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Ogallala Commons director speaks on “Ethics of Water Use”

Darryl Birkenfield, director of the Ogallala Commons, will speak on “The Ethics of Water Use” at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 12, at a program sponsored by the League of Women Voters and the Amarillo Public Library. The public is invited to the meeting at the Southwest Branch Library, 6801 West 45th.

Ogallala Commons is a nonprofit community resource network for the region overlying the vast High Plains-Ogallala Aquifer. For Birkenfield, longtime resident of Nazareth, Texas, and a part-time food producer who also earned a Ph.D. in social ethics, the commons is not only a call to develop better economic models and protections for nature but also a spiritual and ethical challenge. The commons works to educate residents of the High Plains on conservation and wise use of our natural resources and advocates development strategies that promote longterm sustainability.

This program is part of a two-year study by the League of Women Voters on water resources in the Texas Panhandle and the outlook for their future viability, said Tonya Kleuskens, chair of the League’s Environment Committee. All interested residents of the Panhandle are invited to attend.