Come and receive a blessing at 6:00 p.m. Sunday, April 2nd.

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Catfish Festival is still on

The Catfish Festival, now in its 46th year, 44 of them being consecutive, is on for Saturday, April 1st (no foolin) from 9:00 - 5:00.

The festival was postponed for 2 years during the Covid pandemic.

The day starts early for

the 5K Walk/Run at 8:00. Runners come from all over the world to try and cross the finish line first. At 9:00 Mayor Joe Jackson will welcome everyone to the festival, followed by the National Anthem sung by Tori Still.

Payton Aldredge will kick off the music at 9:15 until the Little Miss Catfish Pageant, which begins at 10:15.

At 10:45 Humphreys County High School Marching Band will per-

Children of all ages will enjoy the Belzoni Garden Club's live play "The Wizard of Oz" at 11:00 at the Depot Theatre. Also at 11:00, Joe Austin & the Tallahatchies will perform on the courthouse stage,



Contestant #1 Mary Kiker Davis Sponsored by Freshwater Farms



Sarah Maklane Scates Heartland Catfish, Inc.



Contestant #3 Austin Elizabeth Jones Sponsored by Donahoo Fish Farms



Mia Macenzie O'neal Sponsored by Gooden Lake Fish Farms



Contestant #8 Sara Kyle Millican

Sponsored by Delta Cat Fisheries

Alternate, 1st Alternate and Miss Catfish 2023.

Following Miss Catfish, at 12:30 the Catfish Eating Contest returns. Eaters will have 3 minutes to eat as much of the 3 pounds of fried catfish fillets as they can. This is always a crowd favorite and eaters are encouraged from the crowd.

At 1:00, The Dirt Deacons will hit the stage with hometown musician, Kevin James.

The Wizard of Oz, will perform again at 1:00. At 2:00, music by Dexter Allen will be on the

main stage, followed by Cedric Burnside to close out the day. The Kids Zone will be open from 9:30 - 4:30 near the Methodist

Church. Other activities for the kids will be scattered about. Come early and stay

late. There will be Arts and Crafts and Food Vendors of all types.

Admission is \$5, children under 10 get in free.



Contestant #5 Clara Ann Yeates Sponsored by Simmons Farm Raised Catfish

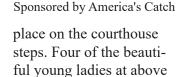
and The Freedom Ranch Wildlife Center Birds of Prey Demo will be at the



Anna-Lewis Bryant Riven Oak Fish Farms

Tot Zone. At 12:00, the Miss Cat-

fish Crowning will take



Contestant #7

Georgia Elizabeth Neill

will receive awards and various scholarships. Miss Congeniality, 2nd

F-4 tornado tears through delta

Humphreys County Coroner confirms three deaths attributed to storm



As tornado sirens rang in Belzoni last Saturday night and weather bulletins streamed across the TV, a massive F-4 tornado was leveling Rolling Fork and headed straight for Silver City. Winds just shy of qualifying speeds for a F-5, all but leveled Rolling Fork, and did nearly the same damage in Silver City.

Emergency first responders came to Silver City from many neighboring cities.

According to Humphreys County Coroner, three people lost their lives. Considering the amount of damage that was done, it was a miracle that more were not

It wasn't until first light Saturday, that just how bad it was. Belzoni was without electricity from around 10:00 p.m. until sometime Saturday afternoon. With the sheer destruction, only time will tell how long it will take to replace utility poles. Please pray for all of the families that lost loved ones as well as everything they own.

President Approves Major Disaster Declaration

WASHINGTON -- FEMA announced that federal disaster assistance has been made available to the state of Mississippi to supplement state, tribal and local recovery efforts in the areas affected by severe storms, straight-line winds and tornadoes on March 24-25, 2023.

The President's action makes federal funding available to affected individuals in Carroll, Humphreys, Monroe and Sharkey counties. Assistance can include grants for temporary housing and home repairs, low-cost loans to cover uninsured property losses and other programs to help individuals and business owners recover from the effects of the disaster. Individuals and business owners who sustained losses in the

designated areas can apply for disaster assistance at www. DisasterAssistance.gov, by calling 800-621-3362 or by using the FEMA App. If you use a relay service, such as video relay service (VRS), captioned telephone service or others, give FEMA the number for that service. Public Assistance federal funding is available to the state, tribal

and eligible local governments and certain private nonprofit organizations on a cost-sharing basis for emergency work, including direct federal assistance under the Public Assistance program, damaged by severe storms, straight-line winds and tornadoes in Carroll, Humphreys, Monroe and Sharkey counties. Federal funding is also available on a cost-sharing basis for

hazard mitigation measures statewide.

John F. Boyle has been named as the Federal Coordinating Officer for federal recovery operations in the affected area. Additional designations may be made if requested by the state and warranted by the results of further assessments.

Make plans to attend the 46th annual World Catfish Festival April 1, 2023

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS City of Belzoni - Belzoni Municipal Airport AIP Project No. 3-28-0007-021-2023

Sealed bids will be received until APRIL 28 2023, at 10:00 A.M., and then publicly opened and read at Belzoni Airport Terminal Building, Belzoni, MS 39038, for furnishing all labor, materials and equipment and performing all work necessary for the construction of City of Belzoni - 2023 Airport

Improvements, AIP Project No. 3-2 umphreys County, Mississippi 3-28-0007-021-2023

Copies of the bid documents including project drawings and technical specifications are on file and may be inspected at the following locations: Gardner Engineering, P.A., 216 Second Street,

Indianola, MS 38751 Belzoni Airport Terminal Building, Belzoni, MS 39038

A complete set of bid documents may be obtained from Gardner Engineering, P.A., 216 Second Street, P. O. Drawer A, Indianola, MS 38751 Telephone 662-887-1862, for a fee of \$100.00 none of which is refundable.

