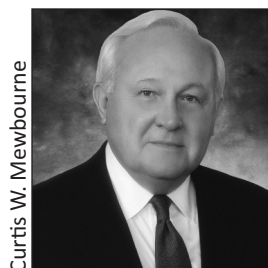


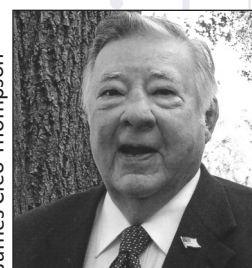
*The Petroleum Hall of Fame is dedicated to those who cherished the freedom to dare, and whose work and service helped develop the Permian Basin.*



Joseph B. McShane, Jr.



Curtis W. Mewbourne



James Cleo Thompson

## Three to Join Petroleum Hall of Fame

Three pioneering Permian Basin oil men will be joining 142 other members of the Petroleum Hall of Fame during the induction ceremony on Tuesday, May 9, at the Petroleum Club. The Class of 2017 includes **Joseph B. McShane, Jr., Curtis W. Mewbourne** and **James Cleo Thompson**.

**JOE MCSHANE** was born in San Antonio in 1929, attended Trinity University and then the University of Texas, graduating with a bachelor's degree in petroleum engineering in 1952. He moved to West Texas where he spent his career in the petroleum industry, primarily in waterflood development in the Permian Basin. He worked for several major oil companies, including Forest Oil and Signal Oil and Gas. In 1959, he formed the partnership Wood and McShane with B. Oliver Wood. Four years later the two men joined with W.H. Thams, a Midland geologist, to form Wood, McShane and Thams. This firm acquired, developed and operated a number of properties.

McShane was a pioneer in drilling coal bed methane wells into coal formations in the Raton Basin. In the early 1990s he drilled several deep exploration wells in Martin, Midland and Andrews counties based on emerging 3-D seismic technology.

**CURTIS W. MEWBOURNE** was born in 1935 in Shreveport, Louisiana. He graduated from the University of Oklahoma with a degree in petroleum engineering and in 1965 he founded Mewbourne Oil Company. The company has drilled more than 1,000 wells in the Permian Basin and 1,400 wells in the Anadarko Basin. His commitment and innovation have led to the discovery of multiple new resource opportunities.

Mewbourne lives in Tyler and is committed to children and education. He provided funding for the Mewbourne Hall of Mathematics and Science at All Saints Episcopal School in Tyler and at St. John's School in Houston. He has endowed seven Mewbourne Chairs in Petroleum Engineering at OU, as well as the Mewbourne Professorship in Petroleum Engineering. Mewbourne Oil Co. is the largest supporter of student scholarships and internships over the past 25 years at OU.

**JAMES CLEO THOMPSON** was born in 1930 in Dallas. In 1948 he entered Southern Methodist University where he studied engineering and geology. He planned to enter law school in 1952 but he and his father purchased 12 oil wells near Crane. Thompson was sent to get the wells back into production and his fascination with the people, the business and the values of the oil industry began. More leases were acquired and an office was opened in Crane. In 1960 when the Thompsons began drilling near Odessa, the office was moved to Odessa.

Since 1952, Thompson has been responsible for the discovery, development and unitization of such fields as the Hoban, West Means, Furman Mascho, University 29, University 21, Slaughter, Levelland Cowden South and many more. Today, the company operates more than 925 wells and has interests in about 9,000 wells, most of which are in the Permian Basin. He was one of the first operators to sand frac and to use rubber balls for diversion back in the early 1950s. In the late 1980s he was one of the smaller independents to use 3-D seismic.

Thompson, who died in 2010, was known as an old-school wildcatter who believed that a handshake sealed the deal.



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## Energy Speaker Dr. Gibbs to Highlight Event

### *MC Energy Leaders & Museum Energy Circle Members* *Thursday, May 11 Midland College*

Midland College Energy Leaders and the Petroleum Museum's Energy Circle members will have the opportunity to hear **Dr. Sam G. Gibbs** speak at Midland College on Thursday, May 11. The series is open to Midland College students and members of the Energy Leaders and the Energy Circle groups.



