

Please join First Presbyterian Church of Belzoni as they present an Easter Cantata, "Worship the King", by: Craig Adams.

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 perform.

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



Contestant #2
Sarah Maklane Scates
Heartland Catfish, Inc.



Contestant #3
Austin Elizabeth Jones
Sponsored by Donahoo Fish Farms



Contestant #4
Mia Macenzie O'neal
Sponsored by Gooden Lake Fish Farms



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



Contestant #6
Anna-Lewis Bryant
Riven Oak Fish Farms



Contestant #7
Georgia Elizabeth Neill
Sponsored by America's Catch



Contestant #8
Sara Kyle Millican
Sponsored by Delta Cat Fisheries

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

Tot Zone.
At 12:00, the Miss Catfish Crowning will take

place on the courthouse steps. Four of the beautiful young ladies at above

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

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.

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 lost.

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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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. 3-28-0007-021-2023, Humphreys County, Mississippi.
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 period not to exceed 60 days from the date of the bid 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 provisions 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 following Federal provisions:
Executive Order 11246 and DOL Regulation 41 CFR PART 60 - Affirmative Action to Ensure Equal Employment Opportunity
DOT Regulation 29 CFR PART 5 - Davis Bacon Act
DOT Regulation 49 CFR PART 29 - Governmentwide 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 - Buy American Preferences
The principal items of work under this contract are:
- DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS
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The Engineer will be responsible for preparing 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 tabulation, 4) assist in the execution of construction contracts, 5) hold pre-construction conference, and 6) perform construction inspection including periodic reports to the Town of Louise and approve all payment requests.
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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 services.
The Town may designate a selection committee 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 individuals. The Town reserves the right to reject any and all proposals.
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 the selection at any time.
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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):
Application No.: GW-52398
Permitted Acreage: 40
County: Humphreys
Location: SE¼ of SW¼ Sec 17 T16N R04W
Application No.: GW-52399
Permitted Acreage: 100
County: Humphreys
Location: SE¼ of NW¼ Sec 17 T16N R04W
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 not be approved. If not protested, the permit(s) will be issued on/after ten days following publication 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
/s/Anna M. Sullivan
Sr. Permit Data Specialist 13

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HUMPHREYS COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CORNELIUS RANDALL, DECEASED SHELBY RANDALL, individually and on behalf of all known heirs of CORNELIUS RANDALL, Deceased VS. CAUSE NO.:2020-0117 UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW, NEXT OF KIN AND UNKNOWN BENEFICIARIES OF CORNELIUS RANDALL, DECEASED DEFENDANTS

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION 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 Randall, deceased.
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 of your failure to appear and defend, the relief 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.
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WHEREAS, on March 10, 2023, Letters of Administration were granted to the undersigned, MARK E. KEENUM, Administrator of the Estate of Charles Everett Keenum, Deceased, by the Chancery Court of the Second Judicial District of Bolivar County, Mississippi, in Cause No. 2023-0025 upon the general docket of said Court in the office of its Clerk in Belzoni, Mississippi;
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,
Administrator
JACKS GRIFFITH LUCIANO, P.A.
Solicitors for Administrator
P.O. Box 1209
Cleveland, Mississippi 38732
Telephone: 662-843-6171
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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:
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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 sectors.

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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CELEBRATING 76 YEARS OF LIFE



On February 18, 2023, the Brown Family celebrated another birthday year for J. W. Brown. The celebration was held at Wister Gardens in Belzoni. Relatives came from near and far to attend this occasion.

HOW TO APPLY FOR FEMA ASSISTANCE AFTER TORNADOES

If you live in Carroll, Humphreys, Monroe or Sharkey counties and were affected by the recent tornadoes, FEMA may be able to help. You can apply to FEMA for possible temporary lodging expenses, basic home repairs or other essential disaster-related needs not covered by insurance.

Apply online at DisasterAssistance.gov, use the FEMA mobile app or call 800-621-3362 from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. Central Time.

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 Cigna.

"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 more by visiting www.healthcare.gov

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HUMPHREYS ACADEMY HONOR STUDENTS THIRD NINE WEEKS HEADMASTER'S LIST

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Mary Anna Franklin
Ava Grant
Mally Jane Holdeman
Jase Rodgers
Grade 4:
Kenley Cooper
Khloe Snyder
Grade 5:
Cole Holloway
Grade 6:
Ada Pierce
Joie Beth Taylor
Grade 7:
Robert J Franklin
Megan Manseill
Colton Miles
Jana Kate Pinson
Mari Michael Pinson
Grade 8:
Jacob Bellipanni
Emma Faye Buchanan
Felicity Prewitt
Grade 10:
Cruise Bufkin
Laney Carter
Julian Malizzi
Allie Manseill
Adam Ray
Grade 11:
Aralyn Reed
Grade 12:
Mary Kiker Davis
Gurjant Gill
Paul Malizzi
Sara Kyle Millican
HONOR ROLL
Grade 3:
Lawson Alexander
Danni Cerda
Andi Jade Davis
Emma Farish
Mia Holloway
Marleigh Martin
Dallas Tignes
Grade 4:
Hadley Beckwith
Addyson Hopper Manseill
Hayes Johnson

