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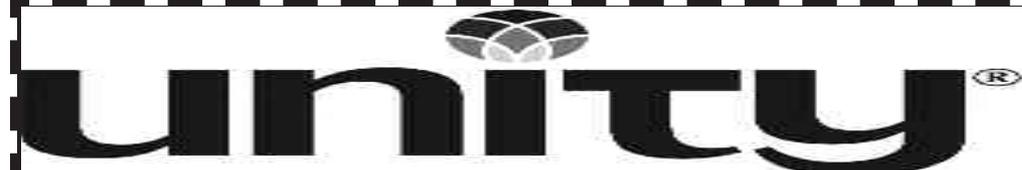
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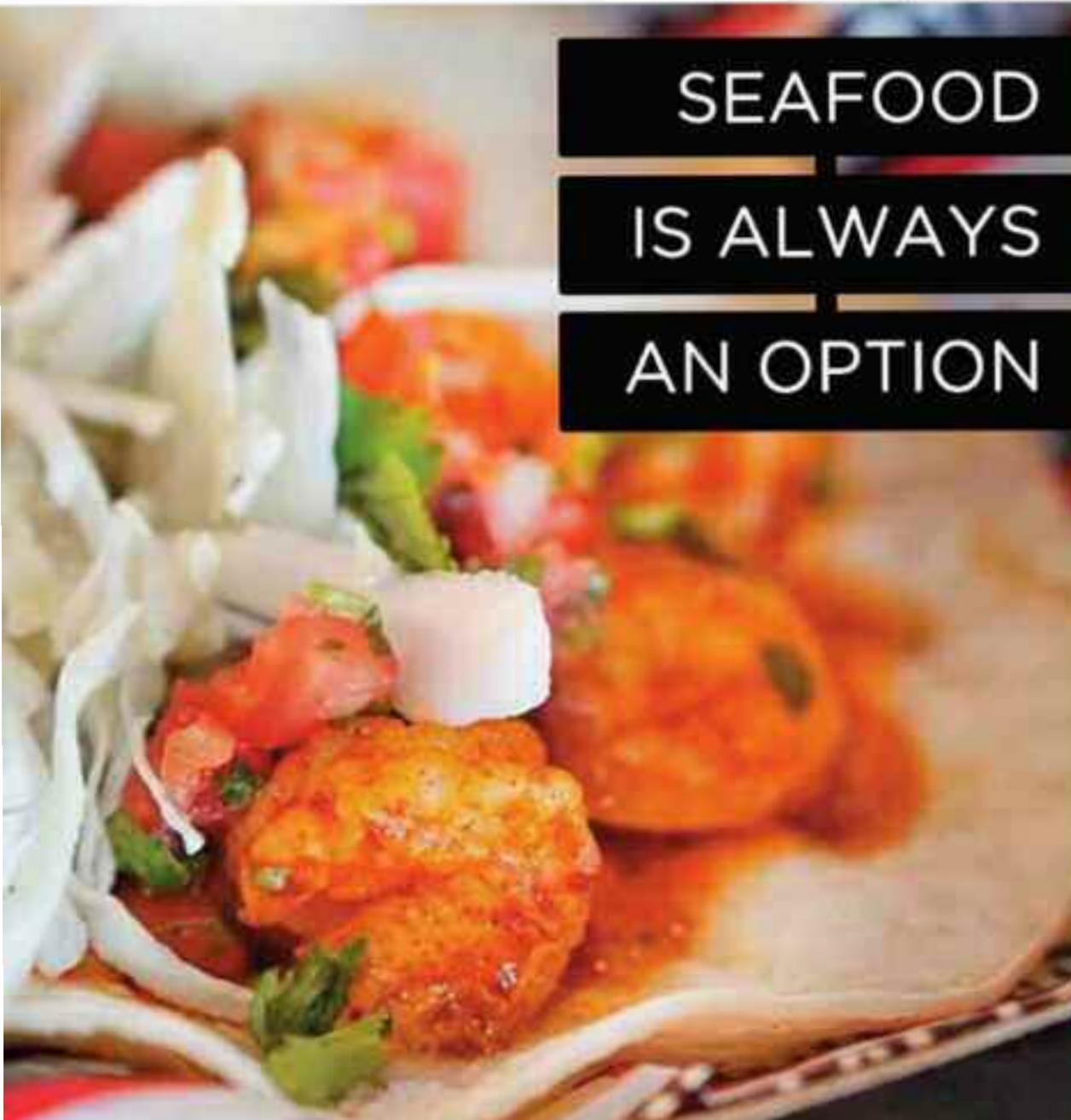


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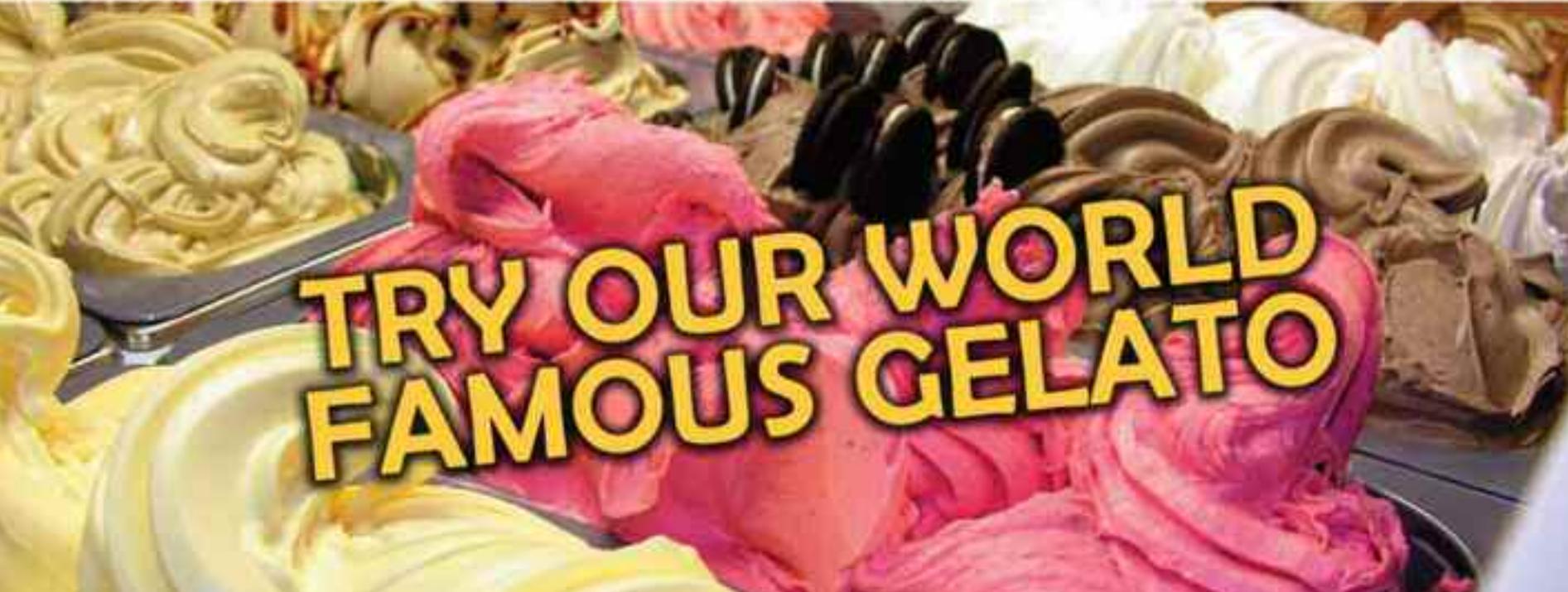


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A Christmas Story auditions Aug. 26-27

Auditions for the comedy "A Christmas Story" will be held at South Baldwin Community Theatre on Saturday, August 26 from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. and again Sunday, August 27, from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. Even though this is a Young Artist Series production, there is a need for adults to audition. The play will run December 1-10. To see a list of cast requirements, go to the theatre website and click on the auditions tab. You can also schedule and date and time to audition.

The theatre website is sbct.biz.



Lauren Bradford of Gulf Shores named Miss Alabama Outstanding Teen

Lauren Bradford, a 17-yearold senior at Gulf Shores High School, is Miss Alabama's Outstanding Teen 2017. During the talent portion of the competition, she performed a violin piece, "Orange Blossom Special."

Miss Bradford succeeds Jessica Baeder, who was crowned Miss America's Outstanding Teen 2017 in Orlando on July 29. Lauren will represent Alabama with the other 50 Miss America's Outstanding Teen contestants at the Miss America Pageant September 6-10 in Atlantic City.

Ranked first in her class academically with a 4.35 weighted GPA and a 34 composite ACT score, She has earned all A's throughout her academic career while participating in the GSHS advanced placement curriculum. She is an officer in the National Honor Society and was a member of the Navy Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (NJROTC) where she was awarded Highest GPA and Most Distinguished Cadet.

Lauren is founder and president of Alpha & Omega Club, serves as GSHS representative of the Coastal Alabama Business Chamber, and is president of The Health Science Club for Future Healthcare Professionals. Miss Bradford is a member of the Youth Leadership Team at Gulf Shores United Methodist Church. She is a Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Ambassador and is First Chair of the Eastern Shore Symphony Orchestra and is First Violinist of the Baldwin County Youth Orchestra. She was crowned Miss Gulf Shores High School 2015.

Miss Bradford was the overall winner of the GoDaddy Bowl's National Writing Competition. She is an aspiring author of a science fiction novel, and was chosen as the 2017 cover model for statewide Alabama Weddings Magazine.

Miss Bradford plans to utilize the \$59,000 in cash and in-kind scholarships to obtain a medical degree specializing in neuroscience. The Miss America Foundation is ranked by TheBestColleges.org as the biggest scholarship provider in the world.

Lauren was recipient of the Community Service Award at the 2017 Miss Alabama's Outstanding Teen Pageant for her work with her platform, The Digital Diet Plan: Five Easy Steps to Find and Maintain Technological Bal-

ance. "Every year billions of dollars are spent by Americans on health," she says. "The two main areas of focus are on prevention and correction. As we have become more educated over the years we have learned that to keep our bodies functioning optimally, we must provide solid nutrition and avoid anything that is considered toxic by our bodies.

"We fight the daily struggle to be consistent so we can maintain good health and beat the odds of the widespread health problems that plague our country," she added.

Lauren says as aware as we are of the need to protect our bodies, we have been caught off guard by the almost epidemic concerns of how the overuse of technology is affecting every aspect of our lives: physical health, emotional well-being, social relationships and overall productivity. She says the challenges of balancing our technological usage is a daily reality for people of all ages. She has been an activist for her platform and has spoken about her campaign throughout the Gulf Shores community, addressing how technology directly affects teens' lives. She has created a website in an effort to educate teens and others about the harmful consequences of overuse and offers practical steps to find a balance of use so that people can gain and maintain overall health and well-being.

"I am committed to bringing awareness and practical help to both teens and adults in order to offset the negative effects of technology upon the lives of individuals and our culture at large," she says. "It is a relevant issue especially facing teens today," she said.

The Miss Alabama's Outstanding Teen Pageant is the only affiliate of the Miss Alabama Pageant, Inc. The Miss America Organization is the nation's leading advocate for women's education and the largest provider of scholarship assistance to young women in the United States, awarding millions of dollars annually. The Miss America Organization is comprised of 51 licensed organizations, including all 50 states, and Washington, D.C. Miss America contestants contribute tens of thousands of community service hours annually and have raised over \$16 million for Children's Miracle Network Hospitals and Miss America scholarships since 2007. (Credit: Dragonfly Photography)



Orange Beach's Columbia Southern expands to serve Fort Bragg

In an effort to help soldiers transitioning from military life to civilian, Orange Beach based Columbia Southern Education Group has partnered with the Soldier for Life Transition Assistance Program to open a Career Resource Center at Fort Bragg. The new facility will provide transitioning service members, veterans and family members with a bridge from the military to civilian employment and careers.

The opening of the CRC at the Fort Bragg Army base established an official employment, skills-focused, facility that provides military job seekers with employer specific education, training, certifications and information required to hire, train and employ job seekers.

"No one could have imagined in September 2014 what the Fort Bragg Career Resource Center would become," said **Robert Mayes**, president and CEO of Columbia Southern Education Group. "CSEG's primary goal was to give back to the military community in some small way to change lives. Today, you will discover that the Career Resource Center does indeed change lives, but on a much grander scale than imagined."

Pictured: Officials with Columbia Southern Education Group, Soldier for Life Transition Assistance Program, Fort Bragg and supporting agencies help commemorate the grand opening of the Career Resource Center at Fort Bragg.

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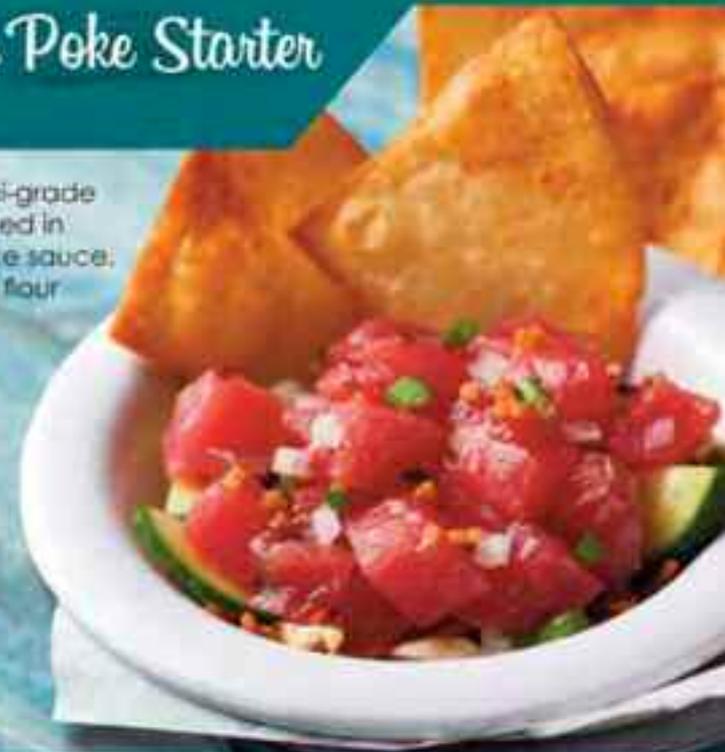


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Krewe members from Pirates of Lost Treasure will be washing cars at the Perdido Sports Bar, located at 13583 Perdido Key Drive, on Saturday, August 26 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Come out and support the Pirates and enjoy a cool beverage at the Perdido Sports Bar patio as your vehicle is washed by a pirate! Donations only! Argh! More info: 850-221-0737.

Days of Summer Labor Day Party Sept. 3 at The Wharf

The Wharf's 100 Days of Summer is winding down, but what kind of celebration would it be if the Orange Beach's popular shopping and entertainment destination didn't end with a Labor Day Street Party, complete with live music by the Park Band, family activities, and much more. The party is scheduled Sunday, September 3 on Main Street at The Wharf in Orange Beach from 5 - 9 p.m. Admission is free. Kids activities include live animals, trampoline jumper, bouncy house, surf simulator, games and prizes, hula hoop artists, face painting, and more. Some activities will range in price from \$5 to \$10.

Spreading the word about Escambia Class of 1972 Reunion

By Wanda White

The reunion committee is spreading the word to all Escambia High School '72 classmates to celebrate our 45th class reunion. We have some exciting activities planned! We are also inviting members of any EHS graduating class to join. The dates are October 13-14, 2017. Interested? Please email ehs72reunion@aol.com, and we will be in touch.

Back to School Beach Bash Aug. 17 at Gulf Shores Public Beach

The City of Gulf Shores will host its annual Back to School Beach Bash at 6 p.m. on Thursday, August 17 at the west end of the Gulf Shores Public Beach.

The Back to School Beach Bash will feature music, campfires and all of the makings for s'mores. These family-friendly events started in 2010 and have quickly become the perfect recipe for families of all ages who are looking for a little fun and excitement.

"Families are encouraged to bring their blankets, chairs, friends and family to join the fun and relax on the beautiful, white sand of the Gulf Shores Public Beach," said Programs and Events Manager Brigette Reynolds. "The event is free and open to the public."

Pensacola's Seville Quarter celebrates 50th with week of events

Jazz Pensacola is just one of festivities being celebrated as part of Seville Quarter/Rosie O'Grady's 50th Anniversary celebration. The jazz concert will be from 6:30 to 9 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 21. Seville Quarter is located at 130 E. Government St. in downtown Pensacola. Other festivities include an Aug. 17 employees' reunion party.

Seville Quarter began in 1967 as the dream of Bob Snow, a Minnesota native, who was a virtuoso trumpet player, Dixieland band leader, naturally gifted designer, builder and energetic entrepreneur. Snow, who will be in town for the celebration, fell in love with Pensacola while in Navy Flight training. Starting with \$1,100, his horn and his heart, Snow started Rosie O'Grady's in the old Pensacola Cigar & Tobacco Co. warehouse on Government Street.

Opening night was Aug. 16, 1967. Lili Marlene's was added next, followed by the other distinctive rooms that now make up the Pensacola entertainment and dining complex, Seville Quarter.

for more info, go to sevillequarter.com.



Alabama's Strongest Man/Woman Contest Aug. 19-20 at Hangout

Alabama's Strongest Man/Woman contest will be held August 19-20 beginning at 9:30 a.m. each morning in the courtyard at The Hangout at Gulf Shores Public Beach. Admission is free to the public and a portion of the event proceeds will be going to the family of McKinley Turner, who is currently fighting a rare case of childhood brain cancer (see below).

The competition will include five events: max axle press (for state record), axle deadlift for reps, duck walk, sandbag carry for max distance, and keg carry and load. There are six divisions competing: Women, Novice, Masters, Lightweight Open, Middleweight Open and Heavyweight Open. It is an amateur event.

Festivities on Sunday, Aug. 20 include an atlas stone-loading event for cash prizes.

"We have athletes coming from Alabama, Mississippi, Georgia, Florida and Louisiana," said Chris Slater, owner of Alabama Strength in Foley and the state chair for Alabama with the North American Strongman Corp. "Part of my job is to host a contest every year and also try to promote the sport of strongman in the area. This is our 5th year running this contest and we went from 14 athletes in year one to 73 last year. Both days are family friendly, and we would like a big crowd." For more event info, call 517-812-4143 or visit facebook page.

McKinley's Story

On January 24, 2017, three year old McKinley Turner was diagnosed with a brain tumor. On February 1, she underwent an extensive surgery

to remove approximately 70% of the tumor. Shortly after, McKinley was diagnosed with Anaplastic Ependymoma, Stage 3, a rare childhood brain cancer, which is very aggressive in McKinley's case.

Between February and May, McKinley underwent several more surgeries to include a port placement, a shunt placement, feeding tube placement, several lumbar punctures, and two cycles of chemotherapy.

In May, McKinley underwent two more extensive brain surgeries to remove more of the tumor. After the second surgery, the neurosurgeon was confident that he has removed almost all of the tumor, but a follow-up MRI revealed that McKinley's tumor had grown exponentially between mid-April and early May.

After recovering from her 3rd major brain surgery on May 5, McKinley was referred to MD Anderson in Houston, where doctors discovered that McKinley's cancer had metastasized to her spine and she had a new spot on her brain that was not there two weeks prior. She has gone through six weeks of Proton Therapy (5 days a week) to her entire brain and spine to try and eliminate her tumors and kill the cancer.

