

Conservation Corner

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Whether you are a photographer, a hunter or just like viewing wildlife on a sunny afternoon, anyone who has spent time overlooking a food plot will have a deep appreciation for wildlife plantings.

Food plots are very attractive to wildlife enthusiasts because they can supplement daily nutritional needs at a low cost. These plots can be designed to serve as a source of food and cover. Well-managed food plots have the potential to not only increase the wildlife population and their quality of health, but can also increase our opportunities for wildlife viewing.

To aid landowners who would like to plant wildlife food plots, Wildlife Mississippi is continuing its popular Wildlife Habitat Seed Program. Through this program, Wildlife Mississippi will make seed available at a minimal cost.

The Wildlife Habitat Seed Program is designed to provide an incentive for landowners to establish and maintain food plots that will yield a variety of benefits to the landowner as well as to the species of wildlife he or she is managing.

Roundup Ready® corn, Roundup Ready® soybeans and grain sorghum (not Roundup Ready®) will be available through Wildlife Mississippi's Spring 2017 Wildlife Habitat Seed Program. All seed has been treated and has good germination rates. Wildlife Mississippi will also be taking pre-orders for winter wheat which will be distributed in the fall.

If planted properly, the various types of seed will be uti-

lized by a variety of species of wildlife. White-tailed deer, turkeys, bobwhite quail, mourning doves, waterfowl and many species of songbirds will benefit from the plantings of the seed that is offered.

The guidelines regarding this program are simple and easy to follow. Anyone interested in obtaining seed should place their order no later than March 3, 2017. Orders are fulfilled on a first come, first serve basis.

Shipping and handling charges incurred by Wildlife Mississippi are included in the price of the seed. The costs will be \$25.00 per 50 lb. bag for Round-

up Ready® corn, \$14.00 per 50 lb. bag for Roundup Ready® soybeans and \$12.00 per 50 lb. bag for grain sorghum. You may pre-order winter wheat that will be distributed in the fall for \$9.00 per 50 lb. bag. Pick up locations will be Amory, Greenville, Hattiesburg and Madison.

For an order form and planting recommendations for this beneficial program, send a self-addressed stamped envelope to Wildlife Mississippi, PO Box 10, Stoneville, MS 38776. If you wish to place your order online, please visit our website at www.wildlifemiss.org/seed.

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IN AND AROUND LEXINGTON BY LEONA (LENA) FIELDS

Robert Wright has improved healthwise. He has been transferred from a hospital in Jackson to Greenwood.

Mrs. Ada Horton is still sick. Mrs. James Whisenton is in the hospital in Lexington.

Mrs. Lula Pearl Benford's daughter, Mary Ann, is also in the Lexington hospital.

Velma Teen Smith's funeral was Wednesday, February 8.

On February 9, the people who attend the Senior Citizen's Feeding Program at the Multi-Purpose Building in Lexington celebrated five birthdays. Those were Lula P. Benford, Deborah Wright, Doris Whitehead, Dorothy Woodson and ninety-five year old Verna Ford. Mrs. Ford

moved to Holmes County from California. She is able to care of herself, her house and comes to the feeding center neatly dressed every day.

The Rose Hill District Association and its Auxiliaries met at Trinity M.B. Church in Lexington, on Saturday, February 11. The purpose of the meeting was to conduct business and make plans for 2017. If your church is in the district and has become inactive, the moderator, Rev. Dan March and other churches that are active in the association, would be glad to have you come back and reunite.

Mr. O.C. Williams is in the hospital in Jackson.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE RURAL AREA PROGRAM

The Sunflower-Humphreys Counties Progress, Inc. of Indianola, Mississippi, is considering applying to the Mississippi Department of Transportation, Public Transportation Division, for assistance through its Rural Area Program to provide public transportation services within **Holmes County**. Funding is available to state agencies, local public bodies and agencies thereof, non-profit organizations, operators of public transportation services in locations other than urbanized Area, and, under special circumstances, private operators of public transportation on a competitive basis to undertake eligible transportation activities.

The goals of the Rural Area Program are: to enhance the access of people in non-urbanized Area to health care, shopping, education, employment, public services and recreation; to assist in the maintenance, development, improvement, and use of public transportation systems in rural and small urban Area; to encourage and facilitate the most efficient use of all Federal funds used to provide passenger transportation in non-urbanized Area through the coordination of programs and services; and to provide for the participation of private transportation providers in non-urbanized transportation to the maximum extent feasible.

The purposes for which these funds can be used are capital purchases that include such items as support vehicles, communication equipment, wheelchair lifts, etc.; administrative costs that include such items as salaries, office supplies, insurance, etc.; and operating expenses that include such items as driver's wages, fuel, oil, etc. More specific details regarding eligible activities, program requirements and the program criteria will be provided at a public hearing which will be held at **12:00 pm, on March 1, 2017** at 303 Yazoo Street, Lexington, MS.

The purpose of this hearing will be to obtain citizen input into the development of the application.



The Holmes County Chamber of Commerce hosted a business reception for Peoples Drug Store with the retirement of former owner David Dillon and to welcome new owner Guy Phillips on Wednesday, February 8. Pictured at top, (from left) Dayle Diffey, Jeane Dillon, David Dillon, Charlie Mae Joiner, chamber president, Rivers Phillips, Guy Phillips, new owner, and chamber board members Robin McCrory, Jonathan Moore and Watt Ervin. Not pictured are Lydia McLellan, chamber staff and Matthew Breazeale, board member. Pictured above left, Lexington locals (from left) Helen Lammons, Norlenia Austin and Sylvia Netherland mingle together during the chamber sponsored event. Pictured at left, Guy Phillips, (third from left) cut the ribbon officially taking on his new role as Peoples owner, flanked by store staff and chamber members.

(Photos by Matthew Breazeale and Julie Ellison)



Does God Exist?

By Gary Andrews
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Today there are many people who question the existence of God.

I am reminded of a story about a man that went into a barber shop and as he was sitting in the chair having his hair trimmed the barber said, "I don't believe that God exists."

The customer asked, "Why do you say that?"

The barber replied that all he had to do was go out onto the streets and see all of the sick people, the abandoned children, the suffering, and the pain.

The customer left and he soon encountered a man on the street with long, stringy, dirty hair and an untrimmed beard.

He looked dirty and unkempt. The customer went back into the shop and stated, "Barbers don't exist!"

The barber replied, "We do exist. I am here and I am a barber and I just worked on you!"

The customer replied that barbers don't exist because there would be not be people with dirty long hair and untrimmed beards.

"Ah, but barbers do exist! That's what happens when peo-

ple do not come to me."

"Exactly!" affirmed the customer. "That's the point! God, too, does exist! That's what happens when people do not go to Him and don't look to Him for help. That's why there's so much pain and suffering in the world."

God does exist and He loves all of His children. All we have to do is have faith and accept Him as our Lord and Savior!

Prayer: Thank you Lord for loving and caring for me. I pray that the ones that do not know

you personally will see you and accept you as the one and only living God. Amen.

Suggested daily Bible readings: Sunday - John 1:1-13; Monday - 1 Thessalonians 2:1-4; Tuesday - 2 Corinthians 5:1-10; Wednesday - 2 Samuel 24:23; Thursday - Psalm 103:6-19; Friday - Ephesians 1:3-10; Saturday - Nehemiah 9:16-18.

Gary Andrews is the author of *Encouraging Words: 30-days in God's Word*. To obtain a copy go to his website www.gadevotionals.com.

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