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New Venue!

The Tower (the old Tennis Center)
400 Tennis Center Dr.
Marietta, Ohio

See page 8 for tentative agenda.



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SOOGA Annual Boat Ride

A lovely boat ride was had by all with perfect weather and great entertainment.

Cody Wickline, from The Voice, (pictured left) put on a great show at our Annual Industry Appreciation Dinner and Boat Ride. For more details see page 13.

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Pictured left to right: Alex Heiss, Casey Fritz. Jim Kemp, and Amy Russell

SOOGA GOLF OUTING

We do like to have some fun around here! There is no better day spent than on the golf course with your coworkers/friends. It beats a day at the office any day! SOOGA's Annual Fall Golf was nothing short of fantastic. For more details see page 15.

THE CROW'S NEST

Hello again,



Well it's September already and I'm trying to figure out where the sum-

mer went?! They seem to go by faster every year and with that the SOOGA Events are winding down for this year as well. We just had our last Golf Outing for the year and it was a beautiful day, unlike the Spring Outing. We had some great scores turned in, and had some great food. With the help of the board members and the golf club staff I believe this was a successful event.

Back in July, we had our Industry Appreciation Boat Ride on the Valley Gem. Another beautiful evening on the Ohio River. This year, we had some wonderful entertainment by Cody Wickline and it was very successful. Everyone really seemed to enjoy themselves and we had some good food and door prizes there as well. Thanks to Kendra and the board members for making it run smoothly.

Looking ahead, our Annual Trade Show is fast approaching on October 3rd. We are busy getting the lineup laid out. Gun Raffle Tickets are being printed right now. So if you are wanting any tickets get with any board member or see Kendra and they will take care of you.

I'll end with thanking all to the SOOGA Members and sponsors because none of this is possible without your support, so thank you!

President- Winnie Sinnett

2024 SOOGA Tentative Calendar of Events

FALL TRADE SHOW

October 3rd, 2024
The Tower
400 Tennis Center Drive
Marietta, OH 45750

FALL CLAY SHOOT

October 11th, 2024 Marietta Gun Club 1385 Gunclub Rd, Whipple, Oh 45788

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Southeastern Ohio Oil and Gas Association Gas Committee Report August, 2024

	July	Aug. change
Prices July, 2024		
NYMEX Settle -Aug 2024	\$2.63	\$1.91 - \$0.72
One Year NYMEX strip (Sept. 2024 – Aug, 2025)	\$2.78	\$3.05 + \$0.27
Summer NYMEX strip for 2024 (Sept. 2024 - Oct, 2024)	\$2.47	\$2.29 - \$0.18
Winter NYMEX strip – 2024(Nov., 2024 – Mar. 2025)	\$3.36	\$3.26 - \$0.10
TCO Index Posting – August, 2024	\$ 1.94	\$1.28 - \$0.66
DTI Index Posting - August, 2024	\$ 1.85	\$1.19 + \$0.66

August 8 2024 Storage Report:

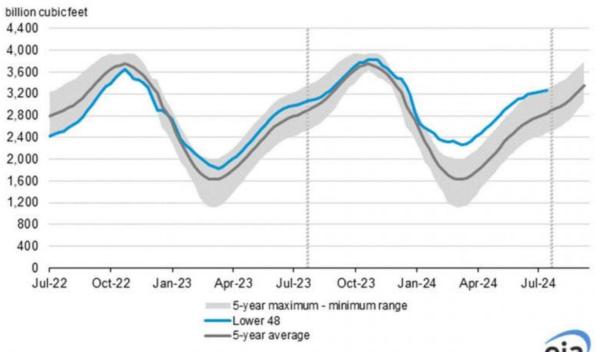
					Historical Comparisons			
	Stocks billion cubic feet (Bcf)			Year ago (08/02/2023)		5-year average (2019-2023)		
Region	08/02/24	7/26/24	net change	implied flow	Bcf	% change	Bcf	% change
East	719	711	8	8	694	3.6	641	12.2
Midwest	854	842	12	12	788	8.4	742	15.1
Mountain	257	253	4	4	195	31.8	178	44.4
Pacific	289	286	3	3	232	24.6	262	10.3
South Central	1,152	1,157	-5	-5	1,113	3.5	1,023	12.6
Salt	300	307	-7	-7	288	4.2	58	16.3
Nonsalt	851	851	0	0	825	3.2	766	11.1
Total	3,270	3,249	21	21	3,022	8.2	2,846	14.9

