to manage, communicate and plan. If all employees have key cards, keep the doors locked. With fired employees, all agreed on the need to take the phone, laptop, keys and access cards at once. Mergers and acquisitions can bring "bad actors" with them.

The discussion of emergency response included running training sessions with area responders, since many don't know about the oil and gas industry. Regulated companies are required to have emergency plans including emergency numbers and Friend suggested having GPS locations posted for all sites and on mapping. An emergency plan needs to be a living document, not just sitting on a shelf.

Recovery focused on gaining knowledge. If the NTSB investigates an incident, public reports will be generated. Competitors may have common interests, since what's happening to one may happen to others like thefts or protesters. It's important to share information with the "boots on the ground" employees and "need to know" people on both information sharing and intelligence gathering.

**Security Summit**

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## Pam and Kelly Moss honored with 2024 Rusty Hutson, Sr. Heritage Award

The Rusty Hutson, Sr., Heritage Award, first presented to its namesake at the 2022 GO-WV Winter Meeting, was established to honor an exemplary individual(s) from the oil and natural gas industry who has, for 25 years or more, supported and demonstrated a tradition of service to and in their community, had positive civic engagement, and/or served in the development of community leaders and industry workers.

This year's recipients, Pam and Kelly Moss, owners of Apex Pipeline Services, Inc., were the unanimous choice of the selection committee based on their longstanding unselfish commitment to annually assisting multiple area non-profit organizations. This award recognizes their lifetime of commitment and service to the community, and the Moss's work to help agencies that serve those in need cannot be understated and certainly meets the spirit of this award in numerous ways.



*Diversified Energy Sr. Executive Vice President Ben Sullivan presented the 2024 Rusty Hutson, Sr. Heritage Award to Kelly and Pam Moss.*



*The Moss family, daughter Kenzie, Kelly, Pam and son Tyler.*

# Kevin Ellis honored as 2024 Gunslinger

During an IOGA Strategic Planning Retreat in 1991, the job of the Board of Directors was described as “taking a bunch of gunslingers and turning them into a posse.” That is an apt description.

In 1993, the IOGA Board of Directors initiated a distinctive service award, named the Gunslinger Award, to recognize individuals who make unique contributions to the success of the West Virginia natural gas and oil industry over an extended period of time. The Gas and Oil Association of West Virginia is proud to continue this important recognition.

Lloyd Jackson said, "It was my honor to receive this award in 2023, and now it's my absolute privilege to present the award to the 2024 recipient.

"The members of the West Virginia natural gas and oil industry are a unique group of entrepreneurs who endure the cycles of our industry, surviving in hard times and prospering even in sometimes harsh economic environments. In many cases they have had to set aside their natural instincts as hard-driving leaders to be effective in the trade association environment. The 29 past winners of the Gunslinger Award have done just that, and this year's winner is no exception.

"I have worked closely at times with this year's recipient and I can attest that he has devoted countless hours and worked diligently on behalf of our industry and our state, always putting others before himself, showcasing his Gunslinger spirit time and time again.

"He has served in a variety of leader-



*2023 Gunslinger Award recipient Lloyd Jackson, left, presented the 2024 Gunslinger Award to Kevin Ellis.*

ship positions for his current employer and other high-profile companies in the Appalachian Basin for over a decade.

"He served both WVONGA and IOGA as president and is recognized for his tireless leadership in several other community, civic and industry organizations. Wherever there is a need, you will find Kevin Ellis there to help."



*Kevin is surrounded by wife Amy, daughter Claire and his friends and colleagues from both Antero Resources and Steptoe & Johnson, PLLC.*

# 2023 Reclamation Award recipients honored

The West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection Office of Oil and Gas, along with the Gas and Oil Association of WV, Inc. (GO-WV), are pleased to announce the winners for the reclamation of oil and gas wells that were drilled between December 1, 2022 and November 30, 2023. Winners were divided into four categories based on the number of wells drilled during the time period.



