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# A Thousand Words



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## Edgewater Mall



# Progressing on city projects

Recently, Mayor Andrew “FoFo” Gilich gave a Biloxi Chamber audience a brief overview of city projects during a Breakfast with the Mayor event. Here are the details about the various projects mentioned, as well as an update on the A.J. Holloway Sports Complex.

## Popp's Ferry Extension

- Contractors are currently working on cutting the roadbed down to grade.
- The underpass on the south side of the railroad is complete.
- Utility work is taking place along the area.
- As of mid-July, the work is about 17 percent complete.

## Saenger Theatre

- Stage surround work has been completed.
- Wood flooring has been repaired and replaced where needed.
- The City of Biloxi has gone out to bid on new carpet. Those bids closed July 23.

## Miramar Park

- The old playground, which was installed after Hurricane Katrina, was removed in July.
- As of mid-July, Biloxi Parks & Recreation is waiting on the new, colorful play structure to be delivered. The installation will follow.
- The \$45,000 project was funded by the city and installed by Magnolia Recreation.

## Popp's Ferry Dog Park

- Hoops, steppers, a dog walk ramp, two dog fire hydrants, two dog resting tables, a jump over, a water fountain, and waste stations were installed in mid-July at the park.
- The \$22,257 project funded by the city and installed by Magnolia Recreation.

## Pennzoil McManus Park

- Five pieces of new workout equipment: vertical press, chest press, back extension, sit-up bench, and lat pull-down, were installed in mid-July.
- The \$29,000 project was funded by the city and installed by Magnolia Recreation.

## Woolmarket Sidewalks

- Contractors with Landmark Contracting, Inc. are installing just under two miles of sidewalks on Woolmarket Road from Lorraine Road to Jim Byrd Road, and Lorraine Road from Woolmarket Road to Nature's Trail.
- Less than 500 feet left to be completed on Lorraine Road from north to Woolmarket Road, as of mid-July.
- The nearly \$1 million MDOT-funded project began in late October.

## Old Brick House

- The house, used as a rental facility by the City of Biloxi, closed in October for renovations.
- The city is currently working with the National Archives and History on renovations.
- As of mid-July, the city was obtaining two quotes to replace the roof, gutter, and downspouts. At the time of this writing, no date has been set for repairs to begin.
- The project is funded by the Department of Marine Resources Mississippi Gulf Coast National Heritage Area's Community Heritage Grant with matching funds.
- Once complete, the city will begin addressing the moisture issue on the building.

## A.J. Holloway Sports Complex

- The \$5.167 million project was completed in March. The facility reopened on March 8.
- The synthetic turf and sod create better-maintained and more appealing fields.
- The fields have been booked every weekend during spring and early summer.
- Reservations for field use are made through the Parks & Recreation Department. Information may be obtained by emailing [sports@biloxi.ms.us](mailto:sports@biloxi.ms.us) or by calling the department weekdays at 228-388-7170.
- City leagues will continue to use the complex with football to begin late August, early September.
- Visit online at [biloxi.ms.us/pr](http://biloxi.ms.us/pr) for more details on the complex renovations.

Miramar Parks' new playground



Pennzoil McManus Park



Popp's Ferry Dog Park



Woolmarket Sidewalks



Old Brick House



A.J. Holloway Sports Complex







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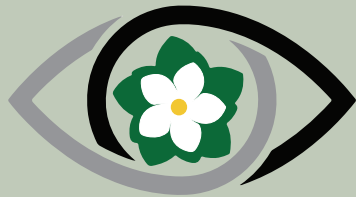
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# Pick up Biloxi together

Mayor Andrew “FoFo” Gilich, Biloxi City Council, and Biloxi Police are asking residents and visitors to keep Biloxi beautiful with litter prevention.

Litter along the roadways and throughout the city impacts the environment and the well-being of our community. It is also against the law.

According to the City of Biloxi Code of Ordinance, it is “unlawful for any person to throw, discard, place, or deposit any garbage or litter in any manner or amount on any public or private property within the corporate limits of the city, except in containers or areas lawfully provided.”

Working together to stop littering, pick up litter, and report it allows the community to continue to keep Biloxi a clean, safe city.

“Litter prevention is a community-wide responsibility,” said Mayor Andrew “FoFo” Gilich. “It takes all of us working together to stop littering.”

Last year, Biloxi Public Works conducted more than 2,000 pick-ups, collecting 1,795 tons of waste with 340 trips to the landfill. Crews also collected more than 1,000 bags of litter.

Thousands more bags of litter were collected through community-wide cleanups such as the Biloxi Main Street Earth Day Clean-up, the Mississippi State Star-Spangled Cleanup, Clean Up at the Point, and Resilient East Biloxi Community Cleanup Day.

“By working together to prevent littering, we not only preserve our beautiful city but also create a safer, more welcoming environment for everyone,” said Kenny Glavan, Biloxi City Council President. “When we unite in this

effort, Biloxi shines brighter, and residents and visitors alike can enjoy our city with pride and confidence.”

Every little bit hurts the community, and as a tourist destination with nearly 50,000 residents and thousands of visitors annually, litter can negatively impact the aesthetic appeal and economic health of the city. It can also decrease visitor numbers and the length of time tourists stay. These are even more reasons to keep Biloxi, a destination city, clean and free from cluttered garbage and waste.

“It is very important to prevent litter throughout our city,” said Biloxi Police Chief John Miller. “No one likes to see that, and it gives people a perception that is not accurate of how we take care of our city.”

Besides participating in community cleanups, residents can help with litter prevention by doing things such as picking up litter along the streets, in parks, and on their property; ensuring personal trash and yard trimmings are properly disposed of; and reporting any violations. If you see litter, report it.

Call the Biloxi Police Department at 228-392-0641 to report a litter violation in action. If tires are dumped along the roadway, call Biloxi Public Works at 228-435-6271 or email [cross@biloxi.ms.us](mailto:cross@biloxi.ms.us), and if you see trash collecting on private property, call Biloxi Code Enforcement at 228-435-0841 or email [codeenforcement@biloxi.ms.us](mailto:codeenforcement@biloxi.ms.us).

It is a community effort to prevent littering, and ultimately, it takes everyone to stop it!



## News & notes

### 2025 STORM SEASON

**The status:** Biloxi hasn't seen a threat during the 2025 Hurricane Season, but make no mistake, the peak of the season is almost here.



#### What you should be doing:

- Have a plan.
- Gather supplies and make a storm kit.
- Trim back dead or weak branches from trees.
- Check on flood insurance.
- Develop an emergency communications plan in case family members are separated
- Know your evacuation zone and route. Plan for alternate routes and travel time.
- Make arrangements for pets. Contact your local humane society for more info on shelters that accept pets.
- For details to make sure you are prepared before, during, and after a storm, visit [biloxi.ms.us/stormandflood](https://biloxi.ms.us/stormandflood).

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# Grateful Dead Night, Frelick, Chourio Giveaways Highlight August

**Shuckers set for 12 home games in 13 days with plenty of fun in the sun!**

By Javik Blake  
Biloxi Shuckers

Summer rolls on with the Biloxi Shuckers as the team heads into August with 12 home games at Keesler Federal Park. The Shuckers will welcome the Columbus Clingstones (Atlanta Braves) and Chattanooga Lookouts (Cincinnati Reds) as part of a two-week, 12-game homestand from August 12-24, including Grateful Dead Night on August 23. After every game, kids can run the bases presented by Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Mississippi. Fans can also cool off in the Corona Premier Tiki Bar in right field, complete with fans and misters for the summer heat.

