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## Preservation in May: Virtual Voices from Our Past

History takes center stage each May with the city's annual Preservation in May series, and this year there's a bonus: the introduction of a virtual tour of the Biloxi City Cemetery.

After producing a highly successful annual cemetery tour for 14 years, the City of Biloxi has created Voices From Our Past Cemetery Tour.

The tour – a self-guided, digital tour of the Old Biloxi Cemetery – consists of 12 of the over 80 stories and histories collected through pictures and text as well as videos from our annual October tours. The tour can be followed by a brochure or from any web-enabled device. This project was made possible by a grant from the Mississippi Gulf Coast National Heritage Area.

Additionally, the grant funding was used to digitize the cemetery records and map the oldest portion of the cemetery, which includes burials back to 1811. With the information collected, a web portal was created. Through this portal, researchers will be able to locate individual and family burial plots throughout the

Follow along with a video tour online at [discover.biloxi.ms.us](http://discover.biloxi.ms.us).



entire cemetery. Access to the portal is available to anyone through the city website by following the cemetery link.

"With the phenomenal success of the annual cemetery tour, we know that the Old Biloxi Cemetery is a historical resource that more people wanted to learn about," Biloxi Historical Administrator Bill Raymond said.

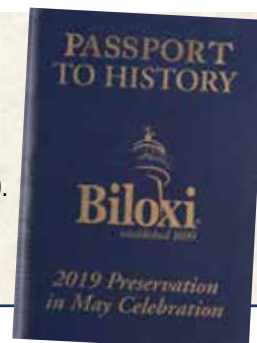
"With this online tour, everyone will have a chance to learn more about our city, on their schedule anytime of the year."

Building on the work begun with the funding from the Mississippi Gulf Coast National Heritage Area, the city received a Certified Local Government Grant for the Mississippi Department of Archives and History to continue mapping more of the cemetery and digitizing the records. When complete, all grave locations as well as gravestone and tomb information will be available online.

For more information on this project as well as Biloxi's ongoing historic preservation programs, call the Biloxi Visitors Center at (228) 374-3105.

### 12th Annual Preservation in May Program

- May 2, 2019, **Biloxi Trivia Night at Southport Line** 5:30-7 p.m., Southport Line, 647 Howard Avenue.
- May 9, 2019, **Voices from Our Past Cemetery Tour**, 5:30-7 p.m., Old Biloxi Cemetery.
- May 16, 2019 **Bon Appetite Biloxi** Noon-1:30 p.m., Howard Avenue under Interstate 110.
- May 23, 2019. **Sunset on a Schooner**, 5:30-9 p.m., Schooner Pier, 367 Beach Blvd.
- All programs are free. Details, page 11.



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# Executive humor: Self-effacing and disarming

“When I was on the City Council, I thought I knew a little about being mayor,” A.J. Holloway once quipped. “And then I became mayor and found out I was right. I knew a little bit about being mayor.”

And so begins this month’s musings: Modern-day executive humor in the mayor’s office, which, at its best, is self-effacing.

“I’m smarter than I look,” “FoFo” Gilich said in a TV spot in his run up to being elected mayor, which, as he says today, was “47 months ago, but who’s counting?”



Newly-minted Mayor “FoFo” Gilich draws an animated laugh from A.J. Holloway in 2015.

city’s existing program of work, Gilich issued an edict to senior staff: “If it’s stupid, we’re not going to do it.”

Biloxi’s mayor-council form of government, to be sure, establishes a checks and balances between the branches of Executive and Legislative, leading to an occasional dust up between the mayor and council.

“So you have to get the approval of seven members of the City Council?” a student once asked Holloway in an Elks Youth in Government Day. “No,” the mayor deadpanned. “I need four.”

Gilich, who has not yet employed the veto pen, has his own view of mayor-council relations: “My training was at the Slavonian

Lodge,” he’s said. “That’s where we had 300 members and 600 opinions, so working with the seven-member City Council will not be a problem.”

But for all of the colorful pontificating at 140 Lameuse St. our favorite story comes from New Orleans, land of the ever-colorful politician. Vic Schiro, a councilman-at-large, became the “accidental mayor” when President John F. Kennedy in 1961 tapped then-Mayor deLesseps Story Morrison as U.S. ambassador to the Organization of American States.

Schiro (say SKEE-row), who was elected to two full terms as New Orleans’s chief executive, in ‘62 and ‘65, was at the helm when Hurricane Betsy was on the way to flooding the Lower Ninth Ward and the majority of New Orleans East in ‘65.

As the threat intensified, the story goes, Schiro took to local television, cautioning New Orleanians of the pending winds and water, but also seeking to be a calming influence. There are a lot of rumors and half-truths spreading about the storm, Schiro warned, adding: “Don’t believe any false rumors, unless you hear them from me.”

## Nick L. Shrimp

Those first few weeks, dealing with a dumpster fire of a runaway infrastructure project and the prospect of tens of thousands of dollars

in penalties if MGM Park didn’t open in time for the Shuckers season, Gilich opined on the challenges of early day-to-day life in the mayor’s office: “It’s like taking a drink of water from a fire hose.”

It was in those early days, while surveying the

The nom de plume Nick L. Shrimp is a homage to the late Walter Fountain, original olde crab, longtime editor of the Biloxi-D’Iberville Press, and longtime Biloxi Chamber of Commerce manager.

