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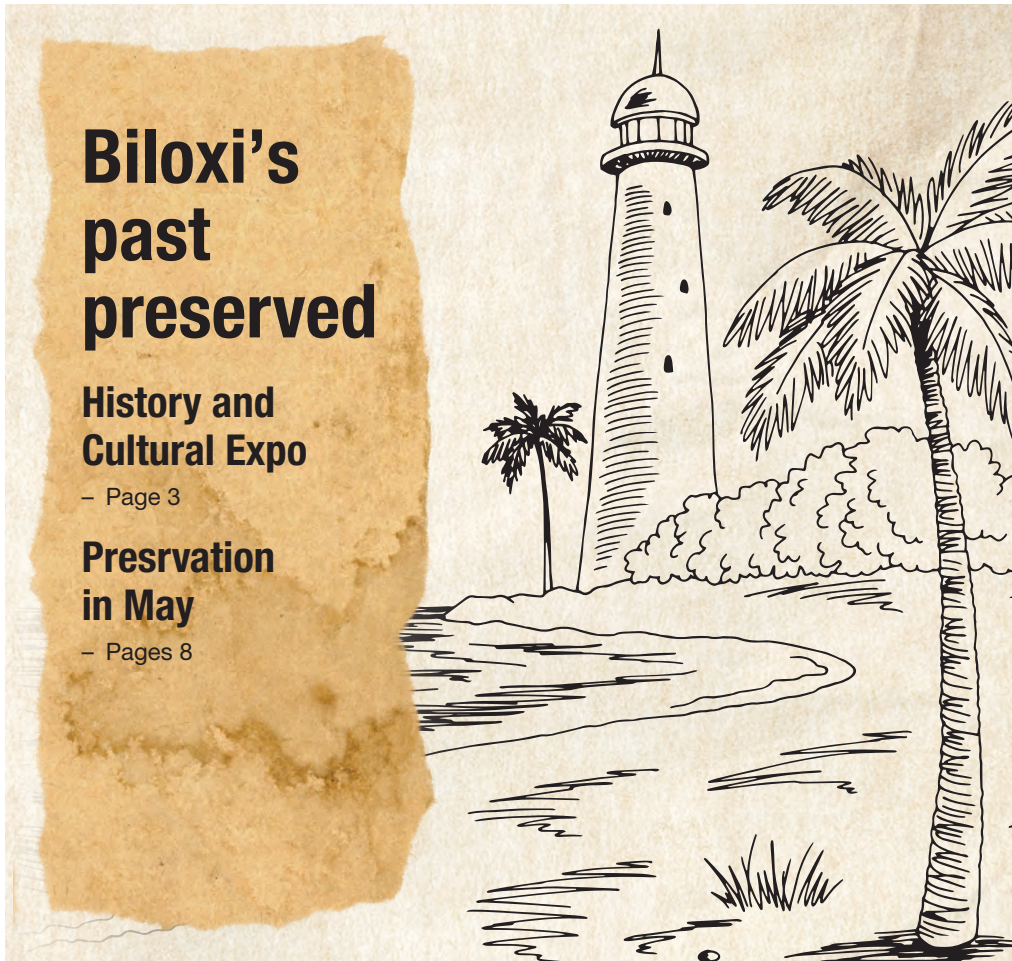
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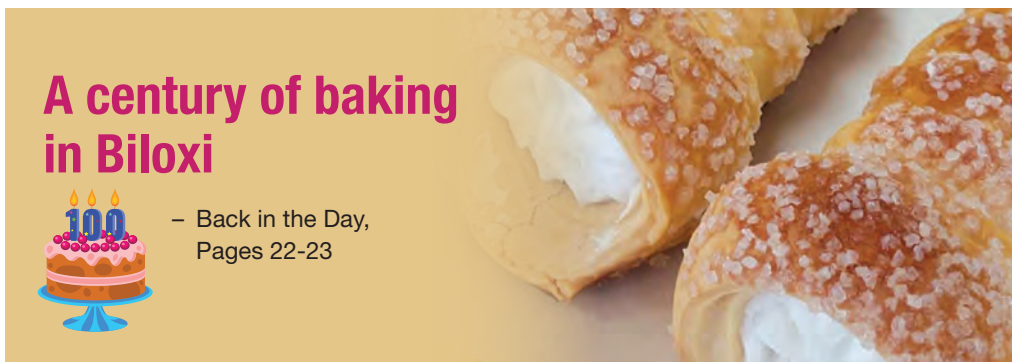
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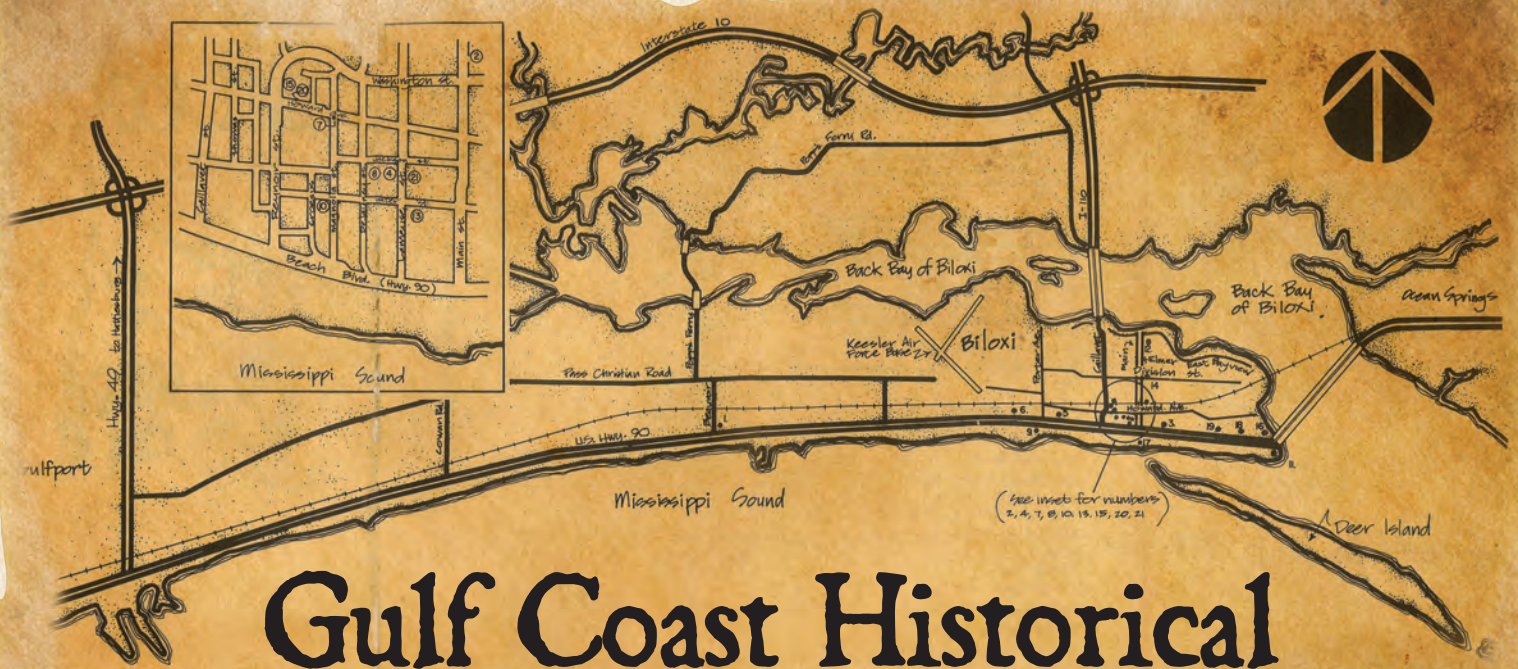
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# A Thousand Words

Over 250-year-old Live Oak  
creates shadows from the past  
at the Old Brick House



# Gulf Coast Historical and Cultural Exposition

Celebrating the History and Culture of the Mississippi Gulf Coast

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## Friday & Saturday, May 3 & 4, 2024

9 a.m.-4 p.m. • Biloxi Visitors Center, 1050 Beach Blvd.

Sneak Peek Reception and the Kickoff for the annual Preservation in May Series will be May 2, 2024, 5:30-7 p.m.

Free admission. Expo is presented by the City of Biloxi and Preserve Biloxi.

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# Spend some leisure time in a park

Miramar Park



As the weather gets warmer, the days are longer, and more outside activities increase, the Biloxi Parks & Recreation Department wants to remind everyone that there is ample green space in Biloxi to partake in leisure time.

The department oversees more than two dozen parks with a plethora of amenities including playgrounds, splash pads, pickleball courts, picnic tables, pavilions, a disc golf course, ball fields, water fountains, walking tracks, and an abundant amount of green space! There are also two dog parks for the pups to play, exercise, and make new friends.

## Here is the list of parks throughout the city.

- I-110 Parkway Walking Track, I-110 and Bayview
- Biloxi Dog Park, 2150 Popp's Ferry Road
- Businessmen's Park, 481 Forrest Ave.
- Clare Sekul Hornsby Biloxi Lions Club Park, 169 Benachi Ave.
- Clay Point Park, Corner of Maple and 7th Street
- D'Anella Park, 380 Bonner Drive
- Doris C. Bush Park, 654 Esters Blvd.
- Eagle Point Park, 10519 Pin Oak Dr.
- Hiller Park, 380 Hiller Dr.
- John Henry Beck Park, 671 Division St.
- John Joseph O'Reilly Park, 431 Division St.
- Margaret Tremmell Peresich Park, 135 Rue Magnolia
- Mark Barhanovich Memorial Park, 370 Porter Ave.
- Mary Mahoney Park, 117 Rue Magnolia
- Miramar Park, 1592 Beach Blvd.
- Oak Park, 1206 Kensington Dr.
- Pennzoil McManus Park, 385 Churchill Ave.
- Peresich Park, 135 Rue Magnolia
- Popp's Ferry Recreational Area, 2150 Popp's Ferry Road
- Savarro Park, 1353 Irish Hill
- St. Mary's Park, 1651 Wiltshire Blvd.
- Tanglewood Park, 348 Park Drive
- Todd Miguez Park, 425 Parker St.



