

Conservation Corner

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If you are interested in fly fishing, but don't care for traveling long distances, the answer lies right here at home.

Mississippi is blessed with thousands of acres of waters which hold enough bluegill to make any angler dance a jig. Bluegill can provide the same kind of fun that trout do and can provide valuable practice in fly fishing.

Fly fishing for bluegill is fun and exciting. During the spawn, males are usually around beds and are extremely aggressive. They will hit almost any fly or popping bug that comes close to them. A fish every cast is not unusual.

Equipment should be kept simple. If bluegill are to be

the main focus of your fly fishing efforts, a 7 to 7.5 foot fiberglass rod designed to cast 4 to 5 weight lines will be sufficient and will aid in casting accuracy, especially in close quarters. If you think you might try trout with the same gear, you may want to consider an 8 to 9 foot graphite or composite rod designed to cast 5 to 7 weight line, depending on the size of trout you intend to pursue. In a fly fishing reel, a lightweight, single-action reel with some type of drag system is all you need.

As is the case with monofilament line, there are many different types of fly lines on the market and it can be quite confusing trying to

pick what is right for you. The manufacturer will suggest a line size best suited for that particular fly rod. I would advise using lightweight line. For example, if you have a rod designed for 5 to 7 weight line, try a 5 weight line. A double taper or weight forward taper in a floating line will give you the most versatility and will also simplify casting.

Manufactured leaders come in various lengths and sizes and are a matter of personal preference. For bluegill, match the length of your leader to the length of your rod. The leader should be tapered and the tippet should be somewhere in the 3 to 6 pound test size. Because of the expense of manufactured leaders, it would be wise to purchase tippet material in the same test size as your leader. This way, when your leader

gets down to the heavier test, you can simply tie on a piece of the tippet material to make your leader its original length, rather than replacing the leader.

Effective flies for bluegill include popping bugs, wet flies, and nymphs, in various insect patterns, and a few dry flies. Remember that bluegill have small mouths, so flies in 12 to 20 hook sizes work best. The best colors are black, olive-green, and brown.

Now that you are fully equipped, locate some fish. Be sure to take a young person with you!

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IN AND AROUND
LEXINGTON
BY LEONA (LENA) FIELDS



Fourth Saturday weekend, bad weather was in Holmes County. Trees and limbs fell around the county. In Supervisor Larry Davis' beat, trees were removed from a road/s. A lady in Tchula gave me this information. The electricity went off for the Yazoo Valley Electric Company customers north of Lexington. My neighbor said they went off that Saturday and stayed off until 9 p.m. that night.

I spent the third Saturday weekend in Jackson at the university hospital with my brother. He had his second kidney removal surgery without any major complications.

I talked to Emma Carnegie Monday morning, July 23. She told me she went to the emergency room in Lexington Sunday morning, July

22. She still has severe pains from a wreck she was in.

Recently I rode the bus from Grenada to Durant. It was suppose to leave Grenada at 9:55 a.m. It was 12:30 p.m. when the bus left Grenada. That's not the first time the bus was excessively late.

Obituary

ALMETA S. WIGGINS

Mrs. Almeta Story Wiggins, 97, of Goodman passed July 20th at UMC Hospital in Lexington. Funeral Services were held at Bethlehem Church in Goodman on July 28th at 11:00 a.m., with burial at Georgeville Cemetery. Arrangements were entrusted to Affordable Funeral Home of Durant.

CALENDAR OF
EVENTS

Deadline:
Friday, 4.p.m.

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB
The Lexington Unit of the Boys and Girls Club will host a Back to School Supply Give-A-Way on Saturday, August 4, at the Holmes County Central High School grounds at 11 a.m. Refreshments will be served and this event is free and open to the public. Donations of school supplies are needed and appreciated, contact Unit Director Kawanna Horton at 662-739-1938 to donate.

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NATIONAL NIGHT OUT
The city of Durant and Durant Excel By 5 will sponsor the Durant National Night Out and Back to School Party on Tuesday, August 7 at 6:30 p.m., on Depot Street.

