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### Baldwin County Fair scheduled Sept. 19-23

The 67th Annual Baldwin County Fair will be held Sept. 19-23 at The Fairgrounds in Robertsdale. is officially underway. Fair hours are Tuesday through Thursday from 5pm-11pm, Friday from 5pm-1am and Saturday from 1pm-12am. It's the longest running county fair in the state.

### Sea, Sand & Spirit Retreat thru Sept. 19 in Orange Beach

The Sand Sea and Spirit Retreat continues through Sept. 19 from its headquarters at Phoenix VI and various other venues (including the beach) around Orange Beach.

A long list of presenters will share wisdom and experience about topics ranging from wholesome nutrition, healing modalities, Tai Chi, meditation, yoga, reiki and massage to diet and diverse modalities.

For more retreat info, contact Rollins at 337-794-0062, or sandseasandspirit@gmail.com or visit Sand-SeaAndSpirit.com.

The premise behind the retreat is to help attendees find a balance of body, mind and spirit through a holistic approach to life. The retreat will include oppor-

tunities for creative expression through watercolor, crafting jewelry and making masks. Daily entertainment includes some of the finest singers and songwriters in the country.

A diverse group of vendors will offer crystals, hand crafted jewelry and artisan crafts. Holistic practitioners such as massage therapists, reiki masters and aromatherapists will also share their gifts and talents.

Even though this is a ten-day event, participants can customize their experience from one class, one day, to the entire event.

"By finding our unique balance in our own personal reality, we can then return to our life path/purpose revitalized and refreshed," said event coordinator Karen Rollins (pictured), the Sand Sea and Spirit facilitator since 2009.



## Volunteers needed for Sept. 16 Al. Coastal Clean-up

Show your support and concern for Alabama's waterways by participating in the 30th Annual Alabama Coastal Cleanup scheduled for Saturday, September 16 from 8 a.m. until noon. Make a difference by volunteering to clean up the state's cherished coastal area.

In the past 29 years, more than 83,000 volunteers have removed more than 1.5 million pounds of trash from Alabama's valued coastline and waterways.

The event gives Baldwin residents the opportunity to give back to the environment and their surrounding communities by cleaning up along the coast and waterways and within their cities.

Volunteers—involved citizens, community organizations, businesses, individuals, school groups and families—are needed to help with the cleanup. Participants can find a cleanup zone near them at AlabamaCoastalCleanup.com. All supplies are provided, and volunteers who come out early will receive a free t-shirt.

The Alabama Coastal Cleanup is part of an international effort led by the Ocean Conservancy to remove debris from coastal waters. This litter is not only an eyesore but can pose a real threat to both marine wildlife and humans.

Participation provides a unique opportunity to be a part of the solution. Alabama joined this effort in 1987. Items removed from Baldwin beaches have included enough ruined furniture, home appliances, computers and laptops to completely equip a house or office.

To volunteer at a specific zone, call or email the captains listed below or just show up before noon at the listed zones or call 251-928-9792 or visit AlabamaCoastalCleanup.com for general information.

### Baldwin County Zone Captains & Zones

- Boggy Point; Nicole Woerner: 251-981-1063; nwoerner@cityoforangebeach.com. Check-in: Boggy Point Boat Ramp
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- Daphne; Amy and John Gohres: 251-929-8868; DaphneCoastalCleanup@gmail.com. Check-In: May Day Park
- Fairhope; Paige Crawford: 251-929-1466; paige.crawford@cofairhope.com. Check-In: Fairhope Pier
- Five Rivers Delta Center; Canoe and kayak ONLY cleanup zone; Shonda Borden: 251-625-0814; shonda.borden@dcnr.alabama.gov. Check-In: 5 Rivers Delta Center, Bartram Landing
- Flora-Bama; Mark Berte: 251-990-6002 / 251-402-3936; mberte@joinACF.org. Check-In: Flora-Bama
- Fort Morgan Peninsula; Brittany Petersen: 251-284-3873; brittany\_petersen@fws.gov. Check-In: Fire Station #1

- Gulf Shores; Noel Hand: 251-968-1962; nhand@gulfshoresal.gov. Check-In: Gulf Shores Public Beach
- Gulf State Park; Kelly Reetz: 251-948-7275 Ext 2114, gspnc@gulftel.com. Check-In: Beach Pavilion
- Josephine; Alex McColman: 334-201-3672, alex@ioneaviationllc.com. Check-in: Pirate's Cove
- Little Lagoon; Kendra Godbold: 251-967-7538, kgodbold@compassmedia.com. Check-In: Mo's Landing
- Ono Island; Herb Smith: 251-797-3691, herbs@phahou.com or Johnny Sharpless 251-979-6600, jsharpless@gulftel.com. Check-In: Ono Boat Ramp
- Orange Beach; Ginny and Rob Barnas: 251-747-7232, gbarnas@joinACF.org. Check-In: Cotton Bayou Public Beach
- Perdido Bay; Ryan Mains: 251-990-6002, rmains@joinACF.org. Check-In: Lillian Boat Ramp 7th Street
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### Coastal Clean-Up also slated Sept. 16 on Perdido Key

The Perdido Key Association, along with the Friends of Pensacola State Parks, and the staff of Perdido Key State Park will organize activities on Perdido Key during International Coastal Cleanup Day on Saturday, Sept. 16 from 8 a.m. 'til noon. Volunteers are asked to meet at Perdido Key State Park West Recreation Area and join others to help keep Perdido's beaches clean and beautiful.







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### P.K. Volksmarchers & Rotarians host Sept. 23 Walk & Shrimp Boil

Funds raised from event at Flora-Bama will benefit Operation Re-Connect

The Perdido Key Rotary and Perdido Key Volksmarch Club will jointly The Veterans Walk and Low Country Boil/Silent Auction for Operation Reconnect on Saturday, September 23 at the Flora-Bama Lounge.

The Walk The Line For Veterans will be between noon 'til 2 p.m., and the and the low country boil and auction for Operation Re-connect will be from 2-5 p.m. in the Flora-Bama Big Tent.

Th 5, 8 or 10K Volksmarch Walk will start and finish at the Flora-Bama and be held on the walking trail from the state line to Perdido Pass. Pins will be provided at the completion for paid participants. Cost is \$3 to walk, and \$5 for walk and pin. There is no charge for military veterans and children under 12. Special "Walk The Park" t-shirts will be sold for \$5 to support Operation Re-Connect. For more info, call Rod Powell at 850-637-1876.

Operation ReConnect is a local charity that provides vacations for military families following combat deployments. The funds will be used to provide beach-front accommodations for 7-nights free to the families of returning Armed Services members in every branch and rank. The charity is currently raffling a one-of-a-kind, custom-built, hand-painted 2017 Jeep Wrangler to raise funds. The drawing will be on Veteran's Day and the jeep is currently on display at the Flora-Bama. Tickets for the Jeep of Faith raffle are \$20 for 1; \$100 for 6 or \$500 for 35. Tickets are on sale at the Flora-Bama Gift Shop, the Operation Re-Connect table at the 'Bama, at operationreconnect.org or facebook or by calling 251-301-6808.

**Pictured:** Jeep of Faith featuring 7 1/2" Lift, 37" Tires, Oversized Fender Flares, Large Front LED Light Bar, Front & Rear LED Spotlights, Bluetooth controlled headlights/auxiliary lighting, custom hand painted graphics including the American Eagle, The American Flag and The United States of America – Constitution Preamble.

### United States Police Canine Assn Field Trials in Foley Sept. 24-29

K9's and their handlers from all over the country will come to the Foley community Sept. 24-29 for the 2017 United States Police Canine Association DPI Field Trials and Certifications. The huge event is hosted by the Foley Police Dept. and will take place in the Sports Tourism Complex behind Tanger Mall at 10113 Foley Beach Expressway. At the conclusion of the week, there will be a free demonstration to the public featuring the K9's abilities, including a lights and sirens police vehicle procession. For info, call 251-943-4431 or John Thompson at 251-747-0111.

### 2nd Annual Massacre Island

Sept. 16-17 on Dauphin Isle

The 2nd Annual Massacre Island on Dauphin Island will be held Sept. 16-17 from 8 a.m. 'til 5 p.m. The event will highlight Flintlock Pistol duels, Pirate Tug-O-War, Swashbuckling Sword Play, Cannon Firing, Blacksmithing by Ralph Oalman and period music by the Kracker Dan Band. There will be a treasure hunt for kids ages 12 and under. Tickets are \$8 for adults ages 13 and up, and \$4 for children ages 5-12. Children ages 4 and under are admitted free. For more information email fortgaines@outlook.com or call 251-861-6992.

In 1711, Pirates stormed Mobile Bay and attacked Dauphin Island, which after that was known as Massacre Island, because of the huge pile of human skeletons that were discovered by Pierre Le Moyne. Come and see the Pirates as they pilfer and pillage Isle Dauphine and fight against Spanish and British Galleons. Who knows, you may even find a pirate's treasure.

### Art into Words Sept. 21

at Erie Meyer Civic Center

Art into Words, a cultural evening celebrating different mediums and interpretations of art, returns to the Erie Meyer Civic Center in Gulf Shores on Sept. 21 at 6:30 p.m.



The dinner theatre is the result of a unique collaboration between the City of Gulf Shores, Gulf Coast Arts Alliance and the South Baldwin Community Theatre. The event will pair five artists with five playwrights who will write a short play based on that particular piece of art. The plays will be the centerpiece of an evening which will include a four course meal prepared by Four Brothers Catering, as well as live and silent auctions.

Tickets are \$50 and reserved seating for tables

of eight is available. Go to [gulfshoresal.gov](http://gulfshoresal.gov) or stop by the Gulf Shores City Store box office located at 1821 Gulf Shores Pkwy. from 8 a.m. 'til 5 p.m. Monday thru Friday, and 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. on Saturday.

### Cellist Della Grigsby plays at Foley Library Sept. 19

Della Grigsby (pictured), a fusion cellist, will play from 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the Foley Public Library Upstairs meeting room on Tuesday, September 19. Seating is limited and reservations are required. Call 251-943-7665 to reserve a seat. For more information, go to [foleylibrary.org](http://foleylibrary.org).



Although classically trained, Grigsby is one of a relatively small group of cellists around the country who specializes in standards, jazz, blues, country western, island funk and anything else

that tickles her fancy.

Della began her musical studies at age 5 playing piano and at age 9 she began to play the cello.

Della has played internationally. She performed in the Kings Chamber at the Great Pyramid of Giza with 'Interior Time' (new age quartet) and at Festival Interceltique (Lorient, France) with 'Astronique', an astronaut Celtic band. Her most recent international activity took her to Loja, Ecuador where she played in the Symphonica de Loja and taught at the Festival Internacional de Musica.

Her innate gift of rhythm was the driving force that caused her to explore outside the classical cello realm. Initially her career included playing in orchestras, performing as a solo cellist, and participating in chamber music ensembles. The classical training has allowed her to produce a rich and resonant cello sound. Her fascination with rhythm has led to her current repertoire which includes a rich diversity of musical styles.

## Gulf Shores & Orange Beach will consider two percent lodging tax increase

Gulf Shores and Orange Beach are united are considering a 2 percent increase in lodging tax to fund critical infrastructure improvements and cleanup for Alabama's beaches.

"Transportation improvements are needed to solve challenges affecting us all. Investing in our infrastructure will help to ensure the sustainability of our vital tourism economy and improve the quality of life of our residents," said Gulf Shores Mayor Craft. Mayor Kennon of Orange Beach adds, "As it becomes more difficult to obtain federal and state infrastructure dollars, it has become apparent to us that matching monies are needed. Hurricane Harvey has just shown us that a storm can pop up very quickly in the Gulf with devastating effects, thus reinforcing the need for evacuation infrastructure for the beaches of Alabama."

Lodging tax in the Cities of Gulf Shores and Orange Beach is currently set at a total of 11%. This is equal to or lower than other coastal destinations on the Upper Gulf Coast. In 2016, over 6.1 million visitors chose the Alabama Gulf Coast as their family beach destination. This record growth brings its own challenges related to demands placed on traffic and infrastructure affecting everyone in Baldwin County. According to both mayors, this initiative will be discussed in upcoming city council meetings, respectively.

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### Honeybee Festival, 5K & Fun Run slated Oct. 7 in Robertsdale

Applications are now being accepted for the October 7 Honey Bee Festival & 5K Run 5K Run/Walk & 1 Mile Run/Walk scheduled at 8 a.m. at Honey Bee Park in Robertsdale. The Honeybee Festival will take place at the same location from 8 a.m. 'til 3 p.m. Entry forms available on-line at cbef.org. For more information call 947-2626. This event is hosted by the Central Baldwin Education Foundation, which works to enhance, enrich, and support the educational experience of all public school students in the Central Baldwin area by providing support and the resources to help supplement educational programs and activities.

### Women's Business Alliance Forum Oct. 22-23 at O.B. Event Center

The Women's Business Alliance will hold its 2nd annual WBA Women's Forum October 22-23 at the Orange Beach Event Center. This annual business Forum features a Sunday evening networking reception, speaker and vendor exhibitions on Monday, and award presentations with breakfast and lunch provided. The Sunday night networking reception will be held at LuLu's in Gulf Shores and the Forum on Monday will be held at the Orange Beach Event Center at the Wharf.

Monday will include dynamic speakers, vendor exhibitions, award presentations, with breakfast & lunch provided. Participant ticket prices are \$149 early bird and \$169 general. Visit womensbusinessalliance.org for more info.

### Businesses & charities invited to be part of LuLu's Trunk or Treat

LuLu's is seeking area non-profits, charities, and local businesses who would like to participate in Trunk or Treat at LuLu's Annual BooLu's Halloween festivities on October 28. As a part of the kids' trick-or-treating activities, participants can set up a display in the trunk of their car to spread the word about their organization and hand out candy to the trunk or treating kids on the grounds of the restaurant from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Participants provide their own candy and all Trunk or Treat participants will receive a \$25 LuLu's gift card per trunk, with the winner of the best decorated trunk receiving a \$150 LuLu's gift card.

Inside LuLu's, the spooky fun will have free pumpkin decorating, face painting, kid's crafts, arcade contest, fortune teller, kid's costume contest, and more. Kids can partake in a Spooktacular costume contest in age categories for boys and ghouls with prizes for the winners to register to be a Trunk or Treat participating organization, contact Nick Lacanski at 251-967-5858 or nick@lulubuffett.com.

### Ducks Unlimited Banquet Sept. 29 at O.B. Com. Center

The Alabama Gulf Coast chapter of Ducks Unlimited Annual Banquet will be held from 6-10 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 29 at the Orange Beach Community Center at 27235 Canal Rd.. Tickets are \$45 per person, \$65 per couple and \$25 for children 13 and under. Sponsorship packages are also available.

The event will consist of "a night of raffles, auctions,

good food and fellowship for a good cause."

For more information, contact

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Brown at 251-923-7533 or Walker Stewart at 662-207-4512.

Ducks Unlimited Inc. is the world's largest nonprofit organization dedicated to conserving North America's continually disappearing waterfowl habitats. Established in 1937, Ducks Unlimited has conserved more than 13 million acres thanks to contributions from more than a million supporters across the continent. Guided by science and dedicated to program efficiency, DU works toward the vision of wetlands sufficient to fill the skies with waterfowl today, tomorrow and forever. For more info, visit ducks.org.



### Autism Center hosts Sept. 30 Paws For Cause in Daphne

American Autism & Rehabilitation Center (AARC) will host the inaugural Paws For a Cause Dog Walk on September 30 from 8 - 11 a.m. at Daphne Utilities, located at 8301 Well Rd.

This event will raise much-needed funds for the center's special-needs patients and will feature the walk, a dog show, food trucks, music and more! Bring the family, have some fun and support a worthy cause!

If you have a dog to bring, great! If not, come walk. The walk will take place near the American Autism & Rehabilitation Center and will be 1-2 miles.

Come participate in and watch a fun dog show! Categories will include: Best dressed/best costume, Dog most like it's owner, Best young dog (6mo-5yrs), Best veteran (5 years+), Prettiest girl dog, Most handsome boy dog, Best in show, Best waggy tail Large breed, Small breed, Best trick, Appealing eyes.

To enter your dog, the entry fees are \$5 per category entered or \$20 for unlimited categories. Drinks, food trucks and music will be available. For sponsorship or other info, email info@americanautismcenter.com or call 251-210-1632.