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## New access road soon to open

A new connector road along the CSX railroad tracks from Porter to Querens avenues is being constructed. The new road will allow motorists to travel along the area when a crossing closes in the future.

As of this writing, crews are in the final stages of the road installation. Striping is next before the roadway opens to traffic.

This project is part of the Popp's Ferry Extension

project where three crossings have to be closed in order to add a new crossing for the extension. It also lessens the number of crossings in East Biloxi where the majority of the crossings are in the city.

Crossings at Dorries and Nixon have already been closed.

The connector road from Porter to Querens is expected to open to motorists by the end of April.

**Kids Fire Academy:** The Biloxi Fire Department will host its annual camp for kids in June. The free, five-day participatory camp is open to ages 7 to 12 and takes place at Fire Station No. 1 on Porter Avenue and the nearby West End Hose Company No. 3. Space is limited and the application deadline is May 10 by 4 p.m. Details: [biloxi.ms.us/kidsfireacademy](http://biloxi.ms.us/kidsfireacademy)



**Golf cart rules:** Is your golf cart legal in Biloxi? All golf carts, or low-speed vehicles, must be registered and display a registration decal. Registration must be renewed annually at the Lopez-Quave Public Safety Center, 170 Porter Ave. Details: [biloxi.ms.us/golfcarts](http://biloxi.ms.us/golfcarts)



**Bike rentals:** Want to explore Biloxi on a bike? The City of Biloxi and Biloxi Bicycle Works offer bicycle rentals for visitors and residents at the Biloxi Visitors Center, 1050 Beach Blvd. Rental details: [biloxi.ms.us/bikerentals](http://biloxi.ms.us/bikerentals) or 228-374-3105

**Facility rentals:** The City of Biloxi offers a number of rental facilities for various occasions. There is the Biloxi Civic Center with ballrooms and a dance floor, the Point Cadet Pavilion with waterfront views, and the Woolmarket City Center with a cozy indoor space, just to name a few. Details: [biloxi.ms.us/rentalfacilities](http://biloxi.ms.us/rentalfacilities)

**City Auction:** The auction is conducted through GovDeals, an online marketplace, with items added often. Visit online at [biloxi.ms.us](http://biloxi.ms.us) and click on the City Surplus Online Auction tab to check out the items.



Eagle Point Park, at 10519 Pin Oak Dr., is now lit up at night! Lighting has been installed and city crews are working on having them set on a schedule. The plan is for the walking track lights to automatically come on right before dark and turn off around 10 p.m. each night.

The lights at the pickleball and basketball courts and fields are set to be turned on and off when in use by those using them. Those lights will also be turned off when the park closes at 10 p.m.

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# Shuckers ON DECK IN MAY

- MAY 7 T-SHIRT GIVEAWAY + BREW CREW TUESDAY**  
HALFWAY TO HALLOWEEN T-SHIRT GIVEAWAY  
COORS LIGHT SPECIALS AT THE BEER GARDENS
- MAY 8 MILITARY WEDNESDAY + EDUCATION DAY**  
PRESENTED BY KEESLER FEDERAL CREDIT UNION | FIRST PITCH 11:05AM
- MAY 9 THIRSTY THURSDAY**  
PRESENTED BY PBR, COCA-COLA + KICKER 108  
\$2 PBR, \$2 COCA-COLA, \$2 HOT DOGS & \$4 DRAFT BEER SPECIALS
- MAY 10 FIREWORKS FRIDAY** PRESENTED BY GOODR
- MAY 11 FIRST OFFICIAL BILOXI KING CAKES GAME**   
MARDI GRAS NIGHT FEATURING KING CAKES BEADS GIVEAWAY
- MAY 12 FUN DAY SUNDAY & MOTHER'S DAY**  
SILICONE WINE GLASS GIVEAWAY TO FIRST 500 FANS
- MAY 21 T-SHIRT GIVEAWAY + BREW CREW TUESDAY**  
STRIKE OUT THE STROKE NIGHT & T-SHIRT GIVEAWAY  
PRESENTED BY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
- MAY 22 MILITARY WEDNESDAY + BARK IN THE PARK**  
PRESENTED BY KEESLER FEDERAL CREDIT UNION
- MAY 23 THIRSTY THURSDAY**  
PRESENTED BY PBR, COCA-COLA + KICKER 108  
\$2 PBR, \$2 COCA-COLA, \$2 HOT DOGS & \$4 DRAFT BEER SPECIALS
- MAY 24 EDUCATOR APPRECIATION NIGHT ON FIREWORKS FRIDAY** PRESENTED BY ISLAND VIEW CASINO
- MAY 25 FIRST OFFICIAL BILOXI BEACH CHICKENS GAME**   
BEACH CHICKENS SANDALS GIVEAWAY PRESENTED BY BEAU RIVAGE
- MAY 26 COME OUT TO MEET BLUEY & BINGO ON FUN DAY SUNDAY** 
- MAY 28 T-SHIRT GIVEAWAY + BREW CREW TUESDAY**
- MAY 29 MILITARY WEDNESDAY + BARK IN THE PARK**  
PRESENTED BY KEESLER FEDERAL CREDIT UNION
- MAY 30 THIRSTY THURSDAY**  
PRESENTED BY PBR, COCA-COLA + KICKER 108  
\$2 PBR, \$2 COCA-COLA, \$2 HOT DOGS & \$4 DRAFT BEER SPECIALS
- MAY 31 SAINTS HALL OF FAME NIGHT ON FIREWORKS FRIDAY**

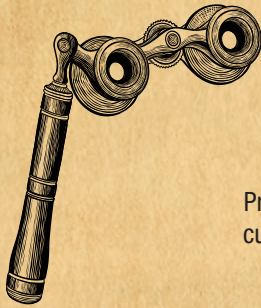


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# Preservation in May - 2024 Events

Celebrating and honoring Biloxi's History



## May 2 Sneak Peek

### Mississippi Gulf Coast Historical and Cultural Exposition

5:30-7 p.m. at the Biloxi Visitors Center, 1050 Beach Blvd.

Preview the annual Mississippi Coast Historical and Cultural Exposition where historical and cultural organizations from all along the Coast share the history and traditions of our region. The expo will be May 3 and 4, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## May 9 Walking in Woolmarket's History

5:30-7 p.m. Coalville United Methodist Church, 12298 Shorecrest Road

Learn about the history of the Woolmarket community from long-time residents and enjoy a stroll through the historic Coalville Cemetery.



## May 16 Take It to the Grave

5:30-7 p.m. Old Biloxi Cemetery, 1166 Irish Hill Dr.

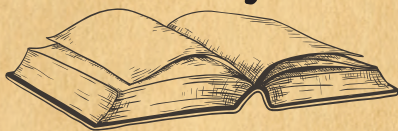
View the Old Biloxi Cemetery from a new perspective. Enjoy touring the cemetery while looking at featured recipes by those resting there. Additional activities include a cemetery scavenger hunt.

Submit your family recipe by May 3 at 5 p.m. Details: <https://form.jotform.com/240926784776170>

## May 23 Main Street Book Club featuring Candace Wheeler

5:30-7 p.m. Biloxi Visitors Center, 1050 Beach Blvd.

Candace Cox Wheeler's *Sunset in the Sound*, a newly released work of historic fiction, will be featured.



## May 30 Preservation Awards

5:30-7 p.m. Ohr O'Keefe Museum of Art, 386 Beach Blvd.

Preserve Biloxi's bi-annual awards presented to individuals, organizations, and businesses to recognize those actively working to preserve Biloxi's historic buildings and resources.

Nominations will be accepted through May 10, 2024.

Request nomination forms from Mandy Hornsby at [mhornsby@biloxi.ms.us](mailto:mhornsby@biloxi.ms.us).



Participants in the Preservation in May programs will be given a Biloxi Passport through History which can be stamped at each event. For everyone who collects at least three stamps and attends the May 30 program, will receive a special gift.

All events are free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

For more information, call (228) 435-6280.

*Preservation in May* is organized by the City of Biloxi, Biloxi Bay Area Chamber of Commerce, Biloxi Main Street District, Mississippi Gulf Coast National Heritage Area, and the Mississippi Coast Historical and Genealogical Society.

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# Nine ways to fill a day on the peninsula

By Corey Christy, Biloxi Main Street

Raise your pulse by discovering all the things downtown has to offer!

**Visit Museums** – There are several museums on the eastern end of Biloxi. You could easily spend a day in the halls and galleries of the Ohr-O’Keefe Museum of Art on Beach Boulevard, and learn about the city’s history at the Maritime & Seafood Industry Museum off 1st. Street, Coastal Mardi Gras Museum, and the Biloxi Fire Museum, both on Howard Avenue.

**Have a cup of coffee** – Believe it or not, Biloxi has become a hub for delicious coffee. The Greenhouse Biloxi on G E Ohr Street, and Jacked Up Coffee Shop on Howard Avenue have been holding it down for years, but several others have joined them in the last few years. Recent additions include Brewpaddle Cafe, Empanola Biloxi on Howard, and Makin’ Groceries, all of which can also offer you a tasty cup of joe and are located on Howard Avenue.

**Drink a beer (or 20)** – Biloxi is home to the Coast’s most popular brewery – Fly Llama Brewing Company. Fly Llama on Bohn Street offers a rotating wall of 32 beers and seltzers and is the perfect place for an afternoon hang with the family. They are also home to the Hungry Llama so you can keep your belly full as you responsibly enjoy a few tasty brews. Fly Llama has also

welcomed a new neighbor to town. Altered Reality is a nanobrewery just around the corner on Howard Avenue. Altered Reality will have eight taps to enjoy along with old-school arcade games and a great yard that will host food trucks and regular events.

**Take a walk and look at some art** – Downtown Biloxi has a thriving public art scene featuring more than 30 pieces, including murals, sculptures, and even interactive art. You can find a walking map at many of the downtown businesses that will guide you through the art, highlighting topics focusing on Biloxi’s history. You can also take a few extra minutes and check out the work of local artists at Gallery 782 on Jackson Street in the heart of the arts district.