**Dr. Sam G. Gibbs**

Dr. Gibbs obtained his Bachelor of Science in mechanical engineering and his Master of Science in mathematics from Texas A&M University. While working for Shell's Research facility in Houston, he earned his Ph.D. in mechanical engineering from Rice University. Recognizing the need for improvement in sucker rod pumping technology, he developed, and Shell patented, a mathematical method for analyzing rod pumping operations using the wave equation. He is responsible for the invention of the SAM Well Manager, the most popular pump off control (POC) in the world today.

Dr. Gibbs remains active in the petroleum industry as he continues to develop new technology for the petroleum industry. Dr. Gibbs is an inspiration to industry professionals as well as students, and you won't want to miss this opportunity to hear him discuss his work and his hopes and challenges for the next generation.

For more information about this event, please call Carey Behrends at the Museum, 432-683-4403. To find out more about becoming a Petroleum Museum Energy Circle member, call Luanne Thornton at the Museum, 432-683-4403 or go to our website, [pbpetro.org](http://pbpetro.org), click on Membership and go to Contributing Members for information on joining the Energy Circle.

## Chris Lewicki Topic: Asteroid Mining

### *Arlen Edgar Distinguished Lecture Series* *Thursday, April 13 Free Admission*

The Petroleum Museum will host **Chris Lewicki**, Planetary Resources President and CEO, at the next **Arlen Edgar Distinguished Lecture** on Thursday, April 13.

Chris Lewicki serves as the Chief Executive Officer and President of Planetary Resources, Inc. and has served as its Chief Engineer. He has been closely involved with the life cycle of NASA's Mars Exploration Rovers and the Phoenix Mars Lander. He performed system engineering development and participated in assembly, test and launch operations for both Mars missions. He was also Flight Director for the rovers "Spirit" and "Opportunity," and the Surface Mission Manager for "Phoenix." The recipient of two NASA Exceptional Achievement Medals, Lewicki has an asteroid named in his honor: 13609 Lewicki. He holds bachelor's and master's degrees in aerospace engineering from the University of Arizona.



Planetary Resources, Inc. is an American company whose goal is to "expand Earth's natural resource base" by developing and deploying the technologies for asteroid mining. Chunks of primitive rocky bodies orbit relatively close to Earth. Planetary Resources developed sensors to scan these asteroids for water, carbon, metals and other resources that can be used in space to refuel rockets, construct equipment and other projects. Planetary Resources is to launch its first commercial asteroid prospecting mission by 2020.

Museum Members will have an exclusive opportunity to meet Chris Lewicki between 6:30 and 7 p.m. (before his program). The auditorium doors will open at 6:45 p.m. for general admission, and the program will start at 7 p.m. Admission is free; reservations are requested. The Arlen Edgar Distinguished Lecture Series is generously sponsored by the **Abell-Hanger Foundation**.

## Special Venue Looking for Unusual Event Location?

From corporate team-building meetings or board meetings to private parties and intimate cocktail receptions, the Petroleum Museum is a unique venue that can make your event truly unforgettable.



Several options throughout the museum are available depending on the size of your event. The auditorium is the perfect setting for company training sessions or large dinner parties. Consider renting the entire museum for a very special evening. The Oil Patch has had additional exterior lighting installed and is available for grand outdoor events. A casual event or an intimate dinner can take place in the café and on

the terrace, overlooking the oil patch. Consider a cozy setting in the spectacular mineral gallery or an elite setting in the beautiful marine diorama.

Options are limited only by your imagination. Daytime and evening rentals are available. Contact Carey Behrends, 432-683-4403, to discuss your opportunities.



## Mineral Gallery Texas Home to Valuable Topaz

Topaz is one of the most valued semi-precious gemstones in the world...and it is the Texas state gemstone! Blue topaz was adopted as the state's gemstone in 1969. Texas topaz is usually colorless to white, though some of the most beautiful and startling gemstones are in the light-blue to sky-blue range. In color, size and clarity, Texas topaz is considered among the best in the United States.