**Pictured:** Louie, the American Autism & Rehabilitation Center therapy dog.



**WORKING TOGETHER AT OBES:** Orange Beach Elementary students in Ms. Hollis' class, (above left) Kaelin Brown, Sam Hantes, and Iris Hart, work together to complete the school bus puzzle that correlates with their reading story, "The Little School Bus." (Above right) Kayleigh Jones, Sam Hantes, and Goldie Tanner synergize to build a cool sculpture with magnetic tiles.

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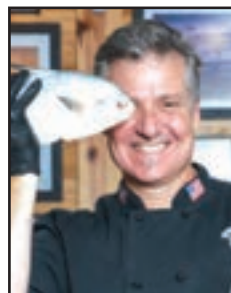


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# Sept. 14-16 Wharf Uncorked is a foodie's delight

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 with a VIP kickoff and Chef Showdown on Thursday, Sept. 14 and peak with the Grand Tasting on Sept. 16 when The Wharf Entertainment District will be lined with vendors serving more than 100 labels of wines, craft beer, spirits and small bites.

Participating Grand Tasting 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.

During the Grand Tasting guests will have the opportunity to 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 be an automatic Elite Qualifier for the World Food Championships in November back at The Wharf.

In addition, there will be a luxury yacht walk, book signings, vendor booths, both live and silent auctions benefitting Make-A-Wish and a high-end wine sampling tent.

**Pictured:** (top) Donny Rouse CEO, Rouses Market; Pete Blohme Owner/Chef, Panini Pete's Cafe; Chris Kelly of Driftwood, Chris Sherrill of SALT, Brody Olive of Perdido Beach Resort; (below) the event's Make-A-Wish Foundation Auction House.



## The Wharf Uncorked Schedule

### THURSDAY, SEPT. 14 - VIP KICKOFF + CHEF SHOWDOWN

The weekend will begin at 4720 Main Street from 6:30-8:30 p.m. with a roster of high profile guests, an open bar with a signature cocktail from John Emerald Distillery, a wine pull benefiting Make-A-Wish Alabama, an auction preview and of course, high-end wine tastings and food samplings. Guests can have a front-row view as Chef Brody Olive of Perdido Beach Resort faces off against three local chefs in a heated battle to defend his title at the Chef Showdown emceed by James Briscione & Brooke Parkhurst. The three additional competing chefs will include Jason Ramirez of Villaggio Grille, Chris Kelly of Driftwood Steakhouse, and Justin Cobb of Wolf Bay Lodge. Judges for the Chef Showdown will include 2016 Wharf Uncorked winner, Chris Sherrill; executive chef for the State of Alabama, Jim Smith; local TV and radio personality, Kelly Finley; and Mobile Bay Magazine executive editor, Maggie Lacey. Tickets on sale now last minute pricing of \$40.

### FRIDAY, SEPT 15 - SIP, SAMPLE & SCAMPI AT ROUSES MARKET

Rouses Market in Gulf Shores will host "Sip, Sample & Scampi" on Friday, September 15th as a part of this year's Uncorked festivities. A palatable array of meat and cheeses will be sampled throughout the affair alongside several wine selections from Delicato Family Vineyards. The famed Neil Thibodaux, "Chef Nino", of Rouses will hold a cooking class from 3:00 until 4:30 p.m. in which he'll demonstrate his take on the butternut, garlic-laden coastal classic, shrimp scampi. Just the perfect dish for any glass poured! Admission is free and the event will take place from 2p.m. to 5p.m.

### FRIDAY, SEPT. 15 - LOCAL WINE DINNERS

The Wharf offers a wide variety of fare from more than 10 restaurants on property as well as Voyagers at Perdido Beach Resort and The Sunset Cork Room in Gulf Shores. Chefs will curate dinner menus and signature wine pairings, and guests can make reservation directly through the restaurant of their choice.

### SATURDAY, SEPT 16 - GRAND TASTING

It all leads up to the Grand Tasting taking place from noon-4pm. Main Street and Wharf Parkway will be lined with vendors offering samples of the finest food, wine, beer, and spirits. Guests will have the opportunity to cast a vote for their favorite, and the night will close with a ceremony of awards. This year, the champion of the Culinary Competition will be an automatic Elite Qualifier for the World Food Championships in November back at The Wharf. Judges for this year's Culinary Competition will include CEO of Rouses Market, Donny Rouse; owner and executive chef of Panini Pete's Cafe, Pete Blohme; executive chef for Wind Creek Hospitality, Peter D'Andrea; Andy Chapman with Eat Y'all and The Mississippi List; executive editor of Mobile Bay Magazine, Maggie Lacey; and Kendall Gensler, founder of Culinary Concierge Magazine. Festivities also include a luxury yacht walk, sampling from over 15 local restaurants, and so much more. Cooking demonstrations from celebrity chefs will be held on the Rouses Markets Culinary Experience Stage. Chefs will include Jim Smith, executive chef for the State of Alabama; Chef Nino Thibodaux with Rouses Market; and James Briscione and Brooke Parkhurst of Married and Cooking. Tickets for the Grand Tasting are \$70.

### SATURDAY, SEPT 16 - MAKE A WISH FOUNDATION AUCTIONS

The event raises funds for Make-A-Wish® Alabama – an organization devoted to granting wishes to Alabama children with life-threatening medical conditions - through live and silent auctions, and a chef's table raffle. The 2016 Wharf Uncorked Event raised \$15,251 for Make-A-Wish.

FOR ALL EVENT INFO, VISIT [THEWHARFUNCORKED.COM](http://THEWHARFUNCORKED.COM)

## Live bands at Sand Dollar Lifestyle Experience from 2-7 p.m.

### Terry Brock of Kansas, kids' stuff, \$7,500 in giveaways, demos

The Terry Brock and Friends show, featuring performances by local bands MidLife Crisis and LSD, will be part of the Wharf Uncorked festivities on Sept. 16 from 2-7 p.m. A Sand Dollar Lifestyles Summer Experience event. The free show will take place on a stage adjacent to the Sand Dollar Lifestyles stores, with a covered tent and chairs. There will be great food provided by Monroe Meat Company, Kamado

Joe cooking demonstrations, games for kids, and over \$7,500 in raffle prizes.

Jeff Hardy, owner of Sand Dollar hopes his family event takes the fest to the top. "Our vendors have gotten behind us and donated tons of merchandise which we will be giving away throughout the day," he said.

**Terry Brock** is the former lead vocalist and guitarist for Kansas (Carry On My Wayward Son) and currently works with Louisiana's LeRoux (New Orleans Lady).

"This is going to be a great time and is sort of a reunion for me", said Brock. "I grew up in Atlanta with Lee Day (MidLife Crisis) and Scott Koehn (LSD). We have played music over the decades. It's always a great time! We are going to mix it up and make it fun and dancing is encouraged."

Terry plans to ride his Harley over from his home in Panama City Beach and asks other Harley riders to come out for the fun.

Sand Dollar Lifestyles has lifestyle products including apparel, footwear, and outdoor lifestyle brands such as Kamado Joe, Yeti, Costa, Chaco, and many, many more. A longtime local business, Sand Dollar Lifestyles also has shops located in Mobile, Foley, Ridgeland and Gulfport. More company info: [sanddollarlifestyles.com](http://sanddollarlifestyles.com).

**Pictured:** (top) Lisa Zanghi of LSD; (below) Scott Koehn of LSD, Lee Day of Mid-Life Crisis.







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## Sip, Sample & Scampi at Rouses Market Gulf Shores

Sip, Sample & Scampi with Rouses Chef Nino and Delicato Family Vineyards at Rouses Markets Gulf Shores. Sample Noble Vines wines paired with specialty meats and cheeses. Sampling starts at 2pm, Chef Nino's class starts at 3pm. He will prepare a delicious Shrimp Scampi with a butter chardonnay sauce.

**Date:** September 15th

**Location:** Rouses Market Gulf Shores

**Time:** 2-5pm

**Admission:** FREE

**Ages:** 21 and older

# ROUSES MARKETS



## AROUND TOWN



### Mirams accepting reservations for 11th Annual Taste of The Island

The Mystical Order of Mirams is kicking off ticket reservations for the 11th Annual Taste of the Island. Tickets are \$60 each or \$600 for a table of 10. If you would like to reserve a table or reserve individual tickets, please contact Marie Dunlap at miramstreas2017@gmail.com. The Taste of the Island is an all-inclusive extravaganza to be held at the Orange Beach Event Center at the Wharf on Friday, December 1. There will be over 30 local restaurants presenting samples of their cuisine, cocktails, live music, and a silent auction. This is the perfect venue for your office Christmas Party. The Mirams take care of all the details and you get all the credit. **Pictured:** Guests enjoying the festivities and staff from Ruby Slipper, the restaurant winner, at the 2016 Taste of the Island.



### K. of C. Million Dollar Shootout Oct. 6

#### Craft Farms host for 4th Annual Catholic school fundraiser

The 4th Annual Knights of Columbus Million Dollar Shootout Golf Tournament & Helicopter Golf Ball Drop will be held on Friday, Oct. 6 at Craft Farms Golf Club in Gulf Shores. Registration is at 11 a.m., with lunch at 11:30 a.m. and tee-off at 1 p.m. The \$125 entry fee per golfer for the 4-person scramble includes lunch after golf and a chance to win the \$1 million hole in one prize and a 2nd hole in one prize of a trip for two to Hawaii.

The winning team will earn a 3 day/2 night golf trip to the World Golf Village in St. Augustine. The package includes lodging, one round of golf at each of the two golf courses and tickets to the Golf Hall of Fame.

Helicopter ball drop tickets are \$10 each. Each ticket number will correspond with a golf ball number. The owner of the ticket matching the ball that is closest to the pin will win \$1,000. Second place is worth \$500. All proceeds will benefit St. Benedict and St. Patrick Catholic Schools.

For more info or to register, call 205-999-5802 or email tony-crawford7777@gmail.com.

### Fisher's hosting Oct. 1 Saints' brunch w. JJ Robertson to benefit ESPY winner's foundation

Fisher's Restaurant in Orange Beach will host a New Orleans Saint Brunch featuring Jarrius "JJ" Robertson, on Sunday, Oct 1 during the Saints and Miami Dolphins game in London. Kick-off is at 8:30 a.m.

Robertson recently won The Jimmy V Perseverance Award at the ESPYs, and the brunch will benefit It Takes Lives to Save Lives (ittakeslivesstosavelives.com), a charity established by Robertson's family to help other children suffering from biliary atresia, a life-threatening disease of the liver and bile ducts.

JJ will also speak at a Gulf Shores High School pep rally on Sept. 29 and host a meet-n-greet at halftime of the Gulf Shores High football game vs. Faith Academy later that evening at Mickey Blackwell Stadium. JJ will be the honorary captain for the game.

A remarkable blend of medical challenges and magnetic charm, JJ is usually dressed in black and gold. That's what happens when you're a small boy with a big personality, you're in need of an organ donor to save your life, and the New Orleans Saints have basically adopted you and transformed you into a media star.

Several weeks into his life, JJ was diagnosed with biliary atresia, a life-threatening disease of the liver and

bile ducts.

There were many ups and downs, including multiple surgeries, during the initial stages of his life. Then things got really bad. JJ's parents, Jordy Robertson and Patricia Hoyal, could only watch and pray as he was listed for a life-saving transplant and eventually got a new liver soon after his first birthday.

There were more complications. JJ caught pneumonia. His lungs collapsed. He was placed on a respirator. And his breathing issues were only part of his struggles. Doctors at Children's Hospital of New Orleans eventually had to induce a coma – and JJ remained unconscious for close to a year.

"Five, six times we were told he wasn't going to make it," JJ's mom recalled last week. "Then they told us for the seventh time. He was still on the respirator." "We didn't want to see him suffer no more," JJ's dad said. "So we finally signed the papers to let him go ... papers to remove the respirator and let him go."

The respirator was taken away. But JJ was not ready to stop fighting. He started to breathe on his own.

Doctors couldn't really offer much of an explanation.

"It was a miracle – nothing but God," said his mom.



### The Big Event is About to Start: Sept. 15 is Sirens' Football Tailgate Party Drawdown

Final preparations are in place for the Sirens of the Sea Football Tailgate Party Drawdown this Friday, September 15 at the Orange Beach Event Center at The Wharf. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. It is their annual fundraiser and it is shaping up to be a major island event. The band Stormy from Louisiana will provide the musical entertainment for the evening. Stormy's song list is as versatile as their musical abilities. They are composed of a solid rhythm section, horns, and keyboard with male and female vocalists, all of which offer a great variety of music for the entire crowd. Sirens of the Sea, a local women's Mardi Gras krewe, have more than great music in store for this fun filled event. The Drawdown Grand Prize is a hefty \$5000. There is a raffle with wonderful prizes to win. Raffle tickets are only \$2. The prizes this year include a crewed inshore fishing package, a "golf package for two" and the popular "dining out basket. The Silent Auction will offer many superb items to bid on. Just a few of the items this year are a custom gold and diamond starfish pendant from Diamond Jewelers; an Island Collection custom ring from Manning Jewelry; a hotel package from Perdido Beach Resort; a Nascar race package; and a Bahama Bobs Mega Dining Out package. Entrance tickets are \$50 per person and it includes dinner which is catered by Down South BBQ. So put on your favorite NCAA College or NFL Pro Football team fanfare and come out and join us for our "Football Tailgate Party" Drawdown. Sirens of the Sea support our local communities throughout the year. A portion of the proceeds supports several selected local charities, previously including Sea, Sand and Stars Science Center. Their Annual Sirens Scholarship Fund is awarded to a local high school senior for college tuition. Tickets are going fast. For more information or tickets contact Linda Pacatte at 251-402-2218 or Judy Hamby 270-887-9691 or any Siren member.

**Pictured:** Sirens members pictured back row left to right: Carol Layfield, Angela Martin, Joan Contorno, Rose Mary Asman, Judie Hooper, Jennifer Jackson, Linda Pacatte, and Jennifer McEvoy; Front Center: Cindy Latio-lais.



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# 250-foot surveying vessel 20 miles south of beach will be Alabama's next dive site

By David Rainer  
Al. Dept. of Conser. & Nat. Resources

The contract has been signed, sealed and delivered. That means sometime this fall or early winter, Alabama will have a new diving destination about 20 miles south of Orange Beach.

New Venture, a 250-foot surveying vessel, is currently being prepped for deployment and will be towed to a predetermined spot and sunk as soon as the prep work is completed and the weather allows, according to Craig Newton, Alabama Marine Resources Division's (MRD) Artificial Reefs Coordinator.

"Right now, they're in the preparation stage," Newton said. "All the tanks have been cleaned. The vessel is free of any hydrocarbons in the form of diesel fuel, oil, lube or hydraulic fluid. Now it will be moved to another shipyard to clean out the inside. That means cleaning out insulation, wiring, glass, generators and drive train."

Newton said New Venture was once used to perform different types of surveying with big spools that released cable into the water to find possible mineral and oil resources.

"There's a lot of complexity to this vessel, compared to a cargo ship of similar size," Newton said. "It has a lot higher sides than most cargo ships. There are a lot of different levels. It has more decks than a typical ship. So, we're excited about it and the dive possibilities."

Newton said New Venture will be reefed 20 miles south of Orange Beach in 120 feet of water. The top of the structure will be between 55 feet and 60 feet below the surface. Any deployed reefs must have a minimum of 50 feet clearance from the surface.

"When we look for reef sites, we look for coarse sand bottoms that are not too close to adjacent reefs," he said. "We try to place them in spots that help maintain the production potential of the reefs nearby without creating a negative competition among the critters from one reef to the next reef. The

preferred distance between reefs is about 200 meters."

When New Venture is ready, only the stripped hull of the ship will go to the bottom of the Gulf of Mexico.

"We will have them cut holes in the sides of the ship to create pass-throughs and add complexity to the structure," Newton said. "This will increase the habitat quality. It will start holding fish within the first several of months. Maximum productivity will take several years. There's a lot of substrate for what I call bioengineers – corals, bryozoans and sponges and things like that – that will grow on the side of the ship and create complexity at a much smaller level. Those organisms will provide some rugosity to the shipwreck so things like different types of crabs, shrimp, blennies, gobies and damselfish can seek

shelter.

"There will be bigger fish hanging around it within the first few months. Fairly quickly, red snapper, amberjack and blue runners (hardtails) will be swimming

around the shipwreck, as well as tomatoes, gray snapper and triggerfish."

Newton said this shipwreck will provide excellent opportunities for divers with a wide range of skill sets.

"The top of the superstructure will be just 60 feet below the surface, so divers with less experience can go down and see the superstructure and swim in the shallower portions of the shipwreck and stay within their dive limits," he said. "But it's also going to have opportunities for technical divers, divers with more experience, to gain some dive time as well. The dive will be right at 120 feet. With the penetrations and holes we're going to cut into the ship, the technical divers will be able to swim into the shipwreck."