**Buy fresh seafood** – Seafood built Biloxi, and you can still get the fresh, local stuff at several spots on the east side of the city. Along Caillavet Street, we have Desporte Seafood and Quality Poultry & Seafood. If you want it even fresher, you can head to the Biloxi Small Craft Harbor, south of Beach Boulevard and Dukate Street, to find several local fishermen selling their catch right on the boat!

**Enjoy unique dining** – Downtown Biloxi is home to over 35 local eateries, too many to list here. So, go ahead, clear your calendar for the foreseeable future, and head downtown to enjoy everything from croque madames to the famous burger burger. You can find a complete list of downtown restaurants at [mainstreetbiloxi.com](http://mainstreetbiloxi.com).

**Take in a game** – The Biloxi Shuckers have been around for almost a decade now, but they are

making big changes to improve the experience at the ballpark on Caillavet Street and Howard Avenue. This season, we’ll see a new wiffle ball field for the kids and a tiki bar area complete with a splash pad in the outfield. So get out and enjoy some affordable fun with the family this summer to see these new additions and several more.

**Get some exercise** – Downtown has seen a recent boom in outdoor activities. Group bike rides have been available for years and currently host over 500 riders per month between Biloxi Bicycle Works weekly Friday rides and the monthly Bike Biloxi ride. New additions to the area include disc golf, pickleball, and skateboarding, all available in the HowHop Creative District. And we will have a weekly running club meeting up at the brand-new Altered Reality Brewery.

**Go shopping** –After you’ve gotten your fill of food, beers, art, and history, you can spend the rest of your money in one of our local shops. Downtown’s shopping options include a bicycle shop, a record shop, six clothing stores, a coin shop, a quilt shop, an interior design store, and a hardware store that has been around for over 100 years!

Biloxi offers something for everyone! So, whether you’re an art lover, a history buff, a foodie, or an outdoor enthusiast, Biloxi invites you to indulge in its unique charms and create unforgettable memories.

► Visit online at [mainstreetbiloxi.com](http://mainstreetbiloxi.com) for a complete listing of downtown businesses.

## CITY OF BILOXI PUBLIC NOTICE

### Notice of Public Hearings & Public Service Applications 2024 Community Development Block Grant Action Plan

The City anticipates receiving a 2024 CDBG Entitlement Grant allocation of approximately \$404,451.00 and anticipates generating estimated program income of \$184,016.00 for 2024 activities, based on previous years’ resources.

The City of Biloxi will conduct two public hearings to give Biloxi residents opportunity to:

- Present oral or written input about City housing, community development and supportive housing needs; and
- Participate in development and implementation of the 2024 CDBG Action Plan, a component of the Five-Year Consolidated Plan.

Both hearings will be held in the Community Development Auditorium, at 676 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard, at 5:00 p.m. on **Wednesday, May 22, 2024** and **Tuesday, June 25, 2024**.

Residents are urged to attend, particularly low, very low, extremely low income and public housing residents, minorities, and those with mobility, visual, and hearing impediments. If special accommodations are needed for the hearings, please contact the City’s Federal Programs Manager at least 72 hours prior to the hearings at 228-435-6269 or [spickich@biloxi.ms.us](mailto:spickich@biloxi.ms.us).



Applications for PY2024 CDBG public services funds will be available on the City’s website [www.biloxi.ms.us/cdbg](http://www.biloxi.ms.us/cdbg) on **May 1, 2024** for agencies to complete and submit prior to the **4 p.m., May 23, 2024** deadline. Information about the application process and eligible use of funds also is available online.

Information about Biloxi’s CDBG Program also can be found at [biloxi.ms.us/cdbg](http://biloxi.ms.us/cdbg)

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# The Old Brick House: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow

By Mandy Hornsby  
Historical Administrator

The Old Brick House has sat facing the Back Bay of Biloxi for more than 170 years. The nineteenth-century building has stood as Biloxi became the seafood capital of the world, a resort town, and as the city ushered in dock-side gaming. The Old Brick House has seen many owners and custodians including two Biloxi mayors, a consortium of Garden Clubs, and the city itself. Today, the Old Brick House is one of the few structures left that was built in the 1800s and competes only with our lighthouse, which was built in 1848, as the oldest building in the city.

The Old Brick House, also known as the Rodgers House, sits on land that was originally part of the Spanish land grant received by Jean Baptiste Carquate in the late 1700s. By 1843, the land was sold to William Rodgers. However, the Old Brick House was probably not constructed until John L. Henley purchased the property in 1850.

Although from New Orleans, John L. Henley served as sheriff of Biloxi and later mayor. From 1872 through 1953, the building passed through several owners including another Biloxi Mayor Hart Chinn. It was also used in several different capacities such as an office building, junk shop, and more. Around this time, the Old Brick House carried the nickname, “The Haunted House” due to its battered looks. At some point, the Old Brick House was acquired by the City of Biloxi due to back taxes.

Spearheaded by the Dogwood Garden Club, preservation work began on the house under the chartered Biloxi Garden Center. The collective of Biloxi Garden Clubs began to fund preservation work allowing for the house to open in 1955 for the group’s annual Pilgrimage.

Ownership of the building transferred to the Biloxi Garden Center in 1966 and then back again to the City of Biloxi in 1989. However, the relationship with the Biloxi Garden Clubs continued throughout the years with the groups meeting and hosting annual events such as a Christmas coffee fundraiser and concerts in the garden of the property.

In years since Hurricane Katrina, the Old Brick House has been a rental facility for weddings and other gatherings.

The house has seen changes throughout the years, both due to storms and time. By the 1920s, an attached kitchen on the Bayview side of the house was removed. And, both Hurricane Camille and Hurricane Katrina caused major damage to the structure. A

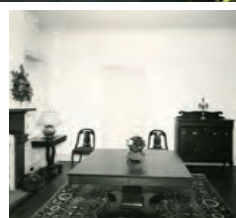
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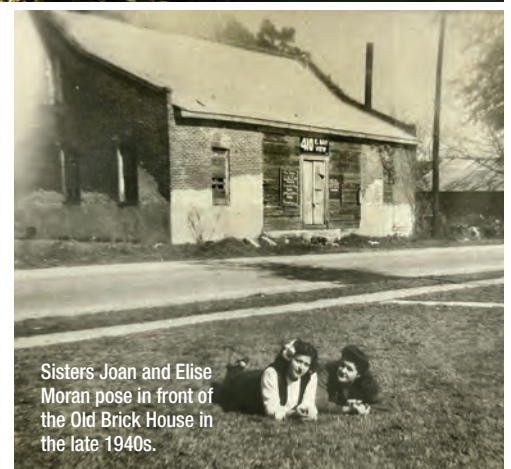
The historic Old Brick House on Back Bay



The front of the house, which faces the water not the roadway



▲ Images of the first floor inside



Sisters Joan and Elise Moran pose in front of the Old Brick House in the late 1940s.

restoration took place and each time, brought the Old Brick House back to its charm and character.

Currently, the building is listed on the National Registry of Historic Places and has been since 1987. It is also a Mississippi Landmark and a locally designated Biloxi Landmark. However, the conditions of dampness have once again taken a toll. A new restoration plan is in the works involving repairing the brickwork, sealing the moisture coming up through the bricks and foundation, and replastering. The work will be long,

but the results will be a more sustainable restoration project protecting the building for generations to come.

Biloxi has seen a lot of change and loss. However, places like the Old Brick House through their adaptive reuse give us a glimpse into the past and a hope for the future of preserving our cultural heritage.

The Biloxi Garden Club was quoted in *The Daily Herald* in 1955 stating: “To members of this group, the preservation of the old brick house is a treasure far more valuable than the gold doubloons said to be buried there.”

# Shuckers Roll into May with 16 Home Games!



Shuckers fans at the tiki bar during a recent game

## Cheer on your hometown team with giveaways, fireworks and so much more

By Javik Blake

After a fun-filled opening month, the Biloxi Shuckers are set to kick off summer in May around the Southern League and at the ballpark! The Shuckers will be in Biloxi for 16 games in May, including a home series against the Montgomery Biscuits from May 7 to 12, against the Birmingham Barons from May 21 to 26 and against the Pensacola Blue Wahoos from May 28 to June 2. The Barons, the White Sox Double-A affiliate, will make their only trip to Biloxi at the end of the month.

On Wednesday, May 8, the Shuckers will welcome schools from around the Coast for their annual Education Day game with a special 11:05 a.m. start time. The Shuckers will also team up with Minor League Baseball for Breast Cancer Awareness Day. Minor League Baseball will donate \$10 to the American Cancer Society for each strikeout during the game.

On Saturday, May 11, the Shuckers will transform into their Biloxi King Cakes alternate identity for the first time in franchise history! Join the Shuckers for a Mardi Gras-themed night at the ballpark, complete with beads, music and more.

The Shuckers will also celebrate Mother's Day on Sunday, May 12 with a Silicone Wine Glass giveaway for the first 500 fans.

After a road trip to take on the Mississippi Braves, the Shuckers return home for Strike Out the Stroke Night on Tuesday, May 21 presented by Memorial Hospital. The first 250 fans will receive a special Strike Out the Stroke T-Shirt!

On Thursday, May 23, the Shuckers will celebrate and honor local Kiwanis Clubs with



Merch for the team's two alternate identities available at the Shucker shop

Kiwanis night!

The fun-filled homestand continues on Friday, May 24 with a special Fireworks Friday presented by Island View Casino Resort. The Shuckers will also honor teachers and educators from across the Coast with Educator Appreciation Night. Make sure to arrive early for a pregame performance from Infinity Dance.

The Shuckers will then transform into the Biloxi Beach Chickens on Saturday, May 25 and fans can receive Beach Chickens-branded sandals presented by the Beau Rivage.

Memorial Day weekend at the ballpark rounds out with an appearance from everyone's favorite Australian dogs, Bluey and Bingo! They'll be available throughout the game for meet-and-greet opportunities.

After Memorial Day Monday, the Shuckers continue the two-week homestand with Saints Hall of Fame Night with fireworks on Friday, May 31. Various Saints Hall of Famers will be in attendance and the Shuckers will wear specialty Saints Hall of Fame jerseys to celebrate the night.