The results of her radiation treatment have not been confirmed. In the meantime, McKinley continues to receive speech therapy on a weekly basis while she is evaluated for any long-term damage that has occurred as a result of her condition and the extensive treatment that she has received.

Pictured: Competitors at the 2016 contest.



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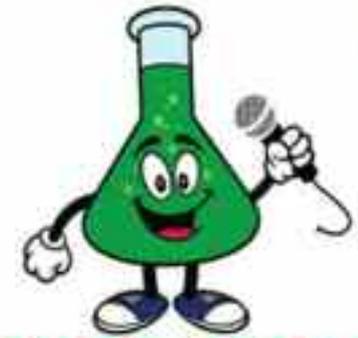
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Solar eclipse will be about 80 percent in South Alabama

Aug. 21 from noon 'til 3 p.m. with deepest eclipse at 1:30 p.m.

Many Alabama skywatchers will be heading towards Tennessee and North Carolina to watch the total phase of the August 21 Great American Eclipse. For people throughout the state can see partial eclipses from their homes throughout Alabama. For most of Alabama, the eclipse will last from about noon to 3 p.m., with the deepest eclipse around 1:30 p.m. Maximum coverage of the Sun by area ranges from 80% near Mobile to 98% in the northeast corner of Alabama.

The moon will completely cover the sun within a 70-mile wide path from Salem, Oregon to Charleston, South Carolina. A solar eclipse occurs when the moon passed between the sun and the Earth and blocks all or part of the sun for up to three hours. The longest period when the moon will completely block the sun from any given location along the path will be about 2 minutes, 40 seconds on Aug. 21, with the longest duration of darkness expected to be in Carbondale, Illinois.

Birds stop singing, and nocturnal animals get briefly confused during eclipse, which will make the Alabama Gulf Coast Zoo an especially popular viewing spot here in South Baldwin County.

Paul Loeffler of Fairhope is leading a group of kayakers on Mobile Bay who plan to watch the eclipse from Mobile Bay (with Nasa approved glasses) in front of the Fairhope Pier.

The Pensacola Blue Wahoos Double A baseball team will host an eclipse viewing party at its downtown stadium, with free solar eclipse glasses and moon pies available to visitors on a first come basis. Gates will open at noon for that free event.

Astronomers at the University of Alabama have collected the following information on this eclipse and how to view its partial phases safely.

The major ways of viewing a partial solar eclipse safely are pinhole projection, safe solar filters, and projection from a telescope or binoculars.

In pinhole projection, sunlight passing through a small hole makes a small image of the Sun on whatever material is used for a screen, which gets larger the farther away the screen is. In much of Alabama, there are trees with enough leaves to form natural pinholes, with the advantage that they are high off the ground.

Most telescopes and binoculars can be focused to project a sharp image of the Sun on a sheet behind the eyepieces. Be careful not to allow anyone to put their head behind the eyepiece in this case to avoid possible eye damage. Even a finger casually moved close behind the eyepiece can sustain a burn.

Wal-Mart and other retailers are selling safe solar filters as thin films in cardboard or plastic mounts.

The next similar eclipse will be on April 8 of 2024. Its path of totality crosses Mexico, Texas, Arkansas, and then on to the northeast. Maximum solar coverage in Alabama for that eclipse will be between 73% and 93%. The total solar eclipse of August 12, 2045 will encompass Tuscaloosa, Montgomery, and Dothan.

by the appearance of darkness.

August 21 will mark the first total eclipse in the United States since 1979. And it's been even longer since the last total solar eclipse to cross from the Pacific to the Atlantic: That occurred June 8, 1918, when an eclipse crossed from Washington to Florida.

Pictured: NASA's Eclipse event map from recreation.gov.
Source: University of Alabama Physics & Astronomy Dept.

Why is it not safe to look at the sun?

The sun's surface is so bright that if you stare at any portion of it, no matter how small, it produces enough light to damage individual retinal cells. It takes a few seconds for this to happen, but afterwards you will see a spot as big as the solar surface you glimpsed when you look away from the sun at some other scenery. Depending on how long you gazed at the sun and how badly the retinal cells were damaged, this spot will either fade away in time or remain permanent. You should never assume that you can look away quickly enough to avoid eye damage.

Photograph eclipse with smartphone?

Unless you have a telephoto lens, you will only be able to take unmagnified images of the eclipse. The good news is the field-of-view is large enough that you can compose the shot with your friends and local scenery in the shot. You will easily be able to capture with most smartphone cameras the darkened disk of the moon surrounded by a clearly recognizable bright solar corona.

Have eclipses been mentioned in songs?

The most famous example is Carly Simon's "You're So Vain," where she sings "you flew your Lear jet up to Nova Scotia to see a total eclipse of the sun."

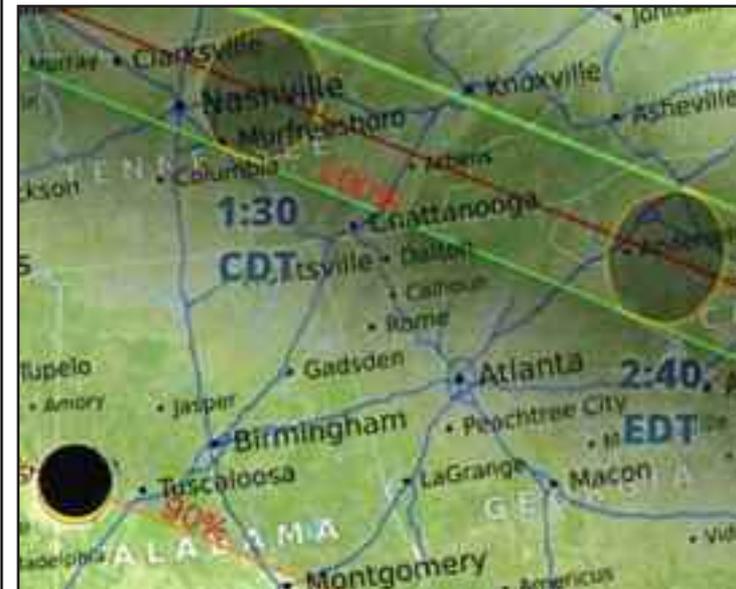
Then there's Pink Floyd's "Eclipse" from *Dark Side of the Moon*: "And everything under the sun is in tune, but the sun is eclipsed by the moon."

Bonnie Tyler chimes in with: "Once upon a time there was light in my life. But now there's only love in the dark. Nothing I can say. A total eclipse of the heart."

The Eclipse Playlist by NASA Interns includes: Fly me to the Moon (Frank Sinatra); Here Comes the Sun (The Beatles); Hometown (Twenty One Pilots); Let the Sunshine In (Cast of Hair); Little Star/Eclipse (Sammy Hagar); Northern Downpour (Panic at the and Why Does the Sun Really Shine? (They Might be Giants).

Einstein's theory was put to an eclipse test?

In 1919, a total solar eclipse was used to test Einstein's Theory of General Relativity. Even now, scientific uses for this spectacular phenomenon are found nearly every year. The precise timing and track of totality could be used to improve the mathematical model for the gravitational interactions between earth and the moon.



Total and 90% eclipse regions in Tennessee and North Alabama

From most of Alabama, the eclipse lasts from about noon to 3 p.m., with deepest eclipse near 1:30 p.m. Maximum coverage of the Sun by area ranges from 80% in South Alabama to 98% in the northeast corner of the state. Tuscaloosa residents will experience 90% coverage. *Source: University of Alabama Physics & Astronomy Dept.*



Follow it live on NASA Television and at eclipse2017.nasa.gov

NASA will air a 4-hour 30-minute live webcast and TV broadcast of the total solar eclipse from outside Saluki Stadium at Southern Illinois University Carbondale in Illinois beginning at 10:45 a.m. During course of the Megacast, NASA EDGE will track the eclipse from Oregon across the country to South Carolina. Leading experts in the field will answer questions through social media and Lunt Solar Systems will provide high resolution and stunning imagery in three different wavelengths of light. NASA Television coverage will include unique vantage points on the ground and from aircraft and spacecraft, including the International Space Station. Coverage will be featured during the live four-hour broadcast Eclipse Across America: Through the Eyes of NASA. It also will include live reports from Charleston, Salem, Oregon; Idaho Falls; Beatrice, Nebraska; Jefferson City, Missouri; Carbondale; Hopkinsville, Kentucky; and Clarksville, Tennessee.

The Toshiba Vision screen in New York's Times Square will broadcast the program live in its entirety to give the public a big-screen view of the eclipse.

Pictured: A rare alignment of the Sun and Moon casting a shadow on Earth.
Source: NASA.com

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Funny Bones

By George Ridder



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After a couple of weeks, move up to 10-lb potato sacks. Then try 50-lb potato sacks and then eventually try to get to where you can lift a 100-lb potato sack in for more than a full minute. (I'm at this level.)

After you feel confident at that level, put one potato in each of the sacks.

A man opens an outdoor stand to sell bagels and puts up a sign, "50 cents each." A jogger runs past and puts 50 cents into the bucket but doesn't take a bagel. The next day, he does the same thing. For weeks and then months, this goes on.

One day, as he's jogging past, the owner joins him. The jogger laughs and says, "I know why you're here. You want to know why I always put money in the bucket and never take a bagel?"

"No," says the owner, "not that. I just want to tell you that the bagels have gone up to 60 cents."

I don't know why Cupid was chosen to represent Valentine's Day. When I think about romance, the last thing on my mind is a short, chubby toddler coming at me with a weapon.

A yatzee walks in a diner and orders

a cup of coffee. When she gets her drink, she notices that it has a "You May be a Winner" sticker on the side of the cup. She peels off the sticker and instantly starts screaming, "I won a motor home!"

"That's impossible!" replies the waitress. "We didn't give out motor homes."

She says "Well, it says so on this sticker."

The waitress takes the sticker and reads it. It says: "Win a bagel."

Q: Whatever happened to the bedbugs who fell in love?

A: They got married in the spring.

- You know, I spent a fortune on deodorant before I realized that people didn't like me anyway.

- I was thinking that women should put pictures of missing husbands on beer cans!

- I thought about making a fitness movie for folks my age, and call it Pumping Rust.

- When people see a cat's litter box, they always say, 'Oh, have you got a cat?' Just once I want to say, 'No, it's for company!'

- Employment application blanks always ask who is to be notified in case of an emergency. I think you should write, "A good doctor."

- A penny saved is a government oversight.

- The older you get, the tougher it is to lose weight, because by then your body and your fat have gotten

to be really good friends.

- The easiest way to find something lost around the house is to buy a replacement.

- If you can smile when things go wrong, you have someone in mind to blame.

- Eventually you will reach a point when you stop lying about your age and start bragging about it.

Murphy showed up at Mass one Sunday and the priest almost fell down when he saw him. He'd never been to church in his life. After Mass, the priest caught up to Murphy and said, "Murphy, I am so glad ya decided to come to Mass. What made ya come?"

Murphy said, "I got to be honest with you Father. A while back, I misplaced me hat and I really, really love that hat. I know that McGlynn had a hat just like mine and I knew he came to church every Sunday. I also knew that he had to take off his hat during Mass and figured he would leave it in the back of church so, I was going to leave after Communion and steal McGlynn's hat."

The priest said, "Well, Murphy, I notice that ya didn't steal McGlynn's hat. What changed your mind?"

Murphy replied, "Well, after I heard your sermon on the 10 Commandments, I decided that I didn't need to steal McGlynn's hat after all."

With a tear in his eye the priest

gave Murphy a big smile and said, "After I talked about 'Thou Shalt Not Steal' ya decided you would rather do without your hat than burn in Hell?"

Murphy slowly shook his head. "No, Father, after ya talked about 'Thou Shalt Not Commit Adultery', I remembered where I left me hat."

The police officer approaches the driver, "When I saw you driving down the road, I guessed 55 at least."

The lady driver looks at the officer and replies, "You're wrong, officer, it's only my hat that makes me look that old."

My wife sat down next to me as I was flipping channels. She asked, "What's on TV?" I said, "Dust."

The girl knelt in the confessional and said, "Bless me, Father, for I have sinned."

"What is it, child?" "Father, I have committed the sin of vanity. Twice a day I gaze at myself in the mirror and tell myself how beautiful I am."

The priest turned, took a good look at the girl, and said, "My dear, I have good news. That isn't a sin - it's only a mistake."

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"Shooting for a Cure: Lasers as Tools in Cancer Research" is the topic of a University of South Alabama Mitchell Center sponsored Science On Tap talk on Tuesday, August 22 at 6:30 p.m. at Lulu's Restaurant in Gulf Shores, located under the Hwy. 59 Bridge on the north side of the Intra-coastal Canal. Speaking will be (pictured) Joel Andrews, Ph.D., of USA Mitchell Cancer Institute. The talk is free, with food and drinks available for purchase.



Future Mitchell Center talks at the same venue include:

- GYN Cancer on Tuesday, September 26 at 6:30 p.m.
- Pancreatic Cancer on Tuesday, October 24 at 6:30 p.m.

Science on Tap is an informal talk on the science surrounding cancer held monthly at some of the coolest venues in Mobile and Gulf Shores. These events are open to the entire community.

Joel Andrews, Ph.D. is manager of the Cellular and Biomolecular Imaging Facility at Mitchell Cancer Institute, has a research profile that includes Assay Development using Spectral Analysis, Computational Image Analysis and Image-based detection of Protein-protein interactions. He earned a B.A. in Biology and German, Earlham College, a Ph.D. in Basic Medical Science, at the University of South Alabama and Postdoctoral Fellowship at the Mitchell Cancer Institute

He has been in his present position at the USA Mitchell Cancer Institute since 2011. As a Fulbright Research Fellow, he studied in Vienna, Austria in 2000-2001.



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WHAT'S HAPPENING



Native plants topic at Sept. 6 Gulf Shores Garden Club meeting

Fred Nation will present "Gulf Coast Natives for World Class Landscapes"

Daphne based master gardener Fred Nation will present a program titled "Gulf Coast Natives for World-class Landscapes" during the Gulf Shores Garden Club's Sept. 6 meeting at the Harry Roberts Community Center, located at 300 East 16th Ave. in Gulf Shores. Refreshment/social time begins at 9:15 a.m., the program is presented at 9:45 a.m., with a business meeting following the program. Guests and new members are always welcome.

Nation (pictured), a master gardener, is a field botanist, freelance writer and photographer who lives in Daphne. He teaches environmental subjects and Plant Nomenclature for the Baldwin and Mobile County Master Gardener intern classes, and for the Adult Learning Center in Fairhope.

Fred conducts regular classes on habitats and ecosystems for Weeks Bay Reserve. He has written informational brochures and constructed interpreted nature trails for the City of Daphne, Blakeley State Park, Weeks Bay Reserve, Baldwin County Parks, and Camp Beckwith.

He has made many presentations for workshops and seminars for the USDA Forest Service, The Alabama Cooperative Extension System, Weeks Bay Reserve and the Alabama Forestry Commission. He is on the Board of Directors of Blakeley State Park and The Alabama Invasive Plant Council and is a past board member of the Mobile Botanical Gardens.

Fred has nominated or co-nominated 21 Alabama State Champion Trees in Baldwin County, and he is a regular contributor of photos and forestry-related articles to the Forestry Commission's Treasured Forest Magazine.

Fred is the author of Where the Wild Illicium Grows, a book on historic plants of Alabama and the Central Gulf Coast. As he states says in that book, "Some of our native plants have gentle tales to tell, while others roar like thunder out of our historic past."

The Gulf Shores Garden Club, established in 1984, meets the first Wednesday of each month at Harry Roberts Community Center from September through May.

The club provides a member with opportunities to gain new ideas in gardening, floral design and landscaping. Having fun, making new friends, and participating in local civic projects are part of what makes the Gulf Shores Garden Club a special group.

For more club information, call 251-968-5683, visit gregari-

WED, AUG 16

- **Flora-Bama Possible Probables:** 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
- **Flora-Bama Bingo:** free; 1-4 p.m.; great prizes, family friendly; 17401 Perdido Key Dr., Perdido Key.
- **Frankie G On Piano:** 6:30; Franco's Italian Restaurant; Orange Beach.
- **John Brust:** 6; The Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.

- **John Lee Sanders:** 6; Voyagers Restaurant at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 8; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **Broken Down Car:** noon; poolside; Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke:** 6; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- **Karaoke & Dance Party:** 6; The Purple Parrot; Perdido Key.
- **Trivia (7:30) Karaoke (9):** The Office, Foley.

- **Karaoke:** 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- **Open Mic:** 5:30; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- **John Joiner & Friends:** 7; Hu Stacy's At The Point, Innerarity Point.
- **Lisa Zanghi, Scott Koehn:** 6:30; Flippers, Orange Beach.
- **Bingo:** 7; Moe's BBQ; Foley.
- **L.A. Fleet Feet Running Club:** 5:45 p.m.; Big Beach Brewery in Gulf Shores; lafleetfeet.com.
- **Knights of Columbus:** 6 p.m. potluck; 7 p.m. meeting; Our Lady of the Gulf Church; 404-386-9859.
- **Open Mixed Doubles Tennis:** 7:30 a.m.; all levels welcome; Gulf Shore Tennis Center; corner of West 19th Ave. and West 2nd St.
- **Veteran's Bingo:** 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.; American Legion Post 99, Foley.
- **Prayer Shawl Ministry:** Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Activities Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
- **Orange Beach Sportfishing Club:** social at 6 p.m.; meeting at 7 p.m.; downstairs at Tacky Jacks in Orange Beach. Info: 251 980-1585.
- **The Island Quilters' Guild:** 9:30 a.m.; third Wednesday of month at the Harry Roberts Community House in Gulf Shores.
- **Food Ministry For Hungry Families:** noon-1 p.m.; Grace Lutheran Church, corner of West 23rd Ave. and West 4th St. in Gulf Shores; 251-968-5991.
- **Food Bank:** 9 - 11 a.m every Wednesday, Perdido Bay Baptist Church, 12600 Sorrento Rd. Pensacola; call for eligibility requirements at (850) 492-2604.
- **Bread Ministry:** 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.; Orange Beach United Methodist Church Brook's Center.
- **Perdido Key Rotary Club:** 7:30



HOLY SPIRIT THRIFT SHOP CELEBRATES 10TH ANNIVERSARY:

Holy Spirit Thrift Shop is celebrating its tenth anniversary of providing bargains for local shoppers and grants and donations to local charities and non-profit organizations. To thank customers during its tenth anniversary celebration the first fifty customers on Wednesday, August 16, will receive gift certificates and there will be giveaways throughout the day. Proceeds from the sale of clothes, furniture, books and small household items donated by local residents and visitors benefit local non-profit organizations. During the past ten years the Thrift Shop has contributed over one million dollars to local charities and non-profit organizations. The Thrift Shop is an outreach ministry of Holy Episcopal Church in Gulf Shores. Located at 6879 Highway 59 in Gulf Shores, the Thrift Shop is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays. For additional information or to volunteer call Alicia Gattenio at 251-968-6744. **Pictured:** (L-R) Past Thrift Shop Chairs Dick Reid, Mike Jones, Yvonne Jones and present Chair Millie Erickson.



