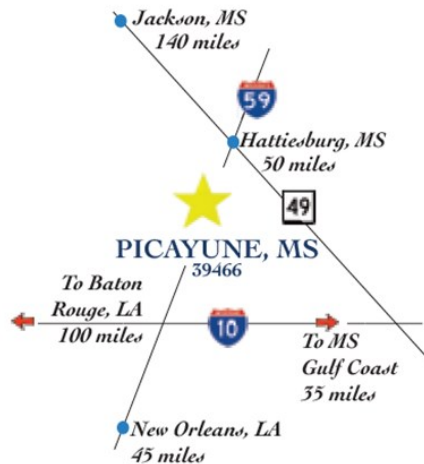


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History of Picayune, Mississippi

Picayune history traces back to the Spanish colonies that once inhabited the Gulf Coast, as picayune is the name of a Spanish coin. The town, however, got its name when the owner of the well-renowned newspaper, The Times Picayune, and prestigious resident of the town, Eliza Jane Poitevent Nicholson, was called on to name the area in the 1880s.

The area known as Picayune had been long inhabited by the local Choctaw Native American tribe. The area was first claimed by French settlers and was a part of Louisiana. Many different European settlers wanted possession of the area because of its strategic location: near the Gulf of Mexico and near the Pearl River. In 1763, the French surrendered all their assets, east of Mississippi, to the English. In 1799 the Spanish reasserted their claim by attacking British forts near the Gulf of Mexico. The area would be returned to French rule in the 1800s. Legend says that Napoleon Bonaparte had placed French headquarters in Picayune. History tells us that Napoleon sold the area to the United States as part of the Louisiana Purchase.

During the 1800s, the area grew slowly. During the U.S. Civil War, many of the local men joined the Confederate Army and went away to war. Those left behind experienced their hardships at the hands of occupying Yankee soldiers and anti-slavery guerrilla fighters.

After the Civil War, Picayune experienced an economic boom. In 1883 a railroad line from New Orleans, LA, to Cincinnati, OH, was constructed. This rail line brought business, jobs, and new citizens. The town of Picayune was incorporated as a city in 1922.

During the city's early years, the Mississippi Gulf Coast area experienced a timber boom. Companies were quickly harvesting the area's native pine. When local timber was depleted from the area, companies brought in Tung trees to plant. These tree orchards, which were harvested for their oil, made Picayune the Tung Oil capital of the world. The Tung Oil Industry was devastated after Hurricane Camille destroyed most of the local orchards in 1969.

Today, Picayune is a thriving city of approximately 11,000 citizens. It is the largest town in Pearl River County, which has a population of over 55,000. The appeal of the area is its southern small-town charm, excellent schools, an active and friendly community and thriving local and national businesses. Local growth has included the addition of Highland Hospital, national retail and food service establishments, a growing local restaurant scene, and an involved Chamber of Commerce and community organizations.

Picayune and Pearl River County Connections, continued

LAW ENFORCEMENT

Police Dept.	601-798-7411
Picayune Fire Dept.	601-798-6513
Pearl River County Sheriff	601-403-3472

MEDIA

Picayune Item	601-798-4766
WRJW	601-798-4835
WLOX	228-896-1313

POSTAL SERVICE

Annex	601-798-5261
Carriere	601-798-7452
McNeill	601-798-5962
Nicholson	601-798-7788
Picayune	601-798-7401

SENIOR SERVICES & ASSISTED LIVING

Covenant Health & Rehab	601-798-1811
Bedford Care of Picayune	601-798-5281
Whispering Pines of Picayune	601-749-5555
Beehive Homes of Picayune	769-242-2344
The Senior Center of Picayune	601-798-9892

SPECIAL SERVICES

Pearl River County SPCA	601-798-8000
American Red Cross	601-799-1077
Child Abuse Education	601-799-5886
Pregnancy Support	601-799-2668
Rescue Army	865-250-5021

UTILITIES

AT&T	888-757-6500
Coast Electric	601-798-5051
Mississippi Power	800-532-1502
Picayune Utilities	601-798-9776
After 5 PM & Holidays	601-798-4682
Nicholson Water	601-798-9696
P.R.C. Water Assoc	601-798-3103
Central Water Assoc.	601-798-1401

