

Happy Birthday

LETTER TO THE EDITOR



It's spring time! It's time for spring cleaning in our county, our towns, our neighborhoods and our own yards.

In my opinion, our towns need to do some spring cleaning like clearing out the large ditches, drain pipes, side ditches and other areas. If you ride around in the neighborhoods you will see the large ditches that need to be

cleaned out. If the towns would clean out these drain pipes and side ditches, we would not have all of this flooding.

Everyone should want to clean up their yards, some yards in town look like yards in the country. This should be unacceptable. You can't bring your country living ways to town, it should be against the town ordi-

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Drug overdose is now the leading cause of accidental death in the United States. In 2014, it surpassed both car accidents and gun violence in number of deaths.

Those with loved ones who are using opiates or heroin need to be aware that opiates are the main contributors to this problem. With drug dealers across the United States mixing new and powerful synthetic drugs into street opiates such as heroin, the chance of accidental overdose has exponentially increased.

The drug Fentanyl, U-47700, and Furanyl can be 50 to 100 times more powerful than heroin, making the risk of a fatal overdose much higher. Drug dealers have been using this drug to increase the potency of their heroin at a lower cost.

These new drugs are increasing the risk to any who abuse drugs as drug dealers press drugs into pills and selling them under the guise of being something else. Today, those who abuse drugs truly are at risk as there is no telling what drugs they are taking. This is why drug rehab for heroin addiction is so important.

Now more than ever, it is essential to help those you

know who are addicted to alcohol or drugs. Trying to help someone with an addiction can be more than frustrating. And although you just want to help, many times they fight against you as if you were the enemy. Don't be surprised if your loved even accuses you of contributing to their addiction. Hear them out and take their words into consideration but at the end of the day realize getting them sober and continuing to live is the most important thing.

These drugs have made it potentially life threatening to be an abuser of any types of drugs. Get yourself educated. If one of your loved ones is struggling with addiction, get them into treatment. Don't wait until it is too late.

There are many different approaches to the challenge of how to help a substance abuser. For free information, learn the steps of how to get someone into treatment for heroin addiction.

You can also visit <http://www.narcononnewliferetreat.org/drug-abuse-information/heroin-addiction-and-abuse.html> or call 1 800-431- 1754 to get help for your loved ones.

Ray Clauson
Denham Springs, LA

March 29 - David McBride, Antonio Bailey, Marvin O'Reilly, Kilpatrick Sims, Maggie Garrett, Kalen Joe, Dakota Webster, Cindy Gnemi Woody, Janet Martin, Jessie Williams, Mason Ables, Neal Frazier

March 30 - Victor Gilbert, Debbie McLemore, Lance White, Cha'mylah Miller, Chanta Grayson, Carrie Dillon

March 31 - Bro. Jack Wooten, Sara H. Roberts, Jim Harrell, Cartrina Benson, Bubba Spell, Jr., Sandra Jenkins, Tissie Brock, Agnes Williams

April 1 - Christin Smith Downs, Liz C. Taylor, Rufus Waddell, Jr., Mary Grace Allen, Haleigh Hutchison, Iva Beth Lindsey, Ella Mae Boykin

April 2 - Trent Floyd, Clayton Edwards, Nobbie Garnett, Dick Atkinson, Houston Grantham, Laura Kathryn Rutledge, Markus Horton, Jr., Lyn Browning Stewart, Ann Eldridge

April 3 - Danny Robertson, John Riley Poe, Nancy Spell, Cor'Jerris Miller, Leo McBride, Truevane Gibson, Sr., Arlene P. Easterling, Steve Blackstock, Jeremy Moore, "Little David" Chiz, Tiffany Byrd, Glen Causey, Debra Martin Cross

April 4 - Jake Killebrew, Lake Melton, Sessums Russell, Fletcher Woo, Mackenzie McCleskey, Ada Claire Pierce, Samantha Fulgham

Happy Anniversary

March 30 - Gregory and Shinna Anderson

April 1 - Jody and Amanda Bevell

April 2 - Daniel and Jenny Cain

April 3 - Mr. and Mrs. Beau Trotter, Jeremy and Erica Moore

nance.

