

Best Bets!

All Shuck, no jive

These 2018 Biloxi Shuckers look to be some diamond gems. The league-leading juggernaut has been in first place since the fourth game of the season, they've established a new home-game win streak, and the front office has unveiled a host of new family-flavored promotions. And get this: You can see a game at the city-owned MGM Park for as little as \$7. The Shuckers play 10 home games in June, with seven of them against in-state rival the Mississippi Braves. See the entire June schedule and promotions on the back cover, Page 12. And, by all means, get your Shuck on.



A time-honored Biloxi tradition

To some it's akin to "Mardi Gras on the water," which is apropos given the religious significance of both events. Biloxi's 89th annual Blessing of the Fleet and Shrimp Festival bows Saturday at noon at Point Cadet Pavilion with the fais do-do, which offers plenty of boiled shrimp, live music and arts and crafts through 10 p.m. The Mass of the Blessing takes place Saturday at 4 p.m. at St. Michael's; the Shrimp-N-Boots 5K and Fun GLOW Run on Saturday. Saturday evening at 5:30 p.m. you can meet the new Shrimp King and Queen at the fais do-do, and then on Sunday at 2 p.m., the Blessing itself takes place. Whether on land or sea, be a part of a proud Biloxi tradition.

King Master Fishing Tournament, May 31-June 3, Gorenflo's Tackle and Point Cadet Fuel in Point Cadet Marina, 119 Beach Blvd. Fishing begins Thursday 9:01 a.m.; Saturday scales open 3-6 p.m.; Sunday 10 a.m. awards ceremony. Viewing is free. Details: 228-432-7387.

First Friday Downtown Biloxi Art District (#artontherule), June 1, 5-8 p.m. Downtown Biloxi, Rue Magnolia Art District. Live entertainment, classic car night south of the Mardi Gras Museum, 119 Rue Magnolia. Shops and galleries stay open late and offer specials and refreshments. Details: 228-435-6339.

Annual Blessing of the Fleet Fais Do-Do, June 2, noon-10 p.m. Point Cadet Pavilion, 121 Cadet Street. Admission: Adults \$5, noon-5 p.m.; \$7, 5-10 p.m.; age 12 and under free; senior and military discounts available. "Street dance" festival features boiled shrimp, more than 75 vendors, and children's activities. Coronation of 2018 Shrimp King and Shrimp Queen at 5:30 p.m. Live entertainment: Gram Rea & Ty Tayler at noon, No Plain Jane at 3 p.m. and headliner act The Bucktown All Stars at 7 p.m. Details: 228-435-6370.

Annual Blessing of the Fleet Shrimp-N-Boots 5K and Fun GLOW Run, June 2, 5-6:45 p.m. check-in and late registration; 1-mile fun run at 7 p.m. and 5K at 7:30 p.m. Point Cadet Pavilion, 121 Cadet Street. Entry Fee: \$25. Bring your decorated shrimp boots to enter the contest immediately after the run. Details: 228-860-8290.

The 89th Annual Blessing of the Fleet, June 3, 2 p.m. Biloxi Channel. Brightly decorated boats parade along the beachfront from the Biloxi Bay Bridge to Biloxi Small Craft Harbor for the ceremonial beginning of shrimp season.

Nativity Cathedral of the Blessed Virgin Mary "Magnolia Concert Society," June 10, 3 p.m. 870 Howard Ave. Spring Concert offering instrumental music of varied genres and styles. Free and open to the public. Details: Terry Maddox, 251-406-1454 or terrydalemaddox@gmail.com.

Annual Mississippi Gulf Coast Billfish Classic, June 4-10, Point Cadet Marina, 119 Beach Blvd. Hundreds of anglers compete for more than \$2 million in cash and prizes. Weeklong event features nightly dock parties and live entertainment. Scales open Friday 3-8 p.m.; Saturday 3-6 p.m.; awards ceremony Sunday, Golden Nugget Grand Ballroom. Details: www.mgcbc.com or 228-239-2575.