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Summary

Working gas in storage was 3,270 Bcf as of Friday, August 2, 2024, according to EIA estimates. This represents a net increase of 21 Bcf from the previous week. Stocks were 248 Bcf higher than last year at this time and 424 Bcf above the five-year average of 2,846 Bcf. At 3,270 Bcf, total working gas is within the five-year historical range.

Working gas in underground storage compared with the 5-year maximum and minimum



Data source: U.S. Energy Information Administration

Prices/Supply/Demand

- Supply: According to data from S&P Global Commodity Insights, the average total supply of natural gas fell by 0.5% (0.5 Bcf/d) compared with the previous report week. Dry natural gas production decreased by 0.3% (0.3 Bcf/d) to average 103.2 Bcf/d, and average net imports from Canada decreased by 3.0% (0.2 Bcf/d) from last week.
- Demand: Total U.S. consumption of natural gas rose by 5.6% (4.2 Bcf/d) compared with the previous report week, according to data from S&P Global Commodity Insights. Natural gas consumed for power generation climbed by 9.0% (4.1 Bcf/d) week over week as temperatures across the United States were above normal. Consumption in the residential and commercial sector increased by 3.9% (0.3 Bcf/d), while industrial sector consumption decreased by 1.0% (0.2 Bcf/d) week over week. Natural gas exports to Mexico decreased 2.6% (0.2 Bcf/d). Natural gas deliveries to

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U.S. LNG export facilities (LNG pipeline receipts) averaged 12.6 Bcf/d, or 0.4 Bcf/d lower than last week.

Pricing:

- Henry Hub spot price: The Henry Hub spot price rose 6 cents from \$1.93 per million British thermal units (MMBtu) last Wednesday to \$1.99/MMBtu yesterday.
- Henry Hub futures price: The price of the September 2024 NYMEX contract increased 7.6 cents, from \$2.036/MMBtu last Wednesday to \$2.112/MMBtu yesterday. The price of the 12-month strip averaging September 2024 through August 2025 futures contracts rose 3.4 cents to \$2.939/MMBtu.
- Select regional spot prices: Natural gas spot prices fell at most locations this report
 week (Wednesday, July 31, to Wednesday, August 7). Price changes ranged from a
 decrease of 82 cents at the Algonquin Citygate to an increase of 11 cents at the
 Houston Ship Channel.
 - Prices in the Northeast decreased this report week as temperatures decreased toward the end of the week, despite an overall weekly increase in natural gas use for electric power generation. At the Algonquin Citygate, which serves <u>Boston-area consumers</u>, the price fell 82 cents from \$2.30/MMBtu last Wednesday to \$1.48/MMBtu yesterday. The price at Eastern Gas South in southwest Pennsylvania decreased 13 cents from \$1.47/MMBtu last Wednesday to \$1.34/MMBtu yesterday. Consumption of natural gas in the electric power sector increased 8% (1.0 billion cubic feet per day [Bcf/d]) in the Northeast this week, according to data from S&P Global Commodity Insights. Temperatures in the <u>Boston Area</u> averaged 85°F early in the report week on August 1 but declined to an average of 64°F yesterday.

2024 - 2025 Price Estimates:

J P Morgan expects the Henry Hub price to average \$2.88 for 2024, and \$4.75 for 2025.

