We hope everyone had a great Independence Day! This month we spotlight Wesley Brinkmeyer, known for being one of the most hardworking men for our community.

Wesley is Class of 2006 and graduated with a BS in Political Science. There are numerous Aggies in his family and he is married to Aubrey '06. They have three young children. Now for the Q&A!

Q: Where do you work and what does your job entail?
A: Bluebonnet Electric Cooperative as the Manager of Energy Services. As part of my role I am lucky enough to work with talented people as part of the GIS, electrical line design, easement acquisition, processing, renewable energy and energy efficiency portions of the business.

Q: What was your favorite A&M memory?
A: Graduation. It was the culmination of many years of friendships, experiences and work. While it was sad, the unknown of the future was an exciting prospective.

Q: Where is your favorite place to eat in College Station?
A: Heberts. It was a small shack near Northgate that served the best cajun gumbo.

Save the Date
Aggie Family Fun Night
Fireman’s Park
Wednesday, August 23rd
6 - 8:30 pm
Dinner 6:45 pm
Plenty of the usual Aggie Family Fun!

The Fall 2017 WCAC Scholarship Application is now available! Instructions and an application are attached to the July e-mail.

Applications due July 31st!

Questions?
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Q: What was your favorite class at A&M?
A: Western European Government and Politics. I took the course as part of a Study Abroad Program in Western Europe. As an Aggie, we were given access to the different levels of local leadership as well as to the leadership of the European Union. We happened to be studying at a time when the EU was attempting to pass their own constitution that would establish the EU in similar ways to the US in individual state design. It created a tough and tense political atmosphere as the constitution would ultimately fail on the ballot. It was memorable and a great learning experience.

Q: What is the best Aggie connection experienced in your career?
A: The Aggie connection is strong throughout Texas and the world. Professionally, the fact that I am an Aggie has immediately garnered many opportunities. While it had little direct impact on my professional career, I would have to say that my best connection would be the exchange I had in an airport in Frankfurt Germany as I awaited my flight. An older gentleman approached me and asked if that was an Aggie ring on my finger. When I responded yes, he proceeded to show me a gold ring on his finger. You could tell that it had some engraving on it once, but that the markings had long been worn down. As he showed it to me, he proceeded to tell me that was his ring and he was a graduate of the class from 1938. He was in Germany visiting. For the next few minutes we visited as he shared his stories of the campus from his time, WWII, and what he has learned from being a student at A&M that has stayed with him forever. It was at that point that I realized the weight of being a part of that tradition and that there was a great humbling responsibility that goes along with being an Aggie.

Q: What is your favorite A&M tradition?
A: I would have to say that Aggie language would have to be my favorite tradition (if it can really be considered a tradition). All Aggies know what it means when you say Gig’Em or when you Whoop. As you walk on campus, students from all backgrounds will tell you Howdy and you instantly know why the campus is famous for its friendly student body. We have a language all our own that has become part of our tradition and legacy.

Q: In a carnival where you are raising money for charity, who would you choose for your dunking booth?
A: Any elected official. The political arena of today will always put a person in a place there both their supporters and foes would want to see them fall in the water. It is one of the reasons why I respect elected officials for taking the oath and becoming vulnerable. It would also raise quite a bit of money to see them hit the water.

Q: What is the last movie you saw?
A: Beauty and the Beast. As you can tell, my kids pick the movies at our house. Overall, not a bad movie. The kids loved it.

Q: What is your favorite Aggie joke?
A: An Aggie, Red Raider and a Longhorn are walking on a beach and kick a bottle. They wipe it off an a genie pops out. The genie grants each of them one wish. Red Raider says his family has always farmed and wishes for fertile land for years to come. Genie says it is done. The Longhorn wishes for a wall to be built around Austin so only his Longhorn fans can stay in and they can be protected from any other non Longhorn fans. Genie says it's done. Aggie asks him to tell him more about this wall. Genie says it is 100ft high and 50ft thick and nothing can get in or out. The Aggie says, "Fill it with water!!"

Q: What advice would you give someone who just graduated from A&M?
A: The values instilled in you as a student at Texas A&M will get you in the door. Your recognition that you are an ambassador of those values will keep you humble. Do not be afraid to take risks because if you fail, there will always be someone (an Aggie for sure) ready to lift you up.