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**Security Awareness Seminar:
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SOOGA is sponsoring a seminar on May 9, 2013 for companies directly related to the production of oil and gas and disposal wells. We encourage business owners, managers, and supervisors to attend. It is being held at the Lafayette Hotel, Marietta, OH.

Due to the recent incidents of protestors which targeted our industry, many SOOGA members have expressed concerns about increased theft, sabotage and protestor attacks. In response to these issues, SOOGA is sponsoring a seminar to educate our membership on security awareness and what to do in response to a protestor attack.

The seminar topics include: Personal Security Awareness presented by (SEAL) retired Frank Hoagland CEO of S.T.A.R.T. (Special Tactics and Rescue Training), Prevention and Response to Protestor Events presented by the Washington County Sheriff's Office and a Legal Overview presentation by John Triplett of TheisenBrock.

For additional information see page 35.

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Local protest

10 arrested at New Matamoras brine storage site

February 20, 2013

By Jasmine Rogers-The Marietta Times

NEW MATAMORAS-Ten people were arrested during a Tuesday anti-fracking protest at a New Matamoras business, including a man who spent nearly five hours chained to a 30-foot-tall structure he erected on the property of GreenHunter Water.

The incident began unfolding around 10:30 a.m. when some of the protesters, many wearing masks, stormed the GreenHunter office, located on Ohio 7 along the Ohio River, said Chief Deputy Mark Warden of the Washington County Sheriff's Office. The facility serves as a storage site for the waste generated during the process of hydraulic fracturing.

"They (took) some keys, tried to clog up some of the toilets, scared quite a bit of the employees," said Warden.

Athens County resident Nate Ebert, 33, a member of the anti-fracking group Appalachia Resist, climbed a 30-foot pole that he erected inside the gated facility, tethering the structure to the fence and to a brine truck that had been unloading waste.

THE CROW'S NEST



As cool weather lingers this spring, and storage is 43% full, the gas market has re-acted both positively and negatively as economic reports, storage balances, supply and demand factors weigh in on a daily basis. With the April DTI and TCO index posting at \$4.03, we are seeing May trading in the \$4.30 to \$4.35 range at the time of this article, April 22, 2013. This market is still somewhat volatile, waiting on warm weather reports and positive economic news that may impact pricing.

The association's annual Spring Membership meeting was held April 24th and 25th 2013 at the Comfort Inn in Marietta, Ohio. The golf outing was held on the second day of the meeting at the Lakeside Golf Course in Beverly, Ohio. The agenda for the business session provided some valuable information about new tax laws, insurance updates, upcoming regulatory and legislative issues in Ohio and West Virginia, a presentation by Larry Wickstrom on the Utica Shale, the Paul Fulton Scholars presentations, as well as other informative presentations. There were 131 attendees at the meeting, and 108 golfers at the golf outing. More news and pictures will be forthcoming in the next issue of the Insider.


Your association has established the SOOGA Legacy Fund with the Marietta Community Foundation. This fund was established to give back to our communities across Ohio and West Virginia and to honor the memory of members who have dedicated their life works to this industry. There will be a notice given to each member as they register for the Spring Membership meeting, so please take a look at it and consider pledging a tax deductible gift to this important new fund. SOOGA will match your gift up to a total of \$10,000 for the year of 2013.

Due to some recent incidents of protestors targeting our industry in this area, SOOGA is sponsoring a seminar to educate our membership on security awareness and what to do in response to a protestor attack. The meeting will be held May 9th, 2013 at the Lafayette Hotel in Marietta, Ohio from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Please pre-register to attend this meeting, and look for the registration form in your mail or email.


Our membership is growing as the Utica Shale brings more producer and support companies to Ohio and our Southeastern Ohio area. We are currently at 437 members and growing. The board and the Association appreciates the participation of all of our members in our activities, and look forward to your participation in our Open Forum meetings as well as our Spring membership meeting, clay shoots, trade show, and golf outings throughout 2013.

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**Southeastern Ohio Oil and Gas Association
Gas Committee Report
April, 2013**

PRICING

Prices April 8, 2013

One Year NYMEX strip (May. 2012 – April, 2013)	\$4.24
Summer NYMEX strip for 2013 (May-October)	\$4.18
Winter NYMEX strip (November,2013 – March, 2014)	\$4.40
TCO Index Posting - April, 2013	\$4.03
DTI Index Posting - April, 2013	\$4.03

It appears that high storage levels combined with enhanced production capabilities and slow usage growth could keep gas prices from rising dramatically over the next couple of years.

Energy Information Administration (EIA) UPDATE-November:

EIA released its February, 2013 Short Term Energy Outlook report, and it showed that they expect the price of WTI crude to average \$89 in the fourth quarter of 2012, and \$88 per barrel in 2013. Natural Gas at the Henry Hub is expected to average \$3.53 MMBTU in 2013. EIA expects Henry Hub spot prices will average \$3.84 per MMBTU in 2014.

U.S. Natural Gas Consumption: EIA expects that natural gas consumption will average 70.3 Bcf per day in 2013, and 70.0 Bcf per day in 2014. The increase in the price of natural gas contributes to the decline in natural gas use for power generation from 25.0 Bcf per day in 2012 to 23.1 Bcf per day in 2013, and 22.6 Bcf per day in 2014.

The projected WTI price of crude oil is expected to average \$83 per barrel in 2013 and \$92 per barrel in 2014. By 2014, several pipeline projects from the midcontinent to the Gulf Coast refining centers are expected to come on line, reducing the cost of transporting crude oil to refiners, which is reflected in a drop in the price discount of WTI to Brent from an average \$18 per barrel in 2012 to \$9 per barrel in 2014.

GAS STORAGE AS OF THE April 6, 2013 Report

Working Gas in storage was 1,781 Bcf as of Friday, March 29, 2013. At 1,781 total working gas is **within** the 5 year historical range.

