

FLOWOOD

February 25

8K Run 8KWalk/1-Mile Fun Run benefits the Flowood YMCA. Flowood Chamber of Commerce. 8:30 a.m. **601.664.1955** or ccuster@metroymcams.org

HATTIESBURG

February 27

Mardi Gras Celebration by the Krewe du le Caliborne. Enjoy food, fun and dancing featuring Charles C.C. Carter, "The One Man Show." 2–5 p.m. at 300 Whispering Pines Blvd. RSVP by February 15. **601.255.7506**

JACKSON

February 4

The Diabetes Foundation of Mississippi holds its annual **Bacchus Ball** at the Jackson Country Club from 6:30–11:30 p.m. Silent auction and live auction featuring some of the finest art, sports memorabilia and collectibles. Live music and dancing. **601.957.7878** or msdiabetes.org



February 10 and 11

The Dance Ministry Ensemble and members of DOXA present a selection of original dances created by guest artists and Belhaven University Dance Faculty. 7:30 each evening in the Bitsy Irby Visual Arts and Dance Center Studio Theatre. General admission \$10. Seniors/Students \$5.

February 11

The Mississippi Children's Museum is taken over by grown-ups one night a year! Enjoy the sights, sounds, and tastes of all things British at the signature fund-raiser, **Ignite the Night: London** Calling. 7–11 p.m. mschildrensmuseum.org



February 25 and 26

The annual **Mineral, Gem, Fossil, and Jewelry Show** at the MS Trade Mart. Vendors from across the country display and illustrate the art of this hobby. Hands-on learning opportunities. 10 a.m.–5:00 p.m. each day. \$6 adults, \$3 students, \$2 scouts and leaders in uniform, and free for children under 5.

February 25

Music Faculty Concert. Belhaven University's professional music faculty display mastery of their craft in this varied recital at Belhaven's Center for the Arts. Complimentary admission. Doors open at 7 p.m.

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The Mississippi Children's Museum holds its annual all day celebration for **Dr. Seuss's Silly Birthday**. 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Special guests Thing 1 and Thing 2 and J.C. Patterson reading silly stories, and Green Eggs and Ham cooking demonstrations. mschildrensmuseum.org

March 4

Annual **Hope Conference for Cancer Survivorship** at First Baptist Church. Workshops, panel discussions, and breakout sessions provide education and support for patient and loved ones. Celebration luncheon features keynote speaker and two-time cancer survivor USM Head Football Coach Jay Hopson. 8 a.m.–1 p.m. hopeconferencejackson.com.



March 5

New Summit School's Drawdown and Auction takes place this year at the MS Children's Museum. Only 350 tickets will be sold with a chance to win \$5,000. Heavy hors d'oeuvres, silent and live auction. Entertainment by Chris Gill & the Sole Shakers. Funds raised benefit scholarships and classroom equipment at New Summit. 6:30–10 p.m. newsummitschool.com

MORTON

February 23, 24, 25

Music Festival at Roosevelt State Park featuring blue grass, gospel, and country music at Livingston Performing Arts, Highway 13. Featuring Harmony & Grits, Southern Grass, Southern Gentlemen and more. **601.537.3641**

OXFORD

February 24-26

200 Million Flowers holds a **Rescue 100** weekend at the Ole Miss School of Law. Rescue 100 is a collaborative effort



between the Mississippi Department of Child Protection Services, the Mississippi Commission on Children's Justice, 200 Million Flowers and churches across the state of Mississippi to provide loving homes for children in the foster system. This training weekend for families interested in providing loving homes for Mississippi's foster children is open to residents of any county. 200millionflowers.org.

RIDGELAND

February 6

Senior Adult Valentine Banquet sponsored by the Ridgeland Chamber of Commerce. 5 p.m. at Highlands Presbyterian Church at 1160 Highland Colony Parkway. Tickets \$5. **601.853.2011**



February 18

The SouthGroup Insurance Services sponsor the **Make a Difference 5K** to benefit Friends of Children's Hospital. Course begins at Woodlands Office Park at County Line Road in Ridgeland. Kids events and space jumps with prizes! Teams encouraged. 5k Run/Walk at 8:30 a.m. and 1 mile Fun Run at 9:30 a.m. Details info@southgroup.net.

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The Child Evangelism Fellowship Greater Jackson Area (CEF) hosts a **Full Armor 5K** at 9 a.m. beginning at the Reservoir Overlook Point near Natchez Trace Mile Marker 105. Day-of registration at 7:30 p.m. More info on page 38.