



## RACCOONS

I have become accustomed to eating wild game that has been killed by the hunters in my family. Venison, duck and even wild hog are Southern delicacies I have learned to enjoy. When Steve and I first married, the thought of eating “Bambi” was terrible. However, when venison is marinated and grilled by my husband, the Grill Chef, it is delicious. I remember the first time I ate a pork loin from a wild hog he had killed recently. I have never tasted a better pork tenderloin. I didn’t really think I could eat anything that ugly! Duck gumbo and grilled duck breasts marinated and wrapped in bacon are two of my favorite meals.

eyes and ringed tails. I do believe that I would have to draw the line at eating raccoon.

I remember an episode of Designing Women – one of my all-time favorite television programs – when Charlene was talking about her family in Arkansas cooking a raccoon for Christmas and how much she was going to miss that meal and being with her family.

Curiosity got the best of me. I had to do a little research on raccoons and how to cook them. I found tons of recipes and ideas on cooking raccoon. These are some of my favorites.

\*Raccoon with Sour Cream – cooking time varies due to the size of the raccoon.

\*Raccoon Roast with BBQ Sauce – feel free to use the BBQ sauce of your choice.

\*Raccoon Stew – cube your raccoon meat into bite-size pieces.

\*Country Style Raccoon (Like there is some other kind!) – cut your raccoon into raccoon steaks.

\*Roasted Raccoon – tastes like roasted goose, it will fool anybody.

Don’t worry, this week I don’t have raccoon recipes. Hope you enjoy them. Thanks for reading.

### CHEESE BISCUITS

- 2 cups flour
- Fresh pepper
- Lots of cayenne pepper
- 2 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. Coleman’s dry mustard
- 1 cup margarine, not butter
- 2 cups grated extra sharp

- cheddar cheese
- Tabasco
- 4 Tablespoons sesame seed

Combine all dry ingredients. Add the margarine and cheese, blending by hand. Add Tabasco and other seasonings. Add sesame seeds and incorporate well. You want them evenly distributed throughout the dough. Do not overwork the dough because this will result in a tough end product. Form dough into thin rolls. Wrap in clear plastic wrap and then foil, and freeze.

When you get ready to cook slightly thaw the rolls so that they can be sliced easily but retain their shape. Bake slices on an ungreased cookie sheet for about 10 – 12 minutes at 375 degrees. They should be slightly brown around the edges and firm to the touch. Cool for a few minutes and then remove – be careful not to overcook. Makes about 8 dozen.

### MAMAW’S COCA-COLA HAM

- 1 ham steak (about 1 ½ inches thick)
- 1 canned Coke (Please, not Diet Coke!)
- Preheat oven to 325 degrees. Spray a glass baking dish with Pam and place the ham steak inside. Pour the canned Coke over the top and bake for about 1 ½ - 2 hours.

\*This was my grandmother’s recipe. Ham is not my absolute favorite, but this is the most delicious ham in the world. Sandwiches are unbelievable. Give it a try.

### VODKA CAKE

- 1 box Duncan Hines yellow cake mix
- 1 small (3.4 oz.) box chocolate pudding mix
- 1 large (5.9 oz.) box chocolate pudding mix
- 4 eggs at room temperature, beaten
- 1 cup oil
- ½ cup Kahlua
- 1/2 cup vodka

TRIAD always gives the right information and direction. When the senior-age people of Holmes County be non-caring or just plain lazy and don’t attend TRIAD or the Mayor’s Health Council, they miss a lot of vital information that’s needed to make old age more enjoyable. Smile! And be at the next meeting, April 1.

Mae Williams had been away from the Senior Citizen Feeding Site for a long time. She showed up Friday and we all were glad to see her.

Mary Wesley has been at home a few days resting. She came back to the feeding site last Thursday.

Thelma Washington comes to the feeding site when she feels like getting out of the house.

On Friday, March 6, the Good News Christian Cen-

# Native Airman awarded commendation medal for meritorious service



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE STAFF SERGEANT LUKE CARNATHAN

### Staff Report

Lexington native Staff Sergeant Luke Carnathan of the United States Air Force was recently awarded for several accomplishments while stationed at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base in Arizona.

