

Vendors wanted

Vendors, wildlife professionals, arts and craft booths are needed for the 3rd Annual Steve Irwin Day at Little Black Creek Water Park on Sept. 11. For more information, call Cody at 601-744-6455.

Spay & Neuter Clinic

The Spay & Neuter Clinic is offering half-price surgery for qualifying dogs and cats of Forrest County residents, including those living within the city limits of Hattiesburg and Petal. Prices for qualified pets are \$17.50 for male cats, \$22.50 for female cats, \$27.50 for male dogs, and \$32.50 for female dogs. This price includes boarding overnight and pain medication after surgery. There are no extra charges for females in-heat. Call 601-544-5678 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday to make an appointment. Mention the "Forrest County GRANT" to get this discount!

Clinic appointments

The dental hygiene clinic at Pearl River Community College is accepting appointments for the fall semester.

The clinic offers exams, X-rays, cleaning, sealants, fluoride treatments and oral cancer screenings. Students perform the work under the supervision of instructors in the dental hygiene program.

Appointments are available from 1 to 5 p.m. on Tuesdays and from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 to 5 p.m. on Thursdays. The clinic is located on the north side of the Allied Health Center at the Forrest County Center in Hattiesburg. Cost is \$25 for adults and \$20 for children. The clinic is free to PRCC students. For appointments, telephone 601-554-5509.

Road Race

The Burn Your Buns - 5 Mile Road Race is set for 7 a.m. Aug. 7 at Canebrake Country Club. Registration begins at 6 a.m. Proceeds benefit the American Cancer Society. The race starts at the Clubhouse at the main entrance of Canebrake. All parking must be in event parking to the right when you enter Canebrake. \$30 Race Day Registration. For more information, contact Michelle Mabry, 601-466-0289 or Traci Hudson, 601-549-2337.

Welding Class

Jones County Junior College's Workforce Development is offering a Welding class at the Covington County Vo-Tech center in Collins. The class runs Thursday, Aug. 12, through Dec.16, and will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5 p.m. until 9 p.m.

The welding class will cover welding safety, Oxyfuel cutting, base metal preparation, weld quality, equipment and setup, electrodes and selection, and bead and fillet welds. The 150-hour class costs \$308.

For more information and to register for the class, prospective students should contact either, Shannon Wilks at 601-477-4114 or Paul Johnson at 601-477-4244 or email, shannon.wilks@jcjc.edu or paul.johnson@jcjc.edu.

In concert

Jerry Trammell, former tenor for the Florida Boys, also For His Glory of Starkville, will be in concert at 7:30 p.m. Aug. 14 at Stuart Auditorium, 939 Old Salt Road, five miles west of Sumrall. Admission is free. A love offering will be accepted. Everyone is invited to attend.

Photography workshop

An Outdoor Photography Workshop with Stephen Kirkpatrick, "Nature Exposed" will be held from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Aug. 14 in Hattiesburg. Cost is \$75 and includes lunch. Sponsored by the Forrest County SWCD. For more information, call Chad Waldrup, 601-507-9890.



Email your event to: editor@lamar-times.com

Pageant

Surfin Sweeties will be held in at the Petal Civic Center in Petal Aug. 14. Deadline is Aug. 1. The attire for this pageant is swimwear or sundress. The pageant is open to boys ages (0-6) and girls ages 0-21 years. Cost is \$35. For more information, visit www.southernbabesandbeaus.com or email at southernbabesandbeaus@yahoo.com or call 601-466-5497.

Nursing alums meet

Alumni of the former Methodist Hospital School of Nursing are invited to attend the Annual Alumni Meeting on Saturday, Aug. 14. The meeting will be held in the Evergreen Room at Wesley Medical Center located on Highway 98 West in Hattiesburg. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. The meeting will include a light meal provided by Wesley and entertainment by the Daniel Lee Family. Attendees are asked to RSVP by Aug. 7 to Faye Miller at 601-758-9241 or via email at vfbmiller@bellsouth.net or mail at 19 Moon Shadow Lane, Sumrall, MS 39482.

Health fair

Oxford Senior Health Fair 2010 is set for 9 a.m.-noon Friday, Aug. 27 at Bass Memorial Academy Gym, 6433 Hwy 11, 3 miles south of Purvis. This event is planned for adults 50-plus and the caregivers of senior adults. No admission charge. Door prizes (must be present to win), exhibitors, health screenings, music by the Oxford Rhythm Masters, refreshments and lunch provided. For more information, call Jackie Kellar, 601-794-7151.

