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Editor's May Musings

Kudos to CountryMark for their community support in announcing an up to \$1 million matching funds donation towards a major upgrade for the Posey County Fairgrounds. The Posey County Fairgrounds Association recently announced plans for the Countrymark Expo Pavilion which will not only provide an innovative space for children's programs and attract year-round events. The large open steel building will house cattle, horses, sheep, goats and swing during the fair replacing the buildings built between 1960-1970 in addition to being available for events like shows and expositions of all kinds.

In an article in Posey County News, CountryMarks' philanthropy committee and refinery operations manager, Jim Scarafia expressed how this project aligns with CountryMark's vision for agricultural initiatives and youth programs. CountryMark President and Chief Executive Officer Matt Smorch shares Scarafia's belief in supporting his company's community. "Posey County is home to our refinery, some of our crude oil production well sites, as well as our southern-most fuel terminal." This is where approximate 350 of the company's employees live, go to school, play ball and are involved in various organizations. CountryMark is grateful to call Posey County home and seeks to make contributions that have a positive and long-term impact on the quality of life in the community.

With so many negative articles about the oil and gas industry, it's nice to be able to report this kind of "good news".

Researching the article on Pages 5 and 6, brought back memories of a field trip we took during the 2014 ADDc Convention in Lafayette, Louisiana. In addition to visiting the Port of Iberia where many of the drilling platforms, etc. were being assembled, we visited the training institute where any person boarding a helicopter to an offshore platform must go through a strict safety course. Like Mr. Penn described in his article, we witnessed the safety protocol for a helicopter crash over open water where persons in full uniform and gear are dumped upside down from a simulated helicopter cabin into a swimming pool. We experienced several other safety exercises such as the net platform used to transfer equipment and personnel from the helicopter to the platform, but the HUET (helicopter underwater escape training) was the most memorable. To experience the simulation for yourself (without getting wet), visit HUET training on bing.com



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ADDC Membership

Region Meetings have started! As I write this, West Region is getting ready for their weekend in Corpus Christi. They are changing up the “normal” schedule a bit and having their business meeting on Friday and Field Trip on Saturday! Wishing Heather Woods and West Region a wonderful meeting.

Speaking of regional meetings, Southeast Region is holding their meeting virtually so if you are available you might ask for the link! It will be held this Saturday, April 20 at 10am. This will be Angie Corvers first meeting as Region Director so hopefully several of us will be on to support!

Central Region and Michelle Burgard will be in Great Bend, KS April 25-27. The Great Bend club members are EXCELLENT hosts so I am hoping some members from other regions can attend!

Finally, the Northeast Region and Shelly Hildebrand will be hosting in Canonsburg, PA in May! I have attended a NE Region meeting in the past and I can say it was one of the best meetings I’ve ever been to.

As I mentioned last month, I think it bares repeating, The Board will soon be sending out the **Proposed 39 Bylaw Amendments and 6 Standing Rule Amendments**. The Rules Committee Chair, Diana Walker, Parliamentarian, Evelyn Green, and I will be working diligently on how to make this process go as smoothly as possible. These will be able to be discussed at the regional meetings so PLEASE take the time to read BEFORE and ask questions to your Region Directors during the open forum. As always, I am also available for questions.

Please access the ADDC website as often as you can. Also, if you have changes that need to be made to your information, you can update at your convenience. www.addc.org,

“Anything is possible when you have the right people there to support you.”
~Unknown

Sincerely,
Wendy Sparks



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I want to take a moment to extend my heartfelt condolences to Penny and Joe Jacobs and family on the passing of Penny's father, and to Charlene Tenney and family on the passing of her husband. It's never easy to lose someone you love!

Hope everyone is getting excited about our Northeast Region meeting! I know I am! Field trip is set, ice breaker should be exciting, and I hope you have your hotel rooms books. All clubs have sent in their credentials form, so we are all set for everyone to vote.

We do have a volunteer to run for Region Director for 2025! Her paperwork should be in to me shortly. It is Emily VanHaften from the Tri-State Club. Thanks for stepping up, Emily!

Just a reminder that TAXE1 forms must be filed and sent to Lisa Ricchiuto, NE rep for TAX EXEMPT – US, or to Jennifer Smith – Tax Exempt – US chairman by May 15, 2024. So far, Penn York, Three Rivers and the Northeast Region Fund have submitted their forms. Still need Tuscarawas Valley and Tri-State forms from the Northeast Region.

