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CHARLEY JONES

Charley Jones passed away peacefully this week, succumbing to the brain cancer he was diagnosed with in May.

Founded in 1936, Jones' Stinker Stores has been a convenience staple of local Idaho communities that has expanded to 106 locations across Idaho, Colorado and Wyoming. Together with Shawn Davis, Jones purchased Stinker Stores from the family of Farris Lind in 2002. In 2012, Jones and his wife Nancy became sole owner and operators of the Stinker brand.

Nate Brazier shared, "During this time of profound loss, it's hard to imagine a world without Charley's larger than life personality. His unwavering dedication and commitment to his Stinker family will leave its mark on each and every one of us and for future Stinker generations to come. Charley was absolutely one in a million. His unrivaled business savvy combined with his generous and giving heart made him the Hero of Stinker's last 20 + years and an absolutely amazing visionary to work under. He is and always will be the greatest Stinker of all. This is a devastating day for Stinkers, but among the sadness, there is also so much joy to be seen in the hard work, years of dedication and solid foundation that Charley has gifted each of us in so many ways. While he may be gone, he has not left us and he will be looking down on us and cheering us on to keep doing great things."

A Celebration of Life to honor Charley and his legacy is scheduled as follows:

Charley's Celebration of Life

Date: Wednesday, August 28, 2024

Time: 2pm – 4pm MST

Location: Arid Club 1137 W River Street, Boise, ID

This celebration will be an opportunity for all of us to have time together honoring Charley, sharing memories and many smiles.

In lieu of flowers, the family has asked that a donation be made to [Folds of Honor](#), a mission that Charley was very passionate about.



LET'S GO WASHINGTON

As many of you know, *Let's Go Washington* has successfully collected enough signatures to put four initiatives on the ballot for November's election. Those initiatives are:

- I-2117: Stop the Hidden Gas Tax (Repeal of the CCA in WA)
- I-2066: Stop the Natural Gas Ban
- I-2109: Repeal the Capital Gains Tax
- I-2124: Opt-Out of State Run Long Term Care Coverage Act

To read the full text on what each of these initiatives do, [CLICK HERE](#).

The Washington Independent Distributors of Energy, along with several other associations in the state have agreed to support efforts of LGW, in an effort to get these initiatives voted for in November. The "Vote Yes, Pay Less" campaign needs our help and support.

How can you help?

- Spread the word to your employees on how important it is to "Vote Yes and Pay Less" on all four initiatives
- Make a donation to LGW to help with PR and Advertising
- Use the attachments as invoice stuffers and mailers to your customers so we can spread the word
- Send out as an email asking for your customer's support to repeal the CCA, and lower the fees on fuel.
- Any other ways to get the word out that feel appropriate to you and your company.

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Women in Energy & Convenience Event

In conjunction with the Little Dogs Golf Tournament, NPM&CSA is launching the NPM&CSA Leaders in Energy and Convenience (LE&C) with a reception to be held at the Belleville Wine Bar in Reno, Nevada on September 18, 2024 between 6:00 - 7:30 pm.



Join NPM&CSA in a dynamic and supportive environment where your ideas matter, your growth is prioritized, and your contributions make a difference bridging the gap for women in energy and convenience through personal and professional development, career advancement, and social support.

Please register by September 9

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

The following information provided by:
EMA-Energy Marketers of America



FMCSA Warns Motor Carriers of Aggressive New Email Scam Involving U.S. DOT Numbers

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) issued a warning this week about fraudulent emails being sent by entities pretending to be officials of FMCSA. The emails are being sent to U.S. DOT number holders. The email includes a fake facsimile of the recipient's "expired" U.S. DOT number certificate and demand for money in exchange for continuing operating authority. This is a new, aggressive scheme where the visual design, English spelling, and FMCSA government officials' positions are not accurate. DO NOT respond or provide information to the senders.

What You Can Do:

- Do not click any suspicious links, [hover over them](#) to see the real email address or URL of that link. Click ONLY on links you deem trustworthy.
- Visit the Department of Homeland Security's [Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency](#) for more guidance on online deceiving tactics. Learn more about [phishing](#).
- The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) recommends following certain [procedures](#) for email verification.
- File a complaint with the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) by using their [IC3 site](#).
- Reach out to the [FMCSA Contact Center](#) or call (1-800-832-5660) if you are the target of these practices.

