

DeSoto County Tourism

April 2011-May 2011 Events

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DATE	TIME	EVENT - APRIL	LOCATION
1, 2, 8, 9 3, 10	7PM 2PM	Kudzu Playhouse presents The Fantasticks This musical tells the allegorical story of two neighbors who trick their children into falling in love. Discovering the deception, each goes off to experience the world, but return realizing they have always been in love. \$10; Seniors and Students \$5. www.kudzuplayers.com/	Pleasant Hill UMC 3787 Pleasant Hill Rd Olive Branch
2	6-11PM	7th Annual Breath of Spring Gala "Dancing with the Stars DeSoto Style" DeSoto Health and Wellness Center's annual Gala features live entertainment, dinner and a silent auction. This yearly event is the main fundraiser for the Center, a non-profit health provider for employed workers who don't have health insurance. \$75. 662-393-9848	DeSoto Civic Center 4560 Venture Dr. Southaven
2	8PM	2011 Comedy Gospel Tour with Steve Harvey & Kirk Franklin Best known as the star of the WB sitcom, The Steve Harvey Show, and one of four comedians featured in Spike Lee's film, The Original Kings of Comedy, Harvey is an American actor, comedian, entertainer, television and radio personality and best-selling author. No cameras. 662-470-2131	DeSoto Civic Center 4560 Venture Dr. Southaven
9-11	ALL DAY	Mommy's Secret Children's Consignment Sale Join us for the Mid-South's largest consignment event. Shop for fantastic bargains or turn your closets into cash. Seasonal sales offer over 50,000 sq. ft of unbelievable buys all in an organized store-like environment. Call for sale information, times or questions. 662-895-9122 or 662-449-0762.	The Arena at Southaven 7360 Hwy 51 Southaven
9	10AM-2PM	8th Annual Museum Day Heritage Open House This special day presents live re-enactors, speakers, Bluegrass music, cakewalks, exhibits, family fun and BBQ. Exhibitors will display their crafts, skills, and talents and educational interactive opportunities will be available for children of all ages! 662-429-8852; www.desotomuseum.org .	DeSoto County Museum 111 E. Commerce St. Hernando
10	2-5PM	Confederate Memorial Service and Picnic A memorial service to honor those who died for the Confederate States during the Civil War is scheduled where Mississippi's second oldest Confederate monument, erected in 1875, is located. Picnic following at Conger Park across the street from the cemetery. Call Allen Latimer for more information. 901-827-3557 or 662-393-4448	Hernando Memorial Cemetery Oak Grove Road off of Hwy 51 Hernando
13-14 15-16	4-10PM noon-midnight	Southaven 31st Annual SpringFest This sanctioned event, celebrating the city's 31st birthday, features the State of MS BBQ Cooking Championship, with copious concerts, a carnival midway, concessions, and spectacular rides for kids of all ages. Call 662-280-2489 ext.283 or visit www.southaven.com for concert headliners.	Snowden Grove Park 3335 Pine Tar Alley Southaven
16	7PM	7th Annual Mudbug Bash 2011 This annual benefit for the Palmer Home for Children will have all the crawfish and trimmings you can eat with silent and live auctions and samplings from local restaurants. This event is the main fundraiser for the organization and your support is tax deductible. 901-870-1450; www.palmerhome.org	Panola Street off the historic Hernando Town Square Hernando
16	7:30PM	Cage Fighting Invades DeSoto County The exciting 10 bout card features the most recognizable and elite fighters in the Mid-South laying it all on the line in a six sided cage with no way out. The Main Event of the night will showcase Scott "The Irish Spartan" O' Shaughnessy vs David Lindsey. 662-470-2131	DeSoto Civic Center 4560 Venture Dr. Southaven
