



Top of the Hill

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April's Highlights

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"Refuse to be a victim"

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Donal Snyder, Sr.
Community Center

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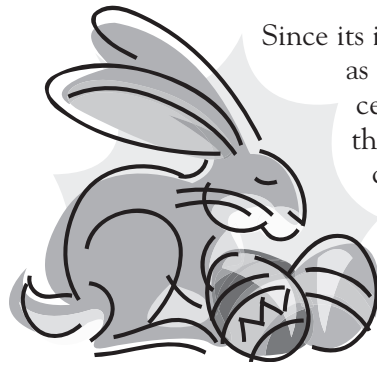
Tullis-Toledano
Manor,
April 1st, 10 a.m.

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"Here comes Peter Cottontail, hoppin' down the bunny trail... Hippity hoppity, Easter's on its way!"



Since its inception as a holy celebration in the second century, Easter has had its non-religious side.

In fact, Easter was originally a pagan festival called Eastre. The festival occurred at the same time of the year as the Christian observance of the Resurrection of Christ. As Christianity grew, the pagan festival became a part of the Christian Celebration.

The date for Easter to be celebrated was determined to be the first Sunday after the first full moon on or after the vernal

equinox. The vernal equinox is always on March 21st, so Easter must be celebrated on a Sunday after the vernal equinox.

The Easter Bunny is not a modern invention. The symbol originated with the pagan festival of Eastre. The goddess, Eastre, was worshiped by the Anglo-Saxons through her earthly symbol, the rabbit. It was believed that the goddess Eastre would lay tiny brown and golden eggs. This began the tradition of giving chocolate covered rabbit droppings to children on Easter morning. As the centuries passed, rabbit droppings treats became chocolate Easter eggs. So, as the Easter Bunny is hopping down the bunny trail he might be making his own Easter treats. In celebration of this tradition, instead of painting Easter eggs, why not make sequin-covered rabbit droppings.

April Fool's Day is "for-fun-only" observance...

Nobody is expected to buy gifts or to take their "significant other" out to eat in a fancy restaurant. Nobody gets off work or school. It's simply a fun little holiday, but a holiday on which one must remain forever vigilant, for he or she may be the next April Fool! We can let our imagination run wild. We must be on our guard for pranks, mischief, and twists of the truth.

An example of a classic prank happened in 1957, when the respected BBC news show *Panorama* announced that thanks to a very mild winter and the virtual elimination of the dreaded spaghetti weevil, Swiss farmers were enjoying a bumper spaghetti crop. It accompanied this announcement with footage of Swiss peasants pulling strands of spaghetti down from trees. Huge numbers of viewers were taken in, and many called up wanting to know how they could grow their own spaghetti trees.

Happy April Fool's Day to You, Tammy Howell



Movie & Popcorn!

Snyder Center,
Thursdays, 2 p.m.

April Movies...

April 1st:

Cheap By the Dozen

April 8th:

Seabiscuit

April 15th:

Mona Lisa Smile

April 22nd

Duplex

April 29th:

Life of a House

All movies are rated PG-13 or PG. However, there may be some obscenities.

Newsletter Volunteers Needed:

April 26th at 10 a.m. at the Snyder Center.

Volunteers needed to help fold, label & tape the **Top of the Hill** Newsletter.

Supplies Needed:

Greeting Cards (used)

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Senior Safety Program “Refuse to be a victim”

April 22nd at the Snyder Center.

The guest speaker is Jerry Mathews with the Harrison County Sheriff Department. The program begins at 9 a.m. and runs until noon when lunch will be served. Please call 436-5191 to register by April 15th. Seating is limited.

Preschool Easter Egg Hunt



Tullis-Toledano Manor
Thursday, April 1st, 10 a.m.

We have been asked to help again this year. Volunteers are needed to hide eggs, help two-year-olds hunt for eggs and help with crowd control (keep Mommies from hunting eggs). We will meet at Tullis Manor at 9 a.m. Please call Tammy if you would like to help.

Christmas Boxes Project

April's items are underclothes for children (briefs, panties, etc.). Please bring your donations to Snyder Center or to any of our programs/classes this month.

Potluck Luncheon

April 6th, 11 a.m. Biloxi Community Center.

Each person must bring either a side dish or a dessert.

We will have bingo after the luncheon!

