



The Water Spout

Upcoming Dates in 2014

- RGV Agriculture Water Conservation Workshop, August 20, Weslaco, TX
- Texas Groundwater Summit, August 26-28, San Marcos, TX
- 2014 H2O4TEXAS: Turning the Water Wheel Conference, September 11-12, Fort Worth, TX
- IA Irrigation Show and Education Conference, November 17-21, Phoenix, AZ
- Amarillo Farm & Ranch Show, December 2-4, Amarillo, TX
- Beltwide Cotton Conference, January 5-7, **2015**, San Antonio, TX
- High Plains Irrigation Conference and Trade Show, January 15, **2015**, Amarillo, TX

Annual Membership Meeting and Banquet To Be Held in Connection with Farm and Ranch Show in Amarillo

The TAIA Annual Membership Meeting and Banquet will be held in conjunction with the Amarillo Farm and Ranch Show, December 3. Make plans now to attend and support TAIA. In addition to a meal and a featured guest speaker there will be election of three new members to the Board of Directors, a Secretary-Treasurer, as well as other business of the Association. If you would like to serve on the board, or know of some other member who wants to, please contact Eddy Riggins, Equipment Supply Company in Dumas. He is this year's nomination committee chairman and can be reached via email: eddy@irrigationdistributors.com or phone 806-935-0004. Volunteers are also needed for these committees: Nominations, Scholarship Selection, and Auditing. The success of organizations like TAIA depend largely on the officers and volunteers, so please consider doing your part to serve in one of these capacities.

Why not take advantage of this opportunity to participate in the annual meeting and take in the Amarillo Farm and Ranch Show at the same time. You will see the latest in agriculture equipment and technology, including irrigation, and have the chance to interact with your fellow TAIA members as well.

Make plans now to attend the annual meeting and support your TAIA organization! Time and location will be announced at a later date.

Save the Date!

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Dick Laursen Memorial Scholarship

Congratulations to Aspyn Martin of Guymon, Oklahoma; the recipient of the 2014 Dick Laursen Scholarship. She is the daughter of Dennis and Lexee Martin, owners of a Zimmatic dealership in Guymon. Aspyn has been active in FFA during high school, serving as Chapter President this past year. She has also participated in public speaking, receiving national honors. Aspyn produced the Grand Champion corn at the Oklahoma State Fair and the Tulsa State Fair.

She plans to attend Clarendon College and then Texas Tech, where she will major in animal science and agricultural education. After graduation Aspyn hopes to become a vocational ag teacher where she can share her knowledge with students and the community.

Best of luck to you, Aspyn, as you pursue your education and career goals.

Aspyn joins our current recipients: Shelby Redgate, Calvin Welper, and Luke Stutler.

Seventy seven applications were received this year for the Dick Laursen Scholarship. Thanks to scholarship committee members Steven Driewer, Edwin Smith, and Farris Hightower for their efforts reviewing all of these candidates and selecting the winner.



Texas Water Smart

The following is quoted from a recent Newsletter from Texas Water Smart. ***“We’re in the dog days of summer and Texans need to be water smart now more than ever. Each coalition member has a role to play in keeping conservation techniques at the forefront of Texan’s minds and to-do lists. This month’s Newsletter is dedicated to providing coalition members tools to help their customers, constituents and share holders save time, money and water.”***

Texas Water Smart was founded in 2012 in response to the severe drought conditions impacting the state and the potential outdoor watering bans. Recognizing the negative impacts watering bans can have on property owners, job creation, and future economic activity, TWS offers local governments, businesses, and homeowners easy-to-do conservation techniques that will save time, money and water. The Texas Agricultural Irrigation Association is a coalition member of TWS and is proud to be working with other members in this effort to conserve the state’s water resources.

You may access the Newsletter through the TWS website at: www.TexasWaterSmart.com. You may also access the TWS web site through the Ag Links on the TAIA website at: www.taia.org

In Memory

Long-time TAIA member Charles Green of Lubbock recently passed away. The following is his obituary as published in the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal.



Charles C. Green LUBBOCK-Charles C. Green, 73, passed away Sunday, July 13, 2014, in Follett, TX. He was born May 9, 1941, in Lubbock to Claude and Willie Green. Charles graduated from Lubbock High School. He worked for Fresno Valves & Casting Inc. for 35 years and was a member of Southcrest Baptist Church. He married Dorothy Bautsch on Dec. 16, 1989. Charles is survived by his wife, Dottie; daughters, Phyllis Kay Wells and husband Clay, Ronda Stonechipher and husband Dale, and Vicky Thompson and husband Jay; sons, Stephen Ware, and David Ware and wife Laurie; grandchildren, Catherine, Kelsey, Jonathan, Ty, Heather and Mikayla; a great-grandson, Raylan Davis; and a sister, Joyce Patton. He was preceded in death by his parents. Visitation will be tonight, July 16, 2014, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Resthaven Funeral Home. Funeral services will be Thursday, July 17, at 10 a.m. in Southcrest Baptist with burial to follow in Resthaven Memorial Park. Contributions may be made to American

[Heart Assoc.](#) or [American Diabetes Association.](#)

Condolences may be offered at www.resthavenfuneralhome.com.

