

I would like to start out by congratulating the Oakes High School 2016 Graduates. I wish you the best of luck with all your future plans.

Now that summer is upon us, here are a few reminders.

We ask that you do not blow your grass into the streets when mowing. This can lead to obstructions causing water to backup during rainstorms. The Compost Site is open daily from 8am- 8pm to dump clippings and leaves.

Dogs and cats must be leashed when not on your property and you must have a means of keeping them on your property if they are outside. Animals at large can be a nuisance and also a threat to others. I would also like to stress the importance of cleaning up after your pets, especially in areas used by the public. City Ordinance does state that owners of all dogs shall immediately remove the excrement from property which they do not own or lease and from any street, alley, sidewalk, park or other public grounds; if found in violation a \$25 fine may be issued. I would encourage keeping this in mind out of consideration for neighbors and pride in our parks.

The process to paint the water tower in the industrial park is moving along. Be on the lookout for the new paint job to be revealed this summer.

Please remember that City Elections will be held on June 14th. Voting will take place at the Armory from 8:00am to 7:00pm. The City Council has 3 positions open; candidates are Kevin Ford and Tim Salberg plus a write-in candidate. Park Board has two positions open; candidates are Bob Miller and write-in. City elections are held with the Dickey County Primary election. Get out and vote!

The city is still working on the plan to plant trees in the boulevard. A grant to help pay for this project was awarded, but due to lack of availability of trees we will not be able to plant trees until later this summer.

A huge thank you to the Oakes Area Chamber of Commerce and everyone volunteering for this weekend's events. Your hard work, dedication and pride are evident and I am looking forward to another enjoyable time as always! Have a safe and happy Irrigation Days!