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President's Message

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GAGwP President

How many times have you been around a group of friends at a gathering or party, and someone has said, "It must be nice owning your own business, you can take a day off whenever you want." Or my other favorite: "Must be nice being your own boss."

The public has no clue what a business owner endures while providing a service valuable enough that others will pay to acquire. The weight of ensuring the wellbeing and livelihood of your family and employees can be ever overwhelming at times.

This came to mind recently when I read an article from a liberal columnist who generally keeps busy stirring racial animosity. I usually ignore him, but a sentence caught my eye this day. To paraphrase, he wrote, "not to demean window washers, electricians, and others, but people such as teachers, firefighters, and those in the media serve at a higher calling"

WHAT!

I can infer therefore that blue collar workers like well drillers make no sacrifice for the public good, whereas this writer is of a loftier status. What a pompous ass. I'm sure that most of us live a life this public antagonist could never understand. I wonder if he knows how many well drillers have (and I am by no means beating my own drum here):

- Served their country as military members (my father in law served in Korea and drilled wells. In fact, my wife's father received the Air Force Flying Cross medal)
- As law enforcement officers (although he conspicuously left them out as public servants)
- Serve as full-time or volunteer firefighters

- Teachers in the support family
- Volunteer for civic organizations and environmental causes
- Donate considerable sums of money to charitable organizations
- Pay inordinate taxes and then be told what's left is not really money we earned
- I could go on and on.

My point is that some members of the media are so far removed from what the average worker or business owner lives through everyday, because they are so devoted to one aspect of their self-made, miserable life.

So, the next time a little old lady with no money, no family, and no water calls at two in the morning; while I'm battling spiders, fire ants, and the cold in the dark in some nasty pump house, I'd like to invite Mr. Pompous Liberal to join me in an act of selfless labor, who again thinks he is serving a loftier cause.

God Bless America

Jim McClain



Scholarships

The deadline for the GAGwP Scholarships has passed but if you get the application in before Sept. 1, we will be able to accept and consider it. For an application go to the website at www.georgiadrillers.com and click on "Scholarship".



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SB 451, Ag Metering Bill, Signed into Law



SB 451 codifies the executive action that places the agriculture water metering program within the Environmental Protection Division (EPD) of the Department of Natural Resources. The bill also removes a \$250 application fee placed on farms within the Flint River basin.

SB 451 also affects ground and surface water withdrawals in the following ways:

If a permit is modified, amended, transferred, or assigned, the permittee shall have one year from the updated date to have an acceptable type of water-measuring device installed at the cost of the permittee. When the device is installed, EPD shall have 60 days to inspect the device.

installing state-sponsored water-measuring devices. If a site does not have the proper infrastructure for a state-sponsored water-measuring device, the permittee has five years to meet the infrastructure requirements. After the expiration of five years, the permittee shall be responsible for installing an acceptable water-measuring device.

After November 1, 2019, all permittees are responsible for annually recording data from their water-measuring device between November 1 and November 30. The permittee shall transmit the data to the EPD by January 15 of the following year. The permittee is responsible for all costs associated with recording the data. The EPD shall use the data to improve the accuracy of meter readings and be responsible for any maintenance, repair, or replacement of water-measuring devices necessary to ensure accurate water usage readings.

EPD is required to develop a priority system for

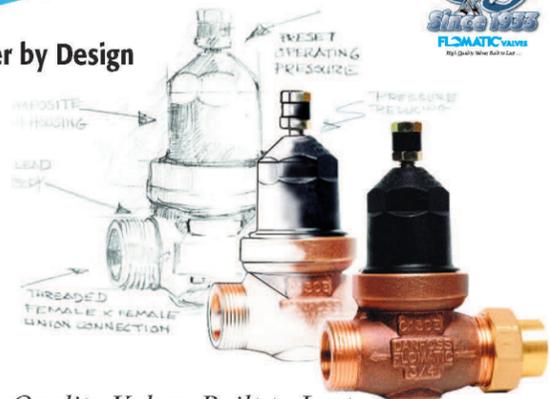
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Sittin' on the Tailgate

By Jim McClain



Certainly one of the perks of our business is getting to know so many different people. One never knows what history or background story your next customer may have to tell.