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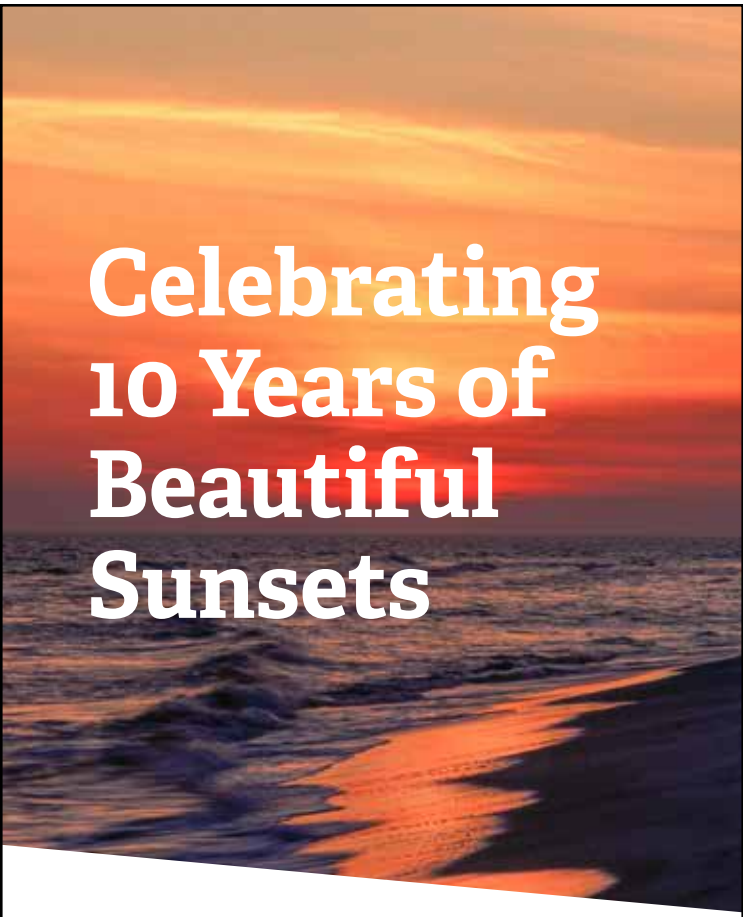
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# May filled with exciting promotions and giveaways for Shuckers

By Garrett Greene  
Biloxi Shuckers

With summer officially on the doorstep, Biloxi Shuckers baseball is kicking into high gear during the month of May.

In the second month of their Southern League campaign, the Shuckers promotion schedule features two T-shirt Tuesdays, three Fireworks Fridays and three Double Play Thursdays.

It's a Monday through Friday special from May 6 to May 10 as the Shuckers are home for five games against the Montgomery Biscuits.

Barks & Brews Monday kicks off the homestand, which features \$3 craft beer refills at the Buena Vista Beer Garden and dogs at the ballpark! Tuesday is T-shirt Tuesday with the first 250 fans receiving a 'Friends' themed Shuckers T-shirt as they come through the gates.

After a 10:35 a.m. game on Wednesday, enjoy the first 'Double Play Thursday' of the month on May 9. Specials include \$2 Yuengling drafts, \$2 Coca-Cola, \$2 hot dogs

and \$3 draft beer specials. It's Thirsty Thursday that's got double the deals! Friday brings Star Wars Night and Fireworks Friday to close out the homestand.

In their second series, the Shuckers are home for the weekend from May 16 to May 20. Start the weekend early on another Double Play Thursday, Friday features postgame fireworks and Saturday is one of two 'Shuck Yeah Saturday' during the month.

The Shuckers will be giving away team posters courtesy of Knight Abbey, plus it's 'Scouting with The Shuckers' night. Get to the park early on Sunday, May 19 for Autos in the Outfield, a classic car show on the North Lawn of MGM Park. It's also Salute Sunday, with discounted tickets for military personnel, Family Four Pack specials and pregame autographs.

Monday, May 20 is another Barks & Brews Monday with \$3 craft beer refills, including Parish Brewing, Biloxi Brewing and Lazy



Magnolia at the Beer Garden.

Finally, the Shuckers are home from May 28 to June 1 against the Tennessee Smokies. The first 250 fans through the gate receive a free Shuckers themed T-shirt on T-shirt Tuesday. The Shuckers celebrate the one Mississippi Coast on 'One Coast Wednesday' with Jackson County Night.

Beer specials, hot dogs and good times come around again on Double Play Thursday, May 30, and the night skies light up on Fireworks Friday presented by Hard Rock Hotel & Casino Biloxi.

Additionally, Barry Lyons and Shuckers players will be hosting the Shuckers Kids Clinic on Thursday, May 30 and Friday, May 31 during the day at MGM Park. The Shuckers slate for the month concludes on Saturday, June 1 with Pride Night.

► Check out all the Shuckers promotions and deals at MGM Park for May and the whole summer by visiting [biloxishuckers.com](http://biloxishuckers.com).

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## News & notes

- **Splash pads open:** Hiller Park, Point Cadet, Margaret Sherry daily from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. and John Henry Beck Park daily from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Details: 228-388-7170.



- **Personnel:**

- Nicholas Geiser has been promoted to Deputy Chief of Training.

- Biloxi Historical Administrator Bill Raymond has received certification as a Historic Real Estate Development Finance Professional from the National Development Council.



- **Weekly report:** Ever wonder how busy the Biloxi Police and Fire departments and the Community Development and Engineering departments are in a given week? You can find out each week in the Weekly Report, posted online at [biloxi.ms.us](http://biloxi.ms.us)

- **Community Market open:** Get fresh produce, homemade baked goods, plants, arts & crafts, livestock, and more every Tuesday and Thursday from 6 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Biloxi Charles R. Hegwood Community Market, located under I-110 overpass off Howard Avenue. Details: 228-388-7170.

- **Popp's Ferry:** The Causeway bait shop has posted hours: "Saturday and Sunday, noon to sunse ... when the weather permits. We plan to open daily this Spring!

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## Edgewater Mall

# The latest word on the infrastructure work

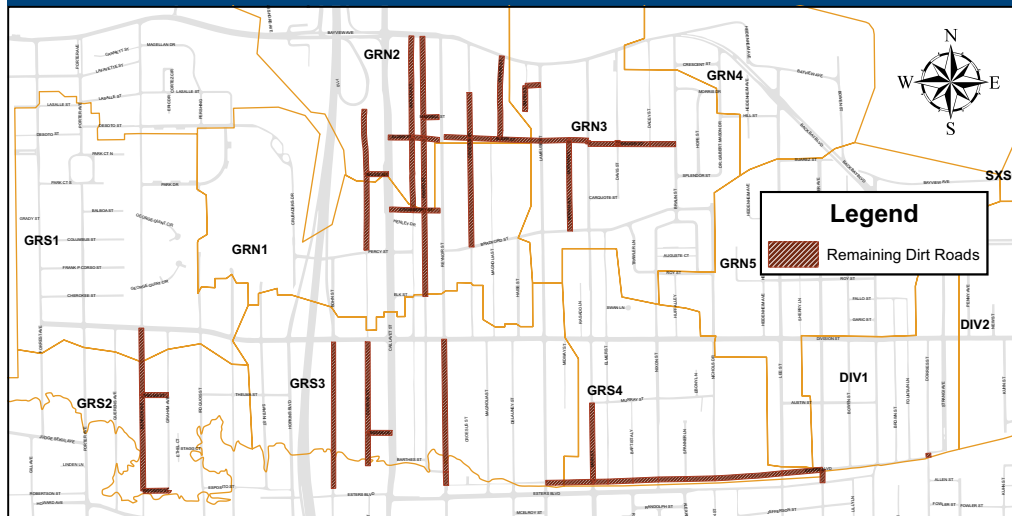
The infrastructure projects in East Biloxi continue to make progress. Here are reports from each of the contractors.