Each proposal must be accompanied by a bid guaranty in the amount of five (5) percent of the total amount of the bid. The bid guaranty may be by certified check or bid bond made payable to City of Belzoni.

Bids may be held by the City of Belzoni for a pe

riod not to exceed 60 days from the date of the bio opening for the purpose of evaluating bids prior to award of contract. The right is reserved, as the City of Belzoni may

require, to reject any and all bids and to waive any informality in the bids received. This project is subject to the requirements of

the Davis-Bacon Act, as amended. The Contractor is required to comply with wage and labor provi sions and to pay minimum wages in accordance with the schedule of wage rates established by the United States Department of Labor. Award of contract is also subject to the follow-

Executive Order 11246 and DOL Regulation 41 CFR PART 60 - Affirmative Action to Ensure Equal

mployment Opportunity

DOL Regulation 29 CFR Part 5 – Davis Bacon Act DOT Regulation 49 CFR PART 29 overnmentwide Debarment and Suspension and Governmentwide Requirements for Drug-free

Workplace DOT Regulation 49 CFR PART 30 - Denial of Public Works Contracts to Suppliers of Goods and Services of Countries that Deny Contracts to Suppliers of Goods and Services of Countries that Deny Procurement Market Access to U.S. Contractors (Foreign Trade Restriction).

TITLE 49 United States Code, CHAPTER 501 uy American Preferences The principal items of work under this contract

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HUMPHREYS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

CORNELIUS RANDALL, DECEASED SHELBY RANDALL, individually and on PETITIONER behalf of all known heirs of CORNEILUS RANDALL, Deceased

UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW, NEXT OF KIN AND UNKNOWN BENEFICIARIES OF CORNELIUS RANDALL, DECEASED **DEFENDANTS** SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

CAUSE NO.:2020-0117

TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

TO: All unknown heirs-at-law of CORNELIUS RANDALL, Deceased

All unknown parties in interest You have been made a defendant in this Court by Shelby Randall, Petitioner, seeking to determine heirship in the matter of Cornelius

You are required to appear and defend against the complaint or petition filed against you in this action on Tuesday, April 18, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. in the Chancery Courtroom of the Humphreys County Courthouse, 102 Castleman Street, Belzoni, Mississippi. In case sought with respect to the Adjudication of Heirs

in this estate will be granted.

You are not required to file an answer or any other pleading herein.

Issued under my hand and seal of said Court, this the 13th day of March, 2023. Mack D. Liddell, Jr.,

Chancery Clerk of Humphreys County BY: /s/Shavon Ellis, D.C.

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HUMPHREYS COUNTY STATE OF MISSISSIPPI IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF NELLIE BARKLEY KORNEGAY, DECEASED

CAUSE NO. 2023-0026 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Letters Testamentary having been granted on the 23rd day of March, 2023, by the Chancery Court of Humphreys County, State of Mississippi, to the undersigned Co-Executors upon the Estate of NELLIE BARKLEY KORNEGAY, deceased, notice is hereby given to all person having claims against said estate to present the same to the clerk of this court for probate and registration according to the law within ninety (90) days from the first publication of this notice or they will be forever barred THIS the 23rd day of March, 2023. /s/ KENNETH KORNEGAY, JR.

KENNETH KORNEGAY, JR., Co-Executor BARKLEY KORNEGAY PEARSON, Co-

OF COUNSEL: Noel D. Crook, MSB #7882 Attorney for Kenneth Kornegay, Jr. and Barkley Kornegay Pearson, and the Estate

of Nellie Barkley Kornegay, deceased 213 N. Hayden Street P. O. Box 342 Belzoni, MS 39038

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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR

ENGINEERING SERVICES

The Town of Louise is requesting proposals from qualified firms or individuals to provide

Engineering services for work related to the

application for and implementation of an FY 2023 CDBG project. You are invited to submit

a proposal, in accordance with this request, to

the Town of Louise; Post Office Box 224, 1426 Main Street, Louise, MS 39097, no later than 11:00 a.m. on April 20, 2023. Proposals will be

opened at a meeting of the Board of Aldermen or an appointed selection committee.

The Engineer will be responsible for pre-

paring project cost estimates for application preparation and if awarded, the selected

Engineer will provide all engineering services

through project closeout in accordance with federal, state and local laws, regulations and

policies. The scope of work includes but is not

limited to the following: 1) prepare plans and specifications, 2) distribute bid documents, 3)

assist in bid opening and prepare bid tabula-

tion, 4) assist in the execution of construction contracts, 5) hold pre-construction conference,

and 6) perform construction inspection includ-

ing periodic reports to the Town of Louise and approve all payment requests.

The Town of Louise is an Equal Opportunity

Employer. The Town encourages Minority-owned Business Enterprises (MBEs) and

Woman-owned Business Enterprises (WBEs)

to submit proposals. The Town also encourages Section 3 eligible businesses to submit proposals. Section 3 of the Housing and

Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended (12 U.S.C. 17010) requires, to the greatest extent feasible, that the Town of Louise and

its contractors that participate in the above referenced Program give opportunities for

iob training and employment to lower income

residents of the Town of Louise. Section 3 also

with the Section 3 area be awarded to Section

3 eligible business concerns.
All proposals must be submitted in a sealed

envelope and marked with the following

language: "Proposal for CDBG Engineering Services." Proposals will be evaluated on the following factors: Qualifications (40 points),

Experience (40 points) and Capacity for Performance (20 points). To be evaluated prop-

erly, the following must be addressed in detail: Qualifications – List of qualifications of per-sons to be assigned to the project;

Experience - Information regarding the

firm's experience and the projects previously undertaken, including the type and amount of

grants awarded, the projects activities, and the

status of the projects;

Capacity for Performance – Identify the

number and title of staff assigned to provide

The Town may designate a selection com-

mittee to evaluate each proposal. The Town may hold proposals for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days for the purpose of reviewing the

content of the proposals and investigating the qualifications of the firms and assigned individu-als. The Town reserves the right to reject any

