SOOGA’S 2008 Spring Golf Outing

Held at the Greenhills Country Club, Ravenswood, WV

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Rocky Roberts, Troy Green, Rob Beardmore & Kyle Bradford
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See Pages 18–20 for further info.

Y.E.S. DAY HELD AT WASHINGTON STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

SOOGA, in conjunction with Marietta College, sponsored a booth at the Young Engineer and Scientist Day held May 17 and 18, 2008. The seventh and eighth grade students were informed on the oil and gas industry.

We would like to thank Bob Chase and Artex Oil Company employees, Hannah Erb, Scott Huck and Caleb White, for volunteering their time.

***SOOGA’S 30TH ANNIVERSARY***
Welcome to another issue of the Southeastern Ohio Oil and Gas Association Insider.

Summer is here, so if we are going to do it, now is the time to get to it. The oil and gas industry is alive and well here in the Appalachian Basin. Who would have thought we could see oil at $130 a barrel and natural gas in excess of $10 at the same time, and for the time being these prices are more or less the norm.

Before I get going, I wanted to let all of you know that the Ohio Supreme Court has decided not to hear the Datkuliak case (coal versus oil and gas) and I don’t know where the case will go from here. However, it seems as though some of our State Representatives have witnessed the unfair treatment certain coal companies have dealt their constituents, finally a true definition of “affected mine“ is being developed. This done correctly would open up drillable locations in a number of coal bearing townships previously condemned by supposed coal activity. With the ability to drill the fringes of operating coal mines and get along in doing so everyone will benefit. As time passes we’ll see how all this develops.

It was great to see all the smiling faces at the May 23rd Spring Golf Outing. We had 87 golfers and a beautiful day. I don’t know that anyone could ask for anything better. I want to thank everyone for helping to make this event such a great time. Don’t forget about the upcoming Trade Show and Fall Golf Outing. Details will be announced soon.

Please take the time to read this issue of The Insider to find more about what’s going on within our industry.

Steve Sigler,
President
2008 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 25, 2008
Desk & Derrick Boat Cruise

August 29, 2008
Fall Golf Outing
Marietta Country Club
Marietta, OH 45750

September 17, 2008
Ergon Fish Fry

September 18, 2008
5th Annual Trade Show
Washington County Fairgrounds, Marietta, OH

September 26, 2008
Hog Roast
BD Oil Gathering, Reno, OH

October 17, 2008
Fall Clay Shoot
Hilltop Sports, Whipple, OH

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Democratic leaders in Congress contend that major oil companies are too big and act in a highly uncompetitive manner at the expense of the American consumer. They say that mergers are behind the surge in oil prices.

But the legislation they propose — particularly a 25-percent windfall profit tax on major oil companies and rescinding $17 billion in oil industry tax breaks — would neither produce more energy nor make it more affordable. Quite the contrary, consumers will be the ultimate losers.

The world market, not oil companies, establishes the going price for oil. Global oil prices are interconnected, with oil prices set internationally. Significantly, only 6 percent of world oil reserves are now held by investor-owned oil companies—what people like to call “Big Oil.” While investor-owned companies based in the U.S. and Europe might seem large, they are dwarfed by their global competitors — the national oil companies owned by foreign governments. State-controlled oil companies in countries like Russia, Iran, Saudi Arabia and Venezuela control 80 percent of the world’s oil reserves.

Faced with such competition, investor-owned companies have scaled up—principally through mergers and acquisitions — to create larger efficiencies, greater technological prowess and better competitive access to capital markets.

Meanwhile, oil development keeps getting more expensive. Massive capital investments are required in the face of very real risks. An offshore deepwater well can cost upwards of $150 million. An investment of $1 billion or more is needed for a deepwater oil-production platform. Recently two major oil companies announced plans to build a natural-gas pipeline to bring gas from Alaska’s North Slope to the lower 48 states at an estimated cost of $30 billion over the next ten years. Such projects have long lead times, and there is a risk that things could go wrong.

The reality is that mergers have lowered costs, increased innovation and enabled our oil companies to stay competitive in world markets. For instance, despite higher costs in the United States, the expansion of domestic refinery capacity has kept pace with the growth in global refinery capacity. A study by Timothy J. Muris and Richard G. Parker, both antitrust lawyers and former senior officials at the Federal Trade Commission, determined that from 1994 to 2004 U.S. oil refiners added the equivalent of 20 new, average-sized refineries. And domestic refiners are preparing to add the equivalent of another four large refineries by 2011, the U.S. Energy Information Administration says.

