

Holmes' Soil and Water District garners four area awards



Pictured above (from left): Melissa Upchurch, district clerk for Holmes County Soil and Water Conservation District receives her award for the Holmes district from Jerry Smith, president of MACD. (Photo submitted)



Pictured above (from left): Betsy Padgett receives her award and accepted Paul's award for the Holmes district from Jerry Smith, president of MACD. (Photo submitted)



On July 9 the Mississippi Association Conversation Districts (MACD) held its 53rd annual Delta area summer meeting at Ground Zero Blues Club in Clarksdale, MS. Holmes County Soil and Water Conservation District won four awards. Betsy Padgett won Commissioner of the Year. Paul Padgett won Wildlife Conservationist of the Year, Melissa Upchurch won District Employee of the year and Holmes County won the Woodland Award. The Delta District is made up of 13 delta counties and these winners will move on to the state level, which will be announced in January. Pictured above (from left): Terry Wynne, chairman of Holmes County Soil and Water Conservation District, accepts the award for the Holmes district from Jerry Smith, president of MACD. (Photo submitted)


Bridal Registry
 Mackenzie McCleskey
 Kirk Douglas
 August 2

Peoples Drug Store
 Court Square 834-2721 Lexington

Part 2: Big Easy Blues

Well we followed the yellow cab back into New Orleans and down into the French Quarter and began looking for our hotel, The Inn on Bourbon. It was right in the middle of the Quarter and it was 7 O'clock at night, the weather had cooled, and we had both chilled out. Then we discovered that our hotel was at the upper end of Bourbon and we were on the lower end. At 6 PM every night they barricade the cars from

Bourbon and only allow walking traffic. We could get nowhere close to our hotel parking garage. We turned down the next street, a one way and we are going the wrong way. We were being honked and sworn at as we dodged car after car. We had to park two streets over and walk to Bourbon. As we were several blocks away, we decided to carry only our overnight bags and move the car in the morning, if we survived the night.

As we stepped onto the lower end of the street, the street was filled with mimes, hot dog vendors, "barkers" trying to lure us into one of the 'clubs', tap dancers, or people just asleep on the side walks. As we passed one of the "entertainment places", a woman in a more than short red dress, I think she was a woman, caught hold of my husband's arm and I thought he would fall down dead! He dislodged himself and grabbed my hand

and we walked a little faster down the crowded street. My legs are short and there is no way I could keep up with my husband's stride. We walked (ran) as if Marie Leveau had risen from her tomb and was chasing us down the street. As we were nearing our hotel, we heard loud Dixieland jazz. It seemed that there was a funeral in procession with a parade and people dressed in costumes playing musical instruments as they carried the coffin of a departed loved one and celebrated his life.

We waited, watching before we crossed the street into our hotel.

We checked into our room and I was so hungry. Just thinking about all that good Cajun food surrounding us on the street below, had my mouth watering. After settling, I said, "Why don't we walk down to Mike's and get some seafood?" You would have thought I had asked him to fly to the moon. He explained to me in a very calm voice, "WE will not leave this room until daylight."

Yes, that's right. I am in New Orleans, home of my favorite foods and here I am on an elevator going to the next floor to the vending machines to buy peanut butter nabs and cokes for dinner. Is this not the saddest thing you have ever heard???

Orleans, hey even for Kosciusko. Sometimes during the wee hours of the morning, we were startled by a banging on our door and a voice calling out, "Honey, I forgot my key." The voice was rewarded with a big number ten tennis shoe being hurled at the door and my husband yelling out, "Get away from the door, you pervert!" The "gentleman" just went on down the hall singing and mumbling.

This trip truly taught us a lesson. We do not travel in the hot summertime, we don't book reservations in the busiest part of town, we always try to keep to a timely schedule, and I will never be the navigator again. And I can promise you, I will NEVER eat peanut butter nabs for dinner again in New Orleans, Louisiana.

New Orleans Beignets

- 1 cup SR flour
 - ½ cup butter
 - 1 cup water
 - 4 eggs
 - oil for frying
 - powdered sugar for dusting
- Mix all wet ingredients and incorporate dry ones. Mix really well and drop by teaspoons full into hot oil. Cook for 15-18 minutes or until brown..Makes 28 - 32 Enjoy with a cup of café au lait.....

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Peggy's Take

ABSENTEE VOTERS for the Democratic & Republican Primary Elections August 6, 2019

The Circuit Clerk's Office will have extended office hours for qualified Absentee Voters, to-wit:

Monday thru Friday from 8 A.M. until 7 P.M.

and

Saturday, July 20, 2019 and July 27, 2019 from 8 A.M. until 12 Noon

REMEMBER:

The Deadline for all qualified electors to cast an absentee ballot will be **Saturday, August 3, 2019 @ 12 Noon**

SUBMITTED BY:

Earline Wright-Hart, Circuit Clerk