The homestand begins on Tuesday, August 12, with a No. 1 Sal Frelick Shuckers name-and-number shirsey in celebration of the Shuckers' 10th anniversary season and a 2024 National League Rawlings Gold Glove Award® winner for the first 250 fans.

The Shuckers will celebrate and honor our first responders with First Responders Night on Thursday, August 14.

On Friday, August 15, the Shuckers will host their annual Fight Like A Shucker Night at the ballpark with specialty jerseys designed by local artist, Julia Reyes. The jerseys will be available for auction after the game.

The Shuckers will transform into the Malmö Oat Milkers for a nutty night of baseball on Saturday, August 16, before Fun Day Sunday and Faint and Family Night rounds out the series on Sunday.

The Shuckers return on Tuesday, August 19, with a No. 11 Jackson Chourio Shuckers name-and-number shirsey presented by Coca-Cola for the first 250 fans. Chourio, who was named a 2023 Southern League All-Star, finished third in the National League Rookie of the Year voting in 2024.

On Wednesday, August 20, it's Bark in the Park! Fans and their four-legged friends can purchase tickets for \$16 in advance and sit in dog-friendly Sections 117 and 119.

Fans can join the Shuckers on Friday, August 22, for Sparklight Night, where prizes

will be awarded to fans throughout the night after every inning, and Hope Night, where the Shuckers will join forces with local organizations.

The Shuckers will celebrate summer with Grateful Dead Night on Saturday, August 23, with Tie-Dye Grateful Dead Jerseys! The first 1,000 fans will receive a Shuckers and Grateful Dead reversible bucket hat.

Daily specials also highlight the monthly calendar. Tuesdays are T-Shirt Tuesday for the first 250 fans. T-Shirts throughout the year will honor various Shuckers who have gone on to have success at the highest levels of the sport, including fan favorites such as Jackson Chourio, Jacob Misorowski, Corbin Burnes, and Brandon Woodruff. It's also Brew Crew Tuesday presented by Coors Light, where fans can purchase a 20oz 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. Fans can also arrive early to the Corona Premier Tiki Bar from 5:15-6:35 for Happy Hour deals with \$4 16oz Corona Premier, Corona Extra, Modelo, Pacifico, \$6 High Noon, and \$8 well cocktails.

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% 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! It's also Friday Night Flight presented by Yuengling Flight. Fans can pick up a passport at nine different locations throughout Keesler Federal Park and grab a \$6 Yuengling or Yuengling Flight (one per stop). Fans can get a stamp at each stop, and after five stamps, they can claim their free embossed Shuckers souvenir cup. Passports can be used on multiple Friday games during the season.

The Shuckers will also recognize and donate to local family-based organizations 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% 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.





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# Biloxi has a new list of sports hall of famers

The City of Biloxi will be inducting new members into its Biloxi Sports Hall of Fame, and this year, 10 new members and four teams will be recognized during a ceremony at the Biloxi Civic Center on Aug. 31 at 3 p.m.

The inductees include outstanding football players, track stars, baseball powerhouses, and exceptional coaches.

The inductees are chosen based on, but not limited to, statistical performance, individual achievement, leadership, citizenship, and community service. The number of inductees each year is solely at the discretion of the selection committee.

To nominate someone for the Biloxi Hall of Fame, visit online at [biloxi.ms.us/sportshalloffame](http://biloxi.ms.us/sportshalloffame).



## Class of 2025



### Wallace "Chip" Barnes

Wallace "Chip" Barnes's passion for football began at a young age. Chip carried his passion to high school, playing with the Biloxi High School Indians from 1961-1963. He quickly became an integral part of the team. In 1962, Chip played running back and defensive back for the Indians. It was during this time that Chip was awarded the "Best Back" trophy in the Big 8 State Championship game, an honor bestowed by then-Biloxi Mayor Danny Guice.

Chip's love for the game continued into his adulthood years, where he coached Pee Wee Football in Biloxi. As a coach, Chip's team won many championships and led the East Biloxi All-Stars in the Kiwanis Mullet Bowl in 1978 against the West Biloxi All-Stars.

His love for Biloxi has never wavered. Currently, Chip still serves the community as an active member of the Architectural Historical Review Committee.



### Stephen Baronich

Stephen Baronich's athletic resume is second to none, especially while at Notre Dame High School in the mid-1970s. Stephen was a four-year letterman in football, a three-year letterman in track and field, and a two-time letterman in basketball.

After high school, Stephen took his talents to Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College in Perkinston. While playing for the Bulldogs Football team in 1976, Stephen was named All-State and second-team All-American linebacker by the Los Angeles Times. He also received the Joe Williams "Guts Award."

Following Perk, Stephen enrolled in Delta State University, and in 1979, he was named Defensive Back of the Year.

Stephen's athletic abilities continued with a career as a sports coach for 41 years (1980-2021), coaching football, track and field, and powerlifting. During his coaching career, Stephen compiled more than eight State titles and 10 runner-up titles. He was also instrumental in bringing powerlifting into high school sports.

Stephen is also a member of the Louisiana High School Powerlifting Association Hall of Fame.



### John Brauchle Jr.

John Brauchle Jr., a 1975 graduate of Notre Dame High School, acquired an outstanding stat sheet as a football player. During the 1974 season, John rushed for more than 1,500 yards and averaged over eight yards per carry. He also added 800 yards receiving and return yards, giving him the titles of Prep All-American, Burger King All-Coast team, and MVP of the 1974 Turkey Bowl that was played in Ocean Springs.

John continued in sports while at Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, Perkinston. He was a two-time letterman for the Bulldogs and in 1977 was awarded the Dr. George M. Guild Scholastic Award for the highest grade point average. John was also a discus player with MGCCC Track and Field.

John's love for sports led him into the coaching world of youth

sports in Biloxi from 1994-1998.

Sun Herald Sports Writer Mike Bialas wrote, "John was one of the most prolific running backs in Notre Dame's history." This adds to the list of mentions regarding "The Freight Train" or "Bone Crusher," better known as John Brauchle Jr.



### Cody Charles Brown

While donning the red and white with the Biloxi Indians, Cody Charles Brown was a four-year starter playing outfield and shortstop, a three-time All-District honoree, and during his senior season was elected to the Clarion Ledger Dandy Dozen, which honors the top 12 players in the state.

Cody has received the ESPN High School All-State Team, two-time Louisville Slugger All-American, two-time MVP, and in 2009, was the only freshman to start and play in all 26 games that the season.

After graduating from Biloxi High School, Cody signed a baseball scholarship for the Mississippi State Bulldogs. There, he was a four-year letterman. In 2013, Cody and the Bulldogs team were runners-up to UCLA at the College World Series in Omaha.

In 2017, at the NCAA Regionals, Cody was named tournament MVP after batting .526 with 7 RBI and two home runs. That same year, he signed as a free agent with the New York Yankees. First at bat as a professional, Cody hit a home run.



### Tony Burns

From 1982-1985, Tony Burns was the complete package in Biloxi football and track and field.

Tony began athletic play at Nichols Junior High, where he excelled in football, basketball, and track.

In his three years at Nichols, Tony was named starting quarterback and MVP for football, starting guard and MVP for basketball, and high jump extraordinaire for the track team.

