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Hobo Forks Pump Station and Force Main



WGK recently completed for the Natchez Water Works the design and bidding process for a 1,000 gallon per minute triplex pump station and a 10.74 mile 12" PVC force main to service a new correctional facility in Adams County located at Hobo Forks. The correctional facility is being constructed by Corrections Corporation of America. Phase 1 of the facility construction will be 1,668 beds with maximum build out of 2,616 beds.

The \$2,812,115 construction project primarily consists of 9.4 miles of 12" open-cut PVC force main, 1,655 feet of 20" bored steel casing with carrier pipe, 4,450 feet of 12" fusible PVC directional bores, 2,000 feet of 18" cured-in-place sewer line rehabilitation, and a 96" diameter pump station with three 500 gallon per minute pumps, valve pit, and meter pit. The construction contract was awarded to Gilco Contracting, Inc. from Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

The City of Natchez and Adams County worked together to obtain approval for a \$3.9 million CDBG grant from the Mississippi Development Authority. Natchez Water Works staff was able to obtain a \$500,000 grant from Delta Regional Authority, Corrections Corporation of America, Adams County Water Authority, and Natchez Water Works contributed \$75,000 each to be used with the DRA grant as matching portion of the CDBG grant.

Construction of the project began on March 3, 2008 and is scheduled for final completion on September 19, 2008.

CLIENT SPOTLIGHT

Recognizing David Gardner

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L to R: LeeAnn, Amy, David, Nella, wife Tammi and Cena.

David Gardner is a lifelong resident of Natchez, Mississippi, and is married to Tammi Gardner who was the former Executive Director for the Natchez Downtown Development Association.

David graduated from Mississippi State University in 1983 with a Bachelor in Science in Civil Engineering and has been employed by the City of Natchez since 1993. He is currently serving a dual role as the City Engineer & Superintendent of the Natchez Water Works. He is a Registered Professional Engineer with the States of Mississippi & Louisiana and formerly worked as both a Project and Resident Engineer for the Mississippi Department of Transportation where he was in charge highway and bridge construction in counties of Adams, Franklin and Wilkinson.

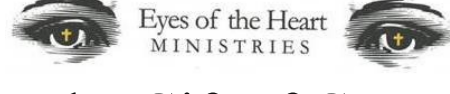
David currently is a member of the Board of Trustees for the Adams County Christian School, former Chair & Co-Founder of the Natchez Adams County Community Alliance, Chairman of the Natchez Trails Committee and member of the El Camino East West Corridor Highway 84 Commission.

He has been the recipient of numerous awards that include the 2006 Tourism Superstar Award presented by the Conventions & Visitors Bureau, the 2005 Putting Natchez First Award presented by the Mayor City of Natchez, the 2003 Chairman's Award Natchez presented by the Adams County Chamber of Commerce and the 1997 Walter T. Salmon Award presented by the Adams County Soil and Water District.

Among his many accomplishments David is most proud of his four daughters. Amy, age 21, is graduating with honors in May at USM with a degree in Biology (minor in Chemistry). She held down three jobs; teaching two chemistry labs at USM, serves as a waitress at Walnut Circle Bar & Grill, and has continuously worked for USM as student help while making all A's and 2 B's her entire four years of college. She just received her acceptance to attend the University of Mississippi's Dentistry School. LeeAnn, age 17, is graduating high school this year and plans to attend Jones Jr. College. Cena, age 11, is "fast" approaching her teen age years while Nella is 14 months old and "into everything."

David enjoys hobbies that include hunting, fishing and traveling and recently went on a trip to Alaska to hunt moose. David and his family attend Jefferson Street Methodist Church in Natchez.

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The Gift of Grace

I am always reading new Christian books; some have a tendency to be repetitive and well, just boring. I am currently reading a book that does not fit this bill, and has helped me sharpen my position on Grace. This quote from the book hit me the hardest, "How I view myself is the most revealing commentary of my theology." I don't know about you, but I have never heard that one before.

If you're like me and have struggled with your own self image most of your life this is a tough statement. We have a tendency to hold on to the negative aspects of our lives; mental, sexual or physical abuse, personal disappointments, divorce, death and the sin that permeates each of our lives. What we all seem to forget is that we are righteous and good; sin no longer defines us. We are proclaimed innocent by the blood of Christ, so why don't we live like it? Because living in the past or in our own pity seems almost safe; it's like an old shoe, comfortable.

Live in the glory that God has bestowed on you already, don't wait until you feel worthy. Change your life; look in the mirror and see what God sees in you, not what the world, others or even you may see. You are righteous and reflect the Glory of God if your Savior is Jesus Christ!! Live in Grace! If you need additional information read the book True Faced or please feel free to contact me at:

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Computer Workstation Posture Tips

- Head and neck to be upright, or in-line with the torso (not bent down/back).
- Head, neck and trunk to face forward (not twisted)
- Trunk to be perpendicular to the floor (may lean back into backrest but not forward)
- Upper arms and elbows to be close to the body (not extended outward).
- Wrists and hands to be straight (not bent up/down or sideways)
- Feet to rest flat on the floor or supported by a stable footrest.



WGK Welcomes Brian Standley

WGK is very pleased to announce that **Brian K. Standley** has joined our firm as an Engineer Intern. Brian is a 2004 graduate of Iowa State University where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering with an Environmental emphasis.



Brian has been working in the field of biological wastewater treatment for the past 4 years and has served in the United States Air Force as an Aircraft & Munitions Maintenance Officer on the F-4G Phantom II He was also a Weapons Integration Project Engineer on B-2A Spirit and a ROTC Instructor at Iowa State University.

