

LETTER TO THE EDITOR



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Dear Editor,

I've been going around town looking to see who is cleaning their property off and seeing what the city is doing. Is the city cutting the grass around town? I don't think so. The playground on Martin Luther King Street and the lot next to the playground needs the grass cut. The playground on Mill Street, the lot next to the playground there needs the grass cut. The ditch across from Piggly Wiggly runs behind the playground on Mill Street. There is a cesspool behind the playground. My understanding is that there are alligators at the cesspool. I remember the Durant Police would kill snakes off the bridge.

They are cleaning up and fixing a house on Lamar Street. They need to clean up around the library, take the vines off the building. The city needs to cut the grass around town also. There are rats in the grass, I have one in my house. I believe it came from the lot behind my house. Somebody needs to clean up around the house North Jackson Street and between O'Riley's and Dollar General stores.

I see Alderman Bo Patterson is cutting the grass in Ward 2. I hope he would keep it up at least once a month at abandoned properties.

It is time for the city to make sure the property owners start back cleaning their properties off. People need to keep their yards cleaned off.

It makes our town look bad and our neighborhoods. It is time to clean up and show pride in Durant.

In April I wrote a letter to Mayor Robinson. I was concerned about the senior citizens and homeless in Durant.

During the coronavirus, what was the city doing to help senior citizens and the homeless? I felt like the mayor and aldermen and women should help the people of Durant. The aldermen and women can help the people in their ward. The city can help the homeless in town by giving out hand sanitizers and water; have a place for them to take a bath. The homeless people go into stores, they put their hands on produce and products. The can spread the coronavirus. There are people who don't have running water in their house; they could spread the coronavirus. I think the city should turn the water back on temporarily. That is not happening.

On Friday, May 29, at 4 p.m., I was told the mayor was giving out masks and hand sanitizers at the city hall parking lot. I am thinking the mayor and aldermen don't want everybody to have masks and hand sanitizers. They should have given out the masks and sanitizers at the senior citizens' building up town on the corner of Depot and Madison. I am thinking our aldermen could have brought or told their people in their ward the masks and sanitizers.

I was thinking the same thing about the supervisors. They were giving out masks at the county barn at 7 a.m. In my opinion, the supervisors should had the giveaway at the senior citizens building up town, not at the county barn. I am thinking this is a good spot to have a giveaway. Everybody is not on Facebook. I am not on Facebook. My understanding, one supervisor was going around passing out masks in his district. That was a good thing.

I also let the mayor know some places were giving out care boxes with household products and food boxes with water for two weeks. On May 31, I was told that alderman Bo Patterson and another alderwoman was not told about the masks and hand sanitizers that were given out at the city hall parking lot on Friday, May 29. I was told Bo took his own money, over \$1000 and bought clothes baskets of cleaning supplies and water for the citizens in his ward. Bo had two truck loads of cleaning supplies and water he gave out himself. In my opinion, that is an alderman that cares about his people in his ward. I know the citizens of Ward 2 that got those supplies are blessed and grateful they have Bo for their alderman.

We need our Holmes County leaders to come together to help with the coronavirus. To show Mississippi and the rest of the country what can be done. Even if you live in the poorest county in the nation, our leaders should keep in mind it is not about them, it is about the citizens of Holmes County.

I hope our leaders won't jump crazy or be bumping heads with each other. This is not the time for that because the coronavirus is all over the world. I hope our leaders, from the governor, supervisors, mayors and aldermen won't get it twisted; it is not about them it is about the citizens they serve. There are some places where churches are stepping up to the plate; they are neighbors helping other neighbors. We

Grandson of Elvis Presley has died at age 27, agent says

Associated Press

The son of Lisa Marie Presley has died. He was 27.

Presley's representative Roger Widynowski said in a statement Sunday to The Associated Press that she was "heartbroken" after learning about the death of her son Benjamin Keough. He is the grandson of the late Elvis Presley.

TMZ reports that Keough died from a self-inflicted gunshot wound Sunday in Calabasas, California.

"She is completely heartbroken, inconsolable and beyond devastated but trying to stay strong for her 11-year-old twins and her oldest daughter Riley," Widynowski said in the statement. "She adored that boy. He was the love of her life."

Presley had Keough and actress Riley Keough, 31, with her former husband Danny Keough. She also had twins from another marriage.

Nancy Sinatra tweeted her condolences to Presley,

need to help each other in these times.

In the June 4 *Holmes County Herald*, I read they gave out hand sanitizers and masks May 29 and May 30. I did not know that; as Holmes County leaders, they should not exclude any leaders to help with the coronavirus. We need all our leaders to help with the coronavirus and step up to the plate for the people they serve. In my opinion, the coronavirus is not over.

I see people protesting, this is my opinion, if you are sick you need to stay at home. You are not helping yourself or others.

I heard there will not be any summer school. I don't understand why the school board doesn't want summer school for the students. They have been out of school since March. It would be a way to get students back in school. My opinion, the school board is getting things twisted, it should be about the students; it is not about the school board. Maybe the state should take over the school board or have a school board that is for the students. In my opinion, I did hear the students' parents are getting a \$200 food stamp card. I think that is a good thing. But, when the parents go grocery shopping with \$200, they won't be able to buy much. The stores have jacked up the prices. During a pandemic, there should be a freeze on prices everywhere from the grocery stores to the building supply stores.

Frances Patterson
Durant



In this January 8, 2010, file photo, Priscilla Presley, second from left, her daughter, Lisa Marie Presley, second from right, and Lisa Marie's children, Riley Keough, left, and Benjamin Keough, right, take part in a ceremony in Memphis, Tenn., commemorating Elvis Presley's 75th birthday. Keough has died. Lisa Marie Presley's representative Roger Widynowski said in a statement Sunday, July 12, 2020, to The Associated Press that she was "heartbroken" after learning about the death of Keough.

writing, "I have known you since before your mama gave birth to you, never dreaming you would have pain like this in your life. I'm so very sorry."



Keep teaching

Dear Dave,

My wife and I are trying very hard to save money and pay off debt, but we're not making progress as quickly as I had hoped. What do you think of the idea of putting a hold on our son's allowance for the jobs he does around the house until we get into a better financial situation?

Kellen

Dear Kellen,

Kids should learn at an early age that money is connected to work. Even a child who's in kindergarten is old enough to begin doing some age-appropriate chores around the house.

I admire your drive and determination to get out of debt, but if it were me, I wouldn't stop the process. I would, however, stop calling it an allowance. There's a victim mentality attached to that word. He's doing work, and reaping the rewards.

We did this kind of thing in our home with our kids, but we called it a commission. We kept it very simple for them, and very affordable for us. If they did their jobs, they got paid. If they didn't do their jobs, they didn't get paid. It didn't take long for them to make the connection.

Don't let these teachable moments slip away, Kellen!

Dave

Your 15%

Dear Dave,

I read where you recommend investing 15% of your income into Roth IRAs and other pre-tax retirement plans. Do you also advise counting a company match

as part of that percentage?

Bryce

Dear Bryce,

Employment situations, and employers, can change at any time. I want you putting in 15%. That way, you don't have to rely on someone else to complete your retirement savings plan.

Planning for retirement is your responsibility. It's not your employer's job to make sure you have money to live on in your old age. Stick 15% in there yourself, Bryce. If your employer matches workplace contributions, that's great. Things will be even better!

—Dave

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