Tony carried his talents to Biloxi High School. There, he added baseball to his resume. Tony became a varsity pitcher in his sophomore season. With BHS, he played football as a starting quarterback for the Indians in 1984. The Indians, with Tony under center, led his team to victory over the #1 ranked Picayune Maroon Tide in the 45th Annual Shrimp Bowl. During this upset, Tony also kicked a 37-yard field goal to put the Indians on top 17-14 and secured the upset.

Tony was offered a number of scholarships before accepting to attend the University of Southern Mississippi.

Tony will be honored posthumously.



### Adrian Dodson

Adrian Dodson is known to many as Coach. He began his coaching career in 1979, guiding players in the City of Biloxi basketball league. He then moved to coaching football, something he had a true passion for.

From 1985-1996, Coach Dodson dedicated himself to coaching youth football in Biloxi, earning a reputation as a master motivator, a



strategic mind, and a mentor to countless young men. Throughout his years in football, Coach Dodson guided an outstanding list of players, including Seber Windham, Doug Thompson, and Kevin Felsher, all of whom are Biloxi Hall of Fame members.

Coach Dodson's training and guidance allowed four of his teams to go undefeated for five years. And his 1987 team excelled at defense, not allowing a point to be scored the entire season.

Coach Dodson founded FANS Camp, which provides a summer-long experience for youth, stressing Fitness, Athletics, Nutrition, and Sports, all in one camp. Coach Dodson never sought the spotlight. He just wanted to provide the tools to make good ballplayers and even better young men.



## Damion Fletcher

Shortly after signing up to play football at Biloxi High School, Damion Fletcher showed he was something special. Easily defined by two quotes, "You can't catch the Fletch," and "You can't tackle Damion Fletcher in a phone booth."

Damion compiled more than 2,700 yards and 39 touchdowns in his first two seasons at BHS. He was named MVP during his junior and senior years, received All-District, All-Coast, All-State, and State Champion Triple Jump for 5A.

Damion received a scholarship to the University of Southern Mississippi, where he continued to play football. During his freshman season, Damion was named Freshman All-American. During his sophomore year, he was named MVP of the GMAC Bowl. During his junior season, Damion took home the Conerly Award and was named Conference USA Offensive Player of the Year. And during his senior season, Damion again reached the 1,000-yard season rushing mark, making him only the 9th player in NCAA history to do so all four years.

Damion's 5,301 total yards moved him past Hershel Walker and LaDaimian Tomlinson for 8th on his career NCAA rushing list.



## Joseph "Joe" Gazzo II

Joseph "Joe" Gazzo II excelled in the uniform at high school and college football as well as serving the state as a Mississippi Highway Patrol officer.

Joe played football at Biloxi High School from 1963-1965. As a defensive lineman for the Indians, Joe was awarded Defensive Lineman of the Year during his senior season.

After high school, Joe's toughness and hard-working abilities took him to the University of Southern Mississippi. He then transferred to the Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, Perkinston. There, Joe played defensive line for the Bulldogs as well as throwing shot put for the track team, lettering in both sports.

## 1959 Notre Dame High Football

- Head Coach Charles Hegwood; Asst. Coach Anthony Cintgran
- Players: Chris Taranto, Ronald Roberts, John Kiernan, Jules Schwan, Wayne Elliot, Edgar Patterson, Billy Grayson, Darrel Perrien, Ben Benigno, Dicky Schwan, Vincent Kuluz, Gordon Gollott, Jack Ewing, John Hart, Greg Nolte, Dennis Malpass, Harry Horner, Ross Bertucci, Carl Brochard, Charles Parker, Clay Easterly, Bill Murphy, Tom Kavanagh, Robert Mitchell, Jimmy Voivedich, Guy Green, Jimmy Parker, Clement Dellenger, George Collins, Mike Green, Pat Murphy, Rodney Mattina, and John Trochessett

## 1960 Biloxi American Little League State Champs

- Coach Mr. Jimmy Wallis
- Players: Mike Manning, Larry Dubaz, Earl Ross, Randy Pond, Jimmy Wallis, Joey Triba, Mike Bass, Gary Trahan, Glen Kelly, Gordon Tiblier, Glen Mattina, Jerry Covich, Randall Patterson, and Butch Raley

## 1962 Biloxi American Little League State Champs

- Coaches: Windel Raley and Walt Ewing
- Players: Lionel Fayard, Jerry Lessa, George Croncich, Darel Broussard, Gig Gruich, Bobby Saucier, Tommy McDonald, Jim Verling, Edward Broussard, Tommy Thompson, Ricky Dartez, Jake Rossetti, Lloyd Seymour, and George Hunt

## 1985 Dixie Youth World Series Baseball Team 11/12

- Coaches: Jay Trochessett, Gerald Hopkins, and Mike Miller
- Players: Pete Butera, Brandon Trochessett, Eric Sosa, Sean Miller, Mike Linenburger, Ronnie Seymour, Mike Seward, Seber Windham, Justin Brown, Brad Hignight, Joe Pomierski, and Steve Madden

Joe also attended Mississippi College, where he played defensive lineman for the Choctaws football team.

Joe's passion for service to the community was shown through various hours overseeing youth leagues, coaching football and baseball, serving as the president of the Touchdown Club, organizing bus transportation for away games, purchasing letterman jackets for students at BHS, or just mentoring the youth of Biloxi.

Joe's betterment of others earned him the Certificate for Outstanding Contributions to the Quality of Life on Jan. 11, 1994.

Joe will be honored posthumously.



## Larry Sablich

The 1972 Mississippi Little League State Championship game vaulted Larry Sablich into Biloxi baseball legendary fame. Larry was the winning pitcher for the Biloxi American All-Star team that claimed the prestigious title of State Champions.

In 1976, while playing baseball at Biloxi High School, Larry dominated on the mound through 1978. He showcased his talent on the mound as the starter and closer roles throughout his years wearing the red and white.

The three-time letterman then took his talented arm to Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, Perkinston, where in 1979, Larry was the winning pitcher for the Bulldogs in the 1979 State Championship game. He finished his play at MGCCC-Perk in 1980 after an incredible lifetime on the mound.

Larry's teammates were known to live by the motto, "If Larry is pitching, we're winning."

Larry will be honored posthumously.



## Michael Skrmetti

Michael Skrmetti played football and ran track at Notre Dame High in the late 1960s, lettering and receiving the George Sekul Award.

Michael continued his passion for running by participating in numerous 5K runs throughout the city for nearly twenty years. Michael's passion for competition led him to Powerlifting, a sport he excelled at.

Michael is a three-time state champion in Powerlifting as well as a three-time record-setting Powerlifter.

This resume would be good enough for most, but for Michael, his passion pushed him to continue in competing, running, and lifting.

► For a 2026 nomination form, visit online at [biloxi.ms.us/sportshalloffame](http://biloxi.ms.us/sportshalloffame).



# THE BALD CYPRESS AND BILOXI

By Susan Peterson  
City of Biloxi, Tree Committee Chairperson

You might ask why the Bald Cypress is a “protected” tree in the City of Biloxi. Yes, it’s plentiful, especially in our low-lying areas and along our brackish and freshwater ways. It is also rot and stain resistant. They are slow-growing and have a very broad root base. You have seen the cypress “knees” spreading out from just about every mature bald cypress you encounter. These attributes make them storm-resistant and a valuable resource for local inhabitants.

