

THE PUMPKINS ARE COMING! THE PUMPKINS ARE COMING!

Yes, once again, the front lawn of Trinity Church in Pass Christian will become a pleasant panorama of pumpkin of all shapes and sizes. Thousands of pumpkins are due to arrive on Saturday afternoon, Oct. 1. Trinity's Pumpkin Patch, at the corner of Church and Highway 90, just a few blocks west of the Pass Christian Harbor, will be open for business daily from 10 a.m. to dark from Oct. 2 to Oct. 31.

The pumpkins for Trinity's 19th annual fundraiser are grown on a Navajo reservation in New Mexico and range in price from 50 cents to over \$25. Indian corn and decorative gourds will also be available. Proceeds

benefit Youth and Family Projects and Activities, Little Roses Orphanage, Animal Rescue, Local Food Bank and other worthwhile programs.

If your school, scout or church group would like to set up a field trip to the Patch, please call Jeanne Tagge at 452-3415 or email jtagge@goldinc.com to schedule a visit. Many groups purchase the \$1.50 size pumpkins that are grouped on the site. Just let the Pumpkin Patch know how many children and adults will be in your group and what date and time you would like to shop. They will have your activity pages and stickers ready for you when you arrive.

The Patch also has a playground, games and story-books available to entertain shoppers.

If you would like to bring a picnic lunch, there's plenty of space to spread out a blanket or use the picnic tables under the oak tree at the church. There will also be a Pumpkin Patch port-a-potty.

Everyone is welcome to come browse among the pumpkins and take pictures. There are many "photo ops" that make a great addition to any album, so remember your camera. Bring the children in their costumes for a unique picture amid the pumpkins and the scarecrows.



Pumpkins a-plenty await visitors at last year's Trinity Pumpkin Patch

Not only are pumpkins pleasing to the eye, they are delicious too. Pumpkin is high in vitamin C and very nutritious. Visitors receive a page of recipes and ideas on how to use pumpkin in a variety of ways.

Come practice and pass on the fine art of pumpkin-picking to future generations at Trinity's Pumpkin Patch this October. See you at the Pumpkin Patch!

— Jeanne Tagge, Trinity's Pumpkin Lady

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Grandparents Day falls on Sept. 11 this year. While not as widely observed as Mother's Day or Father's Day, Grandparents Day nonetheless serves a valuable purpose in reminding us of the importance of grandparents in the lives of their grandchildren.

If you're a grandparent yourself, you already know the joy your grandchildren bring you, and through the years, you have probably been generous with them in many ways. At the same time, though, you probably need to strike a balance between your heartfelt gifts and your financial goals.

It can be challenging to achieve that balance. For one thing, you and your fellow grandparents have not been stingy in your giving over the past several years. America's grandparents provided an estimated \$370 billion in financial support to their grandchildren between 2004 and 2009, according to a survey by the MetLife Mature Market Institute. This averages out to \$8,661 per grandparent household over that same period.

However, many of these same grandparents may not be accumulating sufficient financial resources to enjoy the retirement lifestyle they've envisioned. In fact, the median balance of re-

tirement accounts for 55- to 64-year-olds is only about \$100,000, according to the Center for Retirement Research. That's not a lot of money for an age group that could spend two or even three decades in retirement.

So, as a grandparent, what steps might you take to bolster your retirement savings while simultaneously helping your grandchildren? Here are a few ideas:

- **Maintain permanent life insurance.** Once your children are grown, you may feel less compelled to carry life insurance. But the right type of life insurance can benefit you throughout your life. Permanent life insurance offers you the chance to build cash value, which you may be able to access, depending upon the specifics of your policy. And you can name your grandchildren as beneficiaries of your policy.
- **Open a 529 plan.** Use the money you're already gifting to fund a 529 plan to help your grandchildren pay for college. These plans have generous contribution guidelines, and withdrawals are tax-free, provided the money is used for qualified expenses. There may be state tax incentives available to in-state residents who invest in their home state's 529 plan.

