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## IMPORTANT UPDATES AND CHANGES TO EPCRA REPORTING

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We wanted to give you an update on the EPCRA (Environmental Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act) reporting requirements and let you know that Congressman Bill Johnson and Jackie Stewart from his office have continued to work very hard to find a resolution to this issue. In late December, the Federal EPA (USEPA) contacted Jackie Stewart with clarification on the notice which was previously sent to producers. Although Ohio is required to file the EPCRA information annually, the USEPA does not require the paper reporting as the only method of filing. The issue for the producer is the ODNR webpage and the Form 10 reporting does not contain all the elements now required under EPCRA. Fortunately, this is an issue that can be resolved within the state filing system. In January, Congressman Johnson's office facilitated a meeting with several Ohio Senators and Representatives and helped pull together the appropriate stakeholders to resolve this issue. Senator Balderson has taken the lead in driving a resolution on the state level. Other representatives such as Representative Hall, Representative Thompson, and Representative Hill have provided their support to resolving this issue as well.

On January 29th, a stakeholders meeting was held in Columbus. Attendees included Senator Balderson and his staff members, Congressmen Johnson's office, Ohio EPA (OEPA), ODNR, OOGEEP, Fire Chiefs Association, OOGA, SOOGA, and Vorys Law firm. The meeting included all the relevant stake holders

and was very productive. ODNR and OEPA expressed willingness to help resolve this issue by updating the ODNR webpage so that EPCRA information can be reported through a one state database. The state agencies are evaluating the feasibility and approval required to accomplish this. Additionally, we requested that OEPA investigate an alternate reporting option to be available for the March 1, 2014 deadline. Producers will be receiving communication from OEPA on changes and options being providing for the 2013 annual reporting requirements.

Changes include:

1. Submission of the facility maps is OPTIONAL.
2. The chemical inventory report may be completed using an abbreviated "CY2013 Short form." This new form and instructions are being sent this week to all the producers.

Please be advised that the information SERC sent out on January 23, 2014 containing the EPCRA reporting requirements may no longer be applicable in light of these changes. Specifically, sending paper copies of facility/well maps to SERC, Local Emergency Planning Committees and jurisdictional Fire Departments are not required and are only optional. These changes will save producers significant time and money while complying with all of the federal EPCRA requirements. Additionally, fire departments will not be swamped with the paper maps that they have concluded are overwhelming and do not help with emergency response.



## THE CROW'S NEST

As we move through winter, storage is 39.5% full, and the gas market has re-acted positively to some very cold weather the last couple of weeks, moving up into the mid \$5.50 range for March, 2014. With the February DTI Index posting at \$5.36 and TCO index posting at \$5.61, we are seeing March, 2014 trading in the \$5.45 to \$5.55 range at the time of this article, February 18, 2014. This market is still somewhat volatile, waiting on additional longer term weather forecast and positive economic news that may impact pricing.

Our membership is growing as the Utica Shale brings more producer and support companies to Ohio, West Virginia and our Southeastern Ohio area. In December of 2013 SOOGA had 419 members. We are currently at 471 members and growing. The Board and the Association appreciates the participation of all of our members in our activities, and looks forward to your participation in our Open Forum meetings, membership meetings, clay shoots, trade show, and golf outings throughout 2014.

Also on the horizon are new regulations being formulated, such as the severance tax and the right to know act. We are working with Senator Bill Johnson on the EPA reporting, and through the hard work of Christy and Brian Chavez, we have made considerable strides in the reporting process, due largely to a meeting that Christy attended in Columbus Ohio where she presented the conventional producers perspective, and the burden it placed on them with the filing that the Federal EPA wanted. This made a great impact on both the Federal and Ohio EPA, and along with the ODNR, much simpler rules are forthcoming for the filings needed on an annual basis, with electronic filing being the favored way to accomplish this.

As the association prepares for 2014, SOOGA is actively planning the 2014 SOOGA Spring Membership meeting to be held April 24, 2014 at the Marietta Comfort Inn. We have a full slate of presenters and speakers, and this is going to prove to be one of our best meetings yet, with both informational and technical presentations that provide information on what is happening at the legislative, regulatory, and governmental fronts, presentations on the Utica, Midstream, along with Pricing and Basis, and our Paul Fulton Presentations. Please watch for emails and mailings on this meeting and plan to register and attend. We are also looking for additional meeting sponsorships, so please consider a sponsorship to make this meeting a success.