I have drilled wells for a former pilot of the X-15 supersonic rocket plane, the military head of the bombing of Morimar Kudafi, the survivor of the famous Ripley's Believe It Or Not article of an airman who crashed in World War II without a parachute. He was nicknamed "Lucky Joe" for good reason. I've met multi-million lottery winners who spent their last five dollars on a lottery ticket and cigarettes.

And I've met **Daniel Boone**. You heard right, Daniel Boone.

I met him in Savannah on a job, and of course I had to ask if he was related to THE Daniel Boone. And of course he proudly confessed it was so. And as an attorney, his birthright had pulled him out of many legal dilemmas. He told me of his first case, representing a firm involved in a civil suit. Now some of us may not know this, but some lawsuits are never meant to make it to trial. They are just exercised to test the patience of the plaintiff, defendant, or the judge. In this particular case, the judge had been subjected to dozens of continuances and delays by this attorney's firm. So when the case called Mr Boone was called forth.



Daniel Boone was one of the heroes of the frontiersmen. Becoming a hunter at the age of 12, he moved westward as the frontier moved west. He died in Missouri in 1820.

The judge promptly set upon him., "Young man, I've never met you. I can assure you that I will not entertain another continuance from your firm, and I expect to proceed with this case immediately!" Mr. Boone replied, "Your Honor, I am in fact here to request a continuance as my client is not prepared to present its case."

The judge threatened to dismiss the case or put someone in jail. "What is your name, young man?" "Your Honor, Mr. Daniel Boone." he responded. The judge peered over his glasses which he had strategically placed over his nose, "Well Mr. Boone, I can hardly tell my wife when I go home tonight that I threw Daniel Boone in jail today, so I grant you your continuance." He doesn't know if the case ever did make it to trial.

WWSAC News

The email below was sent to us by Mr. Edward Rooks, DNR, EPD, Water Well Standards Advisory Council (WWSAC).

We are expanding our network of Water Well Standard Act inspectors. We have asked other units within EPD to perform a "basic" inspection if they happen to see a drill rig or pump rig during their travels for EPD. On any given day

there may **50 or more EPD employees** travelling for inspections or site visits of some description. Not all of these people will be able to stop for a WWSA inspection, but any that do will be a bonus for us. I am not asking these other people to make judgements about compliance. We will make that determination based on the answers to the questions and the photos taken (if needed) and our follow up with the contractor. I wanted you guys to know that the driller and pump contractor community may see some new faces on their work sites.



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AG Metering Bill (continued)

Ga. Farm Bureau's View

Protection of the quality and quantity of resources Georgia is blessed with remains a top priority, especially as the threat of over-regulation and legal pressure from neighboring states threatens agriculture. We have seen positive movement on the federal level with the repeal of the WOTUS rule, and fortunately were able to stop a last minute amendment that imposed an aggressive buffer requirement on all state waters and those that feed into them.

Perhaps the most intensive work this year surrounded a troublesome initial proposal that drastically changed the agriculture water-metering program. GFB work closely with Reps. [Tom McCall](#), [Lynn Smith](#), [Buddy Harden](#), [Sam Watson](#), and Sens. [Tyler Harper](#), [Dean Burke](#), and [Larry Walker](#) to amend [SB 451](#), keeping

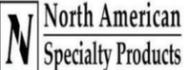
the metering program in-line with the original intent it was created, and also not placing the state's burden on the shoulders of farmers. The version of the bill sent to the Governor's desk:

- codifies the program under the state's Environmental Protection Division (EPD);
- creates a priority process for permitted withdrawals to be metered;
- specifies that the permittee must buy the meter but that EPD is required to contract out their reading, maintenance, repair, and replacement; and, removes the \$250 fee for irrigation permits in the Flint Basin and specifies that they shall be automatically renewed after the 25-year term.

This bill strikes the balance for the state to gather information demonstrating agriculture's water stewardship while respecting farmer's private property rights.