**From Jennifer Matranga of Oscar Renda Contracting, the firm working on the infrastructure project north of the CSX railway:**

- The amount of roads without asphalt is down to a minimum.
- We have begun working on the sewer system on Forrest Avenue and have encountered a host of unmarked utilities making the job extremely difficult and slow.
- Before May 1, we will have the base course of asphalt on all of Main Street and Esters Boulevard from Keller to Nichols, including the southernmost parts of Lee Street and Keller. We also will have final course of asphalt on Division from Oak Street to Lee Street, and on Fountain, Dorries and Holley, south of Division.
- Sarah Harris with the city's Engineering Department has been working diligently with Oscar Renda to expedite final inspections on roadways so we can apply the final layer of asphalt in remaining areas. Sarah and the team have done a wonderful job in coordinating everything on that

# The North Contract: Remaining dirt roads

(as of April 17, 2019)



important work.

**From Jack Gratwick, assistant project manager, Hemphill Construction Co., the firm working on the infrastructure project south of the CSX railway:**

“The status of our project is steady right now, and with the summer months and good weather ahead, we look to keep up our progress on this job. We have crews in multiple areas of the project working hard

every day to finish the task at hand. With that being said, we would like to remind the public to keep our employees' safety in mind, and please drive slowly and safely around the construction zones.”

► For detailed maps showing water, sewer, drainage and paving maps, as well as a four- to five-minute video of progress, visit [biloxi.ms.us/restore-biloxi](http://biloxi.ms.us/restore-biloxi).



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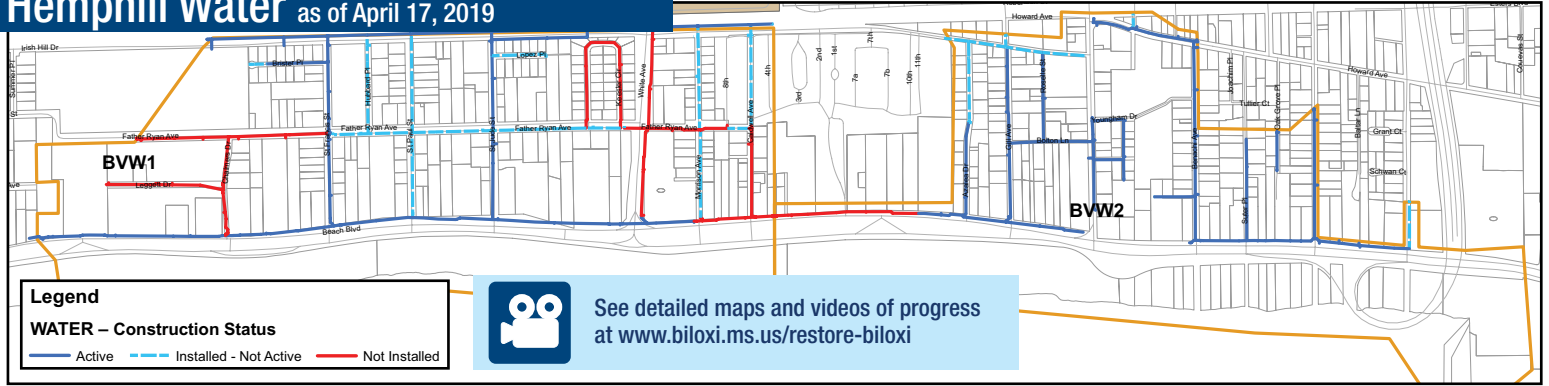
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Detours and lane closures are becoming more evident south of the CSX Railway, especially on Porter and Howard avenues, as Hemphill Construction continues to make progress on infrastructure work on six miles of roads between downtown and Seashore Methodist. Here's a look at the status on the \$22.9 million project, which has a deadline of March 2020.

