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January opening slated for SGH clinic in Middlebourne

By Charles Winslow

MIDDLEBOURNE -- Sistersville General Hospital is scheduled to reopen the former Middle Island Health Clinic during the first week of January.

"We received approval to move our rural health clinic to Middlebourne," said John May, CEO of Sistersville General Hospital.

Sistersville General had been looking at the facility in Middlebourne since the Fair Avenue clinic, which was first opened in 1977, was closed by Wetzel County Hospital in June.

In recent years Wetzel County had been offering increasingly limited hours and May saw an opportunity to expand SGH's services and provide quality and convenient health care

services to more Tyler County residents.

The new clinic will be named the Sistersville General Medical Center and will have Melissa Maston, NP-C, as the main provider with Dr. Rogelio Bantug as the supervising physician.

The Medical Center is a rural health clinic and will offer services ranging from primary care coordination to treatment of minor injuries and illness. Limited lab testing will be done onsite with other samples being drawn and couriered to the lab at SGH for more testing.

Patients in Middlebourne will be able to do follow-up visits without having to travel to Sistersville.

Dr. Bantug will continue to see patients, including walk-ins, at SGH.

According to May, the move to Middlebourne will free needed space at the Sistersville hospital location for the expansion of specialty services.

"We have recently added three new physicians to our medical staff. They include Dr. Viveck Abhyankar, oncology & hematology, Dr. Mahyar Tahbaz for nephrology and Dr. Salam Rajjoub for sleep lab and pulmonary services," May said.

The Middlebourne facility and the addition of more specialty services in Sistersville are the latest expansions for Sistersville General Hospital. In November 2014 the hospital opened the St Marys Express Care, a walk-in clinic that serves St Marys and Pleasants County.

Marble King offers Santa helper services

PADEN CITY -- Realizing that even Santa Claus' elves can be overwhelmed and need help at Christmas time, Marble King owner Beri Fox came up with a solution.

"Our Marble King elves can help wrap gifts and put toys together for Santa," she said during a recent interview with the INNformer.

Traditionally, between Thanksgiving and the New Year business slows way down for the world-famous marble maker. "Our elves have already finished making all the colorful glass marbles that go into the toys that good little girls and good little boys will receive from St. Nick," Fox said, adding "now they need something to do!"

For a nominal fee her skilled and dedicated elves are available to assist Santa and his helpers wrap Christmas gifts and put together even the most complicated of presents. They can even help Santa by calling when the task is completed so Santa can pick up or, if the presents are destined for somewhere else, to arrange to send via UPS and Fed Ex.

For more information, contact Santa's Workshop locally at Marble King's Gift Shop in Paden City, West Virginia, at (304) 337-8337. — Charles Winslow



Whether you're dreaming of a Christmas tree resembling that of Charlie Brown or your sights are more Rockefeller Center, local Christmas tree grower Mark Heintzman has a tree for you. See story on page 6.

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Municipalities group off to good start in first year

By Lea Ann Butcher

T Tyler County Meetings of the Municipalities began in early 2015 as an opportunity for community leaders, public officials, employees and volunteers to share their ideas and experiences.

The quarterly meetings have opened and strengthened communications between these individuals, which ultimately led to the betterment of Tyler County.

"I've seen amazing feats accomplished when people who believe in the community work together," said Alex King, who developed and coordinated the meetings.

The first meeting was held Jan. 31 at Paden City's Municipal building. At that time, the Sistersville Ferry Board was working to assure the ferry would open for the 2015 season and it quickly became the focus of the meeting, which led King to approach Greg Goodfellow, station manager of Knights Radio WRSO 95.1.

Working diligently with the ferry board, several businesses and various individuals, King and Goodfellow put on a 24-hour radiothon to benefit the Sistersville Ferry. Through the success of the radiothon and generous donations from community members, repairs to the ferry were completed and it opened for business as usual in April.

"We have worked very hard to ensure safe and economical operation and are happy to report that we will end in the black financially," said Barbara Gage, Sistersville Ferry Board chairman. The season officially ended Nov. 15.

At the second meeting April 30 at the Sistersville city building, representatives for the Sistersville Parks and Recreation Board mentioned they would like to purchase a screen and projector system to show movies in the park, similar to what's done in New Martinsville.

Because King is a member of the Sistersville Parks and Rec Board and director of Parks and



Rec in Middlebourne, the idea ultimately transferred to the Middlebourne board.

"It became clear that all of Tyler County's park services could benefit from a projector. Working for Middlebourne Parks and Recreation, I understood that we always have an employee there, so we can both store and provide access to the projector when other organizations would like to use it. It will be shared at no cost," King said.

A GoFundMe account has been set up online as a quick and easy way for people to make donations. Visit www.gofundme.com and search "Movies in the Park- Tyler County."

Donations can also be made directly to the board by making a check out to Middlebourne Parks and Recreation with "Movie Projector" written in the memo. Checks can then be mailed to Middlebourne Parks and Recreation at P.O. Box 151, Middlebourne, WV 26149.

The third meeting was held at the Sistersville city building Aug. 13. Discussion centered on animal control and other animal-related issues. At that time, the Olive Branch had spayed or neutered more than 150 stray cats from the area.

"I think we've got a good group of people who care about the whole community and work well together," said Becky Hayes, Tyler County Democratic Representative.

The last meeting was held Nov. 12 at the Paden City Municipal building and focused on youth. While it is too early to tell what will result from

this meeting, all attendees left with a sense of community.

"We are blessed to live in communities where so many people give of their time to make our little corner of the world a better place for our youth. It truly does take a village to raise a child and I feel fortunate to see so many people dedicating their time for our children," said Robin Daquilante, Tyler County superintendent of schools.

"I was pleased with the meetings. Everyone in attendance had something positive and constructive to say and it was clear they are eager to put in the extra hours to improve what is already a great place to live," King said.

These meetings will continue in 2016 with the first to be held at the Tyler County Courthouse in Middlebourne. Dates will be announced.

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FAMILIAR FACE

**Carla McBee,
Wetzel/Tyler County
medical examiner**

By Lea Ann Butcher

Carla McBee is artistically talented and safety-oriented. The 54-year-old New Martinsville resident is the manager and trainer of CAM Safety and the medical examiner for Wetzel and Tyler counties.

According to McBee, the holidays are meant to be a time of joy and celebration but the demands and seemingly endless errands of the season can contribute to high levels of stress and depression, which can lead to spikes in suicide rates.