Region	Stocks billion cubic feet (Bcf)			Year ago (03/29/12)		5-Year average (2008-2012)	
	03/29/13	03/22/13	change	(Bcf)	% change	(Bcf)	% change
East	662	710	-48	1,082	-38.8	738	-10.3
West	380	334	-4	348	-5.2	263	25.5
Producing	695	737	-42	1,035	-32.9	724	-4.0
Salt	166	178	-12	258	-35.7	131	26.7
Nonsalt	529	558	-29	772	-32.0	593	-10.8
Total	1,687	1,781	-94	2,466	-31.6	1,724	-2.1

Storage is 42.8% full compared to normal as of this report, with normal total capacity of 3,939 at the start of the withdrawal season.

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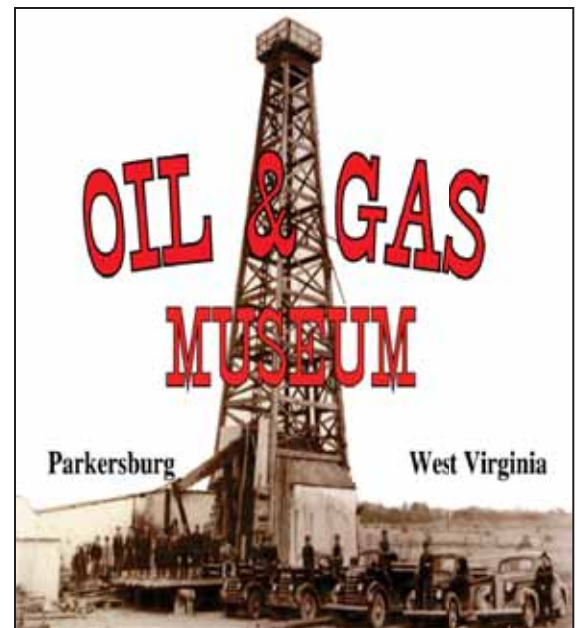
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August 23rd, 2013.
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UTICA NEWS:

Utica Shale holds massive resources, estimate shows. [Columbus Business Journal](#). The U.S. Geological Survey released its first estimate, showing the shale formation holds about 38 trillion cubic feet of undiscovered, recoverable natural gas, 940 million barrels of oil and 9 million barrels of natural gas liquids such as ethane and propane.

Ohio is ranked 14th in this year's [Global Petroleum Survey](#) of 147 states and countries by the Fraser Institute, a free-market think tank in Calgary, Canada. That's down from second in 2011, with the fall apparently driven by concerns about complying with tougher federal and state environmental [regulations](#) and a tax increase on oil and gas [production](#) proposed by Gov. [John Kasich](#).

NEW PIPELINE PROPOSED TO SPUR UTICA SHALE DRILLING IN OHIO

Two pipeline companies from the Southwest, Williams Companies Inc. and Boardwalk Pipeline Partners LP, have formed a joint venture to build a transportation system to move natural gas liquids from shale plays in Ohio, West Virginia, and Pennsylvania to processing and storage facilities in Louisiana.

The Blueline Pipeline would allow oil and natural gas producers to move 200,000 barrels/day of natural gas liquids, such as ethane, to processing facilities on the Gulf Coast. The pipeline will be built from the Ohio and West Virginia Utica and Marcellus plays to a transmission system in Hardinsburg, KY. From there, the natural gas liquids would be transported via a converted portion of a pipeline to Eunice, LA.

The companies expect to approve the project later this year and put the pipeline into service in the second half of 2015. Cost of the project is still to be determined.

Gulfport Energy Corp./Markwest:

On Monday, June 5, Oklahoma-based Gulfport Energy Corp. announced completion of an agreement with MarkWest Utica EMG LLC to build and operate gas-gathering pipelines and processing facilities tied to Gulfport's Utica-shale acreage in eastern Ohio.

MarkWest plans to process the natural gas at a complex in Harrison County and will provide fractionation or processing services for natural-gas liquids in Harrison County.

Initially, MarkWest will bring on line an interim refrigeration gas-processing plant in the third quarter of 2012.

That facility will be followed by a 125 million cubic-foot-per-day permanent cryogenic gas-processing plant that is expected to begin operations by the first quarter of 2013, Gulfport reported.

An additional capacity of 200 million cubic feet per day of cryogenic capacity will be available by early 2014.

MarkWest is expected to have about 60 miles of related pipelines to move Gulfport volumes by the end of 2012.

Gulfport reports production from Shugert 1-12H Well:

Gulfport Energy has announced results from its Shugert 1-12H well as the top producing well in the Utica Shale. The well had an initial peak production rate of 28.5 MMCF per day of natural gas which was sustained for 18 hours. The well also produced 300 barrels of condensate per day, and the gas tested at 1,204 BTU's. The gas will be sent to a Markwest processing plant where an additional 2,907 barrels of natural gas liquids (NGL's) will be extracted per day assuming full ethane recovery and a natural gas shrink of 10%. With all this taken into consideration the Shugert 1-12H had an initial production of 7,482 barrels of oil equivalent (BOE) per day.

Gulfport Energy presented production from its Boy Scout 1-33H well in Harrison County Ohio. The company said the well produced a peak rate of 3,456 barrels of oil equivalents per day, which was composed of 1,560 barrels of condensate, 7.1 Million cubic feet of natural gas and 1,008 barrels of natural gas liquids per day. Gulfport said it expects to put the well in production this month.

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Retainage for January, 2013, is as follows for the Gatherco systems. Treat was 4.87%, Miley was 4.73%, Meigs was 9.54%, York was 5.0%, Grimes was 9.19%, and Elk was 3.0%.

February, 2013 retainage was not available as of the date of this report.