## Hemphill Water as of April 17, 2019



## Hemphill Sewer as of April 17, 2019



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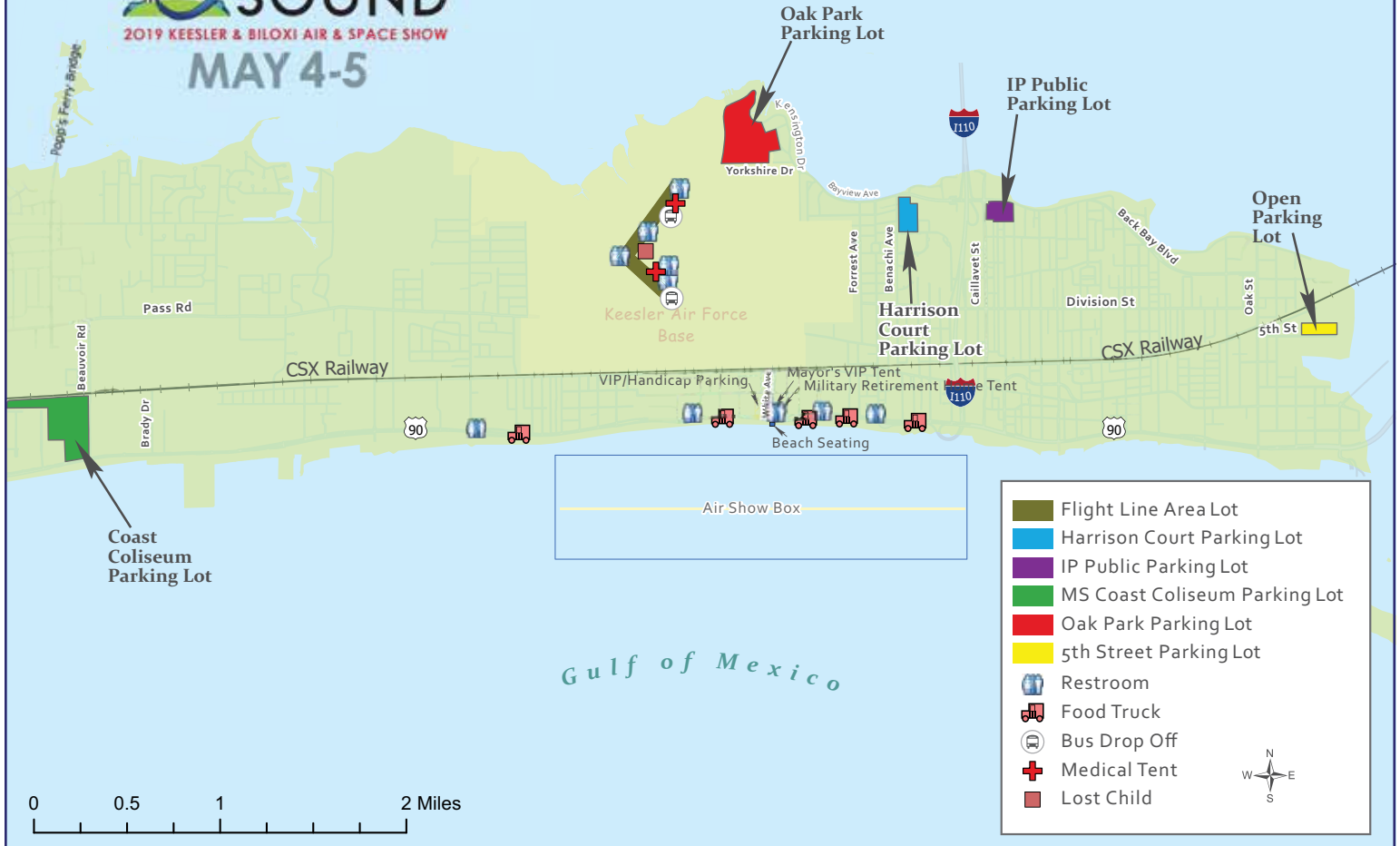
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# Air Show Parking Map



Free continuous shuttle service from each parking site to the airshow.

Coliseum charges \$5 a vehicle parking fee at its site.



## Thunder Over the Sound 2019 Keesler & Biloxi Air & Space Show

### May 4 & 5

Times (For both days)

- 7:30 a.m. – Meadows and Pass Road gates open at Keesler – Military ID access only
- 8:30 a.m. – Performances on Keesler begin; static displays, kid's zone, and STEM activities open on Keesler flight line
- 1 p.m. – Beachfront activities and performances begin
- 3:30 p.m. – Keesler flight line show area closes
- 5 p.m. – Beachfront activities close and performances end

### Admission

Free admission for satellite parking lots, shuttles and entrance; Coliseum charges \$5 per vehicle.

### Parking & Shuttles

Five satellite parking lots with free continuous shuttle service from each parking site to the airshow

- Open parking lot off Oak and 5th streets (209 5th St.)
  - Yellow shuttle route – Parking area, flight line and Biloxi Lighthouse
- IP public parking lot, Caillavet Street and Bayview Avenue (831 Bayview Ave.)
  - Purple shuttle route – Parking area, flight line and Biloxi Lighthouse
- Harrison Court Parking, Benachi Avenue and Back Bay Boulevard (370 Benachi Ave.)
  - Blue shuttle route – Parking area, flight line and Biloxi Lighthouse
- Oak Park Parking, Kensington and Yorkshire drives (259 Yorkshire Drive)
  - Red shuttle route – Parking area, flight line, and Keesler AFB visitors center

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- Mississippi Coast Coliseum, U.S. 90 and Beauvoir Road (2350 Beach Blvd.)
  - Green shuttle route – Parking area, flight line, and White House Hotel

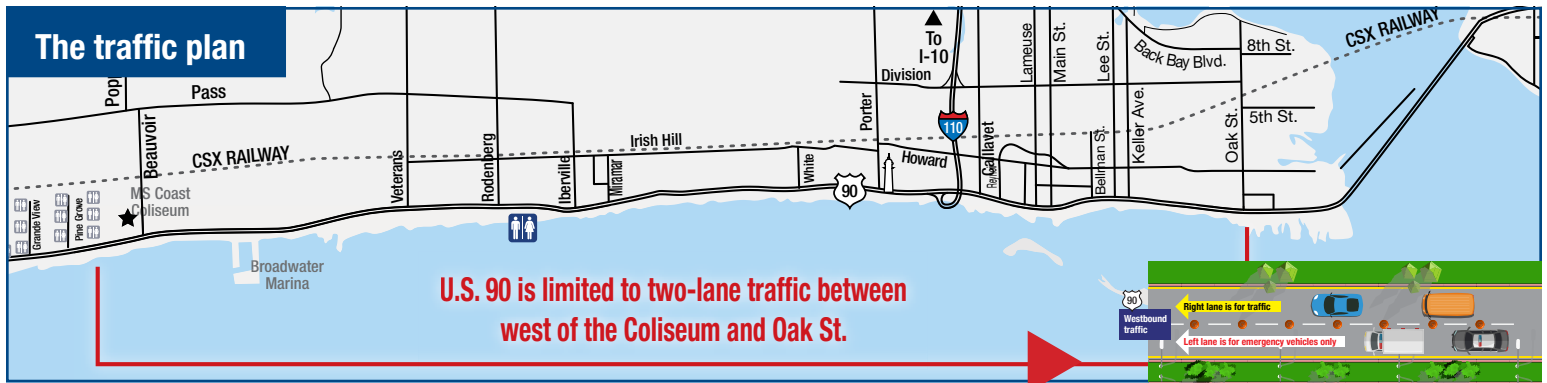
### Handicapped parking

Available at all five satellite parking lots, Keesler AFB through the Meadows gate (must have valid driver's license, car insurance card and current vehicle registration); and limited handicapped parking at VIP lot west of White Avenue.

### Food trucks

Food trucks located along U.S. 90 in parking bays from Rodenberg Avenue to Biloxi Lighthouse Park and on Keesler AFB.





**Get Air Show traffic advisories. Text Biloxi to 888777.**

**Public restrooms**

Available along U.S. 90 in parking bays from Rodenberg Avenue to Lighthouse Park and throughout the Keesler AFB flight line.

**Medical tent**

Medical tent will be west of White Avenue and at two locations on the flight line.

