



Lawn Mowers and Gas Tanks

When Steve and I married, he quickly discovered that I don’t do yard work. I don’t mow, weed-eat, or pull weeds. I will plant some seasonal blooming plants in the terra cotta pots outside and water them, but that is as far as I go.

Steve loves the yard. He mows, weed-eats, and takes great pride in what our yard looks like. When our son was growing up, he would mow the yard. He never quite did the job well enough to please his dad.

Last week, Steve made the

observations that hunting season was over and basketball was coming to an end. Next on his list of priorities was to work in the pool and house yards. As he said this, he glanced my way and we got a laugh about things that have occurred in the past.

Quite a few years ago, Steve was farming and it was a very busy time of the year. The fact that the yard needing mowing and he didn’t have time to do it was just about to drive him crazy. I decided to be “wife of the

year” and surprise him by mowing our yard. Any idiot can use a riding lawn mower and cut the yard, Right? After 2 ½ hours of my meticulously and carefully mowing, paying careful attention to the sidewalk and driveway edges, I was almost done. Steve pulled into the driveway about that time and I was beaming with pride. As he walked over to me on the mower, I was waiting for glowing complements on the wonderful thing I was doing. Instead, he walked over to the mover, grabbed the lever that lowers the blade and told me that is what actually cut the grass. Well, that would have been a real handy bit of information to have known before I ever got started! He made me promise to never try to help him in the yard again. I have kept my promise to this day.

The next week-end Steve

was going to mow the yard, but was running out of time on his Saturday afternoon. He did not have enough gas for the mower, so I offered to take the gas can and fill it up, along with his truck. The last thing I heard him say was to make sure the yellow cap is on tightly so the gas won’t slosh out. While filling up the truck, I removed the red gas can from the truck bed. I took the yellow top off the long black tube, just as I had been instructed. I then realized that the top of the black nozzle was just about the same size as the nozzle on the gas pump. How in the world was I going to get the gas from the pump into that little black tube when they were both about the same size? After experimenting with different amounts of pressure applied to the gas nozzle, and more gas on the ground that in the can and

a bill of about \$12.00, I decided that I was doing something wrong. So, I headed home with half a tank of gas and reeking of the smell of gas, both on my clothes and in his truck. When I arrived home, Steve asked what in the world had taken so long. After realizing what I had done, all he could do was laugh and make fun of me. I’m just glad I wasn’t near an open flame. Another lesson was well learned. There is another yellow cap on the top of the big red can that you actually place the nozzle in to fill up the gas can – Go Figure!! Once again, that would have been a handy little bit of information to have known.

Hope you enjoy this week’s recipes. Thanks for reading.

SPANISH PAELLA

- 1 lb. chicken breasts, boneless
  - Paprika
  - Salt and Pepper
  - 1 large onion, chopped
  - 1 large green bell pepper, chopped
  - 1 lb. smoked sausage, sliced into rounds
  - 2 cups raw rice
  - 1 (14 oz.) can diced tomatoes
  - 4 cups chicken broth
  - 1 (10 oz.) pkg. frozen green peas
  - Spanish Saffron
- Sprinkle paprika, salt and pepper over chicken breasts and brown in skillet to seal juices. Remove and set aside. Add onion and bell pepper and brown in skillet. Add smoked sausage and brown. Pour 2 cups rice, can of diced tomatoes and chicken broth. Cover and simmer

for about 30 minutes. Add green peas and heat. Add 2 pinches of saffron on the top and serve immediately.

**HERBED CHEESE BISCUITS**

- 1 cup sour cream
- ¾ cup grated sharp Cheddar cheese
- ½ cup butter, softened
- ¼ tsp. dried thyme
- ¼ tsp. dried rosemary
- ¼ tsp. dried parsley
- 2 cups self-rising flour
- 2 Tbsp. grated Parmesan cheese

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. In a large bowl, combine sour cream, cheddar cheese, butter and dried herbs. Gradually stir in flour until blended. Spoon dough by tablespoons into greased mini-muffin pans. Sprinkle evenly with Parmesan cheese. Bake for 20 minutes

**MASHED RED POTATOES**

- 10 cups unpeeled and cubed red potatoes, about 5 pounds
- 5 Tbsp. butter
- ¼ cup milk
- 1 cup sour cream
- 2 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. ground black pepper

In a large saucepan, combine potatoes and water to cover. Boil over high for approximately 15 minutes, or until potatoes are tender. Drain potatoes. In a large bowl, combine hot potatoes and remaining ingredients. Stir with a spoon until potatoes are coarsely mashed.

