

# LETTER TO THE EDITOR



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Dear Editor,  
There are some good things going on in Durant and not so good things going on.

The city workers are not keeping the grass cut around town, like up there by the railroad tracks. I think the city workers could spray the grass in some places around town. I have been writing about the city not keeping the grass cut and about rats, snakes and other rodents in the tall grass. In the *Holmes County Herald* I read about the chiggers in the tall grass. I have never heard of chiggers. They are also red bugs that live in tall grass.

There are some good things going on. They have cleaned up around the library, it looks so good. It looks good at Liberty Garden, the park on Lamar Street and they have taken down a house on Northwest Avenue. There are neighbors cleaning up and doing some painting at their houses and trailers. I am doing clean up around my house and my dad's house. I'm fixing up my front porch.

I think students should go back to school part time. The students should have only so many hours in the classroom. I feel like it is going to be a problem for some parents who have to be at work at 6:00 or 7:00 a.m. The kids go to get up and get on the computer. Some kids stay up late at night. It is hard for them to get up in the morning. In the classrooms, they could have air purifying machines and sanitizers.

My opinion on the flag and statues, I think it was time to (retire) the 126-year-old flag. We need a new flag. I like the tow flags I have already seen. One designed by a woman, one by a man. I like them both. I think statues need to be (retired) not tore down. It should be a \$5,000 fine if the statue is damaged. It is property of that town or city. If they take down a white statue they need to put up another white statue. Here in Durant, in Liberty Garden, there are white monuments and black monuments. That is leveling the playing field. Some want to take down a George Washington statue because he has an (American Indian) and a slave behind his horse. Also some want to take down Andrew Jackson's statue.

I was shocked when I heard the school board had kicked the superintendent to the curb. I wanted to know what did he do. Who kicked the

superintendent to the curb before school started? Who does that? I think the superintendent was trying to bring the district into the 21st century. He was moving too fast for one of the board members. It has been 50 years

since there has been any changes in Holmes County schools. In my opinion, it is a shame the school board did not give the superintendent a chance to do his job, what he was getting paid to do. I just don't understand why.

I don't know what kind of leaders we have in Holmes County. The kind that don't want Holmes County to move forward. Holmes County is moving fast or it takes time to get things done. Our leaders have it twisted, they don't have time to mess around. Time will pass you by. I believe when this corona is over, there's going to be a new America, a new Mississippi. I hope a new Holmes County. It is time for

a change in Holmes County. We need to start kicking our leaders to the curb. Enough is enough.

I got my census letter in the mail in March. Holmes County needs that 20 billion dollars for the schools, roads, lunch programs and other things in Holmes County. It is time for a change in Holmes County. It is our leaders that need to make sure we all get counted for the census. Time is running out. I think

the census count should start in the senior citizens projects and move on to other projects in the county.

I heard Holmes County is in the hot spot again with the coronavirus. My opinion, we need to follow the state, county and city guidelines. Wash your hands, wear a mask and I think this will be over. We need to care of ourselves and others.

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