

July 8, 2013

Quarterly Programs/Issue List

2Q – 2013

**ISSUES:** KPAN AM-FM has identified the potential location of a wind energy installation southeast of Hereford as an issue impacting the community. KPAN also identified the impact of federal regulations on rural telecommunications and other trends affecting rural communications as an issue.

KPAN has identified a lack of a credible news source for the local Hispanic community as an ongoing issue facing Deaf Smith County. The county is about 60% Hispanic, and the public schools approach 80% Hispanic. Although much of the Latino population is bi-lingual, a large minority speaks and understands only Spanish. Their only source of local news is KPAN AM-FM.

**PROGRAMS:** KPAN AM-FM interviewed Philip Moore of Lincoln Renewable Energy about the Hereford proposal at 8:45am on April 23, and explored numerous aspects of the project in a half-hour interview. News stories covered parts of the wind project April 22, 23, 25; June 5, 22, 24, 25. KPAN interviewed Amy Linzey of West Texas Rural Telephone on the topic of Universal Service Fund May 3 at 8:45 am, and interviewed Ms. Linzey again on May 28 at 8:45am about rural long distance call completion.

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**WEATHER:** (May 29, 2013) **WEDNESDAY** – High yesterday afternoon was 90 at 3:00 with southeast wind to 40 mph; this morning's low was 67 at 7:00. **KPANcast:** Hot, dry and windy. Red flag warning for wildfire danger.

**LOCAL:** A towering supercell thunderstorm developed over Parmer County mid-afternoon Tuesday and meandered across Friona, Bootleg, Walcott, Simms, Vega and Wildorado before moving east by midnight. The storm produced several tornadoes and funnel clouds in open country, numerous episodes of 1- to 2-inch hailstones and torrential rain. Walcott received 2.27 inches of rain with 5 to 6 inches indicated by Doppler radar in the northwest corner of Deaf Smith County.....The supercell prompted 8 tornado warnings for Parmer and Deaf Smith Counties. Golfball-size hail covered the ground east of Simms at 8:47pm (and at several other locations), and jagged 4-inch hailstones pounded the area west of Walcott.....Rainfall totals included .31 inch at Friona, .33 inch at Bootleg, .62 inch at Vega and .03 inch at KPAN.....Deaf Smith County commissioners Tuesday approved a plan to allow voters from any precinct in the county to cast a ballot at any of the 4 polling locations on election day. The proposal still faces approval by state and federal agencies.....Hereford High senior Harrison Detten was honored as valedictorian of the Class of 2013 at senior awards Tuesday; he has a grade point average of 101.93. Baccalaureate services are at 7:00 tonight at HHS auditorium.....Funeral services for Alvaro Perez, age 82, are at 11:00 today at St. Anthony's Catholic Church. He was a retired farmworker who had lived in Hereford since 1946.....KPAN salutes John Fuller as the Good Neighbor of the Day.....Dignified, professional and affordable care at Hereford Heritage Funeral Home.

**KPAN PUN:** A historian is a prophet in reverse.

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**WEATHER:** (June 15, 2013) **SATURDAY-** High yesterday afternoon was 86 at 4:00; this morning's low was 63 at 7:00 **KPANcast:** Partly cloudy.

**LOCAL:** Longtime Hereford resident Steve Hodges is KPAN's 48<sup>th</sup> Father of the Year. He was selected from six nominees, and had four nominating letters on his behalf. Mr. Hodges is the father of three children, Heather, Cody and Slade. His hobbies include volunteering and cooking. He serves on the board of Ronald McDonald House and works with Another Chance House. Mr. Hodges was presented an engraved plaque, and gift certificates from local merchants..... Rain moved into southeastern Deaf Smith County at 5:15 Friday afternoon. Showers were spotty, KPAN recorded 0.10 inches while Hereford airport received 0.08 inch bringing year to date totals to 3.51 inches . . . Herd summer camps continue with baseball and softball Monday through Thursday. Herd baseball camp is open to incoming 3<sup>rd</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> graders. All campers will meet from 9:00 - noon. Registration is Monday at 8:30 at the baseball field. Lady Whiteface softball camp will be 9:00 - noon for incoming 3<sup>rd</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> graders at the softball field. There is a \$40 registration fee for each camp.....Moore's Greater Shows Carnival wraps up its run Sunday at the Bull Barn. The carnival opens at 6:00pm today and Sunday with armband specials beginning at 7:00.....KPAN "Big ticket Friday" winners included Clint Ruckman a pass to the musical drama "Texas, Janie Vargas won a pass to Wonderland Park, Amanda Balderaz and Jennifer Herrera win two tickets to Moovie Six.