Annual South Mississippi Summer Fair, June 7-17, Mississippi Coast Coliseum & Convention Center, 2350 Beach Blvd. Weekdays gates open at 5 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday 1 p.m. Free admission Sunday through Thursday; \$5 Fridays and Saturdays for ages 12 and older, with pay-one-price ride admission every day. June 12 is Camp Day; register online at www.mscoastcoliseum.com/p/south-mississippi-summer-fair/campday. Details: 800-726-2781 or 228-594-3700.

Annual Craft Beer Fest, June 9, 4-7 p.m. MGM Park, 105 Caillavet Street. Must be 21 or older to attend. Presented by Biloxi Chamber of Commerce and the City of Biloxi. Admission: Pre-sale VIP, \$60; pre-sale admission, \$25; gate admission, \$35. Details: 228-604-0014.



Cathedral of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary's 175th Anniversary Year, June 14, 6 p.m. Nativity Cathedral Church, 870 Howard Ave. Stained Glass window presentation. Details: 228-374-1717.

A word about Bnews Monthly

Welcome to the premiere issue of Bnews Monthly. It's a compendium of things you should know about your city: status reports on current and pending public works, and a calendar of community events covering the next 30 days.

Bnews Monthly is funded through revenue that previously had been used to produce a host of required annual city publications, including Storm & Flood Preparedness and the Annual Report on the Quality of Drinking Water.

Advertising: Bnews Monthly represents an advertising opportunity for community-minded Biloxi businesses and organizations. In your hands you are holding the only advertising medium that is delivered to every single home, business, apartment and PO Box in the city. For advertising information, email online@biloxi.ms.us or call 228-435-6368.

Calendar: Biloxi Downtown Services is responsible for the Community Calendar, a compendium of events open to the public in Biloxi. Deadline for publication is the 10th of each month. Listing must include name of event, date, time, location, one- or two-sentence description, admission fee and public contact phone number or website address. Email to Kay Miller, downtown services manager, kmiller@biloxi.ms.us.

Bmail: The city provides a wealth of information about projects and events several times a week via email. To sign up for the free service, visit biloxi.ms.us/register.

B-Alert: For text advisories on traffic and severe weather, text BLOXI to 888777.

Website: The city's website, at biloxi.ms.us, is the comprehensive digest of city information. Find detailed information on major city projects and initiatives, including video, photographs and graphics. You'll also find schedules and agendas for all city public meetings, online bidding information and crime mapping, along with contact information for all departments.

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Saints Hall of Fame Day, June 15. This year, the New Orleans Pelicans will join Saints players, staff and Hall of Famers for a day of activities, kicking off with a golf tournament and ending with a clinic and meet and greet at MGM Park Shuckers game.

- **11 a.m., Scramble Golf tournament**, Fallen Oak Golf Club, 24400 Highway 15, Saucier. Four-member teams compete with a Saints Hall of Famer, current Saints or Pelicans player. For fees and to enter call Biloxi Main Street at 228-435-6370 or mainstreet@biloxi.ms.us.

- **3-5 p.m., Kids and Parents Clinic** at MGM Park, free. Kids and Parents Football Safety Clinic and Interactive Basketball Area, at MGM Park, 105 Caillavet St. Conducted by the New Orleans Saints and the New Orleans Pelicans. Event is free and includes a Biloxi Shuckers ticket giveaway, while they last. Details: 228-435-6370 or mainstreet@biloxi.ms.us.

- **6:35 p.m. Saints and Pelicans Day with the Shuckers**, MGM Park, 105 Caillavet St. Saints Hall of Famers, current Saints players and Pelicans players will be introduced and throw out the first pitch during the Biloxi Shuckers game against the Mississippi Braves. Players will sign autographs and take photos. Tickets begin at \$7. Details: 228-435-6370 or mainstreet@biloxi.ms.us.