*2023 Reclamation Award recipients present at the 2024 GO-WV Winter Meeting, from left: Aaron Pettey of Mountain V Oil & Gas, Inc.; Josh Dalton of Northeast Natural Energy; Maribeth Anderson of Antero Resources; David Boyce of Arsenal Resources; and Jerod Duelley of HG Energy. We congratulate all of these winners for their outstanding reclamation efforts!*

## **2023 Winners**

*Category One* (30 permits or greater with a mandatory score of 87-99)  
 1st Place.....Tug Hill Operating, LLC  
 2nd Place.....SWN Production Company, LLC  
 3rd Place.....Antero Resources Corporation

*Category Two* (15 to 29 permits with a mandatory score of 90-99)  
 1st Place.....EQT Production Company

*Category Three* (six to 14 permits with a mandatory score of 92-99)  
 1st Place.....HG Energy II Appalachia, LLC  
 1st Place.....Northeast Natural Energy, LLC  
 2nd Place.....Arsenal Resources, LLC

*Category Four* (one to five permits with a mandatory score of 95-99)  
 1st Place.....CNX Gas Company, LLC  
 1st Place.....Equinor  
 1st Place.....Mountain V Oil & Gas, Inc.  
 2nd Place.....Jay-Bee Oil & Gas, Inc.

## 2023-2024 GO-WV Board members and staff



Members of the GO-WV Board of Directors join with staff for the official 2023-2024 portrait. Shown are, front row from left: Ex-officio member Andria Wymer, Energy Transportation; Treasurer Kelly Moss, Apex Pipeline; President Jeff Isner, Pillar Energy, Vice President Jim Crews, MPLX, Secretary Jason Harshbarger, BHE GT&S; and Immediate Past President Maribeth Anderson, Antero Resources. Back row, from left, are: Board member Aaron Thompson, TC Energy, GO-WV Member Services Coordinator Jordan Bonnett; Board member Doug Malcolm, D.C. Malcolm, Inc.; emeritus member Bob Orndorff; Board member Craig Colombo, Hope Gas; GO-WV Executive Director Charlie Burd; Board member Brett Loflin, Northeast Natural Energy; GO-WV Director of Administrative Services Lori Miller Smith; Board member Chris Weikle, Southwestern Energy; emeritus member Lloyd Jackson, Jackson Management; emeritus member Don Nestor; GO-WV Member Services Coordinator Katie McCracken; Board member Ben Sullivan, Diversified Energy; and Board member John Bane, EQT.



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did not apply to horizontal wells drilled through “deep formations” such as the Utica Shale. One of the more significant changes made by SB 694 was to allow the West Virginia Oil and Gas Conservation Commission to approve units for shallow formations where at least 75% of the mineral owners consent, provided other requirements are also satisfied. This means that up to 25% of a unit could potentially include properties for which the mineral owner did not consent to being part of a unit.

Before Senate Bill 694 became effective, a pair of mineral owners (Scott Sonda and Brian Corwin) filed a lawsuit in the federal District Court for the Northern District of West Virginia seeking to preclude the law from taking effect. Governor Jim Justice was the only defendant named in the case. In their suit, Sonda and Corwin alleged that the law was illegal for several reasons, including the claim that the law authorizes the unconstitutional taking of private property without just compensation and deprives landowners of due process of law.

Federal Judge John Preston Bailey initially dismissed all of their claims for two reasons. First, Judge Bailey concluded that Sonda and Corwin lacked standing to bring the challenge because (a) their property had not been pooled into a unit without their consent and no operator had sought approval of a unit to include their property without their consent; and (b) the Commission, not the Governor, has the power to directly enforce Senate Bill 694.

Second, Judge Bailey ruled that, even if Sonda and Corwin established standing, Governor Justice had constitutional immunity from the suit because he had no direct authority to implement Senate Bill 694. Rather, the Commission has the authority to implement the law.

Instead of dismissing their suit entirely, Judge Bailey granted leave for Sonda and Corwin to amend their complaint to name the Commission as a defendant instead. Sonda and Corwin did so, and also named as defendants each person who serves on the Commission. The amended com-

plaint still does not allege that mineral properties owned by Sonda or Corwin were pooled into a unit without their consent. Instead, the amended complaint attempts to address the standing issue by alleging that Senate Bill 694 effectively eliminates their ability to challenge whether they are being fairly compensated for oil and gas produced from their property that was pooled into a unit with their consent.