And a 529 plan offers you a degree of flexibility; if the beneficiary grandchild decides to forgo college, you can transfer the unused funds to another grandchild, tax and penalty free. However, withdrawals used for expenses other than qualified education expenses may be subject to federal and state taxes, plus a 10% penalty.

- **Contribute to a Roth Individual Retirement Account (IRA).** The Roth IRA is a powerful retirement savings vehicle. You can fund your IRA with virtually any type of investment, such as stocks, bonds and government securities, and your earnings grow tax free, provided you don't take withdrawals until you're at least age 59½ and you've held your account at least five years.

Your grandchildren may appreciate your generosity, but they'll also no doubt want you to enjoy a comfortable retirement. As always, you need to do what makes sense for your situation. You may find there are ways to help both your grandchildren and yourself.



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September Is Childhood Obesity Awareness Month

Dear Editor,

As America wrangles daunting issues, no challenge is more urgent than protecting the health and wellbeing of our children — now, and as they grow.

Over the past several decades, we have witnessed childhood obesity grow to epidemic proportions. More than 23 million children and teenagers are obese or overweight. That's roughly one child in every three. Some groups are disproportionately affected.

These children risk devel-

oping serious health problems in adulthood, such as heart disease, type 2 diabetes, stroke and several types of cancer. This is the first generation where parents may outlive their children. The financial impact is a sobering \$14 billion per year in direct health care costs alone. The psychosocial consequences can hinder these kids academically and socially.

The effort begins at home. Parents have enormous influence over their children's lifestyles by the examples they set and the decisions

they make. By modeling healthy eating and physically active lifestyles, we can set our children on the road to a lifetime of good habits.

The fight against childhood obesity gains momentum in September. All children deserve a healthy start in life; it's our responsibility to make that possible.

Gulf Coast Health Educators will be offering Healthy Lifestyles, a healthy eating, physical activity, and behavior modification program, starting Sept. 12 in

Ocean Springs, and starting Sept. 15 in Pass Christian.

GCHE is encouraging parents, teachers, youth organization leaders, and others with day-to-day contact with youth to participate in the program. Come learn how you can improve your own lifestyle and how you can serve as a positive healthy role model to the kids you encounter on a day-to-day basis. For more information or to register, call 228-860-7530.

*Deborah Colby, M.Ed, RD
Executive Director,
Gulf Coast Health Educators*

Thank You, Pass Christian Rotary

Dear Editor,

Thank you to the Rotary Club for providing a meeting place for our Art Association when we had none for five years. The Rotary trailer was the scene of Wednesday group painting sessions, art workshops, parties and shows, in addition to the monthly meetings. We had restroom and kitchen facilities as well as storage space — a spot to call our own. It was appreciated very much and it is with a touch of sadness that we say goodbye to it.

*Tricia McDonald,
Exhibit Chairperson, Pass
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*** PASS HISTORY * *Researched by Robin Rafferty***
Pass News In The Daily Picayune: 1841

Daily Picayune
 July 17, 1841

Pass Christian

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struction; thus may the children drink at the same time from the fountain of health and knowledge.

A VISITOR.

Daily Picayune
 September 16, 1841

PASS CHRISTIAN BALL — The United States mail boat Swiss Boy will leave the Ponchartrain railroad on Friday morning, the 17th inst. after the arrival of the eleven o'clock train and arrive in Pass Christian in time for the Ball.

Tickets are \$5, which includes the charge for passage to and from Pass Christian, (and) may be had at all the principal hotels, at the Firemen's Insurance Office, at Messrs. E. Johns & Co., and at Messrs. McKean & Casey's.

A boat will leave the Pass for New Orleans on Saturday morning, at four o'clock.

The Ball is in aid of the funds for the Samaritan society, so we hope to see a liberal turnout.

