

Fortuna Has Had A Positive Effect On Area  
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As one who has experienced the drilling of a well and installation of pipelines on our land, Fortuna Energy has been fair and responsible.

Could I have gotten more for lease payments and royalties from another company? Maybe. I know a lot of people who have padded lawyers' pockets and not received anything. How much is enough? I know that my lease payments helped pay my taxes. I know that Fortuna contributes greatly to our local economy.

Fortuna is building a large, tax- paying building in Big Flats, thus firmly connecting itself with our area. I am impressed by how many local people are employed by Fortuna. Contractors include earth movers, truckers, landscapers, fuel companies, surveyors, fence companies, drillers, cement companies, sand and gravel companies and pipeliners.

The wells are even maintained by local people. Fortuna also employs many people in their office and leasing staff. All of these people either buy homes or stay in apartments or motels in our area. They also eat in our restaurants and buy from our stores.

Fortuna is also involved with many local charities and projects that positively impact our area. The royalties paid to landowners also filter back into our economy and tax structure.

When you hear the name Fortuna Energy, think of the positive influence they have on our community.

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