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Ethane Cracker Update

Construction Coalition Conference a Big Success

“Meeting the Workforce Challenges for the Shale Gas Industry” was the theme of the Construction Coalition Conference held in Morgantown last month.

Congressman David McKinley was the opening speaker and he focused on the huge potential development of the Marcellus and Utica gas reserves could mean for the state. McKinley explained the extraction of natural gas is just the beginning, the processing of the gas was creating big investments currently in processing facilities and pipeline, but the biggest boost to the state is still to come.

“The downstream use of gas and gas byproducts like propane and ethane mean a real possibility our chemical and manufacturing industry can grow significantly,” said McKinley.

The Keynote speaker of the conference was Nick Sprague of Braskem, the company which along with its parent corporation Odebrecht is working on a proposed ethane

cracker facility in Parkersburg.

Sprague told the group the project was moving forward at a deliberate pace, going step-by-step through a

long check list.

Sprague said his company is in the second of three phases for the decision making process and when the

third phase is started millions of dollars will be committed.

Sprague asked participants to also

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Governor Earl Ray Tomblin greets Marc Halbritter (right), General Council of Blue Racer Midstream at the Construction Coalition Conference held in Morgantown. Looking on are (from right) David Fitch of MarkWest Energy Partners and Jeff Jackson with Chapman Corporation.

\$615 Million Natural Gas Combined Cycle Power Plant Proposed in Marshall County

What could be the first combined cycle natural gas power plant in West Virginia is being proposed for a Moundsville site in Marshall County.

Moundsville Power LLC, a private corporation based in Buffalo, NY, announced plans to develop a \$615 million, 549-megawatt facility.

In their April 22 press release the developers stated they intend to use local union construction labor to build the project.

Before construction can begin a number of permits must be secured including environmental air and water permits from the state Division of

Environmental Protection as well as a siting certificate from the state Public Service Commission.

Mid-2015 is the goal for the construction to begin and is estimated to take 30 months to complete.

The plant will be built on a 37-acre portion of the former Allied Chemi-

cal Plant site that is now owned by Honeywell who has been remediating the site.

“We had a brief and very positive conversation with members of the development team where they committed to using local union workers

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Annual Apprenticeship Conference Held

More than 150 people attended the annual apprenticeship conference that was held in Morgantown on April 21 – 22.

The theme of the conference was “Meeting the Workforce Challenges of the Shale Gas Industry.”

After an update on federal apprenticeship issues by Ken Milnes of the U.S. Department of Labor a number of panel discussions covered new efforts in apprenticeship and craft training.

A panel on community colleges in Ohio and West Virginia and their efforts to partner with apprenticeship programs was led by Gary Zada of Roofer Local 188 in Wheeling. The goal is to find ways construction workers can turn apprenticeship or other prior learning into two and four year college degrees. A new program aimed at a project scheduling certificate was also discussed.

Expanding opportunities for women in construction through pre-

apprenticeship programs was also discussed. The pre-apprenticeship phase is aimed at preparing women to be quality applicants to apprenticeship programs through career awareness and basic experience on the job and in training.

A new initiative by the West Virginia Department of Education called Simulated Workplaces was presented by Dr. Kathy D’Antoni, Associate Superintendent of Schools in West Virginia’s Department of Education. D’Antoni oversees all vocational education in the state and the program tried to replicate ‘real-world’ job expectations in the classroom. Volunteers from the private sector are invited to review each classroom and point out what would be considered

appropriate on the job.

Reverend Matthew Watts, CEO of HOPE Community Development Corporation gave a presentation about the changing workforce in the state. Watts pointed out as the state’s population gets older, traditional opportunities through the military get fewer, and increasing youth criminal activity dramatically change the future prospects of West Virginia’s workforce.

A presentation from the organization Helmet’s-to-Hardhats reminded people of the need to assist veteran’s transition from the military to the workplace.

“I think this was the best conference we have had for many years,”

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Coalition Conference

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focus on a bigger picture where a cluster of manufacturing and related activity will take place around an ethane cracker. “This is much more than a one-off project; we are talking about a sustainable industry cluster to include other manufacturing, chemical processing and service industries,” said Sprague.