Subject to CDBG awards and the removal of all environmental conditions, the Town will

award a contract with the qualified individual or firm whose proposal has the highest number of cumulative points following evaluation and determined to be the most advantageous to

the Town, all factors considered. The contract

will include scope and extent of work and other

essential requirements. An individual contract

will be executed for each awarded project, and the contract will be on fixed price basis. The

Town of Louise has the authority to terminate

NOTICE

OF INTENTION TO DIVERT OR WITHDRAW FOR BENEFICIAL USE

THE PUBLIC WATERS OF THE STATE OF
MISSISSIPPI

Notice is hereby given that on the 20th day of March, 2023, Chase Pearson, 8812 Sunflower River Rd., Isola, MS 39754, has filed

application(s) for permit(s) to divert or withdraw the public water of the State of Mississippi

for beneficial use, from the Mississippi River

Alluvial, for **irrigation** purposes, subject to existing rights, the following amount(s) of water at the indicated location(s):

Location: SE1/4 of SW1/4 Sec 17 T16N R04W

Location: SE¼ of NW¼ Sec 17 T16N R04W
Any person, firm, association or corpora-

tion, deeming that the granting of the above application(s) will be truly detrimental to their rights to utilize the waters of said source, may

protest in writing to the Permit Board of the State of Mississippi, c/o Chris Hawkins, P. O. Box 2309, Jackson, Mississippi 39225, setting

forth all reasons why said application(s) should not be approved. If not protested, the permit(s)

will be issued on/after ten days following

If protested, the application(s) will be taken

for consideration by the Permit Board of the

State of Mississippi in its offices at 515 East

Amite Street, Jackson, Mississippi 39201, on,

or after May 9, 2023, at which time all inter-

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Brooks Aycock III

YMD Joint Water Management District

Application No : GW-52398

Application No.: GW-52399 Permitted Acreage: 100

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County: Humphreys

County: Humphreys

publication date

/s/Anna M. Sullivan

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Sr. Permit Data Specialist

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of Bolivar County, Mississippi, in Cause No.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOW, THEREFORE, notice is hereby given by the undersigned Administrator to all persons having claims against the said decedent and his estate to present same to the Clerk of said Court for probate, registration and allowance as provided by law within ninety (90) days of

the date of the first publication of this notice, or same will be forever barred.

MARK E. KEENUM,

JACKS GRIFFITH LUCIANO, P.A. Solicitors for Administrator P.O. Box 1209 Cleveland, Mississippi 38732

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ENGINEERING SERVICES

The City of Belzoni is requesting proposals from qualified firms or individuals to provide Engineering services for work related to the application for and implementation of an FY 2023 CDBG project. You are invited to submit a proposal, in accordance with this request, to the City of Belzoni; Post Office Box 674, 102 West Jackson Street, Belzoni, MS 39038, no later than 11:00 a.m. on April 20, 2023. Proposals will be opened at a meeting of the Board of Aldermen or an appointed selection committee.

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FOR BENEFICIAL USE THE PUBLIC WATERS OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Notice is hereby given that on the 3rd day of March, 2023, H&K Properties, 1664 Cypress Ridge Drive, Greenville, MS 38701, has filed application(s) for permit(s) to divert or withdraw the public water of the State of Mississippi for beneficial use, from the Mississippi River Alluvial, for irrigation purposes, subject to at the indicated location(s)

Application No.: GW-52359 Permitted Acreage: 13

County: Humphreys Location: SW1/4 of SW1/4 Sec 12 T16N R05W Any person, firm, association or corporation, deeming that the granting of the above application(s) will be truly detrimental to their rights to utilize the waters of said source, may protest in writing to the Permit Board of the State of Mississippi, c/o Chris Hawkins, P. O. Box 2309, Jackson, Mississippi 39225, setting forth all reasons why said application(s) should

lication date. If protested, the application(s) will be taken for consideration by the Permit Board of the State of Mississippi in its offices at 515 East Amite Street, Jackson, Mississippi 39201, on, or after May 9, 2023, at which time all interested persons may appear and be heard by the Permit Board. YMD Joint Water Management District

not be approved. If not protested, the permit(s) will be issued on/after ten days following pub-

/s/Anna M. Sullivan Sr Permit Data Specialist

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Resolution and Order for an Election A vacancy having occurred on the Board of Alderman of the Town of Louise, Mississippi by virtue of the resignation on March 7,2023. It is Hereby Ordered That: MARK E. KEENUM, Administrator of the Estate of Charles Everett Keenum, Deceased, by the Chancery Court of the Second Judicial District

Pursuant to Mississippi Code Annotated Section 23-15-857, on the 25th day of April a special municipal election will be held in the Town of Louise, Mississippi, for the purpose of electing an Alderman to fill the vacancy left as a result of the resignation of one of the duly elected and acting member of the Board of

Alderman of the Town of Louise, Mississippi.
It is Further Ordered That: Each candidate for the said office is required by law to qualify by 5:00 p.m. at least twenty days prior to the date set for the said election Each candidate shall qualify by Petition filed with the City Clerk, which Petition shall be signed by not less that fifteen qualified electors of the town. No qualifying fee shall be required

If no candidate of said Town in said election receives a majority of the votes cast therein, the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall have their names placed on the ballot for a run-off election to be held two (2)

weeks, thereafter.

So Resolved, Ordered and Directed by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Louise, Mississippi, on the 7'h day of March, 2023.

Thomas Ruffin Smith, Mayor ATTEST: DiAnn Crews City Clerk

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Join us in the TAG KIDS' CLUB Booth at the 46th Annual World Catfish Festival Saturday, April 2, 9 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for FREE Face Painting, GOOD NEWS, and FREE Balloon Sculptures

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SHOULD I APPLY FOR SOCIAL *SECURITY DISABILITY* WHILE RECEIVING MEDICAID?

