

Family Foundations

My brother and I have been trying to trace some of our aunts and uncles, grandparents, cousins and just kinfolk back to their beginnings. We have decided that when we have gone home our children and their children's children will never know their origins unless we search out and find the foundations of our families. Some of the names of relatives are most unique and some are beautiful. For instance, one of our grandfathers was named Bas-

little boys almost in infancy. Our paternal grandmother's origin dated back to Ireland and she died at the young age of forty-three leaving ten children, the youngest only two years of age. We discovered that very few of our close kin ever finished high school, some only elementary grades. Some of them had multiple spouses and one even had as many as nine marriages to her credit. We were able to determine their occupations with most of



Peggy's Take

them being farmers in their earlier years.

We found their old home sites and both of us remembering visits to these places. We visited near Scoupa Chitta Creek at the Old Strain House with our daddy's family. This old house held so many secrets and legends we were always fascinated with each visit as we discovered another surprise. The other pair of grandparents lived in Montgomery County with their barn sitting straddle of the Montgomery County line and the Attala County line. We would always imagine as we stood with feet spread apart near the old barn that we had one foot in one county and one in another.

We are truly trying our best to record all these memories and findings as we uncover

each special remembrance and revelation about our past so that our offspring will always know the wonder and amazement from where they come and why we are so blessed.

We have had an abundance from our watermelon patch this year, so I have looked for ways to use the delicious fruit. Here's one way.

Watermelon Jelly

- 2 cups watermelon juice, 3 T. fresh lemon juice, 3 1/2 cups of sugar, 1 pouch of Certo liquid pectin

Crush 6 cups of chopped melon and crush and strain to remove seeds or pulp. Combine juice, lemon juice, and sugar and bring to a boil over high heat stirring constantly. Quickly stir in pectin and return to a rolling boil for 1 minute. Skim off foam and ladle into hot jars and process in water bath for 7 minutes

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(Continued from page 1.) total, Chism prepared more than 550 false tax returns, seeking over \$3.5 million in fraudulent tax refunds. The IRS paid at least \$3.2 million in refunds on these bogus claims. Chism also did not file individual tax returns or pay taxes on her own income for 2013-2015, despite earning more than \$100,000 during those years.

Sentencing is scheduled for November 8, 2018. Chism faces a statutory maximum sentence of five years in prison, as well as, a period of supervised release, restitu-

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*My opinion on school supply give-a-ways, I think groups and businesses should come together and denote left over supplies to the classrooms. In that way the teachers would not take the students school supplies that the parents have bought or use their own money to but school supplies for students whose parents can not afford to. There are some single parents who need help in buying school supplies. I remember when the classrooms received supplies each student got a box of supplies. The classrooms got some extra boxes at the end of the school year and we could take the boxes homes. One year my niece and nephews told me that is what the teacher would do. Take their school supplies and give to other students. My niece and nephews did not like that because their

mom had bought their supplies for them. I told them she was just sharing with students whose parents could not buy lots of school supplies and some time the teacher may need to share those supplies. I told them it is nice to share and it makes you feel good inside with others who don't have much.

I would like to know what others think about the paddling ban at Holmes County Consolidated School District. My opinion is that its a bad idea.

I've been seeing the fog truck in town lately after the rain. That is good because of the mosquitoes.

I was told about this 90-year-old woman who believed she got bit by a rat, while she was sleeping, that got into her house. The rat probably came from the overgrown lot next to her house. My understanding, the woman had to go to the

hospital. I've been writing about people and how they should clean off their lots because of rodents living in tall grass. I remember when the city would spray empty lots, killing tall grass. It helps with the fleas, mosquitoes, bedbugs, roaches and ticks.

I have noticed that the train tracks are overgrown. I guess the city has forgotten about the train station, finishing up the senior building and the house on Highway 51.

**By Frances Patterson*



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Soybeans G'wood	Jan 19	2018 Dec	8.81	-0.10	8.71	0.07
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Divas host Back-to-School Fun Day



Ladies with the Holmes County Divas social club, Betty Tucker, Kortina Young, Ashley Collins, Kanikka Young, Dominique Carter, Candice Bush and Vanessa Mitchell (pictured above) hosted a Back-to-School Fun Day on Saturday, August 4 at Derrick-Hobbs Memorial Park in Durant. The ladies provided free treats, including hotdogs and slushes, bouncy houses and music in efforts to motivate those students who returned back to the classrooms on Monday, August 6. Pictured above right, Dominique Carter is seen helping her daughter, DaRiyah Carter, scoop out some crushed ice for a flavored ice slush during the Back-to-School Fun Day. (Photos submitted)

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Board of Levee Commissioners for the Yazoo-Mississippi Delta does hereby give notice to all concerned citizens that the following action was taken at the July 19th Session, 2018

- 1.) The Ad Valorem Tax rate for the counties of Coahoma, DeSoto, Holmes, Humphreys, Leflore, Quitman, Sunflower, Tallahatchie, Tunica and Yazoo be fixed at two (2.0) mills on the assessed valuation of all property, real and personal, and upon all public utilities, lying and being situate in each county and part of each county included the Yazoo-Mississippi Delta Levee District, as the same shall appear upon the Assessment Rolls of said counties;
- 2.) The Privilege Tax rate is hereby fixed at 100% of the Privilege Tax rate, as fixed by the State of Mississippi.

PUBLISHED BY ORDER of the Commissioners of the Yazoo-Mississippi Delta Levee Board.

KIMBERLY B. EASLEY
 SECRETARY