

IN AND AROUND
LEXINGTON
BY LEONA (LENA) FIELDS

Due to the virus, the Multi-Purpose building is closed to the public. No time frame has been given for the building to reopen. The caretaker, Ms. Patricia “Pat” Hodges, was at the Mayor’s Health Council. No definite time was given to reopen the complex.

The class at the complex has been suspended until further notice. Also, the Senior Citizens’ Feeding Program participants can not eat lunch in the building. By the time you read this edition of the paper, food arrangements will have been made. But, anyway, box lunches will be given for two weeks. Seniors that eat can contact Mrs. Wynonia Hester. Maybe the mayor will have some information about the feeding program at a later date.

If you have rented the Multi-Purpose Building for any reason, you will not be allowed to use it. Contact city hall for more information on that.

There is also a curfew that is being enforced in Lexington, from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. every day.

Parents help your children to obey the rules of the coronavirus. Let them know, being hard-headed just makes things worse.

Keep Mrs. Mattie Porter uplifted in prayer. Her brother, Mr. Chester Henry, was found dead in Bee Lake. You can get more information by reading the Thursday, March 19, edition of the *Holmes County Herald*.

It’s suggested that churches

MDEQ advises people to NOT flush disinfecting wipes and paper towels

Press Release

The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) is advising people to not flush disinfecting wipes, paper towels, or similar products in toilets but to dispose of them in household garbage. These items can cause damage to wastewater treatment and collection systems creating clogs, backups, pump failures, and sewer overflows creating additional public health issues. Wipes listed as “flushable” can also cause problems for wastewater and septic systems.

“An increasing number of people are currently at home and consuming more wipes and paper towels than normal. We are advising people to remember that toilets and wastewater systems are not designed to process those types of things, which we consider to be trash. Please dispose of these items properly with your other household garbage,” said Chris Wells, MDEQ Interim Executive Director.

Wipes are among the leading causes of sewer system backups and impacts to wastewater collection and treatment systems. Many centralized sewage collection systems depend on gravity and water flow to move human waste and biodegradable toilet paper.

Other items in the system can result in backups and spills that can cause discharges to the state’s waterbodies creating public health and environmental issues.

Driver services closed at least through March 31

Press Release

The Mississippi Department of Public Safety announces an update to Commercial Driver Services:

All driver license stations remain closed to the public except for the 9 MHP District Troop Stations across the state until March 31, 2020 at which time a reassessment will be made for reopening.

The 9 MHP District Troop Stations will only provide the following services:

- Sex offender registry transactions
- ALL Commercial Driver License (CDL) transactions – this includes testing

The Driver Service Bureau will adhere to social distancing with the 10-person maximum recommendation at any location which will include staff members.

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