"But we will have somewhat limited access to prevent divers from getting too far into the shipwreck. We're taking precautions to make the dive site as safe as possible and providing opportunities for divers with a wide range of experience."

The money to create the shipwreck came from oil spill funds through a grant from the National Fish and



Wildlife Foundation.

"This deployment is just one component of a larger plan we've been working on the past couple of years," Newton said. "Last year, we spent a little more than \$3.5 million on artificial reefs. We're working on about the same budget this year. The total money allotted for artificial reefs is \$11.8 million. Once that funding is exhausted, we'll have a much more connected ecosystem. We'll have artificial reefs within the 9-mile state waters boundary. We'll enhance the structures that are offshore, and we'll have a much more productive in-shore reef system as well."

"It's important to focus on each one of those areas because of the level of connectivity between in-shore and nearshore habitats. Things like red drum (redfish), flounder and mangrove (gray) snapper grow up in estuaries and migrate to the nearshore waters for spawning. This money is helping to provide habitat where it has been a limiting factor."

Newton said New Venture will be deployed near the LuLu, a 271-foot coastal freighter that was deployed in 2013 with great fanfare. The Alabama Gulf Coast Reef and Restoration

Foundation (AGCRRF) spearheaded a fundraising drive to be able to sink The LuLu, named after famed entertainer Jimmy Buffet's sister, Lucy Buffet.

"It's going to provide ecotourism opportunities," Newton said. "It should be a better draw for people in north Alabama and Georgia who like to dive. They are more likely to come to the Alabama coast and boost the economy here rather than going to Florida."

**"Right now, our dive shops are running trips to The LuLu and making two dives on the same ship. By having a second ship, you do one dive on The LuLu and come back and dive New Venture on the same trip."**

Chandra Wright, a dive enthusiast and ecotourism specialist with the Alabama Gulf Coast Convention and Visitors Bureau, is of the mindset that if we build it, they will

come. "Right now, our dive shops are running trips to The LuLu and making two dives on the same ship," said Wright, who also serves as AGCRRF secretary. "By having a second ship, you do one dive on The LuLu and come back and dive New Venture on the same trip."

"Another perspective on that is as we get more operators running dive trips, if the Down Under (dive shop) is tied up to one of them, the other operator can unload their divers on the other shipwreck. And then at

some point, they can swap."

Wright said diving multiple times on a new wreck is especially rewarding

"When the wreck comes down, it's clean with nothing on it," she said. "Over time you can watch it develop with corals and sponges. It won't take long for the fish to show up. It's fun to see that development."

Wright said the main challenge for the Alabama Gulf Coast will be development of the businesses that serve the dive community.

"We have a limited number of dive operators," she said. "Down Under Dive Shop can carry about 20 divers at a time. We have two or three dive charters that have six-pack (passenger) boats. I think as we get more wrecks, we'll get more divers, and I think we'll see increased capacity in dive operations."

"In fact, a new shop, the High Pressure Dive Shop, opened in Robertsedale after The LuLu went down. They run a six-pack out of Flora-Bama Marina. If people are driving down Highway 59 on the way to the beach, they may not even know we have scuba diving until they see that big dive flag on the way down."

**PICTURED:** (MRD, underwater by Niki Johnson) New Venture, a 250-foot surveying vessel, is being prepped for deployment to the bottom of the Gulf of Mexico about 20 miles south of Orange Beach sometime this fall or early winter. New Venture will join The LuLu, a 271-foot coastal freighter that went to the bottom in the same vicinity in 2013. Chandra Wright poses in front of the logo on her first dive on The LuLu.





## Coastal Art Center ribbon cutting & open house Sept. 28

The ribbon cutting and grand opening for the Coastal Art Center of Orange Beach is scheduled will be held on Sept. 28 from 5-6 pm. The art center is located at 26389 Canal Rd. between Orange Beach Waterfront Park and the Orange Beach Library. For more info, call Desiree Blackwell at 251 981-2787.

The 10,00 sq. ft. Coastal Art Center complex also includes The Hot Glass Shop, The Clay Studio, a cottage for art instruction and a gift shop inside the 5,000 square-foot gallery. The main building will include movable walls, picture windows overlooking Wolf Bay, a second-floor balcony and a grand staircase and wrap-around bay side porches. The gallery will feature local (of course) as well as regional artists as well as touring exhibits. The new facility, by design, closely resembles the building that opened as the Orange Beach Hotel in the 1923, and was later a home to the Callaway family. The city of Orange Beach opened the building as an art & cultural center in 2005 and it is also home to after-school and summer programs for children. The new art center also includes an outdoor stage and a waterfront boardwalk and is available for bookings.

## Gulf Shores Sensory Garden topic of Oct. 4 garden club meeting

Mark Acreman & Harlan Harrison will speak about the beautification project

Mark Acreman and Harlan Harrison from The City of Gulf Shores will be the guest speakers at the Gulf Shores Garden Club's Oct. 4 meeting at the Harry Roberts Community Center, located at 300 East 16th Ave. in Gulf Shores. They will talk to the club about the planned Gulf Shores Sensory Garden that will be built on city owned property across from the Bodenhamer Center.

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. For more club information, call 251-968-568 or visit gsgardenclub.com or facebook.

The Gulf Shores Garden Club provides members 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 members of the Gulf Shores Garden Club part of a special group.

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### WED, SEPT 13

• **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.  
 • **Larry E Powell Memorial Golf Classic:** noon; Peninsula Golf and Racquet Club; Gulf Shores; (251) 968-2930.  
 • **Rat Pack to Motown favorites J.P. and Kathy Lyons:** 6; Franco's; Orange Beach.  
 • **26th Annual Sand, Sea and Spirit Wellness Retreat:** Orange Beach, sandseaand-spirit.com.  
 • **Open Mic Night:** 5:30; Tacky Jack's, Gulf Shores.  
 • **Frankie G On Piano:** 6:30; Franco's Italian Restaurant; 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.

• **Lisa Zanghi & Scott Koehn:** 6:30; Flip-pers, Orange Beach.  
 • **Big Beach Running Club:** 5:30 p.m.; Big Beach Brewery in Gulf Shores; all levels welcome.  
 • **Karaoke:** 7; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.  
 • **John Joiner & Friends:** 7; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.  
 • **Karaoke & Dance Party:** 6; The Purple Parrot; Perdido Key.  
 • **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 8; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.  
 • **Trivia (7:30) Karaoke (9):** The Office, Foley.  
 • **Family Night Dinner & Activities:** 5:45 p.m.; Saint Andrew by the Sea, 17263 Fort Morgan Rd., Gulf Shores; 678-361-2762.  
 • **Bingo:** 7; Moe's BBQ; Foley.  
 • **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.; Ameri-

can Legion Post 99, Foley.  
 • **Trivia Night:** 6:30 p.m.; The Gulf Coast Elks Lodge 2789, Foley; 251-550-1060.  
 • **Prayer Shawl Ministry:** Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Activities Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.  
 • **Bingo:** 6 p.m.; American Legion Post 240; 8666 Gulf Beach Hwy.; Pensacola.  
 • **South Alabama Senior Travelers:** 9 a.m.; Foley Senior Center; visitors welcome; 251-928-4494.  
 • **Orange Beach Friends of the Library:** 10; Library meeting room; 978-4106.  
 • **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.  
 • **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.



### Kenny Vines Memorial Billfish Tourney Sept. 29-30 at Sportsman

#### Money raised at family friendly event benefits Billfish Foundation

There is a good reason that the banner welcoming participants to the Sportsman Marina Tiki Bar for last year's Kenny Vines Memorial Billfishing Tourney aptly described what the tourney is all about: "The Orange Beach Sportfishing Club invites you to come party with us! Oh, by the way, we are hosting a benefit billfishing tournament too."

This year's tourney honoring Vines, scheduled Sept. 29-30, will also be held at Sportsman and will include a dinner and captains' meeting on Sept. 29 and an awards party at 8 p.m. on Sept. 30, both at the Tiki Bar adjacent to the marina. The tourney benefits The Billfish Foundation, one of Vines' many causes, as well as local charities.

The tourney's scale hours are Saturday, Sept. 30 from 5-8 p.m. Tourney winners will receive trophies, prizes and bragging rights at the awards party. The entry fee is only \$200 per boat, with a \$50 charge for each additional angler. Species include Tuna, Wahoo, Dolphin, White Marlin, Blue Marlin and Sailfish.

For more information, visit OrangeBeachSportfishingClub.org, FaceBook, email OBSC2009@gmail.com or call 251-623-3362.

"This tourney is not about the money. One of the only agendas we had when we started it was to make sure it stays a fun tourney," said Tim Howard of the sponsoring Orange Beach Sportfishing Club before last year's tourney.

"A lot of people let their children run the rods. You don't see that in the bigger tourneys. We've had a lot of prizes won by junior anglers. It's one of the tourney's unintended consequences, but Kenny would have loved that."

Kenny Vines, KV to his friends, passed away February 18, 2011 after sustaining a head injury due to a fall. Raised in Perdido, Vines resided in Orange Beach for more than 30 years. The owner and operator of KV Yacht Brokerage, he was an avid sportfisherman, with memberships in the Pensacola and Mobile Big Game Fishing Clubs. He was also active in the Coastal Conservation Association, The Billfish Foundation and the Orange Beach Sportfishing Club.

As a Mobile Big Game Fishing Club board member, Vines was a key member of the Orange Beach Billfish Classic, an all release billfish tournament that was The Billfish Foundation's top U.S. all release billfish tournament (in donor scales) for three consecutive years.

Vines also founded The Elberta German Sausage Festival, a twice-a-year fundraiser for the Elberta Volunteer Fire Department, and the Orange Beach Seafood Festival, a major fundraiser for youth sports in Orange Beach. Vines died the evening prior to the 2011 Orange Beach Seafood Fest.

"Kenny knew more people than anybody else I've ever known," Howard said. "He was just a great friend."

KV was described in the Billfish Foundation website obituary as "a passionate, high energy man with a great sense of humor who was passionate about family, community, sportfishing & billfish conservation. He's greatly missed, his generous spirit will continue to live on through his many philanthropic community efforts."

The Orange Beach Fishing Club meets the third Wednesday of every month at Tacky Jack's in Orange Beach at 6 p.m. **Pictured:** Mark Schweizer and Yvonne Schweizer check in anglers at a past Tourney.

### Legislative internship applications being accepted

Alabama college students have an opportunity to gain firsthand knowledge of the state government process in 2018 through the Legislative Internship Program. Applications are available at ali.state.al.us. Anyone wanting more information can contact the ALI at (334) 242-7411, or the Baldwin County Legislative Office at (251) 937-0240.

The Alabama Legislative Internship Program is taking applications through Oct. 1 for students interested in participating in state government. Each year, interns work about 30 hours a week in the State House in Montgomery during the legislative session. Most Alabama colleges and universities will approve credit for the internship program if contacted in advance.

In 2018, interns will serve from Jan. 2 through April 23. Applicants must be a junior or higher in good standing in their college or graduate school. Students must be an Alabama resident or attending a college or university in Alabama.

Interns will have opportunities to meet state leaders, learn about legislative committee work and observe the legislative process. During their term, interns research issues for individual legislators or legislative committees and handle constituent issues for legislators.

### Jeff Friend Trail closing 'til spring

The Jeff Friend Trail at Bon Secour National Wildlife Refuge will be closed from September 18th until the spring of 2018.

Bon Secour National Wildlife Refuge continually strives to improve their visitors' experiences. In order to continue this effort, the Jeff Friend Trail will undergo construction beginning September 18th through the spring of 2018. During this time frame, the trail will add an improved boardwalk and become ADA accessible. Although this trail will be closed, the Pine Beach Trail, Gator Lake Trail, and Centennial Trail will remain open. We appreciate your patience and look forward to everyone enjoying the renovations!

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### They call Alabama The Crimson Tide, Call me Deacon Blues

- "They got a name for the winners in the world / I want a name when I lose / They call Alabama the Crimson Tide / Call me Deacon Blues."

- *Chorus to the midlife-crisis song about a man with dreams of being a jazz saxophonist, written by Donald Fagen and Walter Becker of Steely Dan. Becker, 67, passed on Sept. 3. Rest in peace, Sir.*

### Community invited to St. Andrew by Sea Wed. family nights

Saint Andrew by the Sea, located at 17263 Fort Morgan Rd. in Gulf Shores will be hosting family nights complete with dinner every Wednesday evening beginning on Sept. 6. Dinner will be served by church volunteers at 5:45 p.m. with children's activities and an adult bible study to follow at 6 p.m. Everyone is welcome, and dinner is provided (no pot luck).

For more info, call Sara Hunter at 678-361-2762.

### Women Against Rape & Domestic Violence fundraiser Oct. 14

Women Against Rape & Domestic Violence will host its second annual fundraiser on October 14 at American Legion Post #33, 1401 W. Intendencia St. in Pensacola. Doors open at 6 p.m. and showtime is at 8 p.m. Acts include Will Easley, Raven Salve, Sential, Andre Williams, Little BB, Lady J, DJ Southern Soul and the Silvertone Summer Band. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. Tickets can be purchased at The Gathering Awareness and Book Center, 314 N. DeVilliers St. or at warondv.org. Call 850-293-2063 or 850-463-0578 for information.

- **Gulf Shores Woman's Club:** 11 a.m.; Palmer Room at Craft Farms; all interested women invited to attend; 251-980-5722.
- **Perdido Key Rotary Club:** 7:30 a.m.; every Wednesday at Triggers. 850.492.8335.
- **Gulf Shores Lions Club:** noon; 2nd & 4th Wednesday; noon; Gulf Shores Community House, 300 E. 16th Avenue; 251-968-2823.
- **Storytime at Pensacola Southwest Branch Library:** free; infant to 5; 10:30-11; 12238 Old Gulf Beach Hwy; (850)453-7780.
- **AA:** Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

### THU, SEPT 14

- **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.
- **26th Annual Sand, Sea and Spirit Wellness Retreat:** Orange Beach, sandseaand-spirit.com.
- **Our Town:** 7:30; South Baldwin Community Theatre; Gulf Shores.
- **The Wharf Uncorked VIP Cook-Off & Grand Tasting:** 6:30 p.m.; The Wharf in Orange Beach; (251) 224-1000.
- **Open Mic:** 7; Snapper's; Orange Beach.
- **Damian Lamb:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach..
- **Karaoke:** 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- **Alabama Lightning:** 6:30; Flippers, Orange Beach.
- **Raising Karma:** 6; Hub Stacy's; Innerarity Point.
- **Lefty Collins:** 6; Lulu's Restaurant,

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.
- **Rick Whaley & Tommy Mazullo:** 6; The Purple Parrot; Perdido Key.
- **LeeAnn Creswell & Lisa Zanghi:** 6; Franco's Italian Restaurant, Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- **Karaoke:** 8; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.
- **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.
- **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.
- **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 westgate.floridatrail.org
- **AA:** Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

### FRI, SEPT 15

- **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.
- **Sirens of the Sea Football Tailgating Drawdown:** 6-10 p.m.; Orange Beach Event Center at The Wharf; Orange Beach.

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“Been seeing such nice sunrise photos on Facebook, I finally got up early enough to enjoy one on the beach,” writes Cathy Deal of Innerarity Point. Above Cathy shares a picture of a Willet shorebird by the swash zone.  
(More Pictures Of The Week On Pages 56 & 58)

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING



### Miracle League has theme song & land for field in Summerdale

Coastal Alabama group's goal now is to raise \$1 million and start playing ball in 2018

Sandy Roots Music Production will produce the official theme song for the Miracle League of Coastal Alabama at the request of Pam Taylor, a board member of the Miracle League. Local songwriters and co-producers Nick Biebricher and Christina Christian and Nashville songwriter Sean Gasaway wrote the theme song, titled appropriately, "Little Miracles." Christina Christian will sing the track, which will be recorded at Sandy Roots Storage Room Studio, under the direction of main producer, Justin Sable Fobes.

Miracle League is an organization providing an opportunity for children and adults with special needs and other developmental disabilities to play baseball on a field designed especially for them. The Gulf Shores Lions Club is the primary sponsor of the field planned for Summerdale.

"We were recently approved to build our field in Summerdale," Taylor said. "We are in the initial stages of fundraising and we needed a theme song," said.

The specialized baseball field will feature a cushioned, synthetic, rubberized surface that will eliminate any barriers to wheelchairs, walkers or other mobility devices. The complex will also include handicapped accessible dugouts, restrooms and drinking fountains as well as a boundless playground where children of all abilities can play together side by side.