**KPAN PUN:** Inject a few raisins of conversation into the tasteless dough of existence.

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**WEATHER:** (June 25, 2013) **TUESDAY** – High yesterday afternoon was 95 at 5:00 with south wind to 33 mph; this morning's low was 69 at 7:30. **KPANcast:** Partly cloudy and hot.

**LOCAL:** Deaf Smith County commissioners Monday unanimously approved a 10-year, 100% property tax reduction plan for Lincoln Renewable Energy of Chicago, which is developing a 200-megawatt, \$340 million wind turbine project on 16,000 acres southeast of Hereford.....The county tax abatement is patterned on existing agreements in Oldham County. The company will make yearly payments-in-lieu-of-taxes to the county of \$2000 per installed megawatt, meaning the effective tax reduction will be about 70%.....Nine members of Congress, including Lubbock Representative Randy Neugebauer, have asked the US Fish and Wildlife Service to extend the public comment period on potential listing of the lesser prairie chicken under the Endangered Species Act, and to postpone making a decision until June, 2014. The group says additional time is needed to comply with the federal law and to implement voluntary conservation efforts across the range of the grouse, which includes western Deaf Smith County.....Deaf Smith County will hold tire disposal collection Thursday 9:00-3:00 at the precinct 1 county barn at 116 Dairy Road. All sizes of used tires will be accepted for disposal and recycling at nominal fees.....Funeral services for Herbert Junior Cockrum, age 80, will be at 10:00 Thursday at Hereford Heritage Funeral Chapel. He had lived in Hereford since 1958.....KPAN salutes Twyla Jones as the Good Neighbor of the Day.....Big inventory and killer deals at Whiteface Ford at 550 North 25-Mile Avenue – right on the corner, right on the price.

**KPAN PUN:** Birds of a feather flock together – and then poop on your car.

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**WEATHER:** (June 27, 2013) THURSDAY – High yesterday afternoon was 106 at 5:00; this morning's low was 71 at 7:00, KPANcast: Heat wave continues.

**LOCAL:** US Fish and Wildlife Service has agreed to a 6-month postponement for a decision on listing of the lesser prairie chicken under the Endangered Species Act. The action comes within a week of a request by 8 members of Congress, including Mac Thornberry and Randy Neugebauer. The date has been pushed back to March, 2014 to allow the agency to further review the science and impact of voluntary conservation plans.....Xcel Energy says a 69-kilovolt transmission line into the Centre Street substation broke at 3:34pm Wednesday on the north edge of Hereford. It caused a power outage to 4,257 electric customers in Hereford and also to a rural area served by Deaf Smith Electric. The break was repaired and electricity was restored at 5:06pm.....Longtime water district staffer Carmon McCain has been named interim manager at High Plains Water District. The HPWD manager for 12 years, Jim Conkwright, is retiring at the end of June.....Funeral services are pending at Hereford Heritage for Gene Teters, age 84, who died yesterday at Hereford Nursing and Rehab.....Funeral services for Herbert Junior Cockrum, age 80, are at 10:00 today at Hereford Heritage Funeral Chapel with burial at West Park Cemetery.....A tire disposal collection is being held until 3:00 today at Deaf Smith County precinct 1 barn at 116 Dairy Road with nominal fees for disposal and recycling of used tires.....KPAN salutes Camila Rivas as the Good Neighbor of the Day.....Drive-up hours 8:30-6:00 weekdays at First National Bank at 403 North 25-Mile Avenue.

