UT wind law students visit local wind farms

By Jordan Solis
Staff Writer

On Good Friday, 11 students travelled from Austin to Sweetwater to take a tour of the Sweetwater Wind Farm on March 25. The students were part of the Wind Law Seminar Course at UT that Professor Rod Wetsel, a native of Sweetwater, is teaching. The course covers all aspects of wind energy, and students can take what they learn here and apply it to wind energy businesses in their home countries.

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Library Tag Day set for April 6

Library Tag Day is scheduled for this coming Wednesday, April 6. The Woman’s Forum has kicked off this year’s Library Tag Day with donations from Big Boy’s Bar-B-Que.

Registration for summer and fall semesters begins Monday at TSTC

The idea of registering for college can seem daunting for some students and their parents. Texas State Technical College has developed a registration checklist to make the process easier.

If you miss your Sweetwater Reporter, you should call evenings by 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and we will contact your carrier — 236-6677

Policy update approved by school board

By Belinda Serrano
Staff Writer

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Jesse Moreno (center right) briefs the students about the safety training they will complete in order to go inside of one of the wind turbines at the Sweetwater Wind Farm. She mentioned that Argentina has just recently started developing wind farms. "The energy field is very important because energy is something we all need," said Bianchi on why she is studying Wind Energy Law. She plans on going back to Argentina after she completes her training and working in the wind energy field there. The students toured the operations building and a wind turbine at the Sweetwater Wind Farm. They also got to witness how the Supervisory Control And Data Acquisition (SCADA) computer system remotely monitors and controls the wind turbines. They then enjoyed a lunch catered by Big boy’s BBQ before returning to Austin.

OBITUARIES

JOSEPH TERRY KIEFER

Joe "JK" Kiefer, 61, of Edinburg, passed away from cancer on Sunday, March 20, 2016, in Abilene. A memorial service to celebrate Joe’s life will be held Friday, April 1, 2016 at 10:30 a.m., at the Elmibre Baptist Church, 233 Elmibre Road South, Abilene, Texas, with Pastor Ray Browning officiating. Burial will take place later this spring (details to follow), at Palm Valley Memorial Gardens in Pharr, Texas. Memorials may be made to the charity of your choice.

IRENE KRAL MADDN

Irene Kral Madden of Sweetwater, passed away on Monday, March 28, 2016, of the age of 98. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday, April 1, 2016 at Cal-South & Twin Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Kary Fry officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Cal-South & Twin Funeral Home.

Funeral home from 5-8 p.m. on Thursday, March 31, 2016. Grave side rites and burial will be held at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, April 5, 2016 at Crown Hill Cemetery, Albany, Georgia, with Dr. Bill Cooker officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Kimbrell-Stern Funeral Home of Albany, Georgia.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to First Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 959, Sweetwater, Texas 79556.

J.H. "WILLIE" WILLIAMS

It is with deep sadness that we announce the death of J.H. “Willie” Williams, age 86, who passed away on March 14, 2016 in Arlington. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, April 2, 2016 at 11 a.m. at the Masonic Lodge #27 in Sweetwater, with Jimmy Emmings and Lewis Williams officiating.

The family will be receiving friends after the service at the home of Patricia and Chuck Browning, 501 East 3rd, Sweetwater.

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• Apply for financial aid (recommended - www.fafsa.gov); school code 008754);
• Submit high school or college transcript;
• Submit proof of bacterial meningitis vaccination (if applicable);
• Communicate with a Success Coach for advisement;
• Register for classes with an instructor or program advisor;
• Pay balance or set up payment plan with Student Accounts;
• Verify program eligibility.

Additional testing may be required in some cases. All new students are strongly encouraged to take a new student orientation. To register for orientation go to www.tstc.edu/nso; New student orientation is recommended for Summer 2016. 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday, May 6; Fall 2016 orientation is recommended for Fall 2016. 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday, August 5.

VETERANS are encouraged to call 903-668-2158 to learn more about how to enroll in college. Dual credit for schools that are part of the TEAS program is available to veterans.

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