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Securing the Benefits of Commerce to
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NEWS RELEASES

[Levelland Completes New \\$8.6 Million Industrial Rail Park ... Ports-to-Plains Alliance Region](#)

Less than one year after breaking ground, Levelland City and Economic Development officials will get engines on track for an \$8.6 million industrial rail park in the 12,866 population town 30 miles west of Lubbock, Texas. A ribbon-cutting ceremony is slated for 10:30 a.m. Nov. 17.

"We've come a long way in 11 months," said Dave Quinn, executive director of the Levelland Economic Development Corporation (LEDC). "We've used the tagline, 'Progressive on Purpose,' here in Levelland for quite some time, and this ribbon-cutting is the culmination of our work – not only for our city, but for the entire West Texas region." ...



TRANSPORTATION

[Rough Roads Ahead-Texas Good Roads](#)

The Ports-to-Plains Alliance would like to thank Texas Good Roads/Transportation Association for its development of the excellent tools describing the current situation and potential answers regarding transportation funding in Texas. What is described, while focused on Texas, could be said about every state in the Ports-to-Plains region. Take a look at the video.

[PTP Editorial: Earmarks at top of Congress' list](#)

[Future Mobility in Texas: Meeting the State's Need for Safe and Efficient Mobility](#)

[Gas Tax Considered ... A Solution to the Deficit?](#)

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[The modernization of the highway Torreón-San Pedro recorded a rise of 90 percent overall](#)

[Rep. Drew Darby \(R-San Angelo\) says state needs to address transportation funding](#)

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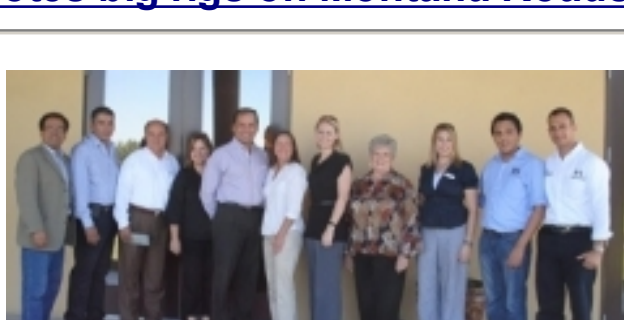
[Top 8 Myths: Kearl U.S. 12 Transportation Project](#)

[New group promotes big rigs on Montana Roads](#)

Economic Development

[Del Rio's City and Chamber host Tourism Study Tour](#)

The Del Rio Chamber of Commerce in conjunction with the City of Del Rio recently hosted a tourism study tour using a grant obtained through the office of the Governor.



The findings of the study will be used to organize local attractions into an easily referenced report that will establish a foundation for future tourism planning and economic development efforts.

This study served as a venue to showcase local assets to representatives from the Governor's Office of Economic Development & Tourism, Texas Department of Agriculture Economic Development, and the Ports-to-Plains Alliance Marketing Department.

[A \\$5 Million Impact from a Plate of Nachos?](#)

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[Northern gusts can't chill Levelland rail park celebration](#)

[Vestas ready to hire as Colorado production ramps up ... Ports-to-Plains Region](#)



ENERGY

[Pros and cons of oil and gas development in the community](#)

Tom Rolfstad, Economic Development Director, Williston, ND, a partner with the Ports-to-Plains Alliance and the Theodore Roosevelt Expressway Association, spoke at this Energy Update Workshop in Cheyenne, WY. This is a great example of one community in the Ports-to-Plains region being willing to assist other communities by sharing their experiences and expertise. That is what the Alliance is all about ... Securing the Benefits of Commerce to North America's Energy and Agricultural Heartland.

[Continuing Education: Hydraulic Fracturing](#)

[The "Science" of CSI ... What else should we believe?](#)

[Bakken oil conference scheduled next week in Denver ... Ports-to-Plains and Theodore Roosevelt Expressway to participate](#)

AGRICULTURE



[Biofuels: RFA's Dinneen discusses industry's mixed response to E15 decision \(Video\)](#)

The Obama administration recently announced the approval of higher levels of ethanol in gasoline for newer vehicles. Is this a good move for the ethanol industry? During today's OnPoint, Bob Dinneen, president and CEO of the Renewable Fuels Association, explains why his industry had a mixed reaction to EPA's decision. He also discusses the future of tax credits for the ethanol industry, heading into Congress' lame duck session.



[The Importance of Rural Grocery Stores](#)

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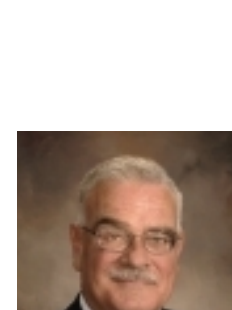
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