**KPAN PUN:** A dyslexic man walks into a bra.....

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**ISSUES:** KPAN AM-FM has identified the potential listing of the lesser prairie chicken as “threatened” under the Endangered Species Act as an issue impacting Deaf Smith County. The pending construction of a branch campus of Amarillo College is also an issue and potential positive for the community.

KPAN has identified a lack of a credible news source for the local Hispanic community as an ongoing issue facing Deaf Smith County. The county is about 60% Hispanic, and the public schools approach 80% Hispanic. Although much of the Latino population is bi-lingual, a large minority speaks and understands only Spanish. Their only source of local news is KPAN AM-FM.

**PROGRAMS:** KPAN AM-FM interview wildlife biologist Jeff Bonner at 8:45am February 14, and discussed various aspects of the LPC proposal, along with strategies and responses available to local landowners. An interview with Nicholas Demel of the USDA- Natural Resources Conservation Service was conducted at 8:45am January 16. In-depth new stories were also broadcast Feb. 5, Feb. 14 and March 1.

KPAN interviewed Amarillo College president Dr. Paul Matney at 8:45am March 11 to explore details of the Hereford project, and broadcast an in-depth news story that same day.

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**WEATHER:** (February 25, 2013) **MONDAY** – High yesterday afternoon was 63 at 3:00; this morning's low was 25 at 7:00. KPANcast: Blizzard. Several inches of snow and counting.

**LOCAL:** A blizzard has virtually shut down travel across the Texas Panhandle today. The DPS says most highways in open country are impassable due to near-zero visibility. The strong storm system is producing heavy snow and north wind over 50mph as it crosses the Panhandle today.....Schools and many offices did not open in Hereford today, with both Caviness and Cargill Beef Packers closed.....Hereford emergency responders will respond to wrecks and rescue stranded motorists, but will not tow stranded vehicles. Travel is treacherous and strongly discouraged.....Three HHS student-athletes won bronze medals in the UIL state wrestling championships in Austin Saturday. Anthony Ramirez took third place in the 4A 285-pound class, Nancy Alvarez won third in the girls' 120-pound class and Kimberly Chavira captured the bronze in the 185-pound class. Destiny Garza took 5<sup>th</sup> in state at 138-pounds, and Javier Galvan was 6<sup>th</sup> at 120-pounds.....Crimestoppers is offering a reward of up to \$1000 for info in the Crime of the Week, which was the December burglary of several storage units in the 100 block of 16<sup>th</sup> Street; tools and furniture were stolen. Call the ClueLine at 344-CLUE.....Funeral services for Clemente Zavala, age 60, will be at 2:00 Tuesday at Hereford Heritage Funeral Chapel. He was a lifelong resident who died Friday at his home. ....Graveside services for Serenity Ojeda will be held at 2:00 Wednesday at St. Anthony's Catholic Cemetery. The toddler died Saturday.....KPAN salutes Herschel Black as the Good Neighbor of the Day.....Not just flowers but great gift ideas too, at Flowers West at Park Avenue and Main Street.

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**WEATHER:** (March 1, 2013) **FRIDAY** – High yesterday afternoon was 46 at 4:00; this morning's low was 24 at 7:00. **KPANcast:** Partly sunny, breezy and continued cold.

**LOCAL:** The US Fish and Wildlife Service Thursday notified lawmakers that the public comment period would be extended beyond the March 11 deadline for the potential listing of the lesser prairie chicken as a threatened species. Agency director Daniel Ashe says the extension is to allow completion and evaluation of a range-wide conservation plan by the Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, which is expected by the end of March.....Western Deaf Smith County is considered part of the range and habitat of the prairie chicken. The date for a final federal decision remains unchanged at September 30.....Gasoline prices dropped a penny this week in Texas to a statewide average of \$3.63, with a nationwide average of \$3.78. Prices in Hereford remain around \$3.49 a gallon.....Funeral services for Julian Zapata, age 68, are at 4:00 today at Hereford Heritage Funeral Chapel. He died Tuesday, and had worked as a cowboy at Cattle-town Feedyards.....Funeral services for Ricardo Rincon, age 59, will be at 10:00 Saturday at Church of the Nazarene. He was a lifelong resident who had worked as a truck driver.....Monday's jury trial in 222<sup>nd</sup> District Court has been rescheduled for Tuesday. Persons summoned for jury service should report at 9:00 Tuesday on the third floor of Deaf Smith County Courthouse.....KPAN salutes Cindy Knarr as the Good Neighbor of the Day.....Your pickup truck takes a beating everyday – make it last with a Rhino Liner from Whiteface Rhino Liners.