16, 22-23 17 18-21	10AM-5PM NOON-5PM 10AM-2PM	Cedar Hill Farm's Annual Easter Egg Hunt Children will enjoy the Easter Bunny, available for pictures, as well as the hay fort, petting farm, hunting eggs and playing on the farm. Egg hunts run continuously throughout the day. Enjoy homemade fudge and fresh donuts made right on the farm in the Country Kitchen. 662-429-2540 or www.cedarhillfarm.com/easter.php	Cedar Hill Farm 008 Love Road Hernando
23	9AM	13th Annual Easter Egg Hunt Meet the Easter bunny and enjoy the fun with over 50,000 candy-filled eggs, moon bounces, face painting, petting zoo and train rides. Explore fire trucks and enjoy free popcorn and drinks. Don't forget to bring your camera and Easter baskets. Age groups: 0-4 years; 5/6/7 year olds; and 8/9/10 year olds. 662-393-6939	Snowden Grove Park 3335 Pine Tar Alley Southaven
23 24	8AM-6PM 9AM-5PM	Mid-South Swap Meet & Flea Market The vendors offer new and used merchandise including trading cards, collectibles, antiques, jewelry, electronics, clothing, furniture, gardening supplies, and more! For information or booth rental, call Glenn Curtis 662-342-7348 or Pam McCullough at 901-481-0875.	The Arena at Southaven 7360 Hwy 51 Southaven
27-29 30 MAY 1	7:30PM 3:30 & 7:30PM 9AM-4PM	CIRQUE DU SOLEIL- ALEGRIA The characters of Alegria play out their lives against the backdrop of evolution from ancient monarchies to modern democracies. Watch the change to every class of folk except the clowns, who alone are able to resist the passing of time and the social transformations that accompany it. 662-470-2131; www.desotociviccenter.com .	DeSoto Civic Center 4560 Venture Dr. Southaven
30	8AM-1PM	DeSoto County Celebrates 41st Anniversary of Earth Day and 4th annual Hernando Farmer's Market With over 35 vendors, this certified market encourages access to fresh local food. Combined this year with Earth Day, visitors will have access to experts in multiple conservation activities. www.hernandoms-farmersmarket.com	Hernando Square 475 West Commerce Street Hernando
30 May 1	10AM-5PM 10AM-4PM	Repticon Reptile and Exotic Animal Convention This convention features reptile and amphibian breeders and wholesalers, reptile pet products and supplies, educational seminars and exhibits and fun-filled activities for the entire family. \$8 adults; \$5 children (5-12); 4 & under free 662-890-7275; www.repticon.com .	The Arena at Southaven 7360 Hwy 51 Southaven

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5	6:30PM	Star Wars Celebration with Daniel Wallace Author and specialist on Star Wars, Superman and other Super Heroes will share knowledge and sign copies of his new book "Star Wars, Battles for the Galaxy: Fight for Victory, Become a Hero." For more information, contact Heather Lawson, head librarian. 662-429-4439; www.firstregional.org/	Hernando Public Library 370 West Commerce St. Hernando
2, 9, 16, 23, 30	8-9:30PM	Pleasant Hill Promenaders The dance is open to all, and membership is not required. For those who do not square dance, there is also round dancing and country/western line dancing. \$3.00 to participate, free to watch. For information contact Ronnie and Mary Poe at 662-781-9051 or J.J. and Yvonne Johnson at 662-342-2714.	Graceland Christian Church 2126 East Staline Rd. Southaven
5	8PM	Comedian Martin Lawrence Martin Lawrence, American actor, film director, film producer, screenwriter, and comedian, came to fame during the 1990s, establishing a Hollywood career acting in numerous movie roles and starring in his own television series, Martin. \$75.50, \$55.50 & \$45.50 (Ticket prices increase by \$5 day of the show). 662-470-2131; www.desotociviccenter.com	DeSoto Civic Center 4560 Venture Dr. Southaven
5, 12, 19, 26	7PM	Hootenannies at Old Towne Bring your lawn chair and join Roy and the Gang in Olive Branch Old Towne each Thursday night. Music will begin at 7pm. Enjoy the concerts in the shadows of the old buildings at twilight. Free. 901-517-2396; www.olivebrancholdtowne.com	Old Towne Olive Branch 9189 Pigeon Roost Avenue Olive Branch