While Sprague and Braskem have not revealed a cost of the project industry estimates in the \$5 billion range are common.

Governor Earl Ray Tomblin addressed the group and pledged his support to making sure the benefits of the shale gas are fully developed in the state. “We are excited about the investment in our state and want to see all of the gas and by-products be processed here rather than be sent outside our region,” said Tomblin. “We want those jobs and investments here in West Virginia.”

A panel from the major corporations who are processing the natural gas to separate the valuable liquids was on hand to talk about what is called mid-stream development.

The three biggest processors of natural gas, MarkWest, Caiman Energy/BlueRacer, and Williams each had representatives on hand to talk about their combined billions of dollars in investments.

Two types of plants are being built; the first chills the gas to remove the liquids such as propane and pentane in bulk form. The liquids are then heated at a facility called a fraction-

ator to separate the various chemical compounds.

While exact plans for new construction were not released it was clear the mid-stream projects would continue to be built for a number of years and at the same time as the ethane cracker if it is built.

Senator Brooks McCabe (D-Kanawha) gave an update of the legislative session and a perspective on future potential from shale gas opportunities.

Representatives from owners the trades and contractors have long worked for were also in attendance.

A panel discussion included American Electric Power, DuPont Washington Works, First Energy, Pioneer Group and IVS Group talked about the future of electric generation, chemicals and manufacturing in the region.

“The amount of construction work being discussed is tremendous, even if only a portion is built,” said Bill Hutchinson, President of the WV State Building Trades and Business Manager for the Parkersburg-Marietta Council.

The purpose of the Construction Coalition event is for owners, contractors and labor to focus on a common goal of cost effective construction. Approximately 180 attended the two day event that began with a focus on apprenticeship programs.

West Virginia University’s Institute for Labor Studies helped put the conference together. ■

Workers Memorial Day Event Held April 28



WV AFL-CIO Secretary-Treasurer Josh Sword reads the names of 22 workers who died as a result of a workplace accident in West Virginia during 2013.

April 28 marked the 26th annual observance of Workers Memorial Day by the West Virginia AFL-CIO.

The 2014 Workers Memorial Day observance was held at the Benwood City Park south of Wheeling along the Ohio River.

The purpose of the event was two-fold. First the event was an observance to remember and honor workers who died as a result of a workplace accident in West Virginia during 2013. Names of each individual were read aloud while a bell was tolled for each name.

Second, Workers Memorial Day is used to help focus greater attention on workplace conditions and further efforts to enact safety and health legislation.

Four decades ago, Congress passed the Occupational Safety and Health Act, promising every worker the right to a safe job.

Unions and allies have fought hard to make that promise a reality – winning protections that have made jobs safer, saved hundreds of thousands of lives and prevented millions of workplace injuries and illnesses.

Four Advance, One Close Building Trades Election Results

Of the five building trades candidate seeking a spot in the House of Delegates all but one have survived their primary race to go on to the general election in November.

Hoping to move from Lincoln County Board of Education to the House of Delegates Gary McCallister is within three votes of a spot on the November ballot.

But the election is too close to call because not all the ballots have been counted. The 22nd District includes Lincoln and parts of Putnam, Boone and Logan Counties so each county will have a canvas, a review of challenged and absentee ballots, in the coming week. McCallister is a member of Carpenters Local 1207.

Dan Poling (D-Wood) won his primary bid for re-election in Wood County.

But the hardest part of his campaign is still to come in the 10th District of the Parkesburg area. Poling is a member of Painters District Council 53.

Dave Walker (D-Clay) had no opposition in the 33rd District primary but faces a challenger in November.

Walker is a member of the Oper-

ating Engineers Local 132.