Daily specials also highlight the monthly

calendar. Tuesdays are T-Shirt Tuesday for the first 250 fans. It's also Brew Crew Tuesday presented by Coors Light, where fans can purchase a 20 oz souvenir tumbler for \$13 with \$7 refills at the first and third-base Beer Gardens. Wednesdays are Military Wednesday presented by Keesler Federal Credit Union. All military personnel can receive a \$3 discount on Dugout Box and Reserved Level tickets. Select nights will also be pet-friendly for Bark in the Park!

Fans can kickstart the weekend with Thirsty Thursday presented by PBR, Coca-Cola and Kicker108 with \$2 PBR bottles, drafts, hot dogs and Coca-Cola products. Fans can splash in with \$4 draft beer specials on Miller Lite and Coors Light at the first and third-base Beer Gardens. Fans can also cash in on almost 60 percent savings with the 'Thirsty Thursday Deal' which includes a Reserved Level ticket and two drink vouchers for \$16 in advance.

On Fridays, the Shuckers light up the skies over the ballpark with the best fireworks show on the Coast!

The Shuckers will also honor a local military organization as part of their Heart of a Shucker community fund during every Saturday home game as part of Shuck Yeah Saturday.

The weekend continues with Fun Day Sunday at the ballpark. Kid-friendly events will be available, including pregame autographs, character appearances and kids can run the bases and have a catch on the field after the game. Fans can save over 35 percent with a "Fun Day Sunday" package that includes a Reserved Level seat and a voucher for a hot dog, chips and a soda or water for only \$19 per person with a four-person minimum.

► For more info: [biloxishuckers.com](http://biloxishuckers.com)

► 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.

# 333rd TRS Mad Ducks add to the instructor flock

By Senior Airman Trenten Walters  
81st Training Wing Public Affairs

The 333rd Training Squadron and instructional coaches from the Biloxi School District have partnered to broaden military instructor capabilities.

This community partnership, aligned with the 81st Training Wing's priority of focused training, enhances the quality of education military students receive by equipping instructors with more techniques and skills to teach in a diverse classroom.

Instructional coaches use their extensive experience as educators to serve as mentors, helping teachers stay up to date on the newest teaching techniques and technologies. They also ensure consistency in the delivery of teaching curriculum across different teachers, striving to maintain uniformity.

"As a training squadron, we're always looking to better the students' experience, so we're starting with the ones giving the school experience," said Lt. Col. Nicholas Kuc, 333rd TRS commander. "We pull our instructors internally in the Air Force, out of their operational career field, and into the training squadron. Most people don't have experience in teaching, so they'll go through an instructor internship period within the basic instructor course. As with any job, it takes time to master, so we sought to see if teachers in the local community were



An instructional coach listens as U.S. Air Force Capt. Gregory Hutchins, 333rd Training Squadron instructor, gives students feedback on a strategic and tactical planning brief at Keesler Air Force Base on March 18.

willing to serve as mentors to our instructors."

The mentoring process begins with the instructional coaches observing instructors on the podium. After the observation period, instructors and coaches converse, sharing feedback, tips, and tricks, or different styles of teaching or classroom management.

Instructional coaches may also introduce a new piece of technology that might be considered for use in the classroom.

Approximately 20 of Keesler's instructors have experienced coaching so far. The experience has validated that Keesler's recent technical training transformations

and pivots to hands-on learning models reflect the state of education across the country.

"It's all about trying to be hands-on and employ project-based learning. That's really what helps learning stick," said KC Curtis, Biloxi School District instructional coach. "Learning and teaching are the same regardless of the age of the student or the content. It's about increasing the engagement, wanting our students to be there and for them to desire to be there."

This partnership underscores the dedication to education at Keesler and within the local community. This pilot program and discussion of future iterations are expected to leave lasting results.

▶ See more photos at [www.keesler.af.mil](http://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 at [biloxi.ms.us/btv](http://biloxi.ms.us/btv)

## Instructing the fundamentals of youth sports

By Ronnie Seymour  
Biloxi Athletic Specialist

This month, I want to focus on all of the volunteer coaches the Biloxi Parks & Recreation Department has received throughout our youth sports.

For many people, they volunteer to coach because they have a child playing in a particular sport. Some do it for the love of the sport.

Some are involved for the duration of their child's youth sports career, while others continue the donation of their time after their child ages out of our leagues. Whatever the length of time or reason, often, it's not the easiest job and can demand time away from their families and hobbies.

Most of our coaches have shown their talent for teaching the game but more importantly,



Luke Lyons, 9 and 10 Tigers, catches the ball while other players, coaches, and spectators watch at Todd Miguez Park.

their passion for creating great young people is exhibited. Winning the league championship or coaching an all-star team to the majority of coaches isn't their ultimate goal. Instead, teaching the fundamentals of the sport and ensuring that their players enjoy their experiences supersedes the coaches' service.

For those of you who watch the game from your chairs and bleachers, keep in mind that coaching a youth team can be a challenging feat.

Generally, this is not their career. They are volunteering their time, doing their best to teach children skills, agility, coordination, and teamwork all while having fun. In today's world, many are quick to judge or speak out with their opinions while watching from the sidelines. Consider that our children need to learn how to deal with defeat and if they learn how to do this through sports it will assist them in life.

Those who serve on the various sports boards are also appreciated for their countless donated hours in assisting to make each child's experience one to remember.

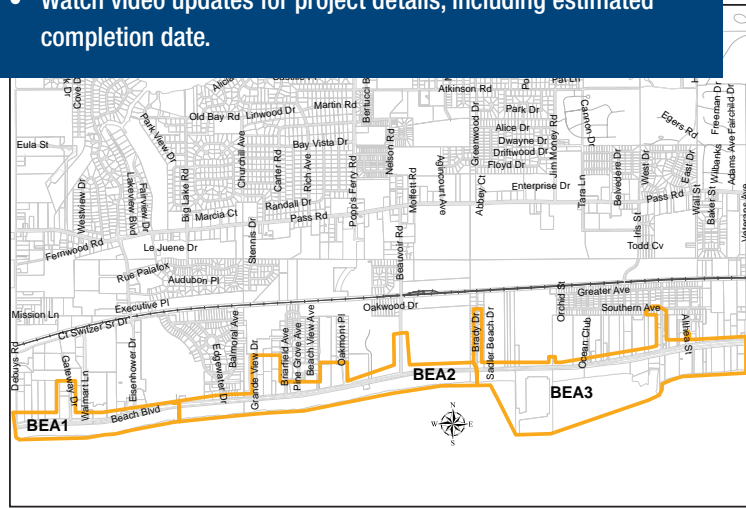
So, let's support our volunteers because, without them, we wouldn't be able to have Biloxi sports leagues. Please thank your child's coach every chance you have. They're the real heroes out there regardless if they win or lose.

# The infrastructure work in Biloxi

## Project: BEA1, 2, & 3

Adjacent to Beach Blvd. from Debuids Road to Veterans Avenue  
(Contractors: Necaise Brothers Construction)

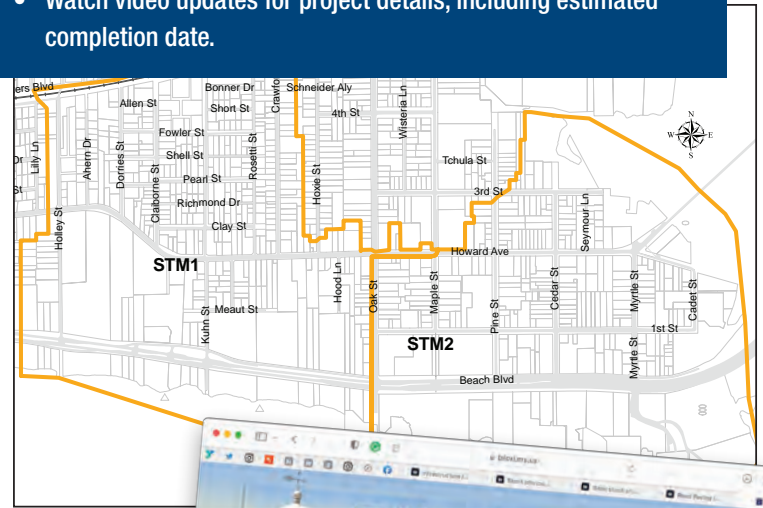
- Installation of new water, sewer, drainage
- Work began June 2022
- Watch video updates for project details, including estimated completion date.



## Project: STM1 & 2

Between Holley Street & Point Cadet, south of CSX railroad  
(Contractors: Necaise Brothers Construction)

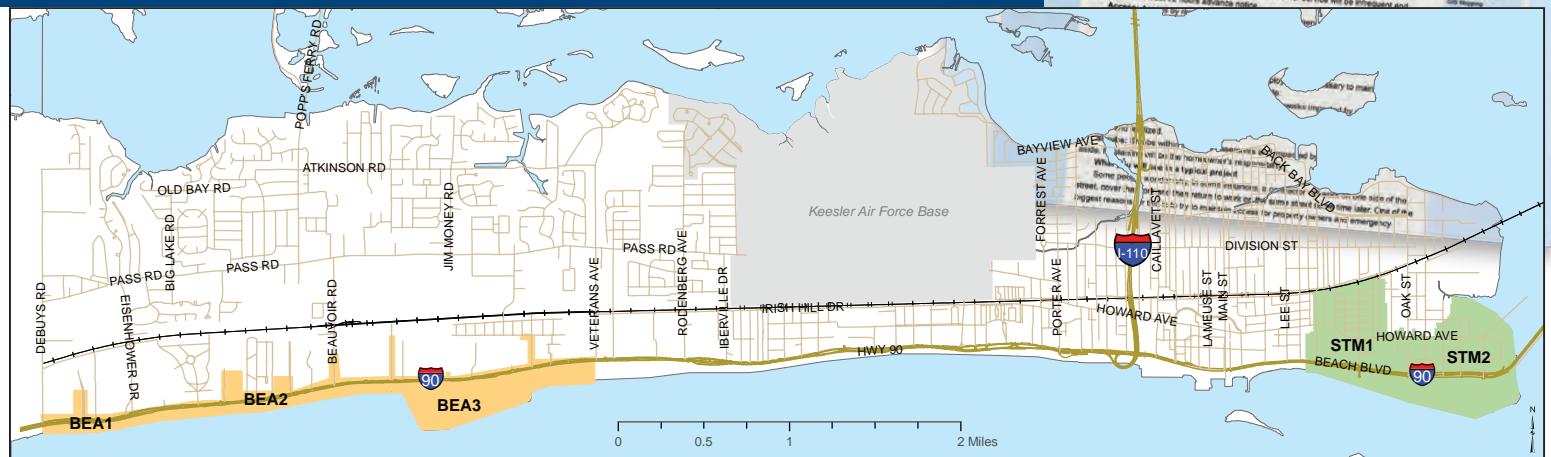
- Installation of new water, sewer, drainage
- Work began Jan. 4, 2021
- Watch video updates for project details, including estimated completion date.