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LONG BRANCH M.B.C.
Long Branch M.B. Church in West will hold its Fall Revival from Monday, August 6 through Wednesday, August 8 at 7:30 nightly.

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TRINITY M.B. CHURCH
Trinity M.B. Church will host its Annual Ushers' Day on Sunday, August 5 at 2 p.m.

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WORCCI
Word of Righteousness Christian Center International in Durant will host the 11th Year Appreciation Service for Pastor Cornelius and Debra Landfair on Sunday, August 5, at 3 p.m.

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DURANT RAIDERS
A Meet and Greet/fundraiser for the Durant Raiders youth football team will be held on Saturday, August 4 at 10 a.m. on the Durant school football field.

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NEED A JOB?
Delta Workforce Development Area of South Delta

BETHLEHEM M.B.C.
Bethlehem M.B. Church

Planning and Development District:
For youth 17 to 24 years old who are no longer attending high school; Live in Holmes County; Want paid job training? Want to learn work ethics? Call 662-834-1552, if no answer leave a message; or contact Jasmine Greer at jgreer@ncpdd.org.

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LEXINGTON LIBRARY
Lexington Public Library will hold its monthly Third Thursday movie event for children on August 16 at 3:15 p.m. Third Thursday

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is co-sponsored by Friends of the Lexington Public Library. A parent or responsible caregiver must accompany any child under 9 years of age. For movie title and further information, please call 834-2571.

The library's quarterly used book sale will ne held the week of August 6-10 during regular library hours. Prices will range from 10 cents to 25 cents. Proceeds go toward materials and programming at the library.

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S.O.L. MINISTRIES
Spirit of Life Ministries in Lexington will host its Women's Day on Sunday, August 12 at 2 p.m.

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UNION GROVE M.B.C.
Union Grove M.B. Church in Lexington will host revival services August 6-10 at 7:30 nightly.

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CHISOLM REUNION
The descendants of Sally Chisolm will hold a family reunion on Sunday, August 12 at the Coxburg Community Center at 10:30 a.m. This event is free and open to the public.

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WEST M.B.C.
West M.B. Church will host its Family and Friends Day program on Sunday, August 5 at 3 p.m.

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BETHLEHEM M.B.C
Bethlehem M.B. Church in Tchula will host its Friends and Family Day service on Sunday, August 5 at 11:30 a.m.

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SWEET HOME M.B.C.
Sweet Home M.B. Church will hold its annual revival services from Monday, August 6 through Wednesday, August 8 at 7:00 nightly.

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YOUTH CRUSADE
The Fifth Annual Youth Crusade hosted by Humanitarian Organization for Moral Empowerment (HOME) and The Master's Plan Ministries will be held on Saturday, August 4, 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. and on Sunday, August 5, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Holmes County Courthouse in Lexington. There will be food, fun, inflatables, live music and school supplies to be given away.

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SEC. PILGRIM REST
Second Pilgrim Rest Church will host its annual Revival Services August 15-17 at 7:15 each night.

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tact Algenia Adams for more information at 662-834-2307 or 662-633-7643.

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DURANT LIBRARY
The Durant Public Library will have a fishing display during the month of August in honor of National Catfish Month. With each book at checkout, adults can register for a fishing lure to be given away at the end of the month.

Durant Friends of the Library will also have their quarterly book sale from Monday, August 13 through Friday, August 17. Prices will range from 25 cents to \$1.00. All proceeds go to children's programs at the library.

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PLEASANT GROVE #2
Pleasant Grove #2 M.B. Church will its 120th Year Anniversary on Sunday, August 12 at 11:30 a.m.

Homecoming Revival will be from Monday, August 13 through Friday, August 17, at 7:30 nightly. There will be a different speaker each night.

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WOMEN'S RECEPTION
The Holmes County NAACP, FDP and Board of Supervisors are hosting a Women's Empowerment reception at the Milton Olive Building in Lexington on Saturday, August 11 at 6 p.m.

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