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This, That & The Other

By
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- The first of two blood moons for 2015 will be viewable Saturday, April 4. Blood moons are caused during a total lunar eclipse and the moon takes on a signature red or blood color from the shadow of the earth caused during the eclipse. The eclipse will begin around 4:00 a.m. and be at its maximum right around 7:00 a.m.
- A reminder that Mooreland Boy Scout Taydon Harper, with assistance of other scouts, will hold a food drive this Friday, April 3. Scouts will begin collecting food at 4:00 p.m. Food items can be left on porches if residents will not be home. All food collected will go to the Community Food Pantry.
- Another little bit of pop tabs this week for Collin Curry from Jerry and Judith Henthorn. We thank them.
- Then there was Bob Holloway from over at Fort Supply who de-

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DISCOVER AMERICA'S STORY.

Leader Excited To Be Part Of Program

The Mooreland Leader staff was excited recently when announcing its participation in "Discover America's Story" of Shelton, WN, a nationwide project which helps preserve the history of the country's small and medium sized cities like Mooreland.

The program works with community newspapers across the country to digitally preserve historic newspaper archives and make them accessible and researchable through any Internet connection. The entire project is quite expensive, as there are more than 50,000 images to be digitized. After completion, the archives will be continually updated with more than 600 new images per year.

Local businesses and individuals signing on with financial help as Community Partners in this effort will help make it possible for The Leader to finally place the archives online for everyone to enjoy, including genealogists, historians, educators and others who want to learn more about Mooreland's

history and the people who have made this area a great place to live and work.

This way of viewing the old files will be much improved over the hard bound issues and microfilm.

Already signed up to help with the project are Dustin Donley Construction Services LLC, Moore's Roofing, MEDO (Mooreland Economic Development Organization), Smith & Co. Auction and Realty, Tim and Karen Schnobelen and former Mooreland residents David Coats of Satanta, KS, and Jo Ann Duck of Perkins.

As an added incentive, Community Partners will have their business names and individual family names permanently in place on The Leader's website to be designed and also the website (mor.stparchive.com) where some issues of The Leader are already available for viewing.

"We're thrilled to be a part of Discover America's Story and

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VOTE VOTE VOTE Special Town Election Tuesday

Mooreland voters will head to one polling place Tuesday, April 7, for a special town wide election to possibly change the Town Clerk/Treasurer office from an elected position to one which is appointed by the Town Board of Trustees.

Voting will take place in the high school gymnasium from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on election day. Only qualified voters living within the city limits of Mooreland will be eligible to take part in the election.

Precinct workers are required to make sure voters reside within the city limits.

Voters will receive a ballot with the following proposition (question): "Shall the Town of Mooreland eliminate the requirement that the Town Clerk/Treasurer be elected, and instead provide that the Mooreland Board of Trustees shall appoint the Town Clerk/Treasurer."

This proposition will be followed by a box "For the Proposition" (YES) and a box "Against the Proposition" (NO).

A "yes" vote signifies that the voter wants the clerk/treasurer position changed to an appointed rather than elected office.

While it is too late to file for an absentee ballot, in-person voting will be possible Thursday (today), April 2, and Friday, April 3, at the Woodward County Election

Board office, located in the County Courthouse, Woodward.

A two-member, Bipartisan Absentee Voting Board will be on duty each of the two days from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. to assist absentee voters.

The Absentee Voting Board will verify each voter's registration information before issuing a ballot.

Editorial -

Vote Yes

Mooreland voters will have a unique opportunity next week to make a positive move which will allow the Mooreland Town Board to make an educated decision when hiring the Town Clerk/Treasurer.

At the present time the clerk/treasurer is an elected position, which in early years may have been well and good. When the ordinance was adopted, the clerk/treasurer responsibility was minimal. Not any more. With many government regulations and significant growth of the town, the work required is overwhelming; education and knowledge are a necessity.

The position of clerk/treasurer in Mooreland is an important job which should be filled by appointment with the Board of Directors who are familiar with the workings of the town. They need to make the decision about who is qualified to do the job properly.

Times have changed and the responsibility of the office has changed. Vote yes next Tuesday, April 7, for a better Mooreland. - T.S.

Your Vote Is Important!

EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES

Easter Sunday, April 5

Assembly of God Church
 408 S. Main

Saturday, April 4, Easter Carnival
 3:00-5:00 p.m.

