

# LEWIS FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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## PROUD DESCENDANTS OF JESSE LEWIS AND NANCY JANE COBB LEWIS EARLY SETTLERS OF BAGDAD, FLORIDA

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**M**others Day has come and gone. We hope all of you who are mothers had a very happy day on this **special day which belongs only to you.**

We here in Milton are clicking along on all eight cylinders. We have seen the last of a very nice Spring. The weather has been in the upper 80s for the past several days which tells me we are about to go in to SUMMER. The grasses (read WEEDS) are beginning to grow in ever increasing numbers. Mowing time can't be far behind. It is pleasing to have the birds and squirrels out and about. Our cost of living will go up now that we have all those critters to feed. We love it though!

Spoke with Lucille Fraas the other day. She continues to improve even though she is still somewhat limited in walking and standing. She is planning on coming to the REUNION in July. We look forward to her getting back into full swing. The Lewis family is just not the same with out her.

Joyce Nelson had surgery on her knee a few weeks ago. The surgery was a success and she is now about back to battery. Betty and Duffy Duffield came in from Valdosta to stay with Joyce. They had a nice visit and have since returned home. It seems the only thing about Joyce's surgery is that is slowed her down for a few days, but it takes more than a little knee surgery to keep that woman down. She is back to battery now and is planning on going to visit her son Rick in Texas for about a week.

I continue to lose a few pounds as the Dr. ordered. I now tip the scales at 198 (a mere shadow of my former self). Both Ann and I are doing well and look forward to seeing all of you at the REUNION in July.

In recent weeks we have had the pleasure of seeing another of our young cousins make the local paper as "BABY OF THE WEEK".

### RACHEL DENISE HOBBS



Rachel was born at Santa Rosa Medical Center on September 9, 1997. She is the daughter of the late Thomas "Bubba" and Tonya Hobbs.

To use the language of the Bible Rachel's lineage is as follows.

Jesse Lewis begat Henry Jackson Lewis, Henry Jackson begat Grover Cleveland Lewis, Grover Cleveland begat Asa Lewis, Asa Lewis begat Sarah Lewis who married Steve Hobbs. Sarah begat Thomas "Bubba" and, "Bubba begat Rachel.

If I get my begats correct that makes Rachel the seventh generation from Jesse Lewis and Nancy Cobb Lewis.

**WELCOME TO THE LARGE LEWIS FAMILY RACHEL. WE LOVE YOU, AND WISH FOR YOU THE BEST.**

You may recall that in our last newsletter we mentioned that we had received an e-mail from Summer Jones seeking information regarding her family tree. As mentioned we did send the information but have not heard anything more from her. Hopefully she received the info and found it helpful.

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## **CEMETERY REPORT**

We continue to receive good maintenance of Robinson Point Cemetery from Mike Pendleton. He visits RPC about twice a month and performs such maintenance as is necessary.

We have not yet had the water turned back on but will have to do that in the near future. Hopefully Bagdad Water System will make some arrangements with us and bill only for the water used instead of the minimum of \$7 per month. We visit RPC about every month for a few moments of reflection. It is so peaceful there on the waterfront. We are very lucky that we have this space for the final resting place of our love ones and also for us to visit and remember our heritage.

We hope that you will plan a personal visit to RPC when you come for the Reunion in JULY.

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### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

We want to thank the following for making contributions to RPC since our last newsletter:

Fred & Edith Bonifay of Milton, George & Joy

Lee of Biloxi, Jim & Sue Clark of Milton, and Rodney & Ann Rollo of Milton.

While the Bonifays, Lees, and Rollos have been loyal contributors the Clarks are new.

We hope to be able to add your name to the growing list of contributors!

We continue to maintain a sufficient balance in the bank to cover our current expenses. For this we are grateful to all of you all who contribute.

We have as of today May 13<sup>th</sup> \$355.79 in the checking account. Of this amount \$248.29 is in RPC Maintenance and \$107.50 is in the Reunion Account.

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## **let's talk reunion**

Our reunion plans are beginning to take shape.