As we move forward into 2014, we will have several issues which your association will be taking an active role in, and we will need the memberships' help and input on issues as they arise. Please take an active role and provide your assistance with these issues as we present them to the membership.

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Gas Committee Report  
February, 2014**

## **PRICING**

### **Prices February 10, 2014**

One Year NYMEX strip (March , 2014 – February, 2015)	\$4.52
Summer NYMEX strip for 2014 (April-October)	\$4.49
Winter NYMEX strip (Nov. 2014 – March, 2015)	\$4.67
TCO Index Posting - February, 2014	\$5.61
DTI Index Posting – February, 2014	\$5.36

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.

### **GAS STORAGE AS OF THE February 6, 2014 Report**

Working Gas in storage was 1,923 Bcf as of Friday, January 31, 2014. At 1,923, total working gas is **within** the 5 year historical range.

Region	Stocks billion cubic feet (Bcf)			Year ago (01/31/13)		5-Year average (2009-2013)	
	01/31/14	01/24/14	change	(Bcf)	% change	(Bcf)	% change
East	920	1,063	-143	1,316	-30.1	1,232	-25.3
West	301	327	-26	389	-22.6	357	-15.7
Producing	702	795R	-93	996	-29.5	889	-21.0
Salt	137	178R	-41	241	-43.2	161	-14.9
Nonsalt	565	617	-52	755	-25.2	728	-22.4
Total	1,923	2,185R	-262	2,701	-28.8	2,479	-22.4

Storage is 45.1% full compared to normal as of this report, with normal total capacity of 4,265 at the start of the withdrawal season

### **GATHERCO**

Retainage for November, 2013, is as follows for the Gatherco systems. Treat was 5.0%, Miley was 5.0%, Meigs was 9.78%, York was 5.0%, Grimes was 9.81%, and Elk was 3.0%.

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

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### **WEST VIRGINIA NEWS:**

West Virginia appears to be close to landing a coveted ethane cracker plant to serve the Utica and Marcellus shale plays -- the sort of billion-dollar project coveted by Ohio economic development officials for some time.

West Virginia Gov. Earl Ray Tomblin and officials from Brazilian company Odebrecht stood shoulder to shoulder at a press conference recently, saying the company is looking at developing a cracker near Parkersburg across the Ohio River from Marietta.

The plant, which would separate ethane from natural gas, would be part of a petrochemical complex that would include three polyethylene plants and facilities for water treatment and energy cogeneration.

### **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 PIPELINES 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.

Spectra Energy, along with two other companies, are proposing a new 250 mile 36" pipeline, Nexus Gas Transmission, for transporting gas from shale drilling in eastern Ohio to Detroit and southern Ontario, subject to FERC approval. The anticipated cost of this new pipeline is \$1.5 billion, and could be in service as early as November, 2016. The proposed pipeline will run from Carroll County, Ohio, to Detroit and southern Ontario.

### **DOMINION EAST OHIO:**

Blue Racer Midstream has negotiated a new agreement for liquids uplift for producers on the DEO Guernsey/Cambridge gathering system for conventional production. The new agreement will be an amendment to the original HCA agreement. I will have more details sent out via email in the next couple of weeks.

### **MIDSTREAM/PROCESSING NEWS:**

**Blue Racer Midstream's gas processing plant** hit by an explosion on September 21, 2013, is up and running. They expect the second pipeline to be up and running in March, 2014

**Pinto Energy** is looking to build a 2,800 bbl/day gas to liquids plant east of Ashtabula, Ohio. It will produce high quality synthetic liquids as well as lubricants, waxes and solvents from gas being produced by the Utica and Marcellus formations.

**MarkWest** has been processing 60 Mmcfd since August of 2012 from its gas processing facilities in Cadiz. They have now completed their Cadiz 1 facility and commence operations of their 125 Mmcfd cryogenic processing plant. With the completion of Cadiz 1, MarkWest will now be able to process more of the liquids rich gas coming from customers like Gulfport, Antero, PDC and Rex Energy.

Further South in Noble County, MarkWest is at work building an additional complex: the Seneca Complex. The Seneca I and Seneca II gas processing plants will be capable of processing 200 Mmcfd each, and is on pace to begin operations of the Seneca I early in the fourth quarter of this year. The Seneca II is also scheduled to be installed later this year.