This increase in refinery capacity is especially noteworthy, given the not-in-my-backyard sentiment that has made it extremely difficult in this country to build infrastructure improvements of any sort. Some of the biggest refinery projects now in the works are in the Midwest.

Here’s one example:

BP plans to modernize and upgrade a refinery in northern Indiana that has been operating for 119 years. The refinery was once owned by Amoco, which BP acquired. The modernized refinery will be able to process heavy oil from Canada’s oil sands. BP is investing $3.8 billion in the Whiting refinery project, of which $1.4 billion is for improvements to meet requirements for mitigating air and water emissions. The project will add more than 2,000 construction jobs to a base of about 3,000 BP and contract jobs. Indiana officials say it is the largest investment ever in an Indiana project of any kind. But it’s just one of many refinery expansions.

A good first step toward reducing energy prices and strengthening energy security is to allow companies to develop domestic oil and natural gas resources, both on land and offshore. The potential energy supply is enormous — the Department of Interior estimates that federal lands contain 112 billion barrels of oil and 656 trillion cubic feet of natural gas, enough to last for decades. But the bulk of resources off the Atlantic and Pacific Coasts, in the eastern Gulf of Mexico and Alaska — have been placed off-limits. Drilling restrictions and denial of access to large parts of the Outer Continental Shelf reduce domestic supplies of oil and natural gas, while resulting in greater reliance on imports to make up for the shortfall. The burden falls on consumers.

If the past is any guide, congressional leaders who attack the oil industry need to recognize that government controls and additional taxes are likely to cause harm in the long run by discouraging investment in new domestic energy production. This is the lesson of the windfall profits tax imposed during the Carter Administration. According to the Congressional Research Service, the tax reduced domestic oil production from 3 to 6 percent, and increased oil imports between 8 and 16 percent. Congress should not repeat that costly mistake.

Robert W. Chase is chair and Benedum Professor in the Department of Petroleum Engineering and Geology at Marietta College.
**GAS PRICING**

**MAY 2008**
- NYMEX Settlement: $11.280
- Inside FERC/DTI: $11.84 (Basis: $0.560)
- Inside FERC/TCO: $11.80 (Basis: $0.520)
- NYMEX 3-day Average: $11.011

**JUNE 2008**
- NYMEX Settlement: $11.916
- Inside FERC/DTI: $12.510 (Basis: $0.594)
- Inside FERC/TCO: $12.360 (Basis: $0.444)
- NYMEX 3-day Average: $11.858

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Ohio Governor Ted Strickland announced on May 9 that John Ackerman of Woodsfield was appointed to the Technical Advisory Council on Oil and Gas.

The Technical Advisory Council on Oil and Gas advises the Division of Mineral Resources Management at the Ohio Department of Natural Resources on technical matters which may arise concerning oil and gas production, drilling and exploration.

Ackerman is a self-employed Nationwide Insurance agent and a farmer. As an insurance agent for 22 years, Ackerman has worked with land owners and farmers on oil and gas leasing issues and property liability. He also served two years as the president of the Monroe County Agricultural Society.
NEW MEMBERS

SOOGA would like to welcome the following new 2008 members:

Don Huck
Artex Oil Company

Pat Altier
J.T. Plus Well Service, LLC

John Singer
North Coast Energy, Inc.

Kenny VanDyke
Pettigrew Pumping Service, Inc.

***CORRECTIONS***

SORRY WE MISSED YOU:

CANAAN INDUSTRIES DONATED A $100.00 GIFT CERTIFICATE FOR THE 2008 SPRING MEMBERSHIP MEETING.
SAFETY, LOGIC AND COURTESY

Article by: Deryl Perkins

It has been brought to my attention that many of the ladders and cross-overs between tanks are causing an issue on safety. If a ladder is not anchored, is rickety, or in general not safe to climb; it can cause injury to ourselves, our employees, or the trucking company trying to remove our oil. If we don’t try to eliminate this problem along with dangerous cross-overs, then we may start receiving rejection notices for transporting our oil. The transporter, like ourselves, faces insurance costs in the form of general liability and workman's compensation, which are two of the biggest expenses that we face.

It is logical to try and move our crude oil when prices are higher. But it has also been mentioned that up to six partial loads have been used to fill just one 80 barrel tank truck. We need to try and have shipments figured out so that they can make as quick a pickup as possible. As a small producer, I like to have one of our field people on hand if there is a possible problem pending because of road conditions or other problems that pop up. The reason for the premium paid for semi-loads is to encourage producers to make the transfer more profitable to the transporter.