Annual Scrapin' The Coast, June 22-24, Mississippi Coast Coliseum, 2350 Beach Blvd. Large premier car, truck and bike show. Admission: \$15. Details: www.scrapinthe coast.com or call 228-832-2688 or 228-832-4683.



Bike Biloxi, June 19, 6 p.m. Biloxi Visitors

Center, 1050 Beach Blvd. Free, fun-filled ride through downtown. Bike rental available through the Zagster app or provide your own bike. Helmets and lights recommended. Details: 228-435-6339, or mainstreet@biloxi.ms.us.

Downtown Biloxi Community Market Festival, June 28, 9



a.m.-1 p.m. under the I-110 at Howard and Hopkins. Vendors offer vegetables, fruits, homemade goods, plants, arts and crafts, and more. Entertainment by Ty Taylor, hourly giveaways and kids water slide. Theme is "Grill it up" with grilled hamburgers and hotdogs for lunch. Details: 228-435-6339 or mainstreet@biloxi.ms.us.

Gallery 782 Nifty Fifty Raffle, June 29, 5:30 p.m. 773 Jackson St. Every person that purchases a raffle ticket is a winner of an artistic creation. Ticket, at \$50, are limited and include refreshments. Get tickets at Gallery 782. Details: 228-436-7782.

Annual Back Bay Biloxi Fireworks, June 30, 9 p.m. Back Bay, east of I-110 highrise. Bring lawn chairs or blankets to watch the show near or atop the IP Casino Resort Spa parking garage or Scarlet Pearl Casino Car Park. Details: 228-374-3105.

Theresa Caputo LIVE! – The Experience, June 30, 7:30 p.m. Mississippi Coast Coliseum, 2350 Beach Blvd. Tickets begin at \$39.75. Caputo is a television personality best known as a medium on the TLC reality TV series "Long Island Medium." Details: 800-745-3000.

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Scrapin' the Coast

Perhaps it's Cruisin' the Coast's younger cousin with an attitude, this low-riding auto extravaganza known as Scrapin' the Coast. Now in its 16th year, this Coliseum-hosted production, on June 22-24 this year, has attracted a decidedly younger demographic, as many as 20,000 enthusiasts, in fact. Yes, you can expect slow-moving, yet unique, traffic, barricades on U.S. 90, with some intersections at times, but police expect all lanes to be open through the event. Happy motoring. Visit www.scrapinthe coast.com or call 228-832-2688 or 228-832-4683.



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So when are the Fourth of July fireworks?

Actually, in Biloxi they begin on Saturday, June 30, when the annual Back Bay fireworks presentation takes place. The show begins at 9 p.m.



MGM Park

105 Caillavet Street, Phone: 800-745-3000 or 228-233-3465
www.milb.com/index.jsp?sid=t5015 • Tickets start at \$7

- **Biloxi Shuckers vs. Mississippi Braves**, May 29 - June 2
- **Biloxi Shuckers vs. Mississippi Braves**, June 13 - 17
- **Biloxi Shuckers vs. Mobile BayBears**, June 28 - July 3



Biloxi Little Theater

220 Lee St., 228-432-8543, www.4blt.org

- **Into the Woods**: June 1, 2, 8 & 9 – 7:30 p.m., June 3, 10 – 2 p.m.
- **Love Letters**: June 22 – 8 p.m., June 23 – 8 p.m.
- **The Whistler “Urge to Kill” and other amazing adventures**: July 6 & 7 – 7 p.m.
- **Evita**: Sept. 7, 8, 9, 13, 14, & 15 - TBA
- **All the King’s Men**: Oct. 12, 13, 14, 18, 19, & 20

Center Stage

2670 Rue Palafox, 228-388-6258, centerstagebiloxi.com

- **The Last 5 Years**: June 1 & 2 – 7:30 p.m., June 3 – 2 p.m.
- **Auditions**: June 4 - 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- **Volunteer sign ups**: June 12
- **S.N.A.C.S. – WLOX Personalities**: June 30, 7 -9 p.m.

