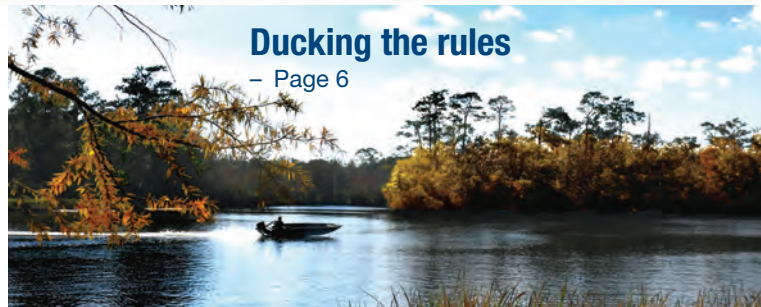


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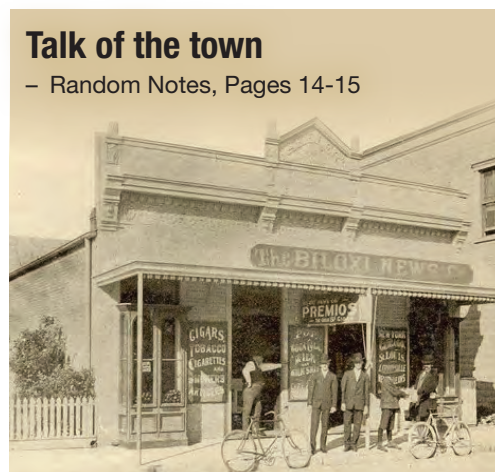
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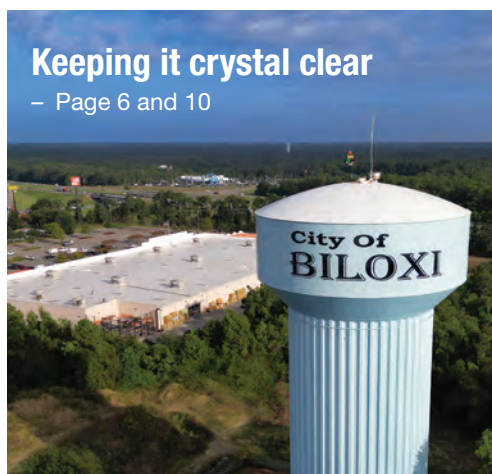
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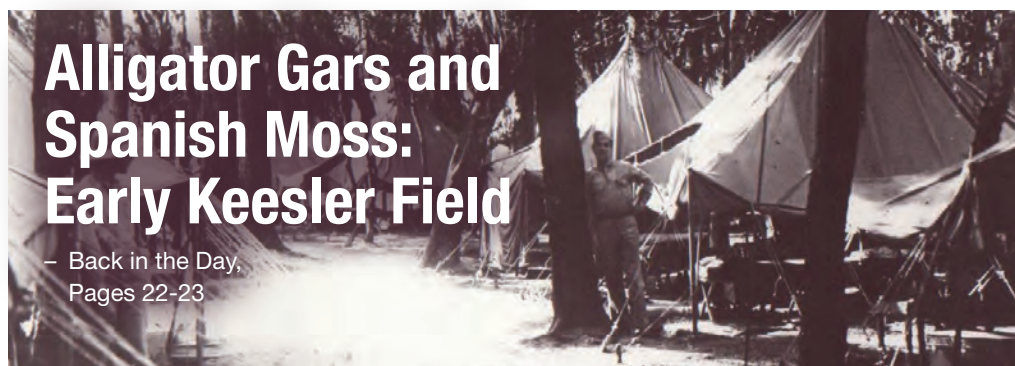
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A Thousand Words

By John Majure



Waiting for Fall

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The nearly 45-year-old Popp's Ferry Bridge draw and mechanical system to soon be overhauled.

Two Popp's Ferry projects in the offing

Two high-profile Popp's Ferry facilities, the Popp's Ferry Bridge and the Popp's Ferry Causeway Park loop pier, have received a major boost for some much-needed work.

In October, the Biloxi City Council approved an agreement with the Mississippi Department of Transportation for a \$12 million grant with a \$3 million match from the city to replace the draw span and the locks of the Popp's Ferry bridge. The bridge, a north-south connector used by nearly 20,000 motorists a day, continuously causes headaches for motorists because of draw malfunctions. This grant will allow a mechanical system upgrade and maintenance overhaul of the draw, prolonging the service life of the bridge and alleviating the draw malfunctions.

So what's next? According to the city's engineering department, the city, along with MDOT, will go through a process of selecting a design consultant who will then design the project. Once the design is complete, the city will bid the project for the construction.

There is no time set at this time for the lengthy process to be complete and for work to begin.

The nearly 45-year-old bridge is a three-quarter mile, two-lane, low-level

bridge that connects I-10 at Cedar Lake to Beach Boulevard via Beauvoir Road. The replacement of the bridge is in the plans for the Popp's Ferry corridor, part of the overall plan known as the Biloxi Beach Connector. The plan includes a four-lane roadway that connects from Beach Boulevard at the new Popp's Ferry extension, includes a new, higher Popp's Ferry bridge, and connects to I-10 at Shriners Boulevard, which also provides access to Miss. Hwy 67. The city has begun the process and is continuing to

seek funding.

Also, last month the Secretary of State's office announced the allocation of \$500,000 in Tidelands Funds for the demolition and repair of the Popp's Ferry Causeway loop pier. The pier was damaged in 2020 by Tropical Storm Cristobal and Hurricane Zeta and has sat dormant while the city sought funding from FEMA, which was denied.

The city expects to bid for the construction of the project next year.

Popp's Ferry Causeway fishing pier



Residents and visitors can once again enjoy sunsets, fish, or relax and take in the natural beauty of Biloxi Back Bay from this Popp's Ferry Causeway fishing pavilion. The pavilion was damaged by Zeta but has been repaired and has reopened for public use.

The Popp's Ferry Causeway is a 10-acre site just west of the Popp's Ferry bridge and includes boat launches, kayak launches, floating piers, an open-air interpretive center, nature trails, and a restaurant.

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Maintaining the water tanks

By Michael E. Leonard
Chief Administrative Officer
City of Biloxi

Biloxi's water production and distribution system consists of 24 deep wells, 11 water tanks, and many miles of pipe, along with other equipment such as emergency generators that keep the wells pumping when there are power outages.

The 11 water tanks include seven elevated tanks such as the one shown in the picture and four on-ground tanks. These tanks not only provide storage but also provide the water pressure needed for residential and commercial use and, of course, water pressure in the 2,619 fire hydrants needed for firefighting.

In 2019, the City began a much-needed repair and maintenance effort on our tanks. Financed by the City's water-sewer fund, the City entered

into a contract with Utility Services Corporation to clean, repair, and paint the four on-ground tanks. While this effort is long term, each tank

is actually a separate contract, so in 2020 the city engaged Utility Service Corporation to clean, repair, and paint the inactive Kuhn Street elevated tank and put it back in service. In 2021, the Bay Vista water tank in West Biloxi was cleaned, repaired, and painted.

The Margaret Sherry Tank and Crazy Horse Tank are scheduled for 2024 and 2025 respectively, with 6th Street Tank, Broadwater Tank and Woolmarket Tank scheduled in the following years.

This long overdue rehabilitation of water tanks, along with replacement of aged water lines in West Biloxi, is being funded without borrowed money but instead from the City's water-sewer enterprise fund.



News & notes

CTA bus fare increase:

On Nov. 3, Coast Transit Authority bus rate increase goes into effect.

Regular adult bus fare goes from

\$1.50 to \$1.75. The half fares (senior citizens, Medicare, disabled) go from \$0.75 to \$0.85. This increase will not affect any other fares, any daily, 3-day, or 31-day passes, or the ADA/Paratransit rates.