Picayune and Pearl River County Connections

BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS

Picayune Main Street, Inc	601-799-3070
Greater Picayune Chamber of Commerce	601-798-3112

EDUCATION

Crosby Library	601-798-5081
PRCC College	601-403-1183
Picayune Public School	601-798-3230
Pearl River Central	601-798-7744
Poplarville School	601-795-8477
First Union Pentecostal Church Academy	601-798-4850
Heritage Christian Academy	601-798-4886
St Charles Academy	601-798-4799
Union Baptist Academy	601-798-6470

EMPLOYMENT

WIN Job Center	601-798-3472
Hutco, Inc.	601-749-5534

GOVERNMENT AND MUNICIPAL OFFICES

Picayune City Hall	601-798-9770
Picayune Permits & Zoning	601-798-9777
Change of Occupancy	601-798-9777
Privilege License	601-799-9776
Picayune Municipal Airport	601-749-7017
Picayune Post Office	601-798-7401
County Supervisors	601-749-7700
Car Tags & Taxes	601-749-7740
County Taxes	601-749-7700
Drivers License	601-799-1428

HOSPITALS AND MEDICAL FACILITIES

Highland Community Hospital	601-358-3122
Pearl River County Hospital	601-795-4543
Division of Medicaid	601-798-0831
Gulf Coast Mental Health	601-798-7001
Pearl River County Health Department	601-798-6212

Picayune Facts and Trivia

Local Musicians Inducted into the West Bank Musicians Hall of Fame were Joseph **"Candy" Bennett**, Walter **"Deaser" Bennett** and **Toxie Baughman**. Joseph **"Candy" Bennett** who started his career at the age of 14 was inducted into the Cowtown Society of Western Music by Texas Gov. Rick Perry.

Picayune Black Sox was a Semi Pro Baseball Team from Picayune MS from 1949-1955.

Eliza Jane Poitevant Holbrook Nicholson (1843-1896) was a poet who grew up in Picayune, became owner and editor of the Daily Picayune newspaper. She named Picayune and the town of Nicholson.

THE NOTORIOUS COPELAND GANG Among the fireside tales told by the older people are stories of the notorious Copeland Gang, which terrorized the county many years ago. It is reported that the gang would come to water their horses and rest enroute from their hideout on the Pearl River.

In the early 1800's **General Jackson's Troops** marched in this area from Mobile to New Orleans staging for the Battle of New Orleans.

Jimmy Rogers has a brick dedicated to him on the back porch of the Picayune Intermodal Center- He sang and worked on this railroad in 1917.

Born April 25, 1936, in Picayune, Mississippi, **Freddie Little**, was WBC and WBA World Junior Middle-weight Boxing Title ('69) Won 53 fights, 36 by knockout, 7 losses and 2 no contest. Little was inducted in 2016 to the Vegas Boxing Hall of Fame and 1995 Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame

James "Joe" Little A Picayune native first to win the Masters National Body Building Championship and to qualify for the Masters Olympia

Picayune resident, **Johnathan Bender**, a 1999 Picayune High School Graduate was the First Round Pick 5 for the National Basketball Association in 1999.

Julius W. Simmons, a turpentine distiller, is hailed as the founder of Picayune was responsible for securing a railroad stop and freight yard which spurred the growth of Picayune, MS.

Eastman Francis Tate, known as the Father of Picayune, founded the Bank of Picayune and the Picayune Item Newspaper in 1904 and was a two term Mayor of Picayune.

Lucius Olen Crosby, Co-Founder of the Goodyear Yellow Pine Lumber Co., was a Five term Mayor and local philanthropist and was known as the Colonel.

Lamont Rowlands, a partner with L.O. Crosby in the Goodyear Yellow Pine Lumber Co. & founder of the Tung industry in Picayune, a vital preservative used in WWII.

Picayune, MS was the **Tung capital of the world**. At one time, over 100,000 acres in the county were devoted to Tung orchards. Along with the Tung trees, cattle became important. In 1969, the Tung industry was destroyed when Hurricane Camille came through.