Naturally occurring blue topaz is actually quite rare and can be found only in the Texas Hill Country in Mason. It was first recognized in Mason County in 1904. Old-timers remember stumbling onto the quartz-like gemstones while searching creek beds for arrowheads. Sometimes the stones were so big they could be used as doorstops. It was the arrowhead that had value in those days; the topaz was just another pretty rock.

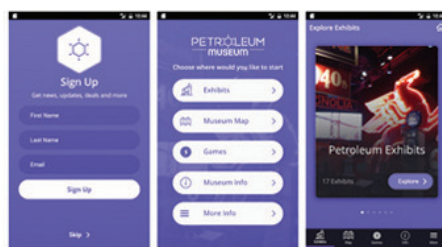
Mason County boasts the largest gem-quality topaz crystal ever found in North America. It is a 1,296-gram pale blue crystal that now resides in the Smithsonian Institution in Washington. Most pieces are considerably smaller, generally less than a couple of inches long with a diameter of less than an inch.

This and many other minerals are featured in the Museum's Mineral Gallery.



**Texas Topaz**  
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## Exciting App! Add Museum App to cell phone



Enhance your Petroleum Museum experience with our new Petroleum Museum App!

The app includes a map of the Museum with links for detailed information about exhibits. Visitors can also take a quiz, do a scavenger hunt, and map their path around the Museum. Links are provided to allow guests to browse our website, join our email list, and find out about upcoming events.

Download the free app "Petroleum Museum" to your cell phone or tablet via the App Store or Google Play today.





## Get Ready for Summer Science, Movie Camps

The Museum is excited to announce that we are expanding our Summer Science Classes into four-day Science Camps! Starting in July, there will be four sessions centered around different scientific themes. Topics will include Robotics, STEM Art, and Earth & Space. The camps will be held Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 12 noon. Students will engage in age-appropriate experiments and creative activities that they will build upon each day. Building a love of science develops patience, perseverance and communication skills in children. Plus, we have a lot of fun! The cost per student is \$80 for Petroleum Museum members and \$100 for non-members.



To allow for in-depth learning and engagement at our Science Camps, we will be condensing Movie Camps to the month of June only. Each Movie Camp will continue to feature a movie, popcorn, experiment, and games. Movie Camps will be held every Tuesday in June with two time options: 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon OR 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. Cost per child is \$5 and adults are free! Register online at [pbpetro.org](http://pbpetro.org).



### Movie Camp Schedule

June 6	“Finding Dory”
June 13	“Trolls”
June 20	“Moana”
June 27	“SING”

### Summer Science Camp Schedule

July 10-13	K-2	Building Bots Robotics
July 17-20	3-6	Building Bots Robotics
July 24-27	2-6	STEM Art
July 31-Aug 3	2-6	Earth & Space



## Family Science Night: Wild for Wildlife

Thursday, April 27, 2017

6:30 to 8 p.m.

GO WILD at our upcoming “Wild for Wildlife” Family Science Night on Thursday, April 27th from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Get up close and personal with exotic wildlife as you see, touch and learn through hands-on science experiments, demonstrations, and creative activities. Admission is FREE. Family Science Nights are brought to you by our generous sponsors at **CHEVRON**.

Museum Members enjoy the bonus of EARLY ADMISSION to explore WILD FUN from 6 to 6:30 p.m.



## ASK Dr. Petro

### Have You Ever Heard of Best, Texas?



**A:** Sure! Best is one of a handful of ghost towns in Reagan County. Oil was discovered at the Santa Rita #1 near Best, in 1923. The town was reportedly named after Tom Best, an English stockholder of the Orient Railroad, which established a railroad switching station in the town in 1924.

Best mushroomed as the regional supply center; the population grew to an estimated 3,500 in just two years. The rapid growth of this town in Reagan County helped feed the use of the commonly coined slogan: “The town with the Best name in the world and worst reputation.” Per-

haps added by the irony of its name and a novel, *The Big Fist*, written in 1946 by Clyde Ragsdale, set its bad character in stone.

After the boom fizzled, population fizzled as well, dropping to 300 by 1945. But in the late 1950s National Supply Company still operated an oilfield supply store in Best. The population of Best in 1990 was 25, and by 2010 had declined to just 1.