The Commission moved to dismiss the amended complaint for various reasons, including Sonda’s and Corwin’s lack of standing to bring the case. Judge Bailey did not address the standing issue, but agreed with the Commission with respect to three of the five claims asserted by Sonda and Corwin. Judge Bailey then abstained from addressing the Commission’s arguments for dismissal of the other two claims, which asserted constitutional violations, because he believed that those issues were more appropriate for resolution by a State court instead of a federal court.

The Commission appealed Judge Bailey’s decision to abstain from addressing the arguments for dismissal of the constitutional claims. By opinion issued on January 31, 2024, the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that Judge Bailey should not have abstained. The appellate court also directed Judge Bailey to first address the standing issue before addressing any other pending issue. The opinion does not specify a deadline for Judge Bailey to rule on those issues. If Judge Bailey finds that Sonda and Corwin continue to lack standing to assert their claims, the case will presumably be dismissed on that ground alone. If Judge Bailey concludes that Sonda and Corwin have established standing, Judge Bailey will likely address the merits of the Commission’s other arguments for dismissal.

If you have questions about this lawsuit or West Virginia law governing pooling and unitization, please contact either of the following attorneys to learn more: Robert Stonestreet at [rstonestreet@babstcalland.com](mailto:rstonestreet@babstcalland.com) or 681.265.1364 or Austin Rogers at [arogers@babstcalland.com](mailto:arogers@babstcalland.com) or 681.265.1368.



regions struggling to meet rapidly growing energy demands and being forced to rely on foreign energy imports, it is clear that further natural gas development is required to secure America's energy independence. West Virginia is well positioned to meet this demand.

Key to meeting demand, however, is pipeline infrastructure to move the fuel from production sites to end-users where it is needed. The Mountain Valley Pipeline (MVP), slated to run from northwestern West Virginia to southern Virginia, for example, will help provide more than 2 billion cubic feet (or roughly one-third of West Virginia's annual production) to customers in the southeast.

"With technology improvements that the industry has made over the last couple of decades, we have been able to extract a lot of gas. But you have to put it somewhere, and so our storage numbers are full--which has suppressed markets. The



*Thursday's industry agenda included presentations from (l-r) Greg Floerke of MPLX, Mike John of Northeast Natural Energy, Kyle Mork of Greylock Energy, Scott Potter of RBN Energy, LLC, Brielle Appelmaum of Inspire Capital Development and GO-WV Vice President and Program Chair Jim Crews.*

MVP will help bring some of that gas to market and allow some competition of energy," GO-WV President, Jeff Isner, said.

Smart infrastructure investments also boost the viability of other end-use opportunities for Appalachian natural gas and oil. As part of the Biden Administration's regional hydrogen hub development goals, West Virginia was selected to receive up to \$925 million in federal funding to accelerate hydrogen development in the Basin via the Appalachian Regional Clean Hydrogen Hub. With proper infrastructure investments, West Virginia natural gas operators are equipped to scale production to advance hydrogen production. Natural gas is widely recognized as the most cost-effective way to produce hydrogen, and by tapping our energy-rich resources, "the hydrogen hubs will be transformative," explained GO-WV Executive Director, Charlie Burd "if they can be accomplished as they were intended."

The bottom-line: West Virginia's natural gas industry is critical to meeting increased energy demand, powering businesses, schools and homes, and creating good-paying jobs. With the support of sound policies like permitting reform and greenlighting infrastructure development, West Virginia is willing and ready contribute to America's energy future.

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tion Control Act, and Underground Carbon Dioxide Sequestration and Storage. Only three states have passed state class VI primacy: Louisiana, North Dakota, and Wyoming. We support this effort.

In addition to these few bills, we are tracking dozens more that address various components of home rule, severance tax allocations, roads, road repairs, WVPSC jurisdiction, investment credits. The 2024 Legislative Session does not conclude until midnight, Saturday, March 9, so there will be much more to come!!!

