

#### **NEWSLETTER - DECEMBER 2020 EDITION**

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### **TAPL Upcoming Events**

December's Annual Toys for Tots Social Event has been cancelled.

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#### LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear TAPL Members,

Greetings everyone. The TAPL Board wishes you and your loved ones health and happiness this holiday season.

Thank you to those of you who could join us on November 9th to hear from Rick Muncrief, Chairman and CEO of WPX Energy. I thought it was a great night. We're very grateful to Rick for agreeing to speak amid such a hectic schedule. And thank you to WPX Energy and our WPX members for being great sponsors, and for a great WPX turnout. It was great to see many familiar faces and connect with a few new folks.

Many thanks to our Educational Director, Greg Geist, for setting up such a great speaker for our educational luncheon on November 17th. Dr. Jabraan Pasha, MD's presentation on implicit bias was fascinating. Dr. Pasha is a great presenter and it was a very interesting and informative presentation. Thank you very much to Dr. Pasha for spending some time with us and making us think. This was our first Zoom educational luncheon and, I have to say, it went pretty darn well. We had record attendance for an educational luncheon. For sure over 40, but with a few conference rooms full of folks at offices, it might have been more like 60. The writing is on the wall that we should look into offering more continuing education opportunities like this via zoom and at no cost.

We are sad to have to cancel our Toys for Tots Christmas Social. But the Board felt it best to cancel. TAPL loves partnering with the Marines and Toys for Tots, who try to provide toys to families that need a little support. We hope you saw our note about ways you can still support Toys for Tots this holiday Season and hope you will consider donating.

Our January Social is a little up in the air at the moment. We are considering sending a survey to membership to see if there's enough interest to have a small event to watch the NCAA football National Championship. Or, depending on variables outside of our control, we may have to cancel. We don't take cancelling events lightly. We'll continue to monitor things and provide as many events as we can throughout the rest of this year. Skeet shoot in February looks positive, so stay tuned for more updates.

We were so sad to hear about Cheryl Paige's passing. We have certainly lost too many wonderful land and legal folks over the past few years. Cheryl was such a joy to be around. She had such a positive impact on so many people throughout her life. God bless Cheryl and her loved ones. Please see Cheryl's obituary in this newsletter.

Please check out our featured sponsor in the newsletter this month, Gable Gotwals. Thank you to the crew over at Gable for sponsoring this year. We greatly appreciate it. Really talented group of people in my opinion, and I suspect many of you echo that.

We have some mentoring opportunities available for our University of Tulsa students. If you could by chance make the small time investment, please contact Tayler Peterson for more information. More info in this newsletter.

As always, if you have any questions, concerns, suggestions or otherwise, please reach out to myself or any of our Board Members. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you and yours! Cheers to 2021.

Hope to see you at our upcoming events!

Sincerely,

Michael D. Schooley, CPL

**TAPL President** 



#### In Memory of Cheryl Paige

Cheryl Lynn Paige, born December 19,1953 in Nowata, Oklahoma and passed from this life on Saturday, November 21, 2020 at her home in Sapulpa, Oklahoma.

Cheryl attended Nowata Schools and graduated from NHS with the Class of 1972. She played the flute and was Drum Major in the NHS Marching Band. After high school she attended Central State College in Edmond.

Cheryl had a long and successful career in the Oil and Gas Industry, working for several companies in Oklahoma and Texas. She retired from Cimarex Energy Company in Tulsa in 2018. Cheryl loved to travel and had been many places in and out of the United States, but her favorite place to vacation was Montana. She loved the mountains, the village of Whitefish, and Wild Horse Island. But the place she loved the most was Grand



Lake. She was a gracious host and was very generous with her Lake Home. She took many friends and relatives on boat trips around the lake and could back a boat in better than anyone! Cheryl was a very loving owner of her dogs, Gracie and Montana. One of her hobbies while living in Dallas was singing with the Sweet Adeline Chorus "The Richtones." While singing with "The Richtones," they won first Place at the Sweet Adelines International Competition in Baltimore. Cheryl fought a brave and courageous battle with Cancer, always taking the high road and keeping a smile on her face. She was loved her family and friends and was fiercely loyal to them.