“People have a hard time with change and instead of living in the moment and loving what they have, they always want to live in the past and it doesn’t work that way. The holidays are hard for people,” she said.

McBee said she became medical examiner in 1999 out of necessity.

“Back then doctors would come to the scene,



but I noticed they weren’t really coming anymore. Cases like homicides or suicides weren’t getting investigated thoroughly and I saw a need and went and got the training,” she said.

Already meeting the Emergency Medical Technician requirement, McBee said she re-

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ceived forensic training from the office of the West Virginia Chief Medical Examiner. Then, under a mentor, she went through six months of investigation training.

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McBee

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McBee became an EMT for Wetzel County EMS in 1993. Today, she is retired, but still works part time.

"I've seen a lot, way more than the normal person. What makes a medical examiner case is when a person who doesn't have a doctor dies or if somebody has been injured in an accident like on the oil pads. Any accident is investigated. Any drug or alcohol use that causes death and any death of a ward of the state are investigated. I get called on every death but I don't investigate if it doesn't warrant me to do so," she said.

She said she has learned a lot through her various trainings but her education continues. When she was 50, she received her bachelor's degree in business leadership and management from West Liberty University.

That degree eventually led her to CAM Safety in New Martinsville. For the past year and a half, McBee has worked as the manager and trainer of the facility.

She manages the store employees, checks stock and teaches classes for pilot car drivers, OSHA 10 certifications, SafeLandUSA, first aid and CPR, among many others. She also administers drug tests and fits people with needed equipment like respirators. Classes are offered on an as-needed basis.

Because oil and gas workers face many dangers, McBee said it's very important they be properly fitted for masks and respirators.

"They haul silica sand to frack with. Many of them don't understand that silicosis can kill you quicker than coal miners' black lung and asbestos. When they drill into a hole, the earth has radiation and rock that is drilled and thrown out. They put sand back in as part of sand blasting to break through the rock," she said.

"Many of them think since it comes out of the earth that it's natural, but it's not. Oil and gas is dead marine life. Any place where there's oil and gas had to be totally covered with water at one time. Years of the water compressing and fish dying puts oil into the ground. Just oil itself is a biological hazard if you would get it in you. It's just a bacterium, same with coal. It takes 50 years to make one foot of coal and it's just dead foliage," she explained.

"But the silica sand is probably one of the big-



gest dangers. We fit test them with a mask and put cartridges to specifically filter out silica. We're teaching the workers just how dangerous it is and how quickly they can die. You can die within four years of exposure," she added.

When the conversation turned personal, McBee revealed her artistic side. She brought along a variety of hand-made soaps, lotions, deodorants and a lip balm made from bee's wax. McBee raises the honey bees herself. She noted her products are made with all-natural ingredients.

"The soap is made from scratch with the old-fashioned lye and lard recipe, although I do vamp it up with olive and coconut oil. My great-grandmother made soap and it just intrigued me. As I got older I started looking into the process of it," she said. She has more than 125 essential oils to use in her concoctions.

McBee added she was quite the observer as a child. She picked up the art of wood carving from her great-great-grandfather. She displayed several games, toys and kitchenware she made with a couple of carving knives.

"I didn't know him; he passed before I was born. But I noticed things he had made around the house and because of my artistic ability I thought I would try it," she said.

In addition to soap-making and carving, McBee creates little clay faces that are incredibly detailed. With the rest of the clay she harvests from the earth, she makes pottery.

"I make pottery by hand, not with a wheel. You have to build it and built onto it. I make a fire outside and cure it in the fire instead of in a kiln. That's the old Native American way of doing it," she said.

She definitely likes to keep busy. "I never stop," she said with a laugh.

On top of everything else McBee is a member of the New Martinsville Quota club, board member of the Wetzel County Chamber of Commerce and a member of the Tyler County Search and Rescue team. She also attends church at the New Martinsville House Church run by Steve and Sandy Hunt in their home.

She was recently asked to teach a community soap- and craft-making class at West Virginia Northern Community College in New Martinsville and said she plans to do so.

She has melded her artistic ability with her career and is skilled in moulage, the art of applying mock injuries for the purpose of training emergency response teams and other medical and military personnel. When Halloween comes back around, she can show you how to make fake injuries look frighteningly real.

McBee has a 28-year-old son, Clay Morris, and a 32-year-old daughter, Shae Morris. She is looking forward to spending time with them over the holidays, she said.

"On Christmas Eve we go out and visit all our family, but Christmas day is just for us," she said. She plans to make her grandmother McBee's homemade noodles and pies as well as her Grandma Morris' cranberry salad.

McBee doesn't let her busy schedule stand in the way of volunteering in the community and spending time with family.

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One man's journey South

By Charles Winslow

SISTERSVILLE -- David McCarthy is heading to Louisiana for the winter, the hard way.

It was 42 degrees and overcast when McCarthy, a 47-year-old Marine Corps veteran, beached at Sistersville's boat launch during the afternoon of Sunday, Nov. 29. He was taking a short break from paddling his 15-foot red Coleman canoe to come to the Sistersville IGA to buy additional provisions for his trip.

McCarthy started his latest life adventure Nov. 1 when he shoved off from just below the Conemaugh Dam near Johnstown, in western Pennsylvania. He had intended to start his journey several weeks earlier but the project on which he was welding at a metal fabricating shop in Johnstown was extended, delaying his anticipated departure into the colder weather.

"Even with the inclement weather I like being outdoors," said McCarthy, adding that he is writing a journal about his solo journey and may publish it.

Just like earlier frontiersmen and explorers, McCarthy says that he is "really roughing it" and has been sleeping at night on the banks of the river near a camp fire. His canoe has a canvas cover on it to protect his supplies from inclement weather.

"The only real worry I have had so far is paddling when it is foggy on the river. The barges are so quiet that you can't hear them until they are on top of you." When it is foggy McCarthy has to stay closer to the shore, which causes him to cover less distance. "On clear days I can stay inside the corners and go a lot further," he explained.

He also discovered that because he's traveling so late in the season the locks he's traversing through have removed the pull cords at the head of the locks that small craft typically use to no-



tify the lock tender they are there. "At Hannibal I had to tie off and climb a ladder to tell him I was there." He is allowed to enter the locks and is lowered just like larger boats.

McCarthy noted that the West Virginia side of the Ohio River is kept much cleaner than the Ohio side, where he says the banks are littered with cast-off blue plastic barrels and other debris.