West Biloxi Library update:

City work (carpet/HVAC) in the library is complete. The library will be a voting site for the general election on Nov. 7 but the library will not open for public use until Nov. 14.



City closings: All non-emergency municipal offices will be closed on Nov. 23 & 24 in observance of Thanksgiving.



Street lights: See a street light out? Report it to Biloxi Public Works, Citizen Services Representative, Craig Ross, 228-435-6271 or

cross@biloxi.ms.us.

Community Market:

The Charles R. Hegwood Community Market is open year-round.

Even with cooler days, some vendors fare the cooler months and sell their wares under the I-110 overpass at the corner of Howard and Hopkins between 6 a.m. and 2 p.m., weather permitting.

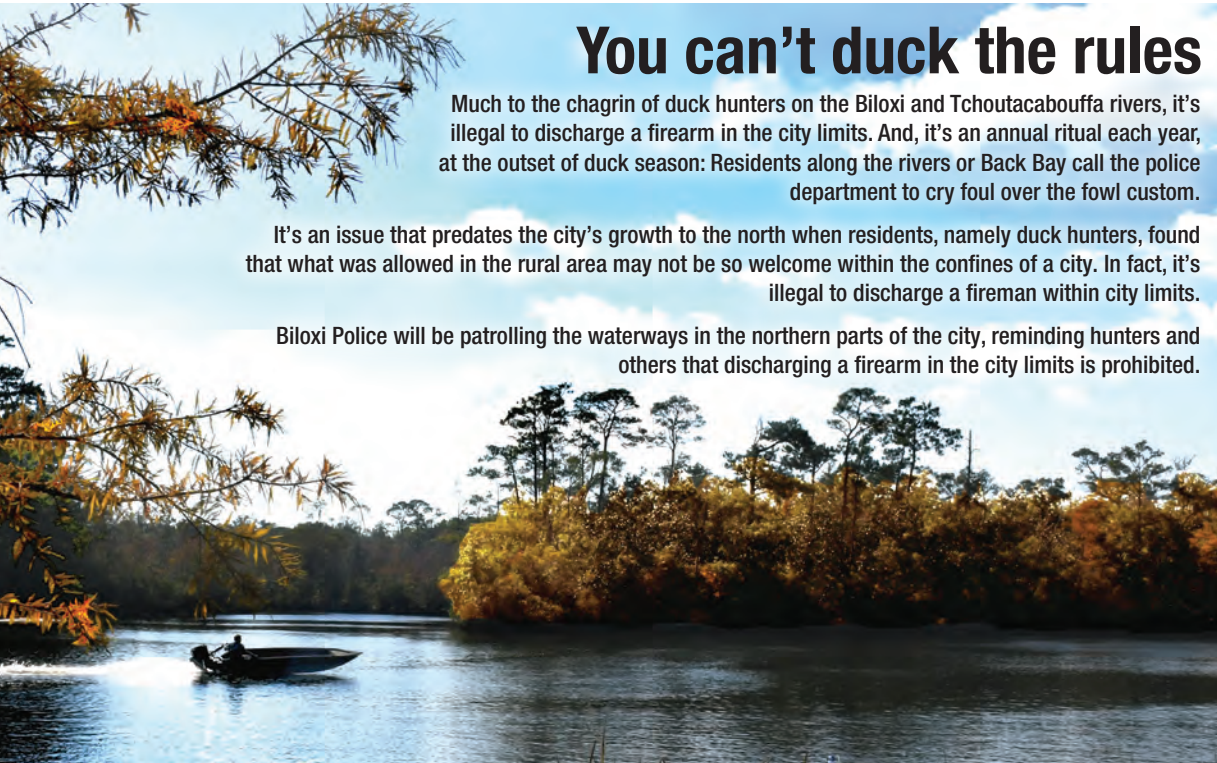


You can't duck the rules

Much to the chagrin of duck hunters on the Biloxi and Tchoutacabouffa rivers, it's illegal to discharge a firearm in the city limits. And, it's an annual ritual each year, at the outset of duck season: Residents along the rivers or Back Bay call the police department to cry foul over the fowl custom.

It's an issue that predates the city's growth to the north when residents, namely duck hunters, found that what was allowed in the rural area may not be so welcome within the confines of a city. In fact, it's illegal to discharge a fireman within city limits.

Biloxi Police will be patrolling the waterways in the northern parts of the city, reminding hunters and others that discharging a firearm in the city limits is prohibited.





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Keep safety in mind this holiday season

Family gatherings are often associated with lots of cooking. It can also mean more fires.

The Biloxi Fire Department is asking residents to keep an eye on what they fry this Thanksgiving and is offering some safety advice.

Fire cooking safety is essential to prevent accidents and ensure a pleasant and successful cooking experience.

- ▶ Watch fire safety videos on the city's YouTube channel under Police and Fire videos
- ▶ Contact the Biloxi Fire Department at 228-435-6100

Thanksgiving is the leading day of the year for home fires involving cooking equipment.

Keep children away from the stove. Have activities that keep kids out of the kitchen such as games, puzzles, or books, to keep them busy.

Here are some key fire cooking safety tips:

- 1. Location and Equipment:**
 - Choose a safe location for your cooking activities, away from flammable materials and structures.
 - Use appropriate cooking equipment such as grills and stoves that are in good working condition.
- 2. Supervision:**
 - Never leave your cooking unattended, especially when using an open flame or hot equipment.
- 3. Fire Extinguishers:**
 - Have a fire extinguisher nearby and know how to use it. Different types of fires (grease, electrical, wood) require different extinguishing methods.
- 4. Flammable Materials:**
 - Keep flammable materials like paper towels, dishcloths, and aerosol cans away from the cooking area.
- 5. Clothing and Hair:**
 - Avoid loose clothing that can catch fire and tie back long hair.
- 6. Proper Ventilation:**
 - Ensure proper ventilation when cooking indoors to prevent the buildup of harmful gases.
- 7. Children and Pets:**
 - Keep children and pets at a safe distance from cooking areas and hot surfaces.
- 8. Flame Control:**
 - Be mindful of controlling flames and flare-ups when grilling.
- 9. Oil and Grease:**
 - Be cautious when using oil and grease; they can splatter and cause fires. Use a deep fryer for deep-frying and keep a lid nearby to smother grease fires.
- 10. Proper Storage:**
 - Store propane tanks and other flammable materials in a safe place, away from direct sunlight and heat sources.
- 11. Emergency Plan:**
 - Have an emergency plan in place, including knowing how to call for help and the nearest exit or escape route in case of a fire.

By following these fire cooking safety guidelines, you can minimize the risks associated with cooking and enjoy your culinary endeavors while keeping yourself and others safe.

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2022 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report Community Development Block Grant Entitlement Program

Notice is hereby given that the City of Biloxi will conduct a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) public hearing regarding its 2022 Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER). Information about the City's performance and expenditures for program year ended September 30, 2023 will be presented at the hearing. Availability of a public review draft of the 2022 CAPER also will be discussed at the hearing.

1. The public hearing is scheduled for 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, November 21, 2023 in the Auditorium of the Community Development Department located at 676 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd., in downtown Biloxi.
2. A draft of the Program Year 2022 CAPER will be available during regular office hours for public review and comment for 15 days, from Wednesday, November 22 until 4 p.m., Thursday, December 7, 2023.
3. In addition to being available for review on the city's website www.biloxi.ms.us, a copy of the draft document will be available at the following locations: Biloxi City Hall 140 Lameuse Street; Biloxi Community Development Department 676 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd.; all Biloxi Library Branches; and the Biloxi Housing Authority.



The City encourages the participation of minorities, non-English speaking residents, the disabled, low- to moderate-income persons, public housing residents and all other interested parties at the hearing and through written comments. Individuals who wish to participate but may be hindered by disabilities or are non-English speaking are urged to call the Biloxi Federal Programs Office at 228-435-6269 at least three (3) days prior to the hearing so special arrangements may be made.