DOMINION EAST OHIO GAS

Effective April 1, 2013, East Ohio's new BTU adjustment for Ohio production supplies will be as follows:

1.134 (0.001 decrease) and 1.348 for meters in the Ludlow territory (0.010 increase).

These factors will remain in effect through March 31, 2014.

System wide BTU goes from 1.023 BTU to 1.029 BTU.

Below is the website for Dominion East Ohio, where you can find notices about interruptions, shut-ins, contacts, maps, and information about current enhancements projects being worked on and considered by the enhancement committee.

<http://www.dom.com/about/gp-services/index.jsp>

CNR/COLUMBIA GAS TRANSMISSION

There are some shut-ins on Columbia in Ohio, due to the extra Marcellus gas causing some constraints on their systems, and they are allowing only Firm Transport to flow. The Smithfield to Adeline MA 35 constraint has some Ohio, PA, and WV producers shut in as of the date of this report.

There are also several shut-ins on Columbia in Eastern Kentucky and Southern WV as TCO replaces a large amount of pipe on line KA. This project will last for one year.

For shut in notices on Columbia Gas Transmission, please use the link below.

http://www.ngtsnavigates.com/infopost/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=28&Itemid=105

DOMINION TRANSMISSION

Dominion has been experiencing some line pressure issues on parts of their system, as well as maintenance. This has resulted in some intermittent shut-ins for producers.

Appalachian Gateway Project:

On June 13, 2012 DTI responded to requests from IOGA WV and Appalachian Gateway Customers by offering the equivalent of a fixed ten year negotiated rate of \$0.4950. This deferred payment plan would allow customers to reduce its cash outlay by about 15% during the initial 5 year period of the agreement. Any deferred payments would then be paid back over the next 5 years, and the repayment would be accomplished by locking in the Appalachian Gateway rate for the last five years of the term of the agreement. The deferred payments under this plan would incur interest at the rate of 3.25%. Under the deferred payment plan, the rate for the first 5 years will remain \$0.5800 per dth. The cash obligation would be \$.4950 for this same period. For years six through ten, DTI's negotiated rate is \$.3950 plus \$.1000 dth for the previously deferred payments. In addition to this alternative rate plan, IOGA WV asked DTI to look at its POD plan and assist producer in alternative delivery points to help them take advantage of the Gateway firm transportation. This new rate plan is an option. The producer has the choice of this plan, or continue under the original Gateway rate.

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Hazard Description

The acute effects of exposure to asphalt fumes includes, headache, skin rash, fatigue, reduced appetite, throat and eye irritation, and cough. Asphalt paving workers, for example, have reported breathing problems, asthma, bronchitis, and skin irritation.

Human studies have reported lung, stomach, and skin cancers following chronic exposures to asphalt fumes. However, these studies have been inconclusive, and the possible chronic effects to workers following exposures to asphalt fumes are areas of continuing investigations.

Laboratory studies have shown chemical extracts of asphalt fumes to have cancer-causing and mutagenic properties. For example, painting of asphalt extracts on mouse skin produces tumors that increase with dose. Other laboratory studies show DNA changes in mouse lung and skin cells and in human fetal cells exposed to asphalt fume extracts. Urinalysis of exposed workers shows mutations in laboratory tests.

Asphalt fume exposure meets several of the criteria for designation as an OSHA priority. In particular, the known and potential health effects are serious and a large number of workers are potentially exposed, especially considering high industry turnover rates. Although the human studies of workplace cancer have limitations, there is considerable experimental evidence of cancer risk. There is also evidence of acute health effects among workers exposed to asphalt fumes.

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 February Marcellus/Utica Condensate: \$84.9646
 February Marcellus/Utica Medium: \$97.3261
 February Marcellus/Utica Light: \$90.5136

March Ohio Tier 1: \$95.1390
 March Ohio Tier 2: \$92.1390
 March Ohio Tier 3: \$89.1390
 March West Virginia Tier 1: \$93.6390
 March West Virginia Tier 2: \$90.6390
 March West Virginia Tier 3: \$87.6390
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 3/1 to 3/10 Group 1 OH: \$92.98
 Group 2 OH: \$89.98
 Group 3 OH: \$86.98
 Appalachian Condensate: \$80.09
 3/11 to 3/20 Group 1 OH: \$94.84
 Group 2 OH: \$91.84
 Group 3 OH: \$88.84
 Appalachian Condensate: \$81.71
 3/21 to 3/31 Group 1 OH: \$97.38
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 Group 3 OH: \$91.38
 Appalachian Condensate: \$83.93
 4/1 to 4/10 Group 1 OH: \$96.13
 Group 2 OH: \$93.13
 Group 3 OH: \$90.13
 Appalachian Condensate: \$82.84
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Gulfport released production rates from the BK Stephens 1-16H in Harrison County with its 3rd quarter earnings call. The 1-16H well tested at a prod rate of 1,224 barrels per day of condensate and 6.9 MCF of gas per day, and the gas produced at 1,207 BTU. This is Gulfport's sixth well to come on line this year.

Rex Energy announces results of First Ohio Utica Shale Well:

The Brace#1H well in Carroll County, Ohio, was brought online at a 24 hour sales rate, assuming full ethane recovery, of 1,094 Boe/d (43% NGLs, 31% gas, 26% condensate). The well went to a 5 day sales rate, assuming full ethane recovery, of 1,008 Boe/d (43% NGLs, 30% gas, 27% condensate). The well was drilled to a total depth of 12,332 feet with a lateral length of approximately 4,170 feet and completed in 17 stages. The oil is reported to be 60.1 degree API gravity and the gas is approximately 1,250 BTU.