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Savannah Marriott Riverfront, Savannah, GA

AGENDA

Thursday, Sept. 20, 2018

2:00 PM—5:00 PM Water Well Standards Advisory Committee Meeting Plaza Room

Friday, Sept. 21, 2018

7:00 AM Golf Registration - The Club At Savannah Harbour (Westin Hotel Course)
8:00 AM Golf Shotgun—contact the GAGwP office if you wish to play. Reservations a MUST!
12:00 N- 5:00 PM Exhibitor Set Up
4:00 PM Hotel Check In Available
3:30 PM—5:00 PM GAGwP Officers' and Directors' Meeting, Plaza Room
5:00 PM—6:30 PM Reception—Preview of Exhibit Booths—Meet and Greet
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8:45 - 9:15 AM Ga Farm Bureau Issues Relating to Drillers
By Jeffery Harvey, Ga. Farm Bureau
9:15—10:00 AM Private Well Water Programming
By: Dr. Gary L. Hawkins, Ph.D. University of Georgia
10:00— 1:30 PM Exhibits Open in the Atrium
12:30 —1:30 PM Lunch on your own
12:30— 1:30 PM Platinum Member Lunch —See Ashley if you are attending for GAGwP Platinum Members ONLY
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3:15—3:30 PM Refreshment Break—Sponsored by
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3:30 —4:30 PM GA—Florida Water Wars Impact on Georgia Drillers
By Jesse Richardson, Water Systems Council
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4:30—5:30 PM Pump Sizing
by David Bumalough, Franklin Electric
5:30 pm Show Ends - Be sure to pick up your CE forms & have a safe trip home!