Oral and written comments will be received at the public hearing and written comments also may be delivered to the Federal Programs Office at 214-A Delaney Street, Biloxi, MS; mailed to the Federal Programs Division at P.O. Box 429 Biloxi, MS 39533; or emailed to spickich@biloxi.ms.us. Comments must be **received** by the City by 4 p.m., December 7, 2023.

For more information about Biloxi's CDBG Entitlement Program, visit www.biloxi.ms.us/cdbg/.



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- Do not “wash out” concrete and mortar into storm drains or ditches.
- Use hazardous substances such as paints, solvents and cleaners in the smallest amounts possible; follow directions on the label. Properly store substances to avoid leaks and spills, clean up spills immediately, and properly dispose of the waste. Dispose of household chemicals at a household hazardous waste disposal site.
- Use nontoxic, biodegradable, recycled and recyclable products when possible.
- Properly dispose of excess paint through a household hazardous waste collection program; do not pour paint into the storm drain or sink.
- Reduce the amount of paved areas and increase the amount of vegetated area in your yard. Consider directing downspouts away from paved surfaces onto lawns and other measures to decrease infiltration and reduce runoff.
- Never pour fats, oils and grease down the sink or garbage disposal. After they have cooled, pour them into a container, such as an empty glass jar or coffee can. Once the container is full, secure the lid and place in the trash. Before washing dishes containing oil or grease, scrape and dry wipe with paper towels and dispose of materials in the trash.



Harrison County operates a free hazardous waste site the second Saturday of every month, from 8 a.m. until noon at 10076 Lorraine Road. The site accepts latex or oil-based paint; used cooking or automobile oil; antifreeze; household, marine and car batteries; aerosol cans; flammable liquids (such as gasoline); freezers and refrigerators; fluorescent light bulbs; tires (up to 25 a household); and computers, cell phones, telephones, televisions. Do not bring items in containers larger than five gallons. No herbicides, pesticides, asbestos, rubber cement, roofing material, explosives, pharmaceuticals, chemicals, construction debris, furniture, or waste from businesses. Questions? www.keeppharrisoncountybeautiful.org

Pet Care

- When walking your pet, pick up pet waste and dispose of properly. Flushing pet waste is the best disposal method. Leaving pet waste on the ground increases public health risks; harmful bacteria and nutrients wash into ditches, storm drains and eventually into local water bodies.



Septic System Use & Maintenance

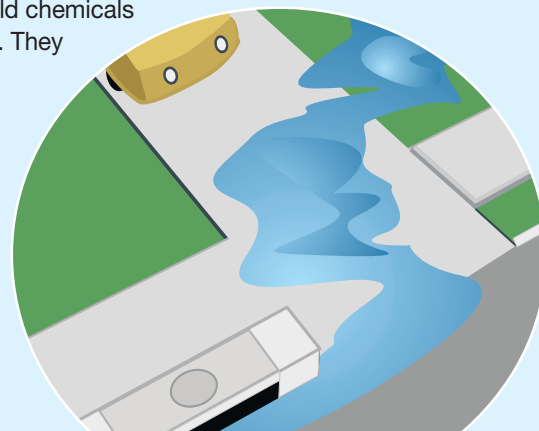
If you own a septic tank:

- Have a professional inspect your septic tank at least every three years and have the septic tank pumped as necessary (usually every three to five years).
- Care for the septic system drain field by not driving or parking vehicles on it. Plant only grass over and near the drain field to avoid damage by roots.
- Flush responsibly. Flushing household chemicals such as paint, pesticides, oil and antifreeze can destroy the biological treatment taking place in the system. Other items such as diapers, paper towels, and cat litter can clog the septic system and damage components.



If you're connected to the city sanitary sewer system:

- Check your sewer “clean out” periodically to ensure the line is not clogged or that sewage is leaking out of the “clean out” into your lawn.
- Ensure that the sewer “clean out” cap is on properly to prohibit rain water from infiltrating the sewer system and causing overflows.
- Avoid planting trees and shrubs above or near the service lateral that runs from your house or building to the sewer main. Roots damage sewers.
- Flush responsibly. Wastewater treatment plants are not designed to remove pollutants from household chemicals such as paint, pesticides, oil and antifreeze. Never flush or pour down the sink any household chemicals or other items such as diapers, paper towels, and cat litter. They can clog the sewer system.
- DO NOT flush “flushable” wipes. They do not disintegrate well. They clog septic tanks and damage sanitary sewer systems. They should be thrown in the trash.



See a potential issue?

Contact the City of Biloxi Stormwater Management at 228-435-6280 or stormwater@biloxi.ms.us.



Awards, Game Times, and More Baseball!

Shuckers players decorated with awards, Southern Miss returns to the Coast, and game times for all 69 Shuckers' home games in 2024

By Javik Blake
Biloxi Shuckers

With the first full month of the Biloxi Shuckers off-season officially wrapped up, the Shuckers are preparing for an incredible year of baseball in 2024. Awards for 2023 have been announced, 2024 game times are here, and the Shuckers have announced a few additions to the baseball slate this off-season!

THE AWARDS

With a team as talented as the 2023 Biloxi Shuckers, one that broke nine different franchise records, the yearly awards across the Brewers' organization and the Southern League were dominated by Shuckers.

On the pitching side, right-handed pitching star Carlos Rodriguez was named the Southern League Pitcher of the Year, but it wasn't the only award that Rodriguez took home. He became the second pitcher in Brewers' franchise history to win the organization's Minor League Pitcher of the Year award twice, and the first to win it back-to-back.

Rodriguez was one of three Shuckers honored by the Brewers, along with Jackson Chourio and Tyler Black. The two shared the organization's Minor League Player of the Year honors, and Chourio became the first player in Brewers' franchise history to win the award twice.

With the record-shattering performances

throughout the year from the Shuckers, it was also no surprise to see them dominate the league's All-Star team, earning a franchise-record four selections. Carlos Rodriguez, Tyler Black, Jackson Chourio, and Jefferson Quero were all selected, the most out of any team in the league.

COLLEGE BASEBALL IS BACK IN BILOXI

College baseball has been on display at MGM Park numerous times over the Shuckers' nine years on the Coast, and is set to continue this off-season.

Auburn, an SEC powerhouse who has hosted back-to-back NCAA Regionals as a national seed at Plainsman Park, is set to make a trip to MGM Park for the first time in program history to face the Louisiana Tech Bulldogs on Saturday, November 4. The game is one of two fall baseball exhibition games at MGM Park, with the other coming on Sunday, October 29 between Southeastern Louisiana and Samford.

The Shuckers also announced that the Southern Miss Golden Eagles will be returning to Biloxi for the first time since winning back-to-back Conference-USA Tournament titles at MGM Park in 2018 and 2019. Southern Miss will take on Nicholls on Tuesday, February 27 at MGM Park.

Tickets for all college games are available through the Shuckers Box Office and Ticketmaster.

► For more info: biloxishuckers.com

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The Shuckers have also officially announced their first pitch times for all 69 home games in 2024. Fans can get tickets for 2024 Shuck Nation Memberships with a \$100 deposit by emailing the Shuckers Sales Department or by calling 228-233-3465. Members will gain early entry to games through an exclusive Shuck Nation Gate and earn additional perks with a membership.

For most games on Tuesday through Friday, first pitch is scheduled for 6:35 p.m., with gates opening at 5:30 p.m. for fans and at 5:15 p.m. for Shuck Nation members. The two exceptions will be on Tuesday, May 7, and Wednesday, May 8. The Shuckers will start at 6:05 p.m. on Tuesday against the Biscuits before playing an 11:05 a.m. game on Wednesday in Biloxi. The Shuckers will also play one Monday home game in 2024, facing off against the Mississippi Braves at 6:35 p.m. on July 1.