A year ago, I spent the entire last half of the 2023 Legislative Session tracking all these things

from my La-Z-Boy chair with ice on my knee. It is so much better, effective, and efficient to be at the Capitol to personally interact with the legislators, their staffers, and our fellow lobbyists. And I am doing so absolutely pain free...a first for me a quite a long time!

In closing, I want to again commend the best lobbying team at the Capitol: Phil Reale, Jim Fealy, Daniel Hall, and Philip Reale for the outstanding job they have done thus far and in close coordination with our GO-WV leadership team within the Governmental Affairs, Environmental, Taxation and Executive Committees.

Look for more legislative discussion in the March edition!!!

## Cooking a frog

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and WHAT energy source would replace fossil fuels. The closest fuel to oil and gas is nuclear power, where a small amount of fuel produces a large amount of energy. Nuclear power plants are actively being shut down. Small nuclear reactors at least are being considered.

A great danger to our safety is our government, especially the EPA constantly adding regulations forcing coal power plants to shut down before the end of their useful life. New proposed EPA regulations will restrict the ability of natural gas plants to operate. Like boiling a frog, they are slowly taking away our ability to stay warm in the winter and cool in the summer without a viable replacement. We heard about the danger directly from a PJM electric grid executive at October's West Virginia Governor's Energy Conference. He can't deliver electricity if it isn't available.

Who will protect our children and grandchildren if we don't? We must ask tough questions and demand economic, dependable 24-7-365 energy. With the current energy plan and new EPA air regulations, HOW are we going to have dependable heat and power? If someone doesn't like fossil fuels they are free to make that decision. They shouldn't use them. We can all see how that works. We must tell our industry's story to more than the choir at our meetings.

Will it take a winter storm freezing thousands to death in the dark to get attention. Hopefully, it won't be this winter. Baseload power like natu-

ral gas and coal can't be replaced by intermittent sources. Small seemingly insignificant things do matter. Natural gas and oil are essential. We are smarter than a frog. We can't wait until the water is boiling. There are other ways to lower emissions. One of the best ways is manufacturing more of the products we use here using our energy under common sense environmental laws. Thanks for all you do to keep us warm and the lights on!



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When asked what comes next, panelists said:

- stay analog (not digital) as long as possible
- cyber security scares me more than anything
- the face of West Virginia is changing and the days of us knowing everyone is ending
- communication, training and involvement are essential
- make your company look hard to mess with.

The cybersecurity panel, comprised of Derek Brown, Director of Cybersecurity and Infrastructure for EQT, Dave Parsons, State Coordinator for Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Agency, and Lt. Col. Will Hargis of WV National Guard, stressed the principles of identify, protect, respond and recover when addressing cyber issues.

The panel discussed one of the first priorities is to understand your environment and the assets connected to it. Classifying assets based on criticality and focusing on your “Crown Jewels” is a great way to start prioritizing your cyber efforts. They also stressed to not underestimate the importance of training all employees on cyber issues and threats, both on and off the job.

While security’s primary focus is on protection, all panelists emphasized the need for incident response planning and practice. The number of breaches being reported continues to go up and in many cases the attackers have access to the compromised networks for extended periods of time before they extort the victim through ransomware or theft of data. Especially in OT environments cyber and physical security come together so consider both in your incident response planning. Tabletop exercises are very valuable and should be conducted within all levels of your organization to fully understand business impacts and determine just how long you can operate when no systems/technology is available.

To assist in these efforts, panelist discussed various approaches to testing and validating controls such as Attack & Penetrations tests (Red/Purple Teams), and Threat Hunting. They also discussed controls that focus on Containment/Isolation to minimize the damage like segmentations/micro segmentation and endpoint detection and response solutions.

Panelists also discussed the need to have dedicated cyber employees as well as relying on third-party cyber security partners to assist in

developing and even helping manage your cyber program. In addition to third-party partners, having relationships (some free and some paid) with organizations like CISA, ONG-ISAC, NCFTA, InfraGuard, CISO Executive Network and others are very valuable.