Picayune City Hall located in historic downtown Picayune on the popular Goodyear Boulevard. The older building was designed by world-famous architect Wilfred Lockyer, known for helping design parts of the Titanic. In 1928, Mr. Lockyer also designed St Barnabas Anglican Church.

LOCATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Picayune is a 30 minutes' drive to the beautiful MS Gulf Coast and strategically located on I-59. It has easy access to New Orleans, Slidell, Covington, Bay St. Louis and Hattiesburg. Amtrak provides daily rail service on the Norfolk Southern Track to and from New Orleans to New York City with various stops along the way. Picayune has its own Municipal Airport with a 5,000 ft. runway, and airport self-service fuel (100LL and Jet A). International airport service is available in New Orleans and Gulfport/Biloxi.

COMMUNITY FACTS

Picayune has a City Manager form of Government with Mayor and five City Council Members nominated by registered voters within city limits of Picayune. Pearl River County is governed by a Board of Supervisors that are voted on by registered voters in Pearl River County. There were 4,568 housing units at an average density of 1 person/388.3 per square mile. Located approximately 45 miles from New Orleans, Hattiesburg, and Gulfport/Biloxi. The Stennis Space Center is 10 miles away.

Local government offices are located inside Historic City Hall and the A.L. Franklin Complex on Goodyear Boulevard in downtown Picayune and inside the Intermodal and Tourist Center aka Train Depot on Hwy 11 South located in the center of beautiful Picayune. City Offices located inside the center are Zoning and Permit and Code Enforcement.

BUSINESS CLIMATE

Nationally accredited Picayune Main Street, Inc. and Picayune Chamber of Commerce provide prospective and established business owners opportunities to form lucrative relationships and networks promoting economic and community development through building profitable relationships and market partnering.

LOCAL SERVICES

The health and welfare of our citizens is of outmost importance. Picayune provides award winning Police and Fire Departments, equally committed to protect and serve citizens both inside and outside city limits is the Pearl River County Sheriff Department our local schools, an excellent Library, the Senior Center, numerous Churches, and the new Highland Community Hospital - the county's only acute-care facility offering a wide range of medical specialties and state-of-the art technologies.



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Days Inn Picayune

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Econo Lodge Picayune

550 S. Lofton Drive Picayune, MS 39466 1-855-873-6561

Heritage Inn Picayune

1122 Memorial Blvd, Picayune, MS 39466 601-798-8874

Holiday Inn Express Hotel Picayune

1001 Dauphin St, Picayune, MS 39466 601-749-2626

Super 8

999 Cooper Road Picayune, MS 39466 855-873-6558/ 601-799-3883

Picayune Motel

2001 Hwy 11 North Picayune MS 39466 601-798-7507

LOCAL RV PARKS

Sun Roamers

41 MS Pines Boulevard Picayune MS 39466 601-798-5818

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Clearwater RV Park & Campgrounds

1505 Caesar Road Carriere MS 39466 601-749-8142

Alison RV Park 158 Cliff Mitchell Road Picayune MS 601-799-9306

BED & BREAKFAST

The Henry Smith House

99 Henry Smith Road Picayune MS 39466 601-749-8606

Picayune Proper Bed & Breakfast

286 Magnolia Drive Picayune MS 39466 601-749-4732

DOWNTOWN RESTAURANTS

Brother's Pride Fine Meats&Deli	601-273-4088	28 West Canal
Betty K's Burgers	601-798-3217	700 West Canal
Crackin Shells & Dippin Tails	769-926-2502	402 West Canal
Southern Char Steakhouse	601-798-2323	210 West Canal
KatyCake & Co.	601-916-3622	109 West Canal
Yune Nutrition		107 West Canal
Stonewall's BBQ	601-749-4144	101 West Canal
ChickNStick	601-347-1076	910 East Canal
Don's Seafood	601-799-2184	800 Highway 11 South
Frostop	601-798-4981	305 Highway 11 South
PJ's Coffee & Tea	601-799-4901	117 North Main

What a great community Picayune is and here is why....