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# Council hears more about fracking

January 22, 2014

By Sam Shawver – The Marietta Timers

Members of Marietta City Council's lands, buildings and parks committee on Tuesday heard a presentation on the horizontal hydraulic fracturing (fracking) process that would be used to extract natural gas from Utica shale beds located more than a mile below the surface in the Marietta area.

The city administration requested the presentation from Matt Lupardus, vice president of the Southeastern Ohio Oil and Gas Association (SOOGA), Bob Chase, chairman of Marietta College's Petroleum Engineering Department, and Shawn Bennett with Energy In Depth, an oil and gas research, education and public outreach group.

Earlier this month the council members were approached by a local broker on behalf of Protege Energy III, a Tulsa, Okla.-based oil and gas company, about 35 acres of city property as part of a 6,000-acre block of surrounding lands that Protege wants to lease for a natural gas horizontal hydraulic drilling operation.

The company has offered to pay \$4,750 an acre, plus a 17.5 percent royalty based on any product they would retrieve from the drilling operation.

But some council members have expressed concern that fracking could contaminate the city's well fields located along the Muskingum River near the Washington County Fairgrounds and Indian Acres Park.

"The typical water well is drilled less than 150 feet, while a Utica shale well is down around 7,500 feet," Lupardus explained. "There's no way fracking nearly a mile and a half beneath the surface could affect your water table." If you go

- **Marietta City Council's water, sewer and sanitation committee meets at 3 p.m. today in the second floor conference room at 304 Putnam St, followed at 4 p.m. by a special utilities committee session.**
- **All council committee meetings, except executive sessions, are open to the public.**
- **More city information is available at [www.mariettaoh.net](http://www.mariettaoh.net)**

He said construction of fracking wells are highly regulated in Ohio which requires multiple concrete and steel casings as extra protection against potential contamina-

tion of ground water.

"But if our aquifer should become polluted from this drilling process, how could we deal with that?" asked Councilman Tom Vukovic, D-4th Ward.

Lupardus noted the city's drinking water wells are only 65 feet deep, far above the Utica shale beds where the hydraulic fracturing would occur.

"And the property the city is considering to lease is not part of that aquifer," Chase added. "The city's well fields are a great distance from that area."

The city acreage Protege proposes to lease is located in the Goose Run Road area off Ohio 26 in Marietta Township, and near the Ohio River behind the Walmart and Lowe's complex along Pike Street.

Chase said the company's well pad would possibly be located on property north of the Marietta Country Club, which would be among the 200 area landowners from which Protege hopes to lease the 6,000-acre block of property.

From that location a well shaft would be drilled more than a mile below the surface, then horizontal shafts, about 7 inches in diameter, could be drilled up to another 7,500 feet in any direction to mine natural gas products from the shale bed.

"If the city decides to lease the property you can always ask for a no surface drilling clause so there would be no drilling pads located on city property," Chase said.

Vukovic expressed concern that injection wells could be drilled within the city limits.

Brine, a chemical and water mixture left over from the fracking process, is stored in injection wells that are drilled thousands of feet underground.

"I've been part of many oil and gas well drilling leases, and none of them include injection wells," Chase said.

Councilwoman Kathy Downer, D-at large, was not convinced that the city's water sources would be safe from contamination if the fracking operations occurred.

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"Can you put a price on the results of contamination?" she asked.

Lupardus assured her that Ohio's highly-stringent regulation of horizontal hydraulic drilling requires multiple safeguards that protect the community's fresh water resources.

But city safety-service director Jonathan Hupp noted whether the city chooses to lease the properties or not, the majority of surrounding landowners are planning to lease the mineral rights to their lands and would receive income from Protege.

He said leasing the city property and drawing any royalties from oil and gas production would provide a good source of revenue to support the municipal budget.

Hupp said the lease would generate an estimated \$168,000 annually, plus any royalties based on the amount of product Protege obtains from the fracking process.



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# Oil and gas tax dollars should stay in our area

JANUARY 25, 2014

The Marietta Times

Since taking office, Gov. John Kasich has promised to raise Ohio's severance tax on oil and gas producers to provide income tax relief to all Ohioans. Throughout this debate I have always insisted that our part of Ohio receive its fair share of any new tax revenue on oil and gas production. Unfortunately, pending legislation in the Ohio House, House Bill 375, that proposes a new severance tax on oil and natural gas production through the use of horizontal drilling doesn't do that. Horizontal wells are being drilled throughout eastern and southeastern Ohio, mostly in what is known as the Point Pleasant, Utica, or Marcellus shale formations.