These are the things that make the bald cypress extremely valuable for building boats – all sorts of boats, from pirogues to skiffs and luggers. Boats built by the craftsmen in the Biloxi boat-building industry created fishing vessels that served for 100 years or longer. Plus, they were beautiful. Their use in boat construction is one reason they are a protected species.

That is not the only reason. You have heard of “blackwater” rivers. We certainly have them here in South Mississippi. Why are they black? They turn brown and milky after a heavy rain. That’s from the sediment being washed downstream, but they remain “black” even in the driest of times. The black stain comes from tannin. Tannin is a chemical contained in the bark of cypress and oak trees. We have plenty of both. So, you can thank the bald cypress for our blackwater rivers – a trademark of Biloxi and the Gulf Coast.

Finally, they are plentiful. You don’t commonly see them along our main roads, but get out in our wooded wetlands, and they are everywhere. Beautifully green in the summer, and over the winter, their leaves turn a rich rust color before falling off. Late spring, and they are gorgeous again.

So, next time you see a Bald Cypress tree in Biloxi, you will know why it is protected!



► Visit online at [biloxi.ms.us/majestictrees](http://biloxi.ms.us/majestictrees) for more information

**20 years after Katrina,  
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## Part Two: The Stories Behind the Downtown Murals

By Laurie Rosetti

Biloxi Main Street, City of Biloxi Downtown Services

Let's continue our journey into the importance of cultural identity and heritage highlighting the backstories of some of the murals of Biloxi Main Street's Downtown Public Art Project. When the mural project was in the planning stages, Corey Christy, Design Chair for Biloxi Main Street, always envisioned murals that would serve multiple purposes. He also insisted that they must tell the stories that make Biloxi unique, unlike any other place in the world.

### Mural Name: The Piano Player

**Location:** 110 Rue

Magnolia, near Grants For Her and Boudreauxs Men's Shop

**Artist:** Maddie Andrews

This large mural covers the south-facing wall of the patio area of

The Shoppes At Mary

Mahoney's. The mural is adjacent to Grant's For Her, a women's boutique. Prior to Hurricane Katrina in 2005, many remember this area as Mary Mahoney's Café which served po'boys, beignets, and breakfast 24/7.

**What's it all about:** The mural depicts a piano player from days gone by, seated at an upright. There is a glass of wine on one end of the piano top, and a cup of café au lait, and a plate of beignets on the other end.



This subject matter was specifically chosen to harken back to the days when the café was THE late-night place to go. Couples ended a date-night there with breakfast or a nightcap or both. During football season, groups would head to the café for beignets and hot chocolate. In the early morning, it was nothing for those seeking an early breakfast to run into those seeking a po'boy before crawling into bed after a long night club-hopping. Yes, there was a piano on the patio for years. And yes, there was live music from time to time, whether it be an impromptu guitarist or the Mississippi Coast Jazz Society. The Café, a victim of the ravages of Katrina, is a beloved part of downtown's past.

**Why this may matter to you:** Time marches forward, but as such, it permanently changes so many things and places. The Café earned a spot in the memories and hearts of those who spent many late nights or early mornings there. Biloxians still recall with fondness the special occasions and moments framed in this unique setting. The mural preserves that moment in time and for a second, you can smell the beignets. This is the power of art!

### Mural Name: The Hermit of Deer Island

**Location:** 183

Reynoir Street, on the north side of State Farm Insurance

**Artist:** Rick Dobbs

**What's it all about:**

Jean Guillhot, aka

"The Hermit of Deer

Island" adorns the north-facing wall of Errol Bradley's State Farm Insurance office building. The mural also



features the beautiful, storied Deer Island with its history of natives and pirates. Did you notice the oyster knife when you went by? Keep reading and you find out why its there. Guillhot was dubbed "the Hermit" by Captain Louis Gorenflo in the 1950s primarily because of his grizzled appearance and his isolation. A native of France, "The Hermit" arrived in Biloxi in the 1920s, married a local woman who owned a business on the island and made his home with her. He'd previously worked as a barber (ironic when you consider his shaggy appearance), in factories, and had an oyster business on Deer Island. He lost his wife in 1933 and in 1947, the infamous hurricane took his home and nearly took his life. He built back a simple hut and became a recluse on the island. About the only person who could draw him off the island was the Captain. Captain Gorenflo ran a tourist boat, "The Sailfish" in the 50s. He and the Hermit had a deal, Guillhot would row out to the Sailfish, jump on board and tell stories and sing songs for the visitors; Captain Gorenflo would in turn bring Guillhot his mail, newspapers and groceries. The partnership worked for a long while until Capt. Gorenflo passed away and Guillhot became ill and went to live with relatives on the mainland. The mystique of the hermit and the island was a unique tourism draw for many years.

**Why this may matter to you:** Deer Island is still a part of most Biloxians' growing up years. Many have spent summers boating with family and exploring the island. With all the pirate stories about buried treasure, it's the stuff of many summer themed movies.

For more info on the island lore explore this website: <https://www.exploresouthernhistory.com/biloxighost.html>.

► See a map of the murals online: <https://biloxi.ms.us/residents/major-projects/>

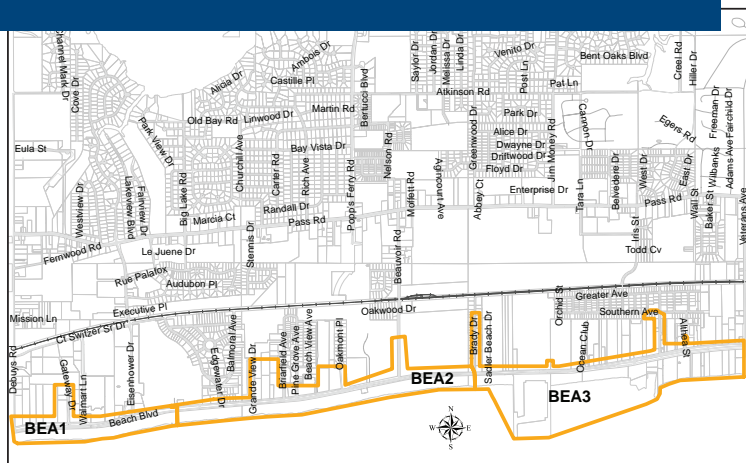
## Infrastructure work in Biloxi

### Project: BEA1, 2, & 3

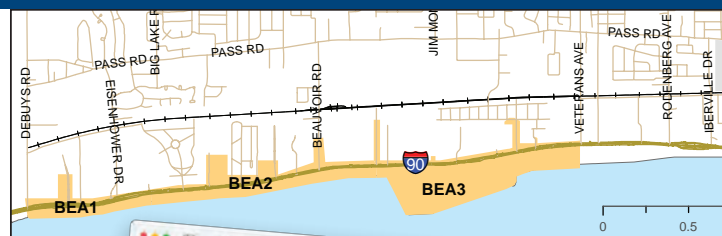
Adjacent to Beach Blvd. from Debuys Road to Veterans Avenue

(Contractors: Necaise Brothers Construction)

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



### Areawide map of infrastructure work



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



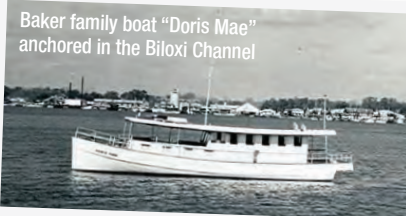
# Random Notes



## TIME CAPSULE:



Moran painting of the Baker house on Deer Island



Baker family boat "Doris Mae" anchored in the Biloxi Channel

Baker brothers, left to right: Ronald Baker, Alvin Baker, and Donald Baker.