All Saturday night games in Biloxi will start at 6:05 p.m., with gates opening at 5 p.m. and at 4:45 p.m. for Shuck Nation Members. Sunday home games on April 7, April 21, May 12, and September 15 will start at 1:05 p.m. Gates for those four games will open at noon and at 11:45 a.m. for Shuck Nation Members.

All other Sunday home games will begin at 5:05 p.m. Gates will open at 4 p.m. and at 3:45 p.m. from Shuck Nation Members.

► Javik Blake is the Media Relations Manager and voice of the Biloxi Shuckers. See "Shuckers Insider" daily on BTV at 6:15 a.m. and 6:15 p.m.

Keesler, Leveling the data field

By Airman 1st Class
Devyn Waits
81st Training Wing
Public Affairs

To provide a unified education for students learning how to work as operation analysis officers, the 335th Training Squadron is taking the initiative and launching an Initial Skills Training course at Keesler.

Initially, an IST course wasn't available for the operation research analyst curriculum. There were two paths students could take: earning a master's in data science, a certificate in operations research from the Air Force Institute of Technology, or attending the Army's Operations Research Systems Analysis Military Applications Course at Fort Lee.

This new IST course will standardize an educational baseline and establish an equal starting point for every student. The course has been set up to equip students with an overview of the different tasks they will experience, giving them hands-on practice.

"The 16-week program covers numerous topics and is project-based," said Lt. Col. Christopher Donahue, 335th TRS commander. "Students are



Operation analysis students from the 335th Training Squadron listen to U.S. Air Force Lt. Col. Christopher Donahue, 335th TRS commander, explain what they'll be doing in initial skills training at Allee Hall on Keesler Air Force Base, Mississippi, Oct. 10, 2023.

Photo by Airman 1st Class Devyn Waits

going to work through a process on how to solve the problem for their senior leader. They will use what they've learned to help their commanders see what decisions can be made and will integrate across multiple warfare domains."

Because operation analysts provide the information commanders use to make informed decisions, it is crucial that the training students receive in technical training

equips them for success in the operational field.

Not only does the course equalize the starting point for students, but it also allows them to enter their career field with a skillset that prepares them to fight against the ever-changing tactics and capabilities of the nation's enemies.

"As the Air Force grows its data science and tries to make data-informed decisions, it's important to have our future analysts come in with an understanding and background of the various duties they'll be asked to do," said Donahue. "Our students must be prepared to provide guidance to the commander to help shrink the decision space for the Air Force and our friendly forces versus our adversaries."

► See more photos at www.keesler.af.mil
Watch the Keesler update daily at 7:45 a.m.,
1:45 p.m., and 7:45 p.m. on BTV.

Biloxi Youth Football Leagues championship games

Under the lights of the Biloxi High School stadium, the Biloxi Youth Football Leagues played four championship games last month. Flag football players, age groups 5/6, and 7/8, hit the Tribe Drive field on Oct. 17. Tackle football players, age groups 9/10, and 11/12 hit the turf on Oct. 18.

Each championship event included an awards ceremony. Awards were given to:

Team Chiefs, 5/6 Flag Football Champions; Team Packers, 7/8 Champions; Jiana Diagle, Team Packers, 5/6 Flag Football Defensive MVP; Ace Evans, Team Chiefs, 5/6 Flag Football offensive MVP; Jyren McFadden, Team Saints, 7/8 Flag Football Defensive MVP; and Major Mack, Team Packers, 7/8 Flag Football Offensive MVP; Team Vikings, 9/10 Tackle Football Champions; Team Biloxi Indians (White), 11/12 Tackle Football Champions; Kejuan Weatherspoon, Team Biloxi Indians (White) 11/12 Tackle Football Offensive MVP; David Banisch, Team Biloxi Indians (Red), 11/12 Tackle Football Defensive MVP; Handley Kirk, Team Saints, 9/10 Tackle Football Defensive MVP; and Jamarion Johns, Team Vikings, 9/10 Tackle Football Offensive MVP.

The games were sponsored by Tailgaters Sports Grill and Biloxi High Athletics.



Biloxi Little League Flag Football Champs,
ages 5-6 Team Chiefs



Biloxi Little League Flag Football Champs, ages
7-8 Team Packers



Biloxi Little League Tackle Football Champs,
ages 9-10 Team Vikings

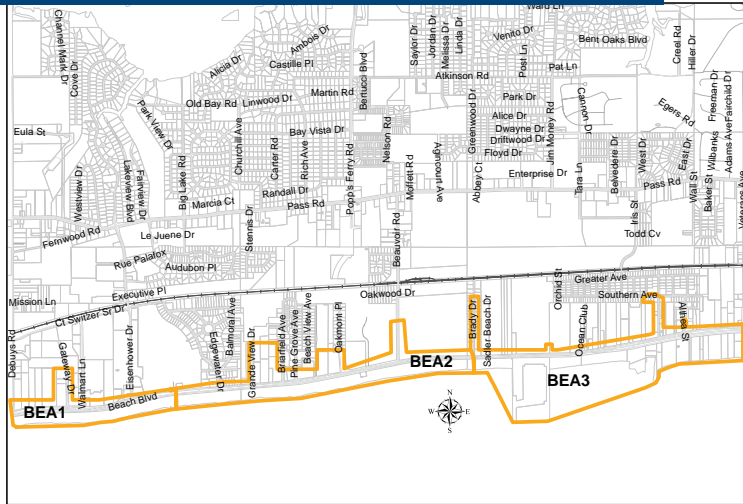


Biloxi Little League Tackle Football Champs,
ages 11-12 Team Biloxi-White

The infrastructure work in Biloxi

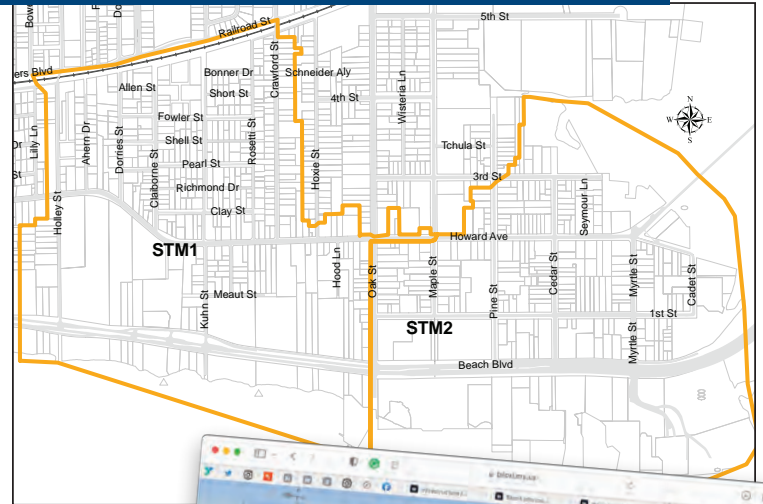
Necaise Brothers Construction

- \$41.5 million, 900-day project install new water, sewer, and drainage lines
- Work began Jan. 4, 2021



