

Moore County Gin Reaches Million-Bale Mark

Moore County Gin, LP, located near Dumas, recently ginned their millionth bale of cotton since they began serving growers on the Northern High Plains of Texas. The gin began operations in 2005, being only the second gin north of I-40 in Texas. The plant started with four gin stands and one bale press, and then in 2011 added another complete gin plant directly north of the existing one for a total of eight gin stands and two bale presses. On average, both gins can produce 120 bales an hour. Before the 2017 cotton crop, the gin's record was 103,349 bales produced in one ginning season.

"We are in the midst of a record crop at finishing up a little over 260,000 bales," Moore County Gin General Manager Leighton Stovall said, adding that they expect to finish ginning in about four weeks.

The Texas panhandle is known for early freezes, but due to the development of shorter season varieties, growers can produce a bountiful crop in a 150-day period. Growers in the northern Texas Panhandle have found that cotton is a great crop to introduce into crop rotations to add nutrients back into the ground as well as reducing water output.

"This year alone we had a total of 39 producers trying cotton for the first time and many of those will be returning this next year," the gin's Marketing Manager Alexa Reed said. "With new and returning customers, we had roughly 135,000 acres of cotton that has come to the gin this year."

Pictured are Moore County Gin General Manager Leighton Stovall and Producer & Partner of Moore Producers Tom Moore

FRESH, HOT TAMALES MAY 6

Fresh, hot tamales will be delivered to your door on Sunday, May 6th if you pre-order from Lollipop Junction before May 3rd.

Lollipop Junction, Stratford's non-profit childcare center, is selling homemade red chili tamales. Tamales will be sold by pre-paid orders for \$15.00 a dozen.

To place your order for fresh, hot tamales, call either Erica Duran Gonzales at Lollipop Junction 366-5886 or stop by the childcare center located at 210 N. Main Street, Stratford.

Proceeds from the tamale sales will be used toward building renovations for the newly acquired property that will be utilized to enhance childcare services in Stratford. The new building will allow expansion of services for infants and more efficiency with food service to the children who are cared for at the center.

Don't delay; place your order today!!! And thank you for supporting Lollipop Junction.

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STRATFORD AREA FOUNDATION ANNUAL MEETING

WHERE: MARY ALLEN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAFETERIA

WHEN: TUESDAY, APRIL 24, 2018

TIME: 7:00 P.M.

BUSINESS MEETING & REFRESHMENTS
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DONE THIS PAST YEAR!

(YOU WILL PROBABLY BE AMAZED)

Combined Response Training held over the weekend

The ALERT LEVEL II Combined Response Training was held at the Mary Allen Elementary School on Saturday, and Sunday, April 16th, and 17th. There were eight instructors for the Alert Program from Randall County Sheriff's Office, Amarillo Police Department, and Randall County Fire Department, who provided the course through Amarillo College and Frank Phillips College.

The Active Threat Combined Response Training brought regional Law Enforcement, Fire and EMS personnel together to build response capabilities. The course covered point-of-injury medical interventions and establishing/deploying rescue task forces during a hostile critical incident while law enforcement actively neutralized the threat. The course included scenarios where the students had to neutralize threats, conduct hasty triage, treat injuries, establish secure casualty collection and extraction points, and learn to integrate with Law Enforcement/EMS/Fire personnel.

There were just over 50 officers, firefighters and EMS personnel from Sherman County Sheriff's Office, Stratford PD, Cactus PD, Texhoma PD, Stratford Fire and EMS, and Dalhart Fire and EMS. It was great having all these entities involved and training together for in all likelihood they would be responding to an actual incident.

Stratford Grain cooked steaks for lunch on Saturday, and Happy State Bank provided lunch on Sunday from Poppy's Pit. Mr. Farnsworth and 9 students from Stratford High School volunteered as role players for the scenarios.

Capt. Forbis remarked that this was one of the better attended classes he has taught. I want to commend all in attendance for their continuing commitment to keep Sherman County safe.