Magnum Hunter Resources Corporation:

Magnum Hunter Resources Corp. announced January 2, 2013 a new Joint Operating Agreement with Eclipse Resources I, LP. The deal covers existing mineral leaseholds owned by both entities in the Marcellus and Utica Shale in Monroe County, OH. The agreement covers 1,950 acres with the drilling of 12 horizontal wells in the Marcellus Shale and 12 horizontal wells in the Utica Shale over the next three years. Triad Hunter, LLC will operate the contract area and each company will own 47% working interest in the agreement.

On November 2, 2012, Magnum Hunter closed on the previously announced agreement to acquire all of the stock of privately held Viking International Resources company, Inc. (VIRCO) for \$106.7 million. VIRCO's mineral interest acquired was 52,600 gross acres, with approximately 27,000 acres in the Marcellus Shale, and 28,000 acres in the Utica Shale. The acquisition gives the company's midstream division, Eureka Hunter, some additional expansion opportunities in West Virginia and Ohio.

Utica Facts and Numbers-March, 2013:

There have been 581 Utica Shale permits issued in 22 counties in Ohio to 26 companies, and 281 of them have been developed. The counties are listed below.

Ashland, Belmont, Carroll, Columbiana, Coshocton, Geauga, Guernsey, Harrison, Holmes Jefferson, Knox, Mahoning, Medina, Monroe, Muskingum, Noble, Portage, Stark, Trumbull, Tuscarawas, Washington and Wayne.

There are currently 77 Utica Shale wells in production, without a single environmental violation to date.

DTE Energy, Enbridge and Spectra Energy to Develop New Major Pipeline to connect growing shale gas supplies to Premium Markets in the U.S. Midwest and Ontario.

They have announced the execution of Memorandum of Understanding to jointly develop the NEXUS Transmission (NGT) system, a project that will move growing supplies of Ohio Utica shale gas to markets in the R.S. Midwest, including Ohio and Michigan, and Ontario, Canada.

The proposed project will originate in NE Ohio, and includes 250 miles of large diameter pipe capable of transporting one billion cubic feet per day of natural gas. The line will follow existing utility corridors to an inner-connect in Michigan and utilize the existing Vector Pipeline system to reach the Ontario market. After completion, Spectra will become a 20% owner in Vector Pipeline. It will serve local distribution companies, power generators and industrial users in Ohio, Michigan, and Ontario markets. The pipeline will cost \$1.2 to \$1.5 billion dollars with a tentative start date of November, 2015.

The link below is a good one to keep up with the events and concerns surrounding the Marcellus and Utica Play's in the North East.

<http://www.energyindepth.org/>

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Drilling boom seen as potential boost for area towns

April 19, 2013

By Brett Dunlap - News and Sentinel.com , The Marietta Times

BELPRE- If drilling of the Utica Shale natural gas deposit makes its way into Washington County, towns like Belpre could see benefits to businesses as workers will need places to live and eat, said an official from the Southeastern Ohio Oil and Gas Association.

SOOGA President Jim Javins spoke to around 30 people at the Belpre Area Chamber of Commerce Wednesday, discussing the economic and environmental impact of the Utica Shale on the area.

"Jobs is always the big issue," he said. "Whenever you read anything about the Utica Shale and the State of Ohio, it is that it has created many jobs.

"It is suppose to create many more and I think it will, because it has been very successful."

The Utica Shale is primarily under Ohio with the primary location for drilling extending from the eastern border to the center of the state. The Utica Shale, which covers around 14,000 square miles, or 10 million acres, is deeper than the Marcellus Shale, which is more prevalent in West Virginia.

Counties in eastern Ohio, including Carroll, Harrison, Columbiana, Jefferson, Guernsey, Noble and Monroe, where Utica development has occurred have seen a drop in their unemployment rates of 1-3 percentage points. Sales tax revenues have increased by 10 to 25 percent in some areas.

"You should see an increase in business across the board if this thing comes to Belpre," Javins said.

Energy companies have invested \$2.75 billion in Utica Shale development in Ohio, Javins said. Those figures do not include lease and royalty payments, regular operations and other expenses.

The Ohio Chamber of Commerce Study estimates 65,680 new jobs in natural gas-related fields in 2014. The Ohio Oil and Gas Energy Education Program study estimates around 204,000 new jobs in 2015 based on exploration/production and supply.

It takes 75 workers to take a typical well from planning to production, Javins said. Every shale well site requires about 400 workers.

"These things are huge," he said "They require a lot of equipment, manpower and services."

Impacts to the area will be a need for rental property/housing, lodging, real estate services, restaurants, health care, convenience stores, automotive dealers, repair garages, shopping, legal services, welding services, pipeline services, employment agencies, recreational facilities, technical training/schools, insurance and improvements to the school systems as more families will move to the area.

Environmental impacts include increased traffic, noise and dust from trucks, drilling rigs and heavy equipment, Javins said. Roads may be in need of repair more often.

Fracking should not be an environmental impact as it is completed 1 to 1.5 miles underground, which is much deeper than the groundwater supplies, he said.

Javins said the first Washington County horizontal well in the Ohio Utica Shale began operation on April 15. The well in on the Farley pad in northern Washington County. It is one of four wells that will be at that site.

Karen Waller, director of the Belpre Area Chamber of Commerce, said there is an interest in what might be coming and how it will impact the area.

"Obviously there is an interest," she said. "We are working hard as a community to advance the business climate and the quality of life in the area.

"I live here and I am interested in how all of this might impact my life and my residency here."

Whether Utica Shale development makes it down around Belpre remains to be seen. As wells are developed, operators keep track of gas production. If wells are underperforming, operators may move from an area.

"Until it gets here, we are just talking," Javins said of potential benefits and impacts.

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Doddridge County Floodplain Ordinance

By: Bob Matthey, Jr.