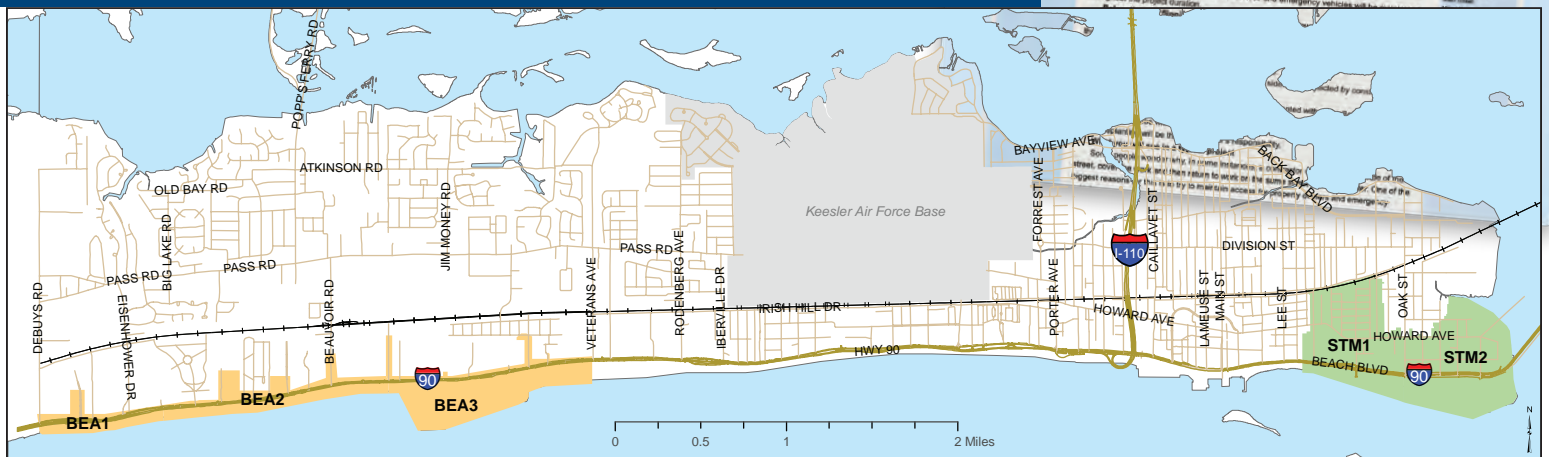
Necaise Brothers Construction

- \$32 million, 1,080-day project to install new water, sewer, and drainage lines
- Work began July 2022



- See detailed maps and monthly update videos online at biloxi.ms.us/restore-biloxi/.

Areawide map of infrastructure work



Random Notes

TIME CAPSULE:

Talk of the town



▲ Left to right: Standing in the doorway, owner Eugene Bakeler, Jake Husley, known as the "Pistol Packing Postman," Hart Chinn, later a mayor of Biloxi, Walter Richter, one of the delivery boys Bakeler raised, man to the far right unknown.

Details regarding individuals in the photo from a Biloxi Daily Herald article dated April 2, 1960, and gathered from a 1956 article by Ray M. Thompson.

According to a 1902 Times-Picayune article, "E. Bakeler is the manager of Biloxi News, which handles newspapers, periodicals, and magazines and the latest books of the day, with a sideline of tobacco and cigars."

Eugene Bakeler came to Biloxi in the late 1880s from New Orleans, where he worked as a bell boy for D.H. Holmes. It is said that he later influenced another New Orleanian, Ed Barq, a sugar chemist, to relocate to Biloxi, where he opened his first pop factory.

Bakeler's shop was located at 433 Reynoir Street, with his home directly next door. It was rumored he never left his shop or home except to vote or go to the barber. The Biloxi News Company was open seven days a week, 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., and was a hub for local commentary and opinions. All the Biloxi folks "in the know" would gather and debate the matters of the day.

Some notable regulars were Old Man Popp of Popp's Ferry, George W. Wilkes, founder of the Daily Herald in Biloxi, and J.B. Chinn, of the Biloxi Milling Company that once sat at the northeast corner of Magnolia Street. I'm sure it made for a fascinating and informative publication.

Photograph from Biloxi Local History and Genealogy Department's Collection.

Biloxi First Responder appreciation



Firefighter II Treyvis Bush has been selected as Keesler Federal Credit Union's First Responder of the Year for 2023. Firefighter Bush was nominated for his positive attitude and exemplifying the department's motto, "Always Ready With Willing Hearts."

Bush has been with Biloxi since 2021. He received his award on October 12 at the Lopez-Quave Public Safety Center, surrounded by friends, family, and co-workers.

Congratulations, Firefighter II Treyvis Bush!

► Chief Nicholas Geiser, Firefighter II Treyvis Bush, Asst. Chief Jason Davis, Deputy Chief Charles Battise



Smooth passage

The railroad crossing at Biloxi's Main Street was recently completed with a much-needed improvement to the grade approaching the rails. The long tapered approach leading to the crossing extends north on Main Street with gradual sloping approaches east and west on Esters Boulevard.

This updated railroad crossing was a joint project funded by the Mississippi Department of Transportation, CSX Railroad, and the City of Biloxi.



The City of Biloxi Parks & Recreation Department presents

Senior Citizen Thanksgiving Breakfast and Fellowship

Thursday, November 9, 2023

Donal M. Snyder Sr. Community Center • 2520 Pass Road

Coffee Hour: 8 a.m. • Breakfast 9 a.m.

- Open to ages 55 and older
 - Speakers – City of Biloxi representatives
- Door prizes

- RSVP: 228-388-7170.

For more information, call the Parks & Recreation
Department at 228-388-7170, email
seniors@biloxi.ms.us, or visit online at biloxi.ms.us.

Sign up for BMail at biloxi.ms.us •



For B-Alerts, text BILOXI to 99411



The City of Biloxi Parks & Recreation Department hosts weekday and monthly activities for adults age 55 and older at the Donal M. Snyder Sr. Community Center and the East Biloxi Senior Center.
For more information, contact Gwen Johnson at 228-388-2491 or email seniors@biloxi.ms.us.

Best Bets!

Friday night party

The monthly tip of the hat to downtown Biloxi, First Friday, returns on Friday, Nov. 3 from 5 to 9 p.m. at the back entrance of 923 Howard Ave. near Fly Llama Brewing. The event, focused under the I-110 overpass, features live entertainment with Rhythm & Rain Trio at 5 p.m. and Monsters At Large at 7 p.m. Food and drink vendors, Fly Llama Brewing selections, and a Turkey Trivia Contest, including prizes, will also be part of the event. Biloxi Main Street hosts the public event with free admission. Details: 228-435-6339



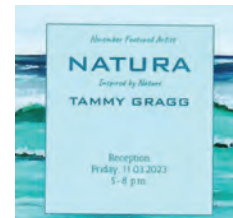
Christmas shopping in the city

The holiday extravaganza, Ron Meyers Christmas City Gift Show, returns to the Mississippi Coast Coliseum and Conventions Center on Nov. 10-12. The three-day affair includes aisles of items such as home decor, holiday decor, jewelry, scrapbook supplies, handmade heirlooms, framed art, fragrances, and more. Times vary throughout the weekend, and admission is \$10 for a one-day pass, \$17 for Shoppers' paradise (adults only), and free for children ages 15 and younger. Attendees can also have Breakfast with Santa on Friday for \$25. Details: <https://christmascitygiftshow.com/>



First Friday Downtown Block Party, Nov. 3, 5-9 p.m., Back entrance of 923 Howard Ave. near Fly Llama Brewing. Rhythm & Rain Trio begins at 5 p.m. and Monsters At Large will take the stage at 7 p.m. Food and drink vendors, Fly Llama Brewing selections, and Turkey Trivia Contest, including prizes. Free admission. Details: 228-435-6339

Gallery 782 Artists Reception, Nov. 3, 5-8 p.m., 769 Jackson St. November's show is by featured artist Tammy Gragg. Her nature-inspired watercolors will be on view at the Gallery from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday-Saturday. Refreshments served. Free admission. Details: 228-436-7782



Breakfast with the Mayor, Nov. 8, 8 a.m., Edgewater Mall, 2600 Beach Blvd. A Biloxi Chamber of Commerce event sponsored by the Edgewater Mall. Free for chamber members; \$20 non-members. Details: 228-604-0014

Concerts On The Causeway, Nov. 8, 6-8 p.m., Popp's Ferry Causeway Park, 560 Causeway Drive. Entertainment and food. Pet friendly. Bring lawn chairs; no coolers and outside food. Proceeds will benefit the Mental Health Association of South Mississippi. Free admission. Details: Follow on Facebook: "Concerts on the Causeway"