FOLEY WOMAN'S CLUB MEMBERS ATTEND AN AFTERNOON TEA: A few of the ladies from the Foley Woman's Club joined others at Foley United Methodist Church's annual "Afternoon Tea" fundraiser for the church's mission group. Club members donned hats and gloves at a table decorated with appointments to advertise the Club's annual Mad Hatters' fund raising event which will be on Thursday, March 8, 2018, at the Foley Civic Center. The annual fundraiser benefits women and children services in Baldwin County. The Foley Women's Club kickoff meeting will be September 11, 2017, at the Gift Horse in Foley. Contact Chris Anglin, President at 251/943-3443 for information on the Foley Woman's Club. **Pictured:** Marilyn Mosley, Kathleen Roberts, Sharon Penton, Kelly Barrett, Deborah Johnson, President Chris Anglin.

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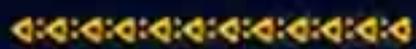
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Wharf Uncorked announces culinary lineup for Sept. 14-16 event

4th annual food & wine fest to feature more than 20 chefs & restaurants

The Wharf Uncorked Food & Wine Festival will bring a dynamic roster of culinary talent from the Gulf Coast and beyond Sept. 14-16 at The Wharf in Orange Beach. Chefs will serve samples of their signature dishes, demonstrate their skills and compete for the ultimate prize.

The three-day experience will begin at 4720 Main Street from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on Thursday Sept. 14. Reigning showdown champion, Brody Olive (Perdido Beach Resort), will be joined by two mystery chefs for this year's competition to create the best dish with Alabama Gulf Seafood fueled with culinary challenges and roadblocks. James Briscione and Brooke Parkhurst, authors of The Couples Kitchen, will emcee as they race against the clock. There will be select vendor wine and spirits tasting, an auction preview, an open bar, food samples and giveaways. Individual tickets for the kickoff event are \$35. Combo tickets for the Chef Showdown and Grand Tasting are \$80. Ticket prices will rise on Sept. 1 to \$40/\$95.

Local Wine Dinners will be held on Friday Sept. 15. The Wharf is home to more than 10 unique restaurants with a robust range of fare. Participating venues along with others along the Gulf Coast will curate individual menus with specials and wine pairings. Guests can make reservations directly through the restaurant of their choice.

The Wharf Entertainment District will be lined with vendors serving more than 100 labels of wines, craft beer, spirits and small bites on Saturday, Sept. 16 during the The Grand Tasting. The Rouses Market Culinary Experience Tent will be back.

Participating restaurants include: • Bayes Southern Bar & Grill • Blue Water BBQ Company • Cobalt • Cosmo's • Driftwood Steakhouse • Fisher's at Orange Beach Marina • Flora Bama Yacht Club • Ginny Lane Bar & Grill • GT's On The Bay • Luna's Eat & Drink • Master Joe's • Ronin Sushi Bar • Villaggio Grille • Voyagers • Wolfe Bay Lodge.

Guests cast a vote for their favorite dish, and the night will close with a ceremony of awards. Again this year, The Wharf Uncorked champion will qualify for the World Food Championships in November at The Wharf.

a.m.; every Wednesday at Triggers. 850.492.8335.

• **Storytime at Pensacola Southwest Branch Library:** free; infant to 5; 10:30-11; 12238 Old Gulf Beach Hwy; (850)453-7780.

• **AARP Lillian Chapter:** 10 a.m.; Lillian Community Club; 961-3430.
• **AA:** Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

THU, AUG 17

• **Flora-Bama Possible Probables:** 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.

• **Flora-Bama Bingo:** free; 1-4 p.m.; great prizes, family friendly; 17401 Perdido Key Dr., Perdido Key.

• **Sparks After Dark:** 8:45 p.m.; fireworks show; The Wharf, Orange Beach.

• **Adam Holt:** 6; Lucy Buffett's LuLu's, Gulf Shores; 251-948-8881.

• **LeAnne Creswell & Lisa Zanghi:** 6; Franco's; Orange Beach.

• **Matt Slowick:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.

• **Brandon Styles Impressions & Magic Show:** 8; Live Bait, Orange Beach.

• **Jim Andrews:** 6; San Bar Courtyard, Orange Beach.

• **Broken Down Car:** noon; poolside; Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.

• **Logan Spicer:** 6; The Tin Top, Bon Secour.

• **Open Mic:** 7; Snapper's; Orange Beach.

• **Knee Deep:** 7; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.

• **Alabama Lightning:** 6:30; Flip-pers, Orange Beach.

• **John Brust:** 6; The Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.

• **John Lee Sanders:** 6; Voyagers Restaurant at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.

• **Rick Whaley & Tommy Mazullo:** 6; The Purple Parrot; Perdido Key.

• **Karaoke:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.

• **Karaoke:** 8; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.

• **Karaoke:** 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.

• **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 7; Papa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.

• **8 Ball APA:** 7:30; The Office, Foley.
• **Cornhole Tourey:** 6; Moe's BBQ; Foley.

• **U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 3-2:** 11:30 a.m.; Wolf Bay Lodge (Foley); 3rd Thursday of the month; (251) 533-5593.

• **Pensacola Numismatic Society (Coin Club) Meeting:** 6:30 p.m.; Sonny's Barbeque, 630 North Navy Blvd.; (850) 332-6491.

• **Rotary Club of Gulf Shores/Orange Beach:** noon; Gulf Shores Golf Club; visiting Rotarians and guests invited.

• **Foley Garden Club:** 3rd Thursday of each month, Sept. - May; 12:30 p.m. at the Foley Public Library conference room on East Laurel St.,



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WHAT'S HAPPENING



How to use eco-friendly methods for landscaping

By Clara Beaufort, Gardenergigs.com

The term “eco-friendly” can be found everywhere these days, but many people aren’t sure of what exactly it means. It’s about more than conserving energy; it’s also about helping other living things--such as environmentally-helpful bees--thrive and cutting back on your carbon footprint.

But how do you go about doing those things? There are several ways, and when it comes to making your home more efficient, it’s just as important to think about what’s outside as what’s inside. This means conserving water, creating a rich area for bees to find food and shelter, and cutting down on the green space on your lawn to reduce emissions from a lawnmower.

There are so many details to think about that it can be overwhelming; fortunately, there are several easy ways you can get started. Think about the best ways you and your family can become more eco-friendly; below you’ll find the best tips to help you along the way.

Start in the yard

Your home has several eco-friendly possibilities, and that includes your lawn. If you don’t already have a garden, start planting flowers, shrubs, fruits, vegetables, and/or herbs. Not only can your family benefit from the edibles, but local bees will have plenty to eat. Keeping the bees happy and healthy means they’ll continue to pollinate and cross-pollinate, which will keep our food production system in good working order. Do some natural composting by letting lawn clippings stay where they are, or make your own mulch in order to keep things natural. Planting a garden or doing some creative landscaping to cut back on the green space you have will keep you from having to mow as much, or you might choose a manual mower instead of a gasoline-powered one.

It’s important to remember that pesticides are extremely harmful to the environment and living things--including the bees, who may seem like pests but actually play an imperative role in growing the food we eat--so you’ll need to find other ways to take care of any insects you don’t want hanging around your garden. There are several natural ways you can do this.

You can also look for the best ways to conserve water where your lawn and garden are concerned. Depending on where you live, you might also consider different landscaping tactics; for example, a xeriscape is often used in areas where irrigation is a concern, because it needs little to no maintenance.

Recycle

Recycling is one of the best ways to reduce your footprint, and it can be done in many different ways. Think about the types of flowers you want to plant; annuals only last one year, which means you’ll have plastic flower pots and flats to get rid of every season. If you lean toward perennials, you don’t have that worry, as these flowers come back year after year for a long time.

When you are faced with all those plastic pots, think of the best ways to recycle them. Could you use them to separate small items--such as nails and screws--for organization in your garage? Are there crafts you could do with your kids that would use them? Think of new ways to utilize those items as much as possible.

Remember that gardening and landscaping can be a big job, so take care when you’re starting a new project. Keep in mind that it’s a very physical job, and in hot weather, you may get overheated easily. Wear sunscreen and stay hydrated at all times.

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251-972-8721.

• **Gulf Shores United Methodist Church Bread Ministry:** 9-10; every Thursday; room 103 on the south campus, next to Crossroad; 251 968-2411.

• **Adult Bible Study:** 10 a.m.; Gulf Shores Presbyterian Church; all welcome; (251) 968-7720.

• **Orange Beach Bridge Club:** Tue. & Thur at noon; Orange Beach Senior Center; 251-981-3440.

• **Gulf Shores Library Pre-school (3-5) Story Time:** 10:30 a.m.; 251-968-1176.

• **Western Gate Chapter of the Florida Trail Association Monthly Meeting:** 6:30 p.m. Monthly meeting; visitors welcome. Details: (850) 932-0125 or <http://westgate.florida-trail.org>

• **AA:** Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

FRI, AUG 18

• **Flora-Bama Possible Probables:** 2 p.m. ‘til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.

• **Flora-Bama Bingo:** free; 1-4 p.m.; great prizes, family friendly; 17401 Perdido Key Dr., Perdido Key.

• **Rat Pack & Motown w. James Proctor & Kathy Lyons:** 6; Franco’s; Orange Beach.

• **Big Daddy Mac:** 6:30; Big Beach Brewery, Gulf Shores.

• **JERI:** 6; Lucy Buffett’s LuLu’s, Gulf Shores; 251-948-8881.

• **Lady Diana & Uncle Mike:** 7; The Office, Foley.

• **Broken Down Car:** noon; poolside; Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.

• **Matchbox Twenty with Special Guest Matt Nathanson:** 8; The Wharf Amphitheater; Orange Beach.

• **Matt Slowik:** 7; Papa Roccas; Gulf Shores.

• **Scott Koehn & Lisa Zanghi:** 6; San Bar Courtyard, Orange Beach.

• **Big Daddy Mac:** 6:30; Big Beach Brewery, Gulf Shores.

• **Justin Wall:** 6; Moe’s BBQ; Foley.

• **Charlie Hudgins:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.

• **Southern Star:** 6:30; American Legion Post 99, Foley.

• **Scott Koehn / Lisa Zanghi Duo:** 7; Sanbar Courtyard at Sanroc Cay, Orange Beach.

• **John Lee Sanders:** 6; The Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.

• **Brandon Styles Impressions & Magic Show:** 8; Live Bait, Orange Beach.

• **DJ-Karaoke:** 9; The Jellyfish, Perdido Key.

• **Rhonda Hart & Friends:** 6; The Purple Parrot; Perdido Key.

• **Karaoke:** 8; Snapper’s; Orange Beach.

• **Karaoke:** 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.

• **Crosstown:** 7; Hub Stacy’s, Innerarity Point.

• **Open Jam:** 8; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.

• **Terry Causey:** 7; Flippers, Orange Beach.

• **Open Jukebox:** 7; The Office, Foley.

• **Open Mixed Doubles Tennis:** 7:30 a.m.; all levels welcome; Gulf Shore Tennis Center; corner of West 19th Ave. and West 2nd St.

• **Bingo:** 5:30; Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5659; Elberta.

• **Foley Rotary Club:** 12:15 p.m.; Gift Horse Restaurant in Foley; foleyrotary@gulfnet.com.

• **Alcoholics Anonymous:** noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center; 13660 Innerarity Pt. Rd.; 850-492-3056 or 492-6362.



Free guided walks at Gulf State Park Pier will continue this fall

Free one hour guided walks at Gulf State Park Pier in Gulf Shores, already scheduled every Monday at 10 a.m. through Sept. 4, will continue throughout the fall, but not specifically on Mondays, said GSP naturalist Kelly Reetz during a recent guided tour she led with assistant GSP naturalist Kasie Mobley. Those participating in the family friendly walks should meet at the Gulf State Park Fishing Pier concession stand. Visit alapark.com/gulf-state-park for info about the fall guided walk schedule.

Eight things I learned during a one hour guided pier walk

1. Pelicans can hold up three gallons of water in their pouches. 2. The water depth is 30 ft. at the end of the pier. 3. It’s usually dolphins pushing small fish to the surface of the Gulf, where they are easy pickings for shorebirds. 4. Debris from the old Gulf State Park Pier, destroyed during 2004’s Hurricane Ivan, was used to build a reef adjacent to the new pier. 5. There is a pipeline connecting the pier with the Claude Petet Mariculture Center on The Intracoastal Waterway that is the source for the center’s salt water for its fish holding tanks. 6. GSP Pier has a fish cleaning station and bathrooms mid-pier. 7. Even though many are hooked every single day, sharks must be cut loose before they reach the pier deck. 8. Three of the four species of shark found around the pier are on the critical species list. (By Fran Thompson)

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WHAT'S HAPPENING



HESTER plays Aug. 19 Rockin' For Vets show at Fairhope Legion

Gulf Coast veteran rocker Larry Hester will lead his namesake band to the beach stage at American Legion Post 199 in Fairhope on Saturday, Aug. 19 for a Rockin' For Vets concert beginning at 5 p.m. The tiki bar at the Legion's beach under the Fairhope bluffs opens at noon and food will be available.

Raised in rural South Alabama on the Mississippi line, Hester began his musical journey singing in the North Oak Grove Church near his birthplace of Waynesboro, Mississippi. He hated every minute of the piano lessons his mother made him take, but somewhere in the middle of all those lessons he became interested in the guitar and rock and roll. He started writing songs at the age of ten. By 14, he was performing at local events. At 19, he moved to Los Angeles.

In LA, Hester wrote for and appeared in both film and television. The song "Burning" can be heard in the skateboarding cult film "Thrashin." The song also made the soundtrack of "Can't Buy Me Love." The Hester penned "Love on the Radio" also made that smovie, and "Gross Anatomy" featured both songs.

Hester's catchy melodies are backed by pure rock, pop and blues foundations. After the destruction South Mississippi suffered due to Hurricane Katrina in 2005, Hester felt that he had abandoned his roots and lost his way musically. He decided to return to Mississippi only a couple of years later and write new material based on his life time experiences of love and loss. He reunited with his longtime friend and drummer Tommy Noland in Biloxi, Mississippi in 2008 to form HESTER along with Chris Loepke on guitar and Rick Gamard on bass.

The group is currently in the studio recording their third album due out in this year. Their sounds has been described as a unique display of original rock, and blues with an alternative Southern flair. Their interpretation of the familiar classics they cover leaves no doubt this band is talented and seasoned.

SAT, AUG 19

- **Flora-Bama Possible Probables:** 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
- **Rat Pack & Motown w. James Proctor & Kathy Lyons:** 6; Franco's; Orange Beach.
- **Phil & Foster:** 6; Lucy Buffett's LuLu's, Gulf Shores; 251-948-8881.
- **John Lee Sanders:** 6; Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **JJ Reveal:** 9; The Office, Foley.
- **Flip Flop Mafia:** 7; Flippers, Orange Beach.
- **Strickly Isbell:** 6:30; Big Beach Brewery, Gulf Shores.
- **The Blenders:** 7; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
- **Delta Donnie:** 7; Papa Roccas; Gulf Shores.
- **Porch Ninjas:** 6; Moe's BBQ; Foley.
- **David Jones Jazz:** 6; San Bar

Courtyard, Orange Beach.

- **Three Bean Soup:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- **Raising Karma:** 6; The Purple Parrot; Perdido Key.
- **Broken Down Car:** noon; poolside; Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **Bringham Cason:** 6; Moe's BBQ; Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke By Kelly:** 9; Island Time Daquari Bar, The Wharf, Orange Beach.

- **Brandon Styles Impressions & Magic Show:** 8; Live Bait, Orange Beach.
- **Two of Hearts:** 6; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- **Karaoke:** 8; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.
- **Charlie Hudgins:** 11 a.m.; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.
- **Gringofife:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.
- **DJ-Karaoke:** 9; The Jellyfish, Per-

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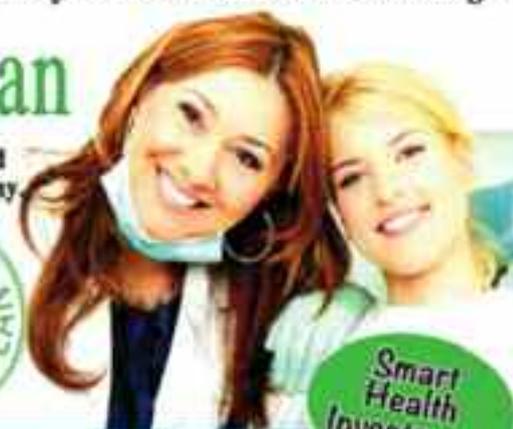
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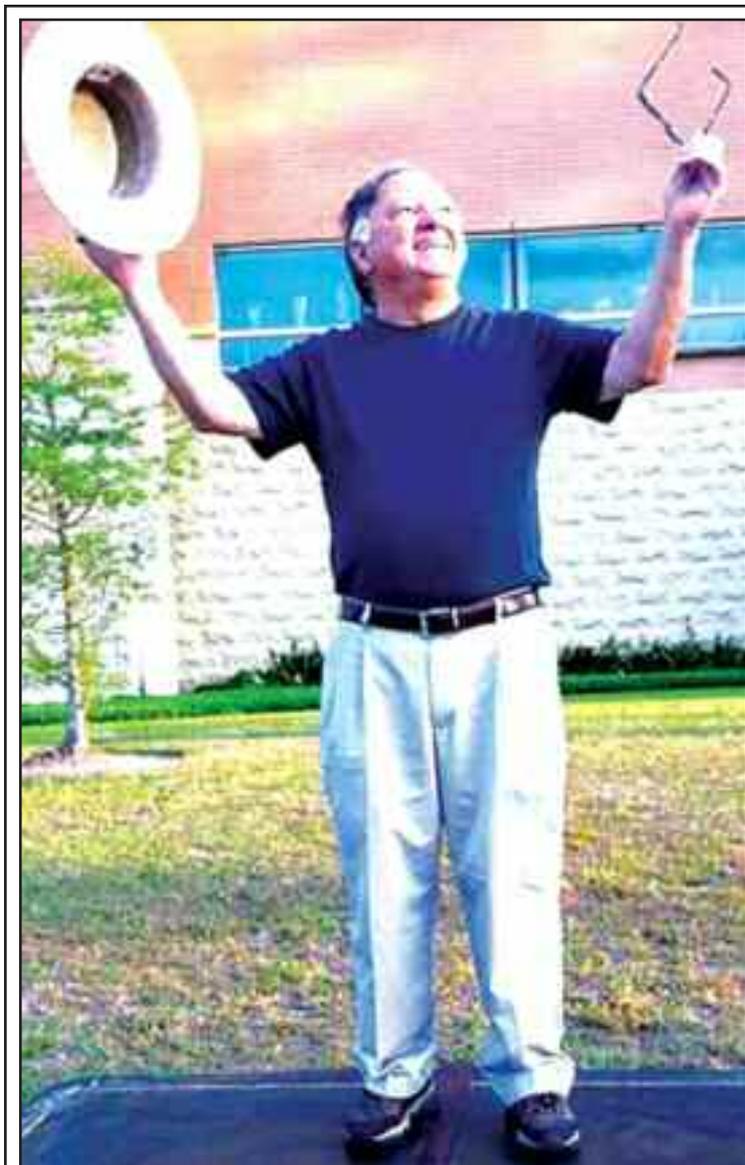
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WHAT'S HAPPENING



L.A. Beach Writers will meet Sept. 11 AT G.S. Library

Enthusiastic area writers and editors as well as any beginning writers are invited to attend The L.A. Beach Writers monthly meeting on Monday, September 11 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Thomas B. Norton Library in Gulf Shores.