The Miracle League's motto is: "We cannot change or cure the medical issues life has dealt our children with disabilities. What we can do is

provide them with an opportunity to experience the joy and benefits that come from playing America's pastime, baseball!"

Biebricher said Taylor and Christian have a long time relationship going back to when Taylor was Christina's elementary school speech teacher.

"We are grateful we were asked to be a part of this project," Biebricher said. "When Pam approached Christina about writing the song, we both knew this was a great opportunity to show a local charity what we could do as writers and what our company could do from a commercial production standpoint. We asked our friend and co-writer Sean Gasaway to join as a writer and we wrote a great song we feel will boost their fundraising."

"When Pam said they loved the song, we offered an 'at cost' production deal," Biebricher added. "They are very grateful for our help and we are all equally proud to be a part of the project."

For info about making a contribution to The Miracle League of Coastal Alabama, visit [miracleleaguecoastalalabama.com](http://miracleleaguecoastalalabama.com) or go to facebook.

Sandy Roots Music provides services such as event coordinator and management, talent buying, stage production, private concerts and booking. More info: [Sandyrootsmusic@gmail.com](mailto:Sandyrootsmusic@gmail.com) or call (251) 284-2443.

**Pictured:** (above) Songwriters Nick Biebricher, Christina Christian, Sean Gasaway; (Below) Miracle League of Coastal Alabama visiting The Miracle League of Pensacola for its last game of the season.



**Our Town:** 7:30; South Baldwin Community Theatre; Gulf Shores.  
**Rat Pack & Motown w. James Proctor & Kathy Lyons:** 6; Franco's; Orange Beach.  
**26th Annual Sand, Sea and Spirit Wellness Retreat:** Orange Beach, [sandseaspirit.com](http://sandseaspirit.com).  
**Live Karaoke in the Tiki Bar:** 6; Live Bait, Orange Beach.  
**David Jones:** 7; SanBar, Courtyard, Orange Beach.  
**Big Daddy Mac:** 6:30; Big Beach Brewery; Gulf Shores.  
**Soul Food Junkies:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.  
**Bo Grant of The Platters:** 7; Papa Rocco's, Gulf Shores.  
**Jason Justice:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach..

**The Wharf Uncorked Wine Dinners:** various restaurants throughout Pleasure Island.  
**Southern Star:** 6:30; American Legion Post 99, Foley.  
**Coconut Radio:** 6; Lulu's Restaurant, Gulf Shores.  
**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.  
**DJ-Karaoke:** 9; The Jellyfish, Perdido Key.  
**Rhonda Hart & Friends:** 6; The Purple Parrot; Perdido Key.  
**Crosstown:** 7; Hub Stacy's; Innerarity Point.  
**Karaoke:** 8; Snapper's; Orange Beach.

### Luna's Eat & Drink Oktoberfest Oct. 1 in Orange Beach

The 2nd Annual Luna's Eat & Drink Oktoberfest will be held on Saturday, Oct. 1 from 2-6 p.m. at the restaurant's beautiful complex at 25689 Canal Rd. in Orange Beach.

The party will feature German food selections as well as polka music, stein hoisting, games and other festivities. Tickets are on sale now for \$10 and include a beer mug. A portion of proceeds will go to the Orange Beach Animal Care & Control Program. Ages 21 and up need to purchase entry ticket. Tickets are available at Luna's Eat & Drink, Cosmo's Restaurant & Bar, Cobalt, Cosmo's Restaurant & Bar and Maggie's Bottle n' Tail. Individual food/drink tickets are \$2. For more info, visit [lunaseatanddrink.com](http://lunaseatanddrink.com).

### 6th Gulf Shores Kiwanis Sporting Clay Shoot Sept. 23

The Kiwanis Club of Gulf Shores 6th Annual Sporting Clay Shoot will be held on September 23 from 8 a.m. 'til 2 p.m. at Bushy Creek Clays in Perdido. The event includes seven award levels, and raffles for a gun and a Yeti cooler. Cost is \$125 per person, including breakfast and lunch. Registration, and 5-Stand Warm Up starts at 8 a.m. Shooting starts at 9 a.m. and lunch and awards immediately folloing the shoot. For more info, visit the Gulf Shores Kiwanis facebook page.

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING

- **Karaoke:** 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- **Open Jam:** 8; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.
- **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.
- **Foley Rotary Club:** 12:15 p.m.; Gift Horse Restaurant in Foley; foleyrotary@gulftel.com.
- **Alcoholics Anonymous:** noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center; 13660 Innerarity Pt. Rd.; 850-492-3056 or 492-6362.

### SAT, SEPT 16

- **Flora-Bama Possible Probables:** 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
- **Eric Church Holdin' My Own Tour with Brothers Osborne & Ashley McBryde:** 7 p.m.; The Wharf Amphitheater, Orange Beach.
- **Our Town:** 7:30; South Baldwin Community Theatre; Gulf Shores.
- **Rat Pack & Motown w. James Proctor & Kathy Lyons:** 6; Franco's; Orange Beach.
- **Ben Lofton & Family:** 6:30; Big Beach Brewery; Gulf Shores.
- **Bo Grant of The Platters:** 7; Papa Rocco's, Gulf Shores.
- **Mickey Springsteen:** noon; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach..
- **Soul Food Junkies:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach..
- **Destiny Brown:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- **John Henry Karaoke:** 9; The Office, Foley.
- **Live Karaoke in the Tiki Bar:** 6; Live Bait, Orange Beach.
- **John Lee Sanders:** 6; Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **26th Annual Sand, Sea and Spirit Wellness Re-**

- treat:** Orange Beach, sandseaandspirit.com.
- **The 29th Annual Coastal Cleanup:** 8 a.m. - noon; all coastal waterways in Florida & Alabama; alabamacoastalcleanup.com.
- **Lee Yankee:** 5; Lulu's Restaurant, Gulf Shores.
- **The Wharf Uncorked Grand Tasting:** noon - 4 p.m.; The Wharf in Orange Beach; (251) 224-1000.
- **Karaoke By Kelly:** 9; Island Time Daquari Bar, The Wharf, Orange Beach.
- **Two of Hearts:** 6; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- **Karaoke:** 8; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.
- **DJ-Karaoke:** 9; The Jellyfish, Perdido Key.
- **Karaoke:** 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- **Open Jam:** 8; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.
- **The Blenders:** 7; Hub Stacy's; Innerarity Point.
- **Coastal Alabama Farmers and Fishermans Market:** 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.; 20733 Miflin Rd. (County Rd. 20), Foley.
- **Baldwin County Republican Executive Committee:** 10 a.m.; Robertsdale 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, SEPT 17

- **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.



### Gulf Shores Woman's Club Fashion Show Oct. 5 at Craft Farms

The Gulf Shores Woman's Club will host its 15th annual fashion show Thursday, October 5, at Craft Farms. This year's show will feature the theme of "Happy Fall...Y'all" with fashions from the Beach House Boutique, Chico's, Jubilee Apparel & Gifts, Wildflowers and Soma. Doors will open at 10 am for a silent auction with lunch and the fashion show starting at 11:30 AM. Proceeds from the event will benefit local charities. For tickets and additional information, interested individuals may call 251-233-2440.

**Pictured:** Gulf Shores Woman's Club Board members, pictured following a planning meeting for their annual fashion show (L-R) standing, Kay Herrin, Karen Brown, Rosemary Reichstetter and GSWC President Sherry Dasko, seated, Fashion Show Chair Wilma Trent, Ann Russell and Beverly Barr.

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# WHAT'S HAPPENING



- **Flora-Bama Possible Probables:** 1 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
- **Customer Appreciation Night:** 6; Free food; 1st drink free; 25% off gift shop; Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
- **Our Town:** 2 p.m.; South Baldwin Community Theatre; Gulf Shores.
- **Destiny Brown:** 6; Papa Rocco's, Gulf Shores.
- **Rat Pack & Motown w. James Proctor & Kathy Lyons:** 6; Franco's; Orange Beach.
- **26th Annual Sand, Sea and Spirit Wellness Retreat:** Orange Beach, sand-seaandspirit.com.
- **Pierce Parker:** noon; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach..
- **Matt Slowick:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach..
- **Greg Brown:** noon; Lulu's Restaurant, Gulf Shores.
- **Alvarado Road Show:** 5; Lulu's Restaurant, Gulf Shores.
- **Lisa Christian:** 2 p.m.; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- **Sunday Couples Golf Scramble:** 2 p.m.;

- open to all; Glen Lakes Golf Course; Foley; 251-955-1220.
- **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, SEPT 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.
- **26th Annual Sand, Sea and Spirit Wellness Retreat:** Orange Beach, sand-seaandspirit.com.
- **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.
- **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.
- **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

## Al. Marine Resources announces changes to crab regulations

Effective September 24, there will be several changes to the Alabama crab regulations that apply to both commercial and recreational crabbing.

The changes include the following:

- The possession of egg-bearing female crabs, otherwise known as gravid, berried or sponge crabs, will be prohibited and must be immediately returned to the water. There will be an exception from January 15 through May 15 each year.
- All crab traps must contain at least two unobstructed escape rings with a minimum inside diameter of 2 5/16 inches located on vertical surfaces. There must be one ring per chamber. Catchers will have until March 1, 2018 to have the escape rings installed.

- From April 1 through September 30, a licensed crab catcher may obstruct or remove the escape rings after obtaining a free permit from the Marine Resources Division, for the purpose of catching pre-molt crabs, otherwise known as "busters" or "peelers."

The closure line in the northeast corner of Mobile Bay in the Blakeley River running from Blakeley Channel marker 18 to the southern tip of Big Island will be removed. Crab traps may be placed up to the eastbound lane of Interstate-10 at the Blakeley River.

During the first and second day of each calendar month, a validly licensed crab catcher may recover traps that are unidentified and derelict or abandoned. The catcher must make a report to AMRD with the number of traps, the location and any additional information required by AMRD. These reports must be made by close of the next business day (excludes holidays and weekends). Enforcement officers with AMRD will be making efforts to educate commercial and recreational crab catchers about the regulation changes.

**Pictured:** Volunteers managed to pluck 84 derelict crab traps from upper Mobile Bay during the Alabama Marine Resources' removal program this past April. The effort was concentrated on the shallow flats across from the USS Alabama battleship.



## Gulf Shores Elementary August Terrific Kids

Congratulations to Gulf Shores Elementary School's Terrific Kids for August 2017. Terrific Kids is a program that honors positive character traits in students. Our local Kiwanis Club sponsors our Terrific Kid program. **(Above)** PreK-2nd grade August Terrific Kids in no particular order: Harrison Howard, Naevia Parasimenco, Sudeeksha Acharya, Catherine McAleer, Hau Muang, Tinslee Beebe, Asliyah Thomas, Ruby Ryall, Bruce Burge, Addison Michaleski, Manuela Martins, Alyssa Helton, Channing Franks, Maddy Tabb, Nicholas Chiseev, Bailey Burgess, Isaiah Schmidt, Nathan O'Neal, Bennett Morgan, Hampton Howard, Dylan Oldham, Darby Ryall. Not pictured: Haylie Stack. **(Below)** Grades 3-6 August Terrific Kids in no particular order: Kenly Nelson, Bella Cole, Fiona Douglas, Phoenix Wallace, Carter Jones, Joey McAleer, Yanni Angelidakis, Devin Horne, Keller King, Allie Lawson, Ethan Morgan, Graham Stewart, Gina Robinett, Claire Colvin, Carter Kazman, Bella Sallin, Gavin Burttram, Sabastion Kuntsmann, Chloe Ramsey, Carter Baugh, Wyatt Wilson, Ian Gotschall, David Carr, Brayden Glosson.



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## WHAT'S HAPPENING

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, SEPT 19

• **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.

• **26th Annual Sand, Sea and Spirit Wellness Retreat:** Orange Beach, sandseaand-spirit.com.

• **Sandy Roots Songwriters Series:** 6; The Point, Innerarity Point.

• **Yoga In The Taproom:** 5:30; Big Beach Brewery; Gulf Shores.

• **Ronnie Presley:** 5; Lulu's Restaurant, Gulf Shores.

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

• **Sam Glass:** 6; The Purple Parrot; Perdido Key.

• **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 8; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.

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

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

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

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

• **NAPA Pool League:** 7:30; The Office, Foley.

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

• **Karaoke w. John Henry:** 5:30; American Legion Post 99, Foley.

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

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

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

• **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.

• **Lillian Women's Club:** third Tues. of month; 11:30 a.m., Lillian Community Club; lunch & meeting at noon; 251-961-1449.

• **South Baldwin Numismatic Society:** 7 p.m.; second Tuesday of each month; Foley High School cafeteria; 251-943-1486.

• **Pleasure Island Junior Women's Club:** 6 p.m.; Gulf Shores Adult Activity Center; enjoy meeting other ladies from our area; food & beverages provided; 251-213-3757.

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

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

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

• **Orange Beach Fisherman's Assn.:** Meets the second Tuesday of each month, 7 p.m. at the Orange Beach Community Center.

• **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

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING

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, SEPT 20

- **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.
- **Delta Reign Duo:** 5; Lulu's Restaurant, Gulf Shores.
- **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 8; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **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; Hub Stacy's At The Point, Innerarity Point.
- **Lisa Zanghi, Scott Koehn:** 6:30; Flippers, Orange Beach.
- **Family Night Dinner & Activities:** 5:45 p.m.; Saint Andrew by the Sea, 17263 Fort Morgan Rd., Gulf Shores; 678-361-2762.
- **Bingo:** 7; Moe's BBQ; Foley.
- **Big Beach Running Club:** 5:30 p.m.; Big Beach Brewery in Gulf Shores; all levels welcome.
- **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 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.
- **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 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, SEPT 21

- **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.
- **2nd annual Art into Words:** 6:30 p.m.; Erie Meyer Civic Center; 1930 W. 2nd St., Gulf Shores, (251) 968-1434.
- **Alabama State Tri-Level Tennis Championships:** Peninsula Golf and Racquet Club; Gulf Shores, (251) 974-2468.
- **LeAnne Creswell & Lisa Zanghi:** 6; Franco's; Orange Beach.
- **Jimmy Maraventano:** 6; Sassy Bass Amazin' Grill; Ft. Morgan.

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# WHAT'S HAPPENING



## Toups, Niemann headline Oct. 12-15 National Shrimp Festival

Jerrold Niemann and Wayne Toups (pictured) are the respective Friday and Saturday headlining musical acts during the 46th Annual National Shrimp Festival scheduled Oct. 12-15 at Gulf Shores Public Beach. As always, the more than 80 hours of musical musical acts at the fest will include Blues, Motown, Southern Rock, Jazz, Zydeco and Country. The fest begins at 10 a.m. each day and runs through 10 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and 5 p.m. on Sunday.

In addition to 300 vendors offering fine art,

arts & crafts, the fest features a retail marketplace, outdoor village, children's activity village, sand castle contest and a 10K/5K run (at the Orange Beach Sportsplex). The best of the best youth talent from Baldwin County will compete in the Shrimp Festival Singing for Scholarships program on Saturday at 10 a.m.

Of course, the fest will showcase shrimp cooked just about any way you can imagine. For more info, visit [myshrimpfest.com](http://myshrimpfest.com). **Pictured:** Jerrod Niemann, Wayne Toups, Lisa Christian.