Dear Toni, I am a 59-year-old female and in June of 2022, I was diagnosed with stage III metastatic breast cancer. A non-profit Cancer program in my state qualified me under Medicaid because I was unemployed, and I was referred to a local cancer facility for treatment. I have had a radical mastectomy with chemotherapy and will be starting radiation next

Friends tell me I am crazy not to get my Social Security Disability because I need the income. Social Security has said I am eligible for disability (based on work credits) and the amount I can collect will be \$2015.

My question: If I can qualify for Social Security Disability because I am unable to work due to my breast cancer, will I be able to keep my Medicaid benefits? At present, I am not paying anything for my cancer treatments.

Thank you for any advice you may have! Terri, a confused Baby Boomer Hi Terri:

Many Americans believe that qualifying for Social Security Disability be the answer when you cannot work due to a serious illness. Your friends do not know the Medicaid or Medicare rules and can steer you in the wrong di-

rection!

To qualify for Medicaid, one must meet certain income requirements in the state that you live. If you make \$1 too much -- I repeat \$1 too much-- then you can lose your Medicaid benefits. Terri, you are just begin-

ning your radiation treatments and currently do not have to pay for anything because you have been blessed by qualifying for Medicaid. You could lose your precious Medicaid benefits if your \$2015 Social Security Disability check is too much income to keep you qualified for your Medicaid benefits, depending on the state that you live in.

Once you lose your Medicaid benefits you will have to pay 100% for your cancer treatment because Medicaid will not be paying the cancer facility or any other healthcare facility or provider. Now, your troubles will really begin!

When someone qualifies for Social Security Disability, it will take 24 months to qualify for Medicare and your **Medicare will** begin on the 25th month.



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My advice is to wait and apply for Social Security Disability until after you have finished all your cancer treatments and are released with a clean bill of health. I would not want you to put the mental and financial burden on yourself or your family because you are worrying about how to pay for your cancer treat-

If you are no longer receiving cancer treatments that are covered by Medicaid when you are 62, apply for your early Social Security benefits not Social Security Disability.

At 62, one receives 75% of their Social Security amount. You would not receive 100% of your Social Security benefit until you reach your full retirement age (FRA). At 65, apply for Original

Medicare online at www. ssa.gov and apply for a Medicare Supplement with a standalone Medicare Part D plan or enroll in a Medicare Advantage plan with Part D. One should always confirm that their cancer facility and/or medical providers accepts the Medicare Advantage plan they are enrolling in.

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Have a Medicare question, email info@tonisays. com or call 832-519-8664.

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WHAT TO EXPECT AFTER YOU APPLY FOR FEMA ASSISTANCE

THE BELZONI BANNER

If you live in Carroll, Humphreys, Monroe or Sharkey counties and were affected by the March 24-25 tornadoes, FEMA may be able to help with temporary lodging expenses, basic home repairs or other essential disasterrelated needs that are not covered by insurance.

There are several ways to apply: Go online to DisasterAssistance.gov, use the FEMA app for smartphones or call 800-621-3362. If you use a relay service, such as video relay (VRS), captioned telephone or other service, give FEMA the number for that service.

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- A current phone number where you can be contacted.
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applicants to answer questions about the type and extent of damage sustained. Survivors with minimal damage who can live in their homes will not automatically be scheduled for a home inspection. However, they may request an inspection if they later find significant disastercaused damage. Remote inspections have no impact on the types of

Other Needs Assistance available that do not require an inspection. These include childcare, transportation, medical and dental, funeral expenses, moving and stor-

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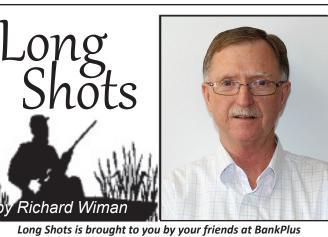
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THE MYSTERY OF PROVIDENCE Many times I have wondered why things happen the way

they do. From our perspective, things just don't seem to

make sense. Events, such as the massive tornado that hit

all points from Rolling Fork, to Silver City, and Amory, Mississippi leave us scratching our heads. Within a few miles per hour of being a F5 tornado, the most violent on the Enhanced Fujita Scale, it is God's amazing grace that kept this storm from killing hundreds of our fellow Mississippians. Those of us who live in the Mississippi Delta have much in common with folks in the states of Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas and all of the southeastern United States. Others occa-

sionally are impacted by tornadoes, but we see and experience them with such regularity that we have come to expect them. In fact, when it comes to our church and denomination, we set up Disaster Response teams with this in mind: "It isn't a question of if we are hit but when." Putting all of this into perspective, we live in a fallen, broken, hurting world where disease, disaster and death are familiar companions. Though we never get used to these things, we understand that they are part of life in this ole sin-

ful world. Ever since Adam and Eve chose to rebel against

God, we have had all sorts of thorns and thistles in our lives. Having been hit by a F1 tornado in 2005, we have had a greater respect for the power and grace of God in the midst of the storm. I remember very vividly the Saturday afternoon when the tornado hit our house. I was watching the Weather Channel and saw the message scrolling across the screen Tornado Warning, East Belzoni in Central Mississippi…take cover immediately." I thought, "Belzoni is too small to be dissected into East and West," but at that very moment, I heard the sound of an approaching train. "We don't have a train

in Belzoni!" Jumping up, I looked to the southeast. There it

was, a tornado, coming straight for us. The moment of impact was jarring. The amount of dam-

age the tornado inflicted in a few brief seconds was staggering. The peace that I felt as I witnessed and experienced the power and grace of God in the midst of the tornado changed me in ways few events in my life ever have. After we recovered and our home was restored, we began to put together a Disaster Response Team of our own. You may have seen our trailer in Silver City or at other locations. We are a First Responder team who goes as quickly as we are allowed to enter a disaster area and being sharing the compassion of God with people in the shock and serious destruction of their homes and lives. We understand how much we need God all the time, but we need God's hands and feet to come to us and touch us in such times, and God uses us to touch people with His mercy and grace in Jesus Christ.