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Southeastern Ohio Oil & Gas Association 2024 Annual Fall Trade Show Thursday, October 3rd, 2024 8:00am - 3:30pm The Tower

400 Tennis Center Drive, Marietta, OH 45750

TRAINING SESSIONS

7:30am - Registration

8:00am - 12:00pm First Aid/CPR Certification Class

Courtney Flesher, MMH

AVAILABLE IN MORNING SESSION AS NEEDED

Fire Extinguisher Simulator & Condensate Safety

Charlie Dixon, ONEI

Compressor Training

Chris Deem, Canaan Industries

Gas Meter Maintenance and Repair

Ralph Cunningham, Little Kanawha Gas Measurement

Lunch Served 12:00pm - 1:00pm

Catered by: TBD

Exhibits Open All Day 8:00AM - 3:30PM

LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

12:45pm - 1:00pm

Welcome

Winnie Sinnett - SOOGA President

1:00pm - 1:30pm

Workforce & Plugging Grant

Dorinda Byers, D. Byers Associates

1:30 p.m. -2:00pm Legal Update

Dan Corcoran, Theisen Brock, LPA

2:00pm -2:30pm

Methane Rule 101

Maureen Kertes, Infinity Natural Resources

2:30pm -3:00pm Political Panel

Ohio Senator Brian Chavez with other political speakers

3:00pm - 3:30pm K9 Unit

Chief Deputy Mark Warden, Washington County Sheriff's Office

Register by Se	eptember 25th, 2024
Lunch \$30.00 (Please RSVP to help with accommodation Member Booth Fee \$50.00 (includes lunch)	AND AND A STATE OF THE STATE OF
Non-Member Booth Fee \$300.00 (Includes lunch and 1yrIndoor (space may be limited)OutdoorElectricSponsorship/Door Prize (Drawings all day, must be presen	*Booth setup 8:00am to 5:00pm Wednesday October 2nd, 2024
**Please send your registration form to mail@sooga.org. If you have any questions please call the SOOGA office at 740-37	Contact Person: Phone:
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Platinum- \$1500 & up Gold- \$1000 - \$1499 Silver- \$500 - \$999 Bronze- \$100 - \$499 October 3rd, 2024 The Tower 400 Tennis Center Dr. Marietta, OH 45750 THE INSIDER Page 10

GAS PRICING 2024

JULY 2024

NYMEX Settlement: \$2.628

Inside FERC/EG SP/DTI: \$1.850 (Basis: -\$0.778)

Inside FERC/TCO:\$1.940 (Basis: -\$0.688)

AUGUST 2024

NYMEX Settlement: \$1.907

Inside FERC/EG SP/DTI: \$1.190 (Basis: -\$0.717)

Inside FERC/TCO:\$1.280 (Basis: -\$0.627)

OIL PRICING 2024

ERGON OIL PURCHASING WEST VIRGINIA MONTHLY AVERAGE FOR OHIO AND WEST VIRGINIA

JUNE Ohio/WV Tier 1: \$77.7773

JUNE Ohio/WV Tier 2: \$74.7773

JUNE Ohio/WV Tier 3: \$72.7773

JUNE Marcellus/Utica Condensate: \$59.7773

JUNE Marcellus/Utica Medium: \$77.7773

JUNE Marcellus/Utica Light: \$66.7773

JULY Ohio/WV Tier 1: \$79.6384

JULY Ohio/WV Tier 2: \$76.6384

JULY Ohio/WV Tier 3: \$74.6384

JULY Marcellus/Utica Condensate: \$61.6384

JULY Marcellus/Utica Medium: \$79.6384

JULY Marcellus/Utica Light: \$68.6384

Tier 1 - 150 + net barrels of crude oil.

No more than 2.5% BS&W (if the BS&W is over 2.5% it will then qualify for Tier 2 pricing) If trucking is able to load 160 net barrels of oil and other Tier 1 criteria are met, Ergon Oil Purchasing will waive the BS&W limit)

Tier 2 - 60-149.99 net barrels of crude oil

Two Stops within 10 miles

Tier 3 - 30-59.99 net barrels of crude oil

Please contact Ergon at 1-800-278-3364 for clarification on split load pricing

The Marcellus/Utica Shale produced crude oil will be purchased based on the monthly average for the following postings:

38.0-49.9 API Gravity—Marcellus/Utica Medium crude oil

50.0-59.9 API Gravity—Marcellus/Utica Light crude oil

60.0+ API Gravity-Marcellus/Utica Condensate

Other parameters will be evaluated on a farm by farm basis.