The bill would impose a tax rate of 1% for the first five years and then a rate of 2% thereafter. Proceeds from the tax would be used to fund necessary regulatory activities, such as plugging orphaned and idled oil and gas wells, and to provide income tax cuts to all Ohioans, many of whom do not live in oil and gas producing counties. In its current form the legislation does not invest back into the communities that are developing oil and gas. This is of great concern, and it is critical that the final bill contain a mechanism that will reinvest those tax dollars into our region.

It is no secret that the economy in eastern Ohio has struggled for many years. We now have a unique opportunity to capitalize on an abundant natural resource that sits right below our feet. We cannot miss this chance to rebuild our economy and leave behind a legacy for future generations. Industry representatives have testified that the new tax they are proposing could generate nearly \$2 billion over 10 years. There is so much we can do with the financial resources this tax would generate. A portion of those funds could be used to improve our infrastructure, train our workforce, provide public and safety services, and invest in new technologies that will create local jobs and protect our environment.

As the legislation moves through the Ohio House I will be following it very closely and talking with my colleagues in the legislature on both sides of the aisle about how we can work together to ensure that our part of Ohio gets its fair share. When the bill reaches the Senate I intend to take a leadership role on behalf of all the counties in eastern and southeastern Ohio.

This is a monumental issue for our area and our citizens. In my opinion, this legislation will have a lasting impact on our economy for years to come. It is imperative that we, as a region engage in this discussion and make our voices heard. As this debate continues I remain committed to doing everything I can to advocate for our communities to ensure that we are not left behind.

Sen. Lou Gentile (D-Steubenville), represents Ohio's 30th District.

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 December West Virginia Tier 2: \$92.4194  
 December West Virginia Tier 3: \$89.4194  
 December Marcellus/Utica Condensate: \$74.6574  
 December Marcellus/Utica Medium: \$ 96.5645  
 December Marcellus/Utica Light: \$87.3713

January Ohio Tier 1: \$92.9729  
 January Ohio Tier 2: \$89.9729  
 January Ohio Tier 3: \$86.9729  
 January West Virginia Tier 1: \$92.7148  
 January West Virginia Tier 2: \$89.7148  
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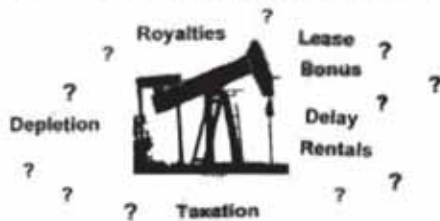
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# More Plans At Blue Racer

## Reopened facility will expand to double its current capacity

JANUARY 29, 2014

By CASEY JUNKINS - Staff Writer , The Intelligencer / Wheeling News-Register

NATRIUM - High demand for Utica and Marcellus shale ethane, propane, butane and other natural gas liquids is driving Blue Racer Midstream to double the size of its Marshall County processing plant along the Ohio River.

The facility, which recently reopened after it closed in the aftermath of a Sept. 21 fire, will grow its processing capacity from 200 million cubic feet per day to 400 million cubic feet per day. Blue Racer also plans to soon begin shipping NGL via river barge, which company officials said will supplement their current modes of rail, truck and pipeline transportation.

With the expansion set for a spring completion, Blue Racer will process gas for Chesapeake En-

ergy, Total North America, Eclipse Resources, Hess Corp., Consol Energy, EnerVest, Rex Energy and PDC Energy.

Dominion Resources developed the Natrium plant and the full-time workers at Natrium are considered Dominion employees, but Blue Racer now owns the facility as part of a \$1.5 billion deal between Dominion and Caiman Energy.

To this point, Blue Racer - along with Williams Energy, MarkWest Energy and M3 Midstream - have invested nearly \$10 billion for infrastructure to move Utica and Marcellus shale natural gas out of the Upper Ohio Valley.

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**Utica East Ohio (UEO)**, a joint venture by Access Midstream, M3, and EV Energy Partners, became the first fully integrated gathering, processing, and fractionation complex to be put into operation on July 28<sup>th</sup> in Eastern Ohio. This initial phase of the UEO project is capable of processing 220-million cubic feet per day at their cryogenic processing facility near Kensington, and is processing 45,000 barrels per day of natural gas liquids at their fractionation, storage and rail facility near Scio.