I remember when you couldn't have your yard looking like a junkyard. My dad remembers when the town had a health inspector.

Personally, I am excited to clean up my yard and do some cleaning up in my neighborhood. I hope others will do the same in their neighborhoods or on their street.

Now is a good time to clean out the ditches because you don't have to be bothered with snakes, mosquitoes and other rodents.

I read about our mayor, Henry Robinson, and Mayor General Vann, in Tchula, wanting to help us with our utility bills. That is

good for us. I feel like we need more lights on our streets, it is too dark in our neighborhoods.

At my house, to cut down on my utility bill, when I finish washing, drying my clothes I unplug the washing and drying machines. Also the microwave, I use low energy light bulbs. I also use solar light around my house sometimes when there is an outage. I use them inside my house. The town could benefit from the use of solar lights when there is an outage around town.

On people who don't have home owner's insurance, it takes a long time for them to get help. I don't know who is charge of grant money or mon-

ey to help these people. There is one house, looks like it's not finished, there is also a house trailer that is not hooked up. There are people waiting to get work done on their home. I am thinking they have done what they needed to do and have filled out the paper work. I imagine they are tired of getting the run around. All they want is the contractors to come and fix up there place. Shame on the one who is holding up the money and the work. Shame on you, you need to be in these people's shoes.

The senior citizen building should have been finished. don't understand why these projects are not finished.

Frances Patterson, Durant



The Durant Mayor's Youth Council held a Unity Walk on Saturday, March 24 at noon. The walk began at Durant City Hall as walkers routed around to Depot Street. The event was held to raise awareness against community crime, in solidarity with similar events that were held around the country Saturday. (Photo by Matthew Breazeale)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DEADLINE: 4 p.m., FRIDAY

SHILOH M.B.C.
Shiloh M.B. Church will host its Pastor and Wife's, Robert and Frances Williams, 13th Year Anniversary on Sunday, April 1, at 12 p.m. 3-22,29

ADDICTION HELP
Narconon New Life Retreat wants you to be aware to look for signs of meth addiction: hyperactivity, in-somnia, weight loss, and tooth decay. Reports suspicious activities to law enforcement and keep your loved ones safe. For help overcoming addiction in your

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of Our Mother
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family call 1-800-431-1754. 3-29;4-5

FRANKLIN PRES.
Franklin Presbyterian Church will hold its Homecoming on Sunday, April 8, with registration at 10:30 a.m. and church at 11 a.m. Lunch will follow. 3-29;4-5

HOLMES NAACP
The Holmes County branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People will host a Gospel Program on Sunday, April 14 at 6 p.m. at the Milton Olive Building on MS Highway 17 in Lexington. 3-29;4-5

TRINITY M.B. CHURCH
The youth of Trinity M.B. Church will present an Easter

Program on Sunday, April 1 at 11 a.m.
On Sunday, April 15, the church will host its Blessing of the Books program at 11 a.m. 3-29;4-5

MS VALLEY STATE
Mississippi Valley State University will host its 38th Annual Social Work Conference from Thursday, April 5 to Friday, April 6 at the Leflore County Civic Center in Greenwood. 3-29

PLEASANT GROVE
Pleasant Grove M.B. Church will have its Annual Easter Service and Program on Sunday, April 1 at 11 a.m. 3-29

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In Holmes County - \$35.00
In Mississippi - \$40.00
Outside Mississippi - \$50.00

Sweethome Water & Sewer District Board of Commissioners will hold their Annual Membership Meeting Tuesday, April 10, 2018 @ 5:00 p.m. at 201 Spring Street, Lexington

All members are encouraged to attend. All personal matters should be addressed at regular Board Meetings held the 1st Monday of every month at 6:00 p.m. at the Business Office at 201 Spring Street in Lexington.

- LaPlause Polk - Chairman*
- Robert Seals - V. Chairman*
- Mary Archer - Secretary*
- Austry Kirklin - Commissioner*
- Peggy Mayfield - Commissioner*

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Delivery Will Be: Tuesday, April 10

Winona 1:00-1:45 @ Hi-Grade Farm Supply

Lexington 2:45-3:30 @ Lexington Farm Supply

Benton 4:15-5:00 @ CPS Crop Prod Services

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