Each county and many municipalities in WV has a floodplain ordinance designed to comply with the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968 (“NFIA”) which was providing a government source for flood insurance which had become difficult to obtain from private insurers due to severe flooding in the early 1960s.

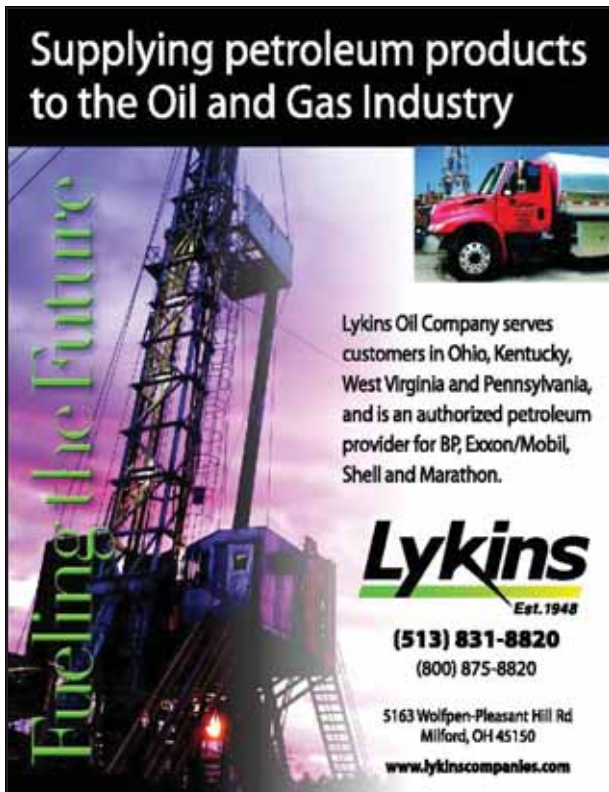
The Doddridge County Commission is considering amendments to be made to its Floodplain Ordinance. A civil action was filed with the Doddridge County Circuit Court regarding the issuance and then withdrawal of a floodplain permit. A Doddridge County Circuit Court Judge declared their present Floodplain Ordinance to be unconstitutional. The Court found the Ordinance in violation of the WV Constitution because it fails to provide Due Process to surface and adjoining landowners potentially affected by the development for which EQT Production

Company is seeking a permit and to comply with Due Process. When requesting for a permit, it must afford notice and an opportunity for the surface and adjoining landowners to be heard upon the requested permit.

Many of the changes which need to be made deal with providing a framework for reviewing Floodplain permit applications for any construction development projects and for Marcellus Shale development. They will be proposing a list of provisions which must be met when applying for a permit and authorization given for permit if they meet ordinance requirement.

This has been a very challenging process for the county commission with all the input received from different groups of citizens. The Floodplain Ordinance will probably set a precedent for the other 54 counties in WV.

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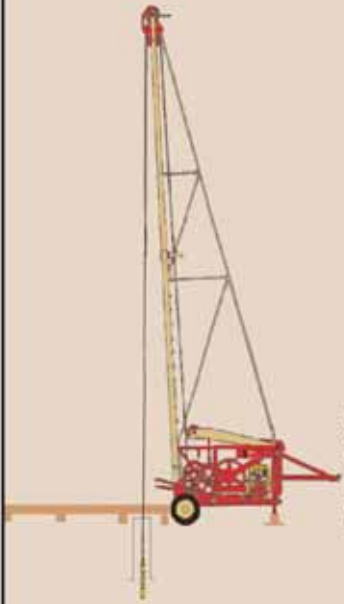
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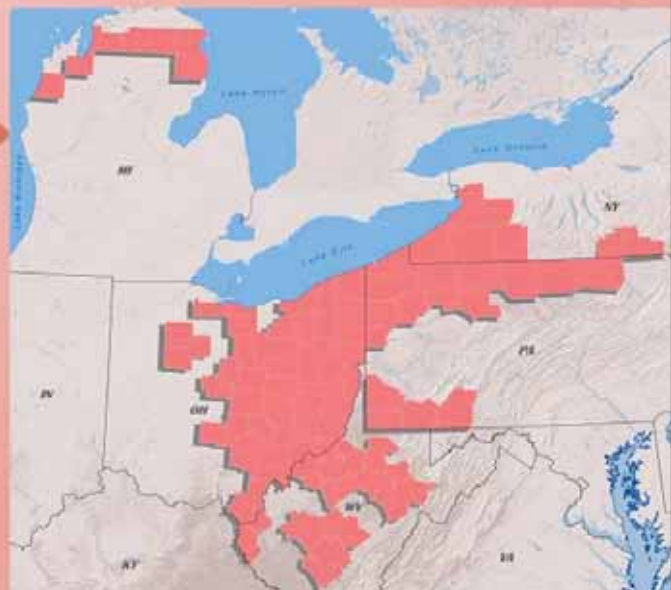
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Speakers at Guernsey Energy Coalition cover a variety of topics at Thursday's meeting

Judie Perkowski *The Daily Jeffersonian* Published: April 7, 2013 8:00AM

It has been almost two years since Cambridge Area Chamber of Commerce President Jo Sexton initiated the first Guernsey Energy Coalition meeting to inform the community of the advancing gas and oil industry in eastern Ohio.

Every month since July 14, 2011, local business owners, city and county officials and heads of organizations have listened and learned from guest speakers associated with the high finance industry.

At the Coalition's Thursday meeting at the Southgate Hotel, attendees heard from an owner of a fracing company, an update on Gov. Kasich's proposed severance tax increase and the progression of activity in gas and oil rich counties in northeastern and southeastern Ohio counties.

In the absence of Sexton, Shawn Bennett, field director for Energy In Depth, the Ohio Project, facilitated the meeting. David R. Hill, local petroleum geologist, oil producer and vice president of the Ohio Oil and Gas Association, explained why the industry is adamantly opposed to the proposed tax hike.