Each morning, citizens settle affairs of the universe at one of the local coffee shops.

Friday nights in the fall are all about high school football games and those games are your only social option whether your children attend Picayune Memorial High School who boast as 3 times 5-A State football champions or Pearl River Central High School who scores in the top 20 Academically in MS. In either school district, teachers often refer to students by their oldest sibling's name because they probably taught all your siblings and may have even taught your parents.

Picayune has more than 50 churches inside city limits of every denomination. There are families with a whole generation of family members who are members of the same church. You will see a great grandmother, grandmother, daughters, sons, grandchildren, and so on, all right there in one church. If you miss a Sunday, concerned churchgoers will go out of their way to find out if you are okay.

Throughout the community visitors enjoy shopping in quaint shops for gifts, clothes, collectibles, jewelry, printing shops, Art Galleries and antiques and end the day with a meal from one of the 30+ locally owned restaurants or the 50+ chain and fast food restaurants. Picayune also has a Wal-Mart Super Center, 2 Walgreens, Home Depot, Quick & Grice, Ace Hardware, Phillips Building Supply, Tractor Plus, Whitfield Rentals, several Family Dollar Stores and Dollar General, Numerous Locally owned Pharmacies.

There is a lot to be said for growing up in a small town and many people can relate to if you also grew up in a small town. The people are genuine and have true concern for their neighbors and fellow citizens. People can get to know one another through the opportunities to be a part of the growth of this precious coin in the purse of the South.

Websites:

www.pearlrivercounty.net
www.picayune.ms.us
www.picayunemainstreet.com
www.greaterpicayunechamber.org

Facebook pages:

- Picayune, MS Community Events
- City Hall of Picayune
- Picayune Main Street

Check us out on YouTube:

Welcome to Picayune, MS



CERTIFIED RETIREMENT CITY

While being a state Certified Retirement City, Picayune offers attractive and affordable homes in a peaceful setting. Retirees find Picayune especially attractive for its excellent local services and medical facilities, warm and friendly atmosphere, mild climate, low cost of living, no state taxes on retirement's income, and low crime rate.

Our active seniors enjoy The Senior Center of Pearl River at 45 El Patch Parkway with has monthly planned activities for 50+ with bus pickup. They offer art classes, dance classes, wood carving and serve lunch during the week. Several Universities (MS State, University of Southern MS, Pearl River Community College, and the University of New Orleans) offer courses of study and degree programs, including online. Tuition is free after age 65 for Mississippi colleges.

EVENTS

Our city leaders have formed partnerships with local businesses and organizations designed to beautify our city and provide cultural and entertaining events for all ages. Events like our Fall and Spring Street Festivals established in 1995 held in Historic Downtown Picayune MS, Blues & Heritage Festival, Fire in The Swamp Forge and Metal works event, Art Market, Civic Woman's Club Christmas Parade and Christmas on the Rails & Shop by Candlelight all offer our citizens a chance to attend and participate in events that are fun, entertaining, educational and most importantly build a sense of pride and ownership in our great community.

THE ARTS

Local art and cultural clubs include The Pearl River Community Arts League, Pearl River Community Band, Picayune on Stage, The Picayune PieceMakers Quilters Group, and Picayune Writer's Group. Art and dance classes are offered throughout the community. The new **Brownstone Performing Arts Center** on the Pearl River Community College Campus located in Poplarville MS offers outstanding affordable entertainment from Concerts to plays.

COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

Blue Knights MS IX, The ARC of Pearl River County, Brother's Keeper Ministry, Colonial Dames XVI Century, Pearl River County Community Band, Daughter of the American Revolution, Pearl River County Democrat Party, Friends of Margaret Reed Crosby Library, Pearl River County Federation of Democratic Women, Picayune Exchange Club, Friends of Pearl River County Nursing Homes and Hospitals, Junior Auxiliary, Picayune Kiwanis Club, Knights of Columbus, Ladies Auxiliary of Knights of Columbus, Picayune Lions Club, Pearl River Master Gardeners, Millbrook Golf & Country Club, NARFE National Active Retired Federal Employees, Pearl River County Republican Women, Pearl Strings Dulcimer Group, The GFWC-MFWC Civic Woman's Club, Piney Woods Cloggers, Pistols & Petticoats, Pearl River County Board of Realtors, Pearl River County Genealogy, The Retired Education Personnel of Pearl River County, Rotary Club of Picayune.