Guest speaker (pictured) Wayne Brady's topic will be "You Can Write." Wayne Brady will share a few ideas that will help you refine and polish your writing whether you are a beginner or a seasoned writer.

Armed with a Bachelor of Science from The University of Alabama with special studies in Creative Writing earned in 1988, Wayne spent 7 years maintaining U.S. Navy aircraft, 14 years maintaining instrument and electrical systems in industrial plants, and the last 27 years managing engineering and construction projects for industry.

He shares inspirational writing, entertaining stories, and encouraging hints for life on his blog. "I want everyone I meet to receive a warm smile and to be encouraged by my words," he said.

Anyone with an interest in writing is invited to attend and bring a friend. This dynamic group's goal is to make you feel welcome and further any writing goals you may have. For more info or to RSVP, call Diane Clark at 419 670-2739 or email dianec16@aol.com.

Free memory & balance screenings in November

GlenLakes Golf Club, in association with the Alzheimer's Foundation of America, will sponsor free and totally confidential memory screening and balance tests Nov. 1, 2, 3 & 8 at convenient locations in Foley, Gulf Shores, Orange Beach and Fairhope.

The tests can be performed in 20 minutes or less. Unlike memory loss, seniors do not have to suffer a loss in their balance. Come for the test learn how to improve your balance – simple, at home exercise. Walk-ins are welcome and no appointments are needed. Testing does not diagnose illness or replace the need to see a qualified medical professional. For more info, call 251-752-8742.

SCHEDULE

- Nov. 1 – Orange Beach Community Center, 27235 Canal Road, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- Nov. 2 - Foley Civic Center, West Laurel Street, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- Nov. 3 – Fairhope, James P. Nix Center, 1 Bayou Dr., Noon – 4 p.m.
- Nov. 8 – Gulf Shores Cultural Center, Bldg. C, 19470 Oak Rd., CR 6W, Noon – 4 p.m.

Nov. 10 golf tourney benefits FBISF Education Foundation

Strut Your Putt with the Perdido Key Chamber of Commerce and raise funds for the Frank Brown International Songwriters Festival Education Foundation during the chamber's November 10 golf tourney at Perdido Bay Golf Clu. Local Sponsors will be Showcasing their business at each hole while golfers compete for the gold. The Foundation awards scholarship funds to college bound Baldwin and Escambia County high school students who display a serious interest in music and supplies instruments to schools to support their music programs. For more info, call 850-492-5221.

dido Key.

- **Karaoke:** 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- **Open Jam:** 8; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.
- **Coastal Alabama Farmers and Fishermans Market:** 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.; 20733 Mifflin Rd. (County Rd. 20), Foley.
- **Baldwin County Republican Executive Committee:** 10 a.m.; Roberts-dale City Hall Building; 251-379-0748 or don@mcgriffaw.com
- **Optimist Club of Perdido Bay:** breakfast every Saturday at 7 a.m. at the Lillian Community Club in Lillian; (251) 961-2620.
- **AA:** 10 a.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
- **Ladies AA:** 9 a.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

SUN, AUG 20

- **The Church at the Flora-Bama:** 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.; Flora-Bama Tent Stage, Perdido Key.
- **Unity Church Beach Service:** 9:45 a.m.; Papa Rocco's, 1 block from beach on Hwy. 59 in Gulf Shores.
- **Flora-Bama Possible Probables:** 1 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
- **Rat Pack & Motown w. James Proctor & Kathy Lyons:** 6; Franco's; Orange Beach.
- **Greg Brown:** noon; Lucy Buffett's LuLu's, Gulf Shores; 251-948-8881.
- **John Hart Project:** 3; Big Beach

Brewery, Gulf Shores.

- **Coconut Radio:** 6; Lucy Buffett's LuLu's, Gulf Shores; 251-948-8881.
- **Destiny Brown:** 7; Papa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **Sunday Couples Golf Scramble:** 2 p.m.; open to all; Glen Lakes Golf Course; Foley; 251-955-1220.
- **Gringofife:** 11 a.m.; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.
- **Jamie Adamson:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.
- **Lisa Christian:** noon; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- **Jim Andrews:** 11 a.m.; The Tin Top; Bon Secour.
- **John Lee Sanders:** 6; The Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **Gary Story:** 5; The Purple Parrot; Perdido Key.
- **Scott Koehn:** 5:30; Flippers, Orange Beach.
- **Sunday 2-Person Scramble:** Every Sun. at 2 p.m.; Glenlakes Golf Club, Foley, (251) 955-1220.
- **Music Man & Company:** 5; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- **Open Mic Karaoke:** 5; American Legion Post 99, Foley.
- **John Joiner & Friends:** 4; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
- **Blind Draw Dart Tournament:** 5; American Legion Post 99, Foley.
- **9 Ball APA:** 6; The Office, Foley.
- **AA:** 5 p.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

MON, AUG 21

- **Flora-Bama Possible Probables:** 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33),

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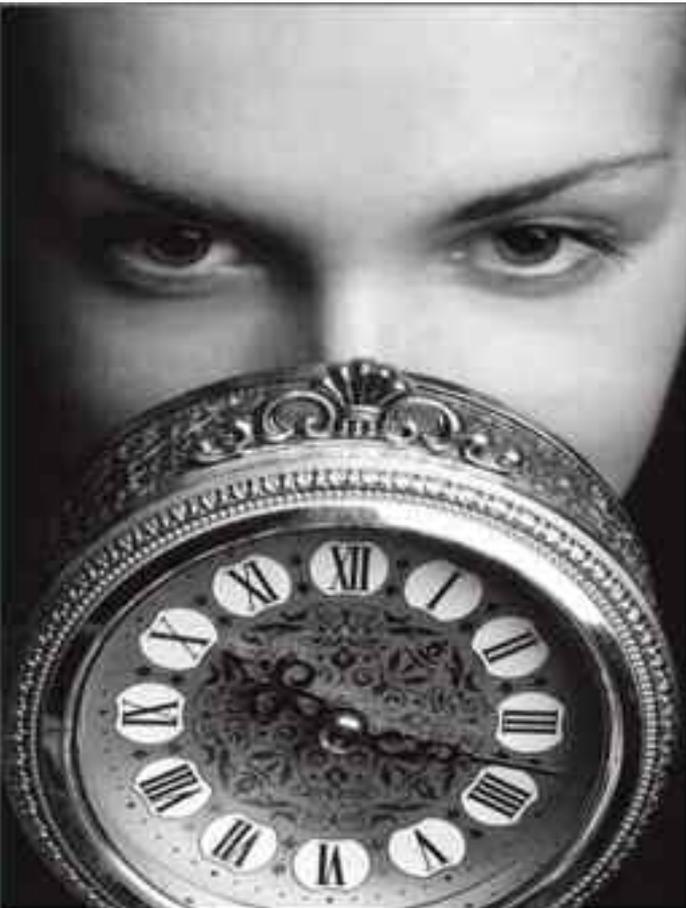
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WHAT'S HAPPENING



Triathlon and "Tri-It-On" Sept. 9 at Gulf Shores Public Beach

"If you are not having fun, you're doing it wrong."

The Brett/Robinson Alabama Coastal Triathlon celebrates its 11th year on Alabama's beaches on Saturday, Sept. 9, and local racers are passionate that others join in the fun.

Helena Smith, a native of Mobile, frequently participates in local and regional marathon and triathlons. Smith was encouraged by a coworker to participate in her first race, a half-marathon. After that race, she was hooked and signed up for her first marathon the next day. A self-proclaimed science nerd and former marine biologist, Smith now spends much of her time training, participating in group rides with her local cycling community and encouraging friends and family members to get out and get active through the Fleet Feet Sports No Boundaries mentorship program.

"If you are not having fun, you're doing it wrong," Smith said. "If you are too hard on yourself, it will just make life and training miserable."

Locals and visitors are invited to participate in the long-course triathlon that will feature a 1.5K swim in the Gulf of Mexico, 40K bike ride through the Gulf State Park and 10K scenic run, or the "Tri-It-On" consisting of a 300-yard swim, 10-mile bike ride and 2-mile run. Pre- and post-race activities for both events will take place at The Hangout.

"Because of local supporters like Helena, as well as visitors that to return to the destination each year for this race, the Brett/Robinson Alabama Coastal Triathlon continues to grow," said Beth Gendler, vice president of sales for the Gulf Shores & Orange Beach Sports Commission. "This race offers both veteran triathletes and beginners the ability to accomplish something so tremendous while also enjoying our beautiful beaches here in Gulf Shores and Orange Beach."

Register for the triathlon by Aug. 20 for \$120 for individuals, \$170 for two-person relays and \$200 for three-person relays. "Tri-It-On" registrations received by Aug. 20 cost \$70 for individuals, \$90 for two-person relays and \$105 for three-person relays. Prices will increase on Aug. 21. To register, please visit <http://team-magic.com/events/67/contents/register>.

There is also a heavy need for volunteers during this race. The Sports Commission Volunteer Incentive Program supports civic groups by contributing \$40 per volunteer for each shift worked at designated sporting events. To learn about volunteering with the Sports Commission, contact Sarah Cooper at 251-947-4611 or Scooper@GulfShores.com.

For information on upcoming athletic events along Alabama's Gulf Coast, visit GulfShores.com/Sports/Media-Room, or call 1-800-745-SAND.

Pictured: Athletes will be compete in the Brett/Robinson Alabama Coastal Triathlon on Saturday, Sept. 9, 2017 in Gulf Shores.

Roll Tide viewing parties weekly at GT's on the Bay

Alabama alumni & fans are invited to a football kick-off party in Orange Beach on Saturday, Sep 2 from 6-10 p.m. at GT's on the Bay for a new game day tradition in Orange Beach.

"We are already working with GT's and will be ironing out details as we get closer to time," said organizer Crawford McWilliams. "We will be getting together every Saturday during football season. All are welcome. So invite your friends."

GT's on the Bay is located at 26189 Canal Rd. For more info, call 334-412-9250.

South Baldwin Theatere annual meeting is Aug. 27

The annual business meeting of the members of South Baldwin Community Theatre will be held on Sunday, August 27 at p.m. at the theatre.



The agenda includes a 50-50 raffle, door prizes and a reception.

The main business will be a state of the theatre

address from the president and election of next year's Board. The Board has nominated (pictured) President Jan Hinnen, 1st VO production: Sharon Watson, 2nd VP House: Robert Gardner, Publicity: Kiri McFarland, Treasurer: Jessica Breland, Secretary: Laura Pfizenmayer an new board members Amy Berry, Cynthia Mayo and Pam Livingston.

Board members who have another year on their terms include Rio Barlow, Jennifer Dawson, Dixie Overby, Frank Lehman, and Julie Wessler. In addition, Stevens Heath is past president and also serves on the Board in that capacity.

Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.

• **Flora-Bama Bingo:** free; 1-4 p.m.; great prizes, family friendly; 17401 Perdido Key Dr., Perdido Key.

• **Frankie G & LeaAnn Creswell:** 6:30; Franco's Italian Restaurant; Orange Beach.

• **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 7; Papa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.

• **Brent Burns:** 5; LuLu's at Homeport Marina, Gulf Shores.

• **Guided Pier Walk:** 10 a.m.; free; Gulf State Park Fishing Pier, Gulf Shores.

• **Alabama Lightning:** 6:30; Flip-pers, Orange Beach.

• **L.A. Fleet Feet Running Club:** 6 p.m.; Orange Beach Marina on Marina Rd.; lafleetfeet.com.

• **Open Mixed Doubles Tennis:** 7:30 a.m.; all levels welcome; Gulf Shores Tennis Center; corner of West 19th Ave. and West 2nd St.

• **8 Ball League:** 7:30; The Office, Foley.

• **Celebrate Recovery:** (Christ centered 12 step program); Monday evenings at 6 p.m.; Christian Life Church in Orange Beach; 251-967-4840.

• **Prayer Shawl Knitting Group:** 9; every Monday at Gulf Shores First Presbyterian Church, 309 E. 21st Ave.; (251) 968-7720.

• **Overeaters Anonymous:** 6; Holy Spirit Episcopal Church; Gulf Shores, 616 Ft. Morgan Rd.; 251-709-5907.

• **Bingo:** 6; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.

• **Take Off Pounds Sensibly:** 5-7 p.m.; Foley Presbyterian Church; 965-2737. songwriters all original open mic from 9:00-12:00 pm.

• **AA:** Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

TUE, AUG 22
• **Flora-Bama Possible Probables:** 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.

• **Flora-Bama Bingo:** free; 1-4 p.m.; great prizes, family friendly; 17401 Perdido Key Dr., Perdido Key.

• **"Shooting for a Cure: Lasers as Tools in Cancer Research:** 6:30 p.m.; free talk from USA Mitchell Center Medical Staff; LuLu's; Gulf Shores.

• **Tuesday Evening Civil War Tour:** 7 p.m.; Fort Morgan Historic Site

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Optimists host 31st Mullet Fest Labor Day in Lillian

The 31st Annual Mullet Festival hosted by the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay will be held on Labor Day, Sept. 4 at the Lillian Community Club, Lillian. The event begins with presentation of the colors at 7:15 a.m. by the American Legion. Registration for the 5K Run/Walk begins at 6 a.m. with the run stepping off at 7:30. Participants receive the famous Mullet T-shirt and are eligible for awards in 78 separate age groups. Sign up prior to the event on the website, www.ocpb.org. The Runners Party is held from 8 to 10:30 a.m. and includes the Awards Ceremony, beverages and snacks. A one-mile Fun Run/Walk begins at 8:30 a.m. The first 40 finishers receive a Participant Award.

The famous Optimist Breakfast will be held from 7 to 9 a.m., featuring pancakes, sausage, biscuits and sausage gravy, grits and eggs. The charge is \$5 per person; kids 2 through 8 eat free.

Plan on attending the Mullet/Catfish Dinner served from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Also included in the \$8 fee are hushpuppies, baked beans, grits, coleslaw, dessert and iced tea. Once again, kids 1 to 8 eat free.

If breakfast and dinner aren't enough, you can always take home some home-baked items, courtesy of the best cooks in the area, the women of OCPB and their friends.

Join the fun and games outside where kids can frolic in the inflatables from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The famous Mullet Toss will be held during the same time period. Will last year's winners return to take home another trophy or will first-timers take the prizes?

Inside from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. the Silent Auction will be in full swing, along with the Deja Vu Market. New and almost new items, as well as gift certificates from area businesses will be on the auction block. Gently used and unique treasures are featured in the (pictured above) Deja Vu Market.

There will be two contests inside this year. The winner of the Hula Hoop Contest that begins at 1 p.m. will receive a crisp \$20 bill and \$10 will go to second place. Contestants must bring their own hoops. The Electric Slide Contest will begin at 2 p.m., also with \$20 and \$10 cash prizes.

Outside the vendors will be selling their wares, including arts and crafts. To participate as a vendor, contact Ken Sanders, (251) 961-1530, or email sandbama@gulftel.com.

The drawing for the Raffle will be held at 3 p.m. Prizes are \$1,000, \$400, \$200, and \$100. Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5. Purchase them before the event from your favorite Optimist member. They will also be on sale at the Mullet Festival.

Music from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. will be provided by Big Jake & the Tag-A-Longs, a favorite in the area, especially for their line dance music and of course, the famous chicken dance.

Proceeds from the Mullet Festival are used to fund dozens of programs and projects for kids, as well as honoring Elberta schools teachers and law enforcement officers. Last year \$25,000 was donated to local organizations and approximately 10,000 hours were expended by club members to help children. In addition to fun activities for the boys and girls, the club awarded four \$1,000 scholarships to graduating seniors and four For more information contact Ken Sanders (251) 961-1530, Mary Collier (251) 962-3704, Lee Hoffman (251) 962-3339 or Andy Wilkinson (251) 961-1343.

Sirens of Sea Tailgating Drawdown is Sept. 15

Football Season is almost here, so mark your calendar for the Sirens of the Sea Football Tailgating Drawdown. Sirens of the Sea, a local women's Mardi Gras Krewe, has lots in store for this event. It is their annual



fundraiser and promises to be bigger and better than ever. It is going to be held at the Orange Beach

Event Center at The Wharf on September 15. Doors open at 6 p.m. The Grand Prize is a hefty \$5000. There will be a Silent Auction with many valuable items to bid on. There is also a Raffle with great prizes to win. Raffle Tickets are only \$2. The prizes this year include a Crewed Inshore Fishing Package, a Golf Package for 2 and the popular Dining Out Basket. The band STORMY, a full sound 8 piece band from Louisiana will complement the night with horns, keyboard and vocals. Dinner is included and will be catered by Down South BBQ. Everyone is invited to come out and join the Tailgate Party Drawdown and wear their favorite NCAA College or NFL Pro Football team fanfare. Sirens of the Sea support our local communities throughout the year. A portion of the proceeds support several selected local charities, and previously include Sea, Sand and Stars Science Center. Their Annual Sirens Scholarship Fund is awarded to a local high school senior for college tuition.

Tickets are \$50 and are now on sale. For more information or tickets contact Linda Pacatte at 251-402-2218 or Judy Hamby 270-887-9691 or any Siren member.

Fort Morgan, 51 Hwy 180, Gulf Shores, 251-540-7665.

- **Frankie G On Piano:** 6:30; Franco's Italian Restaurant; Orange Beach.
- **Ronnie Presley:** 6; Lucy Buffett's LuLu's, Gulf Shores; 251-948-8881.
- **Scott Koehn, Lisa Zanghi:** 6:30; Flipper's, Orange Beach.
- **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 8; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **Bingo & Karaoke:** 5:30; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- **Karaoke w. John Henry:** 5:30; American Legion Post 99, Foley.
- **Brent Burns:** 6; The Dinner, Gulf Shores.
- **Karaoke:** 5:30; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- **Karaoke:** 5; Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5659; Elberta.
- **Sam Glass:** 6; The Purple Parrot; Perdido Key.
- **JW Karaoke:** 6; Hub Stacy's At The Point, Innerarity Point.
- **Coastal Alabama Farmer's & Fisherman's Market:** 2-6 p.m.; 20733 Mifflin Rd., Foley.
- **Pool Tourney:** 7; Snapper's; Orange Beach.
- **UPA 8 ball & Texas Hold (7:30):** The Office, Foley.
- **Coastal Photography Club:** 6:30 p.m.; Foley Senior Center (304 East Rose Ave.).
- **Bingo:** 10 to 2; Gulf Coast Elks Lodge 2782, Foley; 251-971-2782.
- **South Baldwin Republican Women:** Gift Horse Rest., 11:30 a.m.; 4th Tuesday of Every Month, public invited, Info: 251-978-6178.
- **GriefShare Support Group:** For men and women; 6-8 p.m.; Point Church, 13801 Innerarity Point Rd. Info: Shirley Johnson, 601-278-6973.
- **Orange Beach City Council Meeting:** 5 p.m.; City Hall; 980-INFO.
- **L.A. Fleet Feet Running Club:** Tuesdays at 6 p.m. at Kids Park by Bodenhamer Rec. Center; 5K, 10K, or walk; Info: visit lafleetfeet.com.
- **Sonora Masonic Lodge:** 7 p.m.; 202 E. Jackson Street in Summerdale; sonora635.com.
- **Orange Beach Bridge Club:** Tue. & Thur at noon; Orange Beach Senior Center; 251-981-3440.
- **Orange Beach Library Children's Story Time:** 10 a.m.; preschool; 981-2923.
- **Southwest Branch Library Children's Story Time:** 10:30 a.m.; preschool; 12248 Gulf Beach Hwy, Pensacola; (850) 453-7780.
- **Overcomers Outreach:** 7 p.m.; First

Baptist Church of Orange Beach; 980-1705.