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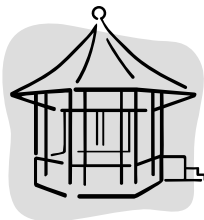
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Church Of The Good Shepherd, 5169 Espy Ave, 228-452-9318. *Worship services:* Sunday, 10 a.m. Sunday 6 p.m.: Cell Group and Youth Group meetings. Wednesday, 7 p.m.: Prayer Service. Bible studies throughout the week

Divine Grace Baptist Church, 5570 Red Creek Road, near Menge Ave, 228-669-8969. *Worship services:* 9am Sunday School, 9:45am Service, 6:30pm Wed

First Baptist Church, 322 E Second St, 228-452-0111. *Worship services:* Sundays: Bible Study 9:45am, Worship at 11am and 6pm. Wed 6pm: Bible study and prayer

First Baptist Church-DeLisle, 25305 Cuevas DeLisle Rd. *Worship services:* Sunday 11am & 6pm, Wednesday 7pm

Old Town Presbyterian Church, 114 Ulman Ave, Bay SL, 228-623-2534. *Worship services:* 10 a.m. Sunday, Sunday School: 8 a.m.

First United Methodist Church, 526 E Second St. *Worship services:* 9:30 a.m. Sunday

Pineville Presbyterian Church, 4476 Menge Ave. *Worship Service:* 11 a.m. Sunday. Bible Study: 10 a.m. Sunday

Shepherd's Way Church, 20134 Pineville Road. *Worship Services:* Sunday 10am, Wednesday 7pm

St. Patrick's Episcopal Church, 310 N. Cleveland Ave, Long Beach. *Worship Services:* Sunday 9am Holy Eucharist (nursery provided).

St. Paul United Methodist Church, 322 Clark Ave. *Worship Services:* 9am Sunday School, 10am Worship service

St. Stephen's Parish in DeLisle, 25220 St. Stephen Road, DeLisle
Mass: 4 p.m. Saturday, 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11 a.m. Sunday

Trinity Episcopal Church, 125 Church Ave, 228-452-4563. *Worship services:* Sunday Contemplative Service 8am, Sunday School 9:30am, Traditional Family Service 10:30am. Contemporary Service Saturday 5:30pm

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French Charley's	228-452-9953
Heaven Scents Café	228-255-0087
Kimball's Seafood Market	228-209-4446
Lucio's	228-452-7186
Old Cuevas Bistro	228-452-5480
Pass Christian Isles Golf Club	228-452-4851
Pirates Cove	228-452-4741
Shaggy's Harbor Bar & Grill	228-452-9939
Sisters Marina Café	228-452-7828
Subway	228-452-4020

Local Schools

Pass Christian School District	228-255-6200
DeLisle Elementary School	228-255-6219
Pass Christian Elementary Sch	228-452-5200
Pass Christian Middle School	228-452-5220
Pass Christian High School	228-452-2008
Pineville Elementary School	228-452-4364
Early Education Center	228-452-5210
Southern Miss Gulf Coast	228-865-4500
St Vincent de Paul School	228-863-6876
St Stanislaus College	228-467-9057
Our Lady Academy	228-467-7048
Coast Episcopal School	228-452-9442

Local Organizations

PC Boys & Girls Club	228-452-9791
PC Chamber of Commerce	228-604-0014

City Government & Services

Building/Permit Office	228-452-3324
City Hall - Mayor's Office	228-452-3310
City Clerk	228-452-3311
Comptroller	228-452-3317
City Planner	228-452-5047
Harbor Master	228-216-1307
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Library	228-452-4596
Municipal Court Clerk	228-452-3307
Police (non-emergency)	228-452-3300
Fire Department	228-452-3323
Post Office	228-452-9432
Public Works	228-452-3308
Senior Center	228-452-3314

County Government

Mosquito Control	228-896-0409
Sheriff's Department	228-865-7060
Board of Supervisors	228-865-4238
District 3 Sup. Marlin Ladner	228-867-6528
Harrison County Civil Defense	228-865-4089
Chancery Clerk	228-865-4117
Circuit Clerk	228-865-4051
Tax Assessor	228-865-4081
County Administrator	228-865-4116