"One of the arguments is that the shale is here in Ohio, if they [gas and oil companies] want it, they can pay for it. Ohio's Utica-Point Pleasant Shale Play is not the only game in town. There are 28 main shale plays in this country, and many more around the world. So, if they can be more profitable somewhere else, why would they stay here?"

"The industry pays their fair share, but doesn't appreciate that they are being singled out for this huge increase. The gas and oil industry is not the top profitable business in the U.S. In fact, they are ranked far below pharmaceuticals, computer/software, tobacco and several others, with a profit of about 6.7 percent, which is in line with most manufacturing companies," said Hill.

"Kasich wants to raise the severance tax to four percent, which is 16 times higher than the Commercial Activity Tax levied on Ohio businesses. And, the tax would be on gross receipts, not on the industry's profits. Gas and oil businesses do make millions of dollars, but they also invest millions of dollars, which benefits local governments and local businesses, which in turn creates jobs. This tax increase will not only affect the industry per se, it will also affect land (royalty) owners as well.

"So, leave the tax structure as it is ... Use the increased revenue generated under the existing tax system to fund income tax cuts, which will be greater than what is being proposed by the Kasich administration, without risking Ohio's economic opportunity."

Keeping track of gas and oil activity in Appalachian Ohio since it became more than just a blip on the industry's radar

has kept Shawn Bennett very busy.

"One year ago, there was one well in operation in our area. According to the latest information available, there 281 wells, 77 in production, and 581 permits have been issued for the Utica Shale formation," said Bennett.

Chesapeake leads the way in Carroll County, which tops the list with 191 permits, followed by several energy companies in Belmont, Columbiana, Guernsey, Jefferson, Noble and Monroe counties.

"For example, in Guernsey County, PDC Energy's Detweiler Well is producing 2,197 barrels a day of liquid-rich gas, and the Commissioner's Well averages 1,500 barrels a day. Rex Wells in Noble County is producing at a phenomenal rate -- seven million cubic feet a day of natural gas," he said.

"The unemployment rate in the top permitted counties has dropped considerably from January 2011 to January 2012 (latest available information). Carroll, 9.9 to 6.9 percent; Harrison, 10.2 to 8 percent.; Columbiana, 10 to 7.6 percent; Guernsey, 9.7 to 7.4 percent; Noble, 11.8 to 9.2 percent; and Monroe, 10.7 to 9.1 percent."

Sales tax increases, which benefit local governments and local businesses, were at an all-time high for Carroll County, 25 percent; Jefferson, 10 percent; Harrison, 22 percent; Columbiana, 11 percent; Guernsey, 12 percent; Noble, 20 percent and Monroe County, 23 percent.

"Major processing and fractionation plants in east Mahoning, Scio, and Noble counties will be up and running this year and according to experts, the pipeline infrastructure in Belmont, Guernsey, Harrison and Noble counties will be in place by June, which will lead to more wells," Bennett said.

"And, we are just getting started."

Speaking about wells, their complex components and function was Jim Rose, vice president of sales for Producers Service Corporation, a hydraulic fracturing and completion business in Zanesville, who said he wanted to set the record straight.

Rose is one of 15 people, who pooled their resources and bought the business from its retiring owner in 1994, making it a 100 percent employee-owned company. The company currently has 100 employees.

"It's FRAC, not Frack, and fracturing is not new," said Rose. "Fracturing has been around since the 1940s. More than 300,000 wells have been fractured in Ohio since 1947 ... Almost a million in the U.S."

Another point of contention promoted by certain groups is the water issue, and lots of it.

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Ninety-five percent of fracking is the water. It is technically impossible to frac into the fresh water table," he said. "Water is forced down thousands of feet, where the fracturing of shale rock is initiated. The water, along with fine grade sand and a small amount of chemicals -- most of which is used in food processing and many everyday products in the average home -- creates this four-lane highway for the gas and oil to travel to the surface," said Rose.

There would be no hydraulic fracturing without water, millions of gallons of water, purchased by the oil companies from various sources. Rose said Producers Service's operation is run almost always during daylight hours. We don't have the crew or the desire to work 24-7. We follow curfews and road bans, and try to be as efficient as possible. We do not truck anything when school buses are running, in the morning and in the afternoon."

He said weather and location play a big role in the company's efficiency. Completion operations -- completion is the process of making a well ready for production (or injection) -- are like small factories subject to their supply chain. "Health, safety and the environment are key issues. Spill containment, dust control, security, safety equipment and daily safety meetings are priorities," he said.

"Challenges vs. Perception is also a huge concern. We must educate and change perception based on facts. Technology continues to evolve, which creates competition and innovation. Green chemistry continues to be developed, forcing fundamental changes in energy production and the balance of power in global energy markets. And jobs, jobs, jobs, real jobs without subsidy.

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"GreenHunter wants to use our water sources as dumping grounds for their toxic, radioactive waste. We are here to send a message that the people of Ohio and Appalachia will not sit idly by and watch our homes be turned into a sacrifice zone," said Ebert in a press release sent out by Appalachia Resist at the start of the event.

Company officials say the waste stored there contains nothing hazardous.

Officers led away one of the protesters in handcuffs. Ten people were arrested Tuesday for trespassing at GreenHunter Water, a New Matamoras facility which acts as a storage point for the waste by-product of hydraulic fracturing.

Nate Ebert, 33, of Athens County, unfurled a sign Tuesday from atop a 30-foot pole he climbed as part of the protest.

After local law enforcement responded, around 100 protesters, many from Athens County, continued to protest on a lawn across from the facility.

Around two dozen officers representing the Washington County Sheriff's Office, the Ohio State Highway Patrol and the New Matamoras Police Department worked to contain traffic and the crowd of protesters.