- **Gulf Shores Kiwanis Club:** Palmer Dining Room at Craft Farms; noon; new members and guests always welcome; 251-981-9999.
- **Kiwanis Club of Big Lagoon:** Breakfast meeting each Tuesday at 7:30 a.m.; speaker first three

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24 Main Room 2:00 Donnie Mathis 6:00 Mark Sherrill, Chris Newbury, Mel Knapp, James Daniel 10:15 Sam Glass Trio Deck Stage 5:30 Dueling Pianos with Frankie Golden & Steve Wilkerson 10:00 Yeah, Probably Tent Stage 1:00-4:00 Bingo Yacht Club 5:00 Zachary Diedrich	25 Main Room 2:00 Lea Anne Creswell Duo 6:00 Tony Brook Duo 10:15 The Magic Johnsons Deck Stage 1:00 J Hawkins Duo 5:30 Big Earl (Jack Robertson) Show 10:00 Lee Yankie & the Hellz Yeah Tent Stage 1:00-4:00 Bingo 6:00 Big Muddy 10:30 Mario Mena Band Yacht Club 6:00 Mason Henderson Ole River Grill 4:00 Greg Lyons 9:00 Dave Chastang	26 Main Room 2:00 Lea Anne Creswell Duo 6:00 Sugarcane Jane 10:15 Brandon White Duo Deck Stage 1:00 J Hawkins Trio 5:30 TBD 10:00 Brian Hill Band Tent Stage 10:00 Jay Williams Band 2:00 Tony Brook Band 6:00 Hung Jury 10:30 Red Clay Strays Yacht Club 1:00 Sam Glass Duo 5:00 Brittany Bell Duo Ole River Grill 4:00 Destiny Brown 9:00 Chris Bryant Duo	27 Main Room 1:30 Songs of Rusty McHugh with Jason Justice 6:00 Perdido Brothers 10:15 Alabama Lightning Deck Stage 5:30 Tony Brook Band 10:00 Jo Jo Pres Tent Stage 9:00 & 11:00 Worship on the Water 2:00 Big Muddy Yacht Club 12:00 Foxy Iguanas 5:00 Dave McCormick Ole River Grill 2:00 Brittany Grimes	28 Main Room 2:00 Founders & Friends with Gove Scrivenor 6:00 Open Mic with Cathy Pace 10:15 Petty & Pace Top Deck Stage 8:00 Lee Yankie Tent Stage 1:00-4:00 Bingo	29 Main Room 2:00 T-Bone Montgomery 6:00 Perdido Brothers 10:15 Jay Williams Duo Top Deck 8:00 Tony Ray Thompson Tent Stage 1:00-4:00 Bingo	30 Main Room 2:00 Neil Dover 6:00 Hartbreak Hill 10:15 Alabama Lightning Top Deck 8:00 Kevin Swanson Tent Stage 1:00-4:00 Bingo

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- 1/4 cup quick-cooking grits
- 1/2 cup butter, cubed
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 2 Tbsp. flour
- 3 eggs
- 1/4 cup buttermilk
- 1 tsp. vanilla

Pastry for single-crust pie (9 inches); whipped cream, orange slices or sliced fresh strawberries, opt.

In a small saucepan, bring water and salt to a boil. Slowly stir in grits. Reduce heat; cook and stir for 4-5 minutes or until thickened. Add butter; stir until melted. Remove from the heat; cool to room temperature. In a small bowl, whisk the sugar, flour, eggs, buttermilk and vanilla. Slowly stir into grits. Roll out pastry to fit a 9-in. pie plate. Transfer pastry to pie plate. Trim pastry to 1/2 beyond edge of plate; flute edges. Add filling. Bake at 325 degrees for 30-35 minutes or just until set. Serve warm or cool to room temp. Garnish with whipped cream and orange or strawberries if desired.

Enjoy!

Tuesdays and a business meeting the fourth Tuesday; Perdido Bay UMC Activities Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Road, Pensacola, 262-749-4241.

- **Kiwanis Club of Foley:** Noon on Tuesdays at Ryan's in Foley; 251-968-6288.
- **AA:** Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
- **Al-Anon:** Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Activities Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

WED, AUG 23

- **Flora-Bama Possible Probables:** 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
- **Flora-Bama Bingo:** free; 1-4 p.m.; great prizes, family friendly; 17401 Perdido Key Dr., Perdido Key.
- **Frankie G On Piano:** 6:30; Franco's Italian Restaurant; Orange Beach.
- **Open Mic:** 5:30; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- **John Lee Sanders:** 6; Voyagers Restaurant at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **John Brust:** 6; The Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **Lisa Zanghi & Scott Koehn:** 6:30; Flippers, Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke & Dance Party:** 6; The Purple Parrot; Perdido Key.
- **Broken Down Car:** noon; poolside; Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.

- **Karaoke:** 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke:** 6; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- **John Joiner & Friends:** 7; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
- **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 8; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **Trivia (7:30) Karaoke (9):** The Office, Foley.
- **Bingo:** 7; Moe's BBQ; Foley.
- **L.A. Fleet Feet Running Club:** 5:45 p.m.; Big Beach Brewery in Gulf Shores; lafleetfeet.com.
- **Open Mixed Doubles Tennis:** 7:30 a.m.; all levels welcome; Gulf Shores Tennis Center; corner of West 19th Ave. and West 2nd St.
- **Veteran's Bingo:** 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.; American Legion Post 99, Foley.
- **Grief Support Group:** 10 a.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Activities Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola; 850-492-2135
- **Food Bank:** 9-11 a.m. every Wednesday, Perdido Bay Baptist Church, 12600 Sorrento Rd. Pensacola; call for eligibility requirements at (850) 492-2604.
- **Bread Ministry:** 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.; Orange Beach United Methodist Church Brook's Center.
- **Food Ministry For Hungry Families:** noon-1 p.m.; Grace Lutheran Church, corner of West 23rd Ave. and West 4th St. in Gulf Shores; 251-968-5991.
- **Perdido Key Rotary Club:** 7:30

- a.m.; every Wednesday at Triggers. 850.492.8335.
- **Storytime at Pensacola Southwest Branch Library:** free; infant to 5; 10:30-11; 12238 Old Gulf Beach Hwy; (850)453-7780.
- **Gulf Shores Lions Club:** noon; 2nd & 4th Wednesday; noon; Gulf Shores Community House, 300 E. 16th Avenue; 251-968-2823.
- **AA:** Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

THU, AUG 24

- **Flora-Bama Possible Probables:** 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
- **Flora-Bama Bingo:** free; 1-4 p.m.; great prizes, family friendly; 17401 Perdido Key Dr., Perdido Key.
- **Sparks After Dark:** 8:45 p.m.; fireworks show; The Wharf, Orange Beach.
- **Lefty Collins:** 6; Lucy Buffett's LuLu's, Gulf Shores; 251-948-8881.
- **Open Mic:** 7; Snapper's; Orange Beach.
- **Jason Justice:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.
- **John Lee Sanders:** 6; Voyagers Restaurant at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **Cornhole Tourey:** 6; Moe's BBQ; Foley.
- **Gino Rosaria /Carlos Vizoso:** 6; San Bar Courtyard, Orange Beach.
- **John Brust:** 6; Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.



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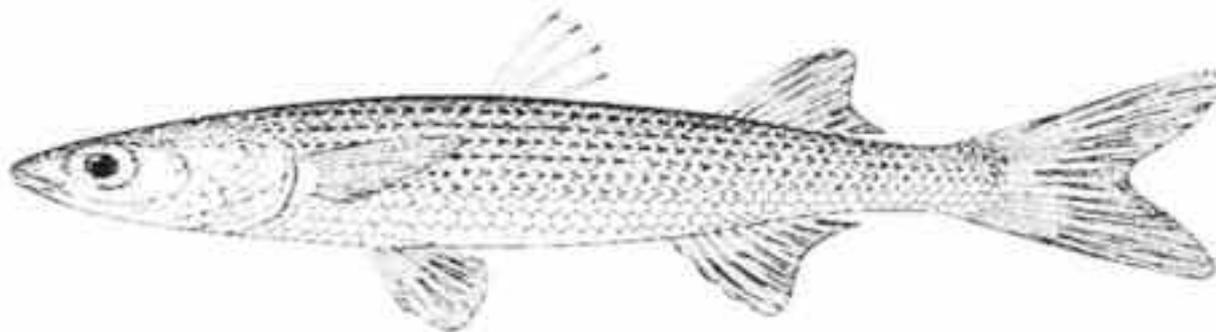


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- **Logan Spicer:** 6; The Tin Top, Bon Secour.
- **Raising Karma:** 7; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
- **LeAnne Creswell & Lisa Zanghi:** 6; Franco's; Orange Beach.
- **Scott Koehn:** 6; Pleasure Island Tiki Bar, Orange Beach.
- **Broken Down Car:** noon; poolside; Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **Alabama Lightning:** 6:30; Flip-pers, Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- **Karaoke:** 8; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.
- **Rick Whaley & Tommy Mazullo:** 6; The Purple Parrot; Perdido Key.
- **Karaoke:** 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 8; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **8 Ball APA:** 7:30; The Office, Foley.
- **Marine Corps League of South Baldwin County:** 6 p.m. on 4th Thursday; The Gulf Bowl, 2881 S. Jupiter St., Foley; current and former Marines and Corpsman welcome.
- **Rotary Club of Gulf Shores/Orange Beach:** noon; Gulf Shores Golf Club; visiting Rotarians and guests invited.
- **Gulf Shores United Methodist**

- **Church Bread Ministry:** 9-10; every Thursday; room 103 on the south campus, next to Crossroad; 251 968-2411.
- **South Alabama Senior Travelers:** 9 a.m.; Foley Senior Center; visitors welcome; 251-928-4494.
- **South Baldwin Amateur Radio Club:** 7 p.m. 4th Thurs. of every month; Baldwin County Emergency Operations Center, McAuliffe Rd., Robertsdale; 251-943-2953.
- **Bingo:** Bear Point Civic Association on Bay La Launch Rd. in Or-

- ange Beach; doors open at 6:30 p.m. games at 7 p.m.; hotdogs, drinks and snacks available; all invited; 981-5734.
- **Orange Beach Bridge Club:** Tue. & Thur at noon; Orange Beach Senior Center; 251-981-3440.
- **AA:** Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center; 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

FRI, AUG 25
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Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.

• **Flora-Bama Bingo:** free; 1-4 p.m.; great prizes, family friendly; 17401 Perdido Key Dr., Perdido Key.

• **Rat Pack & Motown w. James Proctor & Kathy Lyons:** 6; Franco's; Orange Beach.

• **JERI:** 6; Lucy Buffett's LuLu's, Gulf Shores; 251-948-8881.

• **Malcolm Bond:** 6; San Bar Courtyard, Orange Beach.

• **Charles Grant (formerly of The Platters):** 7; Papa Roccas; Gulf Shores.

• **Pierce Parker:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.

• **Kristi Dees Bad JuJu:** 7; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.

• **Lefty Collins:** 6; Moe's BBQ; Foley.

• **Johnny No:** 6:30; Big Beach Brewery, Gulf Shores.

• **Damian Lamb:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.

• **Coconut Radio Open Jam:** 6; Sassy

Bass Caribbean Grill, Marina Rd., Orange Beach.

• **Retrobution:** noon; poolside; Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.

• **John Lee Sanders:** 6; Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.

• **Music Man & Company:** 7; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.

• **Rhonda Hart & Friends:** 6; The Purple Parrot; Perdido Key.

• **Karaoke:** 8; Snapper's; Orange Beach.

• **Karaoke:** 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.

• **Open Jam:** 8; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.

• **DJ-Karaoke:** 9; The Jellyfish, Perdido Key.

• **Terry Causey:** 7; Flippers, Orange Beach.

• **Open Mixed Doubles Tennis:** 7:30 a.m.; all levels welcome; Gulf Shores Tennis Center; corner of West 19th Ave. and West 2nd St.

• **Bingo:** 5:30; Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5659; Elberta.

• **Alcoholics Anonymous:** noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center; 13660 Innerarity Pt. Rd.; 850-492-3056 or 492-6362.

SAT, AUG 26

• **Flora-Bama Possible Probables:** 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.

• **Lisa Zanghi:** 6; Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.

• **Crackerjack Diamonds:** 6:30; Big Beach Brewery, Gulf Shores.

• **Rat Pack & Motown w. James Proctor & Kathy Lyons:** 6; Franco's; Orange Beach.

• **Charles Grant (formerly of The Platters):** 7; Papa Roccas; Gulf Shores.

• **Alvarado Road Show:** 6; Lucy Buffett's LuLu's, Gulf Shores; 251-948-

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• **Two of Hearts:** 6; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.

• **Christina Christian:** 6; San Bar Courtyard, Orange Beach.

• **Adam Tyler Brown & Friends:** 6; Moe's BBQ; Foley.

• **Reunion Band:** 7; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.

• **Soul Food Junkies:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.

• **Lefty Collins:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.

• **Karaoke By Kelly:** 9; Island Time Daquari Bar, The Wharf, Orange Beach.

• **Retrobution:** noon; poolside; Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.

• **Flip Flop Mafia:** 7; Flippers, Orange Beach.

• **Karaoke:** 8; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.

• **DJ-Karaoke:** 9; The Jellyfish, Perdido Key.

• **Corey Reznor:** 6; Moe's BBQ; Orange Beach.

• **Open Jam:** 8; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.

• **Karaoke:** 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.

• **Coastal Alabama Farmers and Fishermen Market:** 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.; 20733 Mifflin Rd. (County Rd. 20), Foley.

• **Optimist Club of Perdido Bay:** breakfast every Saturday at 7 a.m. at the Lillian Community Club in Lillian; (251) 961-2620.

• **AA:** 10 a.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

• **AA:** 7 p.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

GULF COAST FISHING

BY DAVID RAINER

One of the great aspects of living or visiting the Alabama Gulf Coast is experiencing the marine environment and the vast number of species that hang out just off Alabama's sugar-white sand beaches. Of course, plenty of people get excited when a pod of bottlenose dolphins swim within view, surfacing and diving as the crowds watch in amazement.

What gets anglers excited this time of year is another species that will come "rolling" down the beaches and estuaries on the Alabama coast. This species is known as the silver king, tarpon to be exact.

Most anglers consider the tarpon the ultimate game fish in terms of enticing a strike and the ensuing epic struggle as the fish leaps skyward to try to regain its freedom.



Judging from the results of the recent Alabama Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo, tarpon numbers are good this summer. Two anglers caught and released three tarpon, while another angler caught and released two.

Tarpon don't hang around Alabama during the cooler months but come looking for the bountiful baitfish that swim in Alabama waters when summer rolls around.

Schools of rolling tarpon can be spotted along the beach from Perdido Pass all the way past Fort Morgan as the fish blast through baitfish balls of menhaden and alewives.

Tarpon fishing fanatics head to the Gulf beaches every chance they get to search for rolling tarpon.

Because Alabama is not a tarpon nursery ground, the fish that show up on the Alabama Gulf Coast are usually at least 60 pounds and sometimes heavier than 100 pounds. The estuaries will hold a few smaller tarpon but not many. Anglers on the Gulf State Park Pier will often spot and sometimes hook tarpon this time of year, but don't try to haul the fish onto the pier. A \$61 tag is required to keep a tarpon, and it has no food value. So enjoy the fight and break him off when you get the fish close to the pier.

When anglers running along the front beach spot a school of tarpon, they race in a wide arc around the fish and cut the engine about 200 yards in front of the school to get ready to cast when the school approaches. And be sure to cut off the baitwell pumps and sonars to keep from spooking the skittish fish.

If the tarpon have been in a biting mood, it's possible to toss a live menhaden, mullet or alewife in front of the school and watch one of the fish inhale the bait. However, some anglers go an extra step to hopefully add to the enticement by chumming with chunks of baitfish that will leave a slick behind the boat. Live baits under corks or balloon rigs can be floated along the chum line.

When it comes to equipment, it's going to take a rod and reel that can handle the pressure. You'll need a 7- to 8-foot medium heavy spinning rod and reel that can hold at least 300 yards of 20- to 25-pound test line. A 6- to 8-foot section of 100-pound monofilament or fluorocarbon leader will serve as a shock leader when the tarpon leaps for the sky and crashes back down into the waves. Most tarpon anglers will use large circle hooks ranging from 10/0 to 16/0, and they'll let the circle hook do what it's designed, hooking the fish in the corner of the mouth.

When the tarpon feels that hook, it heads skyward, and as all tarpon anglers know, it's time to point the rod straight at the fish and bow to the king.

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SUN, AUG 27

- **The Church at the Flora-Bama:** 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.; Flora-Bama Tent Stage, Perdido Key.
- **Unity Church Beach Service:** 9:45 a.m.; Papa Roccas, Hwy. 59, one block from beach in Gulf Shores.
- **Flora-Bama Possible Probables:** 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
- **Rat Pack & Motown w. James Proctor & Kathy Lyons:** 6; Franco's; Orange Beach.
- **Strickly Isbell:** 7; Papa Roccas; Gulf Shores.
- **Lisa Christian:** noon; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- **Porch Ninjas:** 3 p.m.; Big Beach Brewery, Gulf Shores.
- **Jerry Gambino:** 6 p.m.; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.
- **Jessie Howell:** 11 a.m.; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.
- **Greg Brown:** noon; Lucy Buffett's LuLu's, Gulf Shores; 251-948-8881.
- **Cadillac Attack:** 6; Lucy Buffett's LuLu's, Gulf Shores; 251-948-8881.
- **Sunday 2-Person Scramble:** Every Sun. at 2 p.m.; Glenlakes Golf Club, Foley; (251) 955-1220.
- **John Lee Sanders:** 6; Voyagers at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **Scott Koehn:** 5:30; Flippers, Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke:** 5; Monthly Birthday Potluck; American Legion Post 99, Foley.
- **Music Man & Company:** 5; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- **Gary Story:** 5; The Purple Parrot; Perdido Key.
- **John Joiner & Friends:** 4; Hub Stacey's at the Point; Innerarity Point.
- **Blind Draw Dart Tournament:** 5; American Legion Post 99, Foley.
- **9 Ball APA:** 6; The Office, Foley.

MON, AUG 28

- **Flora-Bama Possible Probables:** 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
- **Flora-Bama Bingo:** free; 1-4 p.m.; great prizes, family friendly; 17401 Perdido Key Dr., Perdido Key.
- **Brent Burns:** 5; LuLu's at Homeport Marina, Gulf Shores.
- **Frankie G & LeaAnn Creswell:**

- 6:30; Franco's Italian Restaurant; Orange Beach.
- **Guided Pier Walk:** 10 a.m.; free; Gulf State Park Fishing Pier, Gulf Shores.
- **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 8; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **Alabama Lightning:** 6:30; Flippers, Orange Beach.
- **L.A. Fleet Feet Running Club:** 6 p.m.; Orange Beach Marina on Marina Rd.; lafleetfeet.com.
- **Open Mixed Doubles Tennis:** 7:30 a.m.; all levels welcome; Gulf Shores Tennis Center; corner of West 19th Ave. and West 2nd St.