**Child wrist bands**

In case of an emergency or separation, yellow wrist bands for children will be available at Keesler AFB flight line entrances. Wrist band should include child's name and parents' telephone numbers. There will also be a designated lost child tent on Keesler flight line near the medical tent.

**Performances**

\*Not in order of performance

**May 4 – (On and over Keesler)**

- Team Aeroshell – 4 x AT-6D
- Army Special Ops – Black Daggers
- Alabama Boys
- Twin Tigers – 2 x Yak 55s
- Jeremy Holt – Pegasus Bi-Plane
- Wild Blue Rodeo – RV-8 (Josh Boudreaux)
- Scott Francis – MXS
- B-25 - "Killer Bee"
- P-40 – American Dream (Thom Richard)
- P-51 – Quick Silver Mustang (Scooter Yoak)
- OV-1 MOHAWK
- Trojan Thunder – 6 x T-28A
- C-17 Globemaster III
- Smoke and Thunder Jet Truck (ground performance)

**May 4 – (Over the Mississippi Sound)**

- Team Aeroshell – 4 x AT-6D
- Army Special Ops – Black Daggers
- Alabama Boys
- Twin Tigers – 2 x Yak 55s
- Jeremy Holt – Pegasus Bi-Plane
- Wild Blue Rodeo – RV-8 (Josh Boudreaux)
- Scott Francis – MXS
- B-25 - "Killer Bee"
- P-51 – Quick Silver Mustang (Scooter Yoak)
- T-33 – AceMaker Airshows (Greg "Wired" Colyer)
- F-4U Corsair – Dixie CAF (Thom Richard)
- MIG-17 – Fighter Jets Inc (Greg Howell)
- OV-1 MOHAWK
- Trojan Thunder – 6 x T-28A
- U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds

**Flybys:**

- B-2 509th BW (Saturday only)
- B-52 2d BW (Saturday only)

**May 5 – (On and over Keesler)**

- Team Aeroshell – 4 x AT-6D
- Army Special Ops – Black Daggers
- Alabama Boys
- Twin Tigers – 2 x Yak 55s
- Jeremy Holt – Pegasus Bi-Plane
- Wild Blue Rodeo – RV-8 (Josh Boudreaux)
- Scott Francis – MXS
- B-25 - "Killer Bee"
- P-40 – American Dream (Thom Richard)
- P-51 – Quick Silver Mustang (Scooter Yoak)
- OV-1 MOHAWK
- Trojan Thunder – 6 x T-28A
- C-17 Globemaster III
- Smoke and Thunder Jet Truck (ground performance)

**May 5 – (Over the Mississippi Sound)**

- Team Aeroshell – 4 x AT-6D
- Army Special Ops – Black Daggers
- Alabama Boys – Decathlon & Cub
- Twin Tigers – 2 x Yak 55s
- Jeremy Holt – Pegasus Bi-Plane
- Wild Blue Rodeo – RV-8 (Josh Boudreaux)
- Scott Francis – MXS
- B-25 - "Killer Bee"
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- MIG-17 – Fighter Jets Inc (Greg Howell)
- OV-1 MOHAWK
- Trojan Thunder – 6 x T-28A
- U. S. Air Force Thunderbirds

**Prohibited items on Keesler**

- Drones
- Bicycles, hover boards, scooters, and skateboards
- Coolers
- Backpacks
- Large purses and tote bags
- Large camera bags
- Firearms
- Edged weapons, i.e. knives, can openers or sharp tools
- Pets
- Alcohol
- Glass
- Umbrellas or popup tents

**Permitted items on Keesler**

- Small purses
- Small diaper bags (formula/breastmilk and cold packs allowed)
- Camera, video cameras, and phones
- Folding chairs (remove chair from bags at security entrance)
- Strollers and wagons

**Prohibited items on beach**

- Glass, china or pottery
- Pets
- Drones, kites or parasailing in event area
- Firearms, air guns or bow and arrows
- ATVs, golf carts, or any other unlicensed vehicle on beach, sidewalks or boardwalks
- Amplified sound (allowed only by permit)
- Riding on tailgates, bumpers, roofs or hoods of vehicles

**Permitted items on beach**

- Sunscreen
- Fluids
- Diaper bags (formula/breastmilk and cold packs allowed)
- Camera, video cameras, and phones
- Folding chairs
- Strollers and wagons
- Fun

**Event rules**

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## Best Bets!

### A walk through history

Biloxi celebrates its history with the 2019 Preservation in May series. The event, currently in its twelfth year, celebrates the diverse cultural heritage of Biloxi, with a month long of events including a trivia night, virtual cemetery tours, cooking demonstrations, and a sunset cruise aboard a schooner. Oh, and don't forget to pick up a passport and have it stamped at each event for a commemorative gift! Each event is free to attend. Details: 228-435-6339.

### Mother, Son Rodeo Dance

Mothers and sons are invited to roundup their western attire and giddy up over to the Biloxi Civic Center on May 10 from 6 to 9 p.m. for the Biloxi Parks & Recreation Department's annual Mother/Son Rodeo Dance. The event is free and open to the public. The popular event will feature dancing, snacks and photo opportunities. Details: 228-388-7170.



### Wooden Boat Show

Historic, antique, classic and contemporary boats will be on display May 18 and 19 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Schooner Pier Complex for the annual Billy Creel Memorial Gulf Coast Wooden and Classic Boat Show. The annual show includes dozens of vessels, opportunities for boat tours and a learning experience of maritime history. Admission is \$8 per person and free for children under the age of 12. Details: 228-435-6320.

**2019 Preservation in May**, Celebrating the diverse cultural heritage of Biloxi, the City of Biloxi, Biloxi Bay Area Chamber, Biloxi Main Street, Biloxi Public School District, University of Southern Mississippi College of Arts & Sciences, and Local History & Genealogy Department of the Biloxi Public Library have organized the 12th annual "Preservation in May" Program, in observance of National Preservation Month. This award-winning program series offers residents and tourists the opportunity to explore Biloxi's past in fun and educational events though out the month of May.