Sheriff Ted Allen
Sherman County, Texas

Xcel Energy promotes area industrial sites Certified Site Program gives communities a competitive edge in attracting business

AMARILLO, Texas (April 16, 2018) – Xcel Energy has launched an effort in its Texas-New Mexico service area to certify the area's prime industrial sites and promote them in the national marketplace, the newest initiative in a longstanding commitment to grow jobs and build capital investment in the communities the company serves.

The centerpiece of the Xcel Energy Certified Site program is an online inventory of the most marketable regional industrial sites that are promoted to site selectors and others throughout the country in an effort to highlight suitable locations for business expansion. Sites included in Xcel Energy's Certified Site inventory are promoted on Xcel Energy's website as well as by the company's economic development professionals at national trade shows and industry events and in presentations to national site selectors.

Among the first sites to complete the certification process are the Amarillo Economic Development Corporation's CenterPort East and CenterPort West industrial sites near Rick Husband/Amarillo International Airport. Additional sites certified in Xcel Energy's Texas and New Mexico service area include the Pampa Energy Center South, the Clovis Industrial Park, and select parcels in the Hobbs EnergyPlex.

"This is a significant competitive advantage, not only for the Amarillo EDC, but for all the various development groups marketing the High Plains as a great place for business expansion," said Brian Jennings, senior vice president for business development at the Amarillo EDC. "Today, prospective businesses largely conduct their own site research when they are looking to expand. Having additional community partners such as Xcel Energy marketing these sites increases the chances they're seeing what we have to offer."

Currently there is no state certification standard for industrial sites, making the Xcel Energy Certified Site Program a first of its kind. The company has engaged one of the nation's top site selectors, Phil Schneider of Schneider Strategy Consulting LLC, in certifying these sites. The partnership among Xcel Energy, Schneider Consulting LLC, developers, industry leaders and economic development organizations assures prospects that Xcel Energy's program follows robust and credible certification protocol.

Ronnie Walker, regional manager for Community Relations and Economic Development in Amarillo, said site selectors accessing the Xcel Energy database will find information on dozens of site characteristics, including information on the reliability and capacity of power sources, access to transportation and communication networks and other site criteria designed to increase speed to market.

"Information marketed through Xcel Energy's Certified Site Program includes attributes such as zoning, ownership, environmental surveys, geotechnical evaluations and additional information critical for a company to gather before successfully developing a site for a new or existing business," Walker said.

Real estate located in Xcel Energy's service territory and marketed through the program can be found at www.economicdevelopment.xcelenergy.com/real-estate and is divided by state tabs. Each certified site has its own page, broken into five different tabs for site, transportation and utility information, a tab for the various documents related to the site, and a tab listing contact information for both local economic development organization personnel and Xcel Energy economic development managers.

"Certification of these regional industrial sites will make our communities more competitive in the marketplace by making it faster, easier and less expensive for developers and site selectors to consider real estate for their client," Walker said.

About Xcel Energy

Xcel Energy (NASDAQ: XEL) provides the energy that powers millions of homes and businesses across eight Western and Midwestern states. Headquartered in Minneapolis, the company is an

industry leader in responsibly reducing carbon emissions and producing and delivering clean energy solutions from a variety of renewable sources at competitive prices. For more information, visit xcelenergy.com or follow us on Twitter and Facebook.

Book Sale!

Sherman County Library

Friday, April 27th

9:00 a.m.-5:00p.m.

Saturday, April 28th

10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Small Plastic Grocery Sack \$3.00

Paper Sack \$5.00

Box \$10.00

Bring your own!



SLE Golf Team Places 2nd at District Meet

The SLE golf team placed 2nd at the District Meet held April 3, 2018. The 2nd place finish advances the Lady Elks to the Regional Golf Tournament on April 25-26th in Odessa, TX. Payton Berry was 1st medalist and Katelin was 2nd medalist. SLE golfers from left: Abby Law, Katelin Berry, Carlee Metcalf, Payton Berry, Kenlee McBryde, and Jaci Brown. Congratulations and Good Luck at Regionals!!