Downtown Points of Interest

Lower Pearl River Valley Transportation Museum located inside the **Intermodal & Tourist Center** at 200 Hwy 11 South is in the heart of Historic Downtown Picayune. This Train Depot holds the museum and is served by the Amtrak **Crescent** Passenger Train twice daily. The **Transportation Museum** was compiled by the Lower Pearl River Valley Volunteers. Their efforts will provide future generations a sense of history and education in the way Picayune/Pearl River County early settlers traveled and worked through the years from horseback, steamboat and space travel.

Shay Locomotive located on Hwy 11 North next to Picayune Chamber of Commerce

Hilda Formby Hoffmann Memorial Archive Inc. Preserving the Family Heritage of Pearl River County, 301 Williams Ave. (Across from City Hall Annex) open Monday-Friday, 10-3, 601-799-5671 email hhma1908@att.net MS

Pearl River County Historical Museum- Located inside Historic City Hall at 203 Good-year Boulevard. Visit Pearl River County Historical Society Facebook page.

Veteran's Memorial & Brick by Brick – Located in front of Historic City Hall.

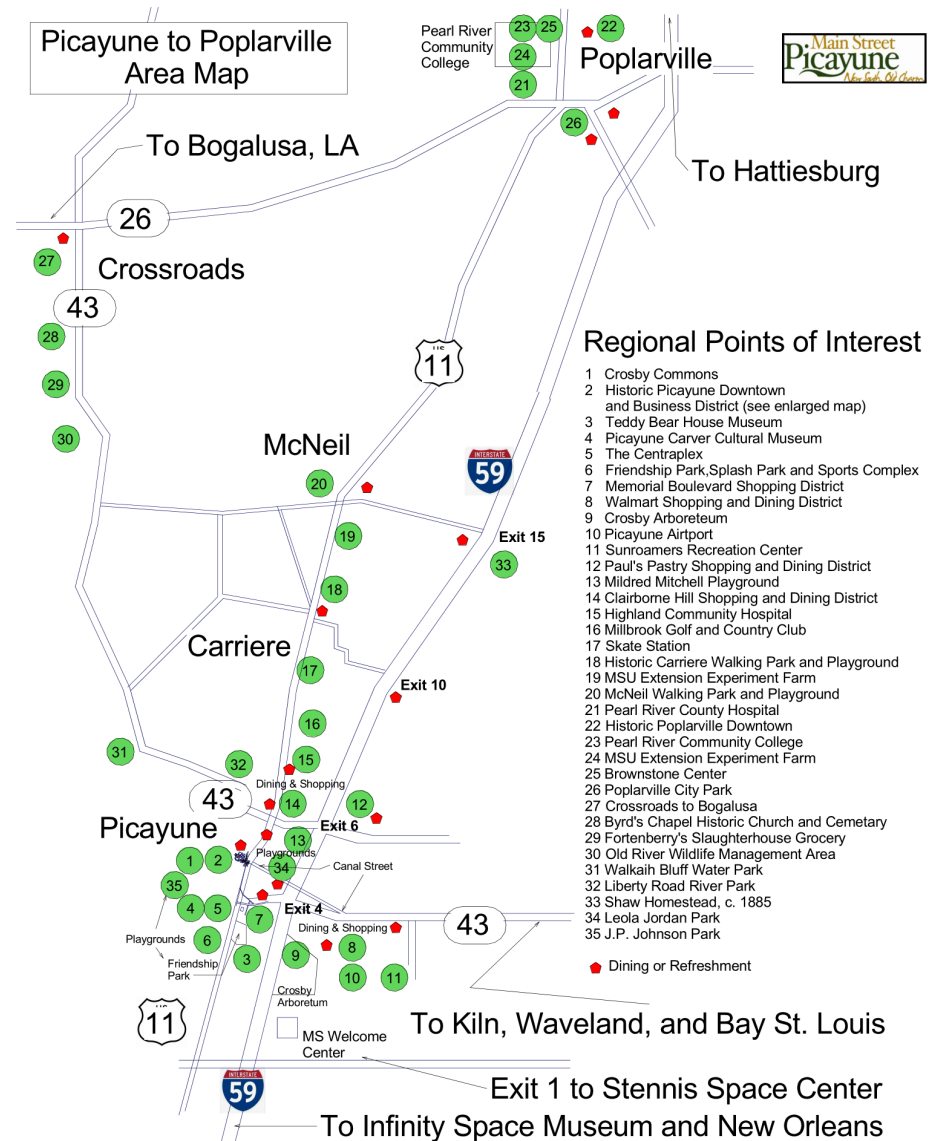
Award Winning Crosby Commons - 801 Goodyear Blvd. A 5-acre site in the central part of Picayune with a rich history has been converted to a vibrant green space, known now as the Crosby Commons. This space is utilized by the City and community members for events and gatherings to be enjoyed by all. The 1/3-mile walking trail allows for an enjoyable place for a sunny day stroll. While the 54' X 28' outdoor stage allows for performances to be held at the Crosby Commons.