## Living the island life

Many generations of the Baker family made Deer Island their home beginning in the early 1850s. Hurricane Camille ended that trend, but the stories of an island life have been shared by Alvin Baker.

Alvin was born in 1941 on Deer Island and lived there for nearly three decades. Being the son of a third-generation fisherman, Alvin's desire to fish the bountiful Gulf waters came naturally.

Life on Deer Island wasn't much different than living on a rural mainland farm, except for being surrounded by water, which created limitations, but the Baker family managed. They grew vegetables in the rich island soil, raised cattle and hogs, and fished the local waters for fresh seafood. Alvin's parents, Arthur and Eva Walther Baker, maintained their island home that Arthur purchased in New Orleans in 1935. The house was disassembled piece by piece in Louisiana and brought to Deer Island on the family boat, the Doris Mae. There it was reassembled and used as the Baker family home until being destroyed by Hurricane Camille in 1969.

Alvin and his four brothers attended Biloxi Public Schools, which required them to row across the channel to the Biloxi mainland. Only during adverse weather, their father would bring them across the channel in the family fishing boat, so they rarely missed a day.

## A colorful view from the platform

Local artist Julia Reyes has once again captured the coastal spirit with a new railroad-themed mural on the north side of the new Amtrak platform located along Esters Blvd. near Caillavet St. Amtrak passengers, whether loading, unloading, or just passing through, will be welcomed by a colorful artistic blend of Biloxi right outside their train window.

Local artist Julia Reyes completing a colorful vision of Biloxi



## All aboard Biloxi



◀ Ocean Springs Mayor Bobby Cox, Amtrak South Director of Government Affairs Todd Stennis, Amtrak Vice President Nicole Bucich, Southern Rail Commission Chairman Knox Ross, and Mayor Andrew "FoFo" Gilich.

Amtrak officials held a press conference at Biloxi City Hall in July to announce the new Amtrak Mardi Gras line, set to connect New Orleans to Mobile with stops in Biloxi, Gulfport, Bay St. Louis, and Pascagoula, starting August 18.

Mayor Andrew "FoFo" Gilich welcomed Amtrak's vice president, Nicole Bucich, Southern Rail Commission Chairman Knox Ross, and Amtrak South Director of Government Affairs Todd Stennis to Biloxi City Hall, where they were greeted by a room full of Biloxians excited to hear what Amtrak has in store for our beautiful city. The Biloxi Amtrak platform is across the street from the Biloxi transit station, where local transit options are provided.

## AUGUST TRIVIA Casino Fun Facts

By Jane Shambra

In celebration of the 33rd anniversary of the opening of legalized casinos in Biloxi, put on your thinking caps to see if you can remember the following special factoids of earlier Biloxi casino history.

**Which casino had the outside dragon show, "Dragon of Good Fortune"?** Lady Luck Casino

**Which casino had the Italian buffet with the chocolate fountain and limitless types of pasta for all ages?** Murano's at Grand Casino

**Which casino is remembered for its nighttime purple glowing pirate ship?** Treasure Bay Casino

**What was the previous name of the Treasure Bay Hotel?** The Royal D'Iberville

**What was the name of the famous mermaid on Treasure Bay's pirate ship?** Camilla

**Which casino hosted laser shows from its tower at night?** Casino Magic Casino

**Which two casinos competed for the tallest hotels?** IP (originally called Imperial Palace) and Beau Rivage

**Which former casino was located within the Broadwater Marina?** President Casino

**Which casino opened with live Magnolia trees in its foyer?** Beau Rivage

**Which casino had "Kids Quest," where kids could stay and play while parents enjoyed the casino gambling floors?** Grand Casino

**Once upon a time, before Katrina, what casino had an antique car museum as well as a movie theater within its walls?** Imperial Palace

**Before dockside gaming, a boat docked near the Buena Vista property (now Margaritaville) and took adult passengers out into international waters to legally gamble. What was its name?** The L A Cruise

**What was the name of the first dockside casino in Biloxi?** The Isle of Capri. It opened Aug. 1, 1992.

**What island was the Isle of Capri Casino named for, and where is that island located?** Located about 12 miles south of the Biloxi shoreline, the sandy Isle of Caprice was opened in 1925. It was located between Ship and Horn Islands and was considered a barrier island. The effects of hurricanes, erosion, the Great Depression, and the removal of sea oats all contributed to its demise. The island still has not resurfaced, as of this date.

**What famous Biloxi industry was transformed into Casino Row, along the southern shore of Point Cadet?** The seafood factories.

**What is Biloxi's tallest casino?** The Beau Rivage Resort and Casino at 346 feet tall. The IP Casino Resort structure is a close second.

**Bonus: A fun scavenger hunt**

**Currently, the Biloxi Visitors Center holds three iconic souvenirs on loan from the Hard Rock Casino music collection. Can you identify them?** On display are Bo Diddley's guitar, Elvis Presley's leather jacket, and Charlie Rich's sweater.



CHARLES R. HEGWOOD

## Biloxi Community Market



**Open Tuesdays and Thursdays • 6 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

(weather and temperature permitting)

At the corner of Howard Avenue and Hopkins Boulevard

Vendors are set up selling produce, plants, peanuts, jewelry, jams, baked goods, honey, and so much more!

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Email [reservations@biloxi.ms.us](mailto:reservations@biloxi.ms.us) or call 228-388-7170 weekdays.

Details: [www.biloxi.ms.us/pr](http://www.biloxi.ms.us/pr) • Facebook: @BiloxiCommunityMarket/



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228-388-7170  
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## Best Bets!

### Biloxi Shuckers Baseball

105 Caillavet St., Admission prices start at \$9 for standing room tickets, and all other tickets start at \$15.



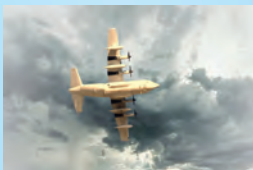
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• **vs Columbus**, August 12-17, Tuesday & Friday; 6:35 p.m., Saturday; 6:05 p.m., and Sunday; 5:05 p.m.

• **vs Chattanooga**, August 19-24, Tuesday-Friday; 6:35 p.m. Saturday; 6:05 p.m., and Sunday; 5:05 p.m.