After stepping back and taking a further look at the path of the storm as it struck our friends and neighbors in Silver City, I appears that the storm zigged and zagged, got on the ground and then lifted up just enough when it hit Silver City, to limit the potentially total destruction and enormous loss of life that could have taken place. That personal assessment in no way minimizes the destruction of homes and lives that occurred. My heart is broken for all of those who live in Silver City, most especially those who lost loved ones.

To those who were there immediately after the tornado hit on Friday evening, we salute you. Some of you were there attempting CPR on infants and children, some who survived, some who didn't. We are praying for comfort for families of the ones who perished and for you who will never forget how heart-wrenching it was when your efforts to save lives weren't successful. To the citizens of Silver City, we say, "We love you. We're praying for you. We are here for you, and many of us have already been and will be there in your midst to help in any and every way we can."

Why storms go where they go, who they impact and to what extent will remain a mystery of God's providence this side of heaven. Instead of wondering, "Why this? Why me? Why now?" Let's ask, "How can we help us all to trust in the Lord who rides on the winds and who is coming again in the clouds one day?"

Believing that God has us and these storms is truly a long shot for many of us, but may God give us; the grace to go with the long shots, and that we will live every moment so as to be ready when God calls us to come stand before Him.





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THE DEFINITION OF INFLATION!

Here is a question that I would like to invite you to ponder with me for a few minutes today. How much do you know about inflation? There is one thing for sure, here at the Davidson household we have definitely felt the power of inflation, in particular every time we fill up our cars with gas or go to the grocery store.

But what is inflation, do you know? Most people think it's high prices, and it is, but there are several reasons why we have it. Inflation is simply a rise in the general price level, and it is caused by too many dollars chasing too few goods. When the government causes the creation of more money by taxing, printing or borrowing, and then has less of a corresponding increase in production, the money you have in your pocket will purchase less. Again, it's too many dollars chasing too few goods.

Here is an example. To reduce it to the lowest common denominator, let's say the government by its control of the money supply causes spending to be \$1,000 and there are only 1,000 items sold. What is the value of each item sold? One dollar, right? The government then increases the money supply and causes spending to increase another \$1,000 without any increase in production or items sold. At this point what is the average cost of each item? Two dollars, right? Now, you get the picture. I remember when you could buy a soft drink for a nickel.

In the earlier days of our nation's history, when our economy was much healthier, our government simply levied a tax on items that supposedly constituted "true wealth" in order to support itself. This could be land, buildings, livestock, businesses and anything else that was tangible. But as our country grew and expanded, the government grew right along with it. So did the number of government employees. Remember, these are "public" sector employees and they do not ordinarily produce anything that is tangible. One thing that makes our economy unhealthy is simply this: We have too many public sector employees riding in the wagon and too few private sector employees pulling it.

This, along with several other factors (like excessive taxes and regulations) has caused many of our nation's manufacturers to move to other countries where labor rates are lower and tax rates are more favorable. Our nation's unions bear some responsibility here as well. When vast numbers of people are unemployed, they do not contribute to the system but rather they help to drain it, like what happened in 2010 when unemployment benefits were extended for 99 weeks. What contributes to a healthy economy is a good balance between the public and private

Ever hear of a tax increase? When national politicians give away the store (to everyone in their district and elsewhere) in order to get reelected, they force the government to borrow money because they do not wish to face voters who have just had a tax increase. After incurring a national debt of more than \$27 trillion, we have dug a real hole for ourselves. Can we recover? Yes, if our elected representatives develop sound fiscal policies and

take the necessary steps to repair the ship of state. (Jim Davidson is an author, public speaker, syndicated columnist, and Founder of the Bookcase for Every Child project. Since its inception in the Log Cabin Democrat in 1995, Jim's column has been self-syndicated in over 375 newspapers in 35 states. For a personalized copy of "Your Future Begins Today" send \$20, which includes postage and handling, to Jim Davidson, 2 Bentley Drive, Conway, AR 72034.)

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MEDICAID ENROLLEES LOSE **COVERAGE, GAIN ACCESS TO** MARKETPLACE

JACKSON, Miss. - Millions of people in the United States will lose Medicaid coverage because they no longer qualify based on income. The Families First Coronavirus Response Act prevented state Medicaid agencies from disenrolling people during the pandemic. States will start cutting people from Medicaid plans on March 31, 2023.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services estimates 8.2 million people will no longer be covered by Medicaid's continuous enrollment requirement. However, you can get insurance coverage through marketplace plans. A Special Enrollment Period will run from March 31 through July 31.

Five health insurance companies offer plans in Mississippi. They are Ambetter from Magnolia Health, Molina Healthcare, Vantage Health Plan of Mississippi, UnitedHealthcare, and

'Individual insurance that you buy on the marketplace is different from the Medicaid coverage you are used to," Insurance Commissioner Mike Chaney said. "Make sure that the plan you are considering provides the coverage that you need. While low monthly costs are attractive, you also need to consider copays and deductibles that you may have to pay later. Check with the provider to see which facilities are in-network. Mississippians can see plan options, monthly premiums and

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Next is Caroline Howard. She is a precious 2 yr old from the Belzoni area. Caroline was born with Optic Nerve Hypoplasia that effects 1 in 10,000 kids in the world. She has been blind since birth and severe pain with her feeding.

We kicked off our fundraising last weekend with the annual Shucker's Crawfish Boil. We have several other places we will be selling tickets to benefit these babies and their families.

This year we will be raffling off a dream vacation that you can choose 1 out of 5 locations. The tickets are \$10 each.