The second phase is under construction and scheduled to be completed in December, 2013 with a third phase to follow. When complete, the UEO project will have 800 million cubic feet per day of cryogenic processing, 135,000 barrels per day of natural gas liquids fractionation, 870,000 barrels per day of natural gas liquids fractionation, 870,000 barrels of gas liquids storage and a rail facility capable of loading 90 cars per day.

**Hickory Bend Project**, the NiSource and Hilcorp natural gas processing project, has announced the construction of a \$60 million pipeline to move natural gas liquids from their cryogenic natural gas processing plant in Springfield Township to attractive market destinations. Pennant Midstream will construct the 12 inch 38 mile pipeline. It will have the capacity to deliver up to 90,000 bbls. of NGL per day to a Utica East Ohio pipeline in Columbiana County, and from there be transported to the fractionator in Harrison County. It is expected to be complete by July, 2014

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#### **Utica Facts and Numbers – First Quarterly Report—2013**

For the first quarterly reporting Ohio saw some strong production numbers coming from wells online in Eastern Ohio. In total, the 245 wells produced 1.3 million barrels of oil and 33.6 million mcf of natural gas. The average amount of time in production was 55 days.

The next quarterly report must be filed by mid-February for the fourth-quarter results, and released in March, 2014.

AS of January 30, 2014, there have been 1,074 Utica Shale permits issued in 23 counties in Ohio to 29 companies, and 707 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 300 Utica Shale wells in production, with 38 rigs running.

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"Utica producers face a number of challenges, and we continue to build out a very large supersystem in the Utica to assist them. Blue Racer's integrated supersystem of midstream assets is the largest system in the Utica. We have created a footprint that provides our producer customers with maximum flexibility," said Blue Racer CEO Jack Lafield.

In addition to the Natrium expansion, Blue Racer is continuing to build out its Berne processing complex, located west of Woodsfield in Monroe County.

"It's a very exciting time in the evolution of the Utica Shale," Lafield said.

The Natrium plant is a key piece of the Blue Racer network, which includes nearly 600 miles of pipelines across 24 counties in Ohio and West Virginia. According to the company's website, its pipelines stretch as far north as Cleveland.

"The Utica is a complex play with tremendous potential," Lafield said. "Our assets are positioned exactly where our producers need them so that ultimately they achieve the best possible price realizations."

Because the "wet" Marcellus and Utica shale gas contains the natural gas liquids, in addition to the "dry" methane, the materials require processing and fractionation so that each item can be marketed individually. At Natrium, once the wet shale gas travels to the plant, the ethane, butane, propane and other natural gas liquids are stripped away from the dry methane gas so all the products can be marketed individually. Upon separation from the gas stream, the propane and butane are kept in tanks on the Natrium site to be marketed. This cannot be done with ethane because of the product's volatility, so Dominion currently ships much of this product for cracking along the Gulf Coast or in Canada.

Blue Racer's ethane pipeline provides direct access to the Enterprise ATEX Pipeline, which sends ethane to the Gulf Coast. New pipeline infrastructure leading out of Natrium will connect to Sunoco's Mariner West pipeline, which carries ethane to Ontario, Canada for cracking at the Nova Chemicals Corunna petrochemical facility at Sarnia.

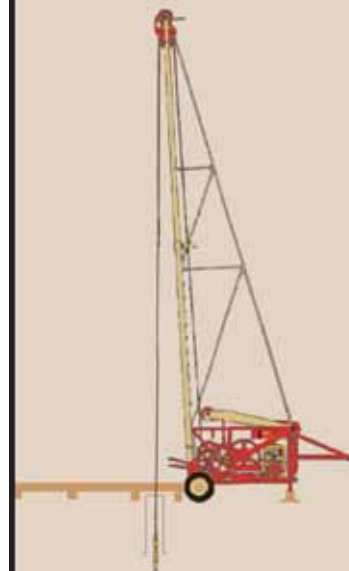
In October, Blue Racer purchased a 45-mile, 24-inch pipeline that fully interconnects its gathering systems to its Berne processing facility in western Monroe County. The Berne site is designed to accommodate three separate 200 million cubic feet per day processing units, the first of which should be up and running before the end of this year.