### History of Mississippi and the Hurricane Hunters

Biloxi has a rich history filled with diversity, seafood, and hurricane hunters! The Mississippi Coast Historical & Genealogical Society explores the colorful history and offers members and visitors insight



into the research of the coast, families, and more! This month's meeting will be held on Aug. 17, the anniversary of Hurricane Camille, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Frank Gruich Community Center at 591 Howard Ave. The meeting will feature Col. Foster Harris Day (retired) and Lt. Col. Sean Cross, who actually flew into Hurricane Katrina, speak on the history of the Hurricane Hunters and their role in storms along the coast. The meeting is free to attend, and will include door prizes and refreshments. Details: 228-438-4636



beverage booths funds the event. Free admission. Details: 228-435-6339

**First Friday Downtown Block Party**, Aug. 1, 5-9 p.m., HowHop Creative District, corner of Howard Avenue and Hopkins Boulevard, 932 Howard Ave. Entertainment by "Snow Day" at 5 p.m., and "Hip Pocket Band" at 7 p.m. Food trucks, arts & craft vendors, Fly Llama beverages, and FUN! NO COOLERS. Supporting Main Street

**5th Annual Citizens Police Academy Application Deadline**, Aug. 1, Biloxi Police Training Center, 321 Division St. Academy open to residents throughout Harrison County. Must be age 21 and older, complete an application, and pass a background check to attend. Academy takes place twice a week from 6:30-8:30 p.m., Aug. 21 -Oct. 23, 2025. Details: biloxi.ms.us/cpa, or jmorgan@biloxi.ms.us



**Mississippi Coast Historical & Genealogical Society Meeting with Speaker**, Aug. 17, 2-4 p.m. Frank Gruich Sr. Community Center, 591 Howard Ave. Hear Col. Foster Harris Day (retired) and Lt. Col. Sean Cross speak about the "Hurricane Hunters." Free admission. Details: 228-438-4636

**American Red Cross 20th Annual Katrina Blood Drive**, Aug 18, 1-6 p.m., & Aug. 25-26, noon to 6 p.m., Edgewater Mall, 2900 Beach Blvd. Details: 1-800-733-2767 to schedule an appointment



**American Red Cross**



**Bike Biloxi**, Aug. 19, 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

### Hattiesburg Outreach Zoo Presentation

Aug. 21, 10 a.m. & 11 a.m. Edgewater Mall, 2900 Beach Blvd. (in front of JCPenney). Bring the whole family to get up close and personal with fascinating creatures and learn cool facts during the hands-on animal presentation. Free admission. Details: 228-388-3424



**Back to School SPLASH**, Aug. 22, 5:30-7:30 p.m. The Salvation Army Kroc Center, 575 Division St. Kick off the new school year with a SPLASH. The event is free for all members and \$12 for nonmembers. Nonmembers must purchase a two-hour swim pass in advance. Details: <https://krocmscoast.com/krocMScoast/event/back-to-school-pool-party-1>





# Stay in touch

**BNews:** Welcome to the 87th 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.

**Contact:**  
Cecilia Dobbs Walton, Public Affairs Manager  
cdobbswalton@biloxi.ms.us  
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jmajure@biloxi.ms.us


## 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

Aug. 28, 5:30 p.m.  
Empanola on Howard, 1036 Howard Ave.  
August's Book of the Month: "Broken Bayou" by Jennifer Moorhead. Participation is free.  
Details: 228-435-6339,  
email: Lrosetti@biloxi.ms.us





### Biloxi Sports Hall of Fame Ceremony

Aug. 31, 3 p.m., Biloxi Civic Center, 578 Howard Ave. Inductee event honoring the newest class of the Biloxi Hall of Fame.  
Details: 228-388-7170

### St. Mary's Fandango

Aug. 31, Noon, 8343 Woolmarket Road. Inaugural Fandango Festival, live music by Hank Berumen. Details: 228-392-1999






### Biloxi Little Theatre

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



### Center Stage

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



**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.  
• **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.  
• Group charters available, up to 44 people  
• Walk on Sails, minimum of 6 passengers, \$30/adult & \$20/child ages 3-12, check website for dates

**Biloxi Shrimping Trip**  
693 Beach Blvd., 228-392-8645, www.biloxishrimpingtrip.com

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

**Coastal Mississippi Mardi Gras Museum**  
792 Howard Ave., 228-314-4747, museum@coastalmardigras.com  
• Open weekdays, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., open Saturdays by appointment



**Edgewater Mall**

2600 Beach Blvd., 228-388-3424

- **Katrina Red Cross Blood Drive**, Aug. 18, 1-5 p.m.
- **Hattiesburg Outreach Zoo Presentation**, Aug. 21, 10 a.m. & 11 a.m.
- **Katrina Red Cross Blood Drive**, Aug. 25-26, noon-6 p.m.

**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., 228-376-2821, [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)

- **Back to School Splash**, Aug. 22, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Free for members, \$12 for non-members

**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.

- Nominations will be accepted for the Heritage Hall of Fame. Deadline: Oct. 1

**Ohr-O'Keefe Museum of Art**386 Beach Blvd., 228-374-5547, [www.georgeohr.org](http://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](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**, Aug. 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29. 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.

**Biloxi Yacht Club**

386 Beach Blvd. (In the Ohr-O'Keefe Museum of Art), 228-374-6344

**Fleur de Lis Society of Biloxi (French Club)**

182 Howard Ave., 228-436-6472

- **Dinners**, Fridays at 6 p.m.
- **Karaoke with Kenny**, Fridays at 7 p.m.

**Joppa Shrine**

13280 Shriners Blvd., 601-917-1027

- **Steak Night**, Aug. 8, 6-8 p.m. Last ticket sold at 7:15 p.m., \$20, dine-in or carry out. 228-392-9345
- **Dance**, Aug. 16, \$10 per person at the door

**Mississippi Coast Historical & Genealogical Society**

Dr. Frank Gruich Sr. Community Center, 591 Howard Ave. (2nd floor)

- Details: 228-438-4636
- Aug. 17, 2-4 p.m., **Guest Speaker, Col. Foster Harris Day**, speaking on the Hurricane Hunters. Details: 228-438-4636

**Our Lady of Fatima Parish Monday Bingo**

315 Tara Lane, 228-388-3887

- **Monday Bingo**, Aug. 4, 11, 18, & 25, 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**

870 Howard Ave., 228-374-1717

- **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. (Holidays may be closed.) 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: Biloxi Parks &amp; Rec., 228-388-7170

**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:**

[biloxi.ms.us/publicmeetings](http://biloxi.ms.us/publicmeetings)

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: **first Wednesday of each month at 3:30 p.m.**; Biloxi Community Development conference room, 676 MLK Blvd. Details: 228-435-6266



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		Community Market		Community Market	1 Dinner & Karaoke with Kenny Fleur de Lis Society Friday Bingo Biloxi Elks Lodge KAFB Farmers Market Marina Park First Friday HowHop Creative District Citizens Police Academy Application Deadline Biloxi Police Training Center Queensryche IP Casino	2 Gulf Coast Black Rodeo MS Coast Coliseum  Biloxi Gift Show MS Coast Coliseum  Danae Hayes IP Casino
3	4 Monday Night Bingo Our Lady of Fatima	5 Community Market  Biloxi Bingo Mania Nativity Cathedral	6	7 Community Market  Biloxi Fun Run Altered Reality Brewing  Billy vs. Elton Hard Rock	8 Dinner & Karaoke with Kenny Fleur de Lis Society Friday Bingo Biloxi Elks Lodge  Steak Night Joppa Shrine  Steve Trevino Beau Rivage	9
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17 Shuckers Keesler Federal Park Mississippi Coast Historical & Genealogical Society Meeting with Speaker: Hurricane Hunters Frank Gruich Sr. Community Center Biloxi Gun Show MS Coast Coliseum	18 American Red Cross 20th Annual Hurricane Katrina Blood Drive Edgewater Mall  Monday Night Bingo Our Lady of Fatima	19 Community Market  Bike Biloxi Downtown  Shuckers vs. Chattanooga Keesler Federal Park  Biloxi Bingo Mania Nativity Cathedral	20 Shuckers vs. Chattanooga Keesler Federal Park	21 Community Market  Biloxi Fun Run Altered Reality Brewing  Shuckers vs. Chattanooga Keesler Federal Park  Hattiesburg Outreach Zoo Presentation Edgewater Mall	22 Dinner & Karaoke with Kenny Fleur de Lis Society Friday Bingo Biloxi Elks Lodge  Shuckers vs. Chattanooga Keesler Federal Park  Back to School Splash Kroc Center Becky Robinson IP Casino	23 Shuckers vs. Chattanooga Keesler Federal Park   Dierks Bently MS Coast Coliseum
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31 St. Mary's Fandango  Sports Hall of Fame Ceremony Biloxi Civic Center						