► See monthly update maps and videos online at [biloxi.ms.us/restore-biloxi/](http://biloxi.ms.us/restore-biloxi/).



## Areawide map of infrastructure work



# Random Notes



## TIME CAPSULE:

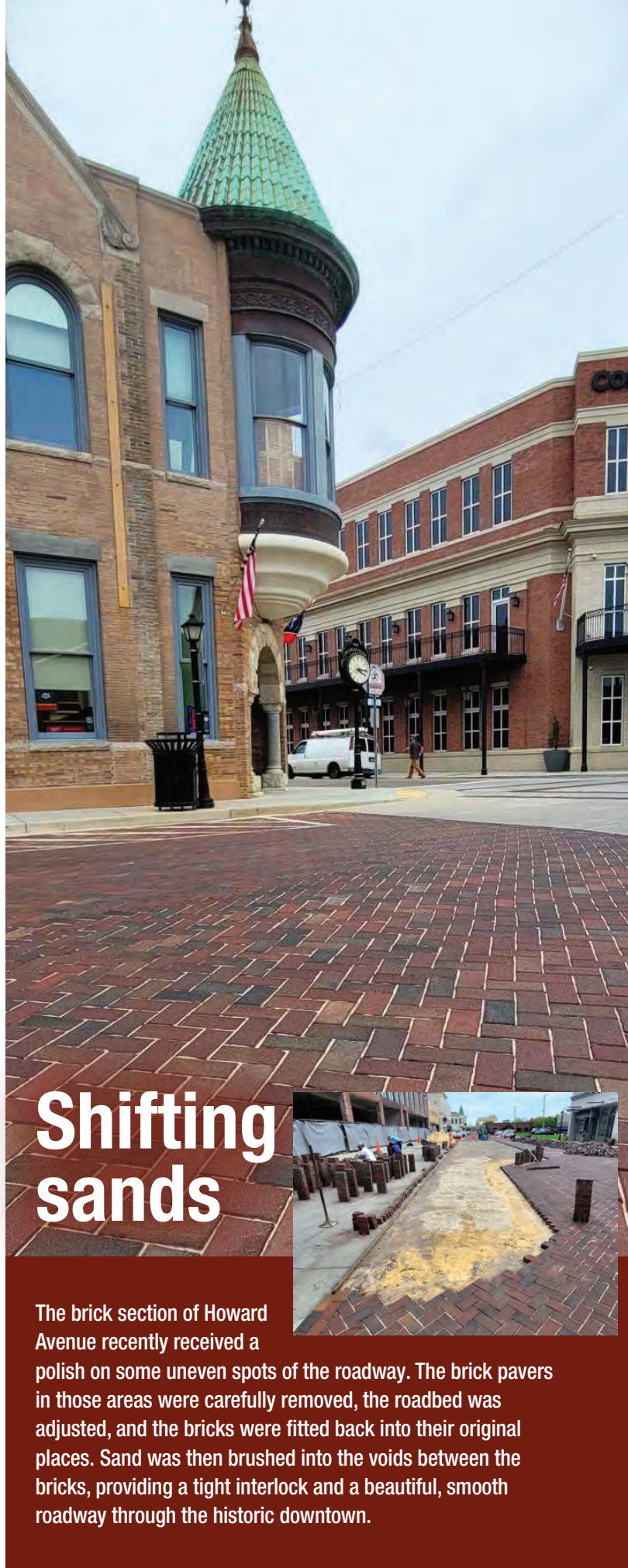


### Catch of the day

In the mid-20th century, this young Biloxian enjoyed a popular summer pastime on the Mississippi Gulf Coast known as floundering.

As the evening tide comes in, folks traveling along Beach Boulevard may see lanterns dotted along the shallow waters of the coastline. Those are fishers of what some call the best-tasting fish in the Mississippi Sound, the Gulf flounder. And those who have been there know, be sure to slide your feet to keep from meeting a stingray!

Photograph from the Walter Fountain Collection at Local History and Genealogy.



### Shifting sands



The brick section of Howard Avenue recently received a polish on some uneven spots of the roadway. The brick pavers in those areas were carefully removed, the roadbed was adjusted, and the bricks were fitted back into their original places. Sand was then brushed into the voids between the bricks, providing a tight interlock and a beautiful, smooth roadway through the historic downtown.

## Most Outstanding Citizen for 2023

Mayor Andrew "FoFo" Gilich has been named the Most Outstanding Citizen of Biloxi for 2023 by the Biloxi Lions Club. Mayor Gilich was bestowed this honor for his strong leadership of Biloxi and dedication to the citizens. This award honors and celebrates individuals who have made the greatest contribution to the advancement and improvement of our community during the preceding year. A room full of Lions Club members, past award recipients, friends, and family members of Mayor Gilich attended the award ceremony at the Biloxi Visitors Center in March 2024.



▲ Mayor with Tina Ross Seamans

▼ Mayor with Dixie Newman



## The Golden Fisherman stands strong

The Golden Fisherman statue stands as a tribute to the Biloxi fishers and their families, both past and present, who have dedicated their lives to the seafood industry. Standing watch where Biloxi Bay meets the Gulf of Mexico, the Golden Fisherman watches over the boats as they make their way out to sea. Once known as the seafood capital of the world, Biloxi still draws visitors to our shores for some of the best seafood in the world. Many in the fishing industry spend countless hours on the open waters to bring in a catch that's prepared in our local restaurants to be enjoyed by thousands. You can see this monument on the front lawn of the Maritime & Seafood Museum located at Point Cadet.



## May Trivia "Flowers"

By Jane Shambra

**"April Showers Bring May Flowers" Who penned those words?** Way back in 1157, English poet Thomas Tusser composed this line in his collection of writings: "A Hundred Good Points of Husbandry." It was originally written as "Sweet April showers do spring May flowers."

**What is the official flower for the State of Mississippi?** The Magnolia. It was declared the official flower in 1900 when schoolchildren voted for their favorite flower. The magnolia came out first, and the cotton bloom came out second.

**What flower is shown on this year's MS standard plates?** The magnolia. It was designed by Leah Frances Eaton of Starkville

**What were Coast flowers used for when Monsieurs d'Iberville, Bienville, and their crews first set foot on our shores?** Dyes, medicines, food, decorations, tea, and fragrance.

**He loves me...he loves me not. Where did that originate?** This fun game is of French origin, where the player alternately plucks petals from a daisy to confirm whether someone loves them.

**Does Biloxi have a flower?** Biloxi does not have an official flower.

**Can you name a few streets on the Biloxi peninsula that have flower names?** Rue Magnolia, Lilly Lane, Orchid, Dahlia, Violet, Tulip, Jasmine, and Gardenia

**Can you name a flowering plant found in this region that eats bugs?** The pitcher plant is one example of a carnivorous plant that derives its nourishment from insects. Even though the plant's flower is safe for bees and other insects, it can devour flying and crawling bugs.

**Did you know that some graduating high school classes select a favorite flower?** In 1943, the Biloxi High Senior Class Flower was selected as the white carnation.

**What is a compass rose, and where can you find it?** A compass rose is not a flower. It is the fancy symbol you can find on maps showing the north direction. Its design resembles the dial on a compass and the pointed petals of a flower.

7th Annual

# Biloxi

## Lighthouse Arts & Crafts Fair

**May 4, 2024**

**9 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

**Biloxi Visitors Center  
1050 Beach Blvd.**

- Free Lighthouse Tours every 30 minutes
  - Admission is free • Food Trucks
- Free Mother's Day crafts for children



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## Best Bets!

### Biloxi Shuckers Baseball

Keesler Federal Credit Union Park, 105 Caillavet Street



#### • VS Montgomery

**Biscuits** – May 7-12, 6:35 p.m. Tuesday-Friday; 6:05 p.m. Saturday and 1:05 p.m. Sunday

#### • VS Birmingham Barons –

May 21-26, 6:35 p.m. Tuesday-Friday; 6:05 p.m. Saturday and 1:05 p.m. Sunday

#### • VS Pensacola Blue Wahoos –

May 28-June 2, 6:35 p.m. Tuesday-Friday; 6:05 p.m. Saturday and 1:05 p.m. Sunday

Gates open 65 minutes before the game. Online tickets begin at \$15. Details: 228-233-3465, biloxishuckers.com



### Treading at the Nat

Swimming is an important, and essential skill to have, and living on the coast, elevates the need to know how to reach and pull. The water instructors at the Biloxi Aquatics Division want to help youngsters and adults this summer learn the fun, healthy, and potentially life-saving art of swimming. The team will be offering a number of morning and evening sessions at the Biloxi Natatorium, 1384 Father Ryan Ave., for ages five and older from June to August. Spots fill up quickly. So, get your swim gear ready and visit the Biloxi Natatorium on May 4 from 8 a.m. to noon (for Biloxi residents) and May 6 (for non-Biloxi residents and late registration) from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. Details: 228-435-6205

**5th Annual Officer Robert McKeithen Memorial Blood Drive**, May 1, noon-6 p.m., Biloxi Visitors Center, 1050 Beach Blvd. Give the gift of life in memory of fallen Biloxi Officer Robert McKeithen. All presenting donors will receive a commemorative T-shirt. Pizza will be available courtesy of Papa Johns.