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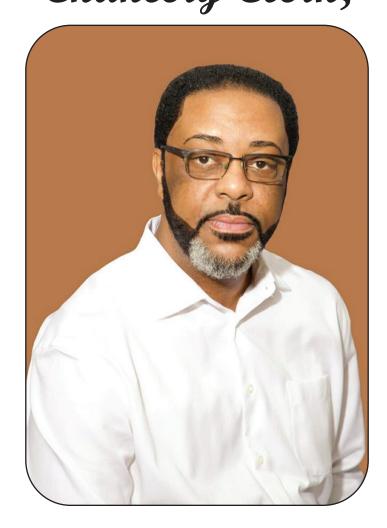








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THE BELZONI BANNER THE FAMILY EGG HUNT

By Lee Ann Flemming

bing those baskets and fighting tooth and nail for those eggs. They are also a very competitive family – they take no prisoners! My sister-in-law and I decided after the first hunt when we got knocked down and ended up being bruised and battered that the egg hunt was not for us. As the old saying goes, "What's mine is mine and what's his is mine!" We decided to just share whatever our husbands can manage to find. The first Easter after we married, I invited my family for Easter

Sunday lunch. I used all our new china, sterling and crystal to served my first really big family meal. These 3 dishes are part of the menu I served and have remained some of my favorites. Hope you can use them for your family meal. Thanks for read-RASPBERRY-GLAZED HAM

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- 3 Tbsp. honey
- 1 tsp. ground cloves 1 (3 oz.) pkg. raspberry jell-o

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*Everybody loves these. I serve them for family meals year-

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1 (20 oz.) can crushed pineapple, drained Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Combine cake ingredients and

mix well. Pour into a greased and floured 13 x 9 inch pan. Bake 35 to 40 minutes, or until done. For frosting, beat ingredients, mixing well. Frost cooled cake. This can also be made into a

*This is pretty as a 3-layer cake.

Festivals (and strawberries) are popping up all over By Kara Kimbrough

I've been dreaming about strawberries lately. It all started when I saw a display table pilled high with "Louisiana strawberries" in the market section of Shady Acres. Located just south of Seminary of U.S. 49 Highway 49, Shady Acres is a sprawling food, restaurant, baked goods, produce and yard and garden compound. It's an interesting place to stop as you're traveling through the area. I was there to have lunch with friends in the restaurant, but couldn't resist exiting through the store on my way out. That's where I spotted the tempting strawberry display.

Spring – What a beautiful time of year! The weather begins to

get warmer, flowers and trees are beginning to bloom, and Easter

is just around the corner. All the special candies and toys for

Easter have been in the stores for weeks now. Moms are getting

those special Easter Sunday outfits ready for the big day. What

do most kids have on their minds? Finding all those Easter eggs

at the yearly school and church egg hunts. I have never been

able to find Easter eggs. I quickly learned that there is always a prize for the least amount found –I usually got that at the hunts

My husband's family had an annual tradition of a family egg

hunt the Saturday before Easter. It started out as an activity for

the young grandchildren – all 10 of them! The yard was divided

into sections according to the children's ages. There was a prize

for the most found, least found and the golden egg. As the chil-

dren got older, just to make things interesting, the eggs became

plastic with money in them! That put a whole new light on the

subject. Just watch some teen-agers fight over eggs at an egg

hunt when money is involved. What really got interesting was

when my mother and father-in-law decided a few years later to

I married into a very tall family, and it is really entertaining to

watch five adults ranging in height from about 5'11" - 6'6" grab-

have a special egg hunt for their children and spouses.

I resisted the urge to purchase the strawberries, but it caused me to search for the date of the Ponchatoula Strawberry Festival. Held annually in Ponchatoula, La., the self-proclaimed strawberry capital of the world, attendees can sample and purchase locally grown strawberries just as they reach their peak. This year's event is scheduled for April 14-16 and while I've never been, it's definitely on my bucket list of places to visit.

Closer to home, Mississippi is no stranger to festivals of all shapes and sizes. Food, music and cultural festivals are set to take place in every region of the state from now until the end of the year. This fun, mostly-weekend festivals provide the opportunity to taste flavors from around the state, experience local cultures and traditions, and enjoy being outdoors with family and friends.

If you're looking for ways to fill your spring weekends with food and fun, here's a short list of upcoming festivals:

* If driving down tree-lined streets surrounded by stately antebellum homes is right up your alley, you'll want to visit the city of Columbus March 31-April 23 during the annual Spring Pilgrimage: Jubilee of Homes.

Speaking of alleys, you don't want to miss Columbus' Catfish in the Alley festival set for April 5-7. The story behind the name is an interesting one. During the 1800's, African American fisherman caught and then fried fish to sell on Fourth Street, creating a delicious aroma that drew residents and visitors to the area. It became known as a hub for thriving African American business, blues music and fried catfish. The modem-day festival features lots of fried catfish, music and artisans.

- * Vicksburg's Arts and Music Festival on April 14-15 will feature live music, art demonstrations and plenty of food. That same weekend, Clarksdale's Juke Joint Festival kicks off one day earlier to allow attendees additional time to enjoy blues music and food at the self-billed "small town fair."
- * Crawfish will be the main attraction at Laurel's April 15 Downtown Crawfish Festival as well as on April 21 at Starkville's King Cotton Crawfish Boil. Both festivals will allow cooking teams to compete for top boiling honors.
- * The following weekend, Cleveland's Crosstie Arts and Jazz Festival will offer a juried arts s, jazz and food on April 21.
- * Rounding out the month on April 28-29 are two of the state's most popular festivals. Greenwood's Que on the Yazoo features a highly-competitive barbecue cooking competition, along with plenty of "que" and music for attendees. And, Oxford's Double Decker Arts Festival boasts over 200 arts and food vendors, along with live music of all genres.

This is just a sample of the festivals to come during the warm spring months. I'll add a few more as summer brings even more around the state.