He also remarked he has passed a lot of the abandoned remains of the region's industrial past. "Not so scenic," he said, referring to the sadly deteriorated facilities that once employed hundreds of workers.

The canoe trip is the latest adventure for McCarthy, who grew up in Watkins Glen, a small village on the southern tip of Seneca Lake in New York's Finger Lakes Region. Following his stint with the Marines, he worked as a private contractor in Iraq and Afghanistan. He also worked for a short time on shrimp boats out of Louisiana and most recently as a welder for the

fabrication shop in Johnstown making portable frack-water tanks.

A few years back he met an adventurer who had made a similar long-distance trip on a river and was intrigued by the idea. When he knew he was facing layoff with his current employer, he decided to give the trip a try.

"My friends told me I am crazy," he said.

A month into his journey he estimates he has spent only \$400 or \$500 for out-of-pocket expenses, mainly on food and has learned how to better pack his canoe. He said he carries a cell phone with him but doesn't even have a radio.

McCarthy hopes to make it down south before the weather really gets cold. If he has to stop, he said he will simply make do with what happens. He's not the only one undertaking the journey this late in the season, one of the lock tenders told him another couple had passed through only a few days earlier undertaking a similar trip.



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Can't beat a local Christmas tree for freshness

By Lea Ann Butcher

Mark Heintzman is carrying on his father's hard work. The 62-year-old Sistersville native began planting a variety of Christmas trees as a teen with his family in 1971.

"Proceeds from the farm were to go into a fund for college, but I was already a senior at Sistersville High School," Heintzman said with a laugh. Today, proceeds go back to the farm for upkeep and insurance.

The farm boasts two varieties of spruce, Norway and White; two varieties of pine, Scotch and White, and a few Douglas Firs.

"Ideally we like to keep 1,000 trees per acre," Heintzman said of the nearly six acres on which trees are planted.

"Our best seller is the Norway Spruce because the limbs are stiffer, it has a darker color and it's easier to take care of even though they are the worst about needle dropping," he said.

However, the Norway spruce takes eight to nine years to fully grow, while the pines take six to seven years. He said the pines typically last the longest after being cut.

As with any garden or farm, Christmas tree growing comes with an onslaught of issues.

Heintzman said it is important to keep brush and undergrowth from getting too close to the trees. When that happens, they won't grow correctly on that side.

Due to the harshness of last winter, Heintzman had more problems with deer than he typically does. He used a "Deer Away" spray on the smaller trees, but the deer began eating the larger trees as well.

"Hanging bars of soap in the trees will sometimes keep them away, but we have so many that it's not feasible. Some people will even scatter human hair around the trees," he said.

The Heintzmans don't do any of that. They don't even use an electric fence. A combination of close attention and tender-loving care keeps most pests at bay, Heintzman said.

Once a tree has been selected, visitors to the farm can cut it down themselves or have Heintzman do it. Regardless of who does the cutting, all trees are \$19.

For a complete Christmas tree package, Heintzman also sells stands for \$5 and tree skirts for \$2. The chocolate chip cookies made by Heintzman's wife, Jackie, are always free.

He also shared some cut tree maintenance and safety tips.

"Trees need to be put in water as soon as possible. If you're buying a tree that was pre-cut, it is best to cut a half-inch off the bottom of the tree to avoid the sap seal which will prevent it from getting enough water," Heintzman said.

He also recommends using a bit of warm water when putting the tree up to help dissolve some of the sap seal. He said to keep the tree away from heating ducts and to water the tree daily to make it last longer.

"A tree can drink up half a gallon easily," he added.

Just as they require before being cut, trees need close attention at home as well.

The American Christmas Tree Association lists fires as the number one safety issue of the season. Fires can be brought on by electrical malfunctions on artificial trees and by the dryness of a dying tree. This is why a location away from heat sources such as fireplaces and heating ducts is best for set up.

Additionally, make sure lights are turned off when away from home or sleeping and always keep a live tree watered. Common sense also suggests never to use real candles in a Christmas tree.

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Children and pets are often drawn to a brightly lit and decorated tree. Items such as sparkly tinsel, dangling garlands and sharp glass ornaments are hazards. Place larger and less tempting decorations at the base of the tree and reserve the more fragile decorations for the top.

If any of these decorations are ingested they can cause choking. Electrical cords can also cause a fatality if chewed on by a pet or played with by a child.

Some trees may be coated with such sprays as fire retardant, fertilizer or insecticide. The needles and branches are carriers of these toxic coatings and can be harmful if ingested. For maximum safety, make sure a pet is not chewing on branches or eating fallen needles.

Other safety measures include supervising a child or pet around the tree, using a tree skirt to catch fallen needles and avoiding food-based decorations.

Properly caring for the tree and by paying attention to those surrounding it helps to ensure a safe and happy holiday.

But the end of the holiday seasons doesn't end the work on the farm.

Off-season at Heintzman's lasts from January to March, planting begins in April, spraying begins in May and mowing begins in June and it is often a one-man operation.

"When we first started there were five of us: my dad, my brother, Mark and Wayne Fisher and myself. Now it's just me and my wife helps out on the weekends," Heintzman said.

When he isn't busy caring for the trees or with customers, Heintzman said he likes to hang out in his heated building and read. He plans to download and begin Harper Lee's *Go Set a Watchman*.

However, a fast-approaching holiday leaves little time for reading. Several of the trees were already claimed and marked for pick-up in the coming days.

Heintzman's Christmas Tree Farm is located on State Route 18. If traveling from Sistersville, the farm is on the right, the beautiful greenery is hard to miss from the road.

The farm is open Sunday through Friday from noon until 5 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. The Heintzmans can be reached at 304-771-1868.

Oh Christmas tree, Oh Christmas tree, Much hazards do you bring thee!

According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), U.S. fire departments respond to an average of 230 home fires that start with Christmas trees each year. Whether you're pining for pine, fervent for fir or even if you're ardently artificial, Christmas tree fires can be avoided by following some simple safety tips.

For live trees, check for freshness and avoid purchasing dry trees.

For artificial trees, look for the label "Fire Resistant."

Cut 1-2 inches from the base of the trunk to ensure water absorption.

Place tree at least 3 feet away from all heat sources.

Discard any lights with worn or broken cords or loose connections.

Purchase lights that have a label from a recognized testing laboratory.

Never connect more than three strands of incandescent lights together.

Dispose of your live tree after the holiday or when it becomes dry.