Senior Citizens Thanksgiving Breakfast and Fellowship, Nov. 9, 8 a.m. Coffee Hour, Breakfast served at 9 a.m., Donal M. Snyder Sr. Community Center, 2520 Pass Road. Open to seniors 55 and older. Speakers and door prizes. Hosted by Biloxi Parks & Recreation. Free admission. Details and to RSVP: 228-388-7170

40th Anniversary Ron Meyers Christmas City Gift Show, Nov. 10, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Nov. 11, 8 a.m.-9 p.m.; & Nov. 12, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Mississippi Coast Coliseum, 2350 Beach Blvd. Event features three days of holiday shopping, including the Shoppers Paradise evening event and Breakfast with Santa. Admission: \$10 to \$25; free for ages 15 and younger. Details: <https://christmascitygiftshow.com/>

Biloxi Kingfish Mayhem Pro Series Tournament, Nov. 15-19, Point Cadet Marina, 151 Beach Blvd. Details: 954-605-8284, <https://www.meatmayhemtournaments.com/open-series/biloxi-kingfish-mayhem/schedule/>



15th Annual Mississippi Gulf Coast Senior Prom

"Tropical Nights," Nov. 16, 6-9 p.m., IP Casino Resort Spa, 850 Bayview Ave., Studio B. Event is open to Mississippi Gulf Coast residents 50 and older and includes live entertainment, buffet-style dinner, complementary photo and crowning of the "Royal Court." Admission: \$20. Details: 228-388-7170

Fall Celebration Open Car Show, Nov. 18, 8 a.m.-3 p.m., Edgewater Mall, 2600 Beach Blvd. Open car show at Edgewater Mall with car judging, door prizes, and a 50/50 raffle. Details: mscoastmcweb@gmail.com



Bike Biloxi, Nov. 21, 6 p.m., downtown bike ride. Begins at the Biloxi Visitors Center, 1050 Beach Blvd., and ends with refreshments and food at a downtown restaurant at cyclists' expense. Helmets and lights are recommended. Details: 228-435-6339

Sidewalk Saturday Downtown Biloxi, Nov. 25, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Downtown Biloxi on G E Ohr Street/Jackson Street/Rue Magnolia. Business sales and specials, vendors, entertainment. Free admission. Details: 228-697-3180



Stay in touch

BNews: Welcome to the 66th 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.

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

Bmail: The city provides information about projects and events via email. Sign up at biloxi.ms.us/register.

Advertising: BNews and Bmail represent an advertising opportunity for civic-minded 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 rates and info, email online@biloxi.ms.us or call 228-435-6336.

B-Alert: For text advisories on traffic and severe weather, text BILOXI to 99411.

Website: The city's website, at biloxi.ms.us, is the comprehensive digest of city information. The website also has links to the city's Facebook and YouTube platforms.

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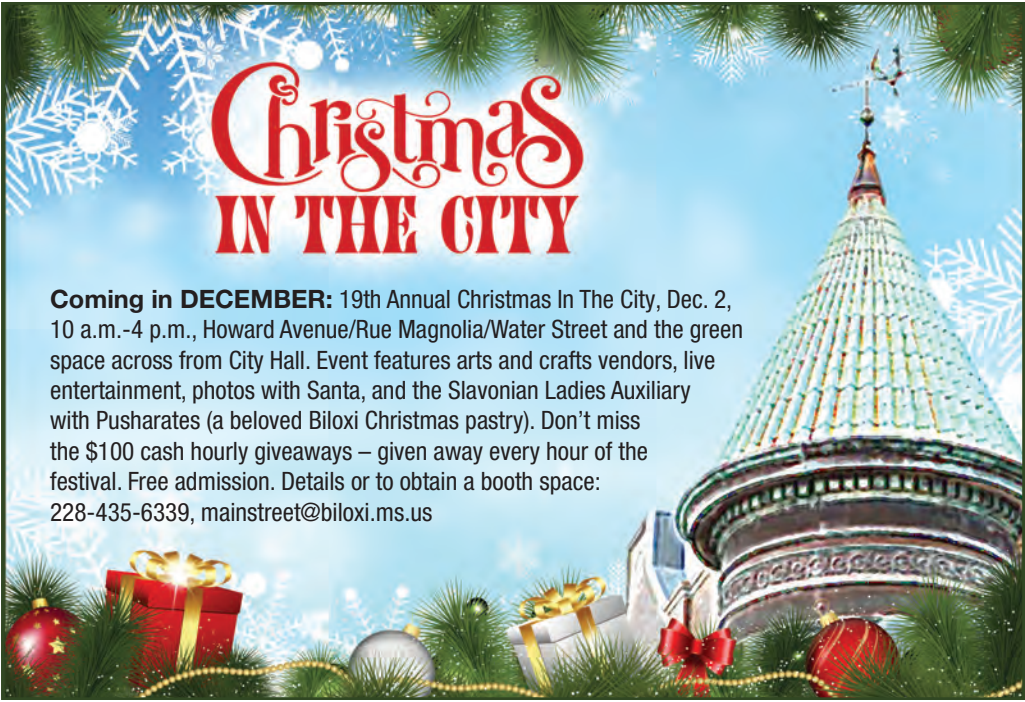
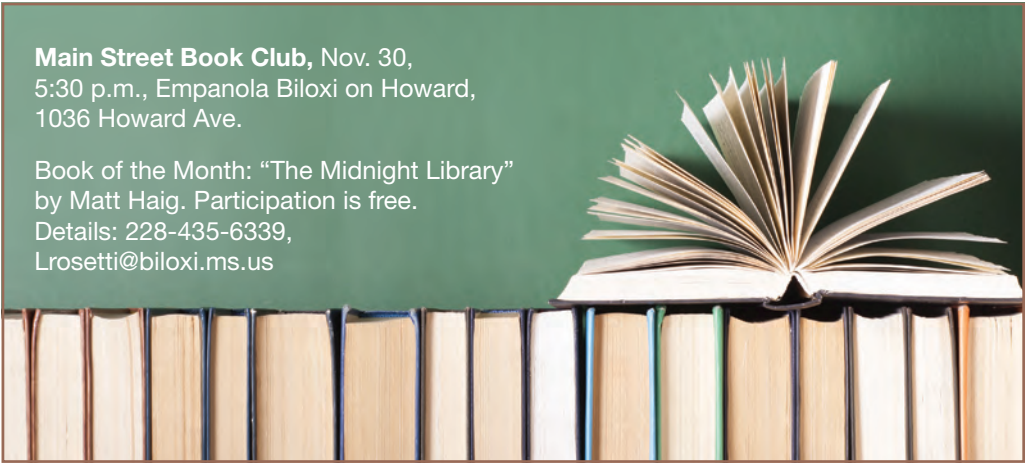
Frequently Called Numbers

Area code is 228 unless otherwise noted.

- Animal Control 392-0641
- Auto Tag/Property Tax Information 435-8242
- Birth Certificates 601-576-7960
- Building Permits 435-6270
- Business Licenses 435-6280
- Citizen services (streets, lights) 435-6271
- City Council 435-6257
- City Court 435-6125
- Code Enforcement 435-0841
- Drivers Licenses 396-7400
- Emergency Police and Fire 911
- Garbage Collection 701-9086
- Housing Authority 374-7771
- Human Resources 435-6259
- Mayor's Office 435-6254
- Museums Information 435-6244
- Parks & Recreation 388-7170
- Planning Commission 435-6266
- Public Schools 374-1810
- Streets and Drainage 435-6271
- Visitor Info 374-3105 or 1-800-BILOXI-3
- Water Service 435-6236

Main Street Book Club, Nov. 30,
5:30 p.m., Empanola Biloxi on Howard,
1036 Howard Ave.