You can now find EOP WVA Crude Oil Price Bulletin on the internet at:

www.ergon.com

OIL PRICING 2024

AMERICAN REFINING GROUP AVERAGE

6/21 to 6/30 Group 1 OH: \$80.19

Group 2 OH: \$77.19

Group 3 OH: \$75.19

7/01 to 7/10 Group 1 OH: \$81.93

Group 2 OH: \$78.93

Group 3 OH: \$76.93

7/11 to 7/20 Group 1 OH: \$80.79

Group 2 OH: \$77.79

Group 3 OH: \$75.79

7/21 to 7/31 Group 1 OH: \$76.52

Group 2 OH: \$73.52

Group 3 OH: \$71.52

8/01 to 8/10 Group 1 OH: \$73.81

Group 2 OH: \$70.81

Group 3 OH: \$68.81

8/11 to 8/20 Group 1 OH: \$75.88

Group 2 OH: \$72.88

Group 3 OH: \$70.88

ARG GROUP PRICING CATEGORIES AND DEFINITIONS FOR PENNSYLVANIA GRADE CRUDE OIL (LEGACY)

Group 1 (OH/PA/NY) – 150.0 net barrels of crude from 3 stops within 10 mile, with a BS&W of 2.5% or less (If able to load 160 net barrels the BS&W will be waived)

Group 2 (OH/PA/NY) - 60.0-149.99 net barrels from 2 stops

Group 3 (OH/PA/NY) - 30-59.9 net barrels from single location

For questions relating to ARG Group Pricing or Utica / Marcellus Shale pricing, please contact: Bill Murray, VP-Crude Supply & Logistics- 330-649-2832; bmurray@amref.com

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Hope Gathering Lines

August 29, 2024

Hope Gas recently acquired Equitable gathering lines in Ritchie and Doddridge Counties. It appears Hope acquired these lines because there were several hundred customers being served by the lines. Further, portions of Hope gas also fed into these lines.

The old EQT gathering lines were identified by Hope as red lines. Hope further bought the old Dominion gathering systems in Ritchie and Doddridge Counties from Dominion and/or their predecessors and now have all the gathering systems in the Ritchie and Doddridge area. The designated green lines were to be rehabilitated over time. The designated blue lines are larger diameter lines and often tied into interstate pipelines.

The red lines, which were mostly acquired from EQT, were proposed to be sold for nominal consideration to producers or abandoned in place. Hope also proposed that any Farm Taps connected to these lines be converted to propane before the lines were sold or abandoned.

After much discussion on what Hope proposed to offer, GOWV, the independent gas and oil association, intervened in the case put before the West Virginia Public Service Commission, citing their perspective on the proposal.

All local producers have known that the old EQT lines are in terrible shape but intend to help find a solution that would benefit all parties involved.

It appears, after GOWV entered their perspective to the Public Service Commission, Hope withdrew their request for help in finding a solution to this gathering problem.

It's anyone's guess what will happen next. We will keep you informed.

-Bob Matthey



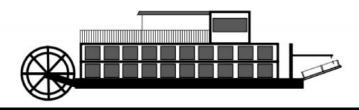
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SOOGA"s ANNUAL IINDUSTRY APPRECIATION DINNER AND BOAT RIDE