Margaret Reed Crosby Memorial Library 803 Goodyear Boulevard, founded in 1964, Margaret Reed Crosby Memorial Library is a part of the Pearl River County Library System. The library offers a collection of classics, art and antiques, fiction and nonfiction books, audio books, biographies, databases, articles, periodicals, newspapers, magazines and journals. The library also stocks children's literature, DVDs, CDs, video cassettes, puzzles and magazines. Audiovisual equipment, Internet-enabled computers, projectors, copiers, laminators and scanners are also available. The building is in the Mid-Century Style.

The Mississippi Gulf Coast National Heritage Area (NHA) participates in the Passport to Your National Parks® Program. Visitors collect cancellation stamps from each site visited in a booklet that may be purchased at any National Park.

Picayune MS has 3 Passport Stations listed below:

- **Intermodal Tourist Center**- 200 Hwy 11 South Picayune MS 39466
- **Pearl River County Welcome Center**- 500 I-59 Picayune MS 39466
- **The Crosby Arboretum**—370 Ridge Road Picayune MS 39466



The Shaw Homestead. This homestead site at 1214 Barth Rd, Poplarville, was established in 1885 and housed the same family for generations until Hurricane Camille. When the property was donated by the family to the Land Trust for the Mississippi Coastal Plain (LTMCP) in 2007, many items were found just as they were left in 1969. The historic site features a dog-trot log cabin, detached kitchen, tractor shed with grist mill, jar house, smoke house, sheep dip, and corn crib and offers a complete picture of rural life in Pearl River County during the Timber Boom in Mississippi. For more information, call the Land Trust for the Mississippi Coastal Plain at 228-435-9191. or see www.ltmcp.org/shaw-homestead.

Nearby Attractions

INFINITY Science Center is a non-profit science museum dedicated to providing our guests with a quality, fun, and fascinating learning experience. INFINITY also is host to the NASA Stennis Visitor Center. INFINITY offers a blend of space, Earth science, engineering and technology content, spiced with innovative programming. At INFINITY, we seek to inspire the next a-ha moment, and be a place where science is fun, fascinating and accessible to everyone.

“**Possum Walk**” is named after an African American community in the area near the historic logging community of **Logtown**. The new trail stretches from **Infinity Science Center** to a spot near the Pearl River. Markers along the way will give walkers some history notes about the area and info on native plants. Benches, a bridge, a floating dock and kayak launches also are part of the trail. Possum Walk, also known as the Discovery Trail, is the beginning of a planned 100-mile Heritage Trail from Infinity to Moss Point.

John C Stennis Space Center— opened in 1969, today’s Stennis Space Center tests rocket engines and oversees NOAA operations. It is not open to the public . Look into **Byways to Space** for scenic drives and the Infinity Space Center.