But back to those strawberries. After passing up the chance to purchase Shady Acres' berries, I picked up a carton at the supermarket. They weren't from Louisiana but combined with vanilla bean ice cream and Peabody Hotel's vanilla muffins, they were almost as good.

And yes, I said "muffins." A television chef provided a good tip on making strawberry shortcake. Instead of using slices of pound cake, shortbread or biscuits, vertically slice vanilla muffins as the base for toppings. You can use cake mix, but making these delicious muffins is almost as quick and easy as the ones from the box. And like Louisiana strawberries, they never disappoint.

Peabody Hotel's Famous Vanilla Muffins

- 1 tablespoon vanilla extract
- 2 cups sugar
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- 4 cups all-purpose flour
- 4 eggs
- 1 stick of butter, room temperature
- 2 cups whole milk

In an electric mixer, beat eggs and sugar until well blended. Add flour, baking powder, butter and vanilla. Mix all ingredients together thoroughly, but don't over beat.

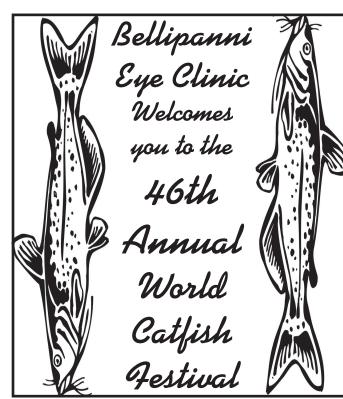
Pour into well-greased muffin tins and bake at 375 degrees for 20-25 minutes.

Tip: To easily remove muffins from pan, let cool slightly and place a sheet pan over the top. Invert pan and tap gently on countertop until muffins are released from tin.

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Strawberry shortcake made with slices of Peabody Hotel's Famous Vanilla Muffins, ice cream and sliced strawberries (with plenty of juice) is the perfect way to herald spring.





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Following the disaster declaration issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, individuals and households affected by severe storms, straightline winds and tornadoes that reside or have a business in Carroll, Humphreys, Monroe, and Sharkey counties qualify for tax relief.

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The declaration permits the IRS to postpone certain tax-filing and tax-payment deadlines for taxpayers who reside or have a business in the disaster area. For instance, certain deadlines falling on or after March 24, 2023, and before July 31, 2023, are granted additional time to file through July 31, 2023. As a result, affected individuals and businesses will have until July 31 to file returns and pay any taxes that were originally due during this period. This includes 2022 individual income tax returns due on April 18, as well as various 2022 business returns normally due on April 18. Among other things, this means that eligible taxpayers will have until July 31 to make 2022 contributions to their IRAs and health savings accounts.

The July 31, 2023, deadline also applies to any payment normally due during this period, including quarterly estimated tax payments, quarterly payroll and excise tax returns. In addition, penalties on payroll and excise tax deposits due on or after March 24, 2023, and before April 10, 2023, will be abated as long as the tax deposits are made by April 10, 2023.

If an affected taxpayer receives a late filing or late payment penalty notice from the IRS that has an original or extended filing, payment or deposit due date that falls within the postponement period, the taxpayer should call the telephone number on the notice to have the IRS abate

the penalty. The IRS encourages affected taxpayers to file for an extension electronically by April 18, 2023, if the taxpayer feels more time is needed to complete the tax return before the July 31, 2023, deadline. This can be done for free using IRS Free File. For details about this and other electronic options, visit IRS.gov/Exten-

The IRS automatically identifies taxpayers located in the covered disaster area and applies filing and payment relief. But affected taxpayers who reside or have a business located outside the covered disaster area should call the IRS disaster hotline at 866-562-5227 to request this tax re-

Covered Disaster Area

The localities listed above constitute a covered disaster area for purposes of Treas. Reg. §301.7508A-1(d) (2) and are entitled to the relief detailed below.

Affected Taxpayers

Taxpayers considered to be affected taxpayers eligible for the postponement of time to file returns, pay taxes and perform other timesensitive acts are those taxpayers listed in Treas. Reg. \S 301.7508A-1(d)(1), and include individuals who live, and businesses (including tax-exempt organizations) whose principal place of business is located, in the covered disaster area. Taxpayers not in the covered disaster area, but whose records necessary to meet a deadline listed in Treas. Reg. § 301.7508A-1(c) are in the covered disaster area, are also entitled to relief. In addition, all relief workers affiliated with a recognized government or philanthropic organization assisting in the relief activities in the covered disaster area and any individual visiting the covered disaster area who was killed or injured as a result of the disaster are entitled to relief.

Under section 7508A, the IRS gives affected taxpayers until July 31, 2023, to file most tax returns (including individual, corporate, and estate and trust income tax returns; partnership returns, S corporation returns, and trust returns; estate, gift, and generation-skipping transfer tax returns; annual information returns of tax-exempt organizations; and employment and certain excise tax returns), that have either an original or extended due date occurring on or after March 24, 2023, and before July 31, 2023, are granted additional time to file through July 31,

Affected taxpayers that have an estimated income tax payment originally due on or after March 24, 2023, and before July 31, 2023, are postponed through July 31, 2023, will not be subject to penalties for failure to pay estimated tax installments as long as such payments are paid on or before July 31, 2023.

The IRS also gives affected taxpayers until July 31, 2023, to perform other time-sensitive actions described in Treas. Reg. § 301.7508A-1(c)(1)Rev. Proc. 2018-58, 2018-50 IRB 990 (December 10, 2018), that are due to be performed on or after March 24, 2023, and before July 31, 2023, are granted additional time to file through July 31, 2023.

IRS announces tax relief for victims of severe storms, Horseradish Crusted Catfish with Remoulade straight-line winds and tornadoes in Mississippi.