Senior Car Wash

The Stratford High School Seniors held a car wash fundraiser on Saturday afternoon April 14th, 2018 at the school parking lot. The day was pretty cool and windy but they were troopers.



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Thanks-Marty

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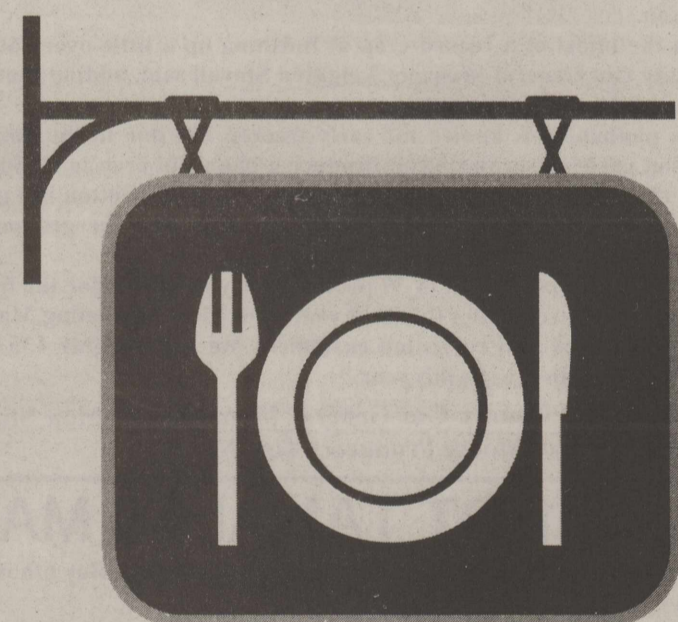
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Congratulations to the "5th Six Weeks' Perfect Attendance winners at Stratford!!!!

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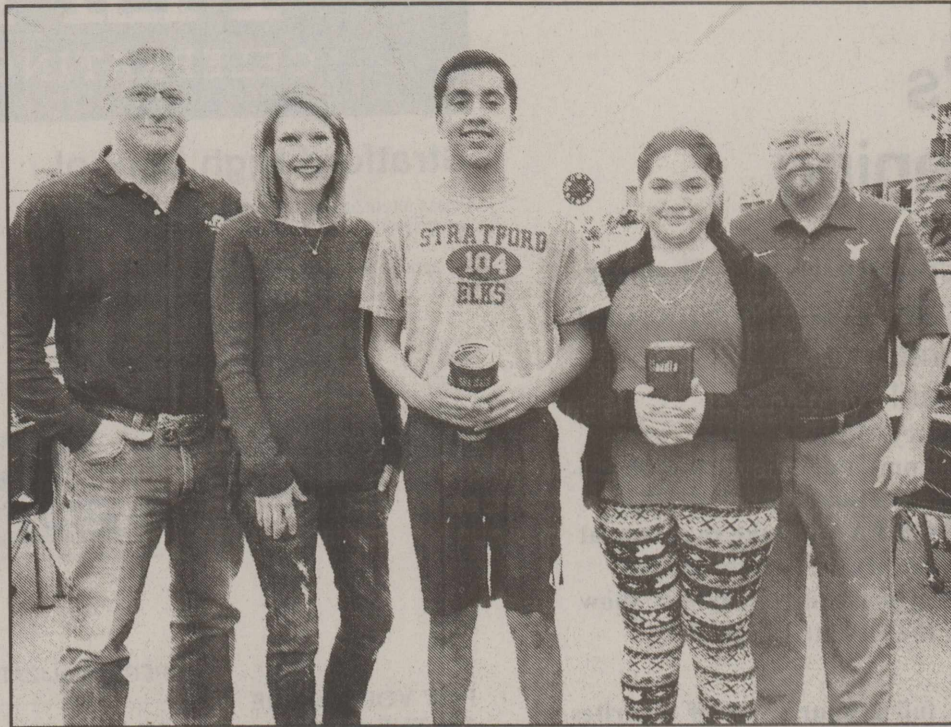


Photo top left Mary Allen Elementary- Maya Armendariz with Gary Clements and Jennifer DeAnda. Shown above are Stratford Junior winners Claudia Ramirez & Anastacia Ibarra with Gary and Cindy Clements and Clint Seward. Shown below left are Stratford High winners Jesus Duran & Lashala Anderton. Shown also Cindy and Gary Clements and PJ Hanna. Thanks go to Clements Insurance Agency for rewarding these students.