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**TYLER COUNTY HISTORY****Alvy: Stringtown
boom to bust**

By Charles Winslow

Located up Indian Creek Road, off of Route 18, is the unincorporated hamlet of Alvy.

Today, Alvy is little more than a few houses along Indian Creek with a handful more nestled up the hollows off the valley. During the late fall, days are filled with the typical sounds of a rural community. Hunters, ATVs and the occasional chainsaw can all be heard in the distance.

The heavy trucks are now less frequent on the battered back country roads than they were

only a few months ago. The local gas work is, for now, winding down.

The evidence of the recent "gas boom" can be easily seen throughout the area. New storage tanks, clear-cut paths for the gas collection pipelines and a few gas-related facilities. Mother Nature has started the slow process of reclaiming the primitive roads built to serve well sites, just as she did more than 100 years ago.

No new businesses. No new taverns. No new housing. No real growth in population.

What a difference from the first oil boom when the population of Alvy, later to also be known as "Stringtown," grew from a handful of farmers to upwards of 5,000 people and in February 1901 made the front page of newspapers across the country.

Alvy was originally known as Moore, Virginia. Settlement started sometime before 1850 as hardy frontiersmen were drawn to the virgin forests and the promise of good farm land. Settlement was made easier by the 1840s with

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completion of the Sistersville and Salem Turnpike, a toll road, which followed modern routes 18 and 23. The turnpike likely helped Moore develop in two ways.

First, it made easier the shipping of farm products down to Sistersville to be loaded on Ohio River packets bound for the markets in Wheeling. It also was on an alternative route to Salem and people would follow the primitive roads through Moore to dodge paying tolls.

By 1855 enough people settled the area for it to warrant a post office and a Jonathan Wright was appointed the first postmaster of Moore's Post Office, as the stop was officially known.

During the disruption of the Civil War Moore's Post Office ceased operation in June 1862; then, after West Virginia became a state, reopened in October 1863.

In 1893 the post office's name was changed officially to Alvy. The reason for the change and the relevance of the new name has apparently been lost to history. However, one odd bit of trivia is one of the meanings of Alvy is "friend of the elves."

 During the first several decades of settlement life in rural Tyler County hadn't change much. Industrialization really hadn't reached into the back of the county and farming was the typical occupation.

All this changed when shallow oil was found.

In late 1891 the Polecat Well, located two miles north of Sistersville, started to produce crude oil -- causing speculators to take notice. More exploratory wells were drilled and hits were made.

In the fall of 1894 "Big Moses," located on the farm of Moses Spencer, just down the road from Alvy also hit -- and hit it big! It was estimated at the time that Big Moses was producing an astonishing 120 million cubic feet of gas a day! Adjusted for inflation, Big Moses was generating more than \$800,000 during a 24-hour period in today's dollars. The boom was on!

Like most of Tyler County, Alvy had to contend with a flood of migrant oil workers descending upon them. The rural nature of the community changed practically overnight as roustabouts, helpers, businessmen and scoundrels invaded the small community to make their fortunes.

Rooming houses, crude hotels, taverns, stores

and cheaply built oil shacks sprang up. The quiet of the day was replaced by the sounds of the oil field and the nights by the revelry of drunken roustabouts.

To say there was a clash of cultures between the farmers and the oil men would be an understatement.

It was during this time that Alvy also became referred to as Stringtown. While some people believe the nickname came about because all of the workers were "strung-out" through the valley and hills, it's also likely the name referred to all aboveground pipelines from the wells on the hills going to central collection point in the bottom of the hollows with the pipelines looking like strings.

While Alvy was experiencing the rapid, but ultimately short-lived, economic boom, the country, as a whole, was also undergoing drastic changes. Social reformers were agitating for changes at all levels, from political and economic reforms to women's suffrage.

Among the reforms being demanded by the progressives was prohibition, the banning of the sale of liquor. Like drug abuse today, many of these reformers linked liquor to all of the social ills of the day.

While the Temperance Movement had been

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Alvy

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around since the Revolution, in the decades following the Civil War the movement became increasingly active with some crusaders forging the political process and engaging in vigilantism.

Hamm wrote that the radical wing of the Prohibitionists believed they were justified in their use of violence because it was “directed at achieving their ends -- in their view, a righteous violence.”

One of the more notorious radicals was Carrie Nation. She believed she was following a dictate from God as she and her followers raided taverns and busted open barrels of rum and whiskey with axes. Nation and her followers

would also destroy businesses that failed to heed their warnings.

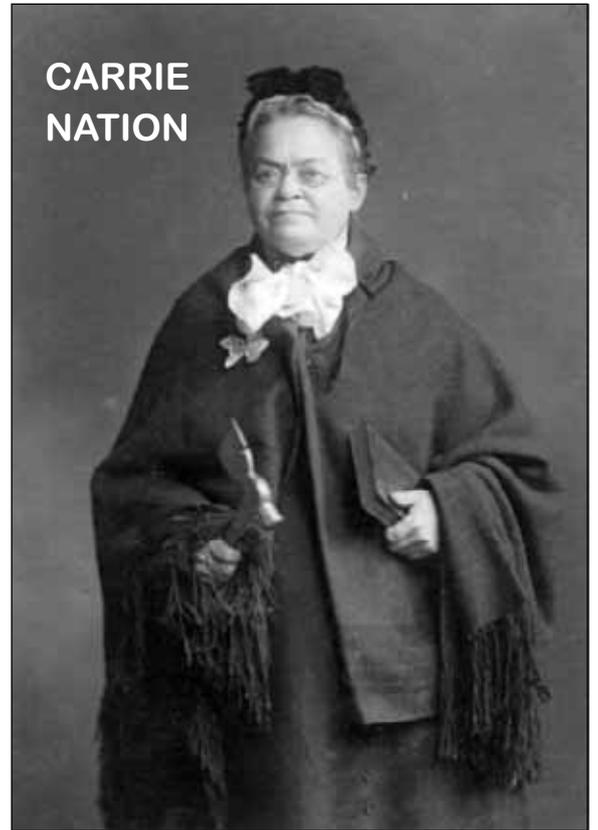
Her actions were so popular that companies designed and sold souvenir hatchets with her image and saying on them.

While Nation was mainly active in Kansas, other radicals were emboldened by her actions and these vigilantes took matters into their own hands.

While Hamm points out that the Temperance Movement would generally try to avoid physically harming their opponents, some of the people in Nation’s camp were not above it. In one temperance newspaper, a woman wrote: “What if a few people do get killed ... I am tired of this sentimental gush about ‘stopping before it comes to bloodshed’”

In Alvy (Stringtown) there was indeed bloodshed, resulting in death.