Published in The Lubbock Avalanche-Journal on July 16, 2014

TAIA Board of Directors and its members express their sympathy and condolences to the family of Charles.

Check out the TAIA Website: www.taia.org

If you haven't been to the website recently you may find some improvements. In addition to the 2014 Membership Directory, all of the **Ag Links** have been updated, giving you direct access to sites such as the Irrigation Association, Texas Water Smart, Texas Agrilife, Texas Water Development Board, Texas Department of Agriculture, Texas Farm Bureau, Texas Corn Producers, Plains Cotton Growers, Go Texas and many more.

If you encounter any problems with the website or have any suggestions for its improvement, please let Kern know at taia@taia.org or phone 806 786-5644.



High Plains Irrigation Conference and Trade Show



The 2015 High Plains Irrigation Conference and Trade Show will be held January 15 at the Amarillo Civic Center. Preliminary planning is underway for the conference program on a variety of topics related to irrigated agriculture and water conservation. As in the past, CEUs will be available for those attending the conference. Show and event sponsorships for the Trade Show are available again this year. We have space for a few more exhibitors than last year. Please make plans now to attend and participate as well as invite your customers and suppliers to join us in Amarillo in January 2015. Please contact Dana Porter, TAIA Education Advisor, for details on the conference and Kern Stutler, Executive Secretary, for trade show information. Details of the conference program, sponsorship opportunities and exhibitor booth information are forthcoming on the website: www.taia.org under the HPIC 2015 tab.

Membership Directory 2014

If you have had a chance to peruse the **2014 Membership Directory** you probably have noticed some new people in TAIA. Those joining this year are:

Aron Floyd, Floyd Irrigation, Dumas, TX

Jason Hester, Nelson Irrigation Corporation, Lubbock, TX

Jay Leishman, Harrington Corporation, Lynchburg, VA

Tracy Lifer, Eurodrip USA, Lubbock, TX

Bob Patton, InTerra Environmental Solutions, LLC, Amarillo, TX

Nana Obang, AGRIMAT USA, LLC, Grand Prairie, TX

Julie Stark, Netirigate, LLC, Bloomington, IN

David Lott, Fresno Valves and Casting, Inc., Lubbock, TX, (in place of the late Charles Green)

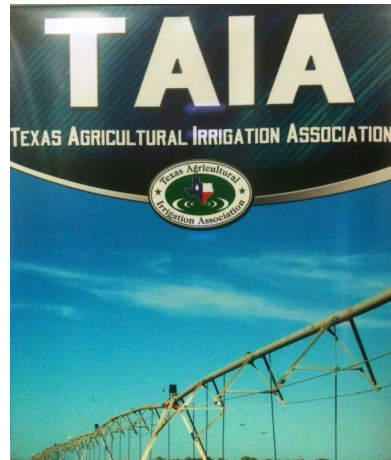
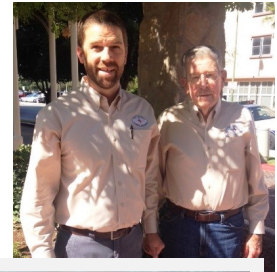
We welcome these new members into the organization and look forward to mutually serving each other in our efforts to conserve water and improve irrigated agriculture.

The strength of our organization depends in part on the number of members. You probably know people who are involved in irrigated agriculture—why not invite them to join TAIA? Three categories of membership are available: Regular, Associate, and Producer. Details of these categories are available on the website www.taia.org under Membership. If you would like brochures for distribution about TAIA, its goals and membership, contact Kern at taia@taia.org or phone 806 786-5644.

TAIA at the 2014 Texas Nursery and Landscape Association Expo



VP Mark Stutler and Executive Secretary Kern Stutler manned a complimentary booth at the Texas Nursery and Landscape Association Expo in San Antonio August 14-16. Board member Kenneth Ewings also displayed with Senninger.



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TAIA is a Breakfast Sponsor for the RGV Agriculture Water Conservation Workshop, August 20, in Weslaco, TX, put on by the Texas International Produce Association.

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