April Classes & Special Happenings

- **Stretch & Strengthen Class:** Each Monday, Wednesday & Friday at 2:30 p.m. at Snyder Center. The instructor is Greg Peters who is PACE Certified by the American Arthritis Foundation. This class promotes joint flexibility, endurance, muscle strengthening, coordination and increasing range of motion. Class is free to adults. (No class April 9th.)
- **The Angel Project:** Wednesday, April 14th, 2 p.m. at the Snyder Center. This month, we will be delivering smiles to Specialty Hospital.
- **Colored Pencil Class:** First & third Wednesday, April 7th & 21st, 10 a.m. Proctor Taylor, a well-known, local artist is the instructor. The class is for beginners and intermediate level students. Needed supplies are a set of “Prismacolor” brand pencils, available at Hobby Lobby.
- **Scrapbooking:** Last Wednesday of the month, April 28th at 2 p.m. Please bring pictures, and scissors. Each month, we will complete at least one page. By the end of the year, you will have a complete scrapbook!
- **Art with Angela:** Snyder Center - Tuesday, April 6th & Thursday, April 8th at 10 a.m.
Art with Angela: The O’Hanlon Gym (note the location change) - Tuesday, April 13th & Thursday, April 15th, 10 a.m.
The project started on Tuesday will be completed at the next class on Thursday.
- **Crafts Anyone:** Snyder Center - April 19th, 10 a.m.
Crafts Anyone: Biloxi Community Center - April 29th, 10 a.m.
- **Bridge Group:** Meets every Thursday at 1 p.m. at Snyder Center. The dates are April 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29. **They’re always looking for new players!**
- **Bonco:** Snyder Center - the third Tuesday, April 20th at 10 a.m.
Bonco: Biloxi Community Center - the last Tuesday, April 27th at 10 a.m.
You will learn as you play!
- **Swinging Starlets Dance Group:** Practices on Tuesdays & Thursdays at 4:30 p.m. at the Snyder Center. They perform throughout the community at Nursing Homes, Senior Programs & Community Programs. *Swinging Starlets* will perform on April 21st at 11 a.m. at the D’Iberville Civic Center for RSVP (Western Theme) & May 1st at Gulfport Beach Front Holiday Inn from 1-3 p.m. Performance time has not been set yet.

Please call 436-5191 to sign up for each class.



April 2004

Calendar of Events

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DSCC - Donal Snyder, Sr. Community Center Located on 2520 Pass Road. • BCC - Biloxi Community Center Located on the corner of Howard Avenue and Bellman Street. • OHG - The O'Hanlon Gym Located on Pine Street behind Grand Casino Biloxi's parking garage. <p>All classes and programs are subject to change and changes will be posted at the City of Biloxi's Community Centers. Prior notice will be given if possible.</p> | | | | 1 Preschool Easter Egg Hunt: 10 a.m. (Meet at Tullis at 9 a.m.) Bridge Group 1 p.m.-DSCC Movie & Popcorn 2 p.m.-DSCC Swinging Starlets April Fool's Day | 2 Stretch & Strengthen 2:30 p.m.-DSCC | 3 |
| 4 Stretch & Strengthen 2:30 p.m.-DSCC  Daylight Savings Time Begins | 5 Art with Angela 10 a.m.-DSCC Potluck Luncheon 11 a.m.-BCC Swinging Starlets practice, 4:30 p.m. DSCC | 6 Colored Pencil Class 10 a.m.-DSCC Stretch & Strengthen 2:30 p.m.-DSCC | 7 Art with Angela 10 a.m.-DSCC Bridge Group 1 p.m.-DSCC Movie & Popcorn 2 p.m.-DSCC Swinging Starlets practice, 4:30 p.m. DSCC | 8 | 9 Good Friday | 10 Holy Saturday |
| 11 Stretch & Strengthen 2:30 p.m.-DSCC Easter Sunday | 12 Art with Angela 10 a.m.-OHG Swinging Starlets practice, 4:30 p.m. DSCC | 13 The Angel Project 2 p.m.-DSCC Stretch & Strengthen 2:30 p.m.-DSCC | 14 Art with Angela 10 a.m.-OHG Bridge Group 1 p.m.-DSCC Movie & Popcorn 2 p.m.-DSCC Swinging Starlets practice, 4:30 p.m. DSCC | 15 | 16 Stretch & Strengthen 2:30 p.m.-DSCC | 17 |
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Tom Wall, Ward 6
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Recipe of the Month

Bird's Crabmeat AuGratin

- 4 tablespoons butter
- 4 tablespoons flour
- 1 cup milk
- 3/4 cup half & half
- 1 cup grated Monterey jack cheese
- 2 cups grated Cheddar Cheese (divided)
- 4 green onions/shallots - minced
- 1 1/2-2 cups lump crabmeat

On medium heat, melt butter, add green onions & sauté. Add flour a little at a time, stirring constantly until combined. Add milk and half & half, stirring constantly – continue to cook until slightly thickened & bubbly. Add all Monterey jack and 1 1/2 cups of cheddar, stir until melted. Add crabmeat and fold in until well blended, careful not to break-up the crabmeat too much.

Transfer to baking dish. Sprinkle with remaining 1/2 cup of cheddar.
Bake at 350° for 30-35 minutes.

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