She is survived by Best Friend, Glenn Myers, Sister and Brother-in-law, Karen and John McCracken of Sapulpa, several nieces and nephews and two great nieces.

Cheryl was preceded in death by her parents Bob and Jewel Fern Paige and grandparents Roy and Cora Plecker and Chester and Ruby Paige.

The family would like to thank Griswold Home Health and Grace Hospice for the wonderful care they provided.

Cheryl's family would like to request that any remembrances be made to Wild Heart Ranch, P.O. Box 170, Foyil, OK 74017 or use PayPal.me/wildheart (non-profit #05-0541861) or any Animal Shelter of your choice.

A private family memorial service will be held at a later date. Arrangements are under the direction of Benjamin Funeral Service of Nowata. Online condolences may be left at www.honoringmemories.com.



#### TOYS FOR TOTS - DECEMBER SOCIAL



# 2020 December Social Cancellation Notice

Dear TAPL Member,

The TAPL Board of Directors regrets to inform the membership that it has made the difficult decision to cancel this year's annual Toys for Tots December Social event due to the ongoing pandemic caused by the COVID-19 virus. While we strive to provide to our members with as many networking events as possible, the Tulsa area has seen a recent spike in the number of COVID-19 cases, and we feel that it is necessary to cancel the in-person event in an effort to put the safety of our members first. The TAPL Board of Directors will continue to monitor the ongoing pandemic and will update the membership as to the status of upcoming networking events accordingly.

TAPL has a long standing tradition of contributing monetary and toy donations to Toys for Tots. Despite the unfortunate cancellation of the December Social Event, the Board is encouraging the membership to continue the annual tradition by using one of the three options outlined below.

- Donate Toys Online
- Donate Monetarily Online
- <u>Donate Toys in Person</u>—TAPL has arranged to provide its members with physical drop off locations. If you prefer, you can do your shopping at your favorite local store and drop off your donation at one of the following sites:

\*Drop off Deadline for Donations will be 12/14/2020\*

Cimarex Energy Lobby

202 S. Cheyenne Ave., Tulsa, OK 74103 - Check in with Security upon arrival.

Anchor Land Group Lobby

5800 S. Lewis Ave, Suite #266, Tulsa, OK 74105 - Check in with Alex Robinson upon arrival at (918) 695-2380.



TAPL would like to recognize Murray Land Services for its generous contribution to this event!



#### COMPREHENSIVE SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT





www.gablelawlaw.com

For more information on becoming a Comprehensive Sponsor, please refer to page 9



#### TAPL ANNUAL SPORTING CLAY SHOOT



# \$AVE THE DATE: \$PORTING CLAY\$ at THE TUL\$A GUN CLUB

TAPL's Annual Sporting Clay Shoot will be held at the Tulsa Gun Club on February 19, 2021. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend!



For any questions or to discuss sponsorship opportunities please contact the Events Director, <u>Kristina Barnes</u>.





#### TAPL MENTORING PROGRAM



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#### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

TAPL'S Scholarship, Endowment, Awards, and Mentoring (SEAM) Committee is currently looking for volunteers who are willing to be a mentor for the TAPL and University of Tulsa Mentoring Program. The purpose of the mentoring program is to pair junior and senior Energy Management students at the University of Tulsa with a land professional here in the Tulsa area in order to impact the next generation of land professionals, both during their education and after.

With the challenging times the industry currently finds itself in, it is now more important than ever to invest in this next generation of land professionals as they transition into the oil industry. Many former mentees have become land professionals here in the Tulsa area, and credit the mentoring program and the networking it provides as critical to early success in their careers.

