



## War Memorial Park Main Pavilion Project



In February 2010 officials at Martinsburg-Berkeley County Parks & Recreation discovered that War Memorial Park's Main Pavilion was structurally unsafe. The weight bearing posts of the 60 year-old-structure had been rotting away and the pavilion needed replaced. This pavilion, used by thousands of people for a variety of family picnics and special events throughout the year, is situated in the middle of the park which serves as the living memorial to Berkeley County residents who died serving our country. The Martinsburg-Berkeley County Parks & Recreation Board Members voted to replace the pavilion with a yellow pine laminated wood structure.

The estimated cost of the project exceeded \$100,000, but completing the project with Parks & Recreation maintenance staff and generous donations of labor and materials, the new main pavilion was constructed for approximately \$60,000. The cost has been partially offset by a WV Community Partnership Grant and donations by local groups and individuals.

Donations are still being accepted to help defray the costs of reconstructing the Main Pavilion which has a life expectancy at least double the previous structure. Donors at or above the \$1,000 amount will be recognized on a permanent bronze plaque to be placed on the pavilion.

If you or your organization are interested in contributing to the War Memorial Park Main Pavilion Project, please contact Martinsburg-Berkeley County Parks & Recreation Executive Director Steve Catlett at (304) 264-4842.

*Thank you for your support !*