Learn more about this email scam [here](#).

Federal Judge Tosses FTC's "Non-Competes" Final Rule

On Tuesday, Judge Ada Brown of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Texas ruled that the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) lacks legal authority to implement its "non-competes" rule. As the Small Business Legislative Council (SBLC) [previously alerted](#) (EMA is a contributing member) on April 23, 2024, the FTC voted 3-2 along political party lines to approve a new rule that essentially banned all non-competes for employees and independent contractors.

A tax firm, Ryan LLC, sued to block the rule in April. The U.S. Chamber of Commerce later joined the case as a plaintiff, as did the Business Roundtable, and two other business groups. Judge Brown concluded that the FTC exceeded its statutory authority in promulgating the rule and that the rule itself was arbitrary and capricious. Therefore, the rule is considered unlawful and, for

the moment, is now set aside (i.e., not enforceable). Victoria Graham, an FTC spokeswoman, said that the FTC would “keep fighting to stop non-competes that restrict the economic liberty of hardworking Americans.” Ms. Graham is further reported to have said that the FTC is “seriously considering a potential appeal, and today’s decision does not prevent the FTC from addressing non-competes through case-by-case enforcement actions.” This does leave open the possibility of further review by higher courts.

But, for now, there is a reprieve, and the rule is not enforceable.

USDA Accepting Applications for Higher Blend Infrastructure Grants; Announces 160 New Grant Recipients

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced it is continuing to accept applications for its Higher Blend Infrastructure Incentive Program (HBIIIP) for energy marketers. In addition the agency announced that USDA is funding [160 projects in 26 states](#) to expand access to clean energy systems and increase the availability of domestic biofuels. HBIIIP seeks to increase the availability of higher blends of ethanol and biodiesel derived from U.S. agricultural products by sharing the costs to build and retrofit biofuel-related infrastructure. Grants cover up to 75% or \$5 million of total project costs to help facilities convert to higher-blend fuels. The fuels must be greater than 10% for ethanol and greater than 5% for biodiesel.

The \$450 million in new funds are made on a quarterly calendar basis starting July 1. Each quarter the USDA is making available \$90 million to support a variety of fueling operations:

- Approximately \$67.5 million will be made available to transportation fueling facilities, including fueling stations; convenience stores; larger retail stores that also sell fuel; and transportation, freight, rail and marine fleet facilities.
- Approximately \$18 million will be available to fuel distribution facilities, including terminal operations, depots and midstream operations.
- Up to \$4.5 million will be made available to home heating oil distribution facilities.

There will be five application windows for HBIIIP between July 1, 2023, and September 30, 2024. A sixth application window will be opened if funding has not been exhausted. USDA continues to accept HBIIIP [applications](#) until September 30, 2024 at 4:30 p.m. ET. For more information, go to the [HBIIIP webpage](#).

Outside the Beltway: All Eyes on the Windy City

With fewer than 75 days remaining until the election, Vice President Harris and former President Trump are fiercely competing to win over undecided voters in critical swing states.

As the 2024 Democratic National Convention (DNC) unfolds, the Harris-Walz campaign is tackling complex, high-stakes issues that will determine who will occupy the White House in January 2025. From energy policies to tax disputes, the DNC highlights the Democrats' strategy to appeal to working-class voters while preparing for a showdown with Republicans on some of the most contentious issues in American politics.

Despite the Democrats' increasing hostility toward the oil and gas industry, fossil fuel leaders have made their presence known at the DNC. Even as progressive activists and lawmakers criticize these companies, industry representatives see opportunities to keep oil and gas issues on the agenda, regardless of the next administration. Vice President Harris' recent shift to support hydraulic fracturing is seen by some as an acknowledgment of the continued significance of fossil fuels in U.S. energy policy.

Still, the emphasis on green energy policies remains clear among the Democratic leadership. Vice presidential nominee Tim Walz, who is popular with climate activists for his strong environmental record as Minnesota's governor, took a different approach in his DNC speech. Rather than focusing on climate change, Walz leaned into his rural roots and working-class values. Introduced by Senator Amy Klobuchar as someone who could “take on the price of gas and change your tire,” Walz emphasized his background as a teacher, veteran, and small-town native, leaving out his environmental activism.