- **Biloxi Trivia Night at Southport Line**, May 2, 5:30-7 p.m., Southport Line, 647 Howard Ave. Join the local history and genealogy staff of Biloxi Public Library as they test your knowledge of Biloxi and its history for fun and prizes. Appetizers, cash bar will be available. After the fun, stick around for dinner as well as Southport Line's regular trivia night game.
- **Voices from Our Past Cemetery Tours**, May 9, 5:30-7 p.m. Old Biloxi Cemetery, off U.S. 90. For 14 years Preserve Biloxi has brought history to life every October with the Old Biloxi Cemetery Tour. With a grant from the Mississippi Gulf Coast National Heritage Area, a virtual tour has been created that can be taken at any time with the aid of a web-enabled cell phone. The tour tells the story of 12 Biloxians through the use of video presentations and step-by-step directions between the tour stops. For the less tech savvy, a full-color brochure is also available.
- **Bon Appetite Biloxi**, May 16, Noon-1:30 p.m., Howard Avenue under I-110 overpass. There is no better way to get to know a culture and a community than through its foodways. Preserve Biloxi invites everyone to the Biloxi Community Market as some of the best cooks in the city create traditional Biloxi dishes from a 1950s Biloxi Blessing of the Fleet brochure. While at the market pick up some fresh vegetables and enjoy lunch.
- **Sunset on a Schooner**, May 23, 5:30-7 p.m., Schooner Pier, 367 Beach Blvd. Enjoy a beautiful sunset onboard a Biloxi schooner. These authentic replicas of Biloxi oyster schooners harken back to the time when Biloxi was the "seafood capital of the world." The schooner rides are complimentary and refreshments will be served. The public is invited to attend all programs, free of charge. Receive a commemorative gift at the May 23 program if your "Passport through History" is stamped at three of the four programs.

**Biloxi Visitor Center Artist spotlight**, various dates and times in May, Biloxi Visitors Center, 1050 Beach Blvd. May 1-5 - Kaye Hudson with vendor show on May 4, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.; May 6-12 -Fran Mcnabb with vendor show May 10, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.; May 13-19- Sharon Garner; May 20-26- Deborah Sackett with vendor show on May 22, 12-4:30 p.m.; May 27-June 2 - Georgia Reeves. Details: 228-374-3105.

**First Friday**, May 3, 5-8 p.m., Rue Magnolia & Water Street. Downtown shops and galleries stay open late and offer specials and refreshments. Live entertainment and prize giveaways will also be part of the event. Free Admission. Details: 228-435-6339.



**Summer Swimming Lessons: Biloxi resident and Biloxi Red Tide Registration**, May 4, 8 a.m. to noon, Biloxi Natatorium, 1384 Father Ryan Ave. Lesson registration for non-Biloxi residents and late registration begins May 6. Details: 228-435-6205.



**Thunder over the Sound 2019 Keesler & Biloxi Air & Space Show**, May 4-5, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Keesler Air Force Base flight line and Biloxi Beach south of White Avenue. Air show includes static displays, vendors and air performers on KAFB and over the Mississippi Sound. Beach performance area between Biloxi Lighthouse and Rodenburg Avenue. Details: keeslerbiloxiairshow.com. (See more on pages 8 and 9.)

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**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.

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- Auto Tag/Property Tax Information . . . . . 435-8242
- Birth Certificates . . . . . 601-576-7960
- Building Permits . . . . . 435-6270
- Business Licenses . . . . . 435-6247
- City Council . . . . . 435-6257
- City Court . . . . . 435-6125
- Code Enforcement . . . . . 435-6270
- 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

**Storytime,** May 4, 11, 18, & 25, 10-11 a.m., Southern Bound Book Shop, 999 Howard Ave., Suite 1. Every Saturday morning, children of all ages welcome to attend story time from local theatre students. A craft activity follows performance. The event is free and open to the public. Details: 225-939-9000.

**2019 Law Enforcement Torch Run,** May 10. 2019 Special Olympics Mississippi Summer Games, Flame of Hope delivered to Keesler Air Force Base by a law enforcement runner and Mississippi athlete, Grover Fairley, artist and designer of 2019 Torch Run shirt. Arrives at White Avenue around 5:45 p.m. Details: 228-702-3055.

**2019 Special Olympics Mississippi Summer Games,** May 10, 11 & 12, Keesler Air Force Base. Details: [specialolympicsms.org](http://specialolympicsms.org).

**City of Biloxi Parks & Recreation Department's Mother/Son Rodeo Dance,** May 10, 6-9 p.m., Biloxi Civic Center, 578 Howard Ave. Dress in western attire and enjoy an evening of fun. Free admission. Details: 228-388-7170.

**Nativity BVM Cathedral's 7th Annual Uncorked & Uncapped Beer and Wine Tasting,** May 11, 5-8 p.m. Nativity B.V.M. Cathedral, 870 Howard Ave. The 7th annual Uncorked & Uncapped Craft Beer and Wine Tasting will feature an expansive silent auction, food, an assortment of craft beer and wine, and live music. Details: 228-374-1717.

**Infinity Science Center Inaugural Infinity Gala,** May 11, 6-9 p.m. Beau Rivage Resort & Casino, 875 Beach Blvd. Hear about life on the Space Exploration Homefront from the Apollo Era with speakers Fred Haise of Apollo 13, Walt Cunningham of Apollo 7, Jack Lousma of Apollo 13, Rosemary Roosa daughter of Apollo 14 pilot Stuart Roosa, and Jerry Bostick of Mission Control Center. Event benefits Stem education. Details: [infinity.givesmart.com](http://infinity.givesmart.com).

**90th Annual Biloxi Blessing of the Fleet Poster Unveiling,** May 15, 6 p.m., Maritime and Seafood Industry Museum, 115 1st St. The 2019 Shrimp King and Queen contestants will be introduced, 2019 Poster unveiling, and a reception all to celebrate the historic and beloved Biloxi tradition of the Blessing of the Fleet. Free admission. Entertainment by Gram Rea. Details: 228-435-6339.

**Biloxi Community Market Festival,** May 16, 9- 1 p.m., corner of Howard Avenue and Hopkins Boulevard under the I-110. The Market will feature cooking demonstrations at noon, live entertainment, and hourly giveaways. Details: 228-435-6339.

**Howard Avenue Ribbon Cutting,** May 17, 4:06 p.m. Takes place at corner of Magnolia and Howard Avenue. Entertainment and refreshments. Details: 228-435-6339.

**Annual Fatima International Spring Fest,** May 17-19, Our Lady of Fatima Church, 2090 Pass Road. Free admission. Details: 228-388-3602.