Still looking for committee reps for ADDC Committees. Need reps for Club Bylaws, Education/Certification, Membership, Public Relations, Leadership, Marketing and Technology committees. Thank you to those who have so graciously volunteered so far! I appreciate you!

Hope to see lots of you in Canonsburg, Pennsylvania in just a couple of weeks!

Until next month ---

Shelly Hildebrand

Drilling for Oil and Gas in the Gulf is Back

Author: Donna L. Hartig

After the 2010 Deepwater Horizon explosion caused the worst offshore oil spill in U.S. history, oil production in the Gulf of Mexico paused for several years. That's no longer the case according to a May 3rd article in The New York Times by Ivan Penn.

Mr. Penn recently spent time on the Appomattox, a deepwater oil platform floating about 80 miles off the coast of Louisiana in the Gulf of Mexico. The Appomattox came online in 2019 and is estimated to produce about 175,000 of oil per day. Moored to the sea floor 7,000 feet below by steel chains with links about three feet long and weighing 800 pounds each and massive stake-like anchors to keep it from floating away, the Appomattox is a complete floating city housing up to 180 persons. The crude produced from nearby wells drilled by specialty outfitted drill ships is transported to the platform by pipelines where it is separated into oil, natural gas and water. Depending on the platform, the oil or gas is then transported by pipelines or tankers to refineries or other destinations. Run by Shell, the Appomattox is only one of several offshore operations that oil companies are continuing to invest in, even as they explore alternative energy sources.

Political and corporate leaders around the world have pledged to reduce planet-warming emissions to net-zero by 2050. However, arguing increased offshore production is not only crucial to power cars, trucks and power plants, oil executives believe it is also better for the planet than drilling on land because, according to industry estimates, it emits far less greenhouse gases than comparable land production. According to a report published last year by the National Ocean Industries Association, an industry group for offshore oil, gas and wind businesses, the greenhouse gas emissions associated with extracting a barrel of oil from the Gulf of Mexico are as much as a third lower than emissions from producing a barrel of oil from fields on U.S. soil.

To many environmentalists, offshore fossil fuel production's potential for disaster is significant. The spill caused by the Deepwater Horizon rig resulted in significant damage to marine life, the fishing industry and the Gulf of Mexico's beaches. The spill also helped bring attention to Rice's whale, which lives only in the Gulf of Mexico. Classified by the federal government as an endangered species there are fewer than 100 of these whales left because of incidents like the Deepwater Horizon spill and collisions with vessels.

The Biden administration had planned to scale back lease sales for oil drilling in the gulf, which environmentalists said would help protect Rice's whales. In August, the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management reduced the area available for leases from 73 million acres to 67 million acres. But in November, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit rejected the administration's plans. A month later, oil companies offered \$382 million for the right to drill for more oil and gas in the gulf.

Oil executives say offshore oil operations are far less dangerous now thanks to advances in technology and improvements in standards and regulations. "Offshore oil and

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gas exploration and production is the safest it's ever been," said Holly Hopkins, vice president of upstream policy at the American Petroleum Institute.

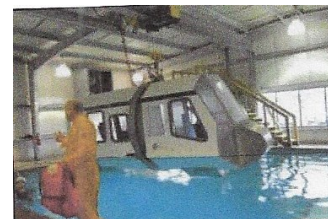
Energy companies favor drilling in the gulf because there is a lot of oil and gas there, especially under very deep waters. The number of deep-water platforms have grown dramatically over the last three decades, while those in shallow waters have declined, according to the American Petroleum Institute. Federal government analysts estimate that oil production in the Gulf of Mexico will grow through 2027. Natural gas production in the gulf is expected to largely remain flat through the early 2030s.

Plans by oil giants, especially those based in Europe, for investing in offshore production strike some climate experts as a retreat from the companies' renewable-energy investments in recent years. Mr. Sawan, the Shell chief executive, is clear that the company should focus on the businesses it knows best, a category that includes oil, natural gas and hydrogen. He said it should let other companies, including businesses with which Shell has financial and commercial relationships, develop renewable sources like solar power. That doesn't mean Shell is not interested in newer parts of the energy sector, he added. He singled out electric vehicle charging as an area where his company plans to expand. To that end, Shell recently announced that it would close 1,000 gasoline stations, or about 2 percent of its retail presence, in 2024 and 2025 and expand its electric vehicle charging network to 200,000 public charging points globally by 2030, from about 55,000 now.

