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Iconic local restaurant officially closing its doors

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BLADON SPRINGS – One of the county's most iconic businesses, Bobby's Fish Camp, is closing its doors after more than six decades in operation.

Located on the Tombigbee River, just off U.S. Highway 84 near Bladon Springs, the restaurant was built in 1956 by Bobby Dahlberg and his sister Mary, along with her husband. The

restaurant originally served three meals per day to workers who came to the area to build what is now the Coffeerville Lock and Dam, as well as the bridges and highway.

Bobby operated the restaurant until his death in 2010 when his daughter, Lora Jane Dahlberg McIlwain, continued to operate the business.

While the restaurant is closing for meal service, other facets of the business will operate as usual.

"The Bobby's Fish Camp family would like to thank our customers and especially our dedicated weekly friends and neighbors for your business," McIlwain said. "The time may come in the future that we may open the restaurant again. Until then, Bobby's will continue to offer cold drinks, beer, etc. The R.V. Park, Cabins, boat launch, gas/diesel, and Yacht docking will operate as usual. Please call 251.754.9225 for assistance and booking."

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cut it, plus, I want to be around to enjoy it.

We are living in very uncertain times, it's not a democrat issue, it's not a republican issue, it's an issue that has the ability to do a great deal of harm to a lot of people so please heed what our officials are telling us so that we can get over this. The longer we wait, the worse it's going to be.

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one by one introduce ourselves. Now the further instructions were to tear the tissue off one section at a time and with each section tell a bit of information about ourselves. And this was after we had torn off our usual usage of tissue.

We could tell our hobbies our family anything that would help the group to know us. You may say that will be easy enough. And for some, the more conservative people it was. But that one who uses half a roll, well that becomes pretty hard. Unless you have a lived a very filled life and one that you didn't mind people knowing.

But it was quite interesting. And we did learn a little about the people we worked with. More than just their name which we already knew.

A lot of times in lives we're identified by who our spouse is, our children our parents or grandparents. Or even where we work, live or went to school.

But who are you really? Are you living your life truly being yourself? Does our family know us as a different person? Or do you have a different behavior for different settings such as home, church, work or school?

Have you ever heard it said "They are the same no matter where you meet them?" Are you one of those people? The same everyday everywhere. Or if your true self was displayed would people be shocked to see the "real" you? As we live our lives we become known by our actions.

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