

LETTER TO THE EDITOR



If the definition of a pet is a companion, then why are so many animals neglected and abused in Holmes County? Companion pets look to owners for nourishment, love and companionship.

We as pet owners need to make sure these needs are met.

Over the past years, there have been laws introduced and passed pertaining to the treatment of animals preventing defenseless pets from being

subjected to abuse and neglect. It is saddening that several animals died from the extreme cold after being tethered without any kind of shelter during the coldest days of the winter.

Recently a female pit bull was rescued by Jennifer Sterling Brown Animal Rescue (JSBAR) because she was tethered and in the last trimester of pregnancy.

In the city limits of Lexington, she was living in extreme,

unsanitary conditions where she was forced to eat, sleep, urinate and defecate in her very limited space.

These horrible cases underline the need for common sense solutions to better protect our pets throughout the county.

Even though there are no tethering laws in the state, pet owners can follow the tethering rules for the humane treatment of dogs by tethering them in a safe, thoughtful way.

The proper way of tethering an animal is as follows:

1. The chain should be three times the length of the animal;
2. Food, water and shelter must be provided. The water bowl should never be empty and changed daily;
3. The animal should be released from the chain daily in order to get the proper exercise needed;
4. The surroundings should be cleaned daily and the shelter sanitized on a regular basis.

These rules should be followed and endorsed by authorities throughout the county. There is a need for our authorities to get involved in helping to educate the public on humane treatment of animals before careless actions lead to a pet's demise or to aggression that would cause harm to citizens of Holmes County.

Studies show that dogs tethered for long periods of time, become highly aggressive and when confronted with a threat, a tethered dog often feels forced to attack. Unfortunately, children are the most common victims of dog attacks. Seventy percent of attacks happen when a chained dog lashes out.

We encourage our authorities to enforce the ordinances prohibiting certain breeds within municipal limits of Holmes County.

Tethered dogs are prime tar-

Chamber of Commerce Blue Ribbon Award



The Holmes County Chamber of Commerce awarded its Keep Holmes County Beautiful Blue Ribbon Award for 2017-2018 to Phil Williamson and Phil's Body Shop of Lexington. Williamson was named for his "continued efforts to keep your premises and surrounding areas clear of debris," all during the chamber's 29th Annual Membership and Awards Banquet that was held on Thursday, April 5 at Holmes Community College. Pictured above (from left) Holmes County Chamber of Commerce Banquet Committee Chairperson, immediate past chamber president Robin McCrory, Chamber President Charlie Joiner, Williamson and wife Lisa.

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Obituary

EVA HOGSETT

Mrs. Eva Hogsett, 87, of Goodman, MS passed away on Friday, April 23, 2018 at Trend Health and Rehab Center, Carthage, MS of natural causes. Funeral services were held on Saturday, April 21 at Winters Funeral Home in Kosciusko, MS with burial in St. Mark Cemetery in Goodman.

Happy Birthday

April 26 - Will Russell, Ella Kate Mitchell, Mary L. Hodges, Ann Fleming Leflore, Joyce Epps, Linda Johnson, Derrick L. Scott

April 27 - Marie Clutter,

April 28 - Ashley Meeks Ledbetter, Shelly Gilmore, Frank Jordan, Christopher Jordan, April Alexander, Bruce Davis, April McLellan

April 29 - Doris Sanford, Dayle Diffey, Amber Huggins, Barbara Haffey Bogy, Jim Turner

April 30 - Elizabeth Wynne, Drayton Spell, Madeline Frank, Teri Ables, Cody Giles

May 1 - Clementene Jordan Cooper, Patsy Rogers, Craig Carson, Randi Parrish Miller, Arthur Ables, Jr., Wirt Hayes, Nell Turner

May 2 - Melinda Hodges, Monica Thomas, Ovella Granderson, Beadie Pierce, Haylie Hammett, Skye Cain

Randi Hernandez ST, Kimberly Love, Jolie Hays, Lyn Nations, Sharon Patton, Joseph Engle

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Happy Anniversary

April 26 - Wayne and Shirley Jobe, Carter and Rachel Burwell, Sterling and Tara Melton

April 30 - Phil and Lisa Williamson

May 2 - Ricky and Brenda Tate

To add your birthdays and anniversaries to our list, please send your information by mail to P.O. Box 60, Lexington, MS 39095; fax 662-834-1074; email to hcherald@gmail.com; or stop by our office at 308 Court Square in Lexington. No phone calls, please.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DEADLINE: 4 p.m., FRIDAY

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB
 The Boys and Girls Club of the MS Delta - Lexington Unit will host its 3rd Annual "A Night at the Oscars" Fund-raiser on Thursday, May 3 at 6 p.m. in the Lexington Multi-Purpose Complex Building. Tickets are \$25.00 and can be purchased by calling 662-571-7944.

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MT. SINAI M.B. CHURCH
 Mount Sinai M.B. Church will hold its Family and Friends Week from Tuesday, May 1 through Thursday, May 3 and on Sunday, May 6.

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H.C. FORESTRY ASSOC.
 The Holmes County Forestry Association will have its annual Forestry Field Day on Saturday, May 12, at Hoffman Farms, north of Durant off Highway 51. The event will begin at 9 a.m. at the cabin site. There will be different presenters on hand. Call 662-834-2795 before May 7 to RSVP or for more information.

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WEST HILL CME CHURCH
 West Hill CME Church will host its Annual Pre-Mother's Day Homecoming Program on Sunday, May 6 at 11:45 a.m. Dinner will be served.

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LEBANON M.B.C.
 Lebanon M.B. Church in Lexington will host its Annual Prayer Breakfast, Saturday, April 28 at 8 a.m.

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TRINITY M.B.C.
 Trinity M.B. Church will host its Annual Men and Women's Day Program on Sunday, May 6 at 11 a.m.

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CDI HEAD START
 Mid-Region Community Development Institute Head Start will host its 2018 Parent Conference on Saturday, April 28, at 10 a.m. Lunch will be served. For more information call 662-212-5289 or 662-331-2905.

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GREATER FAIRVIEW
 Greater Fairview M.B. Church in Pickens will have revival from Sunday, April 29 through Wednesday, May 2. Times are 6 p.m. for April 29 and 7 p.m. after.

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