We will have a Dutch treat breakfast at Reggie's **Friday July 24<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 A.M.** Following breakfast we will make a visit to Robinson Point Cemetery for a period of remembrance. The remainder of the day until **5PM** will be free time to enjoy some of our local activities, i.e. Canoeing on Coldwater Creek at Adventures Unlimited, Roller skating in Milton, Lunch at one of our local restaurants, swimming at Munson Lake, or family picnicking in one of our parks.

On the **evening of Friday July 24<sup>th</sup>** we have reserved the Milton Garden Club for our annual dinner beginning at 5:30 PM. We have a delicious buffet dinner planned with a menu of Roast Beef and Gravy, Rice Pilaf, Green Beans & New Potatoes, and Okra, Corn & Tomatoes. Rolls, Coffee, Tea, and a Dessert Bar of Fresh Homemade Desserts.

We are making arrangements to have the Belles of St. Rose entertain us with songs of Yesteryear. We will also have Mr. Red James to regale us with his keen sense of humor. We are asking Mr. Warren Weekes to speak to us about the lumber

industry in Bagdad in the early part of this century.

**ALL OF THIS FOR THE NOMINAL COST OF ONLY \$10 PER PERSON.**

The caterer requires a minimum of 40 people (this means NO 40- NO MEAL) so please make your plans to attend and let us know as soon as possible.

On **Saturday July 25<sup>th</sup>** we have reserved the County Pavilion in Navarre (south Santa Rosa County) for our covered dish picnic. We have the pavilion for the day and we will begin gathering about 10:30 A.M. and eat around 12 noon. For those of you who are unfamiliar with this facility it is located on Sound Bay at the intersection of U.S. 98 and State Road 87. There are public restrooms, ample picnic tables, trash cans, etc. There is swimming, a nature walk, and a Butterfly house at the park. There is usually a nice southeast breeze which will keep us kinda cool and get rid of any flies and other flying insects.

All of the paper products, cups, ice, and utensils will be provided. **All you have to provide is a covered dish of your choice and beverages.** If you need to purchase something there is a Winn-Dixie nearby.

We know you will have a good time and will be able to visit with many of your cousins whom you have not seen in a while and meet some cousins whom you do not know.

**MAKE YOUR PLANS TO ATTEND BOTH DAYS OF THIS OUR SIXTH FAMILY REUNION!!!**

Reservation forms appear in the next column. Please complete and return to us soon so we can have your name on the list.

**REMEMBER THE FRIDAY DINNER REQUIRES US TO PAY FOR AT LEAST FORTY (40) PEOPLE.** The sooner we know the

number attending the better planning we can do.

The Dutch Treat for is needed to give us a head count to pass on to the restaurant.

At our reunion last year we made available Tee Shirts imprinted "Proud Descendants of Jesse Lewis and Nancy Cobb Lewis. Early Settlers of Bagdad Florida". The prices are \$12.00 EACH for up to Extra Large and \$13.00 for XX Large. If you would like to order shirts please complete the form below.

PLEASE CLIP AND MAIL TODAY!!

## RESERVATIONS

I/WE WILL ATTEND THE FRIDAY DINNER. THERE WILL BE \_\_\_\_\_ IN OUR PARTY. ENCLOSED IS MY CHECK FOR \$ \_\_\_\_\_ TO COVER COSTS FOR \_\_\_\_\_ ADULTS. ADULTS \$10 EACH (CHILDREN UNDER 5 EAT FREE).

I/WE PLAN TO ATTEND THE DUTCH TREAT BREAKFAST AT REGGIES ON FRIDAY THE 24<sup>TH</sup> THERE WILL BE \_\_\_\_\_ IN OUR PARTY.

I/WE WOULD LIKE TO ORDER \_\_\_\_\_ TEE SHIRTS. ENCLOSED IS MY CHECK FOR \$ \_\_\_\_\_ TO COVER THE COST OF THE FOLLOWING NUMBER AND SIZES:

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That about wraps it up for this time. Will be sending directions to meeting sites in the next newsletter.

Til next time keep well and we look forward to seeing you in July.

Please let us hear from you.

Rodney & Ann