CARRIE NATION



One of the businesses that sprang up in Alvy during the boom was a drug store. Reportedly, the store along with other businesses in the community were selling liquor.

The Feb. 21, 1901, edition of the St. Paul (Minnesota) Globe stated: “It appears that there had been a sort of Carrie Nation crusade in the oil village against the dives and ‘speakeasies’ during the past two weeks.” The story noted the proprietor of the drug store had been warned that if he didn’t stop “selling liquor, the place would be either burned or blown up.”

The drug store’s owner ignored the warning and on Feb. 20, 1901, his business was set on fire, resulting in the death of John Clendenning, a tenant who was asleep above the store. The fire also destroyed several other buildings.

The St. Paul Globe concluded their front-page story by pointing out it was “asserted that the fire was the work of fanatics who desired to rid the town of the alleged ‘speakeasy.’ ”

Two local men were arrested for the arson and murder.

It’s unlikely the destroyed buildings were rebuilt as the oil and gas field started to play out and most of the workers, whose livelihood was dependent on the business, moved on.

The old school in Alvy, a handsome, white-framed building on a hill overlooking Indian Creek, was consolidated into Arthur I Boreman Elementary in 1973 and the post office lasted until February 1997.

The US Census estimates that since 2010 the ZIP code for the Alvy area has lost about 300 people and has a total population of just over 700.

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If you're interested in obtaining some of these kits to share with the public, let us know: email aking@westbrookhealth.com or call 304-494-8400.

The next meeting of the Tyler County Community Prevention Coalition will be Thursday, December 17 at 6 p.m. in the former board office area of Tyler Consolidated High School.

Courtesy Westbrook Health Services & Tyler County Community Prevention Coalition
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Medication Disposal System

CHUCKIE'S CAR COLUMN**1978 Dodge
Omni**

By Charles Winslow

As we prepare for winter driving conditions I am reminded of the winter of 1977-78 and my father's attempt to show me "a trick" about driving in snow.

I grew up in Marcellus, New York, a small rural community located in a very deep valley on the edge of the Snowbelt in Central New York. During the winter time our area would often get a foot or two of snow a night and during January and February it could get down right chilly.

When I was 12 years old I took over a paper route for the evening Syracuse Herald-Journal and the Sunday morning Herald-American. I would get the papers delivered to my house and would have to walk a mile uptown to the village and deliver them. The Sunday paper would come before 5 a.m. and I was supposed to have them delivered no later than 8 a.m.

Delivering the heavy Sunday papers in snow would often be accomplished by dragging a sled full of papers behind me.

During one particularly cold and snowy Sunday morning my father took pity upon me and gave me a ride around my route, using his new 1978 Dodge Omni.

My father was an engineer for the NYS Department of Transportation and was a high-mileage driver. He would use his own car to drive to construction sites so when Chrysler came out with the inexpensive and fuel efficient Dodge Omni he quickly bought one. Adjusted for inflation the American made Omni would cost a little over \$12,000 in today's dollars.

The Dodge Omni, and its identical twin, the Plymouth Horizon, was the first front-wheel drive subcompact car built in the United States. At a time when Detroit was still pumping out heavy gas guzzlers, the Omni was intended to compete with the highly successful VW Rabbits and Japanese imports that were grabbing an increasing large share of the market.

Chrysler, the parent of both Dodge and Plymouth, was struggling to keep going. The company had entered into bankruptcy protection and had yet to get the government loan that helped them survive.

While not financially successful at first, the Omni/ Horizon model proved to be important when Chrysler approached the government for help. The model showed that the American company was serious about competing with imports and could make a fuel efficient car.



My father's Omni was jet black with a dark maroon interior. The car was a five door hatchback and, for a small car, had decent cargo space. Because Pop didn't really care to pay for unnecessary thrills, and he smoked Marsh Wheeling Cigars -- which left a film on everything -- his car had the base interior package. Vinyl seats. I seem to remember it had an AM radio and it had hand-cranked windows.

Today people look for all sorts of conveniences when buying a car. Bluetooth compatible, ear drum rupturing sound systems, satellite navigation systems and zoned climate controls. creature comforts galore!

The Omni was a basic car. While you could get an upgraded interior that had cloth seats, there was not a lot of thought given to things we take for granted today. Pop's "dashboard clock" was a little pink round plastic thing you could buy for 99 cents at K-Mart and had sticky tape on the back. His coffee cup holder was a plastic frame designed to be clipped into the window.

You had to be careful rolling up the window as sometime it would push the clip up and out. Your coffee cup would end up in your lap.

The one option he did have was an automatic transmission. Its basic shifter lever was located on the floor and looked like an afterthought. The first couple of years the Omni came with a VW engine. The car wasn't all that fast, but it was reliable.

My parents' other car was a 1977 AMC Matador station wagon. One of those odd memories that I retain was thinking how light and cheaply built the Omni was compared to the heavy tank-like construction of the Matador.

The Omni was also cold. That little engine did not produce a lot of heat and Pop always had the window cracked open to vent his cigar smoke, as there wasn't a wing window.

During the winter of 1977-78 there were a series of days when it snowed heavily and then the

temperature plunged to well below 0. Regardless of how cold and snowy it was, the newspaper had to be delivered.

My father took pity on me one Sunday morning when the overnight temperatures had plunged to the negative 20s. He would get up every couple of hours and go out and start the Omni so it wouldn't freeze up.

So at 5 a.m. off to deliver the papers we went. Pop would drop me off at the top of a street and let me warm up for a couple of minutes at the bottom. I couldn't imagine how cold I would have been without my father being there. It was so cold it hurt just to breath.

We finished well before sun rise. There was no one on the streets so Pop decided he was going to show me a trick about driving in the snow. He said: "watch this" as he cranked the steering wheel over and gunned the engine.

Instead of doing "the donut" that Pop had intended to do -- where rear-wheel drive vehicles will pivot, swinging their back-ends quickly around while spinning the rear tires -- the front-wheel drive Omni grabbed whatever traction there was and shot across the road. Pop hit the breaks but the car kept going right into a snow bank!

"Well, that didn't work," he said.

When driving in snowy conditions, front-wheel drive vehicles handle much differently than rear-wheel drive. From experience, with a rear-wheel drive you can retain some steering control in snowy conditions. The back end may start to swing when you're accelerating, but all you have to do is take your foot off the gas pedal and it will straighten up.