It is only logical to try clearing weeds from around tanks, cut the brush back so the truck can get in without tearing off their mirrors and making sure the turn-around for trucks is solid so they won’t hang up.

Make sure dikes are clear of rain water so gaugers can get to the tank valves without having to stand in water. If we will do our best to help them, then when we are in desperate need, they will tend to be more receptive to helping us.
CURRENT ISSUES IN WEST VIRGINIA

by: Bob Matthey

West Virginia Supreme Court had been dealing with several oil and gas legal issues over the past few weeks. At the end of May the Supreme Court voted not to hear the appeal of Chesapeake Energy and Nisource in the Garrison Tawney case.

This action upholds the two jury verdicts totaling 405 million dollars in this royalty case. This verdict includes $134 million in unpaid royalties and also $271 million in punitive damages. This class action lawsuit represents over 9000 royalty owners.

Nisource and Chesapeake Energy have stated that they plan to appeal the decision to the United States Supreme Court because their constitutional rights have been violated. Chesapeake Energy has scrapped their plans to build their corporate office in Charleston, West Virginia which would have been their headquarters for the eastern United States.

Also, another issue before the Supreme Court (the issue between shallow and deep wells) was sent back to an unspecified lower court for hearings.

Several months ago, Chesapeake Energy, Eastern American Energy and Petroedge had petitioned to West Virginia Oil and Gas Commission for a variance from the current law that would allow Marcellus Shale wells to be drilled at least 75 feet into the Onodaga for well logging purposes and have spacing of 1000 feet apart.

The current law requires that any well being drilled more than 20 feet into the Onodaga be permitted as a deep well. The West Virginia Oil and Gas Commission granted this variance in certain counties in WV. Deep well permits require that wells be at least 3000 feet apart and 400 feet from any property line. The West Virginia Oil and Gas Commission approved the variance for the drilling of Marcellus Shale wells so that they could be permitted as shallow wells. In the appeal to the Supreme Court several coal companies and land companies now will have the right to have their position heard by a local circuit judge. This will probably occur in Kanawha County.

Another case, Mary Maxine Welch and Jaybee Oil and Gas vs. CNG Development and Dominion has been argued before the Supreme Court but a decision has not been rendered. The case involves the implied covenant or duty to fully develop a lease.

In other West Virginia affairs, the West Virginia Surface Owners and Rights Organization has been very active in holding meetings around the state dealing with landowner issues and educating people about leasing. The Marcellus “buzz” has people all over West Virginia scouring the countryside for leases. Recent meetings have been held in Doddridge and Tyler Counties. Companies are paying large signing bonuses for leases in West Virginia.
OBITUARIES

Past SOOGA Board Member Passes Away

George Dale Jeffers, Jr. 50

SOMERSET -- George Dale Jeffers Jr., 50, of the Somerset area, died at 4:33 p.m. Sunday, March 30, 2008, at Fairfield Medical Center.

George was born Oct. 24, 1957 in Athens, the son of George Dale Jeffers Sr. of Athens and the late Susan M. Powers Jeffers (1988).

He was a 1976 graduate of Sheridan High School and attended Marietta College for three years, studying petroleum engineering. He had worked for many years at Ohio Oil Gathering Corp. in Frazeysburg and later became the owner of Jeffers Pipeline. He had also farmed for the past five years.

Surviving in addition to his father are his loving partner, Cindy J. Cooperider of the Somerset area; two special children in his life, Ellen and and Kevin Cooperider; two sisters, Amber (Dan) Curry of Thornville and Andora Jeffers of Carroll; two nephews, Danny and Don; and one niece, Danielle Curry. In addition to his mother, he was preceded in death by an infant brother, Rodney.

Memorial contributions may be made to Sheridan High School Wrestling c/o Chris King, 8725 Sheridan Road, Thornville, Ohio 43076.

George was a SOOGA Board Member from 1994-1997.

James Richard Harry

On the evening of Sunday (May 25, 2008), James “Jim” Richard Harry, 49, suddenly passed away.


Jim swam competitively, where he ranked second nationally in butterfly. A graduate of Talawanda High School, he lettered in four varsity sports. Joining the Army, he was a member of the 82nd Airborne stationed at Fort Bragg. He then graduated from Texas A & M with a degree in petroleum engineering.

He worked for Pennzoil, Dominion, and as a consultant for 25 years. His career took him to Montana, Texas, the Gulf of Mexico, and the West Virginia region.