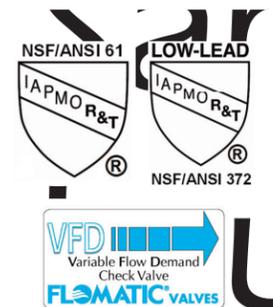


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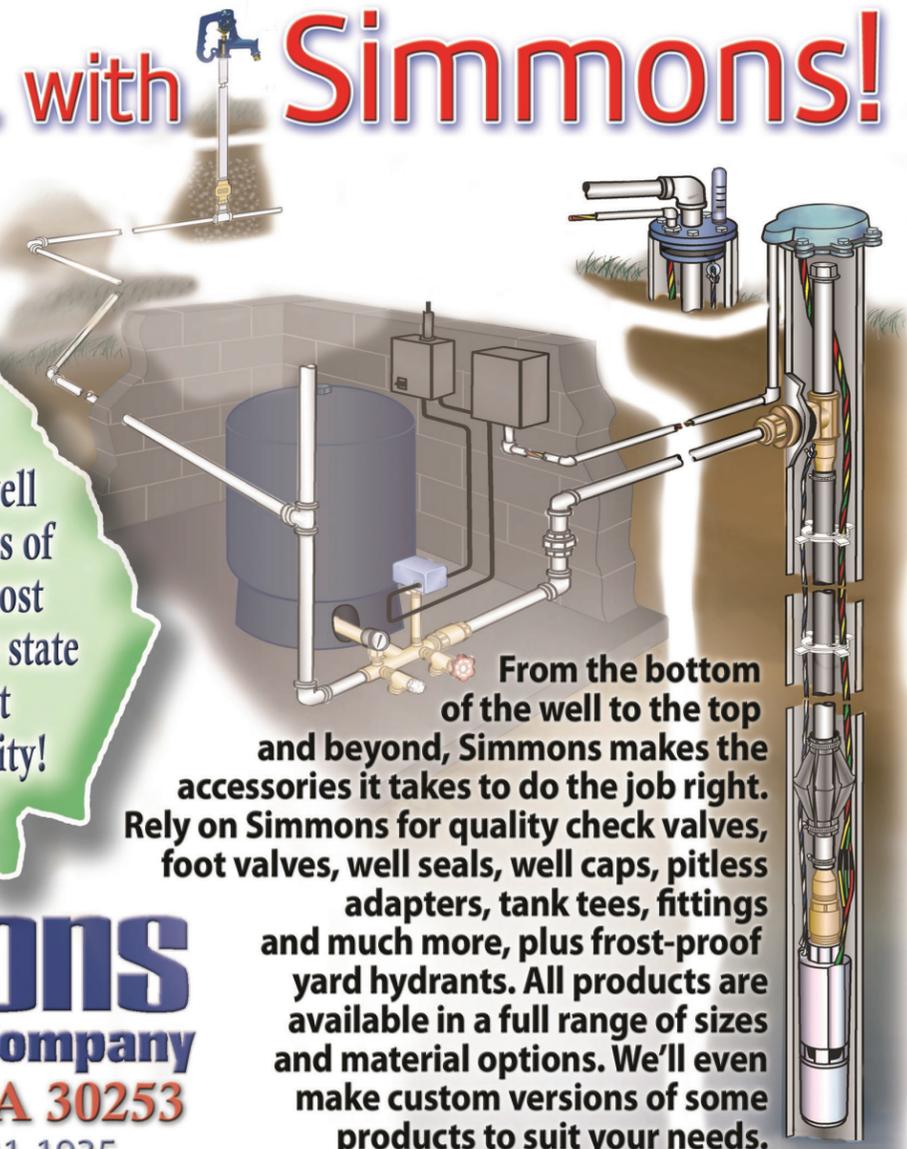
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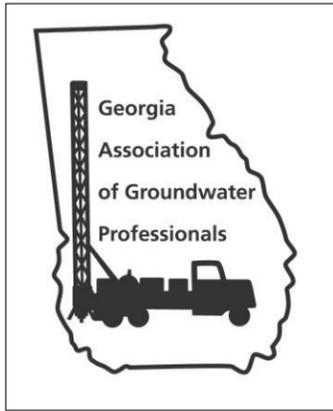
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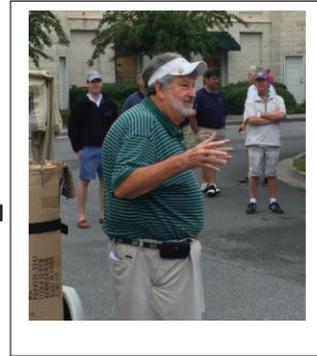
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Any door prizes will be appreciated. Maybe a credit with your company. Might just pick up a new customer. Those would only be awarded to drillers playing in the tournament.
Format will be a **4 Man Scramble**. Everyone hits their drive and then plays the best shot into hole. Teams will have a team handicap based on players handicap or average score.
Please contact **Pete Peterson** at **912-667-9355** if you would like to be a sponsor or if you have any questions.

We need all registrations by Aug, 15th & hole sponsor info. for signs as early as possible but no later than Aug. 15th.
We can't promise hole sponsorship signs any later than that.

Contact for team _____ Email: _____ Cell ph: _____

Info for Hole Sign: _____

Names of Players.

1. _____ Handicap or average score _____
2. _____ Handicap or average score _____
3. _____ Handicap or average score _____
4. _____ Handicap or average score _____

Make check payable to and return to: GAGwP, P. O. Box 910, Hartwell, GA 30643

Proceeds will be divided between the WSC Water Well Trust Program and the GAGwP PAC.

Simmons will be doing the same as the last couple of years at a par 3 hole with a close up contest, balls and matching what they raise with a contribution to GAGwP.



Get Answers to your questions via phone, email, or chat!

- Is my water safe?
- How do I get my water tested?
- What should my water be tested for?
- Do I need a water treatment system?
- Who should I call for help?

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A Quick-Guide for Well Owners

Simple Tips on Caring For Your Water Well



- Technical Concerns
- Water Testing
- Well Maintenance
- Wellhead Protection



Water Testing

When Should I Have My Water Tested?

Initially

- When a new well is drilled
- If there is no record of testing
- You are buying a home with a well

Annually

- At a minimum
- Spring is the best time to test

And...