As a mentor, you will be asked to attend a monthly luncheon with your student mentee where you will network with other land professionals, meet their respective mentees, and get to hear from awesome guest speakers within our industry. In addition to monthly luncheons, you will be asked to meet with your mentee once a month outside of TAPL events. Many mentors in the past have used this opportunity to meet up with their mentee for coffee, lunch, or even to bring their mentee up to the office to show him or her the day-to-day tasks of a land professional.

The SEAM committee is also planning a happy hour for mentors and their mentee to attend, in addition to many other fun events!

While these events are subject to change due to COVID, the SEAM committee is currently planning to begin events early this winter. We will continue to keep everyone updated as we near closer to this time frame.

The SEAM committee is very excited for all we have planned for this program and feel this will allow TAPL to have an even greater impact on our community's future land professionals and local Energy Management program. If you are interested in becoming a mentor, please reach out to Dustin Cates at dcates@paladinlandgroup.com.

Best Regards,

#### **Tayler Peterson**

Scholarship, Endowment, Awards, And Mentoring Committee Communications Director



#### 2020-2021 COMPREHENSIVE SPONSORS

TAPL would like to thank and recognize the following 2020-2021 Comprehensive Sponsors for their generous support!

#### GOLD SPONSORS





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#### **COMPREHENSIVE SPONSORSHIP**



This year, the TAPL Board decided to enhance its Comprehensive Sponsor experience. We know that, as a sponsor, your objectives are to promote brand awareness and engage with our 250+ (and growing!) members. Throughout this packet, you will find new opportunities, exclusive to Comprehensive Sponsors, that will undoubtedly serve as paths to achieving those goals. TAPL's charge is to facilitate excellent networking and educational opportunities so that each member and company can continue to accelerate their career and business. Sponsorship plays a pivotal role in creating that environment. TAPL looks forward to partnering with you as a 2020-2021 Comprehensive Sponsor.

If interested in becoming a comprehensive sponsor, please contact <u>Kristina</u>

Barnes. For full details regarding sponsorship opportunities click here



#### ASK THE ATTORNEY

ASK THE ATTORNEY BY: JACOB CHARNEY CHARNEY BROWN, LLC

Welcome to "Ask the Attorney." This new monthly segment will provide TAPL members an opportunity to get their energy related legal questions answered—without that hefty legal bill. Whether you have a unique title issue or just a general legal question, this segment will provide you guidance. Each month I will select one submitted inquiry and provide an analysis.

#### **QUESTION:**

In Oklahoma, how does a Court determine whether a lease has terminated due to becoming incapable of producing in paying quantities? If determined to be incapable of producing in paying quantities, is the lease considered terminated upon the judicial order?

#### ANSWER:

The seminal Oklahoma case regarding lease termination as a result of a well becoming incapable of producing in paying quantities is *Stewart v. Amerada Hess Corp.*, 604 P.2d 854 (Okla. 1979). There, the Oklahoma Supreme Court found that the question of whether a lease has terminated for cessation of production in paying quantities is a question that must be determined on a case-by-case basis, where "the result in each case must depend upon the circumstances that surround cessation." *Id.* at 858 (emphasis added). The Court held that, in order for a lease to terminate as a result of the well ceasing to be capable of producing in paying quantities, there must be something more than just a "slight or short" cessation of production capability. *Id.* According to the Court, there must be a factual consideration regarding whether the cessation might have been "reasonable or justifiable in light of all the circumstances involved." *Id.* The relevant holding is as follows:

[T]he lease continues in existence so long as interruption of production in paying quantities does not extend for a period longer than reasonable or justifiable in light of all the circumstances involved. But under No circumstances will cessation of production in paying quantities ipso facto deprive the lessee of his extended-term estate.

A decree of lease cancellation may be rendered where the record shows that the well in suit was not producing in paying quantities <u>and</u> there are no compelling equitable considerations to justify continued production from the unprofitable well operations.