## 2016 Year-End Profile



# The Petroleum Museum

Since 1975, generous contributions have enabled the Permian Basin Petroleum Museum, Library and Hall of Fame to educate and inspire thousands of visitors annually. The Board of Trustees and Staff gratefully acknowledge the many individuals and organizations that continue to support the Museum through their membership contributions, program sponsorships, and generous donations. This generosity enables the Museum to continue to share the petroleum and energy story and its impact on our lives.

## Keyword: Education

Education sits at the heart of any successful organization. In 2016, the Petroleum Museum drilled deeper into the field of education, expanding its offerings and retaining successful programs. In a world driven by computerization, the Museum added robots to its line-up. Bots, bots, bots and more bots for people of all ages. Youngsters thrilled at the prospect of building a robot and watching it move. High schoolers competed against each other in a contest hosted by the Petroleum Museum. Meanwhile, thousands flocked to the quarterly Family Science Nights to try their hands at science experiments.

The education focus extended to adults with distinguished lecturers bringing topics ranging from dinosaurs to World War II code breakers. A traveling troupe learned more about the Hill Country and its science.

And teachers – well, where would this world be without them. Teachers are very special and collaborate with us in expanding our philosophy of science, technology, engineering, art and math to growing minds.

Travel with us as we look back at what we did last year.





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### Stop and Listen: To Our Energy Leaders

The Museum partnered with Midland College to bring the life experiences of local legend and industry leader **Ted Collins, Jr.** to Midland College students, Midland College Energy Leaders and the Museum's Energy Circle members. Collins entertained the audience with his experiences in the industry and his thoughts for the future. The Museum looks forward to a continued partnership with the Midland College Energy Leaders.



**Ted Collins, Jr.**

### To Our Distinguished Lecturers

In 2016, the Museum was honored to continue this lecture series honoring **Arlen Edgar**. **Thomas E. Ewing**, geoscientist and owner of Frontera Exploration Consultants, Inc. educated the audience on the geological concepts and evolution of Texas through time. **Zonnie Gorman**, recognized historian and daughter of one of the Navajo Code Talkers of World War II, enlightened guests with fascinating stories about the role the Navajo Code Talkers played during the war. National Geographic speaker **Nizar Ibrahim** brought the Spinosaurus to life. Thank you to **Abell-Hanger Foundation** who generously supports this educational lecture series.



**Thomas E. Ewing**



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# Watch Youngsters Dig Into Science

## During the Summer Science Classes/Movie Camps

Summer 2016 was scientifically spectacular! Hundreds of Permian Basin children enjoyed summer science classes and movie camps at the Museum. Summer Movie Camp kept children entertained every Tuesday with a movie, science experiments and games. Summer Science Classes educated and entertained children as they enjoyed the fun side of science with class topics which included: robotics, geology, chemistry, biology, astronomy and wildlife. With the help of **Lee High School Students in Philanthropy** and **Midland College Students in Philanthropy** we were able to provide scholarships for Summer Science Classes to children at Buckner, Big Brothers Big Sisters, High Sky Children's Ranch and Genesis Center, and to public applicants.



## Enjoying Halloween

More than 550 ghosts, goblins, and princesses attended the Museum's Tricks and Treats event held each year on Halloween evening. Spirits were high as revelers "tricked and treated" through the Oil Patch and even discovered spooky science experiments lurking around every corner.



## Experiencing Family Science Nights

The Museum completed its 20th year of successful Family Science Nights in 2016 welcoming more than 3,400 children and adults. Now a tradition, the Museum offers this popular event four times a year, encouraging families to explore the sciences together. Thank you to our long-time sponsor **Chevron** for underwriting Science Nights and to the many **Chevron employees** who make this event such a success by volunteering their time.

## Learning About Robots with 'Zoo' Exhibit and High School Competitions

The Museum opened the traveling exhibit Robot Zoo in September 2016. Robot Zoo engages minds with interactive animal robots by combining mechanical engineering with wildlife characteristics and adaptations. The exhibit will be on display through mid-May 2017.



The Petroleum Museum was pleased to partner with MISD in hosting robotics teams from high schools across West Texas. The competition was fierce as area students participated in the First Tech Challenge League Play in December. Spectators experienced bright, young scientific minds at work! Thank you to **NorthStar Operating Company** for sponsoring the event and encouraging area young people to embrace science!