### 2017 SHRIMP FEST MUSIC SCHEDULE

#### Thursday, Oct. 12

##### East Stage

4:00-4:45 - Top Hat & Jackie  
5:00-6:00 - Strickly Isbell w/Mason Henderson  
6:30-8:00 - Dr. Zarr's Amazing Funk Monster  
8:30-10:00 - Fly By Radio

##### West Stage

10:00-3:45 - Dallas the Fire Guy  
4:00-5:00 - Lisa Christian & Vic Saul  
5:15-6:15 - Midnight Confessions  
6:45-7:45 - David Jones  
8:15-10:00 - The Tip Tops

#### Friday, Oct. 13

##### East Stage

4:00-5:00 - Tommy Morse Band  
5:15-6:15 - Mainstream Band GA  
6:45-7:45 - Slide Bayou  
8:15-10:00 - Chee-Weez  
**West Stage**  
10:00 - 3:00 - Dallas the Fire Guy  
4:00-5:00 - Eric Erdman / Ryan Balthrop  
5:30-6:30 - Jason Justice and the Hung Jury  
7:00-8:00 - CJ Solar  
8:30-10:00 - Jerrod Niemann

#### Saturday, Oct. 14

##### East Stage

10:00-1:00 - Singing for Scholarships  
4:00-5:45 - Ten Penny Gypsy  
6:00-8:00 - Johnny Hayes and the Love Seats  
8:15-10:00 - Velcro Pygmies

##### West Stage

10:00 - 3:00 - Dallas the Fire  
4:00-5:15 - Shelby Brown  
5:30-6:30 - David Chastang and The New Found  
6:45-8:00 - Wes Loper Band  
8:30-10:00 - Wayne Toups

#### Sunday, Oct. 15

##### East Stage

10:00-11:30 - Chillbillies  
11:45-1:15 - Paw Paw's Medicine Cabinet  
1:45-3:00 - Rhythm Intervention  
3:30-5:00 - Marlow Boys

##### West Stage

10:00-11:15 - Worship Service  
11:30-1:00 - Lisa Dotolo  
1:15-2:45 - Groovinators  
3:00-5:00 - Yeah, Probably

### 2017 Shrimp Fest Front Cover Committee Picture ID

**First Row** L-R: Ruth Dailey, Kelsey McCarron, Jody Marsh, Jackie Madison, Ron Arnold, Lee Kramer, John McCormick, Angela Ballard, Marietta Wolf, Suzette Hataway, Allison Hendricks, Jenny Manders. **Second Row** L-R: Marsha Comeaux, Lewis Detlefsen, Lee Hagan, Mike Broussard, Terri Cole, Vicki Stillings, Spencer Cade, Renee Jones, Jason Donald, Charley Ogle-tree, Brett Hataway, Brittany Parks. **Third Row** L-R: Brandi Ingram, Katy Petrovics, Jane Tarver, Dara Richards, Sharon Wiese, Preston Williams, Bud Stewart, Cindy Stewart, Suzetta Mimms, Steve Jones, Kelly Wallace, Clayton Wallace, Beth Ann Mills, Don McPherson. **Fourth Row** L-R: Lisa Barnhart, Tim Barnhart, Lauren Stillings, Maegan Bratton, Cindy Holcomb, Mona McPherson, Sam Washington.

**Not Pictured:** Jim Bailey, Ginny Barnas, Rob Barnas, Beverly Barr, Matt Bass-Bergeron, Tim Brown, Susan Brush, Don Chambers, Merilee Chambers, Paul Davis, Richard Dickinson, Jim and Pat Eberlein, Todd Edwards, Jennifer Faulk, Pam Gilliam, Bonita Goram, Marla Graham, Noel Hand, Andrew Hart, Leigh Hocutt, Andrea Hodo, Brandon Hubbard, Joi Hubbard, Michelle Tate, Maxine Johnson, Frank Malone, Taylor Means, Don Meghreblian, Mary Kay Melster, Sheena Mizell, John Owens, Mark Robinson, Ed Rodriguez, Susan Sizemore, Megan Smith, Rodney Stephens, Vince Von Eberstein, Marlo Webb, Ike Williams, Stephanie Williams, Sgt. Jason Woodruff

- **Travis Posey:** 6:30; Big Beach Brewery, Gulf Shores.
- **Jim Andrews:** 7; SanBar, Courtyard, Orange Beach.
- **Open Mic:** 7; Snapper's; Orange Beach.
- **Alabama Lightning:** 6:30; Flippers, Orange Beach.
- **Adam Holt:** 5; Lulu's Restaurant, Gulf Shores.
- **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.
- **Jerry Gambino:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke:** 8; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.
- **Karaoke:** 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.

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- **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 7; Papa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **8 Ball APA:** 7:30; The Office, Foley.
- **Cornhole Tourney:** 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.; 251-972-8721.
- **Gulf Shores United Methodist Church Bread Ministry:** 9-10; every Thursday;

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- **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://west-gate.floridatrail.org>

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

## FRI, SEPT 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.

- **Rat Pack & Motown w. James Proctor & Kathy Lyons:** 6; Franco's; Orange Beach.
- **Charles Grant (formerly of The Platters):** 7; Papa Roccas; Gulf Shores.
- **Alabama State Tri-Level Tennis Championships:** Peninsula Golf and Racquet Club; Gulf Shores, (251) 974-2468.
- **Scott Koehn / Lisa Zanghi:** 7; SanBar; Courtyard, Orange Beach.

- **Lisa Christian:** 6:30; Big Beach Brewery, Gulf Shores.
- **Damian Lamb:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.
- **Battle at the Beach Junior Tennis Tournament:** Orange Beach Tennis Center; Orange Beach, (251) 974-6387.
- **Live Karaoke in the Tiki Bar:** 6; Live Bait, Orange Beach.
- **JERI:** 5; Lulu's Restaurant, Gulf Shores.
- **Kris Hergenreder:** 6; Papa Rocco's,

Gulf Shores.

- **Lady Di & Uncle Mike:** 7; The Office, Foley.
- **John Lee Sanders:** 6; Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **Mason Henderson:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- **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.



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For more info, visit [bikeMS.org](http://bikeMS.org), call 855-372-1331 or email [fundraisingsupport@nmss.org](mailto:fundraisingsupport@nmss.org).

Bike MS brings people together as individuals and as teams to conquer a challenge and share an unforgettable experience with friends, family and coworkers—while raising money to make a difference in the lives of people affected by MS.

Multiple sclerosis is an unpredictable, often disabling disease of the central nervous system that disrupts the flow of information within the brain, and between the brain and body. Symptoms range from numbness and tingling to blindness and paralysis. The progress, severity and specific symptoms of MS in any one person cannot yet be predicted, but advances in research and treatment are leading to better understanding and moving us closer to a world free of MS. Most people with MS are diagnosed between the ages of 20 and 50, with at least two to three times more women than men being diagnosed with the disease. MS affects more than 2.3 million worldwide. For more information about the National MS Society go to [nationalMSSociety.org](http://nationalMSSociety.org) or call 800-344-4867.

## Eric Church's Sept. 16 show at Wharf Amphitheater sells out

Tickets are available on secondary markets (and surely from other fans with extras before the show), but not Ticketmaster for the 7 p.m. Sept. 16 Eric Church (pictured) concert at the Wharf Amphitheater in Orange Beach. Brothers Osborne and Ashley McBryde open.



Church's 'Holdin' My Own Tour' concludes with the Route 91 Harvest Festival Sept. 29 in Las Vegas. Before the year is out, he will have performed live for over 1 million fans. Church typically plays some 37 songs nightly from his catalog of five studio albums. The six-month tour will reach 38 states and six Canadian provinces.

"It's a big stage, but it's not flashy," Church's longtime manager, John Peets, told Billboard. "There's no pyro. There's no moving big lights. The biggest thing we did for production was add a second light rig, because we light up the whole back part of the bowl and the floor. It created this 'we're all in this together' kind of vibe."

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1 pkg. (11.25 oz.) frozen garlic Texas toast

Heat oven to 400 degrees. Combine first 3 ingredients in medium bowl; stir in 1-1/2 cups cheese. Spread onto bottom of 13x9-inch baking dish sprayed with cooking spray. Bake 15 min. Arrange toast slices over casserole sprinkle with remaining cheese. Bake 15 min. or until casserole is heated through, and toast is crisp and golden brown.

Enjoy!



### All About Dogs Rescue Golf Scramble Sept. 22

All About Dogs Coastal Rescue will host its 6th Annual Going to the Dogs Golf Scramble to raise funds to support its rescue and adoption efforts on Friday, Sept. 22 at Craft Farms Golf Resort. Registration begins at 10:30 a.m., with the shotgun start set for noon.

Golfers can sign up individually (\$100) or as a team (\$400) in men's and women's flights for the four player scramble. The fee includes green fees, cart fees, range balls, lunch and prizes.

Special hole-in-one prizes include \$10,000 cash, a set of Callaway irons, a Sharp LCD flat screen TV and roundtrip domestic airfare for two. Sponsorships are available. Donations of gift certificates or products for prizes would also be appreciated. For more player or sponsor info, contact tourney director Tom Bruce at 948-5307 or tombruce1943@gmail.com.

All About Dogs Coastal Rescue is an all volunteer group of dedicated animal lovers committed to rescue, rehabilitate and find homes for abused and abandoned dogs in South Baldwin County. Its efforts in taking dogs into the program help reduce the number of healthy dogs euthanized at local shelters. All dogs placed in the non-profit's care are given appropriate and needed medical treatment, temperament evaluation and socialization in preparation for adoption. All dogs are fully vaccinated, spayed or neutered, heartworm tested and treated prior to adoption. Potential adopters are interviewed for a proper match before approval for adoption. It operates solely on donations and fund raising events, and every dollar donated goes directly to provide medical and daily care for our rescue pets.

**Pictured:** Brad is a very handsome 2 yr old Beagle. Brad and two female Beagles, were rescued after spending an unknown length of time on their own



### God is Great! Musical Celebration Sept. 24 at St. Mark's in Elberta

Jennie Williamson from AriSon Records will be featured in "God is Great! A Musical Celebration" at St. Mark's Lutheran in Elberta on Sunday morning, September 24 at 8:45 a.m.

Jennie brings an energy and excitement for Jesus that is contagious! Her music and live events are filled with incredible messages of love and hope that reaches the hearts of every audience. The community is invited to attend the event which is for all ages.

Jennie will also lead the singing at the 9:45 a.m. service that morning. St. Mark's is located at 13220 Main Street in Elberta. For more information, call the church office at 986-8133.

The morning of special music is part of St. Mark's 500th Anniversary of the Reformation events this fall.

In graduate school, Jennie was a National Finalist for the American Choral Directors Graduate-Student Conducting Competition.

In 2000, Jennie started her career in Christian Music. In 2004, Jennie and her husband Brian created AriSon Records to share God's love and His truths through music.

Singing, speaking and teaching are all very important to Jennie. While she understands that words and text are good for the cognitive part of our brain, she feels the soul is sometimes left untouched. "Music is just one unique way of reaching, touching and communicating God's love and truths to the deepest parts of our hearts," she said.

This is Jennie's third time to share her music with members and the community in Elberta. Jennie and Brian live in Franklin, TN, with their two beautiful girls Emma Lou, 12 and Eva Jane, 7.

- **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.
- **Beyond The Break:** 7; Hub Stacy's; Innerarity Point.
- **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, SEPT 23

- **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.
- **Tangerine Station:** 7; Pirates Cove, Josephine.
- **Alabama State Tri-Level Tennis Championships:** Peninsula Golf and Racquet Club; Gulf Shores, (251) 974-2468.
- **Battle at the Beach Junior Tennis Tournament:** Orange Beach Tennis Center; Orange Beach, (251) 974-6387.
- **David Jones:** 7; SanBar, Courtyard, Orange Beach.
- **Live Karaoke in the Tiki Bar:** 6; Live Bait, Orange Beach.
- **Moonshine Wagon:** 6:30; Big Beach Brewery, Gulf Shores.

- **Three Bean Soup:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- **Eden Brown:** 6; Papa Rocco's, Gulf Shores.
- **Two of Hearts:** 6; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- **JJ Revival:** 9; The Office, Foley.
- **Weave & Beav:** 5; Lulu's Restaurant, Gulf Shores.
- **Matt Slowick:** noon; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.
- **Jessie Howell:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke By Kelly:** 9; Island Time Daquari Bar, The Wharf, Orange Beach.
- **Flip Flop Mafia:** 7; Flippers, Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke:** 8; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.
- **DJ-Karaoke:** 9; The Jellyfish, Perdido Key.
- **Open Jam:** 8; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.
- **Karaoke:** 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- **Platinum Premier:** 7; Hub Stacy's; Innerarity Point.
- **Coastal Alabama Farmers and Fishermen's 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.
- **Ladies AA:** 9 a.m.; Perdido Bay UMC



**ELKS LODGE 2782 PRESENTS GIFT CARDS TO EVACUEES:** As hurricane IRMA bore down on our friends in Florida, officials here opened the Baldwin County Coliseum in Robertsdale as a hurricane shelter. Ultimately, about 350 evacuees entered the facility. Led by Exalted Ruler Al Rose of Gulf Coast Lodge 2782 in Foley, the officers decided to contribute 100 \$20 Walmart gift cards to be used by the evacuees. The Walmart clerk patiently spent nearly an hour validating the 100 cards. (Above) Watching the cards being validated are Al Rose, Vicki Brendemuhl and Robert Herrin. Robert and Al collect the receipt. After completing the validation process, the ELK Officers drove to the shelter and presented the gift cards to officials. Stories of, "He only has the clothes on his back," were heard. The shelter officials expressed their gratitude for the ELK's assistance.

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING



### Sept. 15 Youth Reach Golf Tourney benefits dual hurricane relief efforts

Youth-Reach Golf Coast will in recognition of all that has transpired in the past few weeks, will donate a generous portion of the proceeds from its Sept. 15 golf tourney at Craft Farmstos hurricane relief efforts. The entry fee for the Youth Reach Golf Tournament is \$500 per team. The format is four person scramble, and the team fee includes green fees, golf carts, range balls, golf tees, door prizes, tournament prizes, and closest to the pin, and longest drive contests. Registration will begin at 7 a.m., with a shotgun start at 8 a.m. Raffle tickets will be sold, and the event also includes silent and live auctions. For more info, call 251-979-9566 or 251-967-4809.

Youth-Reach is a 24/7 home with all the expenses associated with a family household, including utility bills, food, clothing, and a staff of six who provide a variety of services, including counseling. There is no state funding. The Founder's Circle was established to help provide funds. Membership is \$100 a month to enable the staff to provide quality service to the young men trying to change their lives. The young men at Youth-Reach have their chores to help run the house, keeping their rooms in order, doing laundry and kitchen duty.

Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

### SUN, SEPT 24

- **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, 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.
- **Customer Appreciation Night:** 6; Free food; 1st drink free; 25% off gift shop; Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
- **Rat Pack & Motown w. James Proctor & Kathy Lyons:** 6; Franco's; Orange Beach.
- **Mac Walter:** noon; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach..
- **Jessie Howell:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach..
- **Rock Bottom:** 3 p.m.; Big Beach Brewery, Gulf Shores.
- **Sunday 2-Person Scramble:** Every Sun. at 2 p.m.; Glenlakes Golf Club, Foley, (251) 955-1220.
- **Destiny Brown:** 6; Papa Rocco's, Gulf Shores.
- **Lisa Christian:** 2 p.m.; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- **Greg Brown:** noon; Lulu's Restaurant, Gulf Shores.
- **Cadillac Attack:** 5; Lulu's Restaurant, Gulf Shores.
- **John Lee Sanders:** 6; Voyagers at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **Alabama State Tri-Level Tennis Championships:** Peninsula Golf and Racquet Club; Gulf Shores, (251) 974-2468.
- **Battle at the Beach Junior Tennis Tournament:** Orange Beach Tennis Center; Orange Beach, (251) 974-6387.
- **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.



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**BAILEY MIDDLE SCHOOL'S EMILI CAMPBELL EARNS KIWANIS SCHOLARSHIP:** Congratulations to Miss Emily Campbell, this year's Bailey Middle School student who will receive 4 years of college tuition provided by the Kiwanis Club of Big Lagoon through the club's participation in the Take Stock In Children program. This is the club's 18th year of participating in this extremely successful mentoring and scholarship program. The club's 2018 budget provides two more TSIC scholarships. TSIC is a statewide program which provides mentors to middle school students to help guide them to success through high school graduation. If the student maintains grades, exhibits good citizenship, and stays away from drugs and alcohol, they receive a four-year, all tuition paid scholarship. Individuals and organizations such as Kiwanis donate funds for the scholarship. The state matches the contribution. These students are selected based on need and potential. Many would never have an opportunity to pursue a college degree. The Kiwanis Club of Big Lagoon meets on Sept. 19 and Sept. 26 at the Perdido Bay Community Center at 8 a.m. Guests are always welcome.

### L.A. Beach Writers will meet Sept. 18 at Gulf Shores Library

The L. A. Beach Writers group will resume its monthly meetings on Monday, September 18 (new date)

from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Thomas B. Norton Public Library in Gulf Shores. The first hour will be the planned program, "You Can Write."

Wayne Brady (pictured) will share a few ideas that will help you refine and polish your writing whether you are a beginner or a published writer. The second hour will be a review of meeting format changes designed to strengthen the group and encourage more participation. For more info, call 251-490-8072 or email gwbrady@aol.com.



• **9 Ball APA:** 6; The Office, Foley.

### MON, SEPT 25

• **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.

• **Smookey 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



**SEPER FI FAST:** 10 years old Nick Roberts from Gulf Shores won the Semper Fi 5K in Pensacola on September 9 for the second year consecutive. Nick's brother, Jesse Roberts, 11 years old, also ran and was a respectable 4th place. Both young men go to Gulf Shores Elementary School. This 34th Semper Fi 5 K is sponsored by the Marine Corp League and raised 26,000 dollars for children in need.