# BTV August Schedule

Sparklight 56 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!" High Tide Nutrition Biloxi Beach
7:30 a.m.	Storytime with Gumbo Kelly (15 min)
7:45 a.m.	Keesler Update (15 min)
8 a.m.	Special Presentation, Remembering Hurricanes Camille and Katrina
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!" High Tide Nutrition Biloxi Beach
1:30 p.m.	Storytime with Gumbo Kelly (15 min)
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Midnight	National Anthem by Ronny Broussard (2 min)



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

## Remembering Hurricanes Camille and Katrina

August marks the month when two monster storms hit Biloxi: Hurricane Camille on August 17, 1969, and Hurricane Katrina on August 29, 2005. It has been 56 years since Hurricane Camille struck Coastal Mississippi, officially making landfall in Waveland, and 20 years since Hurricane Katrina delivered devastation on the coast.

This month, we remember the storms, the preparations, the destruction, and the resilience that the two storms brought to Biloxi with a series of videos including "A Lady Called Camille," "Katrina: The Complete Experience" preview, the 15th Anniversary Hurricane Katrina Memorial Ceremony, and "I Wanna Come Home," by Ronny Broussard.

The videos will run throughout the month on BTV during the 8 a.m., 2 p.m., and 8 p.m. blocks. They may also air various times throughout the month on BTV.

## Get energized at High Tide

This month on "Biloxi Cooks!", videographer Renny Sherman takes the show to High Tide Nutrition Biloxi Beach on Howard Avenue.

The new "tea shop" is located across from Nativity BVM Church on Howard Avenue. Owners Chris and Heather Henderson offer an array of energizing teas, as well as protein shakes, protein snacks, kids' drinks, and coffee. Their menu often features specialty menus such as a Shark Week Menu and Mardi Gras-inspired drinks.

Stop by the downtown venue, weekdays from 6:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. for a healthy pick-me-up or wellness vibe!

This month's episode of "Biloxi Cooks!" airs at 7 a.m., 1 p.m., and 7 p.m. on BTV. The episode can also be seen on demand on the city's YouTube channel.



*This month's recipe:*

### Banana Pudding Protein Shake

High Tide Nutrition Biloxi Beach  
871 Suite B, Howard Ave., Biloxi

(Similar recipe from [onewholesomelife.com](http://onewholesomelife.com))

#### Ingredients:

- 2 cups ice cubes
- ½ cup of Almond Milk
- 1 scoop Vanilla Protein Powder
- 2 tbs Sugar Free Banana Cream Pudding Mix
- 1 tsp of Vanilla Extract
- 1 medium banana, sliced
- Whipped cream (optional)
- 2 Vanilla Wafers (optional)

#### Instructions:

- 1) Add ice, milk, protein, pudding mix, vanilla extract, and banana to a blender.
- 2) Blend on high for 3 to 5 minutes.
- 3) Pour into your glass and top with whipped cream.
- 4) Crumble one wafer up and sprinkle on whipped cream.
- 5) Serve and enjoy.





# Storm Proof(s) Remembering Biloxi’s August Unwelcomed Visitors

By Jane Shambra

Before every hurricane, families and businesses plan for the predicted event. They prepare for the worst and hope for the best. Biloxians have learned from past weather chapters that we all need to make preparations and “storm proof” ourselves and our properties for the upcoming days ahead.

Throughout Biloxi’s history, we learned that, sometimes, nature has the upper hand, even though we try our very best.

After the storms pass, we look back and search for evidence of what happened. Thus, the term “storm proofs” reminds us how bad hurricanes can affect everything.

### Long ago

In 1699, when Monsieurs d’Iberville and Bienville came to Biloxi, they had little warning of approaching storms. There was no technology then. They depended on the careful observing eyes of weather-watchers and the reaction of animals seeking shelter ahead of time. Instinct, in those days, was truly a gift.

Old journals and history books relate that horrible hurricanes always visited our Coast. In the early days of Biloxi, there is mention of the great hurricane of September 1722, which wreaked havoc from Mobile to New Orleans. It is the first great Mississippi storm for which we have written proof. Jean-Baptiste Bernard de la Harpe, a French soldier, kept a journal while he served in the Louisiana Colony from 1718 until 1723. He talked about the winds changing direction (i.e., the eye of the hurricane) and the destruction of beans, corn, and more than 8,000 quarts of rice, as well as the loss of animals, boats, meat, lead, supplies, and artillery, not to mention structures.

## Popular Biloxi hurricanes in August

Even though Biloxi has been visited by multiple hurricanes through the years, Hurricanes Camille (1969) and Katrina (2005) have been the most memorable and documented storms in recent history, both bringing their destructive winds and water surges in the month of August.

### Hurricane Camille

This August marks the 56th anniversary of Hurricane Camille’s unwelcome visit to the Mississippi Gulf Coast. With TV and radio warnings in place, Camille made land on August 17, 1969, with its relentless force of winds recorded at almost 200 miles per hour. Iconic Biloxi structures, such as seafood factories, Victorian homes along Hwy. 90, and popular tourist attractions crumbled with Camille’s mighty force. Proof of the height of Hurricane Camille’s storm surge can be found today in several marked locations: inside the Biloxi Lighthouse, on a pole to the west of the Biloxi Visitors Center, and in Mary Mahoney’s Restaurant.

On August 17, 2001, the official dedication ceremony for Biloxi’s Camille Memorial was held. This outdoor Memorial was originally located on the northwest corner of Hwy. 90 and Bellman Street, where the Church of the Redeemer once stood. The memorial includes stone tablets inscribed with the 172 casualties who perished during the storm.

After the land was recently sold, the memorial was relocated to the lawn of the Biloxi Maritime & Seafood Industry Museum at the foot of the Ocean Springs bridge. In August 2024, a rededication ceremony was held, and the memorial remains a reminder and proof of the resilience of our Biloxi community.

### Online Hurricane Camille proof

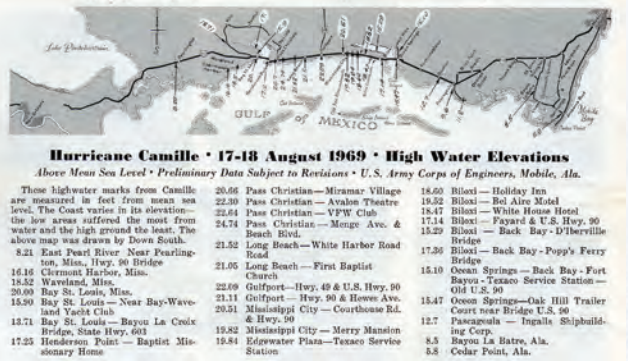
In 1971, the Department of Agriculture released a short documentary, “A Lady Called Camille,” starring Wade and Julia Guice. This 27-minute video documents the devastation as well as the emergency plans that were implemented as a result of Hurricane Camille (1969).