At one point the officers asked the group to move off a private lawn, and the protesters shuffled along without protest.



From left, Athens residents Heather Cantino, Andrea Reik and Mimi Morrison hold a sign protesting the environmental impacts of hydraulic fracturing Tuesday outside GreenHunter Water, a New Matamoras facility that stores the waste produced from the fracking process.

Fact Box

At a glance

- GreenHunter Water, on Ohio 7 in New Matamoras, was the site of a large protest Tuesday.
- The site is a storage facility for brine, the waste by-product produced by the process of hydraulic fracturing.
- Some of the protesters stormed the company office, stealing keys to company trucks, attempting to clog toilets and scaring employees.
- Ten people were arrested as a result of the protest, including 33-year-old Athens County Resident Nate Ebert, who lashed himself to a 30-foot pole he erected on the company's property.
- More than 100 protesters held signs and cardboard coffins and argued that the waste stored and transported by GreenHunter is toxic and radioactive.
- GreenHunter counters that the material is extensively tested and is safe.

Dozens of cars on busy Ohio 7 passed the group. Many honked at the protesters, which always resulted in another loud round of cheering. Less frequently a passing car would jeer or boo at the group.

At one point, the crowd erupted into cheers as Ebert unfurled a sign that said "Green Hunter. Rich richer. Poor sick."

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2013 Marietta Area Chamber of Commerce awards:

Gabe Zide Citizen of the Year Award-Nancy Putnam Hollister.

Chamber of Commerce Business Leader of the Year Award -Jerry James and Gene Huck of Artex Oil.

Washington County Council of Cooperatives Agriculture of the Year Award-Ralph Coffman.

Elizabeth "Betty" L. Hadler Zonta Woman of the Year Award-Becky Parlin Johnston.

"Jerry James and Gene Huck, president and vice president, respectively, of Artex Oil, one of Ohio's largest oil and gas producers, were honored with the 2013 Marietta Area Chamber of Commerce Business Leader of the Year award.

James, from Zanesville, has served as president of the Ohio Oil and Gas Association (OOGA), and has been honored as recipient of the 2012 Workhorse Award by the Southeastern Ohio Oil and Gas Association, as well as OOGA's Oilfield Patriot Award, recognizing efforts to protect, promote and advance the common interests of Ohio's crude oil and natural gas producing industry.

Huck has gas and oil field experience throughout the U.S., and has supervised drilling operations in Louisiana and Arkansas, as well as worked with the industry in New Mexico, Illinois, Mississippi, and Texas. He manages field operations for Artex Oil which employs 16 people in the Marietta headquarters, and helped create approximately 500 jobs in its area of operations.

Huck was the 2009 recipient of the Workhorse Award, and currently serves on the board of the Southeastern Ohio Oil and Gas Association.

"A lot of people who helped us along the way are in this room tonight," James said after accepting the award.

"That's the beauty of a small town-people help each other and helped us to get a small business going," he added. "In a small community you build a lifetime of relationships, and I really appreciate your taking a guy from Zanesville and helping him succeed here."


Huck echoed James' comments.

"But I also want to thank my wife of 36 years as well as our employees," he said.

U.S. Rep. Bill Johnson said James and Huck are leading the way in the local oil and gas industry.

"They are great, and on the forefront of the industry's development," he said. "They understand the issues, and their company is growing because they both believe in the economic boom the oil and gas industry is bringing into this area."

Also during Monday's dinner, Donn Schafer, president and CEO of Settlers Bank, was introduced as the new chairman of the Marietta Area Chamber of Commerce board of directors, filling the post of outgoing chair Colleen Cook from TheisenBrock. Schafer is the 71st board chairman in the chamber's 126 years of operation.



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Raymond Miller

Raymond P. Miller, 43, of Jeannette, died Monday, April 15, 2013, in West Penn Hospital, Pittsburgh. He was born June 15, 1969, in Jeannette, a son of the late Kenneth and Beulah (Swank) Miller. He had been employed as a field service technician for Exterran Energy Solutions. He was a member of Delmont Salem Lutheran Church and ABATE. Raymond was an avid hunter and woodworker who loved to ride his Harley and go camping. He had just snow-camoed his new truck. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, William "Millzey" Miller. He is survived by his wife, Antoinette "Toni" (Rossi) Miller; a stepson, Jesse Cooley, of Jeannette and his fiancé, Lindsey; a grandson, Cayden; two sisters, Wendy Heasley and her husband, Rich, of Ardara, and Margaret Owens and her husband, Jack, Shafton; his mother-in-law, Philomena "Chookie" Rossi, of Southwest Greensburg; brothers-in-law, Michael Rossi and his wife, Beverly, of Southwest Greensburg, Patrick Rossi and his wife, Kathy, of Irwin; sister-in-law, Jessie Kozian and her husband, Jim, of Jeannette; several nieces and nephews; and grandnieces and grandnephews; best friends, Nicole and Jeremy Kennedy and their daughters, Kaitley and Kendra, of Slickville; good neighbors, Henrietta and Jimmy Hayes, of Jeannette; and his pets, a blue tick coon hound, Bootz, and a three legged Siamese cat, Spunky.

Bruce A. Phipps

Bruce A. Phipps, 56, of Marietta passed away on Friday, April 12, 2013, at West Penn Burn Center in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He was born on October 20, 1956, in Portsmouth, Ohio, a son of the late Nathaniel Phipps and Margaret Compliment of Cleveland. Bruce was a member of Loyal Order of Moose Riders of Marietta serving as a road captain I.B.E.W. of Louisville, KY, and a proud employee of UTI of Groveport, Ohio. On March 10, 1975, he married Karen Jordan who survives with 1 daughter Laura Jane (Craig) Douglas of Bremerton, Washington; 2 grandchildren, Jack T. Douglas and Aaron T. Douglas; 2 sisters, Marjorie Hall of Cleveland and Sue Nolan of Wheelersburg; and 1 brother Max Phipps of McDermott, OH. He was preceded in death by his father. Funeral services will be held on Wednesday (April 17) at 11:00 am at McClure-Schafer-Lankford Funeral Home. Friends may call at the funeral home on Tuesday from 4:00 until 8:00. Messages of sympathy may be sent at www.lankfordfh.com. Flowers are welcome but contributions may be made to Kyle Hockenberry fund in Bruce's name.