**National Day of Prayer, May 2, Noon, Biloxi City Hall**, 140 Lameuse St. Annual observance prayer ceremony open to people of all faiths to pray for the nation. Free admission.

**Gulf Coast Historical and Cultural Exposition**, May 3-4, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Biloxi Visitors Center, 1050 Beach Blvd. Celebrating the History and Culture of the Mississippi Gulf Coast. Exhibits, presentations, and refreshments. Free admission. Details: 228-435-6280

**First Friday Block Party**, May 3, 5-9 p.m., HowHop Creative District, corner of Howard Avenue and Hopkins Boulevard. Entertainment by Biloxi Bacon at 5 p.m. followed by The Network at 7 p.m. Great food vendors and arts & crafts vendors! Fly Llama beverages. NO COOLERS PLEASE! Free admission. Details: 228-435-6339

**Ladybug and Cat Noir Meet-N-Greet**, May 4, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Edgewater Mall, 2600 Beach Blvd. in front of JcPenney. Free admission. Details: 228-388-3424

**Annual Preservation in May Events**, all events begin at 5:30 p.m. each Thursday in May. Community month-long salute to Biloxi history. Be sure to get your "Passport To History" stamped at each event. Refreshments served. Free admission. Details: 228-435-6280

- **May 2: Sneak Peek of the MS Gulf Coast Historical & Cultural Exposition**, Biloxi Visitors Center, 1050 Beach Blvd.
- **May 9: "Walking in Woolmarket's History,"** Coalville United Methodist Church, 12298 Shorecrest Road
- **May 16: "Take It To the Grave,"** family recipes and a scavenger hunt, Biloxi Cemetery, 1055 Irish Hill Drive. Submit your family recipe by May 3 at 5 p.m. Details: <https://form.jotform.com/240926784776170>
- **May 23: Main Street Book Club featuring Candace Cox Wheeler and her latest book "A Sunset In the Sound,"** Biloxi Visitors Center, 1050 Beach Blvd.
- **May 30: Biloxi Preservation Awards**, Ohr-O'Keefe Museum of Art, 386 Beach Blvd.

**Gulf Coast Superhero 5K & Fun Run with Merit Health Biloxi**, May 4, 8 a.m., check-in, race begins at 9 a.m., Biloxi Town Green, 710 Beach Blvd. Begins and ends at the Town Green. Trophies awarded. All proceeds to go to Mississippi Heroes to build wheelchair ramps in our community. Admission begins at \$10. Details: MississippiHeroes.org or 228-234-4649

**City of Biloxi Parks & Recreation Summer Swimming Lessons Registration**, May 4, 8 a.m. to noon, Biloxi Natatorium, 1384 Father Ryan Ave. Late registration will take place beginning May 6 at the Natatorium weekdays from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. Visit online at [biloxi.ms.us/pr](http://biloxi.ms.us/pr) for the lesson schedule and call the Natatorium regarding availability. Fees apply. Details: 228-435-6205

**Annual Woolmarket Duathlon Series**, Event No. 2, May 4, 8 a.m. Woolmarket North Elementary, 16237 Old Woolmarket Road. Event two includes a 2-mile run, an 11-mile bike, and a 2-mile run. Prizes awarded in multiple age groups. Entry fee: \$20 or \$25 with a T-shirt. Details: Leonard Vergunst, 228-380-7037, [director@gulfcoastrunningclub.org](mailto:director@gulfcoastrunningclub.org), or visit online at [gulfcoastrunningclub.org](http://gulfcoastrunningclub.org)

**Biloxi Lighthouse Festival**, May 4, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. **Biloxi Visitors Center**, 1050 Beach Blvd. Staff will offer free tours of the Biloxi Lighthouse, along with family activities, and arts and crafts vendors downstairs and on the front lawn. Door prizes and free crafts for the children. Free admission. Details: 228-374-3105

**Biloxi Skate Fest**, May 4, 11 a.m.- 5 p.m., HowHop Creative District, under the I-110 at the corner of Howard and Hopkins. A day of epic skateboarding action, music, and food trucks! Free skate lessons and the best-trick contest with prizes and raffles.

## Best Bet!

### Fallen Officer ceremony



The public is invited to join the Biloxi Police Department on the front steps of the Lopez-Quave Public Safety Center, 170 Porter Ave., on Wednesday, May 15 at 9:30 a.m. to pay homage to all law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty. The Biloxi Police Department, along with fallen officers' family and friends, will gather to show that the fallen are not forgotten and that they continue to be heroes for their service and sacrifice. The ceremony is free to attend and will include cake and refreshments.

Adherence to CDC guidelines paramount. All events subject to change.



## Stay in touch

**BNews:** Welcome to the 72nd 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.

**BTV: Biloxi Television,** city's municipal TV channel, is a mix of current events, local history and local flavor, and monthly updates. Visit online at biloxi.ms.us/btv, and on Sparklight Channel 56.

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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

All proceeds from raffles support the proposed skatepark. Free entry. Details: message Gulf Coast Skateparks Association on Facebook

**The Art & Science of Ceramics,** May 9, 3 p.m., Biloxi Public Library, 580 Howard Ave. Delve into the intricacies of this ancient craft. Presented by Science Café on the Coast. Light refreshments. Free admission. Details: 228-436-3095

**Llamaroo,** May 11, 1-7 p.m., Fly Llama Brewing, 186 Bohn St. Special beer releases, vendors. Live entertainment: Biloxi High School Jazz Band, Karate Kids, and Hot 8 Brass Band. Event also includes a live "Family Feud-like" game, and a burger-eating contest. Free admission. Details: 228-207-7757

**Fallen Officer Ceremony,** May 15, 9:30 a.m., Lopez-Quave Public Safety Center, 170 Porter Ave. Public ceremony to pay homage to all law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty. Refreshments will be served. Details: 228-435-6100

**Let's Connect Dance & Health Fair,** May 16, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Biloxi Civic Center, 578 Howard Ave. Dance competition is open to ages 55 and older (submissions due May 1). Event includes vendors, door prizes, and lunch. Open to the public. Details: 228-241-2007, gmsmith@co.harrison.ms.us

**Our Lady of Fatima Spring Fest,** May 17, 4-9 p.m.; May 18, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; & May 19, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Our Lady of Fatima parish grounds, 2090 Pass Road. Event includes live music, a 5K run, arts and crafts vendors, food booths, a silent auction, carnival rides, and more. Free admission. Details: 228-388-3887, 228-388-3602, or springfest@olfschool.org; Vendors: vendors-springfest@olfschool.org

**Billy Creel Memorial Gulf Coast Wooden & Classic Boat Show,** May 18-19, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Schooner Pier Complex, 367 Beach Blvd. Tour a captivating collection of antique vessels, and experience the charm of the schooners departing every hour while exploring our marine flea market. Shrimp and fish plates available along with demonstrations, exhibits, and crafts. Free admission. Details: 228-435-6320

**Woolmarket Youth Baseball & Softball-Ballpark Clean Sweep,** May 19, 8-11 a.m., 16520 Switzer Park Road. Join the game against litter for a post-tournament cleanup. Details: Evelyn McQueen 228-388-4710, evelyn.mcqueen@msstate.edu

**Bike Biloxi,** May 21, 6 p.m., downtown 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 recommended. Details: 228-435-6339

**Main Street Book Club,** May 23, 5:30 p.m., Biloxi Visitors Center, 1050 Beach Blvd. This month's book is "Sunset in the Sound" by local author, Candace Cox Wheeler, who will be present for the book discussion and book signing! Light refreshments served. Free admission. Details and to RSVP: 228-435-6339

**Street Smart Fair,** May 24, 9:30-11:30 a.m., Hiller Park Splashpad, 380 Creek Road. Event presented by the City of Biloxi and Heritage Trails Partnership of the Mississippi Gulf Coast in celebration of National Bicycle Safety Month. Event features demonstrations: rules of the road, helmet fitting station, ABCs of Bicycling, and Know your Road Signs. Games and activities for all ages, bicycle giveaway, refreshments, and vendors. Free admission, bike not required. Details: www.gulfcoasttrails.org.

**Biloxi Fleur De Lis Society 90th Anniversary Celebration Bazaar,** May 25, 11 a.m., 182 Howard Ave. Food, jambalaya cook-off, vendors, cold beverages, live entertainment, silent auction, door prizes, cake wheel, karaoke, cash raffle, and games for all ages. Free admission. Details: 228-436-6472

**Summer Reading Program "Adventure Begins at Your Library,"** May 28-July 12, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. daily, each branch of the Harrison County Library System. Special events and activities for all ages. Registered participants will receive certificates and prizes. Free admission. Details: visit your local branch or http://harison.lib.ms.us to register.



