events calendar

CANTON

June 13

The 17th Annual Madison County Barbeque Contest will be held on The Square in Canton. Final judging takes place from 3–3:30 p.m. Cash prizes will be given away for some of the best BBQ in the state. 601.859.5816.

CLINTON

June 13

Firefly Market from 6–10 p.m. in Clinton's Old Towne district. Original art, gifts, fresh produce, homemade treats, and entertainment. **601.924.5472.**

June 18

Ladies' Day Out on Main Street featuring a painting demonstration by Anthony Thaxton of The Hour Gallery & Gifts. Lunch at 303 Jefferson at 11 a.m. **601.924.5472.**

June 18

Trivia Night from 8–10 p.m. at Old Towne after dark. A fun way for friends and family to show off knowledge on subjects from science to pop culture to sports. And win cash and other prizes. Entry fee of \$10 per 4-person team to compete. **601.924.5472.**

GREENVILLE

June 13

Warfield Riverfest at Warfield Park is a familyfriendly festival featuring food, live music, arts and crafts vendors, early morning family fun run, and activities for everyone. Proceeds help fund Camp Looking Glass, a summer camp for special needs campers. warfieldriverfest.com

JACKSON

June 2

Snake Day at the Museum of Natural Science from 10 a.m.–3 p.m. and learn how to distinguish between venomous and nonvenomous snakes. **msnaturalscience.org**

June 4

Fondren's First Thursday at 5 p.m. downtown. An all-age family event that serves as a platform for artists, musicians, and designers. A chance to see historic downtown filled with great music, local art, gallery openings, live mural walls, and local organizations on display. Offers kid friendly events supported by local churches and welcomes dogs as well.

fondrensfirstthursday.com

June 7 & 28

"Harmonica Heaven" by visiting artist Scott Albert Johnson at the Mississippi Children's Museum from 1:30–5:30 p.m.

June 12

Sid the Science Kid Preview Party at the Mississippi Children's Museum from 5:30–8 p.m. Celebrating the opening of Sid the Science Kid: The Super-Duper Exhibit! with art activities, science lessons on bubbles and yo-yos, egg drop challenge, and joke competitions. Free. mississippichildrensmuseum.com

June 12

Raising the Barn at the Mississippi Ag and Forestry Museum from 6–10 p.m. Bring lawn chairs to see an outdoor concert featuring local talent "Southern Grass" and Knoxville-based "The Black Lillies." Proceeds go to the Ag and Forestry Museum Foundation. 601.432.4500.

June 17

Dream Night at the Jackson Zoo from 5–6:30 p.m. An evening at the zoo for children with special needs and chronically ill diseases supported by the Disability Mega Conference. Free. Refreshments and activities provided. **jacksonzoo.org**

June 19

Look and Learn with Hoot at the Mississippi Museum of Art from 10:30–11:45 a.m. Educational workshop for children up to age five, and their parents, that teaches creative play and literacy through art and story activities. Free. **msmuseumart.org.**

PEARL

June 12-13

The Mississippi Gospel Jubilee at Trinity Baptist Church, 2610 Napoleon Ave will open its doors at 6 p.m. Friday night and 5 p.m. Saturday night. An extravaganza of gospel music and performances by singers and groups of all ages from all parts of the state. Free admission, with a love offering taken.601.939.6622.

RIDGELAND

June 7

The 30th Annual Heatwave Classic Triathlon takes place at Old Trace Park starting at 7 a.m. 601.853.2011 or heatwavetri.racesonline.com.

June 13

Gospel Artist Showcase at The Church Triumphant Global of Madison (St. Joseph Fine Arts Building) starting at 5 p.m. A competition for up-and-coming artists with guest performances from nationally known gospel artists. 601.927.7625.

June 16-19

"Converge" is hosted by Highland Colony

Baptist Church at Ann Smith Elementary School playground at 306 Pear Orchard Road. 6:30–8 p.m. A great opportunity for elementary-age children to enjoy music, Bible story presentations, games, and crafts in a fun, safe environment. hcbc.net

June 27

Independence Day Celebration at 115 Madison Landing Circle. Old Trace Park and Lakeshore Park host a day of activities including live music, fireworks, and a boat parade. 601.605.6898.

TUPELO

June 4-7

The annual **Elvis Festival** celebrates Tupelo's famous son. Family entertainment featuring regional, national, and local artists along with a Sunday Gospel Concert. Features a number of local food vendors, a carnival midway, pet parade, beauty pageant, 5K run, disc golf, movie poster exhibit, and much more. **tupeloelvisfestival.com**