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<b>Fall Golf Outing</b>	August 22nd, 2014
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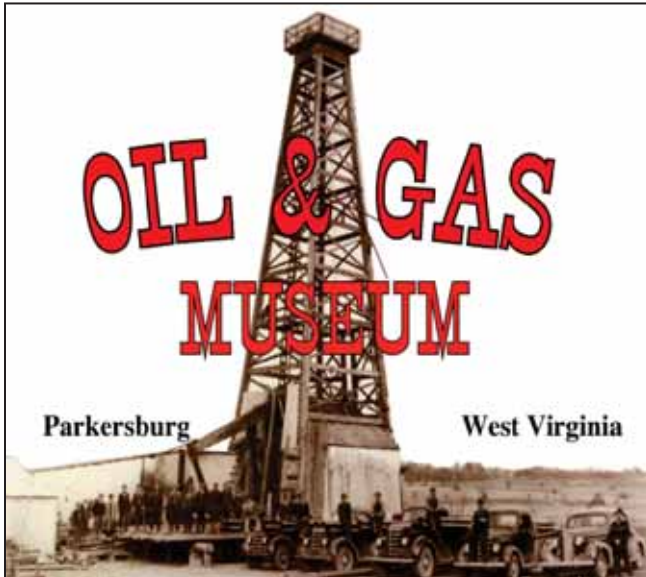
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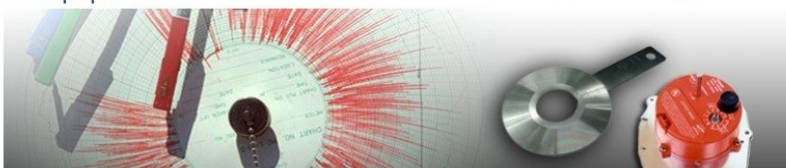
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## Eugene 'Rudy' Biehl

January 13, 2014

The Marietta Times



Eugene "Rudy" Biehl, 85, of Whipple, died Saturday evening, Jan. 11, 2014, at Harmar Place, in Marietta. Born July 12, 1928, he was the son of the late Melvin F. and Elsie E. Schantz Biehl.

Rudy had actively farmed and had a dairy farm from 1928 to 1980. During this time he served on the Farm Service Agency and on the Washington County Soil and Water Conservation District as a supervisor. He was one of the instrumental people in the construction of the Whipple Grange Hall, of which he was a member. He had served two terms as a Fearing Township trustee, and was proud of his efforts in having the Fearing Township Equipment Garage constructed, which also housed a new meeting room for the trustees. He also helped with the building of the Fearing Township Volunteer Fire Department.

He had one of the first dairy herds in Washington County to be enrolled in the Dairy Herd Improvement Program (DHI). Rudy also was one of the first farmers in Washington County to implement "no till" farming. In 1971 he was awarded the Goodyear Conservation Award. He had been a 4-H advisor for more than thirty years.

From 1980 to present, Rudy had become heavily involved in the oil and gas industry. He was extremely proud of his work as a production supervisor and later as a Landman for Stonebridge Operating, of Marietta.

Surviving are four sons, David Biehl (Debbie) of Whipple, Kevin Biehl (Michele), Jacob Biehl and Samuel Biehl (Julia Jaffe), all of Marietta; two daughters, Kathryn Biehl and Barbara Leimkuehler (Henry), all of Marietta; five grandchildren, Joshua Biehl (Jessica), Jennifer Seaman (Doug), Channing Templeton (Heath), Ashton Biehl and Aiden Biehl; six great-grandchildren, Alayna, Alyssa, Jozie and Jackson Biehl, Jordan and Adalyn Seaman. Also surviving is Amy Biehl, wife of Rudy's grandson Adam Biehl who preceded him in death last March. Also preceding him in death was his wife, Patricia A. Irwin Biehl, and a son Vance Biehl.

Rudy's family would like to express special thanks to the staff at Harmar Place for the loving care extended.

It is suggested that memorial donations may be directed to Marietta Home Health & Hospice, 450 Pike Street, Suite I-1, Marietta 45750.

## Raymond Norbert Zoerkler

October 22, 2013

The Marietta Times

Recently a member of the "greatest generation" passed away. Ray Zoerkler served in the 8th Army Air Corps in Europe during WW2 as a gunner in a B-29 bomber. He was fortunate to be a survivor. After the war he studied geology, graduating from the University of Cincinnati. He was an active geologist for Pennzoil in Bradford, PA before coming to Parkersburg for Pennzoil. Later he was a geological consultant in Ohio and West Virginia.