### Biloxi Little Theatre

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

- **Vanya and Sonya and Masha and Spike,** May 31-June 2 & 7-9

### Center Stage

2670 Rue Palafox, 228-388-6258

- **Sweeney Todd,** July 18-28

### Beauvoir, The Jefferson Davis Home & Presidential Library

2244 Beach Blvd., 228-388-4400, www.visitbeauvoir.org

### Biloxi Excel By 5

Lopez School, 140 St. John Ave., 228-297-6808

- Community-based certification program to improve child's overall well-being by age 5

### Biloxi Lighthouse & Visitors Center

1050 Beach Blvd., 228-374-3105, biloxi.ms.us. Open daily, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

- **Annual Lighthouse Arts & Crafts Fair,** May 4, 9 a.m.-4 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 for adults, \$15 for ages 3-12
- Group charters available, up to 44 people

**Biloxi Shrimping Trip**

693 Beach Blvd., 228-392-8645, [www.biloxishrimpingtrip.com](http://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](http://www.biloxitourtrain.com) • Call in advance for tour availability

**Coastal Mississippi Mardi Gras Museum**

792 Howard Ave., 228-314-4747, [museum@coastalmardigras.com](mailto: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](http://co.harrison.ms.us/departments/senior/services)  
 • Open 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Monday-Friday

**KAFB Farmer's Market**

625 Marina Dr. 228-377-2821, [BOS.81FSS.Vandenburg@us.af.mil](mailto:BOS.81FSS.Vandenburg@us.af.mil)  
 • First Friday of each month, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Marina Park (open to those with base access)

**Kroc Center, MS Gulf Coast, The Salvation Army** – 575 Division St., 228-207-1218,  
[krocmscoast.com](http://krocmscoast.com) – Visit online for more info on all special events

- **Ties and Tiaras**, May 4, 4-6 p.m., share a glamorous Hollywood experience with your son or daughter. DJ, photographer, dance contest, and dinner provided. Admission: \$25 for parent and child duo; additional \$10 per extra child
- **Flick & Float: Summer Kick-Off Movie Night**, May 31, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Admission: free for members, \$10 for guests

**Maritime & Seafood Industry Museum** – 115 1st Street, 228-435-6320,

[www.maritimemuseum.org](http://www.maritimemuseum.org)

- Hours of operation: Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m.- 4:30 p.m., Sunday, noon – 4 p.m.
- **Sea-n-Sail Adventure Camp 2024**, June 3-7, 10-14, 17-21 (ages 6-8 only), 24-28 and July 8-12, 15-19, & 22-26. Registration opens January 15; book early to reserve your preferred week. Price: \$275 per child/week (deposit of \$50 required at registration). 20% discount for 3+ children in family. Registration forms: [www.maritimemuseum.org](http://www.maritimemuseum.org)
- **Billy Creel Memorial Gulf Coast Wooden & Classic Boat Show**, May 18-19, 10 a.m., Schooner Pier Complex, 367 Beach Blvd. Free admission. Details: 228-435-6320

**Ohr-O'Keefe Museum of Art** – 386 Beach Blvd., 228-374-5547, [www.georgeohr.org](http://www.georgeohr.org)

- **Understanding Contemporary Art & Architecture**, May 18. Admission: Free for members, \$25 for non-members
- 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](http://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**, May 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31. Doors open at 4 p.m.; card sales at 5:30 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

- **Karaoke with Kenny**, Fridays at 7 p.m.
- **Dinner**, Fridays at 6 p.m.
- **90th Anniversary Celebration Bazaar**, May 25, 11 a.m. until 6 p.m., music, food, games, raffle, silent auction, jambalaya cook-off, and a cake walk

**Joppa Shrine** – 13280 Shriners Blvd., 601-917-1027

- **Steak Night**, May 10, 6-8 p.m. Last ticket sold by 7:15 p.m.; \$20. Dine-in or carry-out. Details 228-392-9345
- **Joppa Potentate's Ball**, May 4, 7:30 p.m. Dance to the sounds of the Gulf Coast Big Band. Great Gatsby theme! Admission: \$20. Details: 228-392-9345

**Mississippi Coast Historical & Genealogical Society** – 591 Howard Ave. (2nd floor),  
 Dr. Frank Gruich Sr. Community Center, 228-396-1543**Our Lady of Fatima Parish Monday Bingo** – 315 Tara Lane, 228-388-3887

- **Monday Bingo**, May 6, 13, 20 & 27. Doors open at 5 p.m.; Early birds at 6:30 p.m.; regular games at 7 p.m.

**The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish Bingo**

- **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

**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](mailto: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](http://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 3:30 p.m.; Biloxi Community  
 Development auditorium, 676 MLK Blvd.  
 Details: 228-435-6266

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Community Market  Biloxi Bingo Mania Nativity Cathedral	<b>1</b> Robert McKeithen Memorial Blood Drive Biloxi Visitors Center	<b>2</b> Community Market  National Day of Prayer Biloxi City Hall  Preservation in May Gulf Coast History Expo Sneak Peek Biloxi Visitors Center	<b>3</b> Karaoke with Kenny & Dinner Fleur de Lis Society  Friday Bingo – Biloxi Elks Lodge First Friday – HowHop Creative District  Gulf Coast History Expo Biloxi Visitors Center  KAFB Farmers Market Marina Park	<b>4</b> Swimming Lessons Registration – Biloxi Natatorium Du2 - Woolmarket N. Elementary History Expo Biloxi Visitors Center Ties & Tiaras – Kroc Center Meet-N-Greet – Edgewater Mall Joppa Ball – Joppa Shrine Arts Fair – Biloxi Visitors Center Superhero 5k – Biloxi Town Green Skate Fest – HowHop Brick Fest – Coliseum
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Swimming Lessons Late Registration Biloxi Natatorium  Monday Night Bingo Our Lady of Fatima	<b>7</b> Community Market  Shuckers vs. Biscuits KFCU Park  Biloxi Bingo Mania Nativity Cathedral	<b>8</b> Shuckers vs. Biscuits KFCU Park	<b>9</b> Community Market  Preservation in May Walking in Woolmarket's History Coalville United Methodist Church  Shuckers vs. Biscuits – KFCU Park  The Art & Science of Ceramics Biloxi Public Library	<b>10</b> Karaoke with Kenny & Dinner Fleur de Lis Society  Friday Bingo Biloxi Elks Lodge  Steak Night Joppa Shrine  Shuckers vs. Biscuits KFCU Park	<b>11</b> Llamaroo Fly Llama Breweing  Shuckers vs. Biscuits KFCU Park  Rick Springfield and Richard Marx IP Casino  Scott Stapp Beau Rivage
<b>12</b> Shuckers vs. Biscuits KFCU Park	<b>13</b>  Monday Night Bingo Our Lady of Fatima	<b>14</b> Community Market  Biloxi Bingo Mania Nativity Cathedral	<b>15</b> Fallen Officer Ceremony Lopez-Quave Public Safety Center	<b>16</b> Community Market  Preservation in May Take It To The Grave Biloxi Cemetery  Let's Connect Dance & Health Fair Biloxi Civic Center	<b>17</b> Karaoke with Kenny & Dinner Fleur de Lis Society  Friday Bingo Biloxi Elks Lodge  Spring Fest Our Lady of Fatima  Ludacris Beau Rivage	<b>18</b> Billy Creel Wooden Boat Show Schooner Pier Complex  Understanding Contemporary Art & Architecture Ohr-O'Keefe Museum of Art  Kountry Wayne Beau Rivage
<b>19</b> Billy Creel Wooden Boat Show Schooner Pier Complex Baseball/Softball Ballpark Clean Sweep Switzer Park Road	<b>20</b>  Monday Night Bingo Our Lady of Fatima	<b>21</b> Community Market  Bike Biloxi Downtown Biloxi  Shuckers vs. Barons KFCU Park  Biloxi Bingo Mania Nativity Cathedral	<b>22</b> Shuckers vs. Barons KFCU Park	<b>23</b> Community Market  Preservation in May Main Street Book Club Biloxi Visitors Center  Shuckers vs. Barons KFCU Park	<b>24</b> Karaoke with Kenny & Dinner Fleur de Lis Society  Friday Bingo Biloxi Elks Lodge  Street Smart Fair Hiller Park Splashpad  Shuckers vs. Barons KFCU Park  Travis Tritt – IP Casino Blippi – MS Coast Coliseum	<b>25</b> Fleur De Lis Celebration Bazaar 182 Howard Ave.  90th Anniversary Celebration Bazaar Fleur de Lis Society  Shuckers vs. Barons KFCU Park
<b>26</b> Shuckers vs. Barons KFCU Park	<b>27</b>  Monday Night Bingo Our Lady of Fatima	<b>28</b> Community Market  Summer Reading "Adventure Begins at Your Library" Harrison County Library System  Shuckers vs. Wahoos KFCU Park  Biloxi Bingo Mania Nativity Cathedral	<b>29</b> Shuckers vs. Wahoos KFCU Park	<b>30</b> Community Market  Preservation in May Preservation Awards Ohr-O'Keefe Museum of Art  Shuckers vs. Wahoos KFCU Park	<b>31</b> Karaoke with Kenny & Dinner Fleur de Lis Society  Friday Bingo – Biloxi Elks Lodge  Vanya and Sonya and Masha and Spike Biloxi Little Theatre  Shuckers vs. Wahoos KFCU Park  Flick & Float: Summer Kick-Off Movie Night Kroc Center The Frontman – Hard Rock	<b>1</b> Shuckers vs. Wahoos KFCU Park

# BTV May Schedule

Sparklight 56; Uverse 99 (follow prompts) or at [biloxi.ms.us/btv](http://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 Biloxi Fire Station No. 7
7:30 a.m.	Storytime with Gumbo Kelly (15 min)
7:45 a.m.	Keesler Update (15 min)
8 a.m.	BTV programming
9 a.m.	City Council meetings and other bonus public affairs programming (3 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 Biloxi Fire Station No. 7
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Midnight	National Anthem by Ronny Broussard (2 min)

## Firefighters prepare dinner!

This month on "Biloxi Cooks!," Biloxi Firefighter III David Allen is joined by other Biloxi Firefighters in preparing the saucy dish of Chicken Alfredo paired with delectable Buttermilk Garlic Butter Biscuits.

For the episode, videographer Renny Sherman set up his cameras in the kitchen of Biloxi Fire Station No. 7 and filmed the team preparing the food while narrating the process and filling the firehouse with an aroma no one could resist.

Check out the latest video of "Biloxi Cooks!" airing daily in May on BTV at 7 a.m., 1 p.m., and 7 p.m. See the recipe below to make your own pasta dish!

### This month's recipe:

## Baked Cajun Chicken Alfredo With Buttermilk Garlic Butter Biscuits

By Biloxi Firefighter III David Allen, along with other Biloxi Firefighters



#### Chicken Alfredo Ingredients:

- 3 large sweet onions
- 1 yellow bell pepper
- 1 orange bell pepper
- 1 red bell pepper
- 1 dozen baby Bella mushrooms
- 1 8.5 oz jar of sliced sun-dried tomatoes
- 12 oz of shredded Parmesan cheese
- 2 cup of Italian blend shredded cheese
- 1 ½ lbs of bow tie pasta
- 4 sticks unsalted butter
- 1 quart of heavy whipping cream
- Approx. 3 tbsp of Zataran's blackening seasoning
- 3 lbs of chicken filets

#### Prep (approx. 20 minutes)

Preheat oven to 425 degrees F. Dice all peppers and onions and set aside in a bowl. Cut all mushrooms in half then thinly slice, after those are done set aside in a separate bowl. In a large pot, boil your pasta till al dente. Lastly cube your chicken and set aside.

