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Top of the Hill

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60th Anniversary of D-Day

The invasion of France on June 6th, 1944 was the turning point of the war in Europe. It was ultimately successful due to the individual bravery of the soldiers in combat. After the success of the war, many of the soldiers returned home to their past life and family with most of us not aware of their heroic actions.

An invading army had not crossed the unpredictable, dangerous English Channel since 1688 – and once the massive force set out, there was no turning back. The 5000-vessel armada stretched as far as the eye could see, transporting over 150,000 men and nearly 30,000 vehicles across the channel to the French beaches. Six parachute regiments – over 13,000 men – were flown from nine British airfields in over 800 planes. More than 300 planes dropped 13,000 bombs over coastal Normandy immediately in advance of the invasion. By nightfall on June 6, more than 9,000 Allied soldiers were dead or wounded, but more than 100,000 had made it ashore, securing French coastal villages.

These soldiers came from all walks of life. 60 years later the memories are just fresh as they were June 7th, 1944. In May, to celebrate Armed Forces Day, Paul Kent spoke at the City of Biloxi's senior citizen luncheon. Mr. Kent told of the memorable moments that lead up to D-Day and the sequential end of World War II. Mr. Kent was one month shy of discharge from the Army when Pearl Harbor occurred. As a communication specialist, he was reassigned to the 6th Artillery Division as a part of General Patton's Third Army in Europe. He landed on Omaha Beach in Normandy with the infantry in front. Mr. Kent described the sounds and sights that changed the future. He told of sniper bullets whizzing by so close that the sound would remain with him forever. He told of the process of setting up the Howitzers and the time that they waited for German Tanks that broke free and were heading straight for them. Their only defense was Molotov Cocktails. Luckily, the tanks were taken before making it to their position.

One of the most memorable moments was when he and his division entered Hitler's compound. He recalled the moment he learned the war was over and the celebration began. He still has the letter to his wife describing the end-of-the-war celebration. For many, like Mr. Kent, the 60th Anniversary of D-Day is a time of reflection and pride in being an American.

Ernie Pyle a reporter for Stars And Stripes wrote the day after D-Day as he landed on the shore of Normandy that "Now that it's all over, it seems to me a pure miracle we ever took the beach at all." Chaplain John Burkhalter wrote to his wife "Nobody can love God better than when he is looking death in the face and talks to God and then sees God come to the rescue. Yes, there were a lot of miracles on the beach that day. God was on the beach D-Day… I know he was because I was talking with him."

Movie & Popcorn!

Snyder Center,
Thursdays, 2 p.m.

June Movies…

June 3rd:
The Lord of the Rings, Return of the King

June 10th:
Big Fish

June 17th:
Love Actually

June 24th:
Miracle

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

Newsletter Volunteers Needed:
Monday, June 21st at 10 a.m. at the Snyder Center. Volunteers needed to help fold, label & tape the ***Top of the Hill*** Newsletter.

Thank you again to those who come to help each month, it has been a "God Send" for me.

Supplies Needed:
Cigar Boxes and Bud Vases.

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Potluck Luncheon

June 29th, 11 a.m. - Snyder Community Center

In celebration of Fourth of July, please wear something patriotic.

Each person (including guest) is asked to bring either a side dish or a dessert.

We will have bingo after the luncheons!

Christmas Boxes Project

June's project is Christmas wrapping paper. Please bring your donations to the Snyder Center.

