



Notes (by Neoma Williams)

As far as I know, I will continue printing a monthly newspaper. If circumstances require a change, I will let you know.

I hope to soon be getting subscription reminders to you all. Remember, you can subscribe to the website and the print edition for \$40; the print edition alone

is \$20; and the website costs \$30 annually. If I do discontinue the print edition, I hope to be able to continue the website. I am still learning how to operate the website. The old saying that it's hard to teach an old dog new tricks is so true.

I thought I would have much

more time to get things done since I print monthly, but I'm still so far behind. I don't know how I printed a weekly for more than 30 years.

I still have boxes of stuff to put up. It's amazing how much we humans can accumulate.

Don and I need some new joints. He needs a hip joint badly, but is needing dental surgery firr'. The dental surgery was scheduled in September, after starting the process in June...takes so long to get things scheduled. Don has had some set backs, but hope to get back on track.

I have my chickens still—two hens and a rooster. I need a couple more hens, but haven't gotten brave enough to do that. The first hen that showed up at the place is broody at times...she is maddening when she's this way. The two hens don't get along too well. In the coop, the broody hen, Clara, gets to sit by Clarence, the arrogant rooster. However, in the run, the other hen, Cornelia, lords it over Clara,

who is smaller. Sort of like people, huh?

And, we still have Mojo, the large dog, whom we adore. I now have lots of cats. I try to protect them, but you know how hard it is to herd cats.

I spend way too much time coddling my poultry, cats and Mojo, but I consider them gifts from God.

I refer you to the opinion piece on Page 7 about proof of God's existence. I find that it explains well how those of us who are too logical can take the time for church and God.

I still haven't found the time to get into my family genealogy like I want to. And, I had hoped to get involved with the Democratic women from Lubbock. I wish there was a chapter closer to Hart. That's on my bucket list...I want to learn more about the political process.

I have found the time to help on some Wednesdays with Kids Korner at First Baptist. I was always too busy on Wednesdays getting this paper ready for the press.

I also had a small garden this past summer. I enjoyed it, but it does take up lots of time. But,

that's okay.

I recently took the time to read a book entitled *Tomlinson Hill* by Chris Tomlinson, a former AP foreign correspondent, who now lives in Austin.

When he found out that he and former TCU and San Diego Chargers football standout LaDainian Tomlinson share the same name, he started researching this. Chris' ancestors moved to Falls County, Texas, in the 1850s from Alabama and Georgia, and set up some plantations, complete with slaves. LaDainian's ancestors were those slaves. Hard to comprehend how Americans convinced themselves it was okay to own other humans.

And, for the first time in several years, I put out more outside Christmas decorations. I wanted to do more, but finally had to stop.

I get lots of catalogs this time of the year. I was leafing through one and came across a t-shirt with this saying: Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms should be the name of a convenience store and not a government agency. Amen!

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