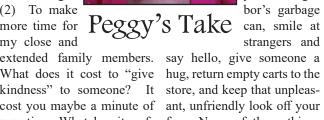
NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION

in which a person resolves because I just never followed great if you can afford it. I

through. This year I am reaching for two goals which I have never resolved to strive. (1) To everyday do my best to reach out and offer a kindness to someone, friend stranger. (2) To make



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This January's tempera-

tures have been drastically

different from what we saw

during last year's first month.

of the coldest and longest

cold snaps that my Ocean

Springs garden has experi-

enced, and winter protection

was critical. Since I primar-

ily garden in containers, I

moved almost my whole gar-

den and landscape into my

garage to ride out the cold,

and these plants lived there

for 14 of the first 21 days of

This year, while we've had

some chilly weather here on

the coast, my tomatoes are

still going. In fact, we picked

fresh cherry tomatoes on Jan.

6. Now, I realize that date is

an anomaly, and it will get

cold, but I'm enjoying the

January 2018 brought one

you, up bor's garbage providing foods.

extended family members. say hello, give someone a my aunts and uncles gath-What does it cost to "give hug, return empty carts to the ered at my grandmother's kindness" to someone? It store, and keep that unpleas- house for dinner at least evcost you maybe a minute of ant, unfriendly look off your ery other month if not more. your time. What does it prof-face. None of these things I, like Mary, treasure and

gardening we can do any

winter, it is the planning sea-

and summer. Plants that ev-

ery gardener should consider

The Mississippi Nursery

and Landscape Association

established Mississippi Me-

dallion program in 1996 to

increase awareness of plant

materials and to promote

sales and production of orna-

mental plants in Mississippi.

Compared to national cam-

paigns, such as All-Ameri-

can Selections and Perennial

Plant of the Year, the Mis-

sissippi Medallion program

focuses on plants adapted to

Mississippi's environment to

benefit both consumers and

Before everyone's atten-

tion turns to the 2019 selec-

the green industry.

Medallion winners.

Consider 3 winning plants

for landscapes, gardens

During the Christmas holi- resolve and are determined to change an undesired trait days we heard of so many to do this year. All through or behavior, to accomplish acts of kind-heartedness. the holidays we had lots of a personal goal or otherwise Most of the reported acts company. My children and improve their life. I stopped involved some type of mon-grandchildren were in and making them many years ago etary contribution. That's out several times a day. But I would speculate that like me, talking everyone has that one perabout an "act son, sibling, close friend, or of kindness", relative that they rarely see. hold the door No reason for the absence, for the per- just not taking the time. My behind brother and sister, and I have help agreed to do our best to get someone pick together for lunch at least dropped once a month just to catch items, write up on our lives. My husband and mail a and I and all our children and thank-you grandchildren will be entercard, bring in taining at one of our houses your neigh- once a month with each of us

> As a child we, my parents, strangers and brother, sister, cousins, all

> > Delta Jazz crape myrtle, a

was developed right here in

Mississippi. Delta Jazz was

usual foliage that emerges a

rich raspberry-maroon and

then matures to dark ma-

hogany-brown. This foliage

color accents the clusters of

medium, pink flowers in the

late summer. The spectacu-

lar flowers are actually large

panicles composed of many

small flowers. These pani-

cles can be more than eight

inches long. The small flow-

ers have a crinkled edge re-

sembling crepe paper, hence

Crape myrtles have other

outstanding qualities. As the

trees mature, the bark begins

to peel or exfoliate, revealing

the inner bark colors rang-

the common name.

While there is not much of the great plants from past

son for the upcoming spring 2015 Mississippi Medallion,

growing are the Mississippi a new crape myrtle with un-

years.

Mississippi auditor files papers to seek 4-year term

Associated Press

The Republican appointed to become Mississippi audi-

ponder those memories in my heart. I want my children and grandchildren, their cousins, aunts and uncles to share these same memories as they grow older.

There is nothing that can take the place of family, not one thing. And there is nothing that can make you and the beneficiary of kindness feel so good. And in today's world of disturbances, conflicts and just a plain sense of chaotic times we need family, friends and KINDNESS.

I have had so much ham left over I have used it in different ways.

