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AAPL choses Yates president of North American Association



BROOKS YATES, CPL

Jack Brooks Yates, Jr., CPL, is a native of Lexington and a graduate of Central Holmes Academy. Yates is the son of Jack Yates and the late Patricia Yates, both of Lexington.

The American Association of Professional Landmen, the premier organization for land professionals in the oil & gas and renewable energy industries, has nominated Brooks Yates, CPL, as its 69th president. Yates, who currently serves as AAPL first vice president, will formally be presented for his one-year term in June at the 2023 AAPL Annual Meeting in Huntington Beach, California, following a vote by the membership.

"Brooks has been an inte-

gral part of AAPL, serving in numerous leadership positions over the past 30-plus years. We are looking forward to the positive impact his vision and leadership will have on our association as well as the energy industry," said AAPL Executive Vice President Greta Zeimet, CAE, SHRM-SCP.

An AAPL member since 1985, Yates served on the Executive Committee as treasurer during 2010-11, spent three terms as a director and has chaired the NAPE Advisory Board, NAPE Operators Committee, Southwest Land Institute, Publications Committee and Marketing Committee.

Last year, AAPL leaders asked Yates to join the Executive Committee again, this time as AAPL first vice president — a two-year commitment that includes one year as VP and the next as president.

"When contemplating accepting this position and balancing it with work and family, I asked my father for his thoughts, and his immediate response was: 'Time to give a little back,'" Yates said. "I had similar thoughts when I first volunteered with AAPL

over 30 years ago. The organization has done a lot for me over the course of my career, and I am excited to continue the efforts of so many who strive to make AAPL the best that it can be."

A native of Mississippi and an alumnus of The University of Mississippi, Yates began his career in the oil & gas business in the 1980s as a landman with Hunt Energy Corp. and Placid Oil Co. before being relocated to Shreveport and ultimately Dallas. During the 1990s, he was land manager for The Rudman Partnership and then spent more than 15 years as vice president of land at Ventex Oil & Gas Inc. Currently he is senior vice president of A&D/land at Peregrine Petroleum Partners Ltd., an oil and gas exploration and production company with offices in Dallas and Houston and operations in Texas, North Dakota, Oklahoma and Louisiana.

Yates is a longtime member of the Houston Association of Professional Landmen, the Ark-La-Tex Association of Professional Landmen and the Dallas Association of Petroleum Landmen, (Continued on page 3.)

IRS opens the Jackson Taxpayer Assistance Center

WASHINGTON — The IRS will open the Jackson Taxpayer Assistance Center on Saturday, March 11 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 100 W. Capital St., Jackson, Mississippi 39269. The special opening is part of its efforts

to improve service this tax season.

During the special Saturday opening, taxpayers can receive face-to-face help from IRS employees without an appointment.

Normally, these centers are

open during the week and people should have appointments to receive services. But during these Saturday hours, walk-ins will be accepted for all services routinely offered at an office, (Continued on page 3.)

Local Students Page in Mississippi House



JACKSON, Miss. (March 9, 2023) – Swayze Marquerdt of Vaiden and Cailey McBride of Durant recently served as pages for the Mississippi House of Representatives. Pages generally run errands for officials and House staff. Marquerdt, 17, is the daughter of Marsha and Steven Marquerdt. McBride, also 17, is the daughter of Misty and Mike McBride. Both young ladies are seniors at Winona Christian School, and they were sponsored by Speaker Pro Tempore Jason White (R – West). L-R: Fellow page Caroline Shappley, Swayze Marquerdt, Cailey McBride and Speaker Pro Tem Jason White.

Miss Mississippi visits Goodman-Pickens Elementary School



Miss Mississippi, Emmie Perkins, visited with the 1st graders at GPE on Thursday, March 9th. Ms. Perkins played songs and brought instruments for students to make music with. She read a popular book that each student loved. She concluded the day by reading some of the letters the 1st graders had written for her. The faculty, staff, and students thoroughly enjoyed her visit.

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Thursday
Partly Cloudy
74/59

Precip. Chance
15%



Friday
Rain
63/33

Precip. Chance
90%



Saturday
Partly Cloudy
53/30

Precip. Chance
2%



Sunday
Partly Cloudy
50/32

Precip. Chance
1%



Monday
Mostly Cloudy
56/42

Precip. Chance
8%



Tuesday
Showers
61/46

Precip. Chance
58%



Wednesday
AM Showers
68/54

Precip. Chance
37%

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