Notice of Public Hearing on Sherman County Appraisal District Budget

The Sherman County Appraisal District will hold a public hearing on a proposed budget for the 2019 fiscal year.

The public hearing will be held on Friday, May 18, 2018 at 7:00 a.m. at the Sherman County Appraisal District Office.

A summary of the appraisal district budget follows:

The total amount of the proposed budget.	\$ <u>451,461</u>
The total amount of increase over the current year's budget.	\$ <u>19,613</u>
The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget.	<u>4</u> (full-time equivalent)
The number of employees compensated under the current budget.	<u>4</u> (full-time equivalent)

The appraisal district is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the appraisal district.

If approved by the appraisal district board of directors at the public hearing this proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school districts, cities and special districts served by the appraisal district.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the office of each of those governing bodies. A copy is also available for public inspection at the appraisal district office.

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Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study 6:30 p.m.

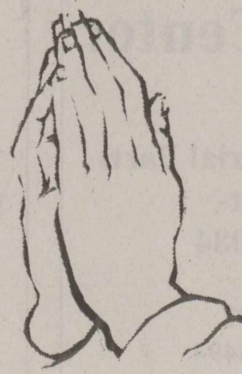
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Tim Boyer, Pastor
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No Sunday evening Worship Service

First United Methodist
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St. Joseph Catholic Church
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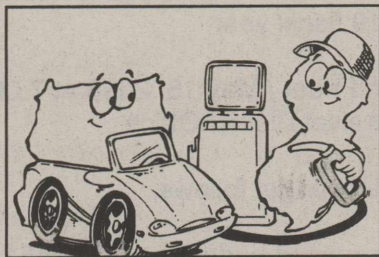
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Joseph Priestley is the discoverer of oxygen, but he was elected to the French Academy of Sciences in 1772 and received a medal from the Royal Society in 1773 for another invention, carbonated water.

I appreciate the misunderstanding I have had with Nature over my perennial border. I think it is a flower garden; she thinks it is a meadow lacking grass, and tries to correct the error.

—Sara Stein

Letter to the Editor



SUBMITTING A LETTER: Letters should be no more than 200 words and can be mailed to PO Box 8, Stratford, TX 79084 or faxed to 366-5884 or e-mailed to stardm@xit.net. Please include your street address (NO PO boxes), daytime phone number and full name. All submissions are subject to editing for length, libel, clarity and taste. The newspaper has the last say on whether a letter will be published.

Letters to the editor are the opinions of the writer, not the newspaper.

Dear Editor: Protect Access to Health Coverage for Cancer Patients

I am a cancer survivor and my health coverage is my lifeline. Access to timely treatment, affordable medications and regular screenings and checkups are essential and the reason why I am alive today. Any breaks in coverage could mean delayed care for my cancer and dire consequences for my health.

That's why I'm so concerned to see that Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar proposed a regulation that could significantly weaken the health insurance marketplaces and threaten access to health coverage for cancer patients, survivors and anyone at risk of developing the disease.

American Cancer Society research shows individuals without health insurance are more likely to be diagnosed with cancer at later stages when the disease is more expensive to treat and chance of survival is reduced. Yet, this proposed regulation would increase the availability of short-term plans that can skirt patient protections and allow these plans to be more available for much longer periods than they were designed to be offered. If this regulation is finalized as is, it will likely weaken the insurance marketplace which many cancer patients and survivors rely on, make plans unaffordable and could lead to more bare-bones plans that can deny coverage based on someone's health history or cap coverage if an individual runs up too many bills.

Texans and all Americans deserve better than this. US Representative Thornberry, for the health of citizens in your district, please oppose these efforts to weaken or strip patient protections from plans. Urge

Secretary Azar to stop this flawed regulation from moving forward.