- **Bingo:** 6; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- **8 Ball League:** 7:30; The Office, Foley.
- **Overeaters Anonymous:** 6; Holy Spirit Episcopal Church; Gulf Shores, 616 Ft. Morgan Rd.; 251-709-5907.
- **Celebrate Recovery:** (Christ centered 12 step program); Monday evenings at 6 p.m.; Christian Life Church in Orange Beach; 251-967-4840.
- **T.O.P.S. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly):** weigh-in 5:30; meeting 6; First Presbyterian Church of Foley;

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LIVE MUSIC: Johnny No, 8/25: 6:30-9:30pm
LIVE MUSIC: Crackerjack Diamonds, 8/26: 6:30-9:30pm
LIVE MUSIC: Poarch Ninjas, 8/27: 3-6pm
LIVE MUSIC: John Hart Duo, 9/1: 6:30-9:30pm

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WHAT'S HAPPENING



GSST'S BROOK HOPKINS NAMED COACH OF THE YEAR: City of Gulf Shores Aquatic Coordinator and Gulf Shores Swim Team (GSST) Head Coach, Brook Hopkins, was awarded Coach of the Year for the Gulf Coast Area Aquatic League (GCAAL) for 2017. Hopkins was awarded at the annual GCAAL Championship Swim Meet in Fairhope on July 28-29. This award is of high significance as it is voted on by all the league coaches. GCAAL League swim teams consists of: Fairhope (FAST), Porch Creek Indians (PCI), Foley (CFST), Bay Minnette (BMST), Eastern Shore (ESP), Brewton (BLAST), Pensacola Navy Youth (PNY). Swimmer Murray Reed got male swimmer of the year. He broke a 31 year old record in the 50 free style with a time 29.27. The swim team had a record 130 swimmers in the summer program.



30th Coastal Cleanup Sept. 16 on Al. Coast

Alabama Coastal Cleanup, the state's largest one-day volunteer event, returns for its 30th year on Saturday, September 16. Residents, visitors, individuals and organizations are invited to "get the trash out of the splash" by picking up trash littering Alabama coasts and waterways from 8 a.m. to noon. Volunteers are needed on foot and on water.

An exciting addition to this year's 30th annual cleanup will be an effort to incorporate enhanced recycling opportunities for trash collected during the cleanup event. Alabama Coastal Cleanup, with support from Weeks Bay Foundation, Thompson Engineering, and Alabama Coastal Foundation, will partner with the TerraCycle Company to provide plastics recycling at cleanup zones. TerraCycle offers free recycling programs funded by brands, manufacturers, and retailers around the world to help collect and recycle hard-to-recycle waste, such as washed-up trash found along beaches and shorelines. Given the recent recognition of the harmful effects of marine debris in the environment, it is important to remove and recycle plastics from waterways.

In 2016, over 4,200 volunteers collected close to 36,700 pounds of trash from cleanup sites located from Gulf Shores to Dauphin Island. Since trash totals were collected at the first Alabama Coastal Cleanup in 1987, more than 1.6 million pounds of trash have been collected and disposed of properly. Volunteers are needed at 30 different cleanup sites in Mobile and Baldwin counties. Alabama Coastal Cleanup provides a t-shirt and clean up supplies to participants who collect trash. For more info, go to www.AlabamaCoastalCleanup.com or call (251) 928-9792 or go to Facebook.

• **Koehn:** 6:30; Flippers, Orange Beach.

• **Brent Burns:** 6; The Dinner, Gulf Shores.

• **JW Karaoke:** 6; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.

• **Coastal Alabama Farmer's & Fisherman's Market:** 2-6 p.m.; 20733 Milflin Rd., Foley.

• **Bingo:** 10 to 2; Gulf Coast Elks Lodge 2782, Foley; 251-971-2782.

• **L.A. Fleet Feet Running Club:** Tuesdays at 6 p.m. at Kids Park by Bodenhamer Rec. Center; 5K, 10K, or walk; Info: visit lafleetfeet.com.

• **Pool Tourney:** 7; Snapper's; Orange Beach.

• **UPA 8 ball & Texas Hold (7:30):** The Office, Foley.

• **Foley Lions Club:** noon; Wolf Bay Lodge; 987-5471.

• **GriefShare Support Group:** For men and women; 6-8 p.m.; Point Church, 13801 Innerarity Point Rd. Info: Shirley Johnson, 601-278-6973.

• **Southwest Branch Library Children's Story Time:** 10:30 a.m.; preschool; 12248 Gulf Beach Hwy, Pensacola; (850) 453-7780.

• **Orange Beach Bridge Club:** Tue. &

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Thur at noon; Orange Beach Senior Center; 251-981-3440.

• **Orange Beach Library Children's Story Time:** 10 a.m.; pre-school; 981-2923.

• **Gulf Shores Kiwanis Club:** Palmer Dining Room at Craft Farms; noon; new members and guests always welcome; 251-981-9999.

• **Kiwanis Club of Big Lagoon:** Breakfast meeting each Tuesday at 7:30 a.m.; speaker first three Tuesdays and a business meeting the fourth Tuesday; Perdido Bay UMC

Activities Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Road, Pensacola, 262-749-4241.

WED, AUG 30

• **Flora-Bama Possible Probables:** 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.

• **Flora-Bama Bingo:** free; 1-4 p.m.; great prizes, family friendly; 17401 Perdido Key Dr., Perdido Key.

• **Frankie G On Piano:** 6:30; Franco's Italian Restaurant; Orange Beach.

• **Karaoke:** 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.

• **Broken Down Car:** noon; poolside; Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.

• **John Lee Sanders:** 6; Voyagers Restaurant at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.

• **John Brust:** 6; The Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.

• **Karaoke & Dance Party:** 6; The Purple Parrot; Perdido Key.

• **John Joiner & Darrel Roberts:** 7; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.

• **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 7;

Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.

• **Open Mic:** 5:30; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.

• **Lisa Zanghi & Scott Koehn:** 6:30; Flippers, Orange Beach.

• **Karaoke:** 6; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.

• **Trivia (7:30) Karaoke (9):** The Office, Foley.

• **Bingo:** 7; Moe's BBQ; Foley.

• **L.A. Fleet Feet Running Club:** 5:45 p.m.; Big Beach Brewery in Gulf Shores; lafleetfeet.com.

• **Open Mixed Doubles Tennis:** 7:30

a.m.; all levels welcome; Gulf Shores Tennis Center; corner of West 19th Ave. and West 2nd St.

• **Veteran's Bingo:** 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; American Legion Post 99, Foley.

• **Prayer Shawl Ministry:** Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Activities Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

• **Food Ministry For Hungry Families:** noon-1 p.m.; Grace Lutheran Church, corner of West 23rd Ave. and West 4th St. in Gulf Shores; 251-968-5991.

HODGES' EXHIBITION CONTINUES THROUGH AUG. 26 AT GCAA GALLERY

An art exhibition featuring the wood sculptures of member Claudia Hodges continues at the Gulf Coast Arts Alliance Gallery through Aug. 26. Hodges' uses pieces of driftwood to create sculptures that are filled with life and movement. Her work is inspired by the natural beauty of the Fort Morgan peninsula and the Gulf of Mexico.

GCAA is located at 225 East 24th Ave. in Gulf Shores. Regular gallery hours are Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. For more information, call GCAA at (251) 948-2627.

Pictured: Guests & fellow artists at the welcoming reception for Hodges on Aug. 6. p.m.

Tickets on sale for Hangout Oyster Cook-Off & Craft Beer Weekend

Local & national chefs, music, demos at Public Beach Nov. 3-4

Sample over 100 oyster recipes or indulge in the largest curated selection of farmed oysters from all over North America during the Hangout Oyster Cook-Off & Craft Beer Weekend scheduled Nov. 3-4 at Gulf Shores Public Beach.

Starting at 11 a.m. on Nov. 4, patrons can sample over 100 oyster recipes or indulge in the largest curated selection of farmed oysters from all over North America. Celebrities and James Beard Award winning chefs will be demonstrating recipes and cooking techniques. Featured restaurants will be serving up Rockefeller, Gulf Coast Cajun and Raw Oysters for everyone to taste all day Saturday.

Top visiting chefs hoping to break the stranglehold local restaurants have had throughout the festival's 10 year history include Rob McDaniel (SpringHouse), Derek Emerson (Walker's Drive-In), Brian Canipelli (Cucina 24), and Erik Niel (Easy Bistro & Bar). The Chef Demo stage is hosted by Alabama's very own Food Network Star, Martie Duncan and features Cory Bahr of Food Network.

A selection of craft cocktails, Bloody Mary's, Champagne and craft beer will be available to wash it all down. The Cook-Off will also feature the "Best Tasting Tailgate" for fans to watch SEC Football games on big screen TV's. One of this year's highlights is a set from country music star Coby on Saturday afternoon.

Admission to Saturday's celebration of food and drink is \$10 (free for children 12 & under). Pre-sale tasting ticket booklets are an additional \$25 for 15 tickets. A VIP option is also available for \$150. Tickets are on sale at hangoutcookoff.com.

The weekend begins on Nov. 3, with Craft Beer Friday featuring tastings from upwards of 20 craft breweries and live music.

- **Workshops and Food Demonstrations:** Martie Duncan (Food Network Star); Cory Bahr (Food Network Star); Adam Evans (Esquire's #1 Best New Restaurant); Rob McDaniel (5x James Beard Award Nominee)

- **Participating restaurants:** Pete Blohme of Panini Pete's (Guy's Grocery Games); David Crews of Six Shooter Land and Timber (2013 King of American Seafood; Cleveland, MS); Erik Niel of Easy Bistro (James Beard Award Semifinalist; Chattanooga, TN); Kimball House (Southern Living's 2014 Best New Restaurant; Decatur, GA); Walker's Drive-In (Jackson, MS); Ole Biloxi Fillin Station (Biloxi, MS); Beach House Kitchen (Gulf Shores, AL); Local 463 Urban Kitchen (Jackson, MS); OK Bicycle Shop (Mobile, AL); Driftwood Bar and Grille (Orange Beach, AL); Guerrilla Gourmet (Victoria, TX); Voyagers - Perdido Beach Resort (Orange Beach, AL); Half Shell Oyster House (Biloxi, MS); Smoke Ring BBQ (Atlanta, GA); Restaurant Tyler (Starkville, MS); ByWater Bistro (Gulf Shores, AL); Restaurant Iron (Pensacola, FL); Hey Joe's (Cleveland, MS); Desporte (Biloxi, MS); Crabs on the Beach (Pensacola, FL); The Coast Restaurant (Gulf Shores, AL); The Hangout (Gulf Shores, AL); The Gulf (Orange Beach, AL and Okaloosa Island, FL)

For more info, visit HangoutCookoff.com.



WHAT'S HAPPENING



ST. MICHAEL'S HIGH 30 DAYS-30 DRAWINGS FUNDRAISER: September 2017 will be an exciting month for those who have purchased tickets for the 30 Days 30 Drawings event to benefit St. Michael Catholic High School academic and extra-curricular activities. Thirty prizes, all valued at \$100 or more, have been donated to the school. Each day during the month a drawing will be held with a specific prize of the day. Prizes include cash, certificates for restaurants, condo stays, golf games, jewelry and more. Purchase a \$25 ticket at the school office or call Roberta Mullek, 251-978-3407; Kateri O'Connor, 251-680-1314; Brandi Eslava, 251-747-1938; Lee Tapscott, 251-654-3403; Kathy Lollis, 251-767-2944; or Shelley Mahoney, 251-605-8090. Winners will be contacted by phone and will be announced daily on the school's website and Facebook. The school is located at 11732 Higbee Road, Fairhope, AL 36532. For more information visit stmichaelchs.org.

Free iPad and iPhone class Aug. 21 at Orange Beach Library

The Orange Beach Public Library will be hosting an iPad and iPhone technology class on Monday, August 21 at 10 a.m. in the library meeting room. The class is free, and seating is first come first serve, so be sure to come and check it out! If you have any questions, email reference librarian Lisa Leinhos at lleinhos@cityoforangebeach.com or call 251-981-2923.

- **Bread Ministry:** 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.; Orange Beach United Methodist Church Brook's Center.
- **Food Bank:** 9 - 11 a.m. every Wednesday, Perdido Bay Baptist Church, 12600 Sorrento Rd. Pensacola; call for eligibility requirements at (850) 492-2604.
- **Perdido Key Rotary Club:** 7:30 a.m.; every Wednesday at Triggers. 850.492.8335.
- **Storytime at Pensacola Southwest Branch Library:** free; infant to 5; 10:30-11; 1-2238 Old Gulf Beach Hwy; (850)453-7780.
- **AA:** Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
- **AA:** 7:30 p.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

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- **Flora-Bama Possible Probables:** 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
- **Flora-Bama Bingo:** free; 1-4 p.m.; great prizes, family friendly; 17401

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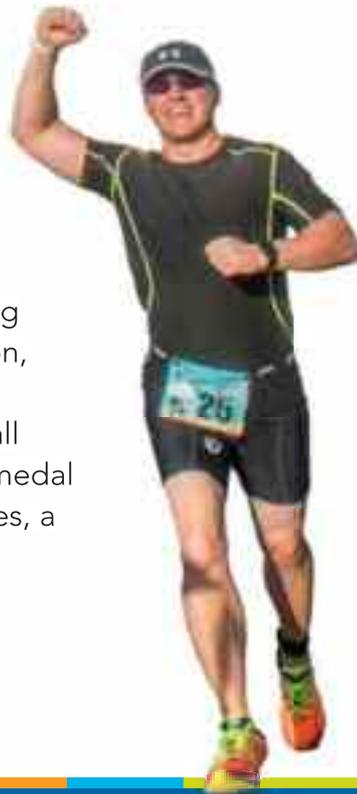
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Perdido Key Dr., Perdido Key.
 • **Sparks After Dark:** 8:45 p.m.; fireworks show; The Wharf, Orange Beach.
 • **Open Mic:** 7; Snapper's; Orange Beach.
 • **Adam Holt:** 6; Lucy Buffett's LuLu's, Gulf Shores; 251-948-8881.
 • **Platinum Premier Duo:** 6; San Bar Courtyard, Orange Beach.
 • **Cornhole Tourey:** 6; Moe's BBQ; Foley.
 • **John Lee Sanders:** 6; Voyagers Restaurant at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
 • **Knee Deep:** 7; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
 • **Broken Down Car:** noon; poolside; Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
 • **Matt Slowick:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.
 • **John Brust:** 6; Lobby Bar at Per-

dido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
 • **LeAnne Creswell & Lisa Zanghi:** 6; Franco's; Orange Beach.
 • **Logan Spicer:** 6; The Tin Top, Bon Secour.
 • **Scott Koehn:** 6; Pleasure Island Tiki Bar, Orange Beach.
 • **Alabama Lightning:** 6:30; Flippers, Orange Beach.
 • **Karaoke:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
 • **Karaoke:** 8; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.
 • **Rick Whaley & Tommy Mazullo:** 6; The Purple Parrot; Perdido Key.
 • **Karaoke:** 10; The Untertow; Orange Beach.
 • **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 8; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
 • **8 Ball APA:** 7:30; The Office, Foley.
 • **Marine Corps League of South Baldwin County:** 6 p.m. on 4th

Thursday; The Gulf Bowl, 2881 S. Jupiter St., Foley; current and former Marines and Corpsman welcome.
 • **Rotary Club of Gulf Shores/Orange Beach:** noon; Gulf Shores Golf Club; visiting Rotarians and guests invited.
 • **Gulf Shores United Methodist Church Bread Ministry:** 9-10; every Thursday; room 103 on the south campus, next to Crossroad; 251 968-2411.
 • **South Alabama Senior Travelers:** 9 a.m.; Foley Senior Center; visitors welcome; 251-928-4494.
 • **South Baldwin Amateur Radio Club:** 7 p.m. 4th Thurs. of every month; Baldwin County Emergency Operations Center, McAuliffe Rd., Robertsdale; 251-943-2953.
 • **Bingo:** Bear Point Civic Associa-

tion on Bay La Launch Rd. in Orange Beach; doors open at 6:30 p.m., games at 7 p.m.; hotdogs, drinks and snacks available; all invited; 981-5734.
 • **Orange Beach Bridge Club:** Tue. & Thur at noon; Orange Beach Senior Center; 251-981-3440.
 • **AA:** Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

have their works on display; 251-948-2627 or gulfcoastartsalliance.com.
 • **The Susan N. McCollough Gallery/Studio:** 350 Cypress Bend Blvd. (at the McCollough Institute in Gulf Shores); 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday; admission free; weekends with appointments; 251-967-7677.
 • **Daily Guided Tours of Ft. Morgan:** 10-11 a.m. daily in June & July; Fort Morgan State Historic Site, 18 miles west of Hwy. 59 on Ft. Morgan Rd. (Hwy. 180); 251-540-5257.
 • **Old River Optimist Club:** Monthly meeting locations and times are available online at OldRiverOptimistClub.org or by email at HelpingKids@OldRiverOptimistClub.org.
 • **Swift-Coles Historic Home:** Lo-

ONGOING EVENTS

• **Coastal Alabama Pickleball Club:** Sun., Tue., Wed., Thu., Sat. in Gulf Shores; Info & Schedule: 619-321-7325.
 • **Gulf Coast Arts Alliance Gallery:** 225 East 24th Ave. in the Waterway Village neighborhood of Gulf Shores; 30 local and regional artists

ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH MONTHLY FISH-FRYS

Parishoners /& visitors alike have been flocking to St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Bon Secour for its monthly old fashioned fish-frys on the first Thursday of every month from 5-7 p.m. The next feast is Sept. 7. Fried fish plates include sides of hushpuppies, baked beans, coleslaw, potato salad and dessert for \$10. Eat in or take out. St. Peter's is located on the corner of County roads 10 and 49 at 6270 County Road 10 in Bon Secour. For more info, call 251-949-6254.



WHAT'S HAPPENING



DAY BREAK DONATION: Holy Spirit Thrift Shop recently made a donation of \$2,000 to Day Break Senior Adult Day Center, a ministry of the Gulf Shores United Methodist Church. Holy Spirit Thrift Shop is an outreach ministry of Holy Spirit Episcopal Church in Gulf Shores. **Pictured:** At the check presentation, from left, are Thrift Shop Cashier Cynthia Black, Thrift Shop Manager Alicia Gattenio, Board President Millie Ericson, Day Care volunteer Terri Fowinkle and Thrift Shop volunteer Dick Reid.

located at 17424 Swift Coles Lane in Bon Secour; open for tours Tuesdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. last tour at 3 p.m. Adults-\$10; Children 6-12-\$5; Under 6 Free; Sandy Forsman, 251-949-5550.

• **Orange Beach Indian & Sea Museum:** Discover local history including Indian culture and the importance of fishing to the area. Free admission.

• **Baldwin County Heritage Museum:** 25521 Highway 98, Elberta, 10am-3pm, Wednesday-Saturday; free; exhibits that highlight the heritage of the area; 251-986-8375.