Lazy Magnolia Brewery—located across from the John Stennis International airport hosts craft beers and live music most weekends. Open for tours during the week.

The new **Bay St. Louis Harbor and Pier** is in Old Town Bay St. Louis, just 30 miles from Picayune MS. It allows boaters to have incredibly easy access to many of the Louisiana marshes and barrier islands for first-class fishing. Restaurants , art galleries and shops line the shore and in the walkable neighborhoods.

The **Silver Slipper Casino** is a 100,000 square foot gaming destination , located on the Beach in Hancock County, and is a 30-minute drive from Picayune MS.

The French Buccaneer, Lafitte, inhabited the old Pirate House located a short distance from what is now **Buccaneer State Park**. The park has a **wave pool and water slides**. The park site, also known as Jackson’s Ridge, was used as a base of military operations by Andrew Jackson during the Battle of New Orleans.

Old River Wildlife Management Area - More than 40 species of mammals and 150 species of birds, including the bald eagle, have been identified on the property. Old River also harbors alligators and 13 species of endangered reptiles. Old River WMA consists of 13,206 acres of forests, swamps, and fields. It is open to wildlife viewing and seasonal hunting and fishing. Camping is allowed in designated areas only. AWMA Camping Permit is required for any individual or group (maximum of 6 people) that is camping on this WMA and may be purchased wherever licenses are sold. Hwy 43 Poplarville, Mississippi 39470 Phone: 601.772.9024

Local Points of Interest

Picayune Carver Culture Museum 1308 South Haugh Avenue opened in 2005. The museum showcases some of the area’s historical artifacts associated with Carver High School and subjects associated with the Nation’s Black History. The Carver Room contains artifact, books, pictures, desks, graduation program from 1943 to 1970, teachers’ pay scale, instrument, jerseys, band uniforms and more. The Picayune room has pictures of African American political leaders, business leaders and school pictures of children from 1954 to 1955. The National Black History room has photos of President Obama and inventors and religious items. Call Clinton Baker at 601-798-5512.

The Crosby Arboretum- 370 Ridge Road is dedicated to educating the public about their environment. This mission is carried out by preserving, protecting, and displaying plants native to the Pearl River Drainage Basin ecosystem, providing environmental and botanical research opportunities, and offering cultural, scientific, and recreational programs. The Arboretum displays three basic habitats found in this ecosystem. They are a Savanna exhibit, a Woodland exhibit, and an Aquatic exhibit. The **Pinecote Pavilion** at Crosby Arboretum was designed by American architect Fay Jones (born 1921) who carried the principles of his mentor Frank Lloyd Wright.

The Teddy Bear House Museum at 1299 South Haugh Avenue includes the **Teddy Bear Tea Room, The Everything Bear Gift Shop and the Teddy Roosevelt Theatre Room** , call 601-778-2327 for information. With well over 15,000 teddy bears this museum features what is more than likely the world's largest collection of teddy bears. Explore the house that is constantly changing to match the season and see the cuddly friends in action in their very own house. Check out some of the museum's fun events offered throughout the year and stop in today to experience the magic a teddy bear brings to people of all ages.

Playgrounds in Picayune (see Regional Map)

Friendship Park Playground, Splash Pad and Sports Complex—1701 Haugh St. 18 Softball/Baseball fields; 2 Football fields; 2 Soccer Fields & 3 Tennis Courts & Splash Pad