**Annual Harrison County Gem, Mineral, Fossil and Jewelry Show,** May 18-19, Joppa Temple, 13280 Shriners Blvd. Admission charged. Details 228-342-2963.

**Inaugural Bridal Expo,** May 19, Beauvoir, 2244 Beach Blvd., 1-4 p.m. Event includes a bridal fashion show, giveaways, samples and music. Admission: \$15. Details: 228-388-4400.

**Billy Creel Memorial Gulf Coast Wooden & Classic Boat Show,** May 18-19, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Schooner Pier Complex, 367 Beach Blvd. View historic, antique, classic and contemporary wooden boats at the largest gathering of watercraft on the Gulf Coast and experience sailing aboard an authentic Biloxi Schooner replica. Food and refreshments will be for sale; activities for children, local art vendors and more. Admission charged. Details 228-435-6320.

**Bike Biloxi,** May 21, 6 p.m.; begins at the MGM Stadium, 105 Caillavet St. Free ride through downtown. Bike ride ends with refreshments at a downtown restaurant at cyclist's expense. Helmets and lights recommended. Free admission. Detail: 228-435-6339.

**City of Biloxi Parks & Rec. Special Needs End-Of School Summer Party,** May 24, 6-9 p.m., Donal M. Snyder Sr. Community Center, 2520 Pass Road. Open to all ages with mental and physical disabilities. Free admission. Details: 228-388-7170.

**Hattiesburg Zoo Outreach,** May 25, 10:30 and 11:30 a.m., Edgewater Mall, 2600 Beach Blvd. Free admission. Details: 228-388-3424.

**Biloxi Main Street Book Club,** May 30, 5:30 p.m., Jacked Up Coffee Bar, 999 Howard Ave. Book of the month "Atomic City Girls," available at Southern Bound Books. Details: 228-435-6339.

## Shuckers home games:

105 Caillavet St., 800-745-3000 or 228-233-3465, [www.biloxishuckers.com](http://www.biloxishuckers.com)

- May 6, 7, 9, 8, 10, 6:35 p.m., May 8, at 10:35 a.m.: **vs. Montgomery Biscuits**
- May 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 6:35 p.m., May 19, 2:35 p.m.: **vs. Chattanooga Lookouts**
- May 28, 29, 30, and 31, at 6:35 p.m.: **vs. Tennessee Smokies**

## Biloxi Little Theater

220 Lee St., 228-432-8543, [www.4blt.org](http://www.4blt.org)

- **"Title of Show"** May 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, and 11, times vary

## Center Stage

2670 Rue Palafox, 228-388-6258, [centerstagebiloxi.com](http://centerstagebiloxi.com)

- **"Steel Magnolias,"** May 1-5, times vary

## Biloxi Lighthouse and Visitors Center

1050 Beach Blvd., 228-374-3105, [www.biloxi.ms.us](http://www.biloxi.ms.us) • Open daily, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

- Lighthouse Tours daily, 8-9:30 a.m.

## Biloxi Shrimping Trip

693 Beach Blvd., 228-392-8645, [biloxishrimpingtrip.com](http://biloxishrimpingtrip.com)

- Sunset cruises, fishing trips, and three shrimping trips daily

## Betsy Ann Riverboat Cruise

173 Beach Blvd., 228-229-4270, [betsyannriverboat@gmail.com](mailto:betsyannriverboat@gmail.com), [bestyannriverboat.com](http://bestyannriverboat.com)

- Hibachi Night Cruises, Historical & Ecological Tour, and Sunset Eco Tours

## Ship Island Excursion

Margaritaville Resort boat dock, 195 Beach Blvd., 228-594-0004, [msshipisland.com](http://msshipisland.com)

- Daily service begins May 11, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Friday night Sunset Music Cruises, May 10, 24, & 31, 7-9 p.m.
- Thunderbird Air Show Cruise, May 4-5, 2:30-5 p.m.

## Maritime & Seafood Industry Museum

115 1st St., 228-435-6320, [www.maritimemuseum.org](http://www.maritimemuseum.org)

- **Lunch with The Greenhouse on Porter**, May 15, 11 a.m., Admission \$20 includes lunch
- **Paddle Board Rentals**, 367 Beach Blvd. Daily rentals.
- **Sea 'n' Sail Camp 2019** registration now open. Sign up online.

## Ohr-O'Keefe Museum of Art

386 Beach Blvd., 228-374-5547, [www.georgeohr.org](http://www.georgeohr.org)

- Now through June 8, **"Element of Change,"** Rebecca Alston and Allison Stewart. Exhibit consists of works on paper and installations that explore visual systems and the contemporary political, social and environmental issues that surround climate change.
- Now through June 1, **"Humidity," John Isiah Walton.** This exhibition, by an emerging artist with strong conceptual streak, uses wit and irony to exemplify New Orleans's social Climate.

## West End Hose Co. No. 3 Fire Museum

1046 Howard Ave., 435-6119/435-6200, [www.biloxi.ms.us](http://www.biloxi.ms.us)

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

## Biloxi Elks 606 Lodge of Biloxi

1178 Beach Blvd., 228-374-0606

- May 1 & 15, Meeting, 7 p.m. **New members welcome.**
- May 4, 11, 18 & 25, **Steak nights and entertainment**, 6:30 – 10:30 p.m.
- May 3, 10, 17, 27 & 31, **Charity Bingo**, 6:30 p.m. Early Bird; 7 p.m. Regular games; 8:30 p.m. Kitchen opens

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

182 Howard Ave., 228-436-6472

- Every Friday night in May at 6 p.m. **Seafood Dinners with Karaoke** at 7:30 p.m.
- May 11, **9th Annual Golf Tournament**, Gulf Hills.

## Lagniappe

### Charles R. Hegwood

#### Biloxi Community Market

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

#### City of Biloxi Senior Program

Activities for ages 55 and older weekdays at the Donal M. Snyder Sr. Community Center and the East Biloxi Senior Citizen Center. Details: Gwen Johnson, 228-388-2494, [seniors@biloxi.ms.us](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, Cortney Lamar
- **Biloxi Planning Commission:** Regularly scheduled meetings: first and third Thursday of the month at 2 p.m.; Community Development, 676 MLK Blvd. Details: 228-435-6266.
- **Development Review Committee:** Regularly scheduled meetings: Wednesdays at 9 a.m.; Community Development, 676 MLK Blvd. Details: 228-435-6266.
- **Tree Committee:** Regularly scheduled meetings: second Monday of each month at 4 p.m.; Gulf Coast Community Design Studio, 769 Howard Ave. Details: 228-435-6266.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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# May Memories: Traveling through Biloxi Down Memory Lane

With spring already in the air and the approach of summer just around the corner, Biloxians are beginning to reminisce about their favorite memories of yesteryear.