Looking ahead, one of the first significant challenges for the next president, whether Kamala Harris or Donald Trump, will be the impending expiration of key tax provisions from Trump's 2017 tax cuts. Set to expire at the end of 2025, these cuts include basic rates for individuals and families, the doubled Child Tax Credit, and reductions in estate taxes. Both candidates have made taxes a central theme in their campaigns. Trump is pushing to extend all expiring provisions and has proposed further cuts, including eliminating taxes on tips and Social Security income. Harris, in contrast, is focused on taxing the wealthy, expanding the Child Tax Credit, and has even embraced Trump's idea of not taxing tips.

The outcome of this tax debate will have far-reaching consequences. For Democrats, traditionally seen as weaker on tax issues, this is an opportunity to go on the offensive, bolstered by polling that suggests Trump's tax cuts were never widely popular. However, implementing Harris' proposals will be challenging, especially if Democrats do not control both Congress and the White House.

As the election race intensifies, these issues will be at the forefront, shaping the debate and ultimately determining the country's future direction.

EMA's Fall Meeting at the NACS Show 2024: October 6-7: Website and Registration Open!

EMA will hold its Fall Meeting in conjunction with the NACS Show on October 6-7 at the Encore at Wynn Las Vegas. The EMA meeting will begin with a New Attendee Orientation/Federal Legislative Update mid-afternoon on October 6. The NACS/EMA Reception Salute to State Association Executives (all EMA members are welcome) will follow at the Las Vegas Convention

Center in the Hunter Club Lounge. On the morning of October 7, there will be a Buffet Breakfast followed by Region and Committee Meetings. The EMA Board of Directors meeting is scheduled after the Distinguished Service Award Luncheon honoring Spirit® Petroleum President and former Washington State Marketer Gerry Ramm exclusively sponsored by **EMA Board of Directors Council Partner Federated Insurance**.

A final reminder invitation was sent to your inbox on August 20. **Registration deadline is September 3, 2024 at 12:00PM Eastern. Responding to the links on the invitation email is the recommended way to register or decline.**

Please note that our room block is sold out! Members have access to all other hotels with availability in the block. If the general block has rooms, you will continue to see those options.

[Click Here for EMA's Fall Meeting at the NACS Show Information](#)

Remember, the NACS Show registration is separate from EMA's Fall Meeting registration.

[Special EMA Members Code for NACS Show 2024 Registration](#)

The NACS Show is returning to Las Vegas this October, and deadlines are approaching.

[Click Here to Register for the NACS Show and Use the EMA Promocode: EMANS2024](#)

Using this code provides EMA with \$100 for every retailer or jobber paid registration at any rate. EMA encourages EMA state executives to promote and share with your state association's member companies. Please see attached [flyer](#).

***Please note that EMA State Execs are comped for NACS Show registration, and this link was sent out on August 12. Additionally, the NACS Show registration is separate from EMA's Fall Meeting registration.*

Again, the EMA NACS Show Registration Code is: EMANS2024 and [CLICK HERE](#) for Full Instructions to register.

Questions registering for NACS Show? Contact NACS Show registration customer service at nacs@maritz.com or 469-513-9489, Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. EST, for assistance.

[Weekend Reads](#)

[The Electric Vehicle Transition That Isn't](#)

[Trump says he may end EV tax credit: is open to naming Elon Musk as an adviser | Reuters](#)

[Oil giant Halliburton reportedly hit by cloud-based cyberattack | Cyber News](#)

[Reminder: California's High Gas Prices are Because of Bad Policy | American Energy Alliance](#)



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Nevada Little Dogs Event

September 19, 2024

Wolf Run Golf Club - Reno, NV

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UPMRA Convention

October 1-3, 2024

Hilton Garden Inn - St George, UT

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2025 WPMAEXPO KEYNOTE SPEAKER DONALD TRUMP JR

PLEASE NOTE UPCOMING DATES FOR WPMA EVENTS

September 19, 2024 - Nevada (NPM&CSA) Little Dogs Golf Event - Wolf Run Golf Club, Reno, NV

October 1-3, 2024 - Utah (UPMRA) Convention - Hilton Garden Inn - St. George, UT

February 18-20, 2025 - WPMAEXPO, MGM Grand Resort, Las Vegas, NV



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Petro Pete: What do you call a guy who's had too much to drink? A cab.

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