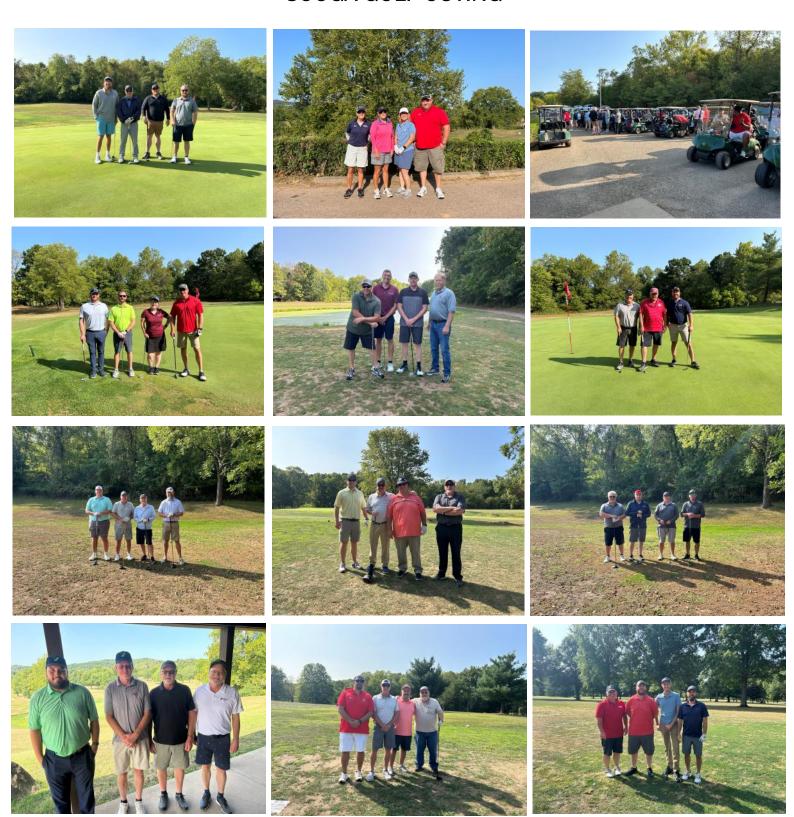








SOOGA GOLF OUTING



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Golf Winners

Winner of Skins- Electric Motors and Pumps- Brad Webb

Flight A 1st Place-Electric Motors and Pumps- Brad Webb Flight A 2nd Place- Hall Financial- Rob Beardmore Flight A 3rd Place- Pawnee Maintenance- Roy Farley

Flight B 1st Place- EMF GeoScience- Cory Gerber Flight B 2nd Place- Triple B Oil- Bruce Fouts Flight B 3rd Place- Utility Pipeline- Tim Lantz

Skill prize winners:

Men's Longest Drive in Fairway- Mate Dedic
Men's Closest to the Pin- Jim Kemp
Men's Longest Putt Made- Bruce Fouts, Jr.
Women's Longest Drive in the Fairway- Maureen Kertes
Women's Longest Putt Made- Bobbi Lauer
Men's/Women's Straightest Drive- Aaron Clark

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- Shop 2,226 sq ft
- Brand new-began construction in 2023
- 2 garage doors with openers: 16' x 16' & 14' x 14'
- Shop is heated, no A/C
- 3 phase electric, welder hook up
- LED lighting
- 20' ceilings
- Lots of natural light
- Acoustical steel
- · 3 entrances
- Level parking area
- 24/7 security cameras in complex
- Directory sign and door sign

Building 29 is situated near a forested area, hiking trails, and a fishing pond/recreation area.

Tenant is responsible for all utilities including gas, electric, telephone, internet, water, sewer, cable, etc., and for content insurance on the building.

All properties include concrete entrance, driveway, and parking spaces. Directory signage at entrances and on buildings is provided by Broughton Commercial Properties. Monthly fees include snow removal, lawn maintenance, lot repair.

For details contact our property manager:

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- 740-374-9396

OBITUARIES



Samuel F. Buckey

Samuel F. "Sam" Buckey, 82, of Byesville, went home to be with his Savior and also his wife, Joan, on Wednesday (August 7, 2024) at Oak Pointe Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, Baltic, surrounded by his daughter and grand-daughter.

He was born March 13, 1942 in Ava, the son of the late William T. "Wild Bill" Buckey and Kathleen (Kirk) Buckey.

Sam was an entrepreneur and businessman throughout his entire life. He owned and operated several businesses in Guernsey County and the surrounding areas, as well as mobile home parks & sales and many hotels - including The Holiday Inn, Ramada Inn, Spirit of '76, and The Pancake House, just to name a few. He was also involved in the oil & gas industry – he established Frederick Petroleum, several restaurants (including the Leatherwood Restaurant and Lounge), and most recently, Sudzee's Laundromat in Cambridge. He always had an eye for business and used to joke saying "I've made a million and lost a million". Sam was a deal maker and was always looking for the next "big deal".

He enjoyed traveling and never met a stranger. He also enjoyed walking and staying in shape. Sam and his family built and remodeled many houses in the Byesville/Cambridge area, the last one located on Georgetown Road.

He was very spiritual and attended multiple churches in the area. Sam loved his granddaughter & great-grandchildren dearly. He treasured the time spent watching them play in their various sports.