Raymond Norbert Zoerkler, 87, long time Marietta resident, died Saturday (Oct. 19, 2013) in Fairfield, Ohio. He was born Aug. 7, 1926, in Cincinnati to Louis and Elise Weisheit Zoerkler.

He was a U.S. Air Force veteran of World War II. Mr. Zoerkler was a geologist, having received his degree from the University of Cincinnati. He had worked at Birdwell and Pennzoil in Bradford, Pa., as well as Pennzoil in Parkersburg. Raymond also worked as an independent petroleum geologist while living in Marietta. He was a member of Rotary Club of Marietta, the American Association of Petroleum Geologists, the Ohio Geological Society and the Marietta Reading Club. Mr. Zoerkler had been a volunteer at the Campus Martius Museum. While living in Pennsylvania he was instrumental in having the University of Pittsburgh open a branch in Bradford.

Raymond is survived by two daughters: Cindy Miller (Gary) of Fairfield and Jennifer Zoerkler of Reston, Va.; two grandsons, Nicholas Miller (Laura) of Anchorage, Alaska and Jason Miller (Jamie) of Westmont, N.J.; a sister, Lorraine Cramer of Clarion, Pa.; a brother, Jim Zoerkler (Jeanne) of Chambersburg, Pa.; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife, Phyllis Lorraine Goble Zoerkler in 2006.

## A.R. Huffman

September, 2013

A.R Huffman, 85, of Marietta, OH passed away September, 2013. He was one of the "founding members" of SOOGA back in 1978.

## Janet Lynn Edgar Thompson

January 9, 2014

The Marietta Times



Janet Lynn Edgar Thompson of Newport went to be with the Lord on Jan. 8, 2014, after a courageous battle with cancer. Janet was born July 20, 1952, in Parkersburg to the late Arthur Edgar and Connie Whiting. Janet was the oldest of six children, with her par-

ents and brother, Don Edgar preceding her in death. Janet graduated from Frontier High School in 1970 and married the love of her life, Danny W Thompson on Dec. 4, 1970. Janet and Danny had three children, Danny W Thompson II, Debbie (Richard) Metheney, and Beth (Timothy) Showalter. Janet had four grandchildren, Skyler and Becky Metheney and Zachery and Ashton Temesvary. Janet loved nothing better than spending time with her grandchildren and spoiling them.

Janet was president of Carlton Oil Corp., Danny W Thompson Investment, and LMN Enterprises (DBA The JUG). Janet was FLEDA's Business Women of the Year in 2009. Janet was very active in the Newport Community with the hometown Christmas, supporting of the local school system, and working the election polls.

Janet loved shopping with her daughters and they were known to be black Friday warriors every year. There was many hours spent laughing and enjoying each other during these times. Janet enjoyed attending car shows, mud bogging, and racing with Danny.

Janet is survived by her husband, children, grandchildren and siblings, Cathy McCrady, Carol (Darrell) McKay, Frank (Pam) Edgar, Harold (Lisa) Edgar as well as several nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews.

Contributions are suggested to the Strecker Cancer Center, 401 Matthew Street, Marietta 45750. An online guest register is available at [www.ingramfh.com](http://www.ingramfh.com).




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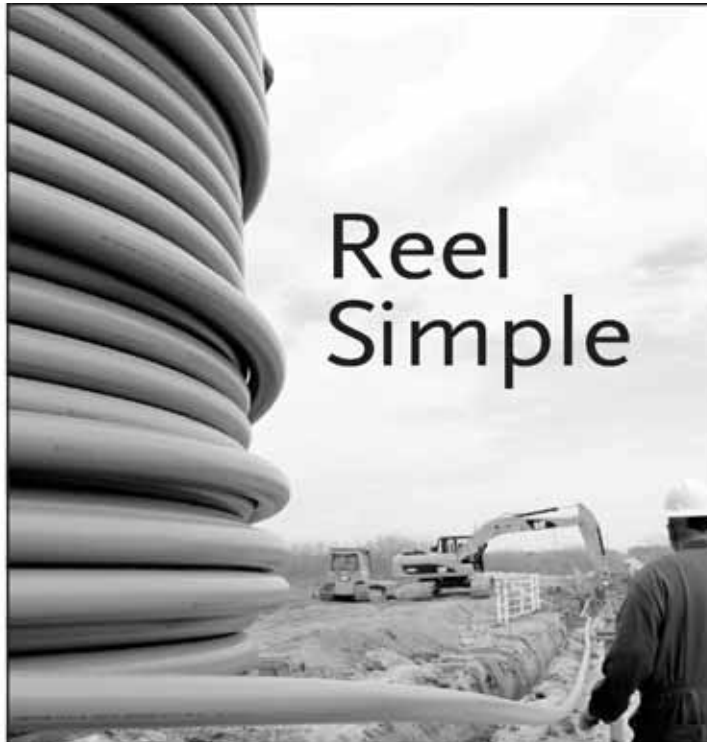
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## Ohio Utica Shale