7, 14, 21, 28	8AM-1PM	Hernando Farmers Market - Named Best Mississippi Farmer's Market in 2010 This certified Mississippi Market by the Department of Agriculture and Commerce encourages and promotes access to fresh local food and supports the growth of local food networks. Live music, special events and more through the season. www.hernandoms-farmersmarket.com	Hernando Square 475 West Commerce Street Hernando
6	9AM-2PM	6th Annual North Mississippi Senior Expo This expo began in 2005 with the intention of serving the needs of senior citizens, their children and their families. This year's theme, "Sports in America," will feature pictures taken with professional athletes, door prizes, cake walks, line dancing, a live band, blood pressure booth and activities throughout the day. www.lifestyletransitions.net; 901-482-0018	The Arena at Southaven 7360 Hwy 51 Southaven
7	9AM-4PM	8th Annual Mayfest Arts & Crafts Festival This event draws 10,000 visitors each year and with more than 150 vendors featuring food, games and musical entertainment, the day holds promise to a fabulous, fun-filled venture for the entire family. 901-517-2396; www.olivebrancholdtowne.com.	Old Towne Olive Branch 9189 Pigeon Roost Avenue Olive Branch
7	8AM	8th Annual Big M Motorfest Cruizin South Car and Bike Show Some gorgeous cars and motorcycles will be displayed along with food vendors, games and musical entertainment by The Fabulous Steelers. All this and the Farmer's Market too! 662-890-7433; www.cruzinouth.com.	Hernando Square 475 West Commerce Street Hernando
9	NOON-1PM	Opera Memphis Concert Come listen during your lunch time to pieces from Les Miserables, South Pacific, Carmen, The Magic Flute, West Side Story, La Boheme. Cookies and coffee provided. Funded by the Elizabeth Etrikin Cooke Foundation. FREE. 662-429-4439; www.Firstregional.org.	Hernando Public Library 370 West Commerce St. Hernando
14	8-11AM	13th Annual Fishin Rodeo For children ages 4-12 with prizes and trophies awarded to participants in different age division. Bring fishing gear and lwn chairs. Free sodas and popcorn will be available. Pre-register at Southaven City Hall or the City Parks Department at BancorpSouth Sports Center. 662-890-7275	Saucier Park 8710 Northwest Dr. Southaven
21	9AM-5PM	37th Annual A'Fair in Hernando This festival includes over 200 arts, crafts and food vendors and features artisans, live music, children's activities, and a Saturday morning 5K race and walk to start the day's activities. Free admission and free parking. 662-280-8875; www.hernandooptimist.org	Hernando Square 475 West Commerce Street Hernando
26	7PM	Kenny Chesney's at Snowden Grove Amphitheater Kenny Chesney's biggest tour in five years will be at Snowden Grove Amphitheater. "Corona presents Kenny Chesney's Goin' Coastal Tour" will include opening acts Uncle Kracker and Billy Currington. 662-892-2660; www.snowdengroveamphitheater.com.	Snowden Grove Amphitheater 6285 Snowden Lane Southaven
27-28 29	8AM-10PM 8AM-5PM	Brussel's Bonsai Rendezvous 2011 Seven top Bonsai Masters will be on hand at America's finest nursery for demonstrations and workshops. Registered participants will enjoy catered meals and complimentary drinks, plus special discounts and drawings throughout the weekend. View a schedule of workshops and registration form online or call for more information. 1-800-582-2593; www.brusselsbonsai.com	Brussel's Bonsai Nursery 8125 Center Hill Road Olive Branch
28 29	8AM-6PM 9AM-5PM	Mid-South Swap Meet & Flea Market The vendors offer new and used merchandise including trading cards, collectibles, antiques, jewelry, electronics, clothing, furniture, gardening supplies, and more! For information or booth rental, call Glenn Curtis 901-481-0876 or Pam McCullough 901-481-0875 or 662-342-7348.	The Arena at Southaven 7360 Hwy 51 Southaven