Dustin G. "Dusty" Harris

Dustin G. "Dusty" Harris, 41, of Malta, Ohio died Thursday (March 14, 2013) at his home. He was born Feb. 21, 1972, in Beverly, son of John E. Harris and Juanita Heddleson. He was employed at G&L Drilling in Beverly.

He is survived by a daughter, Courtney Faye Harris of Malta and Chance Ryan Harris of Malta; his father, John E. Harris of Malta; his mother, Juanita Heddleson of Coshocton, Ohio; four brothers; Edward Harris of Cambridge, Mike Harris of Ava, Bill Harris of Cumberland and Anthony Harris of Coshocton.

Funeral services will be held at a later date at the convenience of the family. Online condolences may be made by visiting www.mccurdyfh.com



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Though hotly debated, not everyone is opposed to the fracking industry, which is seen as an economic boost to communities.

Watching the protest from nearby, local resident James Males argued that there are better causes to protest.

"These people around here haven't had jobs in a long time, and now oil and gas have brought jobs," said Males, the pastor at New Martinsville Baptist Church.

Warden was initially unable to convince Ebert to come down from his pole, and Ebert was making unreasonable demands, said Warden.

"He wants us to let go all the people we arrested and that's just not going to happen," he said, as the situation was still unfolding Tuesday afternoon.

Besides Ebert, nine arrests were made by having the three GreenHunter employees working that morning identify protesters in the crowd that had been a part of the early morning storm on the building, Warden said.

Using the GreenHunter office as a sort of command center, GreenHunter employees would use binoculars to identify a culprit from the raid and police would travel across the road to where the group of protesters had eventually congregated in the front lawn of a local resident.

Some of the arrestees went peacefully. Others yelled that they didn't know why they were being arrested. One tried to flee and was tackled by arresting officers.

Ebert chose to descend from his pole around 3 p.m., said Warden.

"I think he realized his friends were leaving and we told him 'You've already made your point,' so he just announced he was coming down," he said.

Ebert, of Millfield, was arrested on charges of criminal trespassing and resisting arrest.

The other nine people were arrested on charges of criminal trespassing, Warden said.

Arrested were Peter Garcia, 34, of Minot, N.D.; Matthew Almonte, 21, of Lithia, Fla.; Subina Ahmed, 22, of Santa Rosa, Calif.; Wendy Jennings, 34, of Minneapolis, Minn.; Jessica Clark, 22, of Kalamazoo, Mich.; Alexandra Kotcheff, 26, of Beverly Hills, Calif.; Steven Schorzman, 25, of Hamilton, Mont.; Patrick Perry, 21, of Athens; and Seth Schlotterbeck, 29, of Athens.

At least two more summonses will be sent out, Warden said, and video footage from the company could help the office make further arrests, he said.

The event was organized to disrupt normal business operations at the facility, said Madeline Ffitch, an organizer for the group Appalachia Resist.

"We are starting to use direct action as a way to support the popular opinion against fracking," she said.

The protesters talked to local residents beforehand, many of whom had no idea what was stored in the tanks at GreenHunter, said Heather Cantino, of Athens.

"They have the word 'water' scrawled across these tanks. But I want you to call it what it is -toxic radioactive frack waste is stored in those tanks. It has nothing to do with water," she said.

Business was disrupted for most of the day, and multiple brine hauling trucks were prevented from entering the facility, said John Jack, vice president of business development for GreenHunter Water.

However, Jack vehemently opposes the view that the waste stored at their facility is hazardous.

"There is nothing dangerous about the way the materials are shipped and the materials themselves are non-hazardous," said Jack.

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Please take a moment to watch the videos (Part I and II) at the link below and please forward this to your Ohio friends, family, and fellow oil and gas producers. Tell them to call their state representatives, send letters to the editor of their local newspapers, and let their voice opposing the severance tax increase be heard.

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Many of the protesters were Athens County residents, but the group represented people from all over the United States, said Ffitch. They chose the New Matamoras location because the company is trying to receive permission from the U.S. Coast Guard to begin shipping brine by barge on the Ohio River.

"The Ohio River is the primary drinking source for five million people. When one of these barges sinks, leaks, or spills it is going to contaminate a huge drinking source," said Ffitch.

But Jack argues that shipping by barge is not only safe but also has the added benefit of reducing local road traffic.

"For every one barge accident, there are 2,055 accidents by truck and every barge load removes around 1,000 trucks from the roads," said Jack.

Additionally, GreenHunter extensively tests all of the waste it transports and none of it is radioactive, insisted Jack.

But one accident is all it takes, argued protester Sasha White, and unlike oil, there is no known way to clean up after a fracking waste spill.

"This kind of spill is very different than an oil spill. Once it is in the water, it is already too late," said White.

White said Appalachia Resist and other groups have already done similar protests in Athens County. Other groups participating in Tuesday's action included Tar Sands Blockade, Radical Action for Mountain Peoples' Survival (RAMPS), a coalition of indigenous leaders including representatives from No Line 9 and the Unis'tot'en Camp, Great Plains Tar Sands Resistance, and Earth First! chapters from across the country.

The sheriff's office will continue to keep a presence at the New Matamoras facility for "quite some time," said Warden Tuesday afternoon.

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