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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; (Berry & Highway 59).

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

• **Alcoholics Anonymous and Alanon:** Holy Spirit Episcopal Church in Gulf Shores at noon; Alanon at Orange Beach Presbyterian Church in Orange Beach at 7 p.m.; 800-477-1104.

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

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

## TUE, SEPT 26

• **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. • **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.

• **Jimmy Lumpkin:** 5; Lulu's Restaurant, 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 Miflin Rd.,

Foley.

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

• **NAPA Pool League:** 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-

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# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## WHAT'S BITING

By DAVID RAINER

### The Stealthy Flounder

Alabama coastal waters are blessed with more than one species of flounder. The Gulf flounder is found mainly along the beaches where the water is salty and the bottom is sandy. The mottled patterns and colors on the Gulf flounder are defined with distinct patterns. The second species is the southern flounder, which gets significantly larger than the Gulf flounder and has a much less-defined color pattern.

Both species are especially adept at camouflaging themselves. Flounders are able to change colors to adapt to their surroundings, and they can also become partially buried in soft bottoms and sand bottoms.

Stealth is what makes them such effective ambush predators and gives anglers along the Alabama Gulf Coast a chance to hook one of these flat-fish, which are prized for their delicate, light flesh.

Flounder spend the winter months in the Gulf of Mexico, where both species spawn. That means as that the coastal waters cool this fall, the flounder will begin their fall migration toward the Gulf.



Unlike other popular inshore fish, flounder tend to follow similar routes to the Gulf each year. They concentrate in the channels and passes leading to the Gulf. With no cold front on the immediate horizon, the migration will likely start out slowly and then end in a solid stream of flounder once a significant weather shift occurs.

Flounder will concentrate in areas with baitfish and small crustaceans, which means anglers can find one spot and put multiple fish in the ice chest without moving the boat. Only the adult, spawning-

age flounder migrate to the Gulf, so it's a great chance to catch those flounder large enough for my favorite flounder dish – stuffed flounder.

When you find one of those migration routes, there are several ways to entice flounder into biting. When you can get them, bull minnows work like a champ for flounder. The minnows are hardy and stay on the hook very well. The one thing about the bull minnow is you need to give the flounder a little time to swallow the minnow before you set the hook. Flounder will also take live shrimp and minnow-shaped grubs that are hopped along the bottom. A strip of belly off the first flounder you catch gives a significant added enticement for the next flounder that sees your bait.

When the north winds finally move in, the shallow waters along the beach become a perfect place for giggering flounder. Of course, you don't want a howling north wind, just a gentle breeze with a rising tide. The rising tide allows the flounder to come within feet of the beach as they settle into the bottom and wait for minnows or shrimp to swim past.

You'll need a good flounder light to be able to spot the fish, which are extremely well camouflaged. When you spot the outline of a flounder, keep the light on the fish and approach slowly. When you're ready to thrust the gig, aim low. The refraction of the water will make the fish appear to be farther than it really is. If your aim is good, keep your gig stuck in the sand while the fish thrashes. If you try to pick up the gig too early, you'll likely lose the fish.

The flounder bag limit in Alabama is 10 fish per person with a 12-inch size minimum. A saltwater fishing license is required.

Speaking of stuffed flounder, take a 16-inch or larger flounder and scrape off the fine scales on both sides of the fish, remove the head and entrails and run a filet knife down the back from top to bottom. Slowly slice the flesh outward until you've made a large cavity that will hold the stuffing. I make simple stuffing with crabmeat, bread crumbs, butter and a dash of Tony Chachere's seasoning. Use Old Bay if you prefer. Cram as much stuffing as you desire into the flounder cavity. I drizzle enough olive oil to coat the fish and the bottom of a cookie sheet. Pop the fish into a pre-heated oven and bake for 25 to 30 minutes. What comes out of the oven is one of the best meals you'll experience on the Gulf Coast.

David Rainer has written about the great outdoors on the Alabama Gulf Coast for more than 20 years. The outdoors editor at the Mobile Press-Register for 14 years, he is past president of the Southeastern Outdoor Press Association and currently serves on the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council's Outreach and Education Advisory Panel and the Alabama Gulf Coast Reef & Restoration Foundation board.



**SOUTH BALD. WOMEN'S CONNECTION:** The South Baldwin Christian Women's Connection meets monthly at the Gift Horse Restaurant for a buffet luncheon. Don't forget, this month men are invited with the program beginning at 11 a.m. on Thursday, September 14 and will feature John Jackson with the Foley Public Library. Music will be provided by Donna Blankenship-Tindall. Guest speaker Sandy Thrasher Ourso of Baton Rouge will present "Rescued." Cost is \$10 per person. No membership or dues are required. To make reservations, email emuddconnelly@gmail.com or call Elizabeth at 251-943-7142. **Pictured:** Janet Whitney, Becky Miller and Ali Livingston at a recent South Bald. Christian Women's Connection.



**FRIENDS OF SOUTHWEST BRANCH LIBRARY HELP KICK OFF STORY TIME:** ABC's was the theme of the first story time of the new school year at The Southwest Branch Library today! Each child received a book, 'My First Letters Book' by Flowerpot Press, provided by The Friends of the Southwest Branch Library. Story times are Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. The Friends is a non-profit group that supports the Southwest Branch of the West Florida Public Library through volunteerism and fundraising. Visit their Boutique and bargain carts for a year-round sale! All proceeds go to funding the children's programs and supplementing the book collection. Located at 12248 Gulf Beach Hwy at Bauer Road in Pensacola across from Big Lagoon State Park; 850-453-7780. Hours are Monday through Thursday 10am to 8pm and Friday and Saturday 10am to 4pm. **Pictured:** Ms. Vicki (seated left) and Ms. Melanie (both members of the Friends) read about ABC's to local children, who received copies of the book from The Friends of the Southwest Branch Library.

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- **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

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**LIVE MUSIC:** Travis Posey, 9/21: 6-9pm  
**LIVE MUSIC:** Lisa Christian, 9/22: 6:30-9:30pm  
**LIVE MUSIC:** Moonshine Wagon, 9/23: 6:30-9:30pm  
**LIVE MUSIC:** Rock Bottom, 9/24: 3-6pm  
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### Haven's ReSale Shop Fall Yard Sale Sept. 16

All are invited to the Haven's ReSale Shop fall yard sale on Saturday, September 16, weather permitting, featuring an array of donated items to benefit homeless pets.

Those interested in donating a tax-deductible item can call 251-929-1911 or drop your donation off at the shop during normal business hours. The reschedule date for the yard sale is September 23.

"Our nonprofit has helped spay and neuter over 300 homeless cats and dogs this year and would not be possible without the generosity from the community," said Michael Graham, Executive Director of The Haven.

The ReSale Shop is nestled into beautiful downtown Fairhope at the historic building located at 357 Morphy Ave. The Shop carries both new and gently used items like furniture, kitchen items, jewelry, artwork, and many other items. There is always something for everyone.

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.

- **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, SEPT 27

- **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.
- **Suogarcane Jane:** 5; Lulu's Restaurant, Gulf Shores.
- **Lisa Zanghi & Scott Koehn:** 6:30; Flippers, Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke & Dance Party:** 6; The Purple Parrot; Perdido Key.
- **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.
- **Big Beach Running Club:** 5:30 p.m.; Big Beach Brewery in Gulf Shores; all levels welcome.
- **Family Night Dinner & Activities:**

### 'Bama leads drive to help Virgin Island hurricane victims

Cargo plane loaded with supplies on its way to help those hit worst

The Flora-Bama has teamed up with friends in the business and Kenny Chesney's No Shoes Nation Foundation to charter a very large cargo plane to take supplies to help those suffering from the worst of the devastation left in the aftermath of Hurricane Irma.

"Our loved ones and friends in the U.S. and British Virgin Islands are in bad shape and are suffering," said Flora-Bama co-owner John McInnis, who will be on a cargo plane heading to St. Croix on Sept. 14. "There is very little food, water, medical supplies and other essentials left on the islands of St John and Jost Van Dyke. The situation is very serious and there is little to no communication on the island," he said. "There are thousands of American tourists stuck down there. While we will continue to support and pray for our neighbors in Texas and Florida, the people on St John and Jost Van Dyke are in immediate need of help."

A FloraBama Relief Planes To St John gofundme page opened on Sept. 11 had raised \$24,895 of its \$100k goal within the first 23 hours.

"I am flying down to make sure all the funds are spent properly and I will personally make sure that every single penny is spent on jet fuel, and flying supplies down there," McInnis said. "We are buying out Sam's and Wal-Mart and wherever else we can get this stuff to take down there."

"Let's continue to help our friends in Texas and Florida who are going through a tough time," McInnis added. "The infrastructure in the United States will allow them to get everything they need fairly quickly. Our friends down in the islands don't have that. They don't have power. They're low on food and water. They don't have dog food and cat food to feed their pets. The situation is dire down there. We've already sent planes down there with supplies everything from food and water, cellular phones, dog food, medical supplies, you name it."

### Broadway & More Show Oct. 1 at GSUMC Sanctuary

Popular medleys from Broadway shows Secret Garden, Gypsy, and Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat plus favorites from Motown Melodies and the movie Titanic are on the annual Broadway and More program on Sunday October 1 at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary at Gulf Shores United Methodist Church. Tickets at \$5 are now available at the GSUMC office, 1900 Gulf Shores Parkway and will also be available at the door prior to the concert. Call 251-968-2411 or visit [gulfshore-sumc.org](http://gulfshore-sumc.org) for more info. Soloists include Barbara Shepherd, Ali Livingston, Haley Bingert and Marsha Guyer, who will be accompanied by Mel Middlebrooks, Cody Johnson and David Brackett.

The Chancel Choir will be directed by GSUMC Worship Arts Director Cody Johnson, accompanied by pianist Jackie Dahlman and a rhythm orchestra. Proceeds from the concert support the GSUMC music program.



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## WHAT'S HAPPENING



### Weeks Bay Foundation's Sept. 23 Fishing Day is free for all kids

The Weeks Bay Foundation will host its annual Kids Fishing Day on Saturday, Sept. 23 from 8-11 a.m. at Safe Harbor Pond on Highway 98, just west of the Fish River bridge.

This is a great free opportunity for children 15 and younger to cast a line in a safe and fun environment. Safe Harbor Pond is stocked with locally raised catfish, and each child can take home up to three fish. The Weeks Bay Foundation provides fishing gear and bait for children who do not have their own. Download a registration form at [weeksbay.org](http://weeksbay.org) or call 251-990-5004 for more info.

5:45 p.m.; Saint Andrew by the Sea, 17263 Fort Morgan Rd., Gulf Shores; 678-361-2762.  
**• 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.  
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## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### 21st Suzi Beane Golf Classic Sept. 30 at Perdido's Lost Key

By Cissy Witt

The 21st Annual Suzi Beane Golf Classic will be held on Saturday, September 30 at Lost Key Golf Club on Perdido Key. Registration starts at 8am with a shotgun start at 9am. A continental breakfast, course beverages and lunch will be included in your registration fee. A silent auction in addition to best decorated cart and many other competitions will be held. The proceeds to this year's tournament will benefit the Ronald McDonald House Charities and St. Jude's Children's Hospital. The cost is \$75.00 per player/ \$300.00 per team or \$500.00 per team which includes Tee and Green Signs. If you would like to sponsor a Tee or Green Sign the cost is \$125.00 per sign. Thanks to our annual sponsors: Vince Whibbs / Buick/ GMC / Cadillac, Dr. Michael Oleksyk, Michelob Ultra – Lewis Bear Co, Elite Printing and many more we will continue to help others in our community.

Suzi Beane lost her battle with cancer at the young age of 42. Like others that have battled and are still battling, it takes each one of us to stand up and support others in our community. For more information on how you can sign up or become a sponsor, please contact Cissy Beane Witt at 850-572-0605 or email at cissywitt@bellsouth.net.

The secret to success in business and in life is to serve others.

- **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, SEPT 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.
- **Open Mic:** 7; Snapper's; Orange Beach.
- **John Lee Sanders:** 6; Voyagers Restaurant at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **Cornhole Tournery:** 6; Moe's BBQ; Foley.
- **Hippy Jim:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach..
- **John Brust:** 6; Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **LeAnne Creswell & Lisa Zanghi:** 6;



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## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### Park rangers to lead weekend fall tours at Ft. Barrancas

Gulf Islands National Seashore will host free ranger programs on specific Saturdays and Sundays (subject to change without notification) in the Fort Barrancas Area onboard NAS Pensacola this fall. For additional information, contact the national seashore at (850) 934-2600. There is an entrance fee to Fort Barrancas, and there will be no public programs on October 13, 26, & 27; November 10 & 23; and December 8 & 25.

Programs include Advanced Redoubt: Legacy in Brick & Mortar on Saturdays and Sundays at 11 a.m. Meet at the entrance to Advanced Redoubt. The 45 minute program involves walking on uneven surfaces, sandy walkways, and steps. The Fort Barrancas: Bastions on the Bluffs

program is scheduled Saturdays and Sundays at 1:30 p.m. Meet at the Fort Barrancas Visitor Center for the 45 minute program which also involves walking on uneven surfaces, sandy walkways, and steps.

### City of Gulf Shores 8-week Couch to 5K program starts Sept. 25

The City of Gulf Shore Couch to 5K program, a training series for absolute beginners, begins on Monday, September 25 and continues through Wednesday, November 27. Classes are held every Monday & Wednesday night from 6-7 p.m.

The idea behind the training is for participants to be ready to jog/run for the target race, the Kaiser Realty Coastal Run on November 25. This 5K route runs along a beautiful, scenic course.

There is a member and non-member rate for participation. Cost includes the class fee, race entry, t-shirt and a goody bag. The rates: \$55 David L. Bodenhamer Center - Full Members; \$65 Non-Members.

Holly Cade (pictured), fitness coordinator for the City of Gulf Shores, is the instructor, and she has the plan to see you through the finish line. Register in person at the David L. Bodenhamer Center or at [activityreg.com](http://activityreg.com). More info: (251) 968-4420

### Southwest Branch Library Book Club meets twice monthly

The Southwest Branch Library Book Club meets the first Tuesday morning and the second Saturday afternoon of the month. Pick the date that works best for you and join the monthly discussions from 2-3 p.m. Join this club for free for a friendly literary conversation and light refreshments. View a list of book club books at [mywfpl.com/bookclubs](http://mywfpl.com/bookclubs). The library is located at 12248 Gulf Beach Hwy. (850-453-7780).

### "Becoming Alabama" lectures in Oct. at USA's local campus

The University of South Alabama Gulf Coast Campus will host a series of lectures titled "Becoming Alabama" on Tuesdays, October 10, 17, and 24, from 1:30-3 p.m. at the USA-Gulf Coast Campus on County Road 6 in Gulf Shores.

This historical journey will cover Alabama's early inhabitants, Spanish exploration, and French settlements. It will be presented by John Jackson, Director of Foley Public Library. The series is sponsored by USA's Gulf Coast Campus and Center for Continuing Education to introduce their new institute-for-learning-in-retirement. Discover! An Adventure in Learning.

Information about 2018 Discover! An Adventure in Learning sessions will be available at the lectures. To register, call 251-460-7200.

Franco's; Orange Beach.

- **Lefty Collins:** 5; Lulu's Restaurant, Gulf Shores.
- **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 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 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. &

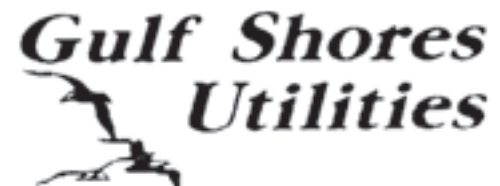


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## WHAT'S HAPPENING

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, SEPT 29

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

• **Flora-Bama Bingo:** 1-4 p.m.; Flora-Bama Lounge Tent Stage; Perdido Key.

• **Destiny Brown:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.

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

• **Jim Andrews:** 7; SanBar, Courtyard, Orange Beach.

• **Live Karaoke in the Tiki Bar:** 6; Live Bait, Orange Beach.

• **Bo Grant of The Platters:** 7; Papa Rocco's, Gulf Shores.

• **First Friday Art Walk:** 6; Downtown Fairhope.

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

• **Jimmy Lee Hanniford Duo:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.

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

• **Grits 'n Pieces:** 5; Lulu's Restaurant, Gulf Shores.

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

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

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

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

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

• **Terry Causey:** 6:30; Flippers, Orange Beach.

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

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

• **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.

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

• **AA:** Noon; 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.