- Before installing a treatment system
- Sudden change in taste, color, or odor
- Someone in the home is pregnant or nursing
- Failure of a septic system
- After a flooding event
- Someone in the home has a sudden, unexplained illness

What Should My Water Be Tested For?

At a minimum, test for the following common contaminants that can pose health risks:

- Bacteria** Most common contaminant
- Nitrates** Faulty septic systems & fertilizers
- Lead** From household plumbing
- Arsenic** Occurs naturally & was once a common ingredient in pesticides

This is not a complete list of recommended tests. Contact the Wellcare® Hotline, local Health Department, or University Extension Office in your county for help with testing recommendations. Always consult with your physician for any health concerns.

Inspect & Protect

Where Can I Have My Water Tested?

- Certified or Accredited Water Testing Laboratory: Find a laboratory near you watersystemscouncil.org/water-well-help/water-testing-by-state/
- Local Health Department
- University Cooperative Extension Office

Inspect Your Well

Regularly inspect your wellhead for damage to the casing or well cap. Contact a licensed well contractor to repair any damage immediately to reduce the potential for contamination.

Protect Your Well Water Supply

Store all chemicals at least 100 feet from your well. Keep heavy equipment and vehicles off of your lawn and away from your well to avoid damage to buried water lines. Allow only grass to grow around your well. Other plants can have longer roots that can damage your well casing. Do not pile leaves, snow, or anything around your well, and consider adding a fiberglass marker to help with locating the well during fall and winter months. To avoid well contamination, septic tanks should be pumped every 3-5 years based on use and family size.

Technical Concerns

No Power to Pump?

Do not reset the breaker, fuse, or pump controls. Most circuit breakers/fuses trip for a reason. The cause should be diagnosed by a licensed professional to ensure your safety and to avoid damage to your well equipment.

No Water or Low Pressure?

- Possible causes include:
- Low water levels in well
 - Leak in system piping
 - Clogged filter or water line
 - Faulty electrical controls
 - Waterlogged pressure tank
 - Faulty or worn well pump

Always Contact Your Licensed Well Contractor for Repairs

Maintain & Record

Records

Set a maintenance schedule to test your water and to inspect your well, water treatment, and septic systems. Keep records of maintenance, test results, and repairs to help your contractor with future repairs.

Contact the Wellcare® Hotline for a copy of our Well Owner's Manual to help with your record keeping!

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As of the date of this newsletter, we have the following sponsors.

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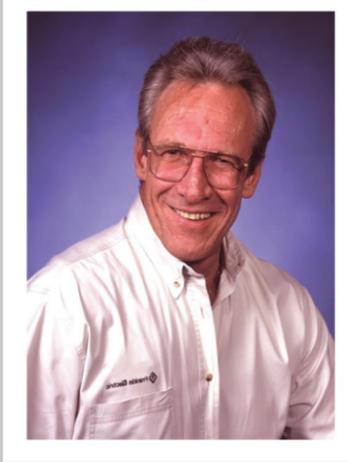
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In Memoriam: Industry Veteran Mike Keen, Sr.

06/14/2018

Sadly, **Franklin Electric** announces the passing of **Michael E. "Mike" Keen, Sr.**, Senior Field Service Engineer. We remember and honor his life and legacy as a veteran of the United States Air Force, having served during the Vietnam War, and a member of the National Ground Water Association as a Master Groundwater Contractor. Mike will be profoundly missed by those whose lives he touched. Members of **GAGWP** remember Mike from all the seminars he presented at our Well Shows. He will surely be missed.



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Gary L. Hawkins, Ph.D. Speaker at Well Show 2018

Dr. Gary L. Hawkins works for the University of Georgia as the Water Resource Management Specialist in the Crop and Soil Science Department. He is an Agricultural Engineer and graduated from Clemson

University, Auburn University and the University of Tennessee. He is currently working on water resource issues related to well water protection and education, septic systems, water quality and soil and water conservation.

Presentation Description:

The University of Georgia Crop and Soil Science Department along with the Agricultural and Environmental Services Lab as well as Extension Agents are in the process of developing a well water program focusing on homeowners. The program is being developed to help homeowners better understand well water and how testing is an important aspect of having a well. Dr. Hawkins will discuss the program and how it is being delivered to Extension Agents and homeowners.