Ohr-O’Keefe Museum of Art

386 Beach Blvd., 228-374-5547, www.georgeohr.org

- **Works from the Tougaloo College Art Collections**, 1963-1967, May 29 - August 11
- **Rodrigue’s Blue Dog: Discovering Late Works on Canvas and Metal**, June 12 - August 18

Check the website for more events at OOMA!

Biloxi Elks 606 Lodge

1178 Beach Blvd., 228-374-0606

- **Bingo Nights**: June 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29, Early Bird starts at 6:30 p.m., regular game 7 p.m.
- **Going Out (Steak Nights & Dances)**: June 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30; Live entertainment; prices vary.

Fleur de Lis Society of Biloxi (French Club)

182 Howard Ave., 228-436-6472

- **Friday Night Dinners**, June 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29, 6 p.m.
- **Saturday Night Dance**, June 9, 7-11 p.m. with South Breeze Band, \$8 per person

Bring lawn chairs/blankets and watch from locations near either IP Casino Resort Spa or Scarlet Pearl Casino, the co-sponsors of the event. Viewing is also available on the top floor of the IP parking garage or Scarlet Pearl’s Back Bay Car Park. Yes, it’s a free show. And, yes, Biloxi’s fireworks extravaganza will be on July 4, as always. It’s a Wednesday this year.

Lagniappe

Charles R. Hegwood

Biloxi Community Market

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6 a.m.-4 p.m. under the I-110 overpass on the corner of Howard Avenue and Hopkins Boulevard. Details: Tina Cowart at 228-388-2443.

City of Biloxi Senior Program

Activities for ages 55 and older weekdays at the Donal M. Snyder Sr. Community Center and the East Biloxi Senior Citizen Center. Details: Gwen Johnson, 228-388-2494, seniors@biloxi.ms.us.

Biloxi Libraries

- Biloxi Library, 580 Howard Ave., 228-436-3095
- Margaret Sherry Library, 2141 Popp’s Ferry Road, 228-388-1633
- West Biloxi Library, 2047 Pass Road, 228-388-5696
- Woolmarket Library, 8455 Woolmarket Road, 228-354-9464

For more information call the Harrison County Library System at 228-436-3095.





Biloxi Main Street

Promoting, preserving, revitalizing and enhancing the economic growth of the downtown Main Street district. Details and membership: 228-435-6339, mainstreetbiloxi.com