Jim loved racquetball, skiing, golf, crew, and all sports. He served as president of Harmar Rowing Club, was a member of Christ United Methodist Church, and the Society of Petroleum Engineers. His wife, Jill, and three daughters survive him, Amie Leigh Reece (Randy), Rilla, and Raeann.

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Gas Committee Report
By: Jim Javins

PRICING

Prices June 9, 2008 @ 9:06 a.m.:

One Year NYMEX strip (July, 2009 – June, 2009) $12.52
Summer NYMEX strip (July, 2008 – October, 2008) $12.76
Winter NYMEX strip (November, 2008 – March, 2009) $13.27

TCO Index Posting - June, 2008 $12.36
DTI Index Posting - June, 2008 $12.51

GAS STORAGE AS OF June 5, 2008

Working Gas in Underground Storage, Lower 48

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Notes and Definitions

Summary

Working gas in storage was 1,806 Bcf as of Friday, May 30, 2008, according to EIA estimates. This represents a net increase of 105 Bcf from the previous week. Stocks were 326 Bcf less than last year at this time and 1 Bcf below the 5-year average of 1,807 Bcf. In the East Region, stocks were 1 Bcf above the 5-year average following net injections of 60 Bcf. Stocks in the Producing Region were 24 Bcf above the 5-year average of 626 Bcf a net injection of 28 Bcf. Stocks in the West Region were 26 Bcf below the 5-year average after a net addition of 17 Bcf. At 1,806 Bcf, total working gas is within the 5-year historical range.

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GATHERCO

Retainage for March is as follows for the Gatherco systems. Treat was 14.57% (up 5.58%), Miley was 8.94% (up 2.94 %), Meigs was 9.74% (up 3.74%), York was 5.0% (same as previous month), Elk was 6.41% (down 1.69%), and Grimes was 20.25% (same as previous month).

EAST OHIO GAS

The new East Ohio Heat Content Agreement is on the SOOGA website. Please review it at your earliest opportunity.

Brent Breon gave an update on the DEO Ohio production measurement project on May 29, 2008, at the Region III & IV meeting held at the Lafayette Hotel in Marietta. The meeting was attended by nearly 40 members, with information shared as to the number of meters being converted to rotary, MOA’s, and electronic measurement. The SOOGA office has this information if anyone who was unable to attend needs to have the data.

CNR/COLUMBIA GAS TRANSMISSION

Some of the Eastern Kentucky CNR producers are currently seeing shut-ins of gas as demand has dropped off due to warmer weather.

The current FT offering on TCO dated June 15, 2007 for producers in Eastern Kentucky and Southern West Virginia from their metered receipt points to delivery points in located in market Area 19 upstream of Lanham Compressor Station is still in process, with precedent agreements having been sent out to the parties who have submitted bids for the capacity. Further updates will be posted as information becomes available.

COBRA PIPELINE COMPANY, LLC

Effective February 6, 2008, Cobra Pipeline Company LLC purchased the Churchtown, North Trumbull, and Holmesville systems from Columbia Gas Transmission. Cobra took over the ownership and management of those systems on that date.

The operational and marketing notes for producers to read which was published in The Insider and mailed to members will hopefully give some idea as to how this system will operate under the new owners going forward, along with phone numbers and contact information for any questions that you may have.

EQUITABLE

The Big Sandy Pipeline, being built to take gas from Eastern Kentucky into the Tennessee Pipeline system, is in the process of laying pipe, and working to get added electric facilities to handle their processing of the gas before delivery into Tennessee. The 130,000/day pipeline is scheduled to be in service now, with the word on the street that it started the first phase on April 15, 2008, and the second phase will begin in July, 2008. More information will be forthcoming as it becomes available.

DOMINION TRANSMISSION

Dominion held a meeting on April 1, 2008 at Bridgeport, WV to discuss gathering enhancements due to anticipated increased volumes of 184,000/day coming into those systems, as well as a new Firm Transportation offering to move the gas north to markets.
The timeline for the Appalachian Gateway Project is set out below.

- **Open Season for Firm Transport**: April 1 – April 25, 2008
- **Execute Binding Pass**: July 1 – August 31, 2008
- **FERC filings, as needed**: March, 2009
- **Began Construction**: June 2010
- **In-Service Gathering**: Phased
- **FT Service**: November 2010

Per the article in the latest Insider, DTI will lower their gathering rates effective for the period 2009 through 2011. The rate for over-all gathering and extraction will go from the current 12.5% down to 11% for the upcoming period. This rate includes 10.5% (4.3% of which is fuel retainage) for gathering and 0.5% for products extraction (all of which is fuel retainage). As part of the settlement, DTI agreed to continue supporting its gathering and extraction business by investing an average of at least $20,000,000 per year in Appalachian gathering and products extraction plant.