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## STEAMING Through the Year

### Learning to Build Bots

Throughout the year *Building Bots* classes engaged children in grades K-6 in engineering challenges, team building, and robotic creative design. With different themes for each session, children looked forward to each class! Our STEAM (Science Technology Engineering Art Mathematics) educational programming is a great way to get your kids excited about learning and broaden their critical thinking skills.



Reaching students



...and teachers.

### Hosting Workshops

The Museum was a science resource for educators this school year! In partnership with Region 18, the Museum hosted the Teacher Workshop "Making Makers." This hands-on session enabled teachers to experience cross-curricular STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) strategies and were provided tools to foster critical thinking, creativity, communication, and collaboration.

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## Hearing Mineral Experts

Our second annual mineral event welcomed speakers **Dr. Robert Lavinsky**, owner of The Arkenstone along with **Gail and Jim Spann**, mineral collectors. Dr. Lavinsky and the Spanns, all from Dallas, shared how they collect and invest in the unique world of minerals. Dr. Lavinsky told stories about how his fascination for minerals as a youngster eventually turned into a career. The Spanns explained how the beauty of a natural history museum lured them into building the largest mineral collection in Texas.



## Partying at Birthday Bash

The Museum's 41st birthday was a bash to remember! Folks boot-scooted to the tunes of Ransom Rhodes, relished delicious Mexican food, and enjoyed the company of good friends. It was an evening of celebration and reflection of our last 41 years and the celebration of the great possibilities that lie ahead. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the Bash!



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The Museum's Oil Patch contains the largest collection of antique oilfield equipment in the nation and serves to tell the dramatic and diverse story of the early days of the oil industry. Thank you to **Joe Wright, Butch Kimbro, Dansco, Energen Resources Corp., Coastal Pipe Co., Ward Schlittler, Santa Elena Minerals, LP, Shekinah, TXON Partners, LLC, Mike Labbe, Norm Geise, Reece Albert** who helped construct and populate our new "Pump Jack Walkway" to the Oil Patch. With their help, we were able to preserve and protect this historic equipment.



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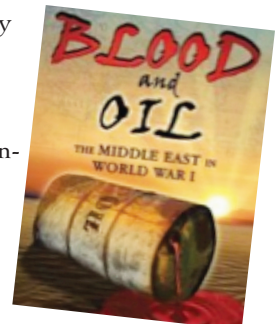
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## Learn from Brown Bag Speakers

Our Brown Bag Lecture series offered guests the opportunity to expand their knowledge on a variety of topics that included Sheriff Gary Painter's outlook on Midland County, author Jim Collett's *Postcards of Midland* book and John Wojtkun, Jr.'s Cowboy Christmas. The Museum also presented two films this year including *Fractured* produced by Mark Mathis and Marty Callaghan's *Blood and Oil*. The monthly series provides guests learning opportunities thanks to underwriting provided by **Hahl Proctor Charitable Trust**.



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## REACHING out to the World

### Offering Tours to All Ages

The Museum Education Department stayed busy throughout the year providing tours for visitors of all ages. From geology to energy to Texas history, we supplemented curriculum requirements for students across the Permian Basin and beyond. MISD fourth graders, the Petroleum Academy, home school groups, and students throughout Region 18 took advantage of our programming opportunities. Industry professionals used the Museum for training and educating interns and new hires. Delegations from around the world – including China, Russia, Mexico and Brazil – visited the Museum. Several higher learning institutions including Midland College, Odessa College, UTPB, Texas Tech, Colorado School of Mines, and Midwestern State University took advantage of the Museum. Local organizations such as the YMCAs, Boys and Girls Club and Manor Park residents explored the many exhibits.



