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People

Emily Childers

The Kentucky Oil and Gas Association has named Emily Childers to serve as association manager. Childers joins KOGA after spending nine years in event management roles. She began her career at the Lexington Center Corporation as an event manager, and more recently, as the convention services manager and catering sales manager for the Hilton Lexington Downtown. In these capacities, she managed events of all sizes, including trade shows, galas, meetings, conventions and social events.

Clayton A. Carrell has joined Southwestern Energy Co. as executive vice president and chief operating officer.

Carrell comes from EP Energy, where he served as executive vice president and COO starting in 2012. After joining El Paso Corporation in 2007, he held various executive leadership roles and helped establish EP Energy as an independent company before being named COO. Before El Paso, Carrell was vice president of engineering and operations at Peoples Energy Production. From 1988 to 2001, he worked for Burlington Resources and ARCO Oil and Gas Co.

Marcus Vondenstein

Seminole Services, which provides torsionally-set expandable liner hangers, has hired Marcus Vondenstein as director of business development.

Vondenstein comes to Seminole from Weatherford International, where he most recently served as U.S. land sales manager for well integrity/tubular running services. Before Weatherford, he spent 14 years at Enventure Global Technology.

Vondenstein began his career in 1995 with Frank’s Casing Crews before moving to Grant Prideco in 1998. He played a crucial role in the field appraisal for Grant’s XPC connection and took part in the first commercial installation of the connection and expandable technology in 1999.

BJ Services has appointed Kelly Youngblood to be its executive vice president and chief financial officer. Youngblood has 29 years of experience, most recently having served as the senior vice president and chief financial officer of Diamond Offshore. Before Diamond, he held a variety of executive and leadership positions with Haliburton.

David Cedro has joined Danos as vice president of finance and administration, with responsibility for overseeing the company’s domestic and international administration, finance and accounting activities. He succeeds James Callahan.

Cedro has 25 years of experience in construction and energy accounting and finance, including management positions with Ernst & Young, Arthur Andersen and the Shaw Group. He also has worked with a variety of public and private companies, advising them on finance, administration and risk management.

Callahan moves into a new role as vice president of project services, where he will oversee the company’s project management, construction, fabrication, automation, coatings and scaffolding service lines.

Fred. C. Julander

Fred. C. Julander, one of the founders of the Colorado Oil & Gas Association and its president in 1990-91, has passed.

During his 45-year career, Julander was a tireless advocate for Rocky Mountain natural gas. In 1989, he founded the Rocky Mountain Natural Gas Strategy Conference (now the Energy Summit), an annual conference and exhibition that he chaired until 2013. Under his leadership, the event addressed issues by combining insight from industry leaders with comments from environmentalists, historians, policymakers and other experts.

Julander’s career in Colorado’s oil fields began in 1972. In 1989, he formed Julander Energy Co., which focused on developing unconventional resources in Colorado and Wyoming. He participated in discovering the Teardrop Field’s Lewis sands in Moffat County, Co., and the Atlantic Rim coalbed methane field in Carbon County, Wy.

Julander served on the National Petroleum Council, which advises the Secretary of Energy. In 2014, he received COGA’s inaugural Lifetime Achievement Award in recognition of his enduring impact on the industry.