Dominion has been doing some compressor and engine repairs on their wet systems, which has resulted in higher line pressures and short term shut-ins of production throughout the fall season. Please stay in touch with your marketer for any notices of shut-ins and curtailments. You can use the link set out below, and click on “Appalachian Producer Notices” on a daily basis to keep in touch with maintenance that may affect your wells and production.

Http://www.dom.com/about/gas-transmission/index.jsp

OTHERS

There has been considerable discussion and press about the new Rocky Mountain Express pipeline system being built by Kinder Morgan Energy Partners, Sempra, and ConocoPhillips. The 1,663 mile project originates in Rio Blanco County, Colo., and extends to the Clarington Hub in Monroe County, Ohio. For current updates, please utilize the Rex Pipeline Website

http://www.rexpipeline.com/index_east.html

Below are some proposed pipeline projects to move gas from the Rex Line at Clarington to the North East Markets.

The proposed pipelines include:

- Spectra's $100 million to $150 million Northern Bridge plan, which would link Clarington, Monroe County, Ohio, to the underground Oakford natural gas storage facility near Delmont, Westmoreland County, and come on-line in November 2009.
- Williams Cos.' $375 million to $500 million Rockies Connector, from Clarington to York County, bisecting Greene, Fayette, Somerset and Bedford counties, is slated for service in November 2010.
- The $707 million to $942 million Northeast Passage, proposed by El Paso Corp.'s Tennessee Gas Pipeline, would stretch 471 miles from Clarington to Pleasant Valley, Dutchess County, N.Y. It could potentially impact Greene, Fayette, Somerset and Bedford counties. The pipeline is slated for operation in November 2011.
- Columbia Gas Transmission is exploring the opportunity to build a 270 Mile 36” pipeline from Clarington to York, Pennsylvania using existing ROW’s along their current pipeline’s 1804 and 136, with potential capacity of 825,000/day.
Weatherford

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Heat Stress, heat stroke, sun stroke, heat exhaustion, and heat fatigue. With the summer upon us it is time to become aware of these illnesses and take steps to prevent them.

Heat stress results from exposure to high temperatures and/or humidity, lack of fluids, restrictive clothing and heavy work load. Employees are in the best position to recognize the early warning signs and take the appropriate actions. Supervisors should also be alert to the signs of heat stress affecting their employees, and take action before it becomes a problem.

**Signs of Heat Stroke**
- Hot, Dry, Flushed Skin
- A High Body Temperature (105°F or More).
- Increased Heart Rate
- Loud, Rapid Breathing
- Clumsiness, Confusion & Delirium
- Unconsciousness
- Dizziness
- Headache
- Convulsions

**Warning Signs of Heat Exhaustion**
- Fatigue & Weakness
- Sweaty, Clammy, Pale Skin
- Dizziness & Blurred Vision
- Headache
- Loss of Body Water & Salts
- Nausea & Vomiting
- Fainting
- Giddiness
- Cramps

**How Do I Avoid Heat Stress?**
- Get Acclimated - get used to the heat; always reacclimatize yourself after a vacation or returning from sick leave.
- Stay conditioned - proper sleep, exercising and healthy eating habits will help.
- If you have medical problems (high blood pressure, heart disease, stroke) consult with your physician about heat exposure.

**How To Beat The Heat**
- Drink Plenty of Fluids Frequently - Lots of cool water is best, at least 8 ounces every 20 to 30 minutes. Try to avoid carbonated drinks as they can cause cramps.
- Avoid Alcohol - These liquids can dehydrate your body.
- Plan Your Activities - Save the most strenuous work for the cooler parts of the day.
- Stay Cool - When hot, look for a cool spot. (Shady areas, air conditioned areas, etc).
- Dress Cool - Wear loose-weave, light colored, cotton fabrics that allow your body to breath. Wear a hat if you work in the sun.
- Rest Often - Get sufficient rest, sleep and nutrition. Get in shape.
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Mr. Eugene Huck  
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Dear Gene:

On behalf of the Department of Petroleum Engineering and Geology at Marietta College, I would like to thank SOOGA for the generous gift of $500 to the Elmer E. Templeton Scholarship Fund. The fund now stands at nearly $250,000 and will certainly aid many deserving students from the region in the future, just as Elmer wished.