### Wanderers Trekking Around Texas



Wanderers enjoyed a spring trip to Fredericksburg and the surrounding hill country learning about some of the oldest and most unique geology in central Texas. It was a wonderful experience of food, fellowship and visiting sites such as the National Museum of the Pacific War, LBJ Ranch National Historic Site, Hill Country Science Mill, Benini Sculpture Ranch & Galleries, Enchanted Rock, and Garrison Brother's Distillery. In December, the Wanderers enjoyed San Angelo where they visited Old Fort Concho, Museum of Fine Art and the Christoval Winery. Downtown shopping and dining and a tour of the Christmas lights on the river put everyone in the Christmas spirit.

### Taking Our Show on the Road

The Museum was out on the town! We participated in Science Extravaganza for area sixth graders and the Summer Science Academy, both at Midland College, Texas Day at Bonham Elementary, Sibley Nature Center, NAPE (North American Prospect Expo) in Houston, Permian Basin International Oil Show, and the Midland Gem & Mineral Show. Programs also traveled to area private and public schools. Classroom teachers choose from topics based on STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math) ranging from animals, dinosaurs, fossils, geology, Indians, and our two newest classes, robotics and astronomy. The Museum's new portable planetarium made reaching for the stars even more fun while young engineers could program "cool" robots with the Museum's new robotic equipment.



## Levels of Membership

Membership has its privileges! All members receive:

- Free Admission for you and your guests
- 15% discount in the Museum Store
- Discounts on select education programs

*MEMBERS ONLY* early access to Family Science Nights, Halloween, and Special Events

### Contributing Membership

- All of the above
- 10% discount on facility rentals

*Family, \$60; Friend, \$120; Associate, \$500; Supporter, \$600*

### Energy Circle Membership

- All of the above
- One (1) free daytime facility rental
- 15% discount on all other facility rentals
- Exclusive Energy Circle events

*Patron, \$1,000; Sustainer, \$2,500; Benefactor, \$5,000; Director, \$10,000*

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For Young Professionals between 20 and 40 years of age.

- All of the above
- One (1) free daytime facility/grounds rental
- 15% discount on all other facility rentals

• Exclusive Energy Circle events  
*Individual, \$100; Family, \$150*



**Jim Hall and his wife Sandy, center, are surrounded by mechanics who have worked with Hall.**

## Party On Patio

The Chaparral Pit Crew Fan Club gathered to honor Jim Hall and his contribution to the world of racing. Fan club members enjoyed a catered dinner followed by stories from Jim Hall and some of the mechanics who worked with him. They also experienced a Live Drive with Hall behind the wheel of the Chaparral 2J.

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# Expanding Our Education Department

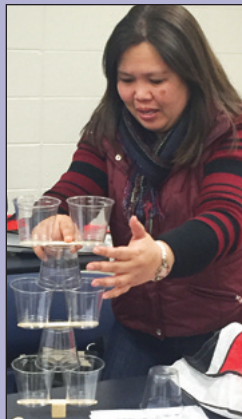


## Putting a New Spin on Education Hall

Next time you are in the Museum, check out the updated Education Hall! Over the holidays, the walls were painted bright colors to stimulate learning. New chairs and tables were purchased with funding from the **Pevehouse Foundation**, accommodating our growing programs and to allow for more versatility within the room. The Education Hall looks amazing and will continue to engage community education!

## Providing Trunks for Teachers

Petroleum Museum Education Trunks are designed to increase and enhance hands-on science, math, and literacy lessons taught in classrooms, and promote active learning among students. These trunks will be a resource for teachers by providing easy access to hands-on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math) lesson plans aligned with the TEKS and all materials needed for the lesson. Teachers and schools will be able to check out trunks on a first-come, first-serve basis. Trunks currently available include: Geology, Astronomy, and Robotics. For more information, contact the Education Department.



## Adding LEGOS Equipment!

This spring we have new equipment including Lego Robotics and Ozobots! We are incorporating these into our Building Bots Robotics & Engineering Funlabs on the first Tuesday of each month through May. Thank you to the **Greathouse Foundation** for providing grant funding to purchase our new Lego equipment. Building Bots enables children to engage in engineering challenges, team building, and robotic creative design. With different themes for each session, your child will enjoy every session! This STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Mathematics) educational programming is a great way to get your kids excited about learning. Open to students in grades K-6.



March 7 • April 4 • May 2  
5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Museum Members: \$20 • Non-Members: \$25  
Register online at [www.pbpetro.org](http://www.pbpetro.org)!

