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Kosse Medical Clinic

"Limestone Medical Center is pleased to announce the new Kosse Community Healthcare Clinic a Limestone Medical Center Clinic is Now Open & accepting patients" Walk-in are welcome, call and make your appointment today! 254-375-7001, 206 N Narcissus, Kosse, TX." The clinic offers primary care providers, scheduled appointments and walk in medical care needs.

Water Well Project

The water well construction project is complete. Testing for the wells showed the water is excellent quality and both wells produce more water than anticipated. Several of the water customers east of town have already been switched over to the new water system and the entire city will be switched to the system in the next week. We do not anticipate any problems or interruptions in service. Customers will likely see an increase in water pressure as the transition occurs as the new system will be providing approximately 75 psi water pressure in town compared to the 55 psi that was provided by the water tower. The new water supply makes the city of Kosse independent, and we will no longer have to purchase water from a third party. The water project has been seven years in the making and was one of the city council's largest accomplishments and has been the largest infrastructure improvement in Kosse since 1939.

City Park

The City of Kosse has partnered for a second year with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Rainbow Trout stocking program. TPWD's goal is to release catchable size Rainbow Trout in select waters in Texas to provide a unique winter fishing opportunity. Trout are available when water temperatures are cool enough to sustain trout from December through early March in most areas of the State. There is a sign posted at the City Park Pond that has all the rules. Please pay attention to the rules so everyone can enjoy the park and the fishing opportunity.

Kosse Economic Development

The Kosse EDC had a very productive year. The EDC received a grant to renovate the ball fields. This project will be starting in the spring. The planning and design are currently underway. The EDC is looking forward to 2020 and the continued success and economic improvement throughout the city.

Dumpster Schedule

The dumpster that is placed next to the fire station comes every three months. This year it will be here the first week of the following months, February, May, August, and November. Once it is full it will be picked up and not brought back. Please remember no paint, batteries, or tires. If you see the dumpster is full, please DO NOT place items next to it. Also, trash service will still run on Thursday, with the last Thursday of the month being the day you can place extra trash beside the can. These items will not be picked up when your can is emptied, another truck will come back around and grab those items. If your trash is missed, please call the City Office as soon as you notice. If you need an extra trash cart, they are available through the City Office for an additional \$9.00 a month.

Kosse Police Department

The Kosse Police Department has been making scheduling changes and efforts are being made to provide the most effective coverage. You may have noticed increased police activity around town, as the police department has made several drug interdiction arrests, most of which resulted from traffic stops. The police department has become a full service department with officers on duty everyday from 6:00 a.m. to midnight, and on call from midnight to 6:00 a.m.

Paul Ensminger Retirement

Long time Kosse police officer and former Police Chief Paul Ensminger has retired from police work. We would like to wish Paul well in his journey and all the best in his new endeavors.

Sales Tax Revenue Increase in Kosse

Sales Tax revenue was up 19% in the month of December 2019 with \$12,171 being brought into the City compared to December 2018 of \$10,214. In the year of 2019, the City received \$129,006 from sales tax which is a wonderful increase of 17.5% from 2018 in which the City received \$109,793. A portion of the Sales Tax revenue goes to Street Maintenance and Economic Development throughout Kosse. Kosse Sales Tax Revenue has been on the rise over the past years because of the new business and growth Kosse within the city brought in by incentives and the hard work of the Kosse Economic Development Corporation.

Election 2020

Notice of Deadline to file applications for a place on the ballot for the May 2, 2020 Election has been posted at the City Office. The first date you can file an application is January 15. The last day is February 14. The Mayor and three council seats are up for re-election.

Food Bank

The Central Texas Food Bank food distribution is the First Friday of the month and is at the Community Center. We are always looking for volunteers to help. If you have any questions, please call the City Office.

Kosse Community Center

The Kosse Community Center wishes everyone Happy New Year and extends a thank you to everyone who helped to make the Thanksgiving and Christmas Dinners a success. There are some great events planned for 2020.

On Saturday, Feb 22nd the Gordon Collier Band will headline the Kosse Valentine's Dance. We'll have food and tea and coolers are welcome. Tickets are only \$10 for this family friendly event.

The Kosse Spring Festival is planned for Saturday, April 25th. Call Christina at 254-375-2212 about booth rentals and more information.

Kosse Homecoming 2020 is planned for June 12th-13th. There will be a lot of fun with the BBQ Cookoff, the Greyhound 5K Run-Walk, downtown parade, VFD lunch, and the big Street Dance with four bands led by T.G. Sheppard



A special event is planned by the Massey Foundation at 6PM on Feb. 13th. They will be hosting Lt. Col. Allen B. West at the Community Center for a free "Saving Texas Values" event. Lt. Col. West, a frequent guest on Fox News, is a Christian constitutional conservative, combat veteran, and former Member of the US Congress. In July 2019, West announced his bid for the chairman's position of the Republican Party of Texas in 2020.

Just a reminder that rental dates fill up fast, so please let the City Office know the dates you'd like to use the Community Center. We always appreciate any donations and definitely need volunteers who would like to help in our many activities.