His constant companion through all of life's ups and downs was his faithful wife, Joan Marie (Oliver) Buckey. They met in Ava at the Lone Elm Truck Stop and were later married on June 30, 1963 in a small church in Byesville. Sadly, Joan would leave Sam on June 29, 2006. In addition to his parents and his wife, Sam is preceded in death by two brothers, Delmar and William; three sisters, Betty Wood, Virginia Ginn, and Sarah Rock; his in-laws, Verneda Yontz Peluso, Ohler Oliver, and Eugene Oliver; and his beloved dog, Nona.

Sam is survived by his daughter, Carla (& Jeff) Grimes of Senecaville; a granddaughter, Tiffany (& Brian) Pulliam of Granville; a brother, James (& Janis) Buckey of Mansfield; three half-brothers, Mark (& Shirley) Buckey of Tennessee, David (& Connie) Buckey of Oklahoma, and Paul Buckey of Tennessee; a half-sister, Judy Keyser of Massillon; a brother-in-law, Larry Oliver of Georgia; four great-grandchildren, Taylor, Bentley, Tenley, and Beckham, who all could do no wrong – Sam spoiled them and made all over them; his lifelong best friend, Bill (& Cathy) Yontz and his family of Byesville; his close friends, Skip Jacobs, Jim Adams, and Tony; numerous business associates; and his extended family in Noble County.

The family would like to extend a special thanks to the staff at Oak Pointe for the excellent care they provided to Sam during his time there

Sam always planned to write a book about his journey in this lifetime, but it was always tomorrow...

Graveside services and burial will be held at Greenwood Cemetery, Byesville, on Monday (August 12, 2024) at 1 p.m. with Rev. Nancy Parsons officiating. The family is planning to hold a celebration of life for Sam at a later date.



(Charles) Jay Pottmeyer

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the tragic passing of (Charles) Jay Pottmeyer, 59 of Churchtown, after an accident at his home. Jay was born February 19, 1965, in Marietta to Robert and Elizabeth O'Linn Pottmeyer. He was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend to all who had the privilege to know him.

Jay attended St. John Central Catholic School, Fort Frye High School, and DeVry Institute of Technology where he developed his interest and skill for electronics. He was a family man above all things but was also a successful business owner. Jay started his career in 1985 at EDI in Marietta as a circuit board builder, later becoming co-owner until his retirement in 2020. He also founded PPC Oil and Gas in 1999 with his close friend, Curt Loken. Jay had many hobbies including gardening, camping, boating, Jeep riding, and making homemade wine, where he just recently began growing a vineyard with his son-in-law. He loved watching Ohio State sports in his infamous Buckeye room and looked forward to his yearly beach vacation with close family and friends. Jay was a lifelong member of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, the Beverly Knights of Columbus and a big supporter of 4-H, where his children and grandchildren were very active. He was also a member of the Beverly Eagles, Southeast Ohio Oil and Gas (SOOGA), and Ohio Oil and Gas Associa-

Jav is survived by his high school sweetheart and wife of 37 vears, Marilyn Smith Pottmeyer, children, Johanna (Nate) McNabb, Cole (Alison) Pottmeyer and Tanner (Amie) Pottmeyer, and precious grandchildren, Addisyn, Willow, Evelynne, Claire, Dayne, Gage and Lennox. Of all the roles he played in life, Pappy was his favorite. He loved being with his grandchildren and would drop anything to spend time with them. Jay was especially loved by his siblings, Ken (Cindy), Chris, Ted (Karen), Eric (Marilyn), Erin (Sherri), Trina (Ted), Dennis (Carla), Laurene (Doug), and Kim (Dave) and close family friend Curt (Sharon) Loken, as well as his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Earl and JoAnn Smith and sisters-in-law, Joyce (Tom) Danford, Nancy (Brian) Bauerbach, Earlene (Gene) Watson. Jay was blessed with an abundance of nieces and nephews and loved them and their children with his whole heart. He is also survived by many cousins, aunts, uncles, and friends who he loved being around.

Jay will be greeted in Heaven with open arms by his parents, his infant brother Francis, brother Dave, and his grandparents Walter and Ada Bules O'Linn and Ralph Sr. and Helen Huck Pottmeyer.