What Pop discovered was that when the front wheels on a front-wheel drive vehicle lose traction and you slam on the breaks and lock up the wheels, the car will not turn but keep skidding forward. In this case into a snow bank.

Around the Region

SISTERSVILLE

CRAFT, VENDOR SHOW DEC. 12

A December craft and vendor show will take place Saturday, Dec. 12, from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the Sistersville Volunteer Fire Department. Stop by and get your Christmas shopping done early.

FOOD, CLOTHING HANDOUT CONTINUES

Every Wednesday, the Sistersville Ministerial Association hands out food and clothing from 9 a.m. to noon at the First Baptist Church in Sistersville.

MIDDLEBOURNE

DINNER, BAKED GOODS AUCTION DEC. 15

Christmas dinner will be served Tuesday, Dec. 15, at 5:30 p.m. at the Tyler County Senior Citizens Center in Middlebourne. Menu includes ham, scalloped potatoes, stuffing, green beans, cole slaw and an assortment of desserts. A pie and baked goods auction will follow the dinner and the Tyler Consolidated Choir will provide the evening's entertainment. For more information call 304-758-5153.

DONATIONS SOUGHT FOR PROJECTOR SYSTEM

Middlebourne Parks & Recreation Facilities Inc. seeks to obtain and maximize use of a movie projector system for Middlebourne Parks & Recreation and other nonprofit organizations in Tyler County. A Backyard Theater Systems Recreation Series 16-foot screen and projector system (with speakers and carrying cases) costs \$3,099.

Middlebourne Parks & Recreation has the storage facility and employees to operate this projector system, a gym that can serve as a theater during colder weather, and plenty of public park space for screening movies during warmer weather.

Celebrate Christmas with 'The Nutcracker'

Enhance your Christmas Season with the Mid Ohio Valley Ballet's performance of *The Nutcracker* at the Lincoln Theater in New Martinsville Monday, Dec. 7, at 7 p.m.

Presented by ArtsLink and sponsored by Ken Block in memory of Pat Block, this timeless classic will delight and entertain adults and children alike as it fills the audience with the Christmas spirit.

Local dancers from the Academy for Dance and Theatre Arts in New Martinsville appearing in the cast as "angels" include: Faith Yoho, Kaylyn Wallace, Jourdan Schramm, Angel Dennis, Kelsey Littman, Nicole Turner, Kate Gorrell and Ava Gorrell. Tickets may be purchased at the door and will be \$10 for adults and \$6 for children under 12. Children are welcome to don their party dresses or other holiday finery for this event. Theater parties are welcome with a discount for groups more than 10 people.

The joy of Christmas is never more evident than in *The Nutcracker*. This whimsical ballet brings beautiful fantasies, sugar plum dreams and waltzing snowflakes to a very large, adoring public. Parties, church celebrations, family and friends, and *The Nutcracker* are all part of the American Christmas experience.

Based on the book by ETA Hoffman, the ballet follows the dreams of a little girl named Clara. At the family Christmas party, her godfather Drosselmeyer presents her with a mysterious gift of a nutcracker and her jealous little brother, Fritz, promptly breaks it. As the guests depart, Clara comes quietly back into the living room to see her nutcracker and falls asleep there. Her dreams take her through a fierce battle between the Mouse King and the Nutcracker, a

Organizers expect many Tyler County organizations will be able to benefit from this projector. Middlebourne Parks & Recreation will make forms readily available (even online) so that nonprofits may apply to use the projector without charge. The board of directors will consider rental request applications for approval at each of their monthly board meetings.

All area parks and other nonprofit organizations have written letters of support with the understanding that Middlebourne Parks & Recreation has agreed to share this projector with them at no cost.

Middlebourne Parks & Recreation is unique in Tyler County. Being

the only parks and recreation service with a daily, year-round staff, it will keep responsible stewardship of the projector and facilitate free rentals to other organizations.

Using the projector, organizations can show free movies that are already in the public domain. Local libraries also possess (or have the opportunity to obtain) licenses to screen movies from major film studios. To purchase onetime screening rights for other films, organizations will partner with businesses, individuals and other groups that would like to sponsor a film (the latter method is used by New Martinsville Parks and Recreation for many of their successful movie nights).



Local dancers appearing in ArtsLink's upcoming presentation of *The Nutcracker* include Faith Yoho, Kaylyn Wallace, Jourdan Schramm and Angel Dennis; not pictured are Kelsey Littman, Nicole Turner, Kate Gorrell and Ava Gorrell.

visit to the Land of the Sweets where candy dancers perform for her and finally a journey through the snow kingdom with whirling, dancing snowflakes.

The MOV B has toured extensively throughout a four-state region since 1981, presenting *The Nutcracker* to audiences of more than 500,000, including thousands of public school children throughout West Virginia and Ohio.

MOV B is a member of and receives partial funding from Artsbridge, a cultural development agency serving Wood County, West Virginia, and Washington County, Ohio.

Additional support for this program is made possible with financial assistance from the City of New Martinsville Parks and Recreation Commission, West Virginia Northern Community College, WETZ/WYMJ/WNRJ Radio, Dominion Foundation and Ohio Valley Online. Grant funding has come from the West Virginia Division of Culture and History and the National Endowment for the Arts, with approval from the West Virginia Commission on the Arts. ArtsLink is committed to providing universal accessibility wherever possible. Persons with special needs may contact ArtsLink at 304-455-2278 for assistance.

Visit www.gofundme.com/ty9ttqdw or go to the gofundme.com website and search Movies in the park- Tyler County.

BENEFIT CRAFT, VENDOR SHOW DEC. 12

A craft and vendor show will be held on Saturday, Dec. 12, from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the Tyler County Senior Citizen Banquet Room in Middlebourne to benefit Sandy Cramer Simmons of Middlebourne. She has spina bifida. Organizers say 100 percent of the vendor fees and concession sales will go toward helping her purchase leg braces. There will be a 50/50

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drawing, a raffle and concessions and baked goods. For more information call Jessica Forrester at 304-771-9729, Tonia Alleman at 740-628-5221 or Tasha Starkey at 304-771-3706.

TCPL STORY HOUR TO RESUME IN JANUARY

There will be no story hour in December. It will resume Thursday, Jan. 7, at 1 p.m. Call 304-758-4304 to register your 3,4 and 5 year olds.