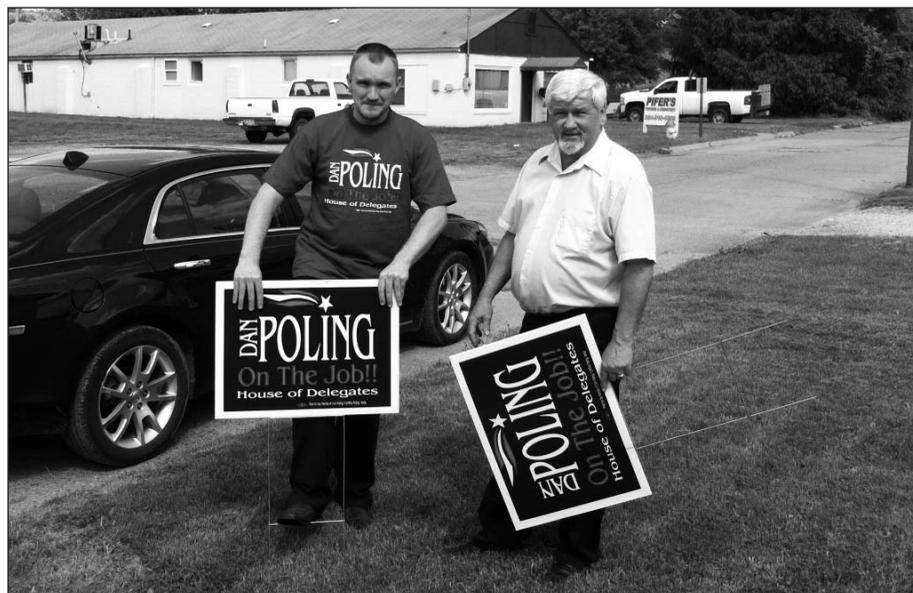
Similarly Phil Diserio (D-Brooke), member of IBEW Local 246, will go up against a challenger in November for his re-election effort in the 3rd House District.

Denzil 'Buddy' Malone will once again take on a long-time incumbent for a spot in the 8th District of Wood County. Malone is a member of Millwrights Local 1755.

"All of these candidates work long and hard for a chance to represent their districts," said Dave Efaw, Secretary-Treasurer of the West Virginia State Building Trades Council. "We know they will also be able to represent the hard working men and women from the construction industry because of their experience at their respective trade, and that is a big deal for us all at the legislature."

Also a bond issue in Wayne County to raise \$18 million that would be matched with another \$18 from the State School Building authority passed.

With \$6 million in other county and federal funding that means \$42 million in much needed school building projects will go forward. ■



Mike Lively, (left) a glazier from Painters District Council 53 and Dan Poling (D-Wood) put up yard signs as part of Poling's re-election effort. Poling is also a member of Painters DC 53 and in the WV House of Delegates.