## Biloxi High School Memoirs

### Back in the Day



By Jane Shambra

Graduation has always been equated with May events. Although the old Central High School is no longer standing, we can still revisit the past through images and stories. In 1913 Biloxi Public Schools celebrated the opening of this three-story brick high school at the corner of Howard Avenue and Bellman Street. Central, as it was called, was located in

the center of the city's peninsula, between Biloxi's historic lighthouse and Point Cadet. Enrollment then was just over 300 students.

The school's first commencement ceremony was held on Friday, May 29, 1914 in the large 600-seat auditorium. The graduation class consisted of 19 students: nine girls and 10 boys. Even before the days of computers and elaborate research facilities, each senior was required to research and prepare a thesis. Ruby Randle, the class valedictorian, wrote about "Education in the Philippines." "Oysters" was the title of Laura Ott's paper, probably



Hurricane Katrina clobbered this establishment in 2005; but our yearning for its menu is still with us today.

focusing on the heritage of her family's legacy in Biloxi's Seafood Industry on Point Cadet. Because of the wrath of Hurricane Katrina, Central is no longer standing. On the footprint of that historic school now stands the amazing modern Biloxi Civic Center and Public Library, which opened in 2008.

### A Taste of the Past

Before the days of traditional fast food establishments, Howard Avenue hosted its own go-to for American cuisine. Do you remember Jiffy Jac (without the letter "k")? It was located on the south side of Howard between Nixon and Bellman. The scent of its mouth-watering hamburgers was a luring advertisement in itself. Under the ownership of Bill and Mary Meyer, the menu was tantalizingly simple and included hamburgers, cheeseburgers, chili, and po-boys. Indeed it was advertised as a "drive-in" restaurant, but not like the traditional drive-in movie theater. One would drive to it, order their favorite meal, and then perhaps eat outside at one

of the restaurant's picnic tables or simply walk down to the nearby beach and sit on the seawall while watching the shrimping boats. Ahhh, those were the days! We can still remember the aroma of their kitchen, as it travelled through the neighborhood.

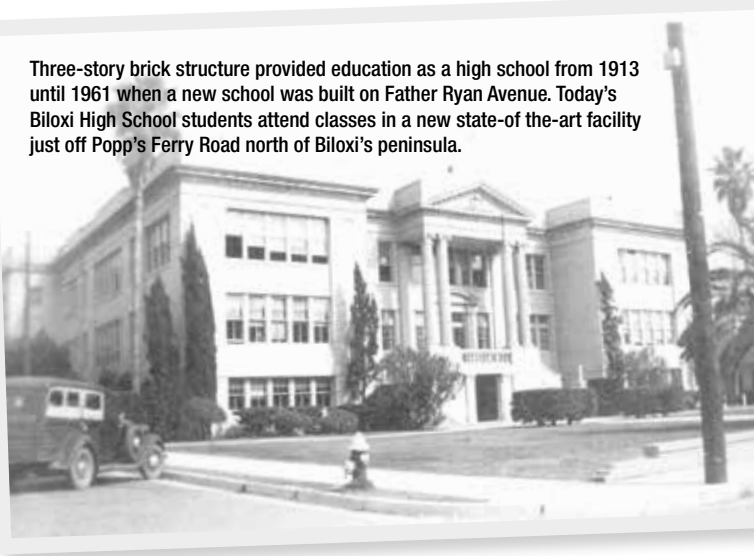
You can still access the Jiffy Jac's Chili recipe in a recently published local cookbook: "OLD BILOXI RECIPES 2," by Sonya Fountain Miller.

### Music Memories

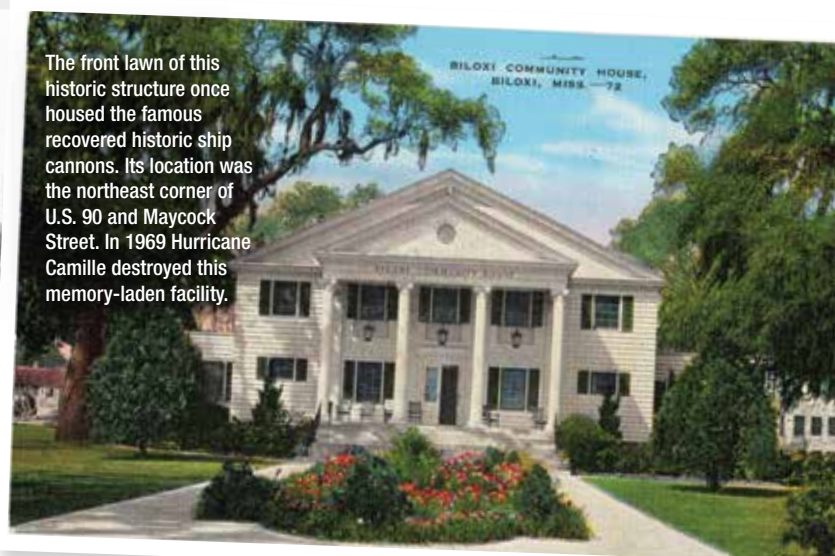
Just around the corner from Jiffy Jac and Central High School was the Biloxi Community House, located on U.S 90 (then called East Beach Boulevard) between Nixon and Maycock streets.

The local music venue even housed several Elvis Presley performances in November 1955. Each were followed by a dance. "Fun, Music, and Jokes" were advertised for Elvis's Biloxi performances. Tickets could be purchased on Howard Avenue at Grant's and Kimbrough and Quint's Drug Stores.

Three-story brick structure provided education as a high school from 1913 until 1961 when a new school was built on Father Ryan Avenue. Today's Biloxi High School students attend classes in a new state-of-the-art facility just off Popp's Ferry Road north of Biloxi's peninsula.



The front lawn of this historic structure once housed the famous recovered historic ship cannons. Its location was the northeast corner of U.S. 90 and Maycock Street. In 1969 Hurricane Camille destroyed this memory-laden facility.



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