Delta Jubilee 2016 marked the 33rd anniversary for the event. Miller Spectacular Shows kicked off this year’s festival two nights in advance, with Family Nights at the carnival, followed by two days of music and enjoyment. A host of activities provided fun opportunities for the entire family, including a gospel concert, 5K run and walk, volleyball, horseshoe pitching, children’s fishing rodeo, pet show, basketball shootout, live musical entertainment, Delta Idol competition, MBN BBQ competition, and more. New events this year included kids’ bouncy games and a kids’ firefighter challenge course. Ideas for other family-oriented events are always being sought to keep this family event fun and exciting for all. We would like to give much-deserved credit and thanks to our dozens of volunteers and sponsors. Without the continued support and hard work of these volunteers and sponsors each year, this effort would not be possible. We encourage more members of the community, boards of directors, and civic organizations to become involved.

Sponsors for this year’s festival included the following:

**Platinum Sponsor:** Merit Health Northwest Mississippi

**BBQ Competition Sponsor:**
- Isle of Capri Casino Lula

**Gold Sponsors:**
- Clarksdale Public Utilities
- City of Clarksdale
- The Clarksdale Press Register
- Kansas City Power & Light
- MAP of Easton, Inc.
- SafT’Cart
- Hugh Jack Stubbs

**Silver Sponsors:**
- RC Cola
- Entergy

**Bronze Sponsors:**
- Atmos Energy
- Coahoma Community College
- First National Bank
- Phelps Security Systems, Inc.
- Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc.
- True Value Building Materials

The big board on the grounds recognized and saluted all of our generous sponsors for the various events. Thanks to all of you!
Approximately 60 young fishermen(women) took to the Expo pond to try their hand at snagging the big one. The kids managed to wrangle in many catfish, both small and large.

The Memphis AllStars proved that they are a top notch band with an “AllStar” sound.

Much thanks goes to the MS Dept. of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks for their assistance in the fishing rodeo. Winners received fishing rods, certificates, and other goodies.

Local and area BBQ teams put on a good show and the whole hog to secure top placement in their respective competitive categories.

L. C. Grant crosses the finish line in stride in the 5K run. He has been an annual winner for some time now.

Other winners in the 5K run/walk and kids’ fun run are pictured here with their trophies and medals.

There are two kinds of people in this world--givers and takers. The takers may eat better, but the givers sleep better.

Friends of Delta Jubilee:
• Abe’s BBQ
• Emily Cooper
• Cooper-Pang Eye Clinic
• Daylight Donuts
• Ellendale Planting Co.
• Ranchero
• Sonic
• Otis & Yvonne Stanford
• Temperature Control
• Westgate Drugs

Children’s Fishing Rodeo Sponsors:
• Hartley’s Greenhead Outdoors
• MS Dept. of Wildlife, Fisheries, & Parks
• Coahoma County Youth Outreach

5K Run Sponsors:
• Comprehensive Insurance Services (Teresa Hays)
• Merkel & Cocke
• Ed Peacock, III
• Snap Fitness

Volleyball Sponsors:
• Freeman Earth Moving
• Coors Light

Car Show Sponsor:
• Randy Arnett Jewelers

Children’s Games Sponsors:
• Phelps Security Systems, Inc.
• Planters Bank & Trust

THANK YOU!

Delta Jubilee 2016
Contest Winners

5K Run
Men’s Overall:  L. C. Grant
Women’s Overall:  Sarah Crisler-Ruskey
Children’s 1-Mile Fun Run:  Emma Ruskey

Children’s Fishing Rodeo
Largest Fish (girl):  Adrianna Tribble (3.12 lbs.)
Largest Fish (boy):  Rodell Burnside (4.7 lbs.)
First Fish Caught:  Jemauri Calvin
Most Fish Caught:  Will Rybolt (7)
Smallest Fish Caught:  Gemma Pitts (1 oz.)

Memphis Barbecue Network BBQ Competition
MBN Grand Champion:  Phat Chance (Marion, AR)
Patio Grand Champion:  Rolling Bones (Rosedale, MS)

1st Place - MBN Pulled Pork:  Phat Chance
1st Place - MBN Ribs:  Phat Chance
1st Place - Patio Pulled Pork:  Rolling Bones
1st Place - Patio Ribs:  The Butt Stops Here (Clarksdale)

1st Place - MBN Whole Hog:  Pellet Porkers
1st Place - Sauce:  Phat Chance
1st Place - Baked Beans:  Lord of the Swine (Marion, AR)
Industrial Report

It’s always hard to have to share unpleasant news, but it happens, and we like to keep you well informed. Metso Minerals of Clarksdale recently announced they are closing the manufacturing plant at the end of October 2016. The plant currently employs approximately 60 workers. The plant has been in operation in Clarksdale since 1958. The plant was operated by Stephens-Adamson, Borg Warner, Allis Chalmers, Svedala, and in recent years, Metso Minerals. The company makes material handling systems used in grain, crushed stone, gravel, coal, oil and other such operations throughout the world. The company’s principal reason for closing the local plant was due to lower fossil fuel prices and a general softening of the economy. The Board of Directors of the Industrial Foundation and the Economic Development Authority are currently working with City and County officials, former company officials, Delta Council, State and Federal agencies, and financial advisors to try to devise a strategy to purchase and continue to operate the company. The new company would manufacture the same high quality products it has made for decades. Progress on this effort is moving forward and we are optimistic the purchase can be facilitated. The jobs at Metso are high quality with wages and benefits being one of the best in the Clarksdale and Coahoma County manufacturing community. We would love to see this long-standing company salvaged and jobs retained for our citizens who have worked so hard for it for so many years. We will keep you posted on our efforts.

