

raised with actively involved fathers tend to score higher on measures of verbal and mathematical ability and demonstrate greater problem-solving and social skills.

7. Provides child with guidance and discipline. From infancy, children need proper guidance and discipline. Active fathers play an important role in teaching their children proper behavior by setting and enforcing healthy limits.

8. Gives child someone to play with. One of the primary ways that fathers’ bond with their children is through play. According to researchers, there are qualitative differences in2 the ways fathers and mothers play with their children. Fathers tend to use a more physical style of play (e.g., wrestling) that offers several benefits to children, including enhanced cognitive ability.

9. Provides child with someone to talk to when she has questions. Young children are full of questions. This natural curiosity helps them learn about their environment. Active fathers can be a valuable source of information for children who are seeking answers to life’s important questions.

10. Increases child’s chances for academic success. Children whose fathers are actively involved in their lives are more likely to achieve academic success than children whose fathers are not actively involved. These academic benefits appear to extend into adulthood.

11. Provides child with an alternative perspective on life. Research indicates that men and women often differ in their parenting styles - however, one style is not necessarily better than the other. Instead, it can be healthy for children to be exposed to different perspectives on life, such as a father.

12. Lowers child’s chances for early sexual activity. Children with actively involved fathers are less likely to engage in early sexual activity, thus reducing their chances for teen pregnancy and sexually t13. Lowers child’s chances for school failure. Children with actively involved fathers are less likely to drop out of school than children with uninvolved fathers.

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14. Lowers child’s chances for youth suicide. Children with actively involved fathers are less likely to commit suicide than children with uninvolved fathers.

15. Lowers child’s chances for juvenile delinquency. The benefits of having an active father throughout a child’s early years extend into the teen years as well. Children with active fathers are less likely to commit juvenile crimes than children with inactive fathers.

16. Lowers child’s chances for adult criminality. The chances that a child will commit crimes as an adult also diminish.

17. Provides child with a sense of physical and emotional security. One of the major

benefits that fathers can provide to their children by being actively involved is a sense of security (physical and emotional). By being actively involved in a child’s life, a father promotes a trusting relationship. The child does not have to worry about being abandoned.

18. Facilitates child’s moral development. Children need a moral compass to guide them when they face difficult moral choices. Fathers, like mothers, help children to develop a sense of right and wrong that serves as a foundation for establishing moral character.

19. Promotes a healthy gender identity in your child. Boys and girls benefit from having healthy role models from both sexes. Research points to the fact that mothers and fathers socialize their children in different ways. Fathers can help their children, especially boys, to develop a healthy sense of what it means to be a male.

20. Helps child learn important life skills. Most of the essential life skills that children need to survive are learned within the home.

Fathers have a unique opportunity to teach their children valuable skills that will enable them to grow up to be healthy and productive adults. Fathers, your children need you! Make a commitment to be an active father. Your children will greatly benefit from your involvement in their lives.

Trump signs disaster assistance bill

President Donald Trump signed the Farm Bureau-supported supplemental disaster relief bill on June 6.



New Sign! We want to thank Mrs. Celeste Service and her art class for the beautiful new sign they painted (pictured above). We would also like to thank the county for the construction of the covered stands and for the sign. A lot of good people have played on that ball field. Ed Hickman’s favorite baseball team was the Rabbit Twisters. Again the family appreciates all the work and time that went into the Ed Hickman memorial! So let’s play ball! 49-1tc

“The disaster relief measure signed by President Trump is an important lifeline for farmers and ranchers whose greatest desire is to keep producing the food, fuel and fiber that make our way of life possible,” American Farm Bureau Federation President Zippy Duvall said. “The last two years have brought historic hurricanes like Florence and Michael. We have faced wildfires, tornadoes and flooding that has led to the worst planting season on record for many commodities. Many farmers have faced near-complete losses, and this measure will help us weather the storm.”

The bill includes \$3.005 billion

administered through the Wildfires and Hurricanes Indemnity Program (WHIP) for necessary expenses related to losses of crops—including on-farm stored commodities and crops that could not be planted in 2019—trees, bushes, vines, milk and harvested adulterated wine grapes caused by natural disasters in 2018 and 2019. Losses of peach and blueberry crops in 2017 due to extreme cold and help for farmers and ranchers impacted by Tropical Storm Cindy will also fall under WHIP.

Along with funding for the Nutrition Assistance for Puerto Rico

program, the bill contains assistance for non-industrial timber restoration, rural watershed recovery and the rehabilitation of farmland damaged by natural disasters.

The measure also provides money for the Rural Development Community Facilities Grant Program, which funds the development of essential community facilities in rural areas.

“Americans have always come together in times of need to help lift our neighbors and support our communities,” Duvall said. “We thank Congress and the president for delivering this much-needed assistance for American agriculture.”

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