According to Carnathan’s award, he “distinguished himself by meritorious service as Noncommissioned Officer-In-Charge, Spectrum Management, 355th Communications Squadron, 355th Mission Support

(use the good stuff) 1 container prepared chocolate-fudge icing Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Combine cake mix, pudding mixes and eggs; mix until creamy. Add the oil, Kahlua, and vodka. Mix until there are no lumps. Pour into an oiled Bundt pan and bake for 45 minutes. Take out of the oven and allow to sit for a minute. Invert onto the plate on which to plan to serve the cake. While

Group, 355th Wing.”

During his time at Davis-Monthan AFB, between May 5, 2018 to January 5, 2020, Carnathan “expertly revived the Installation Spectrum Management program and established the wing’s first-ever live database of frequencies, reducing the request process from two days to 20 minutes. Additionally, during a short-notice bed-down of 1,500 Army personnel in support of the United States Customs and Border

still hot, open the can of canned frosting and spread it over the cake. It will melt into the cake and the result is celestial.

\*Lee Ann Fleming is a Holmes County native, food columnist and has garnered fame for her recipes featured in the film, *The Help*. Fleming can be reached at [lafkitchen@hughes.net](mailto:lafkitchen@hughes.net).

Protection mission, he skillfully managed all joint frequencies authorizations in four days, crushing the Air Combat Command 90-day benchmark. Furthermore, he was pivotal in the detection and resolution of intermittent radio interference emanating from Davis-Monthan (AFB) that was disrupting the Federal Aviation Administration’s terminal radar approach radio system at the Tuscon International Airport, causing saturated landing patterns and missed approaches.”

Carnathan, who is currently stationed in Korea, was also credited for creating a culture of excellence by leading boldly and establishing a caring environment for his airmen. He excelled as interim Section Chief where his leadership and professionalism culminated in his work center garnering two Senior Airmen Below-the-Line, a squadron Noncommissioned Officer of the Quarter, and three squadron Team of the Quarter Awards. He was awarded on February 14, 2020 by James D. Nicholson, Maj, USAF, Commander, 355th Communications Squadron.



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## IN AND AROUND LEXINGTON BY LEONA (LENA) FIELDS



Robert Randle is still in the Baptist hospital in Jackson. Mary Helen Khon is in the hospital in Lexington. Charles Wren, John William, Rosie Howze and I went to visit her last Thursday.

Thelma Gwin is home-bound for a while. We miss her at the Senior Citizen Feeding Site in Lexington.

Eula Lee (Wade) McGee passed away on Monday, March 2, at the nursing home in Durant. She was 99 years old. Her funeral will be Saturday, March 14. Her cousin did not give me the place and time.

AD met Wednesday, March 4 at the Multi-Purpose Building in Lexington. Mrs. Bartee, director of the Mayor’s Health Council, checked blood pressures at the meeting. She was assisted by Mrs. Wynonia Hester. The presenter was a Holmes County native, Lawyer Sam H. Buchanan. He is the brother of Dorice Buchanan. He discussed “free legal service for the people.” He works with the Earline Gardner Victims Assistance Project, part of the North Mississippi Rural Legal Services and Mississippi Center for Legal Services Corporation.

ter of Florence, Mississippi, pastored by Carl Ross, gave the seniors at the feeding site a free lunch. He’s a native of Tchula. When I talked with him, he said it is his way of giving back to Holmes County. The seniors thanked Pastor Ross for being nice and donating delicious food.

Mayor Robin McCrory and some of the aldermen attended the free lunch and Bible lesson. Pastor Ross gave a brief Bible study Romans 10:9. At the end of the study, his wife led us in a song. All lunch attendees were given a copy of *Our Daily Bread* magazine and a shopping list.

On April 17, at 6:30 p.m. at the Multi-Purpose Building in Lexington, the Good News Christian Center Church will host “It’s a Girl Thing” program. All girls 7 and older can attend.



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