

# Coffee company to utilize Henson-Kickernick building

By Matthew Breazeale

Eighty-five thousand pounds of coffee is a great reason for a business expansion. That reason has led to the Lexington based Chenoa Coffee Company, which operates Southern Coffee Services on the square in Lexington, to sign a lease agreement with Lexington to house its production facilities in the former textile plant Henson-Kickernick.

The lease to purchase agreement, which was officially signed by Chenoa Coffee Company President Nancy Barrett and the city of Lexington on June 20, is seen as an investment in the community by both the company and the city.

"When started putting our numbers together, we just completely outgrew (the Court Square location)," said Chuck Lovorn, CEO of Chenoa Coffee Co. "The only place in Lexington, that has docks suitable for us was the Kickernick building. So we went out there, looked at it, the docks have to be dug out too. We are going to rehab that entire facility."

Currently, only the rear of the building, closest to the loading docks, is being occupied.

"We're going to use that part for storage and distribution," said Lovorn. "What we're planning on doing is



Chenoa Coffee Company President Nancy Barrett (Picture above, seated) signed the lease to purchase agreement for the former Henson-Kickernick building with the city of Lexington on June 20. Also pictured is Lexington City Clerk Willie Mae Forrest, at left, and Lexington Mayor Robin McCrory. (Photo by Matthew Breazeale)

using the (Holmes County Career and Technical Center), for local labor, local people to expand our "Y'all." The company's employs the term "Y'all" in much of its marketing.

By 2020 Chenoa plans to have fully renovated the facility.

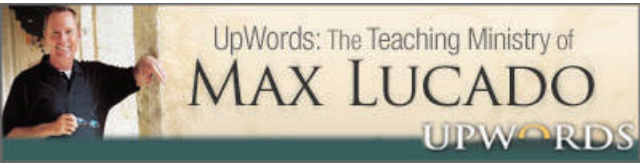
"Our plan is to have a fully operational commercial roastery, with storage, route

sales, green (coffee) bean storage and administration in the building," Lovorn continued. "We want people to see that we are for this community."

Lexington Mayor Robin McCrory said during the lease signing the company's community oriented business model will likely open opportunities for the young labor force in the area.

Barrett also spoke on the company's future in Lexington.

"We're honored to be in Lexington and invest in Lexington for the long haul," said Barrett, "we love this town and are happy to be here."



## Hucksters & Hypocrites

Some years ago I was in the Miami airport to pick up a friend. As I walked through the terminal, a convert of an Eastern cult got my attention. You know the kind I'm talking about: beads, sandals, frozen smile, backpack of books.

"Sir," she said. (I should have kept walking.)

"Sir, just a moment, please." Well, I had a moment. I was early and the plane was late, so what harm? (I should have kept walking.)

I stopped and she began her spiel. She said she was a teacher and her school was celebrating an anniversary.

In honor of the event, they were giving away a book which explained their philosophy. She placed a copy in my hand. It was a thick hardback with a mystic cover. A guru-looking guy was sitting cross-legged with his hands folded. I thanked her for the book and began to walk away.

"Sir?" I stopped. I knew what was coming.

"Would you like to make a donation to our school?"

"No," I responded, "but thanks for the book."

I began to walk away. She followed me and tapped me on the shoulder.

"Sir, everyone so far has given a donation in appreciation for the gift."

"That's good," I replied, "but I don't think I will. But I appreciate the book." I turned and began to walk away. I hadn't even taken a step, however, when she spoke again. This time she was agitated.

"Sir," and she opened her purse so I could see her collection of dollars and coins. "If you were sincere in your

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My brother went through his second kidney removal surgery without any complications. He came home from the University Hospital

in Jackson on third Sunday. Keep my brother in your prayers.

I spent a few days with him in Jackson and two nights at his house. I called one of my neighbors, Mr. Lee Wright. He told me one of the big trees near my dog house had split in two pieces. He was sitting on his front porch when it happened. Mr. Joe Morgan, Sr. was outside at the time it fell. Lightning has struck that tree about two times in the last several years. This time it got water logged or just rotted in two pieces and fell. It fell across the road in the back of my house. Joe cut some of the top off so Lee could get in and out of his yard. I'm glad it did not fall on my dog.

Fred Horton went to the doctor Monday, July 16th. His foot is healing nicely.

the burden? Your salvation or your donation? Monitor what is said. Is money always needed yesterday? Are you promised health if you give and hell if you don't? If so, ignore him.

A second characteristic of ecclesiastical con men: they build more fences than they build faith. Medicine men tell you to stay out of the pharmacy. They don't want you trying other treatments. Neither do hucksters. They present themselves as pioneers that the mainline church couldn't stomach, but, in reality, they are lone wolves on the prowl.

Christ's passion on Monday is indignance. For that reason I make no apology about challenging you to call the cards on these guys. God has been calling a halt to babblers building towers for centuries. So should we.

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The former textile facility of Henson-Kickernick in Lexington is now the home of Chenoa Coffee Company. The lease to purchase agreement was signed on July 20. The building is set to be the company's hub for distribution and route sales. The loading docks were open early Thursday morning, July 19, with the rear of the building already being used for storage. One employee said the loading area was soon to be cleared of mud and drained of the standing water, pictured above. (Photo by Matthew Breazeale)

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