"At the end of the day," Mr. Sawan said at a recent energy conference in Houston, "the real intent here is to be able to bring that multidimensional nature of the energy transition and move this dialogue that seems to fixate on 'Is it oil and gas, or is it solar and wind?' ***It's all, and we need them in abundance.***"

In another article by Mr. Penn, he talks about his observations aboard the Appomattox and his experience getting ready to board the helicopter which would take him to the platform saying:

"The journey to a platform is inherently risky, and scores of helicopters over the years have crashed at sea. Before anyone — corporate executive, worker or visitor — can board, each must take an open water survival course. To prepare for a visit to Appomattox, I learned how to escape from a helicopter-like cabin, upside down and underwater, all while holding my breath."



You can read both articles in their entirety (with videos) at:

[When Your Job Is 80 Miles Out at Sea, Getting There Is Half the Battle - The New York Times](https://www.nytimes.com/card/2024/05/03/business/energy-environment/shell-oil-platform-training)

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[Oil Companies Expand Offshore Drilling, Pointing to Energy Needs - The New York Times](https://www.nytimes.com/2024/05/03/business/energy-environment/shell-oil-gulf-of-mexico.html)

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Tri-State Desk and Derrick Minutes April 19, 2024

President Emily VanHaften called the April 19, 2024, meeting of the Tri-State Desk and Derrick Club to order at 12:50 PM with the following members present: Emily VanHaften, Beth Etzkorn, Michael Nelligan, Jess Rowe, Gary Hartig and Donna Hartig. The meeting was held at John Girot's home to coincide with the club's annual Pork Loin Fundraising event.

The minutes from the March meeting was published in the April issue of the Tri-State News. Beth moved the minutes be approved as written, Michael seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

President VanHaften reviewed the March financial report emailed by Treasurer Jennifer Birkner. Donna moved the report be accepted subject to audit. Gary seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

By email vote, the club approved a \$500.00 sponsorship for the Northeast Region Meeting being held in Canonsburg/Houston, Pennsylvania May 16-18th.

The club has received five scholarship applications which will be submitted to the scholarship committee for review. The committee will report their selection for approval at the May meeting in order that they may be announced at the recipients' graduation ceremonies.

Michael thanked John Girot and his family for again hosting the pork loins fundraiser and reported that together we sold 275 loins at \$30.00 to support our Trade and Technical Scholarship Program.

Emily shared a text from Alesia Cato thanking the club for their prayers in support of her recent successful surgery. Donna moved and Beth seconded a motion to send Alesia flowers as she continues with her follow up treatments and recovery.

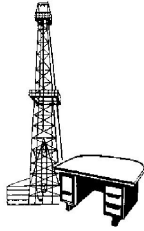
Debbie Kennard shared the news about her upcoming retirement. She will continue her duties as secretary for 2024 but said we may need to find a replacement to finish her term in office in 2025.

Because Emily will be attending the Northeast Region Meeting which coincides with our regularly scheduled May meeting, Beth moved and Donna seconded a motion to reschedule our May meeting to Thursday, May 23rd at which time Emily can report on the Region Meeting.

There was no program.

Michael moved and Jess seconded the meeting be adjourned at 1:15 PM. The motion passed unanimously.

Donna L. Hartig
Acting Secretary



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April showers bring May flowers and everything is blooming beautifully!

Our porkloin fundraiser was a huge success! A big thank you to Michael Nelligan for taking the lead on this event for our club and thank you to all those that were there helping. This event wouldn't be possible without our amazing volunteers.

The scholarship committee is working hard to review the 5 applications that we received. We will be giving an update on these at the May meeting. We have some great applicants!

Hilary VanHaften and myself will be traveling to Canonsburg, PA next week for the 2024 NE Region Meeting. If there is anything that you would like to be brought up during the business portion of the meeting, please let me know. I will give an update to the club once we get back.

Our next meeting will be held on May 16th at the CountryMark Pavilion in Mt. Vernon, IN at 5:30 pm. Cody Slyter, CountryMark's Management Systems Specialist will be giving the presentation.

Please let Alesia Cato or myself know if you have any ideas for speakers or programs for the monthly meetings. We are almost halfway through the year and would love to bring things to the members that you guys want to learn about.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily VanHaften



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Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 Mothers Day	13	14	15	16 Tri-State Meeting	17	18 Armed Forces Day Thank you to all who served.
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27 Memorial Day	28	29	30	31	

*Thank you to all our mothers on
Mother's Day and every day.*