## Offering Special Class and Tour Packages

The Museum now offers a Class and Tour group package! The package includes a one-hour tour of the Museum followed by a one-hour class or program in the Museum's Education Hall. The following programs or classes are currently available with the Class and Tour Package: Geology, Animals, Astronomy, Dinosaurs, and Robotics. All packages are aligned with the TEKS Standards for elementary age students. Call Olivia Thompson, 432-683-4403, for more information.

## Volunteer

## Heath Learning West Texas Eco-System

**R**ita the Iguana relaxes on Sarah Heath's head, the tail dangling down the volunteer's back. It's part of the process to get Rita socializing with visitors of all ages who drop by the Petroleum Museum.

Growing up in Durango, Colorado, Sarah has always loved animals. She focused on environmental education during her undergraduate studies in Wyoming and graduate studies at Southern Oregon University. When her fiancé was hired by the Sibley Nature Center in Midland, Sarah made the move to West Texas. She soon discovered this area has a completely different eco-system than the northwest.

In August Sarah met Stacie Hanna, director of education and marketing for the Petroleum Museum. Sarah soon began visiting the museum three times a week and is learning how to handle animals not found in Oregon, such as the cottontail rabbit.

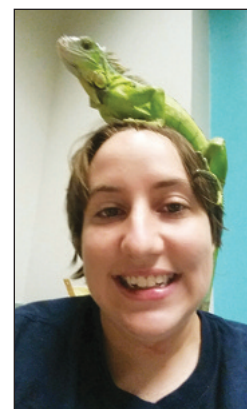
"I want to keep up my animal handling experi-

ence," she said. "I come in and feed the animals and do some handling with them to keep them friendly."

Rita the Iguana at 3 years old isn't full grown and Sarah laughingly calls the reptile "in her awkward teenage years. She is a little rough around the edges. She has a lot of potential and she's fantastic when you get her in-hand. I get smacked by her tail occasionally. But when I make a break-through with her, it's rewarding."

She calls the hedgehog and King the king snake "sweethearts. The prairie dogs Shirley and Laverne were new for me. They are very cuddly and will crawl right up on you."

The museum is a good outlet for Sarah's skills. "This is something I want to keep doing as long as I'm in Midland. It's been such a great experience and I've had a lot of fun. Even the smallest guys can teach you something," she said.



**Sarah Heath and Rita: Hanging Out Together**





## Museum Hosts STEM Workshop

The Museum partnered with Region 18 to host 40 teachers from schools across the region to promote cross curricular STEM (Science-Technology-Engineering-Math) strategies during a STEM Art & Building Scientific Literacy teacher workshop on February 25. Teachers always have free admission at the Petroleum Museum!

**TELLING OUR STORY:**  
The annual NAPE meeting in Houston draws thousands of industry people and provides an opportunity to tell the story of the Petroleum Museum. Attending were, from left, Stacie Hanna, Kathy Shannon and Luanne Thornton.



*Shown from left are James White, Kathy Shannon, Mike Gusler, Fabian Hinojos and Stephanie Gonzales.*

## Gift of New Wheels

The Petroleum Museum is the proud owner of a 2010 Ford F-150. Thanks to the efforts of **Halliburton** and **Mike Gusler**, the Museum can now complete projects covering the 34 acres of Museum grounds. Halliburton delivered the truck in February to the Museum in pristine condition and ready to go to work. Facilities Manager **James White** accepted the vehicle on behalf of the Museum.

“This truck replaces our very tired and failing 1996 work vehicle and will help us complete the great projects we are working on in our Oil Patch,” White said. The Museum is very grateful to Halliburton and its support of the Museum over the years. Thank you!

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We want to give a round of applause to the following friends, companies and businesses. Their in-kind contributions of time, assistance or services are appreciated:

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## APRIL

**April 4**

Building Bots  
Robotics & Engineering Fun Lab  
5:30 to 7:30 p.m.  
Grades K-6  
Pre-registration required. For more information or to register online, visit [www.pbpetro.org](http://www.pbpetro.org).