Primary Results

	U.S. Senate	23rd	Barry L. Brown ✓
	Natalie Tennant ✓	24th	Teddy "Ted" Tomblin, David Graham
	U.S. Congress	25th	Linda Goode Phillips ✓
1st	David McKinley ✓	26th	Clif Moore ✓
2nd	Nick Casey ✓	29th	Ricky Moye ✓
3rd	Nick Joe Rahall ✓	30th	Mick Bates ✓
	State Senate	31st	Clyde D. McKnight Jr. ✓
1st	Rocky Fitzsimmons ✓	32nd	Dave Perry ✓, Margaret Anne Staggers ✓, John Pino ✓
2nd	Larry John Edgell ✓	33rd	David A. Walker ✓
3rd	Robert "Robin" Wilson Jr. ✓	34th	Brent Boggs ✓
5th	Mike Woelfel ✓	35th	Barbara "Bobbie" Hatfield ✓, Andrew D. Byrd ✓, John D. Caudill IV, Sherri Wong ✓
7th	Ron Stollings ✓	36th	Nancy Guthrie ✓, Mark Hunt, Danny Wells ✓
8th	Erik P. Wells ✓	37th	Brad Hefflin
9th	Mike Green ✓	41st	Adam R. Young ✓
10th	Ronald R. "Ron" Miller ✓	42nd	Ray Canterbury ✓, Coy Flowers ✓
11th	Gregory A. Tucker ✓	43rd	Denise L. Campbell ✓
12th	Mike Romano ✓	44th	Dana L. Lynch ✓
13th	Bob Beach ✓	45th	Bill Hamilton ✓
14th	Stan Shaver ✓	46th	Peggy Donaldson Smith ✓
15th	Donald H. Cookman ✓	47th	"Tammy" Stemple*
16th	John Unger ✓	48th	Ron Fragate, Richard J. Iaquinta ✓, Tim Miley ✓
17th	Doug Skaff Jr. ✓	49th	Mike Manypenny ✓
	House of Delegates	50th	Mike Caputo ✓, Linda Long- streth ✓, Tim Manchin ✓
1st	Randy Swartzmiller ✓, Ronnie D. Jones ✓	51st	Barbara E. Fleischauer ✓, Charlene Marshall ✓, Anthony "Tony" Barill ✓, Nancy Jamison ✓, Michael David Safcsak
2nd	Phil Diserio ✓	52nd	Larry Williams ✓
3rd	Erikka Storch ✓	55th	Isaac Sponaugle ✓
4th	Mike Ferro ✓	57th	Ruth Rowan ✓
5th	Dave Pethtel ✓	59th	Layne Diehl ✓
8th	Denzil "Buddy" Malone ✓	61st	Jason Barrett ✓
9th	Jim Marion ✓	62nd	Kristin Loken ✓
10th	Dan Poling ✓	65th	Tiffany Lawrence ✓
12th	Michael "Mike" Bright ✓	66th	Daniel P. Lutz Jr. ✓
13th	Joshua Martin ✓, Josh McGrath ✓	67th	Stephen Skinner ✓
14th	Johnny Roach ✓		
16th	Jim Morgan ✓, Sean Hornbuckle ✓		
17th	Doug Reynolds ✓, Dale Stephens ✓		
18th	Joe Hutchinson		
19th	Don Perdue ✓, Ken Hicks ✓		
20th	Justin J. Marcum ✓		
21st	Harry Keith White ✓		
22nd	Jeff Eldridge ✓, Gary McCallister*		

(* Race too close to call)

(Steve Wedge – Jackson BOE ✓) ■

Apprenticeship

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said Carl Reynolds, Administrator for the Laborers Training Trust.

The conference was actually two conferences in one- the Construction Coalition Conference aimed at bringing labor, contractors and ma-

jour construction users together was held at the same time.

Sam White of WVU's Institute for Labor Studies and Research was the conference moderator and organizer. ■

Charleston Trades Run Thank You Ad

BBL Carlton

Thank you for using skilled local workers to build Four Points by Sheraton Charleston. BBL invested \$15 million into Charleston to transform the riverfront property into downtown's newest and most luxurious riverfront hotel.

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Milwrights Local 1755	IBEW Local 466
Sprinkler Fitters Local 669	Ironworkers Local 301
Carpenters Local 1207	Painters District Council 53
Laborers Local 1353	Plumbers & Pipe Fitters Local 625
Asbestos Local 80	Roofers Local 185
Charleston Building & Construction Trades Council, AFL-CIO	Sheetmetal Workers Local 33

The above skilled craftspeople proudly worked on BBL Hospitality's Four Points by Sheraton in Charleston.



The Charleston Building Trades Council and a number of affiliates ran this ad in the Charleston newspapers to thank BBL Carlton and their affiliate company BBL Hospitality for using local skilled craft workers on their major renovation project. The location has operated under a variety of names in the past including the Charleston House. Just a few blocks away a Marriott Courtyard is under construction by mostly nonunion contractors. Many of the workers are from out of the area, some getting very low wages. The project has seen a variety of safety problems and unfair labor charges. Local crafts have protested the project numerous times.

Natural Gas Plant

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for the project," said Tom Gray, President of the Upper Ohio Valley Building Trades.

"We look forward to getting an agreement on paper that allows us to become full partners in support of the project."

A consortium led by CH2M Hill and including General Electric will build the plant and provide construc-

tion and operating guarantees.

As a combined-cycle facility the exhaust heat from the gas powered turbine is used to produce steam, which drives a steam turbine to produce additional electricity without the use of additional natural gas.

Approximately \$105 million in local natural gas purchases will be used to fuel the plant. ■

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