On future trends, security around Artificial Intelligence and Application Programming Interfaces (APIs) came up. The panel discussed the complexity of cloud environments, and the amount of knowledge cyber and IT teams need to grow as the environment starts to span traditional data center solutions, cloud, and multi-cloud solutions.

.WVU's Sam Ameri and SPE student chapter president Nick Lapinski gave an impromptu presentation on their work to research AI and machine learning relating to natural gas. WVU will be offering an MS degree and online certification in midstream engineering this fall, the first program of its type in the country. Ameri said their efforts are getting industry support to put the program together.

The Transportation Security Administration's Ronald Pavlik said TSA surface operations oversee buses, trains and "unexpected things."

Regulations issued in May 2021 were basic, with the second round being more prescriptive, even bringing industry leaders to the TSA for classified briefings. They started with pipelines, moved to rail freight and will eventually cover the full rail spectrum. They want to finalize the pipeline overviews throughout 2024 as 90-day comment periods on security directives are planned.

Cyber hygiene was discussed, including the need to turn off access on job changes or firings. Phishing scams can grant system entry points. Table top exercises are required for regulated companies and employer/employee awareness and training are critical.

Pavlik said bad actors are quieter and stealthier now than before, waiting for the right opportunity to launch a cyber attack. CISA requires reports of incidents within 24 hours, which the TSA turns into anonymized reports to all transportation segments. He said there is a steadfast commitment to create a pathway to the same goal for government and industry.



# 2024 Scholarship Application

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3. Applicant must enroll in a four-year West Virginia college or university.
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5. Application must be signed by a high school counselor.
6. Mail the application with all activity and course forms (listed below), essay, transcript and ACT scores as instructed below. This must be **postmarked** on or before **Friday, March 15, 2024**.

**ATTENTION STUDENT:**

List your advanced placement and honors courses, organizations, volunteer and extra-curricular school activities with which you were affiliated during the four years of high school on the appropriate forms (Advanced Placement and Honors Courses, Extracurricular School Activities, Community Service and Non-School Activities - Including Employment). *Please deliver these forms along with your completed application and essay to your high school counselor.*

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5. Applicant must ensure that this application and all necessary documents are postmarked no later than **Friday, March 15, 2024.**

**ATTENTION STUDENT:**

*After completing both pages of this form, deliver these documents to your high school counselor.*

**ATTENTION SCHOOL COUNSELOR:**

1. Please write a letter stating why you, or the student's technical or vocational course instructor, recommend the student for this scholarship.
2. Mail the recommendation letter, all pages of this application, and the student's transcript of grades to the address below postmarked on or before **before March 15, 2024.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student's guidance counselor's signature

**PLEASE NOTE: ONE SIDED COPIES ONLY – NO STAPLES!**  
**Please feel free to add extra sheets if needed.**

Gas and Oil Association of WV, Inc.  
Attention: Katie McCracken  
300 Summers Street, Suite 820, Charleston WV 25301









# 2024 GO-WV Master Sponsorship Form

Please select the meetings and levels you wish to sponsor.

Newsletter and directory advertising can be reserved separately.

## Sponsorship opportunities:

**Elite Sponsor \$20,000**

- Banner hung at all events at meeting
- Specific signage at sponsored events
- Listing on Elite Sponsor board
- Logo and name listed in meeting PowerPoint presentation, meeting program, web site page and newsletter

**Gold Sponsor \$4,000**

- Listing on Gold Sponsor board
- Logo and name listed in meeting PowerPoint presentation, meeting program, web site page and newsletter

**Diamond Sponsor \$10,000**

- Banner hung at sponsored event
- Specific signage at sponsored event
- Listing on Diamond Sponsor board
- Logo and name listed in meeting PowerPoint presentation, meeting program, web site page and newsletter

**Silver Sponsor \$2,000**

- Listing on Silver Sponsor board
- Logo and name listed in meeting PowerPoint presentation, meeting program, web site page and newsletter

**Platinum Sponsor \$5,500**

- Listing on Platinum Sponsor board
- Logo and name listed in meeting PowerPoint presentation, meeting program, web site page and newsletter