Jackie Bush
Volunteer, American Cancer Society, Cancer Action Network (ACS CAN) Wichita Falls, TX

Advertisement and Invitation for Bid:

The City of Stratford will receive sealed bids until 2:00 pm on Friday, May 18, 2018, for demolition and clearance for property located at 1104 N. 5th and 1105 N. 5th, Stratford, Texas. The bids will be publicly opened at 5:00 pm on Monday, May 21, 2018. Bids will be placed on the agenda for the next City Council meeting, at which time the bids may be awarded. The City may award the bid that is determined to be the best value to the City. The City reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Specifications and plans are on file for inspection and may be obtained at City Hall, 518 N. 3rd, Stratford, Texas.

Bids may be held by the City of Stratford for a period not to exceed 30 days from the date of the bid opening for the purpose of reviewing the bids and investigation the bidder's qualifications prior to the contract award.

Sealed bids need to be submitted to:

Tommy R. Bogart
City of Stratford
City Hall
518 N. 3rd Street
Stratford, Texas 79084

For more information or any questions, please contact Tommy Bogart, City Manager, 806-366-5581.

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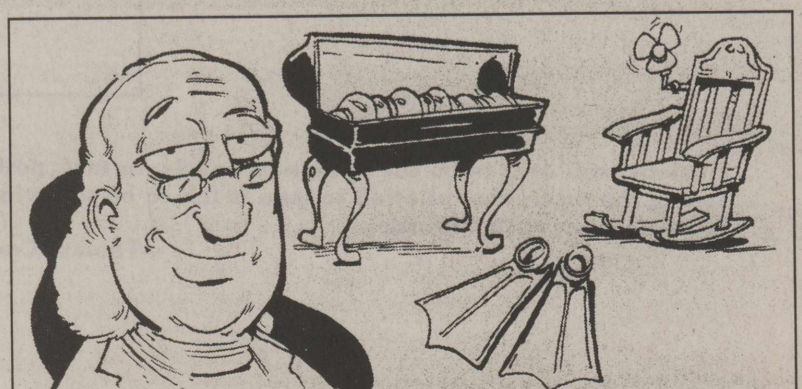
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In addition to the Franklin stove, Benjamin Franklin is said to have invented a rocking chair with a fan, an early version of swim fins, and the armonica, a type of musical instrument made of glass bowls.

Minutes of Regular Meeting The Board of Trustees Stratford ISD

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Stratford ISD was held Tuesday, April 10, 2018, beginning at 7:00 PM in the High School Library.

1. OPEN THE MEETING

A. ESTABLISH A QUORUM

President Brad McBryde established a quorum of board members present and called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. All board members were present.

B. INVOCATION

Clint Seward led the invocation.

C. INTRODUCTIONS OF GUESTS

Mr. Dominguez introduced the guests.

D. RECOGNITION

The following students were presented certificates of recognition:

Livestock Show Exhibitors:

Abby Law – Reserve Champion Law – Tri State Fair
Carlee Metcalf – Reserve Champion Hamp Pig – State Fair of Texas
Cash Wheeler – Division Champion ORB Heifer – State Fair of Texas
Jaci Brown – Reserve Division Sr Heifer Calf – Denver National
Brendi Brown – Reserve Division Summer Calf – Denver National

UIL Congressional Debate:

Ashton Lavake – 2nd – Regionals, State Qualifier
Daniela Valdez – 4th – Regionals, State Alternate
Hannah Sims – 5th – Regionals, State Alternate

One Act Play :

Kenlee McBryde – Best Actress/All Star Cast – Bi-District
Carlee McBryde – All Star Cast/Honorable Mention All Star Cast Bi-District
Noah Harris – Honorable Mention All Star Cast-District

SLE Basketball Honors:

Layne Burr – TABC All State, TABC All Region, TABC All Star Game, Golden Spread All Star Game, Golden Spread 2A Team, District 2AA MVP
Allie James – TABC All Region, District 1AA All District, Golden Spread All Star Game
Shaylee Audrain – TABC All Region, District 1 AA Offensive MVP
Vanessa Gonzalez – District 1 AA All District
Janeht Bravo - 1AA Honorable Mention All District
Reaghan Audrain – 1AA Honorable Mention All District

ELK Basketball Honors:

Kade McBryde – Defensive MVP, Globe News All Region Team, Golden Spread All Star Game, Academic All State
Shay Hess – All District, TABC All Region, Golden Spread All Star Game, Academic All State
Noah Harris – All District, Academic All State
Baruc Ortega – Honorable Mention All District
Blake Rios – Honorable Mention All District, Academic All State
Colten Lanning – Honorable Mention All District, Academic All State

2. OPEN FORUM

No one was present to speak in open forum.

3. REPORTS

A. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Richard Castancio gave an update on the construction project. Mr. Dominguez reported a district enrollment of 589. He reported that the Spring TASB workshop in Canyon will be on May 16th. The Ag portable classroom for next year has been ordered and should be here by the end of April. He then gave the maintenance report, transportation report, and financial report.

C. STUDENT SERVICE'S REPORT

Mrs. McBryde gave the quarterly student service's report. The high school has meet with all students to update their four year plans and plan their class request for next year. They have also had an 8th grade parent orientation meeting giving those families information on the current

high school graduation requirements.

She updated the board on the new dual credit classes that will be offered at the high school next year. STAAR and EOC testing began this week. She reported that all TELPAS test have been completed for the year.

D. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Mrs. DeAnda gave the Mary Allen Elementary report. She reported that they had a fairly smooth start to the STAAR test. The 3rd and 4th graders have begun tutorials for remediation. Pre-K and K early registration will begin next week. She is working on the district comprehensive needs assessment.

Mr. Seward gave the junior high report.

He reported that the STAAR tests will continue all week for his campus. They will take the end of year NWEA test in between the STAAR re-takes. He reported that the junior high track teams competed well at the junior high district track meet. The 7th grade boys place 2nd, the 7th grade girls placed 3rd, the 8th grade boys placed 2nd and the 8th grade girls placed 4th.

Mr. Hanna gave the high school report.

He reported that there are several activities going on at the high school and passed out a list of dates for the next three weeks. They are cleaning out things and preparing for the construction project.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

Dan Law made the motion and Walt Berry seconded to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

5. TASB LEGAL UPDATE 110

Bryan Clift made the motion and Tres Hess seconded to approve TASB Update 110 as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

6. SHERMAN COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT BUDGET

Tres Hess made the motion and Jo Hinds seconded to approve the budget as presented. Motion carried 7-0.

7. APPROVE BUS PURCHASE

Tim Hudson made the motion and Tres Hess seconded to approve the purchase of a bus in the amount of \$229, 800.00 with the trade in of the 1992 Van Hool. Motion carried 7-0. SEE ATTACHMENT #1

8. APPROVE CARPET PROPOSALS

Jo Hinds made the motion and Bryan Clift seconded to approve the purchase of carpet for the elementary and band hall in the amount of \$19,194.00. Motion carried 7-0. SEE ATTACHMENT #2

9. PERSONNEL

A. RESIGNATIONS

Brad McBryde read a letter of resignation from Katherine Nusz effective May 31, 2018. Tres Hess made the motion and Walt Berry to accept the resignation with regrets. Motion carried 7-0.

Brad McBryde read a letter of resignation from Marcos Garza effective May 24, 2018. Dan Law made the motion and Jo Hinds to accept the resignation with regrets. Motion carried 7-0.

Brad McBryde read a letter of resignation from Dana Boswell effective May 24, 2018. Walt Berry made the motion and Dan Law to accept the resignation with regrets. Motion carried 7-0.

Brad McBryde read a letter of resignation from Morgan Ashmore effective May 26, 2018. Tim Hudson made the motion and Bryan Clift to accept the resignation with regrets. Motion carried 7-0.