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MISSISSIPPI COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM  
COMBINED NOTICE  
NOTICE OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT  
AND NOTICE TO PUBLIC OF REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

Date February 1, 2019

Lexington, Mississippi  
City of Lexington City Hall, 112 Spring Street, Lexington, Mississippi 39095  
TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:  
On or about February 25, 2019, the above named City will request the Mississippi Development Authority to release Federal funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, for the following project:  
Water System Improvements (#1135-18-233-PF-01)  
The scope of work activities for this 2018 CDBG PF project is as follows:  
1) Wastewater Treatment Facility – Borrow material will be placed to fill in the existing voids and tunnels. Geotextile material will be placed to prevent further erosion of the lagoon levee. Finally, rip rap will be place 3 feet above and 3 feet below the normal water level of the lagoon to prevent nutria from burrowing into the earth embankment.  
2) Sewage Collection – Two (2) existing lift stations will be completely renovated.  
a) The McGee Street Lift Station will have new above ground duplex pumps that are upsized accordingly for current and future flow. New valves, piping, electrical, controls and a cover will be installed. The McGee Street Lift Station will also have a security fence and gate installed. In addition, the existing 6” PVC force main that carries the sanitary sewer to the Pecan Grove Lift Station, will be cut, capped and abandoned at the Pecan Grove Lift Station and tie-in to the existing 6” PVC force main carrying sewer directly to the Lexington WWTF. As a result, the McGee Street Lift Station will be pumping directly to the Lexington WWTF.  
b) The Pecan Grove Lift Station will have new submersible duplex pumps that are upsized accordingly for current and future flow. New valves, piping, electrical and controls will be installed. In addition, the existing 6” PVC force main will be cut, capped, and abandoned at this lift station. A new 8” PVC force main will be installed parallel within the same ROW carrying the sanitary sewer directly to the Lexington WWTF.

Finding of No Significant Impact

It has been determined that such request for release of funds will not constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of human environment and, accordingly, the above named City has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 (PL 91-190). The reasons for such decision not to prepare such a statement are as follows:  
The project will have no adverse effect on the environment, and the project will benefit the area residents by providing a more efficient operating Sewer system.  
An Environmental Review Record respecting the within project has been made by the above-named City which documents the environmental review of the project and more fully sets forth why such statement is not required. This Environmental Review Record is on file at the above address and is available for public examination and copying between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.  
No further environmental review of such project is proposed to be conducted prior to the request for release of federal funds.

Public Comments on Finding

All interested agencies, groups, and persons disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration by the City of Lexington, Mississippi, to the office of the undersigned. Such written comments should be received at the City of Lexington City Hall, 112 Spring Street, Lexington, Mississippi 39095 on or before February 22, 2019. All such comments so received will be considered and the City will not request the release of funds or take any administrative action on the within named project prior to the date specified in the preceding sentence.  
Lexington, Mississippi, will undertake the project described above with grant funds from the Community Development Block Grant Program. Lexington, Mississippi, is certifying to the State that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen consent to accept the jurisdiction of the federal courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental reviews and that these responsibilities have been satisfied under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended.

OBJECTIONS TO STATE RELEASE OF FUNDS

The State will accept an objection to its approval only if it is on one of the bases set forth in 24CFR Part 58.76, and submitted in accordance with the required procedure set forth in 24CFR Part 58. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance to Mr. Antione Dixon, Development Specialist Compliance Bureau, P.O. Box 849, Jackson, Mississippi 39205-0849.  
Objections to the release of funds on bases other than those referenced above will not be considered by the State. No objection received after March 15, 2019, will be considered by the State.

Robin McCrory, Mayor  
City of Lexington  
112 Spring Street  
Lexington, Mississippi 39095

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Soybeans G'wood	Mar 19	2019 Feb - Deferred Pricing only	9.19	-0.46	8.73 0.01
Soybeans G'wood	Nov 19	2019 Aug-Sep	9.58	-0.35	9.23 -0.02
Soybeans Minter City	Nov 19	2019 Aug-Sep	9.58	-0.38	9.20 -0.02
Rice	Jan 19		10.680		0.030
Rice	Mar 19		10.915		0.025
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