City of Biloxi Public Meetings

- **Biloxi City Council**: Regularly scheduled meetings: first Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. and the third and fourth Tuesday of each month at 1:30 p.m.; City Hall, 140 Lameuse St. Details: 228-435-6257.
- **Biloxi Civil Service Commission**: Regularly schedule meetings: second Thursday of the month at 4 p.m.; City Hall, 140 Lameuse St. Details: 228-435-6259, Courtney Lamar
- **Biloxi Planning Commission**: Regularly scheduled meetings: first and third Thursday of the month at 2 p.m.; Community Development, 676 MLK Blvd. Details: 228-435-6266.
- **Architectural Review Commission**: Regularly scheduled meetings: second and fourth Thursday of the month at 8:30 a.m.; Community Development, 676 MLK Blvd. Details: 228-435-6266.
- **Tree Committee**: Regularly scheduled meetings: second Monday of each month at 4 p.m.; Gulf Coast Community Design Studio, 769 Howard Ave. Details: 228-435-6266.
- **Development Review Committee**: Regularly scheduled meetings: Wednesdays at 9 a.m.; Community Development, 676 MLK Blvd. Details: 228-435-6266.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>27</p>	<p>28 Story Time Woolmarket Library</p>	<p>29 Community Market</p> <p>Story Time W. Biloxi</p>  <p>Shuckers vs. Braves MGM Park</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Shuckers vs. Braves MGM Park</p>	<p>31 Community Market</p> <p>Story Time MSherry Library</p> <p>Shuckers vs. Braves MGM Park</p> <p>King Master Fishing Tournament begins Point Cadet Marina</p>	<p>1 First Friday Downtown Biloxi</p> <p>Shuckers vs. Braves MGM Park</p> <p>Into the Woods Biloxi Little Theatre</p> <p>The Last 5 Years Center Stage</p> <p>Ken Jeong IP Casino Resort Spa</p> <p>Jim Gaffigan Beau Rivage</p>	<p>2 Shrimp N Boots 5k Point Cadet Pavilion</p> <p>Annual Fais Do-Do Point Cadet Pavilion</p> <p>Shuckers vs. Braves MGM Park</p> <p>Into the Woods Biloxi Little Theatre</p> <p>The Last 5 Years Center Stage</p> <p>Candlebox Hard Rock</p>
<p>3</p> <p>Blessing of The Fleet Biloxi Channel</p> <p>King Master Fishing Tournament last day Point Cadet Marina</p>	<p>4 Story Time Woolmarket Library</p> <p>Billfish Classic begins Point Cadet Marina</p> <p>Auditions Center Stage</p>	<p>5 Community Market</p> <p>Story Time W. Biloxi</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7 Community Market</p> <p>Story Time MSherry Library</p> <p>South Mississippi Summer Fair begins MS Coast Coliseum</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Into the Woods Biloxi Little Theatre</p> <p>Happy Together Tour IP Casino Resort Spa</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Craft Beer Fest MGM Park</p> <p>Into the Woods Biloxi Little Theatre</p> <p>MJ Live Hard Rock</p>
<p>10</p> <p>Magnolia Concert Society Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</p> <p>Billfish Classic Last Day Point Cadet Marina</p>	<p>11 Story Time Woolmarket Library</p>	<p>12 Community Market</p> <p>Story Time W. Biloxi</p> <p>Volunteer Sign Ups Center Stage</p>	<p>13</p>  <p>Shuckers vs. Braves MGM Park</p>	<p>14 Community Market</p> <p>Story Time MSherry Library</p> <p>Shuckers vs. Braves MGM Park</p> <p>175th Anniversary Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</p>	<p>15 Saints Hall of Fame Day Oak Golf Club/MGM Park</p> <p>Shuckers vs. Braves MGM Park</p> <p>The Bellamy Brothers Golden Nugget</p> <p>Roots & Boots Tour IP Casino Resort Spa</p> <p>Rick Springfield Beau Rivage</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Shuckers vs. Braves MGM Park</p> <p>Avant IP Casino Resort Spa</p>
<p>17</p> <p>Shuckers vs. Braves MGM Park</p> <p>South Mississippi Summer Fair last day MS Coast Coliseum</p>	<p>18 Story Time Woolmarket Library</p>	<p>19 Community Market</p> <p>Story Time W. Biloxi</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 Community Market</p> <p>Story Time MSherry Library</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Scrapin' the Coast MS Coast Coliseum</p> <p>Love Letters Biloxi Little Theatre</p> <p>Chicks with Hits IP Casino Resort Spa</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Scrapin' the Coast MS Coast Coliseum</p> <p>Postmodern Jukebox Hard Rock</p>
<p>24</p> <p>Scrapin' the Coast last day MS Coast Coliseum</p>	<p>25 Story Time Woolmarket Library</p>	<p>26 Community Market</p> <p>Story Time W. Biloxi</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Story Time MSherry Library</p>  <p>Festival</p> <p>Shuckers vs. Bay Bears MGM Park</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Gallery 782 Nifty Fifty Raffle Gallery 782</p>  <p>Shuckers vs. BayBears MGM Park</p> <p>Penn & Teller Beau Rivage</p> <p>Air Supply IP Casino Resort Spa</p>	<p>30 S.N.A.C.S. – WLOX Personalities Center Stage</p> <p>Shuckers vs. BayBears MGM Park</p> <p>Theresa Caputo LIVE! MS Coast Coliseum</p> <p>Back Bay Biloxi Fireworks IP Casino Spa/Scarlet Pearl Casino</p> <p>Air Supply IP Casino Resort Spa</p>