Kaylin Jones
Sophia Ravencraft
Grade 5:
Neeli Aust
Will Johnson
Grade 6:
Callie Forbes
Justin Grayson
Aubrey Hawkins
Francine Prewitt
Grade 7:
Ty Hughes
Peyton Millican
Jon Holden Turner
Grade 8:
Zach Carter
Pernell Cork
Jaxson Davis
Brody Pee
Jack Logan Porter
Kole Rowland
CJ Williams
Grade 9:
Amery Domino
John Michael Donahoo
Hailee Holloway
Mari Mason Hubbard
Milla Ledbetter
Madison Long
Aniston Swindell
Steele Taylor
Grade 10:
Raegan Martin
Angie Moreno
Hailey Rodgers
Grade 11:
Abbie Grace Herring
Chelsea Johnson
Joseph Rodgers
Grade 12:
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We are excited to announce this years Reggie Puckett Jr. Foundation kids. They are Krew Polston and Caroline Howard.

Krew is a 3 yr old precious boy who was diagnosed with ALL at 7 months old. ALL is a form of Leukemia and he has been fighting this terrible disease for a while now. His parents are Bryan and Tara Polston. Their family is from the Winaona area.

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.

All Spirit Riders have tickets and will be glad to sell you as many as you need. The Spirit Rider will have a booth on Church Street. Please come out and support the very caring organization.

Congratulations to all involved in the catfish industry. We welcome everyone to the Catfish Festival and hope you enjoy your day here in Belzoni.

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- 9:00 WELCOME BY MAYOR JOE JACKSON AND NATIONAL ANTHEM BY TORI STILL
- 9:15 PEYTON ALDRIDGE 
- 10:15 LITTLE MISS CATFISH PAGEANT
- 10:45 HUMPHREYS COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND
- 11:00 THE WIZARD OF OZ Depot Theatre
- 11:00 JOE AUSTIN & THE TALLAHATCHIES 
- 11:00 FREEDOM RANCH WILDLIFE CENTER Tot Zone
BIRDS OF PREY DEMO
- 12:00 MISS CATFISH CROWNING
- 12:00 FREEDOM RANCH WILDLIFE CENTER Tot Zone
BIRDS OF PREY DEMO
- 12:30 CATFISH EATING CONTEST
- 1:00 DIRT DEACONS 
- 1:00 THE WIZARD OF OZ Depot Theatre
- 2:00 DEXTER ALLEN 
- 3:30 CEDRIC BURNSIDE 

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THE FAMILY EGG HUNT

By Lee Ann Flemming

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 I attended.

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 children 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 have a special egg hunt for their children and spouses.

I married to a very tall family, and it is really entertaining to watch five adults ranging in height from about 5’11” – 6’6” grab-

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 reading.

RASPBERRY-GLAZED HAM

- 3 lb. canned ham
 - 3 Tbsp. honey
 - 1 tsp. ground cloves
 - 1 (3 oz.) pkg. raspberry jell-o
- Mix together the honey, cloves and jell-o. Rub over ham, wrap in foil and bake at 350 degrees for 1 ½ hours. Open foil and bake an additional 20 minutes. Slice and serve.
- *This is a very pretty presentation.

ITALIAN GREEN BEAN BUNDLES

Canned Whole Green Beans
Wish-Bone Italian Salad Dressing
Brain Slices, cut in half
Drain green beans and marinate in salad dressing overnight or at least 4 hours. Drain and wrap 8-10 beans in ½ slice of bacon; secure with toothpick. Bake at 350 degrees for about 30 minutes.

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

MANDARIN ORANGE CAKE

- Cake: 1 box butter recipe yellow cake mix
4 eggs
½ cup vegetable oil
1 (8 oz.) can mandarin oranges, undrained
Frosting: 1 (16 oz.) Cool Whip
1 (3.4 oz.) box vanilla instant pudding mix
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 layer cake.
- *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 piled 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.

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 traditions 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 modern-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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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.

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SERVE with remoulade sauce.
TO MAKE SAUCE mix all ingredients thoroughly. May be made ahead to allow flavors to blend.
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A CAREGIVER CAN BE REIMBURSED UP TO \$590 ONE-TIME REIMBURSEMENT.

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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).

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