**KPAN PUN:** Words are, of course, the most powerful drug used by mankind.

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**WEATHER:** (March 13, 2013) WEDNESDAY – High yesterday afternoon was 50 at 5:00 with northeast wind to 31 mph; this morning's low was 32 at 7:00 with light frost. **KPANcast:** Sunshine.

**LOCAL:** Construction is progressing on schedule at the new Amarillo College campus on West 15<sup>th</sup> Street with much of the steel up and the perimeter of the facility enclosed with wall boards. The \$7 million project involves funding from AC, a \$3 million gift by William Hanshaw, the 10-acre site from HEDC, street and support work from the City of Hereford and a \$1 million federal grant from the Economic Development Administration.....The college is currently pursuing the "Campaign for Hereford" to secure \$880,000 in private donations to help build technical labs and classrooms. Current gifts will be leveraged with match funding from the Amarillo Area Foundation/Harrington Foundation; each \$1 in private donations in Hereford will generate an additional \$1.50 in matches for the future educational needs of Hereford.....Funeral mass for Joe Schumacher, age 86, will be at 10:00 Friday at St. Anthony's Catholic Church. He was a longtime Hereford farmer who died Monday.....Funeral services are pending in Amarillo for Helen Eades, age 91, a former Hereford resident who died Tuesday night.....Graveside services for Luvia Estrada are at 2:00 today at St. Anthony's Catholic Cemetery.....Graveside services for Faith Martinez are at 3:00 today at Restlawn Memorial Park.....Texas Tech faces West Virginia at 6:00 tonight in Kansas City in the Big 12 men's basketball tournament with live coverage on KPAN AM-FM..... KPAN salutes Teresa and Rodney Allen as the Good Neighbors of the Day.....Dignified, professional and affordable care at Hereford Heritage Funeral Home.

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**WEATHER:** (March 29, 2013) **GOOD FRIDAY** – High yesterday afternoon was 77 at 5:00; this morning's low was 43 at 7:45. **KPANcast:** Mild with a 20% chance of showers or thunderstorms.

**LOCAL:** Lincoln Renewable Energy of Chicago has proposed a 200-megawatt wind energy project for eastern Deaf Smith County and Castro County that would be among the first to interconnect to the CREZ transmission lines being constructed by Sharyland Energy. The company has entered into agreement with Higher Ground Energy, made up of a group of landowners in southeastern Deaf Smith County.....Deaf Smith County commissioners will hold a public hearing April 22 on a proposed re-investment zone, which would allow the county to grant property tax abatement to Lincoln Renewable for construction of the wind turbines. The company has solar and wind projects in operation or under development in 13 states.....Gasoline prices dropped 4 cents across Texas the past week to a statewide average of \$3.53, with a nationwide average of \$3.64. Prices in Hereford are around \$3.46 a gallon.....County commissioners Monday approved wind erosion citations for 2 landowners in the Westway area, who for the second straight year have violated rules of the DSC Wind Erosion District. Neighbors complained that excessive topsoil was being blown onto adjoining property.....Funeral services for Iva May Boydston, age 83, will be at 10:00 Saturday at Fellowship of Believers Church. She was a longtime resident who died Wednesday at her home.....The Hereford Invitational Track Meet begins at 2:30 today at Whiteface Stadium with 14 high school teams.....KPAN salutes Poppy Elbert as the Good Neighbor of the Day.....Make your pickup tougher with a Rhino Liner from Whiteface.

**KPAN PUN:** Tolerance always has limits – it cannot tolerate what is itself actively intolerant.

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