Book of the Month: "The Midnight Library"
by Matt Haig. Participation is free.
Details: 228-435-6339,
Lrosetti@biloxi.ms.us



Christmas IN THE CITY

Coming in DECEMBER: 19th Annual Christmas In The City, Dec. 2, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Howard Avenue/Rue Magnolia/Water Street and the green space across from City Hall. Event features arts and crafts vendors, live entertainment, photos with Santa, and the Slavonian Ladies Auxiliary with Pusharates (a beloved Biloxi Christmas pastry). Don't miss the \$100 cash hourly giveaways – given away every hour of the festival. Free admission. Details or to obtain a booth space: 228-435-6339, mainstreet@biloxi.ms.us



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

Center Stage
2670 Rue Palafox, 228-388-6258
centerstagebiloxi.com
• **Deathtrap**, through Nov. 5

Beauvoir, The Jefferson Davis Home & Presidential Library
2244 Beach Blvd., 228-388-4400, www.visitbeauvoir.org

Biloxi Lighthouse & Visitors Center
1050 Beach Blvd., 228-374-3105, biloxi.ms.us – Open daily, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
• **Lighthouse tours daily**, 9-10 a.m., weather permitting. Admission: \$5 for ages 12 and older; \$2 for ages 6-11; free for ages 5 and younger

Biloxi Schooners
367 Beach Blvd., 228-435-6320, schooner@maritimemuseum.org. Open 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
• Walk-on sunset sails, admission: \$30 adults, \$15 ages 3-12
• Group charters available, up to 44 people

Biloxi Shrimping Trip
693 Beach Blvd., 228-392-8645, www.biloxishrimpingtrip.com
• Sunset cruises, fishing trips, and three shrimping trips daily

Biloxi Tour Train
Biloxi Lighthouse Park parking lot, south of Biloxi Visitors Center, traffic light #40, 228-374-8687, www.biloxitourtrain.com • Call in advance for tour availability

Coastal Mississippi Mardi Gras Museum

792 Howard Ave., 228-314-4747, museum@coastalmardigras.com

- Open 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Closed Sundays and Mondays

Harrison County East Biloxi Senior Center

461 Parker St., 228-435-4192, co.harrison.ms.us/departments/senior/services

- Open 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Monday-Friday

KAFB Farmer's Market

625 Marina Dr., 228-376-3170, melissa.wedel.civ@health.mil

- **Nov. 17**, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Marina Park

Kroc Center, MS Gulf Coast, The Salvation Army

575 Division St., 228-207-1218, Krocmscoast.com

- **Creative Arts Academy:** Recurring weekly on Mondays

Maritime & Seafood Industry Museum

115 1st Street, 228-435-6320, www.maritimemuseum.org

- Open Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday, noon-4 p.m.

Ohr-O'Keefe Museum of Art

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

- Check the website for events and studio classes at OOMA!

West End Hose Co. No. 3 Fire Museum

1046 Howard Ave., 228-435-6119, 228-435-6200, www.biloxi.ms.us

- Historic 1937 firehouse open Saturdays 9 a.m.-2 p.m. or by appointment

Biloxi Elks 606 Lodge of Biloxi

1178 Beach Blvd., 228-374-0606

- **Friday Bingo**, Nov. 3, 10, 17, and 24. Doors open at 5 p.m.; Early Bird games at 6:30 p.m.; regular games at 7 p.m. Cash payouts. Concessions available. Kitchen open until 8 p.m.

Fleur de Lis Society of Biloxi (French Club)

182 Howard Ave., 228-436-6472

- **No Friday night dinners in November or December.** Resumes January 2024
- **Karaoke with Kenny**, Fridays at 7 p.m.

Japanese Club of South Mississippi - Ikigai Cultural Social

Margaret Sherry Memorial Library, 2141 Popp's Ferry Road

Email Kiyomi Ogawa: Kiyomi.ogawa1@gmail.com

- **Nov. 4**, 2-3:30 p.m. Learn the secrets to a long and happy life as told by Japan's centenarians; listen to stories about daily life on a remote Japanese island

Joppa Shrine

13280 Shriners Blvd., 601-917-1027

- **Steak Night**, Nov. 10, 6-8 p.m. Last ticket sold by 7:15 p.m. \$20. Dine-in or for carry-out, call 228-392-9345 by noon

Mississippi Coast Historical & Genealogical Society

228-396-1543

- **Meeting** – Nov. 18, 9:15 a.m., Biloxi Visitors Center, 1050 Beach Blvd. Meeting includes a field trip that will leave promptly at 9:30 a.m. Details: 228-396-1543

Mississippi Coast Mustang Club

www.mscoastmustangclub.com

- **Fall Celebration Open Car Show**, Nov. 18, 8 a.m.-3 p.m., Edgewater Mall, 2600 Beach Blvd.

Our Lady of Fatima Parish Bingo

315 Tara Lane, 228-388-3887

- **Bingo**, Monday nights in Parish Hall; doors open at 5 p.m., Early birds at 6:30 p.m., regular games at 7 p.m. Details: 228-388-3887

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish

- **Biloxi Bingo Mania**, Tuesday nights behind Nativity Cathedral; 871 Esters Blvd. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.; Early bird games at 6:30 p.m.; regular games begin at 7 p.m. Proceeds benefit Nativity BVM Catholic Elementary School. Details: 228-374-6472

- **Gloria in Excelsis-Community Choral Society**, Rehearsal every Tuesday, 6:45 p.m. 870 Howard Ave., open to all interested singers. Details 251-406-1454 or terrydalemaddox@gmail.com

Lagniappe**Charles R. Hegwood****Biloxi Community Market**

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6 a.m.-2 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, 13034 Kayleigh Cove, 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**

- **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.
- **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 scheduled meetings: second Thursday of the month at 4 p.m.; City Hall, 140 Lameuse St. Details: 228-435-6259
- **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.
- **Development Review Committee:** Regularly scheduled meetings: Wednesdays at 9 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.; Biloxi Community Development auditorium, 676 MLK Blvd. Details: 228-435-6266

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2 Community Market Disney on Ice MS Coast Coliseum Deathtrap Center Stage	3 Karaoke with Kenny Fleur de Lis Society Friday Bingo Biloxi Elks Lodge First Friday & Downtown Block Party Under I-110 on Howard Ave. Deathtrap Center Stage Gallery 182 Artist Reception 769 Jackson St. The Price is Right Beau Rivage	4 Japanese Club of South Mississippi Program Margaret Sherry Library Deathtrap Center Stage
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November Schedule

Sparklight 56; Uverse 99 (follow prompts) or at biloxi.ms.us/btv

Morning	
6 a.m.	"Down in Biloxi," by Rockin' Ray Fournier (4 min)
6:04 a.m.	Inside BTV
6:10 a.m.	Infrastructure report (5 min)
6:15 a.m.	Shuckers Insider
6:30 a.m.	Biloxi Public Schools (15 min)
7 a.m.	"Biloxi Cooks!" at Salt & Ivy, Beau Rivage
7:30 a.m.	Storytime with Gumbo Kelly (15 min)
7:45 a.m.	Keesler Update (15 min)
8 a.m.	Special presentation: Postcards and images of Old Biloxi (1 hr)
9 a.m.	City Council meetings and other bonus public affairs programming (2 hours)
Afternoon	
Noon	A vintage vignette: "America's Riviera," B&W, 1950s travelogue (9 min)
12:10 p.m.	A vintage vignette: "America's Riviera," 1960s travelogue (14 min)
12:25 p.m.	Biloxi Public Schools (15 min)
1 p.m.	"Biloxi Cooks!" at Salt & Ivy, Beau Rivage
1:30 p.m.	Storytime with Gumbo Kelly (15 min)
1:45 p.m.	Keesler Update (15 min)
2 p.m.	Special presentation: Postcards and images of Old Biloxi (1 hr)
3 p.m.	City Council meetings and other bonus public affairs programming (2 hours)
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9 p.m.	City Council meetings and other bonus public affairs programming (2 hours)
Midnight	National Anthem by Ronny Broussard (2 min)



You can view individual programs on the city's YouTube channel.

Postcards, photos, and more

Take a trip down memory lane this month on BTV with a crop of Biloxi's postcards and photos. It's an hour-long presentation that runs daily in November at 8 a.m., 2 p.m., and 8 p.m.

