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Learn How to Build a Home Water System Solely Dependent on Rainwater

Stanton (April 6, 2015) – **Join the Permian Basin Underground Water District for their 2015 Rainwater Harvesting Presentation, A Night With Billy Kniffen, on Thursday, May 7th from 5:30 pm-7:30 pm.** The presentation will take place at the PBUWCD office at 708 W. St. Peter Street in Stanton, TX and this year's guest speaker will be Mr. Billy Kniffen. There will also be a door prize drawing for a rain barrel giveaway.

Mr. Kniffen is a Water Resource Associate in the Biological and Agriculture Engineer Department with the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service. He along with his wife, Mary, live in Mernard, TX in a home solely dependent on rainwater. Billy worked on most of this project by himself and it was completed in May 2004. Along with his home, Mr. Kniffen also built a barn which serves a multi-purpose for a shop, garage, and protection for his 3,000 gallon polypropylene tanks. He is able to capture about 2,900 gallons of water per inch of rain between the combined 5,900 square feet from his home and barn roof.

Mr. Kniffen has also served as a Water Resource Specialist and county agent for TAMU for 30 years and is a TAMU Board of Regents Fellow Service Award recipient. His efforts have been directed towards rainwater harvesting, land management and watershed stewardship. He is the past vice president and education committee chairman for the American Rainwater Catchment Systems Association (ARCSA), conducting educational workshops, trainings and installing demonstration rainwater collection systems all across Texas, the United States and provides support internationally. Mr. Kniffen co-authored the Rainwater Harvesting: System Planning manual used in training rainwater professionals and the technical trainings provided by ARCSA. He received his degrees from Abilene Christian University and Tarleton State University.

Come learn more on May 7th from the man who is known for his 2 ½ minute showers and his water conservation entrepreneurship!