• **City of Foley Museum Archives and Model Train Exhibit:** All aboard

for fun! Model trains are operated on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 10am to 2pm. Free admission.

• **Mobile Bay Ferry:** (Seasonal) This auto/passenger ferry connects Fort Morgan to Dauphin Island. Call 251-540-7787 for rates and schedule.

• **Fort Morgan:** History echoes off brick walls at this pre-Civil War fort. Designed to control the shipping channel into Mobile Bay, today the mission is to share lessons from the past. Adults-\$7; Child-\$4; 65 and older-\$5.

• **Gulf State Park Pier:** See what's biting with a visit to the longest

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Simon Says Prostate Cancer 5.8K Sept. 9 at Ole River Bar

The Simon Says Run for Prostate Cancer 5.8K will be held on Saturday, Sept. 9 at 7:30 a.m., with the start and finish at the Flora~Bama Ole River Bar, located at 17400 Perdido Key Dr. on the FL-AL state line.

The theme this year is "Tie One on for a Cure." The first 50 participants receive a free blue tie and additional ties will be available for \$5. The run course goes west on Perdido Beach Blvd. into Orange Beach to the Perdido Pass Bridge and back.

"The event is to raise awareness to protect the men in our lives and donate to the Prostate Cancer Foundation (PCF), the leading philanthropic organization funding and accelerating research globally," said Jennifer Newman, founder and president of Simon Says Run for Prostate Cancer. "Until there is a cure, we need to help those fighting the disease, so let's put our feet together and run/walk for a cure."

Participants can register at active.com. The entry fees are \$30 until 4 a.m. on Sept 8 and \$35 at packet picket and day of race. Register by Aug. 25 to receive a T-shirt. After August 25 T-shirts will be based on availability. Registered participants receive free burgers & beer for the post-race at the Flora~Bama River Grill. There will be chance drawings and a raffle for items that include an autographed pair of boxing gloves from Roy Jones Jr.! For more information please visit simonsaysrun.org.

"We were able to donate \$7,060 last year to the PFC. Giving a three year total of \$17,760," said Newman. "Our goal is always to donate 100% of the participant entry fees to the PCF. The generosity of sponsors will be used to cover the expenses of the run with any remaining funds going towards our goal of donating \$7,000 to the PCF."

Pictured: Gin Newman and her father, Simon McKee with the check from race proceeds at last year's event.

30th Coastal Cleanup Sept. 16 on Al. Coast

Alabama Coastal Cleanup, the state's largest one-day volunteer event, returns for its 30th year on Saturday, **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**
Friday, August 4, 2017

CHRISTIAN SERVICE CENTER CHOSEN AS BENEFACTOR FOR INAUGURAL HONOURS GOLF CHARITY CLASSIC

Gulf Shores, Alabama – Craft Farms Golf Resort, Peninsula Golf and Racquet Club and Rock Creek Golf Club have come together to host the Inaugural Honours Golf Charity Classic on November 2, 2017, at Peninsula Golf and Racquet Club. The goal of this golf tournament is to raise funds for Christian Service Center, with 100 percent of tournament proceeds going to this organization.

"We decided to host the Honours Golf Charity Classic because we wanted to give back to our community," said Chad Leonard, regional director of club operations for Honours Golf. "After learning more about the Christian Service Center, the decision to choose them as the benefactor was easy. By donating this tournament on their behalf we hope to provide them with additional funding to continue their mission of helping people when they need it the most."

The Christian Service Center is a volunteer based organization that helps people in the Gulf Shores and Orange Beach area during financial emergencies. They also provide a wide range of other services including meals on wheels, the summer food program for children, and managing the local food pantry.

The Honours Golf Charity Classic will donate 100 percent of proceeds back to the Christian Service Center.



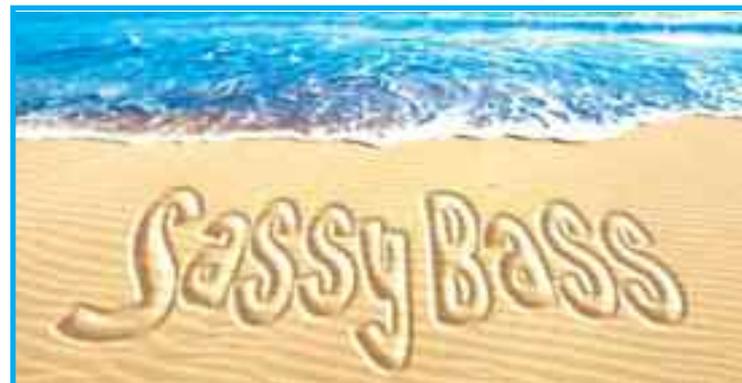
GCAA opens enrollment for post Labor Day fall art classes

Gulf Coast Arts Alliance is pleased to announce their fall class schedule for adults, which begins after Labor Day. Artist Mary Lou Nicolai (**above right**) will be teaching Beginning Drawing on Thursdays, from Sept. 14 through Nov. 2 from 9 a.m.-12p.m. Using techniques from "Drawing on the right Side of the Brain," Nicolai takes beginners, even those who feel they have no talent at all, through a series of exercises that increase skill and confidence. The class is \$135, plus the cost of supplies.

Fairhope-based artist Jane Sellier (**above left**) will lead an eight-week Beginning Acrylics course on Wednesdays from Sept. 6 to Nov. 1, from 9:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Sellier introduces the techniques, tools and materials of acrylic painting to those who are new to acrylic painting or wanting to dust the cobwebs off an old skill. The cost is \$160, plus the cost of supplies. For more information on classes and other events and opportunities, please contact Gulf Coast Arts Alliance at 251-948-2627.

GCAA kicks off fall art market season Sept. 9

Gulf Coast Arts Alliance kicks off its fall art market season Saturday, Sept. 9, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Waterway Village. Local and regional artists will feature their original works of art, including paintings, pottery, jewelry, carved wood, metal and textiles. Music, children's art activities, and refreshments round out a day of fun in the sun. Two more art markets will take place Oct. 7 and Nov. 4. The November event will tie into GCAA's annual open house and the Alabama Plein Air Artists "Paint Out." Registration is open for artists who would like to participate in the market. For more information on how to participate, visit gulfoastartsalliance.com, call 251-948-2627, or visit the gallery at 225 East 24th Ave., Gulf Shores.



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Tripletail trophy status achieved with 30-pounder

By David Rainer

Al. Dept. of Conser. & Nat. Resources

Trophy fish are definitely determined by the eyes of the beholders. However, when those eyes belong to a dedicated angler, it takes a big fish to be deemed a trophy.

In freshwater, the holy grail in bass fishing is a 10-pound largemouth, although those have become more common in recent years.

In saltwater, the king mackerel fishermen strive for that elusive 60-pounder, while in-shore anglers hope to reel in an 8-pound speckled trout.

For the lesser known species of tripletail, the quest

for glory is reached when the scale registers 30 pounds.

One group of anglers achieved that tripletail (all blackfish) milestone this summer, and most of that group belonged to Chris Smith of Mobile.

Smith, a diehard fisherman since his father started taking him when he was a youngster, has reared three sons in the same mold.

"I've been inshore and offshore fishing out of Dauphin Island since I was a kid," Smith said. "My dad used to take me black-fishing when we were very young. He used to love to catch speckled trout around the island and go blackfishing.

"When I grew up and got my own boat, we kingfished for a while, and we caught a lot of red snapper."

Then his three sons, Conner, 17, Noble, 19, and Brady, 21, started venturing out on their own while dear old dad was busy with the family business.

"All of my boys have become better than fishermen, maybe prettier than me now," Chris said. "I definitely don't want to challenge them to a fish-off."

The boys had been on a good tripletail bite until their bay boat broke down, so it was back to dad again.

"A couple of friends and I had just a little while to fish and ran out and caught two black-

fish," Chris said. "I had just taken delivery of my new 39 Contender, and the boys wanted to go back out to catch a couple more. Against my better judgement, I let them go out."

But this story doesn't end in a banged up new boat, it ends with a big fish flopping on the deck.

"They called me a little later and said, 'Daddy, we've caught a big one,'" Chris said. "They sent me a picture. I told them they needed to get that fish back and get it weighed. It was definitely

bigger than anything I'd ever caught. They took him to Jemison's Bait Shop and their certified

scales. It weighed 30.8 pounds. When it hit 30.8, they were jumping up and down."

The oddity is it wasn't one of the Smiths who caught the fish. They had brought along a buddy, David Garstecki Jr., and he was the one who put the whopper in the boat.

"That's what we do it for,"

Chris said. "We love to see the kids get out there and enjoy doing it, carrying on the tradition."

Of course, the way the boys caught the fish was far different from the way Chris landed blackfish with his dad.

"We would go out in a 17-foot Negus (boat) with a couple of Calcutta poles with 80-pound mono line and a big hook about 4 feet under a cork hook about 16-17 feet long. It was the old, traditional way to catch blackfish, but it was the most back-breaking thing I've ever done in a boat. There's still a couple of guys around Dauphin Island who fish with Calcuttas, but it's almost gone."

The Smiths now use an Am-

bassadeur 7000 reel spooled with 60-pound braid, 30-pound fluorocarbon leader with a Bobber Stopper and just enough lead to make sure the bait hangs straight down. They use a straight shank, 6/0 J hook with some backbone.

"That hook does a great job on blackfish because it doesn't get hooked on barnacles on the pilings or buoys," Chris said. "Throw a treble hook out and you're as good as hung. I try to get big shrimp if I can. We'll sometimes catch pogeys in the cast net, and finger mullet work, too."

The big fish came off a buoy. They're also catching blackfish on channel marker pilings and any type of flotsam in Mobile Bay.

Most tripletail fishermen will cover a lot of water, looking for the fish hanging in the shadows of structure, but the big fish didn't follow that pattern.

"They never saw the fish, but threw beside a buoy in the lower end of Mobile Bay," Chris said. "The cork had floated about 10 feet away from the buoy. I would have already reeled it in had it been me, but the fish hit 10 feet away from the buoy. They had him on the downcurrent side, so a lot of things went right. It was still a

good 10-minute battle, and they broke my good trout net getting him in."

The boys became so good at

catching tripletails that Chris had to give them a lesson about conservation. Alabama's daily creel limit is three fish per person with an 18-inch minimum size. Smith suggested his boys even be more restrictive with their catch.

"Conner called and said they had four blackfish," Chris said. "I told them not to keep anymore. I told him you need to keep a couple and let the rest go. I gave him about 10 reasons why you don't need to be cleaning 10 blackfish. Keep a couple and let the rest go. That's the sporting thing to do."



Although 2017 has been a good year for blackfish, a dedicated group of anglers are concerned too much pressure is being put on the fishery, both recreationally and commercially.

Dauphin Island Sea Lab decided to start gathering tripletail information in 2016 at the urging of the concerned anglers.

Dr. Meagan Schrandt, a former student of Dr. Sean Powers at the University of South Alabama now at the Florida Fish and Wildlife Research Institute, is leading the research team that includes researcher and Dr. John Dindo. A tagging project was started last summer. Local guides were recruited to dart-tag blackfish of any size in Alabama coastal waters.

"We opted for a year of solely researcher-based tagging to ensure good tag application and to collect additional data that either cannot be gathered or is very difficult to gather from traditional angler-based volunteer tagging," Schrandt said. "For example, we can also collect information on effort, tag retention, differences in tag application among taggers, etc. We are continuing the researcher-based tagging and we will also start some angler-based tagging."

In terms of possible trends in population and harvest, Schrandt said not enough information has been gathered to provide an answer. Schrandt and Kevin Anson of the Alabama Marine Resources Division said tripletails are not typically intercepted during traditional fish surveys, which means very little information on the species is available.

"There has not been a stock assessment for tripletail, and there cannot be until certain types of data are collected," she said. "Some local anglers who

have been fishing for tripletail for years, however, came to us with their concerns of perceiving greater effort, less fish and fish of smaller size."

The preliminary data from 2016 indicated that 40 fish that range from 10 to 29 inches were tagged. There were seven recaptures, but only four could provide the researchers with GPS coordinates. Most of the recaptures happened last October in Mobile Bay and Mississippi Sound.

One fish had been released seven days earlier and had moved 2.8 kilometers from a piling to a buoy. Another fish was re-caught 24 days later and had traveled 21.36 kilometers from one crab-trap float to another. The latest recapture information was for a fish that had been out 79 days and traveled from Mobile Bay to Gulfport, Miss. It apparently had been eating very well because it was more than 5 pounds heavier.

"I have a great time talking with the anglers," Schrandt said. "I am the one who calls them back when a tripletail tag is turned in, and everyone has been very supportive and very interested in the results. They love to hear about the work and want more information. They also offer to help in any way they can and provide extra information. We even get videos of catch and release."

"We are hoping that this work can help fill in some of the data gaps. This information can then later be used to help make more informed decisions in regards to tripletail management."

PICTURED: (Courtesy of Chris Smith) Brady Smith, left, David Garstecki Jr. and Conner Smith show off the afternoon's catch.

Voyagers

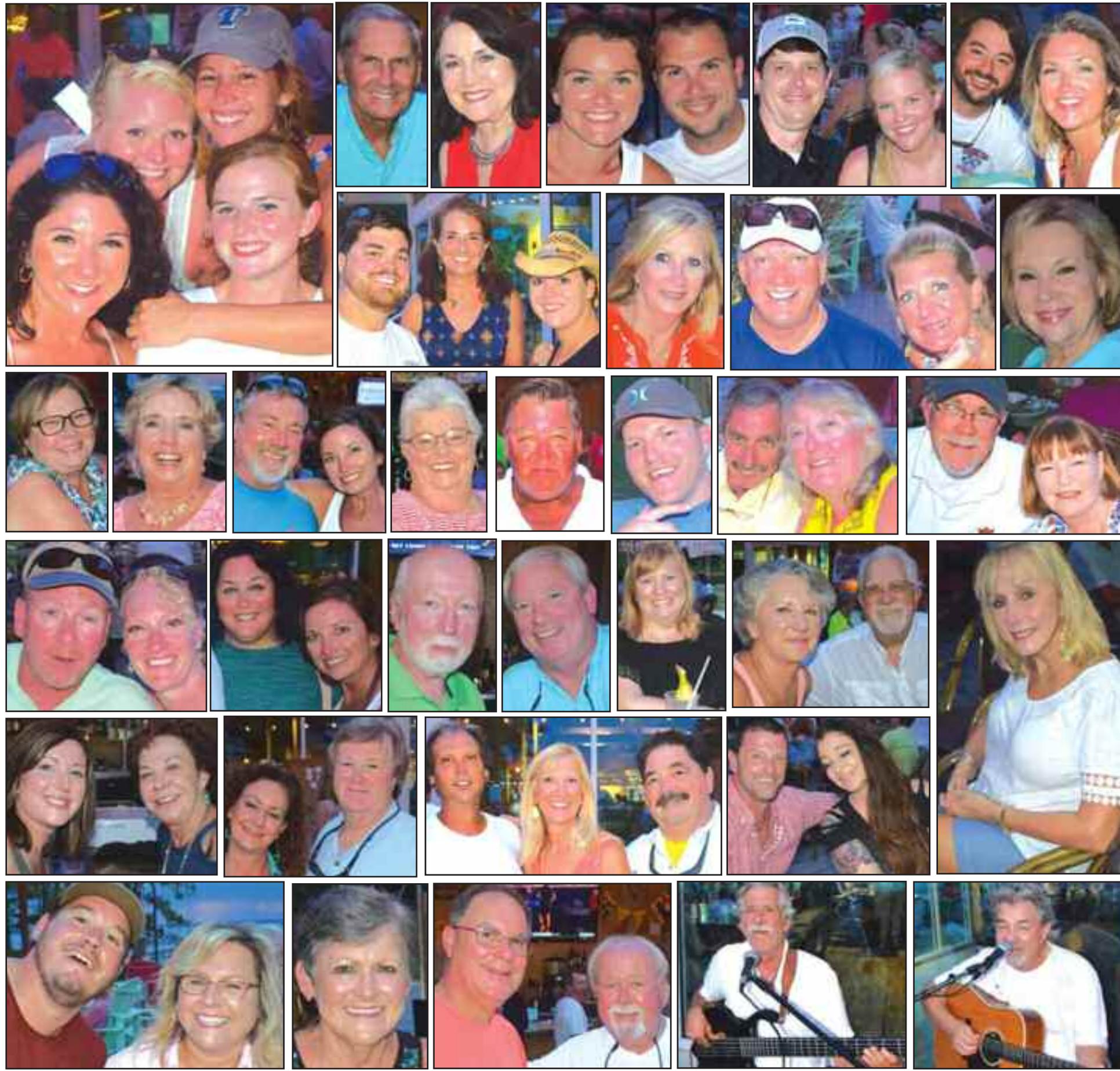
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Mystics follow Thunder Run with \$10K Drawdown on Aug. 26

The Mystics of Pleasure, a Pleasure Island based Mardi Gras krewe, will follow its annual Thunder Run & Poker Showdown (pictured left & below) with a second August fundraiser offering guests a chance to win a fat check on August 26. The krewe's \$10,000 drawdown on that date at The Event Center at The Wharf from 6-11 p.m. will feature entertainment by the Tip Tops, delicious food prepared by local restaurants and an open bar all night long.

Tickets are \$100 per couple and only 400 tickets will be sold. The event also includes door prizes and heads or tails games. Doors open at 6 p.m.. Food is served beginning at 6:30 p.m. and the games and music start at 7 p.m. at the 21 and over event. Tickets are available in person at Gravely Chiropractic & Wellness or by telephone call to 251-213-8210.



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“Perfection reflection” from Steve Ward of Gulf Shores.



Cooper's Hawk in Live Oak, Gulf Shores from Len Knitter.



“Sun coming up on Old Glory,” writes Sherry Byrd.

Gulf Island Seashore senior passes increase from \$10 to \$80 Aug. 28

The price of lifetime senior passes to Gulf Islands National Seashore for people ages 62 and older will increase from \$10 to \$80 on Aug. 28.

The lifetime pass allows a senior and three others traveling with the senior to enter any national park for free and also give seniors discounts on overnight camping within the parks.

Gulf Islands National Seashore includes national parks from Mississippi to Gulf Breeze.

Senior National Park passes can be purchased at the Perdido Key entrance to Gulf Islands National Seashore at Johnson Beach daily from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Alabama Restaurant Week continues through Aug. 30

Locals and beach guests can take advantage of great dining specials at participating restaurants during Alabama Restaurant Week. Preset prices are \$10 and \$15 for a two-course lunch (excludes tax, tip and drink) and \$10, \$20 \$30 or \$40 for a three-course dinner (excludes tax, tip and drink). Some restaurants with limited menus will offer pre-fixed, single-course meals.

Participating restaurants in Gulf Shores and Orange Beach include Bayes Southern Bar and Grill, Blue Water BBQ Company, Breaking Bread Restaurant, Ginny Lane Bar and Grill, Orange Beach Concierge, Ribs & Reds Restaurant, Sassy Bass Caribbean Grille, Sol y Mar Mexican Grill, STK Burger, The Southern Grind, Villaggio Grille and Voyagers.

Eight of the restaurants are on-property restaurants at The Wharf, including Bayes Southern Bar & Grill, Blue Water BBQ Company Driftwood Steakhouse, Ginny Lane Bar & Grill, Orange Beach Concierge, STK-burger, The Southern Grind and Villaggio Grille. There is no coupon required.