Easter Service - 10:30 a.m.
 Everyone Welcome!

First Baptist Church
 418 S. Elm

Breakfast - 9:00 a.m.
 Bible Study - 9:30-10:15

Morning Worship/Children Worship

Easter Musical - "Crown Him"

Message on the Resurrection
 All at 10:30

Mooreland United Methodist Church
 302 S. Elm

Thursday, April 2, Pot Luck Supper
 with communion - 7:00 p.m.

Friday, April 3, Service of the
 Cross - 8:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday, Easter Sunrise Service
 at Boiling Springs State Park, 7:00 am.

Morning Worship - 10:50 a.m.

Sacred Heart Catholic Church
 301 N. Main

Easter Sunday Mass - 8:00 a.m.

CrossPointe Church

212 S. Laird

(We will be joining the congregation of
 Quinlan United Methodist Church for
 Sunrise Service at the Ragged Hills Cross)

Easter Service - 10:00 a.m.

There will be a brunch after service

Quinlan United Methodist Church

Holy Thursday (April 2) Service
 with communion, 7:00 p.m.

Sunday Sunrise Service - Sunrise

Ragged Hills west of church,

with Breakfast following

Easter Worship - 8:30 a.m.

**Sharon/Mutual United
 Methodist Church**

Maundy Thursday services

at Sharon - 6:30 p.m.

Good Friday services

at Mutual - 6:30 p.m.

Easter Services @ Mutual - 9:00 a.m.

Easter Services @ Sharon - 11:00 a.m.

Sharon First Baptist Church

Saturday, April 4, Easter Celebra-

tion with Easter Egg Hunt and

refreshments, 10:00 a.m.

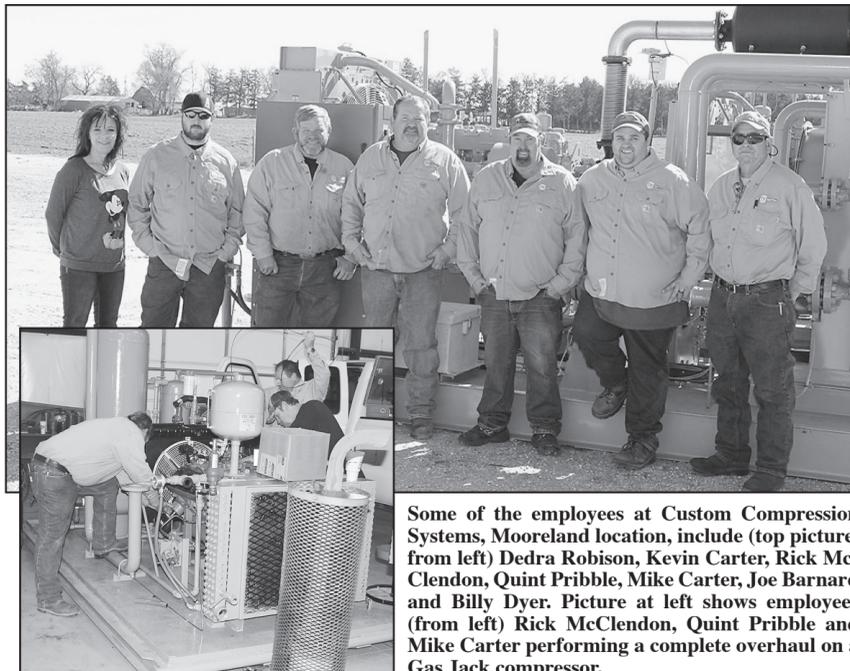
Sunday School - 10:00 a.m.

Sunday Worship - 10:45 a.m.

— Mooreland...Is This A Great Town Or What? —

(spotlight on businesses that make Mooreland a great place to live)

Thirteenth in a Series



Some of the employees at Custom Compression Systems, Mooreland location, include (top picture, from left) Dedra Robison, Kevin Carter, Rick McClendon, Quint Pribble, Mike Carter, Joe Barnard and Billy Dyer. Picture at left shows employees (from left) Rick McClendon, Quint Pribble and Mike Carter performing a complete overhaul on a Gas Jack compressor.

Custom Compression Systems

By Travis Barnard

Custom Compression Systems is one of Mooreland's newest businesses. The company's headquarters is in New Iberia, LA.