Elmer played a major role in SOOGA’s history as you mentioned at the recent meeting. I am pleased that the SOOGA Board of Directors chose to present this gift to the College in his memory. Please convey our thanks to the membership.

Sincerely,

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Teachers learn about oil, gas
Workshop in Marietta covers Valley’s ties to energy industry

Tom Slaven, a biotechnology instructor at Mahoning County Career and Technical Center, learned to his surprise Monday that Washington County is one of the most active counties in the state for independent crude oil and natural gas.

"I didn't know much about the refining process or much about oil and gas in Ohio," Slaven said. "This has been incredible information I'll be able to share with my students. I'm also going to be using a lot of the activities we did today."

Slaven was among 25 Ohio science teachers from all parts of the state who took part in a teacher workshop Monday at Marietta College to help encourage energy education.

The 10-year-old program, held over two days, is free to Ohio teachers and is sponsored by the Ohio Oil and Gas Energy Education Program, according to Rhonda Reda, executive director.

"We take pride in the fact that we are not 'big' oil but a group of independent producers," Reda said. "Southeastern Ohio is rich in oil and natural gas, and the industry is the largest employer in the region. Almost 100 percent of what we produce in Ohio stays in our own backyard."

The organization seeks to educate students, their teachers and consumers about the state's oil and gas industry.

"We have not built any new refineries in 35 years in this country," Reda said. "Our products are being refined in other countries. We want to encourage more oil and gas drilling in Ohio. High fuel costs affect everyone and are not good for anyone."

During hands-on workshop sessions, each teacher was given resource materials to take back to the classroom. Teachers also received continuing education credits or graduate credits for the two-day program.

"I didn't know until today that this (oil and gas) is the fastest growing career market in southeast Ohio," said Tina Albrecht, who teaches biology at integrated science at Frontier High School. "I'm excited about the program and what I'll be taking back to my students."

She said the really exciting news is that it is possible to find good-paying jobs in oil and gas in this region.

Bob Chase, chairman of the department of petroleum engineering and geology at Marietta College, said the annual workshop, at Marietta this summer, is important because it brings exposure to issues of energy and energy education.

"It gives teachers a real understanding of what the oil and gas industry encompass," Chase said. "They also get a more conservative picture of the industry than is normally presented". (continued to page 23)
“There are literally "thousands" of oil and gas wells in Washington County alone,” Chase said. The teachers will tour several of them by bus today.

In the next two years, a celebration of the 150th anniversary of the oil and gas industry in Ohio is planned. It began with the first oil well drilled in Macksburg in 1860.

Eighty-five percent of the oil and gas producers in Ohio are independent.

"Our independent producers are like independent family farmers," Reda said. "It can cost from $350,000 to $1 million to drill a well, and there is no guarantee there will be oil. These are very expensive holes."

The Ohio Oil and Gas Energy Education Program is a nonprofit educational program funded by Ohio's crude oil and natural gas producers and royalty owners throughout the state, she said.

"This program began (10 years ago) when crude oil was selling for $9 a barrel and natural gas was $2 a thousand cubic feet," Reda said. "Today's price is $127.50 for oil and $12 for natural gas."

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**Fact Box**

**Did you know**
Crude oil is measured in barrels. One barrel is 42 gallons. Monday the price of a barrel of crude oil was $127.50.

**Ohio's oil, gas industry's impact**
There are more than 63,000 producing crude oil and natural gas wells in 49 of Ohio's 88 counties, including Washington County.
The industry's 4,000 direct jobs and another 10,400 indirect jobs support a total of 14,400 Ohio jobs.
To date, Ohio has drilled more than 272,000 crude oil and natural gas wells, ranking the state fourth in the nation in total wells drilled, following Texas, Oklahoma and Pennsylvania.
In 2006, Ohio produced more than 86 billion cubic feet of natural gas and 5.4 million barrels of crude oil.
The industry is responsible for $730 million annually in personal income.
Ohio keeps $1 billion per year when buying locally produced natural gas and oil.
Ohio consumers save $60 million annually in avoided interstate pipeline transportation costs and another $5 million due to the price-reducing impact of having local natural gas supplies.
Last year the industry reinvested approximately $281 million on exploration and $707 million in gross state product.
Ohio natural gas and crude oil producers pay $57.5 million per year in federal, state, and local taxes.
The industry generates about $1.5 billion in Gross State Product and statewide output or sales of $3.1 billion per year.

**Source:** Ohio Oil and Gas Energy Education Program.
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