Southern cruise with a twist

This month on "Biloxi Cooks!," we visit the Beau Rivage's newest restaurant, Salt & Ivy. Nestled in the resort's atrium lobby, the restaurant, touted as "A Coastal Kitchen," offers a variety of coastal-inspired dishes. In this month's episode, the Salt & Ivy chef cooks up some light and savory Lump Crab Cakes with Hollandaise Sauce and poached eggs.

How did the restaurant get its name? Well, the restaurant is inspired by "Las Vegas' popular dining hot spot and the salt of the Gulf waters and the ivy found on the stately Southern homes and gardens," (<https://beaurivage.mgmresorts.com/en/restaurants/salt-and-ivy.html>).

"Biloxi Cooks!" airs at 7 a.m., 1 p.m., and 7 p.m. daily throughout November.

This month's recipe:

Lump Crab Cakes with Hollandaise Sauce and Poached Eggs

Salt & Ivy, Beau Rivage

Hollandaise Sauce

Ingredients: (Yield: 1 cup)

- 4 Egg yolks
- 1 tbsp Fresh squeezed lemon juice
- ½ cup Unsalted butter
- Pinch Cayenne pepper
- Pinch Salt

Instructions:

1. Vigorously whisk egg yolks and lemon juice together in stainless-steel bowl until mixture is thickened and doubled in volume.
2. Place bowl over a saucepan containing barely simmering water, or use a double boiler. Water should not touch bottom of bowl. Continue to whisk rapidly. Be careful not to let eggs get too hot or they will scramble.
3. Slowly drizzle in melted butter and continue to whisk until sauce is thickened and doubled in volume.
4. Remove from heat, whisk in cayenne and salt. Cover and place in a warm spot until ready to use. If sauce gets too thick, whisk in a few drops of warm water before serving.

Poached Eggs

Ingredients:

- 1 Egg
- 1.5 tbsp Vinegar

Instructions:

1. Bring a large pot of water to a boil, then reduce heat to low.
2. While waiting for water to boil, crack an egg into a small fine mesh sieve over a bowl. Swirl egg in the sieve until all liquid egg whites have been removed. Then, place egg in a ramekin.
3. Stir vinegar into the water and create a vortex. Add egg to the middle of vortex and cook egg for 3 minutes.
4. Remove egg with a slotted spoon and dab it on a paper towel to remove excess water. Serve immediately.

Crab Cake Recipe

Ingredients: (Yield: about 18, 2 oz portions)

- 1 lb Fresh Lump Crabmeat
- 10.5 oz Mayonnaise
- 1 1/3 tbsp Creole Mustard
- 1 1/3 tbsp Fresh Squeezed Lemon Juice
- 1 ½ tsp Worcestershire Sauce
- 1 ½ tsp Crystal Hot Sauce
- ¾ tsp Old Bay Seasoning
- 1 ½ tsp Granulated Onion
- 1 ½ tsp Granulated Garlic
- 6 ½ oz Oyster Crackers
- 2 oz Red Onion, small dice
- 2 oz Red Bell Pepper, small dice
- 2 oz Green Bell Pepper, small dice
- 2 oz Yellow Bell Pepper, small dice
- 1 ½ oz Cilantro, finely chopped
- 1 ½ oz Green Onion, finely sliced

Instructions:

1. Combine ingredients in large bowl, mix well.
2. Add crab meat (be sure to check meat for any hard and sharp cartilage) and Oyster Crackers; using a rubber spatula, gently fold mixture together until just combined, being careful not to shred crab meat.
3. Shape into cakes (each about 2 ounces) and place on prepared baking sheet. Cover and refrigerate for at least 1 hour. This helps them set.



Alligator Gars and Spanish Moss: Early Keesler Field

By Paige Gutierrez



✦ The original caption for this *Keesler Field News* cartoon says “It looks like last night’s blow won me the gar fishing contest!” The cartoon was one of a series entitled “Spanish Moss” satirizing life at Keesler Field. Source: “Spanish Moss” cartoon by Erdahl, *The Keesler Field News*, October 1941.

✦ Original caption for this photo, above right, says: “Here’s proof that these soldiers weren’t telling a ‘fish story.’ It’s a 60-pound, 54-inch alligator gar fish. The big gar, a common fish in these waters, was caught in Back Bay on a 40-pound test line with mullet bait. It took 36 minutes to land him.” *KFN* Photo, April, 1945.



A New Record

On October 29, 1941, the *The Keesler Field News* reported a record set for Biloxi’s new Army Air Force base:

Using a 250-test pull hand line and a three-inch shark hook, Corp. Albert T. Niccolai of the 413th Squadron last week bagged the largest alligator gar ever caught by a Keesler Field soldier.

The 6-foot fish, weighing 120 pounds, took about 20 minutes to land and had to be slugged before the night was over. It was caught at the Southern Shell Company pier in the Back Bay of Biloxi, east of Keesler Field, late at night after several hours of fishing in which the corporal also caught a smaller gar weighing 60 pounds and an 85-pound sand shark.

Corporal Niccolai’s huge fish was one of many entered in Keesler’s alligator gar tournament, open to all Keesler soldiers. These gars were described as “large prehistoric-looking fish” that were sometimes mistaken for alligators in the water.

The newspaper further reported:
The tournament, smacking more of the old-time wild west rodeo in excitement, had no restrictions placed on the manner of catching the fish and no holds barred, even to lasso coming into play. In landing, however, the rules barred shooting the fish.
The soldiers used rods and reels, throw lines, spears, bows and arrows, and, at night, flares. For most of them it was their first taste of such fishing, and they made the most of their opportunity. The waters fished were Bay of Biloxi, Bayou of Bernard, Biloxi River, Tchouticabouffa River, Fort Bayou and its tributaries, and the Mississippi Sound from Gulfport to Ocean Springs.

Prizes were given every two weeks for the heaviest fish, and every month for the greatest number caught. A lieutenant colonel donated the grand prize: “a handsome silver trophy, inscribed with the name of the winner.”

Fisherman’s Paradise

The Keesler newspaper told troops that “our Back Bay is a real fisherman’s paradise, with brackish water with tarpon, speckled trout, white trout, redfish and more. From the standpoint of the Army, this is one of the few military posts in the country where many kinds of fish can be caught from the reservation itself — from the elusive speckled trout to the fighting tarpon, which will drag — yes — your skiff about the bay!”

But this paradise was impacted by the overgrowth of the voracious alligator gar that decimated game and other fish populations in local waters. The tournament was encouraged by fish and wildlife officials to help reduce the numbers of the alligator gars. Alligators, the natural predators of alligator gars, had been overhunted in response to demand by high-end fashion houses for valuable alligator skins. Fish and wildlife officials warned that fewer alligators meant more alligator gars.

Under Spanish Moss

When the gar rodeo started, Keesler Field was new, and construction was far from complete. Troops lived in open-air tents among the heavily mossed oaks on Back Bay. Cooking was outdoors among the trees, and church services were held “outdoors ‘neath the hanging Spanish moss.” For many soldiers from other parts of the country, this was an unusual, even exotic setting, especially with the unfamiliar hanging moss, much more abundant then than today. A cartoon series entitled “Spanish Moss” in *The Keesler Field News* satirized life on the new base. One such cartoon refers to the alligator gar tournament: See cartoon above left on the previous page.



✦ Tents provided the first housing for troops at Keesler Field in 1941. Joe Scholtes Collection, Biloxi Library Local History and Genealogy Collection.



✦ View of tent at Keesler Field with trees and Spanish moss. Joe Scholtes Collection, Biloxi Library Local History and Genealogy Collection.

✦ Original caption typed on photo: “Outdoor cooking was first kitchen set up before mess halls were built. For a while, every day was barbecue day.” Joe Scholtes Collection, Biloxi Library Local History and Genealogy Collection.



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