Ingredients

4 U.S. Farm-Raised Catfish fillets 2 tablespoons horseradish 2 tablespoons Creole mustard

2 tablespoons garlic, chopped 1/4 cup parsley, chopped

1 teaspoon lemon juice 1 cup panko breadcrumbs ½ cup olive oil, divided

SAUCE

1 cup mayonnaise 1/3 cup Creole mustard 1 tablespoon sweet paprika

1/4 cup green onion, chopped 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard 1½ teaspoons horseradish

1/4 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce ½ teaspoon lemon juice

1/4 teaspoon garlic, minced 1 teaspoon capers, chopped (optional)

¹/₄ teaspoon Louisiana hot sauce (optional)

Instructions

PREHEAT oven to 350°F.

COMBINE horseradish, mustard, garlic, parsley and lemon juice; add breadcrumbs. Slowly add ¼ cup olive oil. Mix to a consistency that will hold to catfish fillets. Add more oil if need-

PRESS 1/4 of horseradish mixture firmly onto rounded side of each catfish fillet.

LINE a baking pan with aluminum foil. Place wire rack in pan and spray with vegetable oil. Place fish on rack and bake for 15-20 minutes or until done and lightly browned.

This relief also includes the filing of Form 5500 series returns that were required to be filed on or after March 24, 2023, and before July 31, 2023, are postponed through July 31, 2023, in the manner described in section 8 of Rev. Proc. 2018-58. The relief described in section 17 of Rev. Proc. 2018-58, pertaining to like-kind exchanges of property, also applies to certain taxpayers who are not otherwise affected taxpayers and may include acts required to be

the period above. Unless an act is specifically listed in Rev. Proc. 2018-58, the postponement of time to file and pay does not apply to information returns in the W-2, 1094, 1095, 1097, 1098 or 1099 series; to Forms 1042-S, 3921, 3922 or 8027; or to employment and excise tax deposits. However, penalties on deposits due on or after March 24, 2023, and before April 10, 2023, will be abated as long as the tax deposits were made by

performed before or after

April 10, 2023. **Casualty Losses**

Affected taxpayers in a federally declared disaster area have the option of disaster-related casualty losses on their federal income tax return for either the year in which the event occurred, or the prior year. See Publication 547 for details. Individuals may deduct personal property losses that are not covered by insurance or other reimbursements. For details, see Form 4684, Casualties and Thefts and its instructions. Affected taxpayers claiming the disaster loss on their return should put the Disaster Designation, "Mississippi, severe storms, straight-line winds and tornadoes", in bold letters at the top of the form. Be sure to include the FEMA disaster declaration number, FEMA-4697-DR,

on any return. See Publication 547 for details.

Other Relief

The IRS will waive the usual fees and requests for copies of previously filed tax returns for affected taxpayers. Taxpayers should put the assigned Disaster Designation, Mississippi, severe storms, straightline winds and tornadoes, in bold letters at the top of Form 4506, Request for Copy of Tax Return, or Form 4506-T, Request for Transcript of Tax Return, as appropriate, and submit it to the IRS.

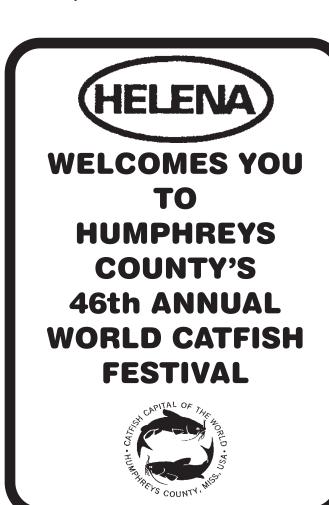
Affected taxpayers who are contacted by the IRS on a collection or examination matter should explain how the disaster impacts them so that the IRS can provide appropriate consideration to their case. Taxpayers may download forms and publications from the official IRS website, IRS.gov.



SERVE with remoulade sauce.

TO MAKE SAUCE mix all ingredients thoroughly. May be made ahead to allow flavors to blend.

More recipes on The Catfish Institute's website: http://uscat-





ARE YOU AN UNPAID CAREGIVER IN NEED OF A BREAK?

RESPITE VOUCHER PROGRAM

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

Respite care is available for anyone who is providing unpaid care for a dependent person of any age with a significant disability or chronic illness requiring 24/7 care.

HOW DO I APPLY?

Call the Mississippi Access to Care (MAC) Center at 1-844-822-4622 and speak to a resource specialist to receive assistance with completing an application or to request an application from your local office.

HOW DOES THE RESPITE VOUCHER PROGRAM WORK?

These vouchers may be used to pay an in-home care agency, an Adult Day Center, or a private individual to provide care to the dependent person while the caregiver is away.

A CAREGIVER CAN BE REIMBURSED UP TO \$590 ONE-TIME REIMBURSEMENT.

This voucher program is intended to assist families and individuals who identify with having a critical need for relief from caregiving. This publication/project was supported by Grant Number 90LRLI0037-01-00 from Administration for Community Living (ACL), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). Should you have any questions about MAC Center please feel free to call 1-844-822-4622

Caregivers are encouraged to choose care providers who have the skills necessary to manage the special care needs of family members. Each family is responsible for choosing a care provider. If you need assistance to locate a respite care provider in your area, please call toll-free to reach a MAC Center Specialist near you (1-844-822-4622).

Each Provider:

- Cannot reside in the same
- household as care recipient
- Cannot receive payment before respite services are provided

· Pay the family caregiver directly

Respite care can be provided in the following places:

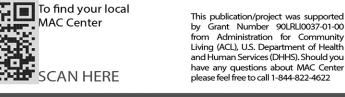
The caregiver's home or approved site by

caregiver (examples: parks, restaurants, movies)

A licensed care center

Vouchers can only be used to pay for breaks (respite) for caregivers. They may NOT be used to:

- for the care they are providing.
- - place.
- Pay for care that occurred before the voucher was issued. Pay medical bills or purchase medical
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