Brian has served in the mission field as a volunteer since 1994 and has been on short-term trips to Normal, IL; Aleutian Islands; Nicaragua; Kansas City; Honduras; Mexico and Buras, LA.

Welcome Aboard Brian!



Upcoming Events
2008 Alabama and Mississippi Annual Summer Meeting

July 10 -13

Marriott Bay Point

Panama City, Florida

www.acecms.org



What's Happening in Your Town?



Relay for Life May 5th, 2008 Brookhaven, MS



For more information please visit www.kdmc.org and click on the Relay for Life link.

Relay is under way! And that means that people right here in Lincoln County are busy making plans for this year's American Cancer Society Relay For Life. They've already had a great kickoff celebration, and right now people are forming teams, raising funds, and letting people know about this incredible event. If you want to learn more or discover what you can do to help, e-mail Regina Terry at rterry@lif.state.ms.us or call 601-823-5700.

They need your help to spread hope for a future where cancer no longer threatens the lives of the people we love. www.brookhavenchamber.com

Copiah & Lincoln County Cattlemen's Association & State Bank
Are hosting a benefit **March of Dimes** Friday, March 21, 2008 11:00-2:00
Walmart Supercenter Parking Lot Brookhaven, MS
"Famous" Ribeece Steak Sandwich...\$6.00
All Proceeds go to benefit the March of Dimes
For Information, contact Mark Stephens 601-643-2314 Donna McGehee 601-835-5430

Canton Flea Market May 8, 2008
The Canton Flea Market, the South's oldest and largest arts and crafts show, is held twice a year, in May and October. Visitors come from as far as Europe to this exciting event. Enjoy the food, crafts and fun from more than 1,100 vendors located around the Square, the Old Jail Museum and the Sacred Heart Parish Center. www.canton-mississippi.com

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY CATFISH PLATE FUNDRAISER
Date: 04/18/2008
Time: 11am to 1pm
Pick Up at Highland Square Parking Lot In Brookhaven, MS
Tel: 601-835-3534 \$7.00 / Plate
Amy Watridge, Chairperson
Tickets may be purchased at any Trustmark Bank in Brookhaven
www.brookhavenms.com

RECYCLING BASICS with John David Burns
Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality
Clinton Community Nature Center, 617 Dunton Road on March 20 at 7:00 p.m.
Note: Conservation and environmental topics are the focus of these programs each month.
For more information call 601-926-1104 or visit www.clintonms.org

MOVIE UNDER THE STARS -MADISON THE CITY LIBERTY PARK IN APRIL 2008
Drive up, put down your blankets or lawn chairs, and enjoy a spring evening at the movies under the Madison stars. Like the drive-in movie theaters of the 50's, Madison's special events team is planning an evening for the whole family. A special movie that appeals to all ages will be shown on a large 15 x 20 foot screen, as movie theater popcorn and refreshments are made available to attendees. Activities begin promptly at 7 p.m. and the movie starts at dark. Please visit www.madisonthecity.com for information on the date.
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Castrol FALL AND WINTER CAR MAINTENANCE TIPS IT'S MORE THAN JUST OIL. IT'S LIQUID ENGINEERING.

(NAPS)—You are what you eat, just like you are what you drive. Take a minute to think about how you feel today. What you eat and how you maintain it can affect the way you feel. Automotive expert, Ron Ananian, known as "The Car Doctor," says you should apply the same mindset to how you treat your car. Many factors can affect your car's lifespan and by understanding its basic functions, you can help to keep it in top shape. Ananian has compiled the following tips to help you extend the life of your car:

- Fuel provides the food, or energy, for your car. If you were to eat a diet filled with fatty foods, you would build up blockage in your arteries. Your car works in much the same way. If you were to only fill it with unbranded fuel, your car's valves, similar to your arteries, could begin to show deposit buildup. Much like eating healthy food can keep your body running well, continuous use of a cleaner-burning gasoline with enhanced cleaning power like Amoco Ultimate® at BP, can restore performance in cars with engine deposits and keep new car engines running clean. This can result in faster acceleration and reduced fuel consumption.
- Air filters act like lungs which provide oxygen to the engine. Filters prevent harmful particles such as dust and dirt from reaching the engine. When bad air is absorbed into the engine it can cause irreversible damages, so change your air filters regularly.

To read more vehicle maintenance tips visit www.castrol.com and click on expert advice.



Prevention PAYS Program for WGK Employees

The health and well-being of our WGK family is important. We want to partner with you to encourage a healthy lifestyle. This enhances your quality of life and can also keep your costs down for healthcare. Prevention is an important part of keeping healthy. This includes taking care of yourself and having wellness checkups to detect potential problems before they cause major illness.

The Prevention Pays Program for WGK Employees is designed to promote health and wellness of everyone in the company. We are therefore initiating a program to encourage you to be a proactive participant in your own well-being. Every member of WGK who can document the following each year will receive a \$50 bonus gift card at the time the documentation is submitted:

- Healthy YOU checkup
- At least one dental visit

GO FOR THE GOLD!!

For those of you that do both the above AND can document 30 minutes of exercise at least twice a week, the bonus gift card will be \$200. The incentive is available to each of you and we will "pay off" at the end of February 2009. Simply keep a log of your exercise dates and time. If you go to the gym, have someone there initial. If you exercise at home, you'll have a family member, friend or your exercise partner verify by initialing. At the end of February 2009, turn in your log and you'll receive the big bonus. If you've already gotten the \$50, the additional bonus will be \$150. Now is a good time to begin. We renewed our insurance policies as of March 1.

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