The business is located a quarter mile south of Highway 412 on Highway 50, southwest of Mooreland. Custom Compression Systems was established in Mooreland in 2013 when the company began leasing the present building, but it wasn't until February, 2014, when they began day to day operations at the location.

The company sells and rents oilfield gas com-

pressors and also performs complete overhaul and rebuilding on gas compressors and motors.

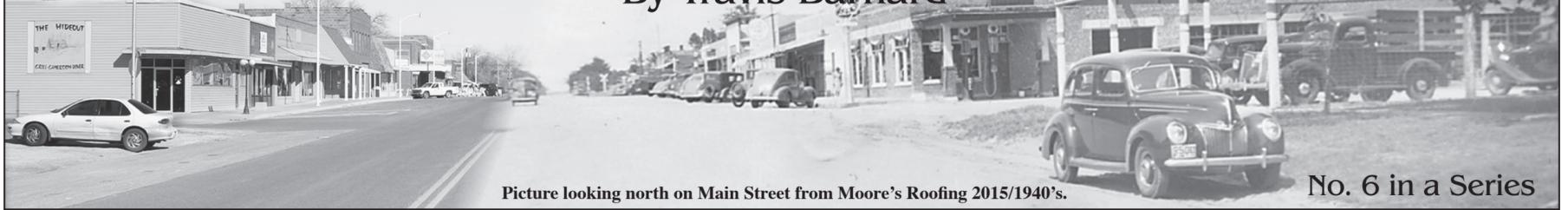
The company was established in 1996 as Custom Compression Systems and quickly became one of the most versatile design and manufacturing companies in the oil and gas industry.

Employees in Mooreland include Rick McClendon, Quint Pribble, Mike Carter, Joe Barnard, Kevin Carter, Billy Dyer, Dedra Robison, Taw Griggs, David Smith, Allan Fine, Rudy Combos, Jeremy Byrun, Mark Harness and Bud McKee

Worship in the church of your choice

MOORELAND THEN AND NOW SPECIAL SERIES

By Travis Barnard



Picture looking north on Main Street from Moore's Roofing 2015/1940's.

No. 6 in a Series

Towards The Future

By Terry Kellner
Mooreland School Superintendent

Looks like nice weather for this week and next. Might even be on the warm side for the start of next week!

I love prom at Mooreland! First we have a well decorated prom with a fantastic banquet. Then we have the promenade, which was packed with spectators, with all its splendor. Prom had plenty of dancing. The after prom had wonderful prizes and plenty of money was distributed to the kids. Kudos to the after prom committee and everyone who supported our kids through this event!

Events like this are what set Mooreland apart from the average community and school. Fantastic job to everyone, and students you are a class act.

Reminder that we will not have school this Friday, April 3, but we will be having school next Friday, April 10. Who made this schedule anyway? OH, that was me!

The high school baseball team won the consolation championship over the weekend at Fairview. The team will play in the Shattuck Tournament starting Thursday (today) and running through Saturday.

I would like to thank our elected officials for once again blowing an oil boom. Our state is now basically giving away our natural resources oil and air. During the first boom we did not have air, but we followed the same formula back then and it took almost 10 years for the state to recover. This legislative-made catastrophe could set our state's schools back on a scale never seen before because our school budgets have not yet recovered from the largest cut in the nation caused by the recession.

To keep school from having any representation at the capitol they have decided to systematically eliminate any opposition to their public school antics. Watch as they work on legislation to eliminate the head of local school districts well known as superintendents. Last week they eliminated

OEA from payroll taxes. That will undoubtedly lower their numbers and keep them from having a strong voice.

Our school decided to not take off Monday, March 30, to go to the capitol for a number of reasons. It was not because it was not a good cause, it was a wonderful cause. The main reason was that we felt that classroom time is too valuable. Our legislators really do not want to hear from superintendents, teachers and administrators. They want to hear from parents and grandparents. So give Hickman and Marlatt a call, text or email and give them your thoughts! Hope you get a better response than I do!

Thursday the art club will go to the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma contest, slow pitch team hosts Vici and Buffalo, junior high baseball hosts Buffalo, FCCLA members go to the State convention, FFA members go to the NWSU Interscholastics Meet and high school boys golf team plays at Alva.

Friday the boys golf team goes to Laverne and FFA will be finishing up at NWSU.