Bulls on the Beach at Flora-Bama Sept. 8-9

The iconic Flora-Bama brings its' 5th annual edition of Bulls on the Beach September 8-9. The spine tingling, family-friendly event features 2,000 pounds of rip-snorting bull trying to buck off a professional cowboy in an eternally long eight seconds. Each rider has to ante up for this invitation only event.

This, the ninth event of the \$125,000 Beach Series, an international circuit of riders that includes local favorite, Cody Harris along with Chris “Booger” Brown, both stars of INSP Network’s “The Cowboy Way: Alabama” reality show. Along with rodeo clowns, there will be an opportunity to ride the mechanical bull before and after the show for \$5.

Gates open at 6 p.m. both nights for the family friendly event. Admission is \$25 (\$40 for both nights) for adults 18 and over; \$15 (\$20 both nights) for 7-17 year olds; and free to kids under 7. Members receive free \$5 drink ticket with purchase. Live music will be playing on the arena stage prior to the rodeo and on all three stages inside after the rodeo ends.

Additionally, all are invited out Thursday to get down and personal' with these pro wranglers at 7 p.m. at the Flora-Bama Ole River Grill directly across the street from the 'Bama. The Meet the Cowboys party, sponsored by Pleasure Island Properties, also features draft beer specials and a delicious cowboy themed buffet. Bring your friends and indulge in the Chuckwagon Cornbread, Cowboy Chicken Grill, Back Country BBQ Pig Wings, Texas Hash and more.

Event sponsors include Pleasure Island Properties, Jim Beam and Bacardi. The event is also a fundraiser for the family of 2 year old Leland Stuart from Foley, who is suffering from a rare copper deficiency to help cover Leland’s medical bills and set up a foundation in Leland’s name to raise money for research for this rare disease. Your support of this event goes back to directly benefit families in this community.

Advance ticket advance ticket sales, souvenir hats and t-shirts can be purchased at the Flora-Bama Gift Shop or online at florabama.com. For more information, contact Jenifer Surface at jenifer@florabama.com or Jessica Langston at jessica@florabama.com or visit .florabama.com or on facebook.

The Flora-Bama, The Flora-Bama Lounge and Package is a gulf front oyster bar, beach bar, and Gulf Coast cultural landmark, touted as being America's "Last Great Roadhouse." The Flora-Bama takes its name from its location on the Florida-Alabama state line.

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“Early morning at Alabama Point on Monday, July 31. The ever changing beach,” writes Maggie Warren.



Diane Farnham shares a Bear Point sunset.



Sherry Byrd shares pictures, including “Ernie on a mission.”



Dennis Whitney shares a Gulf Shores sunrise.



A sunset over Cotton Bayou and a picture he aptly titled “looking for dinner at The Pass” from Jim Lawson of Orange Beach.



“Ready to shove off,” writes Len Knitter of Gulf Shores.

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Thursday: Beef Tips over White rice 2 Sides

Friday: Chef's Special



Sea Turtle 101 on Alabama's Beaches

With 32 miles of white-sand beaches, there's plenty of space to share the beach, especially with our nesting neighbors. Endangered sea turtles make their way onto Alabama's beaches each year from May to October to nest and lay their eggs. In fact, 22,240 eggs were laid in 2016 on our beaches with 15,035 of those eggs yielding viable hatchlings.

Sea turtles have been compared to living fossils. They first appeared when dinosaurs roamed the earth and are the last of the ancient reptiles. Three species of turtles lay their eggs on Alabama's beaches, including green, Kemp's ridley and loggerhead. An adult loggerhead sea turtle weighs between 175 and 350 pounds, while baby turtles weigh only one to two ounces. These turtles are protected under the Endangered Species Act, making it unlawful to disturb nests, hatchlings and sea turtles.

To help protect our underwater friends, Share the Beach was formed in 2005 by the Friends of the Bon Secour Wildlife Refuge in Gulf Shores. Each year, volunteers are tasked with patrolling the beach, performing late-night nest observation and educating the public (see sidebar).

Visitors and locals alike line up alongside nests to witness a boil. A boil is when a nest begins to erupt with new hatchlings ready to make their way to the Gulf of Mexico. While it's an amazing sight, it's imperative measures are taken to protect our nesting neighbors and their hatchlings.

SEA TURTLE GUIDELINES

- Never disturb a sea turtle nest. If you suspect you've found an unmarked nest, report it by calling 866-732-8878.

- During a boil, do not touch hatchlings. Only trained Share the Beach volunteers are permitted to guide or assist hatchlings while wearing protective gloves.

- Bring your camera! Watching a boil is a rare opportunity. Don't forget to snap plenty of photos and take video, too. However, do not use flash photography on the beach at night.

- Avoid using flashlights on the beach after dark. Sea turtles are attracted to the light and become disoriented while being guided by the moonlight or starlight.

To help protect our underwater friends, Share the Beach was formed in 2005 by the Friends of the Bon Secour Wildlife Refuge i- Remove all beach gear and trash from the beach each night. Sea turtles can become entangled. Nesting turtles will return to the Gulf without laying eggs if they meet obstacles on the beach.

Do not dig large holes in the sand. If you find holes, help by refilling them. Not only can sea turtles become trapped, but holes are also dangerous for the people who walk along the beaches.

SEA TURTLE STATISTICS

Sea turtles lay an average of 110 eggs per nest; incubation lasts from 55 to 70 days. In 2016, 237 nests were identified at Dauphin Island, Fort Morgan, Gulf Shores and Orange Beach. While 15,035 hatched, 14,104 of those made it to the Gulf of Mexico. Sixty-six nests were lost due to water inundation from Hurricane Hermine and other storms. Four nests were lost to predators. Despite these losses, 2016 was an exceptional nesting season for the Alabama Gulf Coast.

- By Gulf Shores & Orange Beach Tourism

Number of eggs laid in Alabama trending upwards

Save The Beach has a full complement of 450 volunteers

By Fran Thompson

Save the Beach founder & director Mike Reynolds expects more than 200 nests total along Alabama's 50 miles of beaches by the time the last Loggerhead or Kemp's ridley turtle lays its eggs around Labor Day.

"As of this morning (Aug. 3), we had 161 and they don't stop nesting until the end of August," Reynolds said. "This will end up being our second best year after last year when we had a record 239 nests. We won't get that many but we are well ahead of average (105 nests)."

Reynolds added that the number of eggs being laid on Alabama's beaches has been trending upwards, but the reason is way more complicated than the local Leave Only Your Footprints ordinances that were initiated in Orange Beach and Gulf Shores in 2016.

"It's speculative as to why some years there are more turtles than others," he said. "But there's a good possibility that the efforts in Florida counties along the Florida Panhandle 20 years ago requiring lights to be turned off and predator screens counts for a lot more baby turtles making it to the water.

"We started 15 years ago. So, it will be nine or 10 years before we start seeing those same results here in Alabama," he added.

Reynolds said new condos being built are doing little good by wiring turtle friendly lights beachside when behind those lights are two floors of meeting & fitness rooms with lights radiating from picture windows towards the Gulf of Mexico.

"Having balcony lights that are turtle friendly will not make any difference, if there are two floors of big windows with meeting rooms that glow at night like the rising sun," he said. "The cities are more focused on Leave Only Your Footprints because they like a nice clean beach. But the real impact on turtles is the lights."

Save The Beach has a full complement of 450 volunteers patrolling each section of beach.

"We couldn't do this without them," Reynolds said. "These are people that love the program and love being involved in it. It takes a lot of dedication to cover 50 miles of beach every morning when you know that you most likely won't see anything but a pretty sunrise while taking a lovely walk on the beach.

Reynolds said that although Save The Beach has applied for BP and other grants, it is funded almost entirely by donations, which are used to buy education and other administrative materials.

"We want tourists to be here, but we also want them to know that they are on critical nesting habitat for sea turtles," he said. "It's important that they learn to share it with turtles. And we have to educate a whole new crowd of tourists every seven days."

Reynolds does think there are some benefits to having the Leave Only Your Footprints ordinances, but he would like to see the program tweaked. "The contractors are out there in the middle of the night," he said. "If you are out on the beach at night with lights on during nesting season, it's a problem. It is not a good thing."

Besides helping to ensure that as many eggs as possible hatch on Alabama beaches (5,035 eggs yielded viable hatchlings last summer), Save The Beach has also provided coveted data to marine biologists for the past 15 years.

"It's invaluable," Reynolds said. "I just had a long conversation with a doctor from the University of Alabama. He said he's been a big fan for many years. He's was just tickled."

SPECIES OF SEA TURTLES ON ALABAMA'S BEACHES

Loggerhead

Loggerhead sea turtles have large heads and blunt, powerful jaws. The turtle's carapace and flippers are reddish-brown in color and the plastron is yellow. They grow to an average weight of 200 pounds and an average length of three feet.



- Size: Adults weigh 170 to 500 lbs. and have a carapace up to 45 inches in length.

Diet: Although feeding behavior may change with age, this species is carnivorous throughout its life. Loggerheads eat small sea animals, including mollusks, crustaceans and fish. During migration through the

open sea, Loggerheads eat jellyfish, pteropods, floating mollusks, floating egg clusters, squids and flying fish.

- Habitat: Loggerheads are capable of living in a variety of environments. They can be found hundreds of miles offshore or in inshore areas including bays, lagoons, salt marshes and even creeks. Eighty-eight nesting beaches make up the loggerhead's terrestrial critical habitat. These includes beaches in Alabama, Mississippi, Georgia, Florida, South Carolina and North Carolina.

- Life Span: Thirty to 50 years or more.

- Reproduction: As with other sea turtles, females return to lay their eggs on or near the same beach where they hatched. Unlike other sea turtles, courtship and mating usually do not take place near the nesting beach, but rather along the migration routes between feeding and breeding grounds. Females may nest one to seven times during a breeding season at intervals of about 14 days, laying as many as 126 soft, round white eggs. The eggs incubate in the sand for 42 to 75 days.

- Population Numbers: Most reliable counts are of documented nests. Total estimated nesting in the U.S. fluctuated between 47,000-90,000 nests annually over the past two decades.

- Interesting Fact: Loggerhead hatchlings and juveniles are frequently associated with sea fronts (areas where ocean currents converge), downwellings, and eddies, where floating open ocean animals gather. The time that young turtles remain in these places feeding and growing is called the "lost year." During this period, young turtles float on rafts of seaweed with the currents, feeding on organisms associated with sargassum mats.

Kemp's Ridley

Female turtles lay the majority of their eggs on beaches along the east coast of Mexico. It is the only known major nesting beach in the world for this turtle. Females nest in large groups called "arribazones." Groups of females move onto the beach to lay their eggs over a period of a few days.



Each turtle digs a hole in the sand, deposits her eggs and returns to the sea. In 50 to 55 days, the eggs hatch and the baby turtles (hatchlings) rush to the water and out to sea. After at least 10 years at sea, adult females return to nest at the same beach where they hatched. Male turtles never leave the

water. They appear in waters near the nesting beach during the breeding season to mate with the females.

- Reason for Concern: Kemp's Ridley sea turtles are endangered primarily because of human activities, including harvesting of adults and eggs, as well as incidental capture in commercial fishing operations.

Size: Adults reach 24 inches in length and weigh up to 100 pounds

- Diet: Mostly crabs; also shrimp, snails, clams, jellyfish,

sea stars, fish

- Habitat: Adults inhabit nearshore and inshore waters of the northern Gulf of Mexico that contain muddy or sandy bottoms where prey is found. However, hatchlings and small juveniles swim to the open ocean where they drift with floating Sargassum seaweed. This can last up to two years, or until the turtles reach a carapace length of approximately eight inches.

- Life Span: Individuals surviving to adulthood may live 30 years and possibly up to 50 years.

- Reproduction: Kemp's Ridley sea turtles nest from April to July. Females nest primarily during daylight hours and the clutch size averages 100 soft, white eggs. Some females nest 2.5 times a season at 14 to 28-day intervals. This turtle reaches sexual maturity at about 12 years.

- Population: Most reliable counts are of documented nests. In 1985, there were only 702 nests reported. However, that number has risen significantly. In 2011, 20,570 nests were reported in Mexico and 199 nests were recorded in the U.S., primarily in Texas.

- Interesting Fact: Scientists think baby sea turtles may remember or "imprint" on the particular smell, chemical make-up, or magnetic location of the beach where they hatched.

Green Sea Turtle

While adult green sea turtles have a smooth, keelless carapace with dark mottling, hatchlings have a black carapace, white plastron and white margins on the shells and limbs. Green sea turtles have a worldwide distribution, primarily in tropical and subtropical waters, including the Atlantic,



Pacific and Indian Oceans. During the day, Green sea turtles feed in the sea grass beds that grow in shallow waters. At night, they sleep on the shallow bottom and sometimes out of the water on rocky ledges. Although sea turtles are subject to predation throughout their life cycle, predation is particularly high during the

first two years of life. The eggs are eaten by raccoons, skunks, opossums, mongooses, coatis and dogs. Hatchlings are preyed upon by mammals, sea birds, crabs and carnivorous fish. Predation continues to be high until the turtles are big enough to avoid being swallowed.

- Reason for Concern: The meat and eggs of the Green Sea Turtle have long been a source of food for people. Although international trade of wild Green Sea Turtles is against the law, capturing turtles for local consumption still persists in many central Pacific Islands, Southeast Asia and Indonesia, Indian Ocean islands, east coasts of Africa and Arabian peninsula, in Central and South America, and in Mexico. Exploitation of the nesting grounds either by human interference or pollution poses the greatest threat.

- Size: Maximum size of 4 feet in length, weighing up to 440 pounds.

- Diet: Adults feeds mostly on sea grasses and algae, while hatchlings eat a variety of plants and animals, including sponges, crustaceans, sea urchins and mollusks.

- Habitat: Green Sea Turtles feed in shallow water areas with abundant sea grasses or algae. The turtles migrate from nesting areas to feeding grounds, which are sometimes several thousand miles away.

- Life Span: At least 30 years and up to 50 years or more.

- Reproduction: Adults reach sexual maturity between 25 to 50 years of age. Nocturnal nesting occurs at intervals of 2, 3 or 4 years. Incubation for eggs ranges from 45 to 75 days and clutch size varies from 75 to 200 eggs. Hatchlings emerge at night.

- Population: It is estimated that 5,000 females nested in 2010 in Florida. In 2005, more than 10,000 females are estimated to have nested on beaches lining the Indian Ocean resulting in approximately 44,000 nests.

- Interesting Fact: The color of the hatchlings, black above and white below, is probably an adaptation to life near the surface in the open ocean, making them less conspicuous to fish and bird predators.



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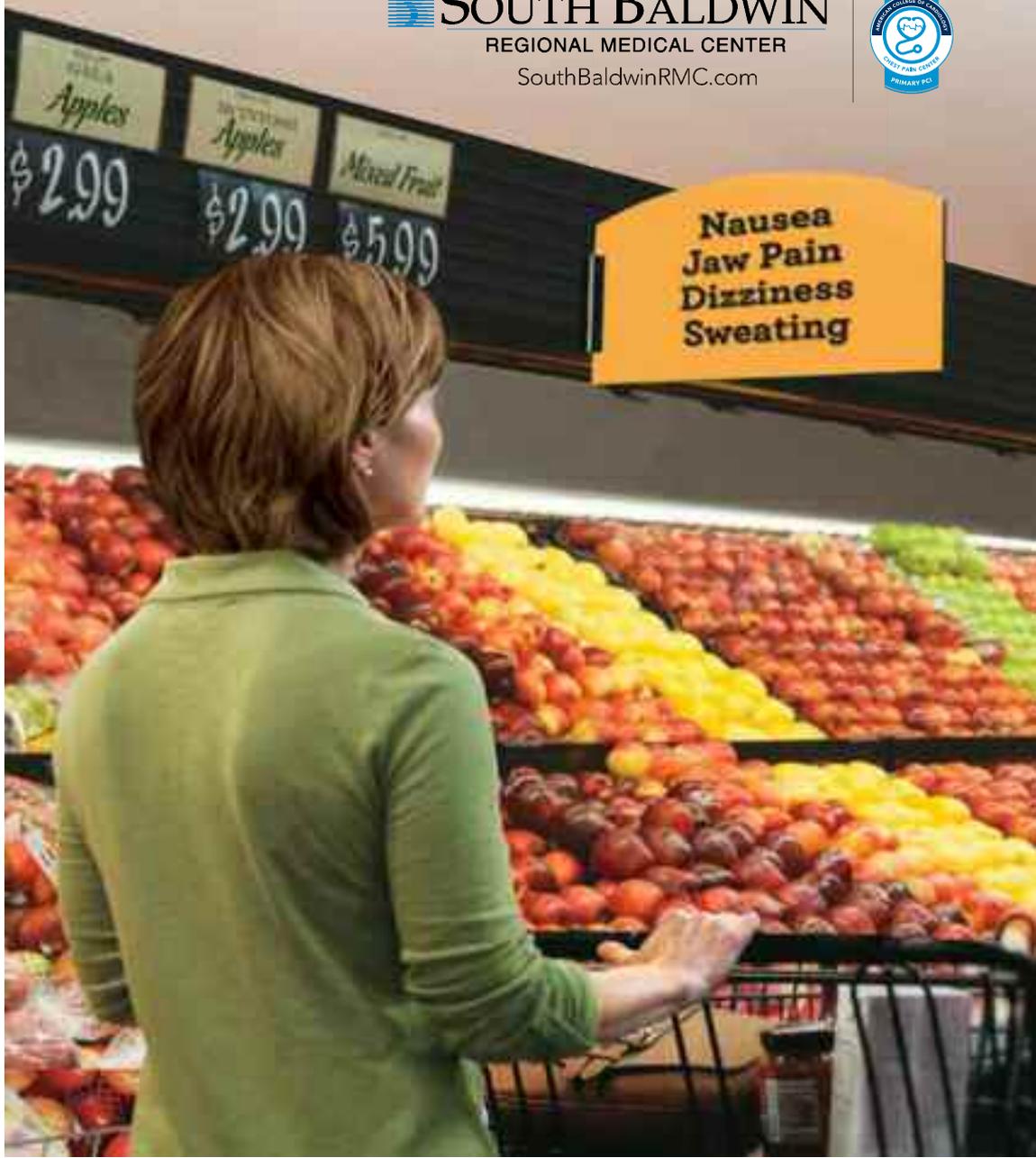
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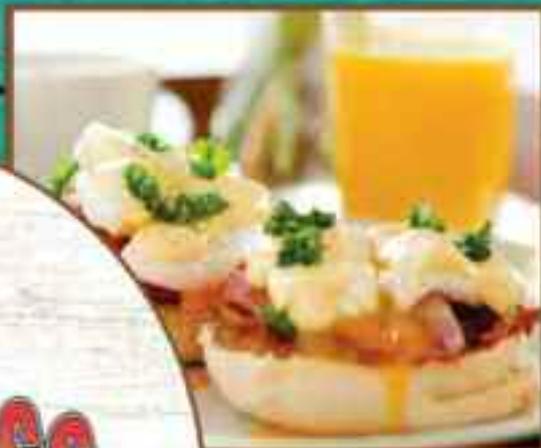
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