Jack Read Park, 200 Goodyear Blvd

Mildred Mitchell Park- 1901 Daniels Road

Leola Jordan Park- 903 East Canal Street

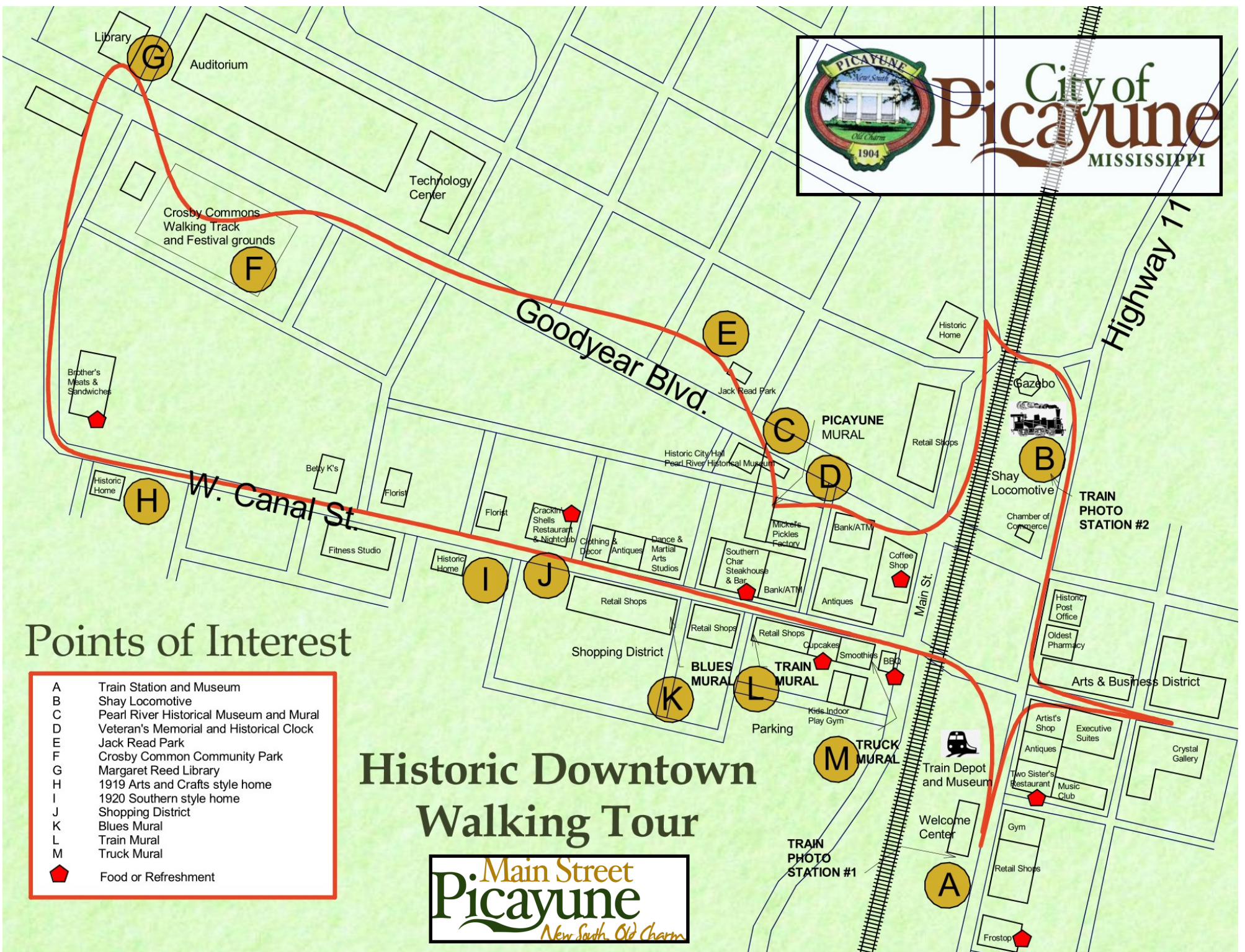
J.P. Johnson- 403 Rosa Street

Sports and Recreation Options

Millbrook Golf and Country Club provides a full 18-hole course

Sunroamers offers daily swim passes

Roller Skating—Skate Station, 6 Fred Mallett Road



Points of Interest

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| A | Train Station and Museum |
| B | Shay Locomotive |
| C | Pearl River Historical Museum and Mural |
| D | Veteran's Memorial and Historical Clock |
| E | Jack Read Park |
| F | Crosby Common Community Park |
| G | Margaret Reed Library |
| H | 1919 Arts and Crafts style home |
| I | 1920 Southern style home |
| J | Shopping District |
| K | Blues Mural |
| L | Train Mural |
| M | Truck Mural |
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Historic Downtown Walking Tour