Id. at 858.

Accordingly, the analysis is two-fold and dependent upon the facts of each case. The first step in the analysis is to determine whether the subject well did in fact, at some point, become incapable of producing in paying quantities. If this cannot be shown, then the analysis ends, and the lease cannot be found to have terminated under its own terms. However, if it can be shown that the well did become incapable of producing in paying quantities, then the second step in the analysis is to determine if the cessation was "reasonable or justifiable in light of all the circumstances involved." If the lessee can offer sufficient proof regarding a legitimate justification, then the lease will be declared still in force. On the other hand, if there is not sufficient justification for the prolonged cessation, then the lease will be declared terminated. And as made clear by the *Baytide*, *supra*, case, the termination of such a lease will be *deemed* to have occurred, not when the judicial order issued, but rather at some point in the past—a point, moreover, that will also be determined based upon the unique facts of the case.

According to binding Oklahoma Supreme Court authority, "it is the failure to produce in paying quantities during the lease's secondary term rather than the entrance of a court order which terminates a lease." Baytide Petroleum, Inc. v. Continental Resources, Inc., 231 P.3d 1144, 1149 (Okla. 2010) (emphasis added). See also id. at 1145 (syllabus #1) ("We hold that it is not the court order which terminates the lease. Rather, it is the failure to produce in paying quantities under the habendum clause during the lease's secondary term." (emphasis added)).

Under Oklahoma law, therefore, a lease terminates, not upon the entrance of a court order finding that the subject well is incapable of producing in paying quantities, but instead when the well *actually* became incapable of producing in paying quantities. Consequently, the termination of a lease occurs *retrospective* to the judicial order finding that the subject well was not capable of producing in paying quantities. As explained by the Court, "the entrance of a judicial decree becomes necessary, <u>not for the purpose of cancelling the lease</u>, but to adjudicate the appropriate remedy." *Id.* at 1149 (emphasis added) (citing *Enfield v. Atlantic Richfield*, 779 F. Supp. 33 (W.D. Okla. 1989)).

Do you have a legal question? Please submit it for next month's segment to ask@charneybrown.com

"The information contained in this segment is provided for informational purposes only, and should not be construed as legal advice on any subject matter."



#### 2020-2021 TAPL EVENT SCHEDULE

TAPL currently has the following membership events scheduled for the 2020-2021 year:

<u>CANCELLED</u> —Christmas Social Toys for Tots
January Social - Location TBA
Skeet Shoot - Tulsa Gun Club
Dinner Meeting - Summit Club
Spring Volunteer - Iron Gate
Spring Seminar +HH - OU Schusterman, Perkins Auditorium
Spring Golf Tournament - Indian Springs

More events, such as Educational Luncheons will be added to the above schedule as the dates and venues are finalized.

More information will be communicated to all members as each event gets closer, but go ahead and mark your calendars today! You won't want to miss out on any of these great events! (click to link to online event page)

















#### **UPCOMING AAPL EDUCATION EVENTS**

#### **AAPL STATEMENT REGARDING CORONAVIRUS**

AAPL is taking all developments concerning the coronavirus (COVID-19) very seriously and will continue to closely monitor the situation. At this time, we have made the difficult decision to postpone all in-person education events through **December 31**, **2020**, to prevent the potential spread of the virus. We will continue to monitor the situation along with health authorities and the association's volunteer leaders. The health and safety of all our attendees is our highest priority.

Due to the ongoing uncertainty regarding the coronavirus situation, AAPL will not charge a cancellation fee if you decide to not attend an in-person event in the interim based on concerns around your health or travel.

#### **December 2020 AAPL Education Events**

- December 8: Working Interest & Net Revenue Interest Webinar
- December 11-12: December Board Meeting 2020
- December 18: AAPL RPL/CPL Exam Only Fort Worth, TX

#### **Tulsa Specific 2020 AAPL Education Events**

• Stay Tuned for More Events!