Monday the slow pitch team will host Woodward and Arnett, high school baseball team hosts Cherokee, junior high baseball team plays at Shattuck, boys golf is at Woodward and the junior high track team competes in Okeene. Mrs. Elerick will be giving the Algebra I EOI retake test on Monday.

Tuesday the high school baseball team hosts Leedey, high school softball team plays at Buffalo, and the junior high baseball team is at Woodward. Mrs. Elerick will give the retest for geometry EOI.

Wednesday Coaches Howard and Callison will take a bus load of students to the Oklahoma City bombing memorial, high school boys golf team competes at Kingfisher and the girls golf team plays at Boiling Springs Golf Course.



Valentino Willis (center) with a group of elementary students and teachers during the assembly at Mooreland Elementary School Tuesday, March 24.

Dribbling A Brighter Future

By Travis Barnard

When most think of the Harlem Globetrotters they think of the players dressed in their signature red, white and blue uniforms performing comedic skills on the basketball court and thrilling audiences. On Tuesday, March 24, though Valentino "Magic" Willis, former member of the group, showed a much more compassionate side when he delivered a high energy presentation to all students at Mooreland Elementary School.

The 6' 7" Willis travels nationwide teaching students valuable character building life lessons on topics such as being respectful to others and anti-bullying.

His message also included teaching students they are important and that they make this world a better place, and when things go wrong, don't give up, and believe that life will soon get better. He also teaches students to stay away from things that will ruin their life, such as drugs, alcohol and cigarettes, all

of which Willis himself has been able to avoid throughout his life.

"After a long career of playing basketball in venues of all sizes around the world, I've found it impossible to give up one thing... and that is the smiles of children, young and old," said Willis.

He continued, "There is no piece of technology, nor any other kind of substitute for human action. I think the kids can feel my genuine concern for them as I talk to them about avoiding the dangerous temptations that will come up in their lives and about listening to those adults in their life that care about them."

Willis added, "If I can save one kid from the audience from a life of drugs or alcohol, then I've accomplished something great."

The one hour long high energy presentation was full of laughs and learning as Willis got students and teachers involved.

In 1993 Willis and Connecticut

scholastic scoring record holder Tracy Liss joined forces with Brig. General (Ret.) George Mitchell, who had previously served as General Manager for ex-Globe Trotter Marques Haynes, to form the inaugural roster for the Harlem Rockets.

For many years up until approximately 2000, Willis remained an active member of Rockets and the team played and won more than 150 games per year.

Willis was also the captain of the Harlem Swish, a comedic basketball team that performed, and still performs at anti-drug rallies throughout the country. He was drafted by the New Jersey Nets and played in the Eastern Professional Basketball League, where he averaged 25 points a game.

Since leaving professional basketball, he has turned his attention to children. He conducts basketball clinics and assists with Special Olympics.

THIS, THAT —

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livered his 71st gallon of tabs for Collin. Bob has been collecting tabs for Collin for the past 12-15 years and counting extra supplies of tabs brought in by school classes, several friends, out-of-town acquaintances, etc. he has been partially responsible for maybe two or three hundred gallons.

We would like to give notice of a young man from the area who has lot of potential ahead of him. Drew Ward, 20-years-old, from Leedey made his Major League Baseball spring game debut Monday, March 23. Drew has spent the last two seasons playing in the minor league system for the Washington Nationals, but was called up for his first start when the Nationals were playing the New York Yankees. In his first at bat Drew hit a single to load the bases and the Nationals went on to win in the seventh inning 7-6. His grandfather, Bob, started the local Travelers summer baseball

organization and his father, Greg, played in the major leagues for the Braves organization. He was drafted by the Nationals straight out of Leedey High School.