Family will welcome visitors on August 23, 2024, from 2-4 and 6-8 Friday at the Marietta Chapel of Cawley & Peoples Funeral Home where a Vigil service will be held at 7:30 pm. Funeral Liturgy with Mass will be held 10:00 am Saturday, August 24, 2024, at St John the Baptist Catholic Church with the Rev. David Gaydosik celebrating. Burial will be in St. John's Church Cemetery. Memorial donations in Jay's memory may be made to St. John's School, 17784 OH-676, Marietta, OH 45750.

THE CRUCIAL ROLE OF SAFETY AND EDUCATION IN LOCATING PRIVATE UTILITIES BEFORE DIGGING

As the construction and excavation industries continue to expand in Ohio, the importance of thorough utility location cannot be overstated. While locating public utilities—such as electric, and telecom, water, sewer, and gas lines—is a well-known and often emphasized aspect of pre-digging safety, the crucial task of identifying private utilities is just as essential. At Mason Private Locating, we recognize that comprehensive utility marking, including private utilities, is key to ensuring safety, efficiency, and project success.

THE OVERLOOKED ASPECT OF PRIVATE UTILITIES

Many construction and excavation projects focus primarily on public utility markings. However, private utilities—such as those related to irrigation systems, private water wells, and secondary electrical lines—are equally significant. These utilities are often less documented and may not be included in standard utility maps provided by public agencies. This gap in information can lead to unexpected and potentially dangerous issues if not properly addressed.

WHY PRIVATE UTILITY LOCATING MATTERS

SAFETY FIRST

Striking a private utility line can be as dangerous as hitting a public utility line. For instance, damaging a private gas line could lead to hazardous leaks or explosions, while a broken electrical line poses electrocution risks. Ensuring all utilities are accurately marked before excavation is crucial for preventing such safety hazards.

AVOIDING PROPERTY DAMAGE

Private utilities are often integral to the functioning of a property. For example, hitting a private electric or communications line can lead to costly repairs and disruption of service. By thoroughly locating and marking these utilities, you can avoid significant property damage, service interruptions and associated repair costs.

PREVENTING ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

Some private utilities, like septic systems or private wells, are critical for maintaining environmental and health standards. Accidental damage to these systems can result in environmental contamination and health risks. Proper identification and marking help mitigate these risks.

THE ROLE OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING

The team at OHIO811, in partnership with Mason Private Locating, are doing an exceptional job in educating stakeholders about the critical importance of locating both public and private utilities. Through this digital newsletter, our outreach efforts extend beyond traditional channels, engaging readers with valuable insights and updates.

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Additionally, OHIO811's involvement in Excavation Seminars and Damage Prevention Councils reflects a proactive approach to education, fostering collaboration and knowledge-sharing across the industry. These initiatives ensure that all parties involved in excavation and construction are well-informed about best practices for utility location, ultimately enhancing safety and efficiency in every project.

Click the link below to see valuable industry resources and educational opportunities are in your area: www.OHIO811.org

OHIO811 + PRIVATE UTILITY LOCATING

At <u>Mason Private Locating</u>, we understand the importance of a comprehensive approach to utility marking, and we provide specialized services to identify and mark private utilities. Our team's expertise and use of advanced technology ensure that every utility line on a project site is accurately located and marked.

HOW TO ENSURE COMPREHENSIVE UTILITY MARKING:

CONTACT OHIO811

Start by notifying OHIO811 to have public utilities marked. This is a critical first step in the process.

ENGAGE A PRIVATE LOCATING SERVICE

For private utilities, enlist the help of a specialized locating service, like Mason Private Locating. We will work in conjunction with public utility locate companies to ensure all utilities are identified.

VERIFY AND DOCUMENT

Check Positive Response and ensure that all marked utilities are documented and verified before excavation begins. This includes checking both public and private utility markings.

The safety, efficiency, and success of construction and excavation projects rely on thorough utility location practices. While public utilities are a significant focus, the identification and marking of private utilities are equally important.

By prioritizing safety and comprehensive utility identification, you can help avoid accidents, reduce costs, and ensure smooth project completion. Let's work together to ensure that every dig is done right, with safety and accuracy as our top priorities.

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