Click <u>here</u> to register for these great events and to view a full calendar of educational opportunities.





#### 2020-2021 AAPL AWARDS NOMINATION





## Call for 2020-21 AAPL Awards Nominations

You are invited to submit your nominations and entries for AAPL's 2020-21 Awards Program, which recognize members and local associations achieving the highest standards of excellence in the land profession.

Visit the Awards/Nominations section of our website for online award descriptions, submission process and downloadable entry forms.

#### Entries may be submitted online or mailed to:

Aaron R. Yost, CPL AAPL Headquarters 800 Fournier St. Fort Worth, TX 76102

Deadline for all entries is Jan. 10, 2021.

For more information regarding nominations, refer to link <a href="here">here</a>



#### TAPL EDUCATIONAL WAIVER

To promote the continued education of our members, the TAPL Board has approved educational event funding for unemployed members. To be eligible, you must have been a member during the 2019-2020 year and currently be an Active or Associate member. This credit will apply to the 2020-2021 Spring Seminar and Education Luncheons. Each qualifying member will receive a maximum benefit up to \$150.00 for the 2020-2021 year to be applied towards educational events at your discretion. The credit will be available when signing up for an educational event and applications will be subject to Board approval.

If you are interested in applying to receive TAPL's Education Waiver, you can download the form by clicking the below link.

#### **TAPL Education Waiver Form**

Please complete the form in its entirety and submit it to Rhonda Stacy at the email listed below for consideration. Once the TAPL Board of Directors has reviewed and approved your application, you will receive instructions on how to register for educational events and will be able to utilize the credit.

If you have any questions or need further information, please reach out to Rhonda Stacy at rhondalstacy@gmail.com.

Respectfully,

The TAPL Board of Directors







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## LAND LINKS

Paladin Land Group's Courthouse Activity Scout Report



#### **Local/Domestic News**

#### International

#### Regulatory

FERC fights Chesapeake's bankruptcy plan

Aramco Hires Moelis to Raise \$Bs from Asset Sales

RRC Barred from Waiving Environmental Rules

Williams adds new member to board of directors

The OPEC Member That Could Derail The Production Cut Plan

Oil drilling OK'd in protected area of North Dakota Badlands; environmental groups cry foul

**OK Senate Energy and Transpor**tation Committees named

Pemex Imposes Vitol Business Ban

Biofuel groups and DOJ push their legal fight over biofuels

Permian Highway Start-Up Sending Natural Gas to Gulf Coast

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> EPA okays new rule to roadblock Biden administration

The Companies That Could Benefit From A Major Pipeline Shortage

**OVL Makes Significant Colombia** Find

Russia Tightens Its Grip On Kurdi-

Tighter drilling restrictions adopted around Boulder, Colora Do

#### **Helpful Resources:**

stan Oil

Pandemic Crushes U.S. Refining Capacity

Schlumberger Oilfield Glossary - Where the Oil Field Meets the Dictionary. Contains more than 4600 definitions and

**E&P/Industry News Sites:** 

US rig count shows slight gain in past week

acronyms for major oilfield activities.

**RBN Energy Daily Blog** 

**RBC Richardson Barr** 

Oil & Gas Community

Enel Green helps Northern Oklahoma College restart wind tech program

- AAPL Toolkit An invaluable resource center with facts & statistics regarding the oil & gas industry and our communities and environment. Provides resources needed to become true ambassadors for our industry.
- Oil&Gas Journal
- Oil and Gas Investor
- **Rigzone News**
- **Fuelfix**
- **OK Energy Today**



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#### **DECEMBER 2020 NEWSLETTER**

#### LANDMAN ACTIVITIES

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mixture	condensing	evaporating	boiling
distillation	fractional	propane	pentane
butane	ethane	methane	naptha
kerosene	bitumen	diesel	petrol
crude oil			