#### Cooking (approx. 45 minutes)

1. In a large pan, melt a stick of butter and place in chicken. You are going to generously season the chicken with the blackening seasoning and constantly stir every few minutes to ensure the chicken is thoroughly cooked.
2. In a separate large pan, you want to melt a stick of butter and begin to sauté your onions and peppers over medium heat. Once they are beginning to get tender, you will then add in your mushrooms and entire jar of tomatoes.
3. Once you've let your veggies get to know each other for a few minutes you will cube up your last two sticks of butter and add them.
4. When the butter begins to melt, add your heavy cream and season with the blackening seasoning. Continue to season, constantly tasting till you reach your desired flavor.
  - If you feel as if you over seasoned don't stress, when you mix in your noodles and cheese it will knock a lot of the spices down.
5. Once your sauce is all together, crank up the heat and bring your sauce to a boil. Once to a boil, bring down to a low simmer and keep that simmer for around ten minutes.
6. In a large deep baking pan: a. Place in your noodles; b. Cover noodles with Parmesan cheese c. Place in your chicken; d. Pour entirety of sauce on top
7. Stir all content of the baking pan till thoroughly and evenly mix.
8. Cover top of your alfredo with your Italian blend shredded cheese then lightly dust with your blackening seasoning.
9. Bake for approx. 20 minutes or until cheese on top begins to melt and brown.

#### Biscuits (yields 13-15 large biscuits)

- 4 cups of self-rising flour
- 1 frozen stick of garlic and herb butter
- 1 melted stick of garlic and herb butter
- 1 stick of vegetable shortening
- 1 quart of cultured buttermilk

#### Prep (approx. 10 min)

Optional\* sift your flour into a mixing bowl. Place one stick of butter into freezer and grease your pan you'll be baking in.

1. Once you've placed your flour into the bowl, you'll begin to break off ½ a cup of your shortening into little pieces and place into flour.
2. Using your fingers, pinch the shortening into the flour till it is incorporated in little flakes. (your flour should look like it has little crumbs and clumps in it)
3. Then you are going to create a crater in the middle of your flour and pour ¾ of your buttermilk into the crater.
4. Begin to fold your flour with your hand starting from the outside to the middle until you have a consistency of cottage cheese, adding more milk if needed.
5. DO NOT over knead your dough, once you've reached desired texture STOP.
6. Take around half a cup of flour and dust your counter
7. Pour dough onto floured counter then dust the top of your dough ball
8. Gently flatten your dough till approximately ½ inch thick.
  - a. Once flattened, take your frozen butter and grate it covering the entire surface of the dough.
  - b. Once covered, gently fold the dough back together creating layers
9. ONLY fold a few time to create layers, do not over work your dough or they will not rise.
10. Once folded flatten out your dough to about 1 inch thick.
11. Use desired size cookie cutter or large cup and press into the dough. DO NOT TWIST when cutting dough, that will keep your dough from rising.
12. Place your cut biscuits into your greased pan tightly.
13. Once all your biscuits are in your pan, put a bead size piece of shortening on the top of each biscuit.

#### Bake (approx. 20-30)

1. In your preheated oven, place your pan of biscuits.
2. When the biscuits rise and begin to brown, take your melted garlic butter and evenly pour on top
3. Place back in oven till you have the desired color on top.
  - (If worried biscuit is not done, take a toothpick and stick it into the middle of the biscuit, if nothing comes out when you pull out the tooth pick it is finished.)
4. Remove biscuits when finished, allow to cool a few minutes before serving.



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

# Biloxi's bakery's 100th birthday

By Jane Shambra



## Early days of Biloxi baking

In the early days of Biloxi, around the 1700s, there were no ovens in which to bake and little wheat that survived the voyages from France. The earliest breads were made with "corn wheat." Corn was a staple commodity that the Native Americans thrived upon and which saved the earliest settlers and voyageurs from starvation. Corn Pone (also known as corn cake or hearth cake) was originally made with a few ingredients: finely ground corn kernels, water, salt, and animal fat. These were likely Biloxi's first cakes!

## Bakery delivery in the early 1900s

As time evolved, so did the bakery industry. By the early 1900s, retail bakers began to organize in America. Product offerings expanded, and people's means of receiving baked goods advanced. In Biloxi, bread was delivered to homes via horse and buggy. Those were the days before our current online and delivery options were available.



▲ Early days of daily delivery by horse and buggy

## Introduction of electricity

In the 1890s, Mr. Ed Burklin (from Missouri) came to Biloxi and, with permission from City officials, constructed a flour mill and electric plant. This electric plant was located at the corner of Esters Boulevard and Magnolia Street in downtown Biloxi, near the old train depot.

The early 1900s were the days when Biloxi saw its first electric street lights, and homes and businesses were offered a safer means of lighting. Transportation (via electric trolley) and cooking also progressed because of electricity. In fact, our grandparents referred to their monthly electric service bill as their "light bill." Today, however, households and businesses simply refer to it as the power bill.

For a century, the Elektrik Maid Bake Shop has been serving bread, cookies, pastries, cakes, and more. As Biloxi celebrates the bakery's 100th year, we take a look at some baking history.



Elektrik Maid on Pass Road at Veterans Avenue since 1981

## The Birth of Biloxi's Elektrik Maid Bake Shop

With the introduction of electric-powered ovens came an excellent opportunity for perfect baking. On April 12, 1924, Elektrik Maid Bake Shop, the ideal name for the new establishment, opened its doors for business. It was located in downtown Biloxi on West Howard Avenue in a location we recognize today as the Barq's Building.

Its early offerings included cakes, cookies, pies, rolls, and breads. Its original slogan was "Taste the Difference."

Elektrik Maid's founders were Donald Entringer

and A.W. Bissett, both natives of Wisconsin and experienced bakers. Mr. Entringer later became the father of McKenzie's Bakery in New Orleans. He was also a prominent contributor to the community and donated a stained-glass window to the nearby Nativity Church. This colorful window, bearing several Entringer family names, can still be seen in the church today.

Recognizing the need for additional locations, Elektrik Maid expanded, offering baked goods in some local grocery stores and adding more locations, including one on Porter Avenue. The Porter Avenue shop opened in 1955. Its location in the downtown area offered a perfect afternoon treat for nearby students.



▲ Elektrik Maid opening ad in 1924

## A special anniversary congratulations to the Balius Family for a job well done!



Its current slogan: **You Taste the Difference**

is representative of a tribute to the celebration of the family's long-standing service to Biloxi's taste buds. The name Elektrik Maid is certainly indicative of its successful business, whereby patrons could truly choose a product prepared in "electric" ovens enhancing the overall baking process.



▲ Harrel Balius and Nora Balius of Elektrik Maid Bakery

Back in the day, the bake shop even offered fried chicken and home delivery, food services that were not commonplace at that time.

Paul Balius, the head baker for Mr. Entringer, bought the shop in the early 1950s and primarily worked out of the shop on Porter Avenue. Today, it is a family tradition with the grandson, Harrel Balius, and others working in the Bakery.

## West Biloxi: Veterans Ave./ Pat Harrison Blvd.

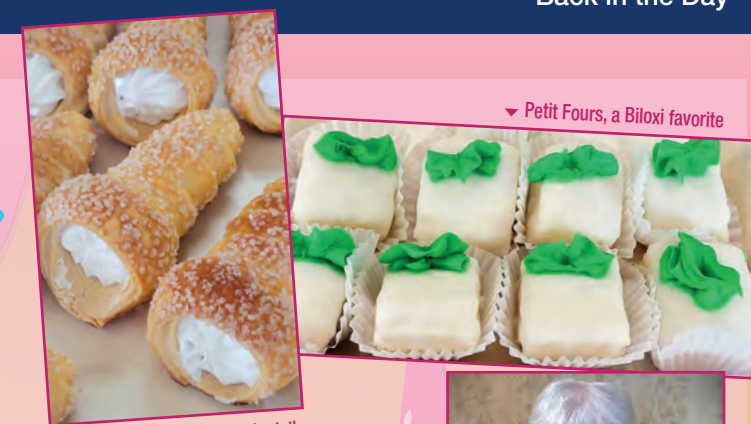
In 1981, the Elektrik Maid set up shop on the southwest corner of Veterans Avenue and Pass Road. These streets were listed as Pat Harrison Boulevard and Pass Christian Road long ago. Located at 1833 Pass Road, the shop still offers an array of fresh baked goods and is open Monday through Saturday from 6:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.



▲ 1950s Elektrik Maid ad

## Through thick and thin

This century-old Bakery represents the steadfast resilience of Biloxi. It has survived a fire (while housed in the Yerger/ Barq's Building), the Great Depression, and multiple hurricanes. It should be noted that the current location is about 30 feet above level, which helped protect it from flooding during Hurricane Katrina.



▲ Cream-filled delights made daily

## Specialty Items

Besides its traditional baked goods, which include Wedding and Birthday Cakes, cookies, pies, donuts, rolls, cakes, breads, and pies, it has also expanded its offerings to include additional treats:

**Petit Fours:** small bite-size savory pieces of cake, finely decorated with specialty icing and often served as a delicacy at celebratory events. (Petit four is a French term meaning "small oven.")

**King Cakes:** This Elektrik Maid's Mardi Gras treat is usually decorated with swirls of their special cake icing representing the purple, green, and gold (yellow) colors of the season.

**Eclairs:** a culinary delight made from a long French delicacy filled with pastry cream or custard and dipped in a special icing (fondant icing).

**Cream Puffs:** a classic bite-size French pastry filled with sweet cream and sometimes dusted with powdered sugar.

**Napoleons:** a small layered French iced pastry with a creamy filling.

**Fruit Cake:** a Christmas delight filled with dried fruit, nuts, dates, and raisins.



▲ Nora Balius adds the finishing touches to Petit Fours



▲ The flaky layers of Baklava baked to perfection



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