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(Cont'd. from page 6) moment. No one knows you are a Jew. If you do not say anything, you are safe and will remain queen. You can keep all the wealth, servants, and lifestyle that come with the crown, but if you go to the king to inter-vene for your people, you may be killed. Even if the king does not have you killed and listens to you, your secret will be out, and everyone will know you are a Jew, so you will still be killed with all the other Jews. We do not know if Esther's decision and response to Mordecai was immediate, but I believe that Esther likely took some time to consider her options and what was the right thing to do. She certainly understood the possible consequences of her decision, so what did she do? Esther sent word to Mordecai that she would go to king saying, "...and if I perish, I perish" (Esther 4:10-17).

Esther realized that her life had a purpose. She was not put in the position of queen to simply enjoy the royal life. Her life was meant for such a time as this. As I said in the beginning, we all have a purpose that is often revealed in defining moments; things we do and decisions we make

Food Safety Certification Class: One Day April 23, 2026

ServSafe Food Certification Class will be taught April 23, 2026, beginning at 7:30 a.m. The certification exam will begin around 4:00 p.m. and should be completed by 6 p.m. The class will be held at the Yalobusha County Extension Office in Coffeeville. Cost of the course is \$150. **The deadline to register is March 23, 2026.** Call Pamela Redwine at the Extension

that forever impact our lives and the lives of those around us. The challenge Esther received in verse 14 is the same challenge that God has for us in our lives. "Yet who knows whether you have come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" God has placed you where you are for a reason, to fulfill His purpose. You may wonder, "How do I know what my purpose is?" The fact is you may never know this side of Heaven. It may pass you by in the routine of life. Consider the widow in Luke 21 who put the two small coins in the offering. She had no idea Jesus was watching her every move. She was just being faithful to God in the everyday routine of her life, and what she did became one of Jesus' most powerful illustrations of giving. One that He is still using to teach people today. Her moment was not filled with grandeur. It passed in the everyday routine of life. She likely never even knew it happened.

You do not know when your moments will come and may not even know when they happen. The question is, "Will you be found faithful and ready to answer God's call for such a time as this?"

Office at 662-675-2730 for additional details and to register. When calling to sign up, please inform the office of any disabilities that might interfere with your opportunity to participate in this program. The MSU Extension provides educational opportunities to the public on an equal opportunity basis and will make every reasonable effort to accommodate individuals with disabilities.

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*****CANCELLED***
Saturday, March 21
Community Yard Sale –
sponsored by Yalobusha
County 4-H-**

The yard sale scheduled for March 21st has been cancelled at this time. With the change in date, we just didn't have the participation that we needed to put on the event. We apologize for any inconvenience that this causes, and we will try to schedule another date later on in the year.

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Fruits and Vegetables in Season for March

Here's a top-10 list of fruits and vegetables that are in season in March (U.S./North America) — great for cooking, eating fresh, and finding at farmers markets right now

1. Citrus Fruits – mandarins, grapefruit, blood oranges, lemons/limes (peak flavor now) – Keep mandarins rinsed, dried, and wrapped in paper towels in the refrigerator so they are a grab and go snack. Serve grapefruit and blood oranges with honey for dessert. Use lemons and limes to flavor water and tea.

2. Kiwi – seasonal now in many regions; tart and sweet addition to salads or smoothies

3. Pineapple – peaks beginning in March (often im-

ported yet freshest this time of year) Let the pineapple sit out until ripe. Trim off the skin and cut in cubes for snacks and desserts. Bake and grill with chicken and fish.

4. Asparagus – early spring favorite popping up at markets – Roast or grill as a side dish.

5. Artichokes – spring season begins in March in many areas. Boil the artichokes and serve with garlic mayonnaise for a wonderful side dish.

6. Broccoli & Broccoliini – cruciferous staples still in season. Steam or roast and serve as a side dish. They go great in stir fries, sheet pan dinners, and in slaws.

7. Brussels Sprouts – winter/spring harvest still available. It is best to cut them in half or slices, toss in olive oil, then roast at 400 degrees for 20-25 minutes. Top them with balsamic vinegar glaze.

8. Leafy Greens – spinach, kale, Swiss chard, arugula and other greens. These are the spring gems of any farmer's market. Toss them in salads or steam in a sauté pan on the stove with onions, garlic, olive oil, and lemon.

9. Radishes & Peas – crisp, fresh spring roots & pods start showing up. Toss radishes into salads and serve fresh steamed peas as a side dish.

10. Root Vegetables – carrots, turnips, parsnips, rutabagas (still great from storage/harvest). Use carrots in salads and roast all root veggies for a caramelized treat.

Note: Availability varies by climate and region — Northern growers may have more roots & hardy greens, while Southern/California markets have earlier spring vegetables.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TO THE CREDITORS OF WALTER VERNON MOORE III, DECEASED:

Letters Testamentary on the Last Will and Testament of Walter Vernon Moore III, Deceased, were issued by the Chancery Court of the First Judicial District of Yalobusha County, Mississippi in Cause No. 26-cv-15 on the 10 th day of March, 2026, to the undersigned as the Executrix of said Estate. All persons having claims against said Estate are hereby notified that they are required to have the same probated and registered by the Clerk of said Court within ninety (90) days of the date of the first publication of this notice or they will be forever barred.

This the 19 th day of March, 2026, which is the date of first publication of this notice.

/s/ Jerilou James Moore, Executrix
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