5K Run

The Fourth annual Bobcat Hall of Fame 5K Run/Walk and 1-Mile Fun Run will take place at 8 a.m. on Sept. 18. Registration begins at 7 a.m. The run begins at Bobcat Stadium/Sim Cooley Field and will continue through the JCJC campus and conclude back at the stadium.

Awards for the 5K Run will be given for Overall Male/Female, Masters Male/Female, Grand Masters Male/Female and Male/Female by age group. For the walkers, male and female trophies will be awarded for first, second and third places. All children will receive ribbons in the Fun Run. All participants will receive a T-shirt.

5K Run entry fee is \$15 by pre-registering before Sept. 13 and \$20 on the day of the race. Fun Run entry fee is \$10 on the day of the race.

To pre-register, go to www.jcjc.edu/athletics or www.pinebeltpacers.org, download the flyer, fill it out and mail it to Bobcat Fitness Center, 900 South Court St., Ellisville, MS 39437. Call the Bobcat Fitness Center at 601-477-5417 for more information.

Lumberfest

The Lumberton Economic Development Council will host its Seventh Annual "Lumberfest" on Saturday, Oct. 16. The organization is currently seeking a few more vendors for crafts and food, as well as talent for the event. This year, there will be lots of entertainment, starting off with professional wrestling. For more information, call Paul Ockmand, 601-688-5050.

Arts Gala

Gold, the Centennial Arts Gala, is set for 7 p.m. Sept. 16 at Lake Terrace Convention Center. Tickets are on sale now by calling 601-266-5922. Only a limited number of tickets are available.

Columbia festival

B.A.W.I.FEST featuring "Quilting on the Pearl" in downtown Columbia is set for Nov. 5-7. Gov. Hugh White's historic plan, "Balancing Agriculture with Industry," (B.A.W.I.) will be recognized from the mid 20th century with events centered on quilting and outdoor sporting.

The festival will kick off Friday night with an evening gala and will conclude on Sunday afternoon with a production of "The Nutcracker."

Saturday festivities include art and sporting booths and children's activities.

The Quilt Korner will offer demonstrations, exhibits including antique quilts, Merchant's Mall, quilt raffle, door prizes, and much more.

The heart of the event will be the display of beautiful quilts from across the region as they line Main Street's sidewalks.

For more information, call Judy at 601-736-5034 or Carrie at 601-736-6400.

Optimist meetings

The Optimist Club meets the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at the the Optimist Clubhouse.

Classes, programs:

■ CENTER FOR FAMILIES AND CHILDREN ACTIVITIES

Parents as Teachers - Learn about your child's growth and development - birth to three years.

Toy lending and parent resource library for all ages

Information about childcare centers and pre-schools in Petal

Itty Bitty Bookworm Store - Shop for free books for pre-schoolers

Playshop for pre-schoolers - First Thursday of each month

Other Opportunities: Storytime at the Petal Library - second, fourth Thursday, 10 a.m.

Petal - A Certified Early Childhood Community. Call 601-584-4704 or stop by the Center for Families and Children, 201 West Central Avenue, Petal. Hours: 8-4:30 M W; 8-6:00 T, Th; 8-3:30 F.

At the library...

Petal Library Storytime (714 S. Main Street) - Tuesdays at 10 a.m. Join us for stories, songs, fingerplays, activities, and fun! For children ages 2-5 years old.

Hattiesburg Library Storytime (329 Hardy Street): Wednesdays at 10 a.m. Join us for stories, songs, fingerplays, activities, and fun! For children ages 2-5 years old.

For more information, visit www.hpfc.lib.ms.us or call 601-582-4461.

Forrest Co.

■ Aug. 26-Sept. 6 - 5th Annual Great Southern Stampede will be an 11-day festival that will cover the Complex Grounds.

The Stampede will serve as a tribute to the western lifestyle.

The festival will have events ranging from a PCA Rodeo and Calf Roping to barrel racing and outdoor entertainment, as well as a Country Music Concert.

■ Oct. 8-10 - Team Josey Barrel Racing Clinic will take place on the Complex Grounds. World Champion Barrel Racer Martha Josey has put together a team of top barrel racing trainers that conduct clinics throughout the United States.

The three-day clinics will help improve the performance of the beginner as well as the more advanced rider.

For more information on registering for the clinic call 601-441-5153.



Staff Sgt. Jackqueline Moore/Camp Shelby Public Affairs LOUISIANA SOLDIERS... The Soldiers of the 256th Brigade Combat Team of Louisiana return home after a tour of duty in Iraq in support of Operation Iraq Freedom. They arrived at Gulfport's Combat Readiness Training Center on Aug.7. The brigade had more than 3,000 Soldiers to deploy.



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