June Classes & Special Happenings

- **Stretch & Strengthen Class:** The classes are every 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 increased range of motion. Class is free to adults.
- **Colored Pencil Class:** Classes are on hold until August.
- **Advanced Quilling Class:** Snyder Center - Monday, June 14th, at 10 a.m. This is a continuation of May's beginning class. You need to have participated in May's class to attend this session.
- **Scrapbooking:** Wednesday, June 30th at 10 a.m. Please note the time change.
- **Art with Angela:** Snyder Center - June 1st, 3rd, 8th, & 10th, 10 a.m. Angela is conducting a summer time Beginning Watercolor Class. Please pre-register for all classes. Supplies needed for the class are watercolor paper and brushes. Please call Tammy for further details at 436-5191.
- **Crafts Anyone:** Snyder Center - June 15th & 23rd, 10 a.m. We will be making a Fourth of July Wreath and Stamping Fun project.
- **Bridge Group:** Meets every Thursday at 1 p.m. at Snyder Center. The dates are June 3rd, June 10th, June 17th & June 24. ***They're always looking for new players.***
- **Bonco:** Snyder Center - June 9th & June 22nd at 10 a.m. ***It is an easy game to 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. *Upcoming performance scheduled is:* June 24th at Popp's Ferry's Library at 2 p.m.

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

June 2004

Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 **Art with Angela** 10 a.m.-DSCC ***Swinging Starlets*** practice, 4:30 p.m. DSCC	**2** **Stretch & Strengthen** 2:30 p.m.-DSCC	**3** **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	**4** **Stretch & Strengthen** 2:30 p.m.-DSCC	**5**
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13	**14** **Advanced Quilling Class** 10 a.m.-DSCC **Stretch & Strengthen** 2:30 p.m.-DSCC *Flag Day* ★★★	**15** **Crafts Anyone** 10 a.m.-DSCC ***Swinging Starlets*** practice, 4:30 p.m. DSCC	**16** **Stretch & Strengthen** 2:30 p.m.-DSCC	**17** **Bridge Group** 1 p.m.-DSCC **Movie & Popcorn** 2 p.m.-DSCC ***Swinging Starlets*** practice, 4:30 p.m. DSCC	**18** **Stretch & Strengthen** 2:30 p.m.-DSCC	**19**
20 *Father's Day*	**21** **Stretch & Strengthen** 2:30 p.m.-DSCC **Newsletter Volunteers Needed:** 10 a.m.-DSCC	**22** **Bonco** 10 a.m.-DSCC ***Swinging Starlets*** practice, 4:30 p.m. DSCC	**23** **Crafts Anyone** 10 a.m.-DSCC **Stretch & Strengthen** 2:30 p.m.-DSCC	**24** **Bridge Group** 1 p.m.-DSCC **Movie & Popcorn** 2 p.m.-DSCC ***Swinging Starlets*** performance, 2 p.m. Popp's Ferry Library	**25** **Stretch & Strengthen** 2:30 p.m.-DSCC	**26**
27	**28** **Stretch & Strengthen** 2:30 p.m.-DSCC	**29** **Potluck Luncheon** 11 a.m.-DSCC ***Swinging Starlets*** practice, 4:30 p.m. DSCC	**30** **Scrapbooking** 2 p.m.-DSCC **Stretch & Strengthen** 2:30 p.m.-DSCC			

- **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.

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.

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Recipe of the Month

Chocolate Drizzled Cherry Bars

Crumb Mixture
2 cups all-purpose flour
1 1/4 cups butter softened
2 cups quick cooking oats
1 1/2 cups of sugar

Filling
1 (21 ounce) can of cherry fruit filling
1 teaspoon of almond extract

Glaze
1 1/2 cup of semi-sweet real chocolate chips
1 tablespoon shortening

Heat oven to 350 degrees. In large mixer bowl, combine all crumb mixture ingredients. Beat at low speed, scraping bowl often, until mixture is crumbly (1 to 2 minutes), reserve 1 1/2 cups crumb mixture; press remaining crumb mixture on bottom of 13x 9 inch baking pan. Bake for 15 to 20 minutes or until edges are very lightly browned. Meanwhile, in same bowl stir together fruit filling and almond extract. Spread filling over warm crust; sprinkle with reserved crumb mixture. Continue baking for 27 to 32 minutes or until lightly browned. In 1-quart saucepan, melt chocolate chips and shortening over low heat, stirring occasionally, until smooth (2 to 3 minutes). Drizzle glaze over bars. Cool completely, cut into bars. YEILD: 36

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