

# LETTER TO THE EDITOR



Dear Editor,  
One cannot help but see what a big problem we have in Lexington with trash strewn everywhere, up and down streets and sidewalks, in yards, around certain businesses, etc. It is particularly visible this time of year, when otherwise-obscuring vegetation is not covered by green leaves.  
This has gone on for a long

time. Isn't it time to change that? The view created by strewn trash makes it look like that the citizens of Lexington have enemies who want to make us look bad.  
That's nonsense, and my opinion is that 99% - if not 100% - of the littering is being done either by Lexingtonians themselves or by other Holmes County residents who live close by. It is amaz-

ing to me to observe the evidence of such little community pride. It has not always been like this.  
Trash is quite easy to pick it up; all you need is a 13-gallon trash bag clipped to the cutout top of a 5-gallon bucket and a "pick-up" device so you don't have to bend over. (A friend's invention, not my own). They work surprisingly well; I just picked up one sackful along Clifton Street. If every able-bodied citizen of Lexington would pick up just one (1) sack a week, that would make a huge difference in the appearance of our home-

town.  
Don't you think that an industrial prospect would tend to favor a clean town over a trashy one? You want jobs? Then clean up the streets and improve your chances.  
Meanwhile, there are two primary unanswered questions which seem to me to be

important:  
(1) who is doing the littering? and;  
(2) why?  
It would be interesting, and perhaps serve as somewhat of a deterrent, if there was a way to photograph the people who are doing this, and then publish their

photos in the Herald. When Frank Melton was mayor of Jackson, he put photos of the bad guys up on billboards. I don't know all the ramifications of that approach, but it ought to change something, anyway.  
Pat Barrett, Jr.  
Lexington

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Cailey McBride wins Mississippi Bred Reserve Champion Hereford Market Hog at the 2019 Dixie National exhibition February 2, in Jackson. Cailey is the daughter of Mike and Misty McBride of Durant.  
(Photo by Betsy Padgett)



Drue Johnson won 12 & 13 yr. old Swine Showmanship in the 2019 Holmes County 4-H Livestock Show held Saturday, January 26 at the Holmes County Livestock Barn in Lexington.  
(Photo by Julie Ellison)



Spencer Grace Walker, Kaylee Bethany, Avery Engle and Livi Howell, handler, participated in Pee Wee Goat Showmanship in the 2019 Holmes County 4-H Livestock Show held Saturday, January 26 at the Holmes County Livestock Barn in Lexington.  
(Photo by Julie Ellison)