Medical Resources

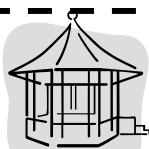
Memorial Hospital - Gulfport	228-867-4000
Hancock Medical Center	228-467-8600
Garden Park - Gulfport	228-575-7000
Biloxi Regional - Biloxi	228-432-1571
Biloxi VA - Biloxi	228-523-5000
Miss Dept of Health: District 9	228-831-5151
MedicAid General Inquiries	800-421-2408
Coastal Family Health Pass Christian	452-6284

Utilities

Trash pick-up, Advanced Disposal	228-328-1820
BellSouth, Residential customers	888-757-6500
BellSouth, Business customers	866-620-6000
Centerpoint Energy	228-896-7500
Coast Electric	228-832-1761
Entex Gas	228-896-7500
Mississippi Power	800-532-1502
WPSCO (Billing)	228-452-3312
WPSCO (Water & Sewer Services)	228-452-2031

Federal & State Government Services

Better Business Bureau	800-824-5274
Coast Guard 24 Hr Hotline	504-589-6225
FEMA	800-621-3362
FEMA Maintenance/Applicant Support	866-877-6075
Housing & Urban Development Hotline	800-669-9777
HUD: Mississippi Hotline	601-965-4757
MDOT: Road Conditions	601-359-7017
MEMA	800-222-6362
Small Business Administration (Disaster Loans)	800-659-2955
Social Security Administration	800-772-1213
State Insurance Commissioner	601-359-2453
State of Mississippi Tax Commission	601-923-7000
Internal Revenue Service (IRS)	800-829-1040
US Postal Service	800-275-8777
Missing Persons	228-865-4290
Mississippi Department of Human Services:	
Family & Children's Services	228-897-5790
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based on South Pass, Louisiana (NOAA)
30° 18'36"N 89° 14'42"W

September 2011

Average Tides
Mean Range: 1.5 ft
MHHW: 1.7 ft
Mean Tide: 0.9 ft

Monthly High & Low
Sep 30, 12:52a 2.0 ft
Sep 5, 4:59p 0.1 ft

*Tide tables courtesy Chevron Pascagoula Refinery and
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Friday		Saturday	
9	MS: 4:07a MR: 5:30p	10	MS: 5:03a MR: 6:03p
SR: 6:38a	SS: 7:10p	SR: 6:39a	SS: 7:09p
(CDT) ft	(CDT) ft	(CDT) ft	(CDT) ft
10:16a 1.6 H	7:43p 0.6 L	11:15a 1.4 H	7:54p 0.8 L

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
MS: 5:58a	MS: 6:51a	MS: 7:44a	MS: 8:37a	MS: 9:31a	MS: 10:24a	MS: 11:18a
MR: 6:33p	MR: 7:03p	MR: 7:34p	MR: 8:05p	MR: 8:39p	MR: 9:16p	MR: 9:57p
SR: 6:39a	SR: 6:40a	SR: 6:40a	SR: 6:41a	SR: 6:41a	SR: 6:42a	SR: 6:42a
SS: 7:08p	SS: 7:06p	SS: 7:05p	SS: 7:04p	SS: 7:03p	SS: 7:01p	SS: 7:00p
(CDT) ft	(CDT) ft	(CDT) ft	(CDT) ft	(CDT) ft	(CDT) ft	(CDT) ft
12:13p 1.3 H	1:42a 1.0 H	12:57a 1.2 H	12:51a 1.3 H	1:05a 1.4 H	1:30a 1.5 H	2:03a 1.6 H
7:40p 0.9 L	5:37a 1.0 L	7:19a 0.9 L	8:41a 0.8 L	10:01a 0.8 L	11:26a 0.7 L	12:53p 0.6 L
	1:16p 1.2 H	2:44p 1.1 H				
	6:58p 1.0 L	5:34p 1.1 L				