B. EMPLOYMENT

Mr. Seward presented Kara Rodden for employment subject to assignment for the 2018-2019 school year. Jo Hinds made the motion and Tres Hess seconded to approve the employment. Motion carried 7-0.

At 9:05 PM the board entered into executive session pursuant to Texas Open Meetings Act section 551.074 to discuss personnel. At 9:44 PM the board reconvened into regular session.

10. ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 PM.

Xcel Energy promotes area industrial sites Certified Site Program gives communities a competitive edge in attracting business

AMARILLO, Texas (April 16, 2018) – Xcel Energy has launched an effort in its Texas-New Mexico service area to certify the area's prime industrial sites and promote them in the national marketplace, the newest initiative in a longstanding commitment to grow jobs and build capital investment in the communities the company serves.

The centerpiece of the Xcel Energy Certified Site program is an online inventory of the most marketable regional industrial sites that are promoted to site selectors and others throughout the country in an effort to highlight suitable locations for business expansion. Sites included in Xcel Energy's Certified Site inventory are promoted on Xcel Energy's website as well as by the company's economic development professionals at national trade shows and industry events and in presentations to national site selectors.

Among the first sites to complete the certification process are the Amarillo Economic Development Corporation's CenterPort East and CenterPort West industrial sites near Rick Husband/Amarillo International Airport. Additional sites certified in Xcel Energy's Texas and New Mexico service area include the Pampa Energy Center South, the Clovis Industrial Park, and select parcels in the Hobbs EnergyPlex.

"This is a significant competitive advantage, not only for the Amarillo EDC, but for all the various development groups marketing the High Plains as a great place for business expansion," said Brian Jennings, senior vice president for business development at the Amarillo EDC. "Today, prospective businesses largely conduct their own site research when they are looking to expand. Having additional community partners such as Xcel Energy marketing these sites increases the chances they're seeing what we have to offer."

Currently there is no state certification standard for industrial sites, making the Xcel Energy Certified Site Program a first of its kind. The company has engaged one of the nation's top site selectors, Phil Schneider of Schneider Strategy Consulting LLC, in certifying these sites. The partnership among Xcel Energy, Schneider Consulting LLC, developers, industry leaders and economic development organizations assures prospects that Xcel Energy's program follows robust and credible certification protocol.

Ronnie Walker, regional manager for Community Relations and Economic Development in Amarillo,

said site selectors accessing the Xcel Energy database will find information on dozens of site characteristics, including information on the reliability and capacity of power sources, access to transportation and communication networks and other site criteria designed to increase speed to market.

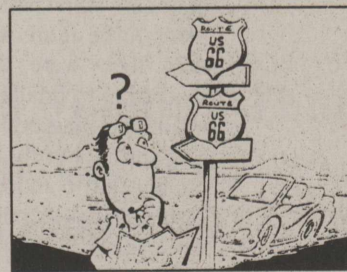
"Information marketed through Xcel Energy's Certified Site Program includes attributes such as zoning, ownership, environmental surveys, geotechnical evaluations and additional information critical for a company to gather before successfully developing a site for a new or existing business," Walker said.

Real estate located in Xcel Energy's service territory and marketed through the program can be found at www.economicdevelopment.xcelenergy.com/real-estate and is divided by state tabs. Each certified site has its own page, broken into five different tabs for site, transportation and utility information, a tab for the various documents related to the site, and a tab listing contact information for both local economic development organization personnel and Xcel Energy economic development managers.

"Certification of these regional industrial sites will make our communities more competitive in the marketplace by making it faster, easier and less expensive for developers and site selectors to consider real estate for their client," Walker said.

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MAY 14th – 18th Early voting @ the County Clerk's Office

MAY 22nd Runoff Primary Election

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—Thomas Carlyle

If an elderly but distinguished scientist says that something is possible, he is almost certainly right, but if he says that it is impossible, he is very probably wrong.
—Arthur C. Clarke

A great many people mistake opinions for thoughts.
—Herbert V. Prochnow

Human beings are perhaps never more frightening than when they are convinced beyond doubt that they are right.
—Laurens van der Post