**April 18**

Brown Bag Lunch & Lecture Series  
William "Bill" Wren, McDonald Observatory  
*"Dark Skies Initiative in the Oilfield"*  
11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
Free admission; drinks & dessert provided.  
**Sponsor: Hahl Proctor Charitable Trust**

**April 27**

Family Science Night: "Wild for Wildlife"  
6:30 to 8:00 p.m.  
6 p.m. Early Admission for MEMBERS ONLY  
Hands-on Science Experiments & Activities  
Free Admission.  
**Sponsor: Chevron**

## MAY

**May 2**

Building Bots  
Robotics & Engineering Fun Lab  
5:30 to 7:30 p.m.  
Grades K-6  
Pre-registration required. For more information or to register online, visit [www.pbpetro.org](http://www.pbpetro.org).

**May 9**

Petroleum Hall of Fame  
Induction Ceremony and Dinner  
Ticketed Event. Sponsorship/Underwriting Opportunities.  
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**May 11**

Energy Circle Event  
Midland College & Petroleum Museum Present:  
Dr. Sam Gibbs  
Reservations Required  
For more information on becoming an Energy Circle member, contact Luanne Thornton, 432-683-4403

**May 23**

Brown Bag Lunch & Lecture Series  
Susan Spratlen, Vice President  
Pioneer Natural Resources  
*"How Cities and Companies Work Together"*  
11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
Free admission; drinks & dessert provided.  
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## JUNE

**June 3**

Party on the Patio  
Chaparral Fan Club Members Only  
Live Drive of Chaparral 2; Dinner with Jim Hall  
For information on becoming a Chaparral Fan Club member, contact Luanne Thornton, 683-4403.

**June 6**

Movie Camp: *"Finding Dory"*  
9:30 a.m. to 12 noon OR 1:00 to 3:30 p.m.  
\$5 per child, ages 5 and up

**June 13**

Movie Camp: *"Trolls"*  
9:30 a.m. to 12 noon OR 1:00 to 3:30 p.m.  
\$5 per child, ages 5 and up

**June 20**

Brown Bag Lunch & Video Series  
*"Black Gold"*  
11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
Free admission; drinks & dessert provided.  
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**June 20**

Movie Camp: *"Moana"*  
9:30 a.m. to 12 noon OR 1:00 to 3:30 p.m.  
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**June 27**

Movie Camp: *"SING"*  
9:30 a.m. to 12 noon OR 1:00 to 3:30 p.m.  
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## JULY

**July 10-13**

Summer Science Class: *"Building Bots Robotics"*  
8 a.m. to 12 noon  
Museum members, \$80; Non-members, \$100  
**Must be entering kindergarten through 2nd grade**  
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**July 17-20**

Summer Science Class: *"Building Bots Robotics"*  
8 a.m. to 12 noon  
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**July 18**

Brown Bag Lunch & Video Series  
*"At the Edge of the Volcano"*  
11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
Free admission; drinks & dessert provided.  
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**July 24-27**

Summer Science Class: *"STEM Art"*  
8 a.m. to 12 noon  
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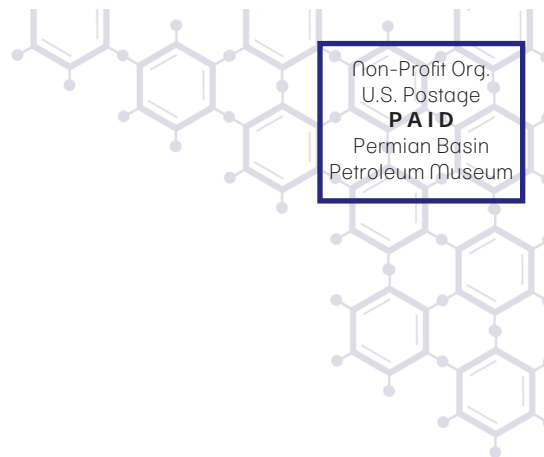
Summer Science Class: *"Earth & Space"*  
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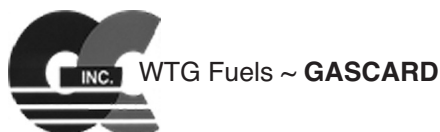
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