The Chamber of Commerce is always seeking businesses to host Business After Hours events for fellow Chamber members. If you are interested in hosting such an event, please let us know. Call 627-7337 to schedule a date.

Wealth stays with us for only a brief moment, if at all, but our character remains with us forever.

Support for Youth Leaders

The 2016 Class of Youth Leadership Clarksdale (YLC) of 25 students recently graduated. YLC works with high school sophomores and juniors from all four local high schools. Each of the participants is required to give a minimum of 30 hours of community service prior to graduation. The program is provided at no cost to the students and is possible only through donations from local businesses, civic organizations, and individuals. Donations are already being accepted for next year’s class, which begins in the fall. Applications will be available once the school year begins. If you would like to support this worthwhile program, you may send any contribution to Youth Leadership Clarksdale • P. O. Box 160 • Clarksdale. For more information, please contact Tana Vassel at the Chamber at 627-7337. All help is appreciated!
If you have recently renewed your membership but have not received your current membership sticker, please let us know. Duplicates are not sent to multiple employees of any organization unless there are multiple offices.
The 24th Mississippi Delta Tennessee Williams Festival is all set for September 30 - October 1 in Clarksdale. This year's event will include a literary conference with lectures, scholar panels, film screenings, live drama and porch plays, tours of Clarksdale's historic district, an elite student acting competition, gospel and blues music, and gourmet Southern cuisine.

The celebration honoring America's great playwright is free and open to the public and funded in part by the Mississippi Arts Commission, the Mississippi Humanities Council, and many local businesses and individuals. This year's event will be celebrating the Pulitzer Foundation Centennial with scenes from Tennessee Williams winners: A Streetcar Named Desire and Cat on a Hot Tin Roof performed in the Cutrer Mansion and on porches by the fantastic theatre group from the University of Idaho who presented The Glass Menagerie here in 2015.

For additional information and background on the festival, visit www.coahomacc.edu/twilliams or call CCC's public relations department at 662-621-4157.
Sunflower River Blues & Gospel Festival

Friday, August 12
MAIN STAGE - BLUES ALLEY - DOWNTOWN CLARKSDALE
5:00 - 5:45 p.m. Delta Blues Museum Band
6:00 - 6:45 p.m. Heather Crosse: Heavy Suga & The Sweet Tones
7:00 - 7:45 p.m. Joshua "Razorblade" Stewart
8:00 - 9:00 p.m. Vasti Jackson
9:15 - 10:15 p.m. Torni Green
10:30 - 11:30 p.m. James “Super Chikan” Johnson

Saturday, August 13
ACOUSTIC STAGE #1 - UNDER VIP TENT
10:00 - 10:45 a.m. David Dunavent
11:00 - 11:45 a.m. Pat Thomas
12:00 - 12:45 p.m. Lil Willie Farmer
1:00 - 1:45 p.m. Lucious Spiller
2:00 - 2:45 p.m. Educational Program
3:00 - 3:45 p.m. Leo “Bud” Welch
4:00 - 4:45 p.m. Sharde Thomas: The Rising Star Fife & Drum Band

ACOUSTIC STAGE #2 - SUNFLOWER AVE. & THIRD ST.
1:00 - 1:45 p.m. Deak Harp & Lee Williams
2:00 - 2:45 p.m. Jimmy “Duck” Holmes
3:00 - 3:45 p.m. Kenny Brown
4:00 - 4:45 p.m. Terry “Harmonica” Bean

ACOUSTIC STAGE #3 - DELTA AVE.
1:00 - 1:45 p.m. Mississippi Marshall
2:00 - 2:45 p.m. Bill “Howl-N-Madd” Perry
3:00 - 3:45 p.m. Watermelon Slim
4:00 - 4:45 p.m. Anthony “Big A” Sherrod

MAIN STAGE - DELTA BLUES MUSEUM
5:00 - 5:45 p.m. Bill Abel Band
6:00 - 6:45 p.m. Christone “Kingfish” Ingram
7:00 - 7:45 p.m. Terry “Big T” Williams
7:45 - 8:00 p.m. Awards
8:00 - 9:00 p.m. James “Jimbo” Mathus
9:15 - 10:15 p.m. Sweet Angel
10:30 - 11:30 p.m. Lonnie Shields

Sunday, August 14
GOSPEL STAGE - CIVIC AUDITORIUM - E. SECOND & LEFLORE
4:00 - 4:45 p.m. The Clarksdale Mass Choir
4:30 - 4:45 p.m. The Singing Echoes
5:00 - 5:15 p.m. Ned Johnson & The Jonestown Crusaders
5:30 - 6:15 p.m. The Myles Family
6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Lee Williams and the Spiritual QC’s

The Sunflower River Blues Association is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Funds from grants, foundations, corporations, businesses, and individuals are used exclusively to pay performers and production costs. To keep the Sunflower River Blues and Gospel Festival free and open to the public, donations are always appreciated. Send your tax-deductible donations to:
Sunflower River Blues Association
P.O. Box 1562
Clarksdale, MS 38614

Festivals, Festivals, Festivals

Hambone Festival
On Schedule
Mark your calendars now for the 10th Annual Hambone Festival October 27 - 30. The event will again provide lots of local music and southern hospitality. This one-day event will last all weekend, celebrating the birthday of local blues artist Stan Street, owner of Hambone Gallery. With good music, good people, and a great location in downtown Clarksdale, this is one festival you don’t want to miss. For more information, visit hambonefestival.com or e-mail Stan at stanwstreet@bellsouth.net.

Cat Head Mini Blues Fest will be held on Sunday, October 9, following Arkansas Blues & Heritage Festival, formerly known as King Biscuit. It’s free and open to the public and will be held in front of Cat Head, 252 Delta Ave., Clarksdale. Visit www.cathead.biz for information.