### Antero hits three big gas-producing wells in Noble County

By: Bob Downing Published January 28, 2014

Colorado-based Antero Resources has unveiled three of the biggest natural gas wells in Ohio — all in Noble County.

The Milligan 2H well in Seneca Township is producing 40.2 million cubic feet per day of natural gas equivalents in initial production, the company announced.

In addition, the company's Coal 3H well showed 35.3 million cubic feet of natural gas equivalents per day and the Milligan 1H well had 32.1 million cubic feet of natural gas equivalents per day.

All three wells are now among the Top 10 natural gas producers in Ohio, said Shawn Bennett of Energy in Depth-Ohio, a pro-drilling trade group.

The top natural gas-producing well in Ohio remains Antero's Yountz well in Monroe County with 38.9 million cubic feet of natural gas per day in initial production.

The company released different figures for the three new wells and that makes it impossible to compare the available data from the Yountz well with the three new wells.

Antero also reported significant quantities of natural gas liquids (ethane, butane and propane) and condensate or oil from the five wells. It said 60 to 70 percent of the product from the five wells were liquids.

Those Antero totals are very significant and proof that Ohio's Utica shale in southeastern Ohio is a major resource, said industry expert Jim Willis, editor of the New York-based Marcellus Drilling News.

Antero Resources reported that its 11 initial Utica wells in Monroe and Noble counties are averaging 17.9 million cubic feet per day of natural gas equivalents.

In other news, Blue Racer Midstream's Natrium I plant in northern West Virginia is quietly again up and running.

The plant, a key facility in processing Ohio's Utica shale, had been closed since a September explosion and fire.

The company issued a press release on Monday that included one sentence about the facility re-opening. It said: "The Natrium I processing unit has recently returned to service following a temporary shutdown that occurred after a fire damaged the unit."

The \$500 million cryogenic processing plant in northern West Virginia opened last summer. It is part of \$1.5 billion transportation-and-processing venture between Dominion Resources and Caiman Energy II LLC.

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January 28, 2014

By The Associated Press

AP Reports

Charleston, W.Va.— IGS is opening its third compressed natural gas fueling station for vehicles in West Virginia.

The Charleston station that's opening today joins Ohio-based IGS Energy fueling stations in Jane Lew and Bridgeport. IGS also has a station in Dublin, Ohio, and is opening another in May in Girard, Ohio.

Surging production has the gas industry

seeking out new markets for its products, and companies are focusing more on the transportation sector. They tout natural gas as a cheaper, cleaner alternative to gasoline and diesel.

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## David Hill of Byesville named regional director for Independent Petroleum Association of America

Published: January 5, 2014

David R. Hill of David R. Hill Inc. is the new Independent Petroleum Association of America regional director for Ohio, replacing Jerry James of Artex Oil Company.

Hill is one of 33 directors elected from each of the U.S. regions. He was elected Nov. 7 at the IPAA Annual Meeting in San Antonio, TX. Hill will serve as an Ohio's regional director for 2013-15. Regional directors are limited to four consecutive two-year terms.

Hill's role as regional director is to work with both IPAA and the Ohio Oil and Gas Association (OOGA) on outreach, education and legislative efforts on behalf of the oil and gas industry in Ohio. He also currently serves as vice president of OOGA. He is a longtime oil and gas producer whose company is based in Byesville.

"Today the oil and gas industry is ever changing and growing due in large part to shale development here in Ohio and across our country and the world," Hill said. "Such activity requires day in and day out efforts to reach out to communities all across Ohio to answer questions about the industry and talk about the positive impacts of exploration and production. I am delighted and honored to serve both the industry and Ohio in my role at OOGA and my new position at IPAA."



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