### Building Stronger and Better

Although hurricanes have been known for the devastation of structures, there is one hotel on Hwy. 90 in Biloxi is noted for its structural stability against hurricanes. The Treasure Bay Casino and Hotel was originally built as the Sheraton Motor Inn, with its original groundbreaking on March 6, 1969. Its construction began before Hurricane Camille attacked the Coast. Once things got back to normal after the storm, builders decided to upgrade the hotel to a much sturdier quality.

The hotel was opened in 1971 as the Sheraton-Biloxi Motor Inn. Its initial payroll included 140 full-time employees. Mr. Joseph Chesis was named the hotel chef. Its first large meeting was hosted in March 1971 for the Mississippi Historical Society convention.

Later, the hotel was rebranded as the Royal D’Iberville Hotel. Today, we recognize it as the Treasure Bay Casino and Hotel. Still standing strong!



High Water Levels from Down South Magazine

HURRICANES OF THE MISSISSIPPI GULF COAST 1717-1985						
Year	Month	Date(s)	Landfall	Name	Category	
1717	August	(?)	Dauphin Island	Andre Penicaut's Storm		
1722	September	23-24	west of Grand Isle			
1740	September	22	Dauphin Island	Twin Mobile		
1740	September	29	east of Mobile Bay	Hurricanes of 1740		
1746	(?) Fall	(?)	southeast Louisiana			
1772	September	3	Pascagoula area	Bernard Roman's Hurricane		
1778	October	7-10	mouth of Mississippi thence Pensacola			
1779	August	17-18	east Louisiana (eye over New Orleans)	William Durbar's Hurricane		
1780	August	24	New Orleans area			
1794	August	(?)	mouth of Mississippi			
1812	August	19	Grand Isle			
1819	July	27-28	eye passed over Bay St. Louis			
1821	September	16	eye passed over Bay St. Louis			
1831	August	16-19	west of Grand Isle	Great Barbados Hurricane		
1832	August	24-25	between Pascagoula and Mobile	Great Mobile Hurricane		
1835	September	15-16	eye passed over Bay St. Louis			
1856*	August	11	south Louisiana	Last Island Disaster		
1860	August	10-12	between Biloxi and Pascagoula			
1860	September	14-15	eye passed over Bay St. Louis			
1860	October	2	west of Grand Isle			
1893	October	1-2	mouth of Mississippi thence Pascagoula	October Storm	3	
1901	August	15	eye passed over Pascagoula		2	
1906	September	26-27	eye passed over Pascagoula		4	
1909	September	20-21	Grand Isle		4	
1915	September	29	Grand Isle (eye over New Orleans)		4	
1916	July	5	between Ocean Springs and Pascagoula	July Storm	3	
1926*	September	20-21	Miami thence Pensacola westward		3	
1947	September	18-19	Miami thence southeast La. (eye over N.O.)		3	
1948*	September	3-4	Grand Isle		3	
1956*	September	24	mouth of Ms. thence Fort Walton Beach	Flossy	1	
1960*	September	15	between Biloxi and Pascagoula	Ethel	1	
1965	September	9-10	Miami thence Grand Isle (eye over N.O.)	Betsy	3	
1969	August	17	mouth of Ms. thence Ms. Coast	Camille	5	
1979*	July	11	Grand Isle	Bolt	1	
1979	September	12	eye over Pascagoula	Frederic	3	
1985*	August	14	southwest Louisiana	Danay	1	
1985	September	1-2	Pascagoula westward	Elena	3	
1985*	October	29	south La. thence AL-FL line	Juan	1	
1985*	November	21	Florida Panhandle	Kate	3	

Hurricane chart by historian Charles Sullivan

### Hurricane Katrina – Twenty years ago

Even though it’s been twenty years since Hurricane Katrina clobbered our Coast, the City of Biloxi is still challenged with costly, ongoing, multiple repair and replacement projects to upgrade our City’s infrastructure. Information on project locations and corresponding maps has been included each month in the City’s BNews Monthly magazine, which is delivered to Biloxi mailboxes. The newsletter is also available online since August 2018, when the publication first began. Check online at <https://biloxi.ms.us/bnews/> to view current and prior editions.

### Visiting Katrina’s past

Located on Biloxi’s Town Green at the northwest corner of Hwy. 90 and Main Street, one can visit our Katrina Memorial. Biloxi’s Katrina Memorial is dedicated to those residents who lost their lives in the storm. The height of the memorial equals the depth of the storm surge during the hurricane. Names of deceased Katrina casualties are etched onto a stone monument there.

The glass display that was once attached to the granite memorial was relocated earlier this year to the Biloxi Visitors Center, 1050 Beach Blvd. The display is a glass-encased collection of Katrina “souvenirs” donated by residents. In March 2006, ABC TV’s popular program “Extreme Makeover Edition” highlighted post-Katrina effects in Biloxi in an hour-long special, which was aired nationwide. The display migrated to its new location inside the Biloxi Visitors Center, where the contents are encased and preserved in a higher and safer environment.

### Movie Time

The Biloxi Visitors Center currently offers a free movie (shown twice daily) in its movie theater about Hurricane Katrina. Check with the Center for further details by calling 228-374-3105.

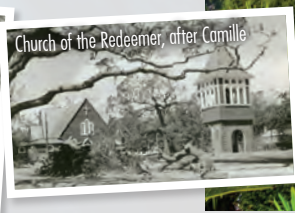
### Lagniappe: Singing about storms

We can even find hurricanes and storm weather in popular songs: In October 1968, the mellow, melancholy song “Stormy” was released by the group Classics IV with lyrics: All of a sudden that old rain’s fallin’ down... Oh, stormy, oh, stormy, bring back that sunny day!

In 1974, and probably reflecting upon Hurricane Camille, Jimmy Buffett (1946- 2023), the popular Coast musician, released his treasured “Trying to Reason with Hurricane Season.” He begins his song reminiscing about “Squalls out on the Gulf Stream; Big storms coming soon.”

### A visit to the past

The Biloxi Maritime & Seafood Industry Museum on Point Cadet is an excellent place to visit to see and learn more about Biloxi’s hurricane history. Visit online at [maritimemuseum.org](http://maritimemuseum.org) or call 228-435-6320 for museum hours and info.



63’ above ground

Storms through the years, shown in feet, above mean sea level

21.5’ Katrina 2005

17.5’ Camille 1969

15’ 1909

14’ 1955, 1906

12’ 1852, 1860, 1893, 1947



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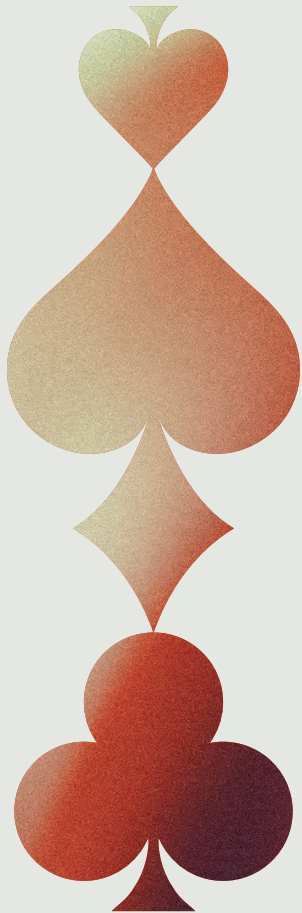


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