PADEN CITY

NAZARENE CHURCH ANNOUNCES EVENTS

Children and teens will present their Christmas musical at Paden City Church of the Nazarene Sunday, Dec. 13, at 7 p.m. The church will hold its annual "Gifts for Jesus" with the congregation sharing their talents of singing, piano solo, readings and more at 10 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 20. Both events are open to the public. Call 304-337-2368 for more information.

PCDA MEETINGS OPEN TO PUBLIC

The Paden City Development Authority meets the 2nd Monday of each month at the Health & Recreation Building in room 10A on the first floor. The meetings begin at 7 p.m. and the public is welcome.

H&R GYM OPEN FOR WINTER WALKING

Also, the Health & Recreation gymnasium is now open for the winter walking season. The gym will be available weekdays from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Walkers should have the proper walking shoes and stay outside the directional cones. The PCDA is happy to offer this opportunity to the citizens of Paden City as an alternative when weather prohibits outside walking.

STORY HOUR SLATED

The Paden City Public Library will hold a fall story hour for pre-

school children on Fridays at noon. Call the library at 304-337-9333 to register your child and get more information.

TOPS TO MEET

Fighting extra weight gain? Join TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) and get the help and support to reach your goal. Meeting place: First Baptist Church, 600 S. 4th Ave, Paden City. Wednesday morning weigh-in starts at 9 a.m., meetings at 10. Call Leader-Norma at 304-337-8262 or Co-leader Helen at 304-652-2228 for more information.

NEW

MARTINSVILLE

APPLY NOW FOR SANTA'S CALLING PROGRAM

NM Parks and Santa Claus are working together again this year to provide the Santa's Calling program. Santa will be taking a break from his busy Christmas schedule to make special phone calls to children ages 3 through second grade Thursday, Dec. 10, from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. Santa can make a call to any child anywhere in the United States. If you would like to have Santa call your child, fill out an application at the City Building in New Martinsville or call 304-455-9130. The cost is free! Remember, Santa can only call Thursday, Dec. 10, from 6-7. For more information or to make sure Santa calls your house, pick up an application at the city building, contact NM Parks at 304-455-9130 or "like" them on Facebook (NM Parks) to stay up to date with all of their latest events.

BIBLE STUDY SLATED

A Bible study will be held at the Wetzel County Career Center (Wetzel County Center for Children and Families) every Saturday from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m. The Career Center is 2.5 miles east of Route 2 on Highway 7, on the left just beyond the twin bridges. Enter side door number 6. For more information contact Daniel Morikone at 304-266-7504.

NMPL ANNOUNCES EVENTS

THE GIVING TREE -- New Martinsville Public Library is accepting donations toward the Esther Crumbley Fund providing books for children in need for Christmas.

STORY TIME RETURNS

Story Time @ New Martinsville Public Library will be held at 11 a.m. every Tuesday school is in session in Wetzel County. The library is located at the corner of Washington Street and Martin Avenue. For more information, contact the library at 304-455-4545.

RECOVERY GROUP SET

Celebrate Recovery, a 12-step (faith-based) recovery program, meets at the New Martinsville United Methodist Church, located behind Captain Richard's on Hydro Drive. The meeting begins at 6:30 every Thursday. If you have any hurts, hang-ups, bad habits or addictions this is where to go. CR creates a safe place that is confidential for sharing and healing.

NAR-ANON TO MEET

The NAR-ANON Family Group meets every Friday at 1 p.m. at the New Martinsville United Methodist Church behind Captain Richard's. For more information call 304-455-1422.

HUNDRED/PINE GROVE

STORY HOURS RETURN

Join Amy for Story Time at the Hundred Public Library every Wednesday from 11 a.m. until noon with stories, crafts, games, songs, a snack and surprises. Call 304-775-5161.

If you would like to run your community service announcement in The INNformer, please fax it to 304-652-1312 attention The INNformer, email it to innformerme@yahoo.com, or send it in a private message on The INNformer's Facebook page.

Holiday events

OLGEBAY RESORT WINTER FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS, WHEELING

Covering more than 300 acres and tens of thousands of twinkling lights, Olgebay Resort's Winter Festival of Lights celebrates its 30th anniversary this year.

Continuing through Sunday, Jan. 3, 2016, the show runs from dark until 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and until 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday. However, there's more than just lights to enjoy. There are a multitude of displays in various parts of the resort that include a Nativity scene and glass art installation. A gift shop is also open featuring ornaments from local artisans.

The light display changes every year, with the latest addition a 300-foot tunnel of multi-colored lights that leads down to Schenk Lake.

Additional information can be found at the Olgebay Resort website: www.olgebay-resort.com

VICTORIAN CHRISTMAS AT MARIETTA CASTLE

Built in the mid-1850s, the Castle is considered one of the best examples of Gothic Revival architecture in Ohio. Proudly sitting on a hill above the town of Marietta, it was home to some of the most prominent citizens of the time until it opened as a public museum in 1994.

Through Monday, Dec. 28, the museum is decked out in its Victorian holiday finery. You can learn about the history of treasured holiday traditions and life in the Mid-Ohio Valley in the 1800s and 1900s.

Tours are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., with the last tour starting at 3 p.m. Contact the Castle at their website for more information: www.mariettacastle.org.

OIL & GAS BRIEFS**Minuteman
Environmental
liquidated****From staff reports**

SISTERSVILLE -- The assets of Minuteman Environmental, a Milton, Pennsylvania-based gas field service company that, until recently, had a local operation were auctioned off Dec. 3 by order of the US Bankruptcy Court.

The company occupied the former Back Yard Autobody shop on Route 18 east of Sistersville and provided services ranging from hazmat and emergency response services to hauling fracturing fluids and disposing of well waste.

Minuteman was forced to file for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection in April 2014 when M & T Bank, a creditor owed more than \$4.6 million, demanded full payment. Minuteman had been struggling since May 2013 when the Pennsylvania attorney general's office, along with several other agencies, raided the company's Milton headquarters and seized business records and assets.

It was alleged at the time that Minuteman had improperly stored and disposed of waste, overbilled clients and had engaged in health insurance fraud.

In late May Brian Bolus, owner of Minuteman, filed a lawsuit against the Pennsylvania attorney general over the seizure of more than \$22



million in assets, alleging that the seizure caused the bankruptcy.

Minuteman's 2014 bankruptcy petition also indicated the company owed landfill fees to Wetzel County.