One of our favorite recipes is Macaroni and Cheese with Ham - 1 package of elbow macaroni, cooked and drained. In a heavy pan melt 1/4 stick of butter, add 1 pound of Velveeta cheese cut into small chunks, ½ pound of shredded mozzarella cheese, and 4 oz of cream cheese. Melt over low heat until smooth. Pour over cooked noodles and mix well. Mix 1-2 cups of diced cooked ham, salt and pepper. Sprinkle top with shredded cheese and melt in oven.

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cinnamon-red. Delta Jazz Dani Tate Ramsey, Dan feature plant.

Fireworks a 2010 winner, is another must-have plant. It continues to be an outstanding garden performer in Mississippi State University trials. Iridescent, hot-pink flowers cover the plants throughout the summer until fall frosts. The bright-yellow tips give the appearance of exploding fireworks. Provide plenty of space because this plant has the potential to be up to 4 feet tall and 4 feet wide.

Since we're getting ready for the spring and summer vegetable season, the heirloom tomato Cherokee Purple is a great choice. This is a popular heirloom tomato that is thought to have been selected and grown by the Cherokee tribe in North Carolina. It's known for the purplish color and rich taste that makes a great tomato sandwich. I have grown Cherokee Purple in my garden for almost 10 years, and every year it is a good producer. This plant will have to be trellised or caged, as it is a vigorous indeterminate grower. The fruit start maturing in my Ocean Springs garden around mid-June.

Take some time this winter and dream about the plants you want to grow in your garden and landscape this year.

tor last year is now running for a full four-year term.

Shad White filed his qualifying papers Tuesday at the state Republican Party head-

White says in a video posted to social media that he qualifying deadline for statewill "continue to be aggressive in finding embezzle- legislative posts. Party priment and fraud."

Flowood. Gov. Phil Bryant vember.

appointed him as auditor in July to succeed Republican Stacey Pickering, who had held the office since 2008. Pickering resigned to lead the state Veterans Affairs Board.

Auditor is one of eight statewide elected offices in Mississippi.

March 1 is candidates' wide, regional, county and maries are in August, and White is an attorney from the general election is in No-



January 10 - Tina Pierce, Sterling Starns, Ashley Rowlen, Derek Dodd, Angelica Brown, Arthur Sumerall, Corey Garrett, Stacey Riley, Alexandria Rogers

January 11 - Lavell Thomas, Ricky Winstead, Ricky Winstead, Jr., Angela Spell, Patricia G. Gillespie, Janece Barron

January 12 - John M. Gilmore, Jesse Gilbert, Daisy Malone, Ashley N. Wallace, Rayne Tate, Betty Byrd, Larkin Kirkwood

January 13 - Dale McBride, Bra'kiaya Smart, Li Ables, Patrick Roberts, makes a fantastic landscape Loflin, Maddie Drennan, Chad Bishop, Kaley gomphrena, McGraw, Leslie

Edwards, Danny Ingold, Joshua Morris

January 14 - Angel Gilmore, LaShonda Harrison, Sadie Angell, Payton Grace Ray, Joy Tate, Clyde

January 15 - Campbell Atkinson, Dee Word, David Richmond, Daryl Wooten, Gallagher, Bryan Mai Quon, Neely Dodd, Harold Hammett, George Hester, Malcolm Kohn, Jr., Ro'kiyah Logan, Alissa Jones, Josh Haymer

January 16 - Bonnie Ellison, Guy Taylor, Jana Lewis, Arthur Lamar Melton, Patricia Gary, Mark Chamblee, Davis Ables, Taylor Anne Hood

Holmes County NAACP ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Holmes County Branch of the NAACP will be holding Elections for branch officers on January 12, 2019 at 11:00 at the Milton Olive Building, Highway 17 in Lexington. Any persons interested in holding an office of participating in the Elections are encouraged to come. For more information contact 662-834-6133.



Iridescent, hot-pink flowers cover Fireworks gomphrena until fall frosts. The brightyellow tips give the appearance of exploding fireworks and inspire the name for this 2010 Mississippi Medallion winner.

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The family of the late Ethel Haymon, would like to express their sincere thanks for the many prayers, phone calls, cards, visits and other acts of kindness during our time of bereavement. May God continue to richly bless each of

you.

