



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Thunder on Water will be held at Thunder Field, across from the airport.

Saturday, June 6, 2026

Beauties & Beaus Pageant at Grenada High School Auditorium

Wednesday, June 10, 2026

Family Night at the Carnival
6 PM until 10 PM - \$25 Wristbands

Thursday, June 11, 2026

Carnival - 6 PM until 10 PM
\$30 Wristbands

Friday, June 12, 2026

Arts & Crafts • ALL DAY
Food Vendors • ALL DAY
Tethered Balloon Rides • 6 PM until
Carnival - 7-11 PM - \$30 Wristbands

BBQ Cookoff Competition
Balloon Glow • BEGINS AT DARK
Fireworks atop the Levee • BEGIN AT DARK

Saturday, June 13, 2026

Arts & Crafts • ALL DAY
Food Vendors • ALL DAY
Kids Fishing Rodeo • 8 AM
Car & Truck Show • 8 AM until
Tractor Pull • 11 AM until

BBQ Competition (Downtown)
Carnival - Noon until; 4-8 PM;
8 PM-midnight - \$30 Wristbands
Tethered Balloon Rides • 6 PM until
Balloon Glow • BEGINS AT DARK

Sunday, June 14, 2026

Arts & Crafts • Food Vendors • Carnival - Noon until 4 PM; 4-8 PM; \$30 Wristbands

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life." Right after that we are told Jesus was confronted by the Pharisees again about showing proof of who He is, so the "I am the light of the world," statement seems to just come out of nowhere. However, if we go back to chapter 7, we realize the context in which Jesus said those words and how appropriate and profound they truly were. John 7 tells us Jesus was in Jerusalem at the time for the Jewish Feast of Tabernacles. This is still observed today and is a weeklong celebration that happens in what we consider the fall season after all the crops are gathered. It was a celebration of the harvest and God's provisions for His people throughout their history. In biblical times this was one of the three pilgrim feasts that required all Jewish males to journey to Jerusalem to worship at the temple.

A major part of this celebration was the lighting of four giant menorahs which reminded the people of remind of God's provision and presence in the pillar of fire that guided their ancestors through the night during the Exodus. Menorahs were an ancient form of candelabra that typically had four to seven large lamps fueled by olive oil. The four menorahs were placed near the center of the temple in the Court of Women. The huge lamps put off a lot of light and were set up to reflect off the polished walls of the temple making them appear even brighter. Each person would also light four small candles and set them in bowls around the temple. The light was so bright it would radiate throughout Jerusalem and from a distance make the temple appear to be a great beacon in the night.

The people gathered in the temple, the men danced before the Lord and sang psalms of praise, and the people prayed and hoped because the light of this celebration also reminded them of God's promise to once again send His light, a Messiah, who would lead them out of their

bondage and restore the nation to its glory. Early in the morning as the last night of the Feast of Tabernacles was fading and all the lamps were burning out, Jesus went to the temple. It was there just a few feet from those giant candelabras Jesus proclaimed, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life." Having just spent seven days celebrating and praising God for His light and praying for the light of God that would come again, Jesus' statement about being the light of the world and giving the light of life was a clear and profound statement that He is the Light God had promised, the Messiah, the people had been hoping, praying, watching, and waiting for. This sparked an even greater debate and contention among the people and their religious leaders about who Jesus was. A big reason for the debate and contention among the people and religious leaders about Jesus was that many really did not want the light because they loved the darkness (John 3:18-21). They knew that in the light their sins, their hypocrisy, their fake relationship with God, would be exposed. That is what light does. It drives out the darkness and exposes what is hidden there and given our sinful nature the light is what really scares us.

Have you ever gone to sleep for a while then someone comes in and turns on the light? It hurts doesn't it? You squint your eyes tight and try to hide from the light because it hurts. But it only hurts because we have become accustomed to the darkness. We are accustomed to our spiritual darkness, so we hide from and reject the light of Jesus. Darkness may be more pervasive, accepted, and comfortable, but light is more powerful. There is no darkness that the Jesus, the Light of the World, cannot drive out.

Jesus proclaimed, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life." The question is, "Are you living in the darkness of death or the Light of Life?"

Grand Opening



Saturday, June 6
11 A. M. - Until

From My...
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reminded me that obedience is not always tidy, and compassion does not always leave us looking put together.

As I made my way back, the message settled deep in my heart. That little kitten, crying out because she was hurt and could not save herself, was more than just an interruption to my morning. She was a picture of every wounded soul that has ever longed for somebody to come and help, and if I am telling the truth, she was a picture of me too. Before Christ, I was bruised by life, carrying hurts I could not mend, and needing mercy I had no way to earn. And just like that kitten crying toward the church, I have learned that broken people still cry out, and the Lord still hears

them. He is near to the brokenhearted, and He saves those who are crushed in spirit (Psalm 34:18). He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds (Psalm 147:3).

The Bible reminds us that when we care for "the least of these," we are ministering right to the heart of Christ Himself (Matthew 25:40). It also tells us that the Lord hears the needy and does not turn away from them in their trouble (Psalm 69:33). That morning, in what seemed like a small and inconvenient moment, I was reminded that God still notices what other folks walk past. He still hears the cries that many have learned to ignore. And He still uses ordinary hands, ordinary hearts, and everyday mo-

ments to pour His compassion into a world that is aching for it.

So, let me leave this with you: the Lord still sees the overlooked, still bends low to the broken, and still has compassion for the ones this world may pass by. I thank God with all my heart that when I was wounded, He did not leave me there. He came to me with mercy, brought healing through Christ, and planted me in His church where grace could begin mending the places life had torn apart. And if you are hurting today, I want you to know your cry is not too small for Heaven to hear. The God who draws near to the brokenhearted (Psalm 34:18) still listens, still rescues, and still makes room for the weary and

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with Dr. Jermaine Perier, Assistant Professor

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Time: 5:00 pm

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Make plans to join us at the Multipurpose Building in Coffeerville for Dr. Jermaine Perier's presentation on identifying garden insects and how to rid your vegetables of them. He will begin his program at 5:00 on Tuesday, June 9, and will be able to answer your questions. Dr. Perier is the Fruit and Vegetable Entomologist at the MSU Truck Crop Experiment Station in Crystal Springs. If you have any issues you may be having and want to bring pictures, he'd be glad to take a look and answer.

wounded to come on home. And before I go, I would truly love to hear from you. If this column stirs a memory, if you have a story to share, if you need prayer, or

if there is simply something resting on your heart, please feel free to reach out. You can email me at coffeevillems@gmail.com. I would

be honored to hear your story, pray with you, and be reminded that none of us are walking this road alone.

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