**COMMENT PERIOD OPEN
FOR TYLER PIPELINE**

Denver-based Antero Midstream LLC has applied for a West Virginia Water Pollution Control Permit Modification regarding the discharge of stormwater associated with the disturbance of 48.01 acres for the construction of two additional pipelines for the Pierpoint to Monroe pipeline project. The project, located at Latitude: 39:27:02 Longitude: 80:51:19 in Alma, Tyler County, was originally permitted for 57.17 acres of disturbance and with the addition of this modification the disturbance has increased to 105.18 acres. The receiving stream is Pitts Run/Middle Island Creek/Ohio River.

On the basis of review of the application, the "Water Pollution Control Act (Chapter 22, Article 11-8 (a)), and the "West Virginia Legislative Rules," the State of West Virginia will act on the above application.

Any interested person may submit written comments on the draft permit modification and may request a public hearing by addressing such to the Director of the Division of Water and Waste Management by Dec. 25, 2015. Such comments or requests should be addressed to: Director, Division of Water and Waste Management, DEP; ATTN: Sharron Mullins,

Permitting Section; 601 57th St. SE; Charleston, WV 25304-2345.

Comments received from Nov. 25 through Dec. 25 will be considered prior to acting on the permit modification application. Correspondence should include the name, address and the telephone number of the writer and a concise statement of the nature of the issues raised. The Director shall hold a public hearing whenever a finding is made, on the basis of requests, that there is a significant degree of public interest on issues relevant to the Draft Permit Modification(s). Interested persons may contact the public information office to obtain further information.

The application, draft permit modification and any required fact sheet may be inspected, by appointment, at the Division of Water and Waste Management Public Information Office, at 601 57th St. SE, Charleston, West Virginia, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. on business days. Copies of the documents may be obtained from the Division at a nominal cost. Individuals requiring Telecommunication Device (TDD) may contact the agency by calling (304) 926-0493. Calls must be made 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

**AREA DRILLING
PERMITS ISSUED**

Oil and gas industry may be beginning to pick up back in this area, based on number of permits issued by the West Virginia Department of Environmental Quality for the last half of November.

Week of 11-16 -- A total of seven permits were issued for local development: Four in Tyler County and three in Wetzel. Tyler County permits were: one for horizontal well for Ascent Resources-Marcellus LLC, two permits for vertical wells to Alliance Petroleum Corp. and one for a horizontal well to Antero Resources Corp. Three permits were issued to EQT Production Company for horizontal wells in Wetzel County.

Week of 11-23 -- A total of three permits were issued for local development. All three permits were to EQT Production Company for horizontal wells in Tyler County.

**COMMENTS OPEN ON
MUD MIX PLANT**

Integrity Delaware LLC of Houston has applied for coverage under the General West Virginia National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Water Pollution Control Permit No. WV0111457 to discharge water entirely composed of stormwater associated with industrial activities - Outlet 001. Those activities are as a mud mixing plant for the oil and gas industry. The facility, located at Latitude: 39:28:25 Longitude: 81:05:48 in Friendly, Tyler County, is proposed to be covered under Sector C-2 of the existing general permit. Receiving stream is UNT/Ohio River.

On the basis of review of the application, the "Water Pollution Control Act (Chapter 22, Article 11-8 (a)), and the "West Virginia Legislative Rules," the State of West Virginia will act on the above application.

Any interested person may submit written comments on the site registration permit application and may request a public hearing by addressing such to the Director of the Division of Water and Waste Management by Jan. 1, 2016. Such comments or requests should be addressed to: Director, Division of Water and Waste Management, DEP; ATTN: Sharron Mullins, Permitting Section; 601 57th St. SE; Charleston, WV 25304-2345.

Comments received within this period will be considered prior to acting on the permit application. Correspondence should include the

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name, address and the telephone number of the writer and a concise statement of the nature of the issues raised. The Director shall hold a public hearing whenever a finding is made, on the basis of requests, that there is a significant degree of public interest on issues relevant to the site registration permit application and this facility's coverage under the General Permit. Interested persons may contact the Public Information Office to obtain further information.

The application may be inspected, by appointment, at the Division of Water and Waste Management Public Information Office, at 601 57th St., Charleston, West Virginia, between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. on business days. Copies of the application and the General Permit and Fact Sheet may be obtained from the Division at a nominal

cost. Individuals requiring Telecommunication Device (TDD) may contact the agency by calling 1-800-422-5700. Calls must be made 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

WETZEL AIR QUALITY COMMENT PERIOD OPEN

On May 5, 2015, MarkWest Liberty Midstream & Resources LLC applied to the West Virginia Department of Environmental Protection, Division of Air Quality (DAQ) for a permit to modify a gas processing plant facility located 14624 North Fork Road, Smithfield, Wetzel County, WV at latitude 39.546262 and longitude -80.552680.

A preliminary evaluation has determined that all State and Federal air quality requirements will be met by the proposed facility. The DAQ is providing notice to the public of its preliminary determination to issue the permit as R13-2878D.

The following increase in potential emissions will be authorized by this permit action: Particulate Matter less than 10 microns, 0.90 tons per year (TPY); Particulate Matter, 0.90 TPY; Sulfur Dioxide, 0.12 TPY; Oxides of Nitrogen, 8.31 TPY; Carbon Monoxide, 5.39 TPY; Volatile Organic Compounds, 40.97 TPY; Total Hazardous Air Pollutants, 0.21 TPY; Carbon Dioxide Equivalent, 18,603.45TPY.

Written comments or requests for a public meeting must be received by the DAQ before 5 p.m. Monday, Jan. 4, 2016. A public meeting may be held if the Director of the DAQ determines that significant public interest has been expressed, in writing, or when the Director deems it appropriate.

The purpose of the DAQ's permitting process is to make a preliminary determination if the proposed modification will meet all state and federal air quality requirements. The purpose of the

public review process is to accept public comments on air quality issues relevant to this determination. Only written comments received at the address noted below within the specified time frame, or comments presented orally at a scheduled public meeting, will be considered prior to final action on the permit. All such comments will become part of the public record.

Edward S. Andrews, P.E.; WV Department of Environmental Protection; Division of Air Quality; 601 57th St., SE; Charleston, WV 25304. Telephone: 304/926-0499, ext. 1214; FAX: 304/926-0478.

Additional information, including copies of the draft permit, application and all other supporting materials relevant to the permit decision may be obtained by contacting the engineer listed above. The draft permit and engineering evaluation can be downloaded at: www.dep.wv.gov/daq/Pages/NSRPermitsforReview.aspx.

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