**Bronze Sponsor \$1,000**

- Listing on Bronze Sponsor board
- Logo and name listed in meeting PowerPoint presentation, meeting program, web site page and newsletter

**Golf Outing(s) Hole Sponsor \$1,000 each**

- Foursome fee
- Signage at hole
- Logo listed in web site and newsletter

\_\_\_\_\_  
Company Name Contact Person

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address City State Zip

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Email

Meeting	Level	Cost
Winter Meeting	_____	\$ _____
Spring Swing Golf Outing	_____	\$ _____
Science Teacher Workshop	_____	\$ _____
Summer Meeting	_____	\$ _____
Sports Weekend Golf Outing	_____	\$ _____
	<b>Total</b>	\$ _____

Please return this form to GO-WV, address below, by January 31, 2024. Be sure to email a high resolution (300-dpi minimum) version of your company's color logo and a link to your web site to [lmillersmith@gowv.com](mailto:lmillersmith@gowv.com). Thank you for your continued support!





# 2024 GO-WV Newsletter Advertising Contract

Advertising is available to member companies and nonmembers of the Gas and Oil Association of WV, Inc. (GO-WV) in monthly issues of the association newsletter. Please see below for details regarding ad sizes and rates.

### Membership Pricing:

		Frequency of Ad (Months)		
		1 - 4	5 - 8	9 - 12
Ad Sizes	Full page 2 columns (7" wide x 9.5" deep)	\$800.00/mo	\$750.00/mo	\$700.00/mo
	Half page (vertical) 1 column (4 5/8" wide x 9.5" deep)	\$525.00/mo	\$475.00/mo	\$425.00/mo
	Half page (horizontal) 2 columns (7" wide x 4.5" deep)	\$500.00/mo	\$450.00/mo	\$400.00/mo
	Quarter page 1 column (4 5/8" wide x 3" deep)	\$300.00/mo	\$250.00/mo	\$200.00/mo
	Business card 1 column (4 5/8" wide x 2" deep)	\$150.00/mo	\$125.00/mo	\$100.00/mo

### Non-Membership Pricing:

		Frequency of Ad (Months)		
		1 - 4	5 - 8	9 - 12
Ad Sizes	Full page 2 columns (7" wide x 9.5" deep)	\$1,600.00/mo	\$1,500.00/mo	\$1,400.00/mo
	Half page (vertical) 1 column (4 5/8" wide x 9.5" deep)	\$1,050.00/mo	\$950.00/mo	\$850.00/mo
	Half page (horizontal) 2 columns (7" wide x 4.5" deep)	\$1,000.00/mo	\$900.00/mo	\$800.00/mo
	Quarter page 1 column (4 5/8" wide x 3" deep)	\$600.00/mo	\$500.00/mo	\$400.00/mo
	Business card 1 column (4 5/8" wide x 2" deep)	\$300.00/mo	\$250.00/mo	\$250.00/mo

GO-WV wants to assure that you get the best quality advertisement in the newsletter for your advertising dollar. To that end, we ask that you **submit your color ad electronically in a 300 dpi (dots per inch) resolution JPG or PDF** format. Ads saved as Word or Word Perfect documents or Excel spreadsheets will not give you a quality ad in the publication. If there are conversion issues with your file, our designer will contact you directly. Ads must be emailed directly to Diane Slaughter: [dslaughter@gowv.com](mailto:dslaughter@gowv.com).

Ads can be run each month throughout the year or in any combination of months you choose. Please note there is a price break when you commit to a longer contract. Changes to your ad copy or cancellations can be made during the duration of the contract, but must be submitted 30 days prior to the next publication. (i.e, February 1<sup>st</sup> for the March issue). Please complete the information requested below and return this page, with payment, to **GO-WV Newsletter, GO-WV, 300 Summers Street Suite 820, Charleston, WV 25301**; email [dslaughter@gowv.com](mailto:dslaughter@gowv.com). Ads must be paid in full by check or credit card prior to publication. Please call Diane Slaughter at (304) 984-0308 to discuss these options.





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