### SAT, SEPT 30

• **Shindig on the Sand:** celebration of Gulf Coast music & musicians: noon 'til; Flora-Bama, Ole River Oyster Bar & Flora-Bama Yacht Club; Perdido Key; 850-492-0611.

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

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

• **Bo Grant of The Platters:** 7; Papa Rocco's, Gulf Shores.

• **Live Karaoke in the Tiki Bar:** 6; Live Bait, Orange Beach.

• **David Jones:** 7; SanBar, Courtyard, Orange Beach.

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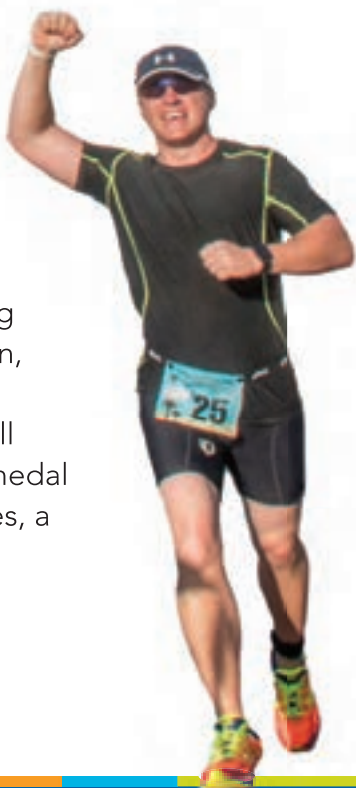
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# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## 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 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 Mor-

- gan 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:** 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 pier on the Gulf of Mexico. Sight-seeing passes are available for those who don't want to drop a hook. Children under 12 admitted free with paying adult.
- **Hugh S. Branyon Backcountry Trails at Gulf State Park:** Hike or cycle into the wilderness of the Alabama Gulf Coast with trails that guide you along marshes, secondary sand dunes, swamps and creeks. Free.
- **U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla vessel safety examinations:** Arrange for a free examination by calling Wayne Kindred at 251-965-3100.
- **Alabama Gulf Coast Zoo:** downtown Gulf Shores, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. daily, 251-968-5731.

- **Baldwin Museum of Art:** 111 W. Laurel Ave. (Hwy.98) in Foley. Hours: 10am - 4pm. Monday through Friday (251) 970-1818. Admission is free.
- **Performing Arts Association:** exhibits by local artists; free; 119 West Laurel Ave. in Foley; 251-943-4381.
- **Gulf Shores Museum:** Special Exhibit-From Sea to Shining Sea: 200 Years of Charting America's Coast. Museum also features a backyard "Grandma's Garden," shrimping and hurricane picture exhibits and gift shop; 251 West 19th Ave., Gulf Shores; 251.968.1473
- **Big Lagoon State Park:** 'til dusk; 12301 Gulf Beach Hwy.; nature trails, beach, picnic area, scenic look-out; \$4 admission; (850) 492-1595.

## 31ST ANNUAL LILLIAN OPTIMIST LABOR DAY MULLET FESTIVAL

More than 350 guests enjoyed the fish dinner provided by the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay (OCPB) at the 31st Annual Mullet Festival. In addition, dozens participated in the 5K Run/Walk and 1K Fun Run. Men, women and children lined up to throw mullet. The Deja Vu Market and Silent Auction drew multitudes of shoppers and bidders. Many took home a variety of desserts provided by members of the club; some even ate them as they enjoyed the music by Big Jake and the Tag-a-Longs. Thanks go out to event sponsors and to the members of the Marine Corps stationed at NAS Pensacola for their help: PFC Joshua Cay, Bryce Graw, Michaela Burchett, Liza Domingo, Matthew Lajoie, Daemon Long, William Dowling, Cheyanne Henderson, Kory Free, Saul Rodriguez, Austin Grosz and Sgt. Darryl McClellan. Overall winners in the 5K Run were male; Charles Montgomery, 28:37; Gabriel Wicker, 30:11 and Jimmy Russell, 30:19. Overall women winners were Morgan McCartney, 33:48, Belva Durham, 33:57 and Deborah Endsley, 38:02. Master Runners, ages 40+ were Rob Barnas, 31:04 and Dawn Walker, 38:05. Grandmaster (50+) winners were John Sowers, 31:38 and Joann Mitford, 38:42. Senior Grandmaster (60+) winners were Doug Kirby, 32:48 and Maureen Higgins, 39:54. Other runners include Marlie McCartney, first place 48:51, nine and under; Daniel Hill, first, 31:13, and Ian McCormick, 32:25, 10-14 age group. The One-Mile Fun Run winners were male, Nathaniel Skeen, Robbie Tolstrup and Hector Linares; female, Zoila Linares; Alicia Vickers and Christine Brice. This year a Hoola hoop contest was held with Alysia Wiggins and Kirsten Wicker taking the top honors. The winners of the raffle are Jack Ziemann, \$1,000; Jonathan Levine, \$400; Angela Meadows, \$200; Monica McManus, \$100. The club donates approximately \$30,000 to area organizations and some 10,000 hours to special events, concentrating on Lillian and Elberta children. The Optimist Club of Perdido Bay is open to all men and women in the Lillian/Elberta/Pensacola area. The club members meet at 8 a.m. every Saturday in the Lillian Community Club. Info: Ken Sanders at 251-747-1453.



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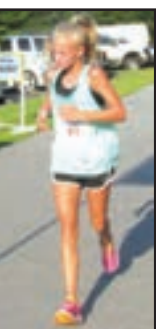
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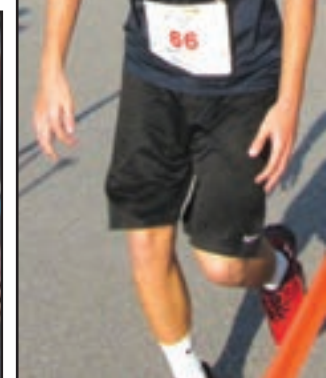
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# Funny Bones

By George Ridder



My boss made me go into the office on Labor Day. Halfway through the day, he came in to check up on me and caught me having a beer. He said to me, "You can't drink while you're working." I said, "Oh, don't worry - I'm not working."

- Many animals probably need glasses, but nobody knows it.
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- If 2/2/22 falls on a Tuesday, we'll just call it "2's Day."

Wife's dairy: We had plans to meet at a nice restaurant for dinner. I was shopping all day with my friends. Later he was acting weird. I thought he was upset at the fact that I was a bit late. He was silent at the restaurant too and didn't eat much. While going to bed, he was looking serious. I quietly lied down. I felt that his thoughts were somewhere else. I had lost him. What to do now?

Husband's diary: My car didn't start this morning. Wondering what could have happened to it. Had nice dinner with the wife.

A pirate walked into a bar, and the bartender said, "Hey, I haven't seen you in a while. What happened? You look terrible."

"What do you mean?" said the pirate, "I feel fine."

"What about the wooden leg? You didn't have that before."

"Well," said the pirate, "We were in a battle, and I got hit with a cannon ball, but I'm fine now."

The bartender replied, "Well, OK, but what about that hook? What happened to your hand?"

The pirate explained, "We were in another battle. I boarded a ship and

got into a sword fight. My hand was cut off. I got fitted with a hook but I'm fine, really."

"What about that eye patch?"

"Oh," said the pirate, "One day we were at sea, and a flock of birds flew over. I looked up, and one of them pooped in my eye."

"You're kidding," said the bartender. "You couldn't lose an eye just from bird poop."

"Well It was my first day with the hook."

*These are from a book called Disorder in the American Courts and are things people actually said in court.... word for word.*

ATTORNEY: What was the first thing your husband said to you that morning?

WITNESS: He said, "Where am I, Cathy?"

ATTORNEY: And why did that upset you?

WITNESS: My name is Susan!

ATTORNEY: What gear were you in at the moment of the impact?

WITNESS: Gucci sweats and Reeboks.

ATTORNEY: How old is your son, the one living with you?

WITNESS: Thirty-eight or thirty-five, I can't remember which.

ATTORNEY: How long has he lived with you?

WITNESS: Forty-five years.

ATTORNEY: Now doctor, isn't it

true that when a person dies in his sleep, he doesn't know about it until the next morning?

WITNESS: Did you actually pass the bar exam?

ATTORNEY: The youngest son, the 20-year-old, how old is he?

WITNESS: He's 20, much like your IQ.

ATTORNEY: Were you present when your picture was taken?

WITNESS: Are you kidding me?

ATTORNEY: She had three children, right?

WITNESS: Yes.

ATTORNEY: How many were boys?

WITNESS: None.

ATTORNEY: Were there any girls?

WITNESS: Your Honor, I think I need a different attorney. Can I get a new attorney?

ATTORNEY: How was your first marriage terminated?

WITNESS: By death..

ATTORNEY: And by whose death was it terminated?

WITNESS: Take a guess.

ATTORNEY: Can you describe the individual?

WITNESS: He was about medium height and had a beard

ATTORNEY: Was this a male or a female?

WITNESS: Unless the Circus was in town I'm going with male.

ATTORNEY: Is your appearance here this morning pursuant to a deposition notice which I sent to your attorney?

WITNESS: No, this is how I dress when I go to work.

ATTORNEY: Doctor, how many of your autopsies have you performed on dead people?

WITNESS: All of them. The live ones put up too much of a fight.

ATTORNEY: Do you recall the time that you examined the body?

WITNESS: The autopsy started around 8:30 PM

ATTORNEY: And Mr. Denton was dead at the time?

WITNESS: If not, he was by the time I finished.

I like work, it fascinates me. I can sit back and look at it for hours.

ATTORNEY: Doctor, before you performed the autopsy, did you check for a pulse?

WITNESS: No.

ATTORNEY: Did you check for blood pressure?

WITNESS: No.

ATTORNEY: So, then it is possible that the patient was alive when you began the autopsy?

WITNESS: No.

ATTORNEY: How can you be so sure, Doctor?

WITNESS: Because his brain was sitting on my desk in a jar.

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## Gulf Shores High introduces initial HOF inductees

Seventeen years after opening its doors, Gulf Shores High School presented the Pleasure Island community its first Sports Hall of Fame class during ceremonies prior to the football team's home game against Baldwin County High on Sept. 1.

In addition to being presented plaques and certificates at Mickey Blackwell Stadium and honored during a Friday afternoon social, the inductees will have their pictures displayed in the school trophy case. The class includes four student athletes, four coaches and two associate members.

"I can't begin to tell you how much both of those clubs do for us," said GSHS Assistant Principal Mark Glassford about the The Dolphin Athletic Club and The Gulf Coast Athletic Club. "They are there to help us with everything we need. We couldn't do anything without the support of those clubs."

Glassford said the nominating committee, which included Matt Blake, Donnie Spohn, Sue Cardwell, GSHS Principal Cindy Veazey and Coach Al Borchardt, wanted to recognize the student athletes and coaches who helped build traditions at the school. Athletes are eligible 10 years after graduation and coaches upon retirement.

"We had a lot of success early on in 3A and 4A and more success will be coming. It's a deliberate process," Glassford said. "We wanted to look at the early years - the people who started it all - for our first class and thank them for their exemplary efforts. We wanted to recognize our history and find the people who started our traditions, and we want them to be part of who gets elected to the next class."

Coach Al Borchardt thanked parents at the HOF social. "You entrusted a lot of us coaches by allowing us to be in charge of your young ones," he said. "That means a lot to me. Being here is bringing back some fun memories, and it's the friends that you make that make the memories."

"I was just blessed to be in the right place at the right time with a lot of great athletes," said inductee Karen Collins, who coached the Dolphin softball team to the state championship in 2007.

Inductee Glenn Lewellen thanked the coaches "who had an influence on the values that I have and the way I grew up."

Inductee Alisha (Hamrick) Stokes, who was Baldwin County's High School Athlete of the Year in 2002, summed up the atmosphere during the gathering best. "Looking back, you laugh because that is what you remember - the fun," she said.

**Pictured:** (Above) Sports Hall of Fame Class - Wren Aaron, Andrea (Joseph) Holmes, Avery (Berry) Forrest, Al Borchardt "Coach B", Alisha (Hamrick) Stokes, Karen Collins, Tommy Lee, Gulf Coast Athletic Club representative David Lee. Missing: Colbey Cleckler; (Below) The HOF reception at the school library.



## G.S.H.S. Hall of Fame Inaugural Class of 2017

### Wren Aaron:

1999-2006 - Asst. Football Coach 1999-2003; Coached Cross Country 2004, 2005; Head Girls Basketball Coach 1999-2006 - Area Champs 2001, 2002, 2005, Sweet 16 2001, 02, 05. Head Girls Softball Coach 2000-2005 - Area Champs 2001, 02, 03, 04, 05, State Tournament 2001, 02, 03, 04, 05, 4A State Runner-up 2004, Coached the South All-Star team 2004

### Avery (Berry) Forrest:

1999-2001 - Girls Varsity Soccer Team Varsity 1999-01, All-State 2000 (scored 32 goals), All-State 2001 (scored 34 goals), Led her team to Area Championships in 2000 & 2001, State Quarterfinals 2001, Played at University of Southern Miss And Auburn University of Montgomery, Valedictorian class of 2001.

### Al Borchardt:

1999-2009 - Fine Arts teacher & Coach; During his 11 years at GSHS he was the Girls Basketball Coach 1999; Head Cross Country Coach 2003 & 2005; Asst. Football Coach 2002-2009; Head Volleyball Coach 2007; Head Girls soccer Coach 1999-2009, Area Champs 2000, 01, 02, 03, 04, State Play-offs 2000-2004, 3A State Quarter-Finals 2001. Teacher of the Year 2007; Member of the Baldwin County Hall of Fame Class of 2011.

### Colbey Cleckler:

Varsity Football/Baseball 2000-2004 - Gulf Coast Athletic Club Athlete of the year 2004; Mobile Register's All Region Baseball team 2003 & 2004; 1st Team All-State Baseball 2003 & 2004; State Runner-up 2003 team; 1st team All Region Baseball, Falkner State 2005; University of South Alabama Baseball 2006-2008.

### Karen Collins:

2005-2016 - Head Girls Basketball Coach 2005 & 2009; Asst. Volleyball Coach 2005-2013; Head Girls Softball Coach 2005-2011, 4A State Runner-Up 2006 (2nd place in state), Set school record 1st team to win over 50 games in a season, 5A State Championship 2007, Over all softball record 245-103-3

### Thomas Lee - Dolphin Athletic Club:

Mr. Lee helped found & served as President of the Dolphin Athletic Club for its first 2 years. Employed by Vulcan, Inc, Foley, AL since 1985. General Manager of aluminum Fabricating facility, then to Vice President overall aluminum production. President of the company 2012, CEO in 2013. He and his wife Sandra live in Gulf Shores and together they have 3 children: David, Anna, & Marcus, who are Gulf Shores High School graduates.

### Gulf Coast Athletic Club:

Gulf Coast Athletic Club was organized in 1998 by Jim Monnier of Orange Beach as both a social club and a fundraising arm of the Gulf Shores High School Athletics department. In addition to providing funding for capitol equipment and uniforms, GCAC recognizes eight student athletes & parents and grants college scholarships to a deserving male or female scholar athlete each year. Scholarships range from \$ 2500 to \$ 5000 per award. Since its inception in 1998, GCAC has granted over 30 college scholarships & donated over \$75,000 to fund athletics at school.

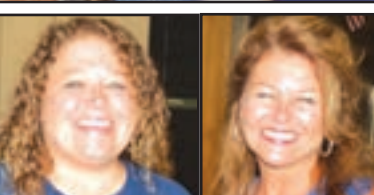
### Alisha (Hamrick) Stokes:

Girls Basketball 1999 MVP; Captain & MVP Varsity Soccer Team 1999; Captain & MVP Tennis Team 1999, 00; All County Tennis & Soccer 2000, 01 & 02; All County Volleyball 2002; Wendy's Heisman Trophy High School Award 2002; Baldwin County Athlete of the Year 2002; Volleyball State Elite-8 All tournament Team award; Tennis Area Champion 2000, 01, 02; Awarded Soccer Scholarship at the University of North Alabama but did not play due to injury; Member of the University of North Alabama Tennis Team 2003/2004.

**Andrea (Joseph) Holmes;** Gulf Shores High School's 1st Athletic Director 1998-99; Head Coach Cross Country; Head Girls Basketball Coach; Head Track & Field Coach; Assistant Athletic Director 1999-2003; Boy's Golf Coach, 3A State Runner-Up 2000 (2nd Place in State), 3A State Championship 2001

### Glenn Lewellen:

2002-2005 - 4 time All-County Baseball player; 2005 All-State Nominee; 4 year career .400 batting avg.; Instrumental part of the 3A 2003 State Runner-up team; Earned scholarship at Falkner State.