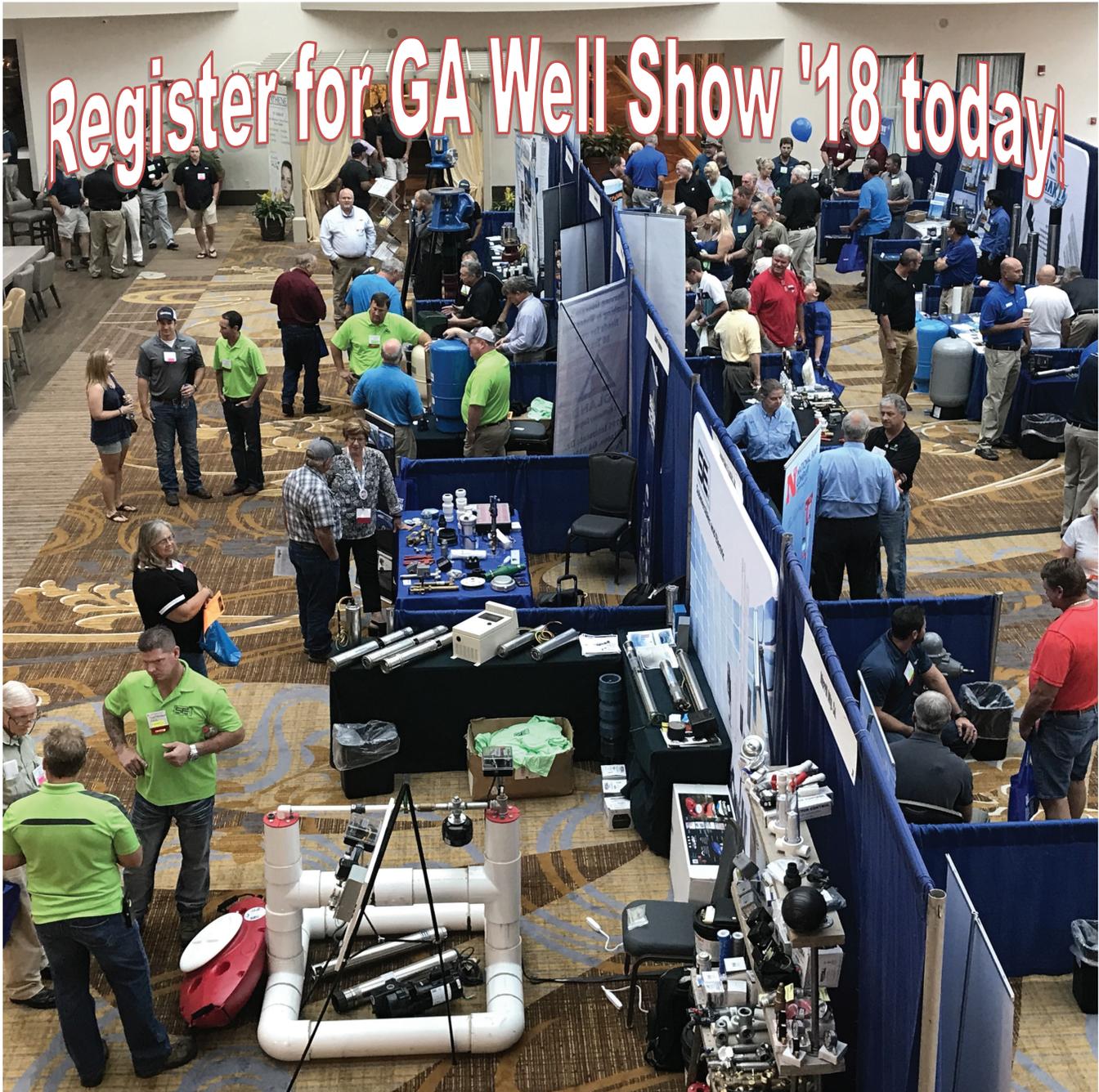


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