Happy Birthday this week to (April 2) Corilla Clark, Aliyah Smith, Miranda Douglas, Martha Syms, Daytin Farrow, Reagan Goodman, Rusty Taylor, Lisa Murrely, (April 3) Kori Dezort, Lauren Burrow, Ashley Wright, Mary Anita Martin, Vanessa ZanZee, Chelsea Finley, Abigail Billings, Sierra Eelsey, (April 4) Trenton Walters, Lynn Roberts, Kitty DeBock, Amanda McDowell, Louie Holloway, Lona Rogers, Angie Smith, Amy Kellner, (April 5) Variesie Branson, Tammy Munsell, Amanda Kreiman, Dalton Reazin, Abbee Mann, Mike White, Betty Sowell, Kayley Carson, (April 6) Remle Ross, Gehrig Thompson, Sarah Griffin, Tom Marcum, Abby Miles, Phyllis McGill, Cody Purviance, (April 7) Gatlin Goodson, Tosha Albright, Brandon Walters, Nina DePriest, Shala Campbell, Juana Tackett, Ryker Schnoebelen,

Tim Schnoebelen, Sharon Butler, Stan Barker, (April 8) Ricky Travis.

Happy Anniversaries this week to (April 5) Jeff and Patti Ralston, (April 6) Lonnie and Samantha Noble.

New and renewal subscriptions which have come in during the past week include Dwight Richmond of Cherokee and Gail and Don Cox of Sharon (gifts from Gary and Recia Hennigh); Dean and Linda Farris of Mooreland; Scott and Darise Farris of Edmond and Diana and Jim Routon of Woodward (gifts from Dean and Linda Farris); Bart and Angie Bouse of Woodward, Derrick and Chesnei Thomas of Alva, Randy and Glenda Ross of Mooreland, Allied Gypsum of Mooreland, Billings Funeral Home, Mr. and Mrs. J. Alan Stout of Mooreland, Gary and Charollette Weeks of Mooreland, Elmer and Rita Maddux of Mooreland, Terry and Sue Kellner of Mooreland, Jim and Karen McFeeters of Mooreland, Mary Miller of Mooreland, Richard Leach of Mutual.

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work with our leading area businesses who, as part of our own history, want to help ensure the community's documented record is preserved and accessible to everyone," explains newspaper publisher Tim Schnoebelen. "The archives are currently difficult if not impossible for individuals to access and search, but once they are digitized and placed online, the community will be able to truly

discover Mooreland's story."

As the archive issues are digitally processed, they will be placed online where they can be easily accessed for free at mor.stparchive.com. This site is in place for inspection of some test issues already online.

No timeline for completion of the project has been set, but "Discover America's Story" officials will begin placing images on the site in coming weeks, beginning with 1903.

For more information, or to become a Community Sponsor,

call *The Leader* at 580-994-5410.

There are currently millions of archived newspaper pages across the country which are not accessible online, most from small communities like Mooreland.

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Mooreland's Weather Report for April 2 - 8

7-Day Forecast

	Thursday Mostly Sunny High: 77 Low: 46
	Friday Mostly Sunny High: 65 Low: 38
	Saturday Mostly Sunny High: 65 Low: 45
	Sunday Partly Cloudy High: 70 Low: 52
	Monday Mostly Sunny High: 71 Low: 52
	Tuesday Partly Cloudy High: 68 Low: 49
	Wednesday Partly Cloudy High: 67 Low: 45

In-Depth Forecast

Today we will see mostly sunny skies with a high temperature of 77°, humidity of 28%. The record high temperature for today is 89° set in 1950. Expect partly cloudy skies tonight with an overnight low of 46°. The record low for tonight is 5° set in 1955. Friday, skies will be mostly sunny with a high temperature of 65°, humidity of 25%. Skies will be mostly clear Friday night with an overnight low of 38°.

Mooreland Last Week

Date	Hi/Lo	Normal	Precip
Sun. 3/22	80/46	63/33	0.00"
Mon. 3/23	79/43	63/34	0.00"
Tue. 3/24	78/42	63/34	0.00"
Wed. 3/25	72/39	64/34	0.00"
Thu. 3/26	66/31	64/34	0.00"
Fri. 3/27	66/38	64/35	0.00"
Sat. 3/28	87/41	65/35	0.00"

Total rainfall last week: 0.00"
Normal rainfall last week: 0.50"
Departure from normal: -0.50"

Weather History

April 2, 1989 - Strong and gusty winds prevailed from California to Colorado and Wyoming. Winds gusted to 50 mph at Lancaster, Calif. and reached 85 mph at Berthoud Pass, Colo. Snow and high winds created blizzard conditions in the Colorado Rockies.

Weather Trivia

What was the deadliest United States hurricane?
Answer: It occurred in September of 1900, in Galveston, Texas and killed over 8,000 people.

Moon Phases

4/4	4/11	4/18	4/25

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