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## AROUND TOWN

### Bible study at Adult Care Center in Foley part of Anchor Church's launch

The Anchor Church is a new church in Foley. As the congregation and pastor launch this new church, they will be starting a small group bible study entitled "A Time to Rebuild." It will be based on the Book of Nehemiah in the Bible. This study will start September 17 at 6 p.m., and will be held at The Adult Day Center located at 300 E Laurel St. in Foley. For more info, contact Pastor Billy bi email: [pastorbilly@the-anchor-church.com](mailto:pastorbilly@the-anchor-church.com) Or call 815-994-0428 or connect on Facebook - theanchorchurch.foley.

### Fraternal Order of Eagles taking orders for Boston Butts for LSU v. Tide

The Coastal Alabama Fraternal Order of Eagles is selling delicious LA BBQ Boston Butts for \$30 just in time for the Alabama-LSU football game on Saturday, Nov. 4. The Boston butts come fully cooked and will be ready for pickup between 9 a.m. and noon on Nov. 4 at the club located at 3859 Gulf Shores Parkway, Suite 6, in Gulf Shores. Boston butts should be ordered before October 24, and paid in advance (cash or check payable to Coastal Alabama FOE #4549). Order yours today by stopping by the club during the following times: Tuesdays 5-8 p.m., Thursdays 2-8 p.m., and Saturdays (only in October) from 2-6 p.m.

### Volunteers needed to help recycle during TenSixtyFive Fest in Mobile

Volunteers are needed to help recycle at the TenSixtyFive Music Festival set for Friday, September 29 - Sunday, October 1 in downtown Mobile. Volunteers will set up and pick up recycling containers each day of the festival, empty the containers, and carry bags of recyclables to onsite trailers.

"This year's effort will be a little simpler than years prior because we no longer need to sort recyclables," said **Valerie Longa**, Eco-Team Coordinator for a Cleaner, Greener LoDa. "Thanks to the City's single stream recycling, it will be easier than ever to recycle plastic and aluminum at the event."

The 1065 Music Festival is a free event that welcomes the public to enjoy the outdoors and listen to nationally known artists. Blue clear-stream recycling containers will be placed throughout the festival grounds next to trash cans, and everyone attending the festival can help keep the event clean by disposing of recyclable materials in the proper containers.

"Our guests appreciate the opportunity to listen to music in a clean environment, and we appreciate the efforts of volunteers helping to recycle festival materials," said event coordinator **Amy Baldwin** with Gulf Distributing Holdings, LLC. "1065 wants to extend a HUGE Thank You to the Alabama Coastal Foundation and Thompson Engineering for funding this initiative for our community. Everyone's collaboration makes this event a success."

Thompson Engineering is sponsoring this year's recycling effort through a grant from the Thompson Foundation. The Alabama Department of Environmental Management will provide its recycling trailers to store and transport materials. Additionally, they will be set up in Cathedral Square conducting outreach and handing out fun swag. All volunteers must be at least 18 years of age to participate; volunteers will receive an Eco-Team t-shirt. Interested volunteers can sign up at the Alabama Coastal Foundation's website at [joinACF.org](http://joinACF.org). For further information about 1065's Eco-Team and volunteering, contact [vlonga@joinACF.org](mailto:vlonga@joinACF.org) or call 251-990-6002.

### Cage The Elephant among Mobile's TenSixtyFive Fest headliners

Blackberry Smoke, Cage The Elephant & St. Paul & The Broken Bones will headline the 2nd Annual TenSixtyFive Festival, a free multi-day, multi-stage party on Dauphin St. in downtown Mobile the weekend of September 29, 30 and October 1!

- **Sept. 29:** Derek Norsworthy (5:15 p.m.); Muscadine Bloodline (6 p.m.); Riley Green (7:30 p.m.); Blackberry Smoke (9 p.m.)  
- **Sept. 30:** Riverbend (4 p.m.); Elley Duhe (5:30 p.m.); Judah & The Lion (7 p.m.); Cage The Elephant (8:30 p.m.)  
- **Oct. 1:** Colin Lake (2:15 p.m.); Slide Bayou (3:30 p.m.); Wet Willie (4:45 p.m.); St. Paul & The Broken Bones (6:15 p.m.)

## Former Southern Miss coach Jeff Bower will address GCAC Sept. 25

Former Southern Miss Football Coach Jeff Bower (**pictured**) will address Gulf Shores Athletic Club members and guests at its Sept. 25 meeting in the Palmer Dining Room at Craft Farms Gulf Club. Bower is in the second year of a three year term on the all important College Football Playoff selection committee.

Social hour starts at 6 p.m., and guests are always welcome. Social time is followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. and the program at 7 p.m.

Bower, 63, was the face of Southern Miss football for nearly two decades, and spent 29 total years in Hattiesburg as a quarterback, assistant coach. He had a career record of 119-83-1 and took Southern Miss to bowl games in each of his last six years and 10 of the last 11.

The Golden Eagles had 14-straight winning seasons under Bower, and he won four Conference USA championships (1996, 1997, 1999 and 2003). Bower technically resigned after the 2007 season, though it has been widely reported that he was pushed out. The relationship between he and the school has

since gotten better: USM named its academic center after Bower last year.

The CFP Selection Committee determines a weekly top 25 during the second half of the season. The committee's top four teams go on to play in the playoff, while the rest of the committee's rankings decide many of the best bowl game matchups.

The Gulf Coast Athletic Club meets eight times during college football season and hosts an annual spring golf tournament. Dues, \$200 per season, includes a great dinner, team reports, high school student athlete recognitions, and entertaining speakers. Call David DeMeyer at 404-386-9859 or [david.d.demeyer@gmail.com](mailto:david.d.demeyer@gmail.com) for additional info.

GCAC is a non-profit social organization supporting Gulf Shores athletic programs by providing equipment, supplies and scholarships. Since 1999, the GCAC has provided more than \$160,000 in benefits to our local youth & athletic programs.

Upcoming GCAC speakers also include: Oct. 9 - Bill Battle, former Alabama AD; Oct. 23 - TBD; Nov. 6 - Tommy Ford, Alabama Assistant AD; Nov. 20 - Al Del Greco, former Auburn & NFL place kicker; Jan 22 - TBA.



### About Jeff Bower...

- **Born:** Glassboro, MS in 1953.
- **Roswell (GA) High School Highlights**
  - State 3A AAA Back of the Year
  - First team Scholastic Coach High School All-American.
  - State championships in football ('68, '70); baseball ('69, '71); and basketball ('71)
- **University of Georgia** (1971) - Transferred after freshman year
- **University of Southern Miss** (1972-1975)
  - Quarterback, team captain, and MVP
  - Led team to record 20-12-1
  - Honorable Mention AP All South team ('73)
  - 6-5 record with no home games due to stadium renovation ('74)
- **Assistant Coaching Career**
  - Quarterbacks coach at SMU (1981-1986) & Wake Forest (1987)
  - ffensive coordinator & QB coach USM (1988-1989) & Oklahoma State (1990)
- **Head Coach At Southern Miss** (1990-2007)
  - Record of 119-83-1
  - Conference USA Champions ('96, '97, '99, '03)
  - Conference USA Coach of the Year ('97, '99, '03)
  - Conference USA Coach of the Decade ('04)
  - 14 Consecutive winning seasons (1994-2007)
  - Bowl appearances in 10 of his last 11 seasons (7-3 in Bowls)
  - Landmark wins over Alabama, Auburn, GA, LSU, & Nebraska
  - Coached 51 All Americans; 145 All C-USA selections; 40 pros
  - Recognized American Football Coaches Assoc. for 92% graduation rate ('06)
  - USM & Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame Memberships
  - USM Sports Hall of Fame (1988) Miss. Sports Hall of Fame

### Fun Fact about Jeff Bower...

At the time of his USM Hall of Fame induction, he ranked sixth in the Southern Miss total offense record book and had coached all five of the quarterbacks in front of him, including Brett Favre and Reggie Collier.

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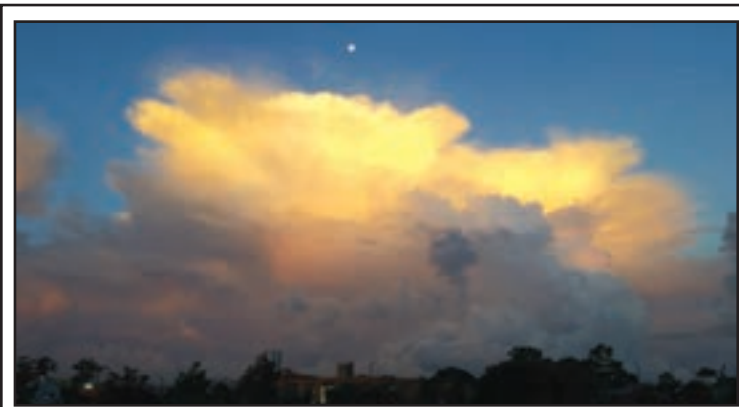
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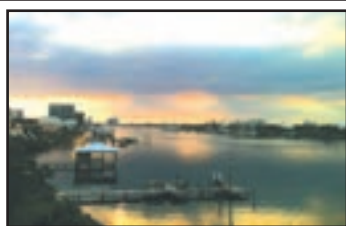
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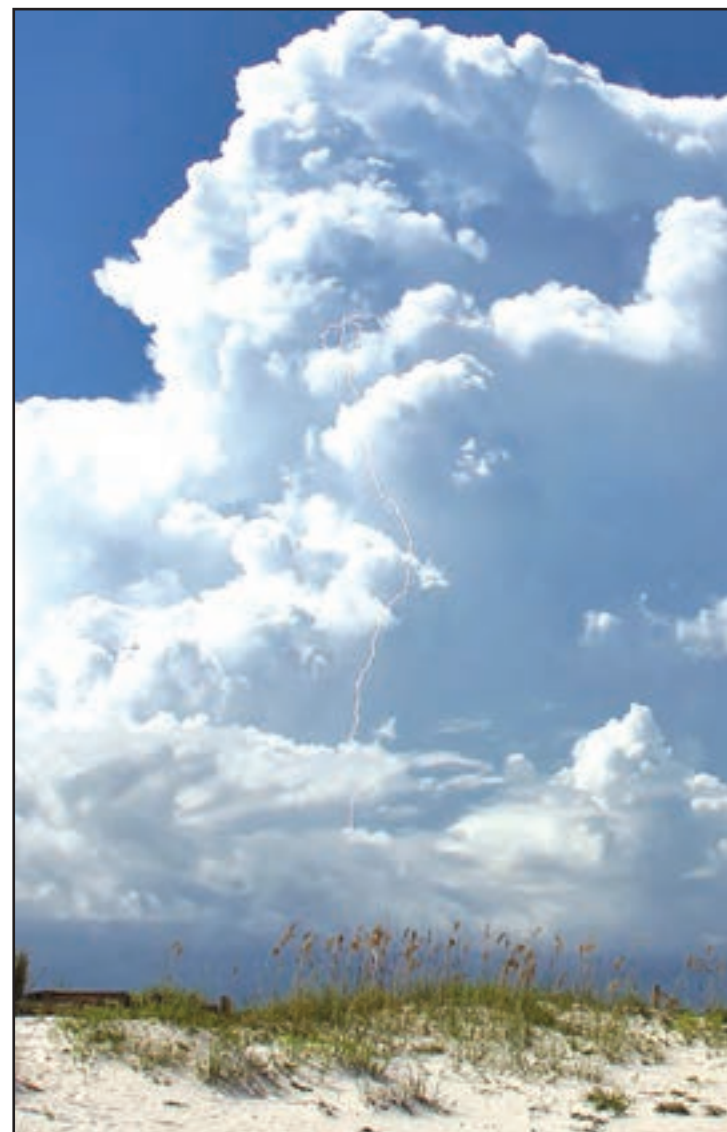
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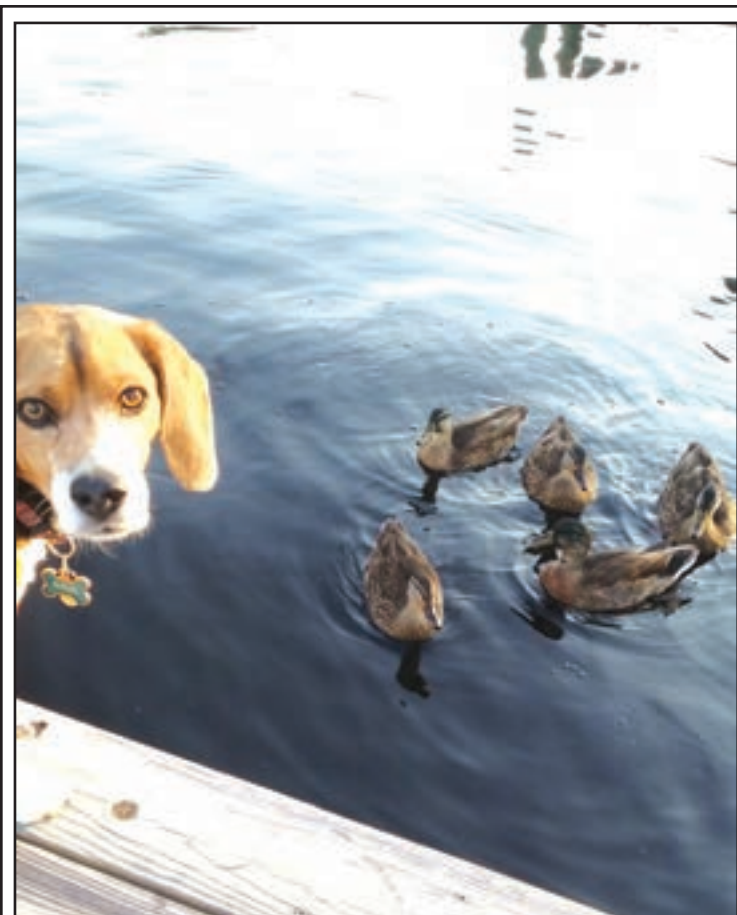
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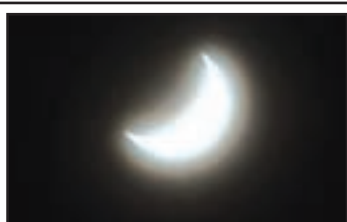
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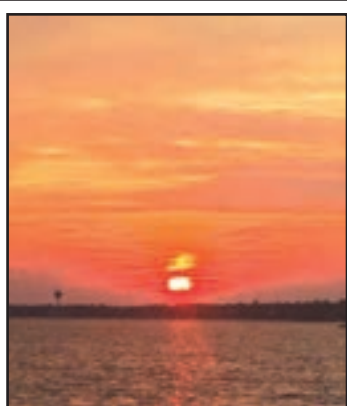
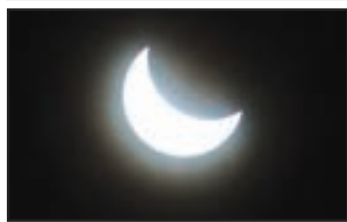
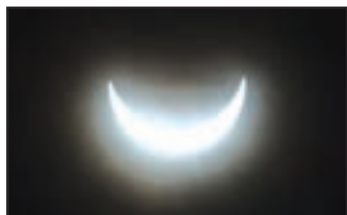
"Sugarfoot (aka Shug) and the local Duck family. We have watched these guys grow from ducklings," writes Mike Haley.



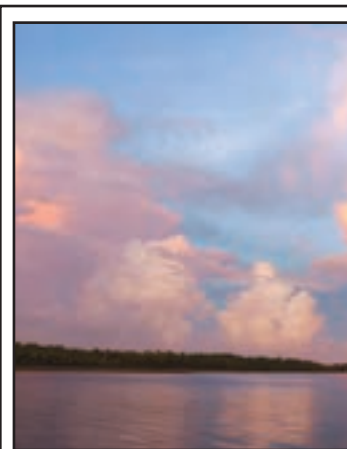
"A beautiful sunset to end our day of fishing," writes De Ann Roy.



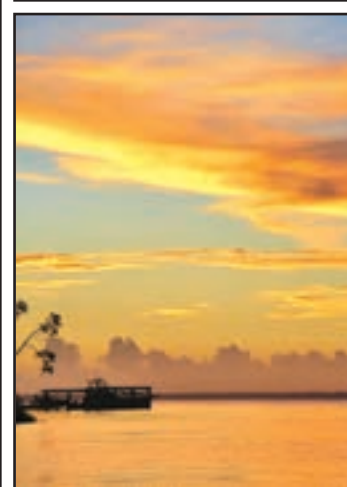
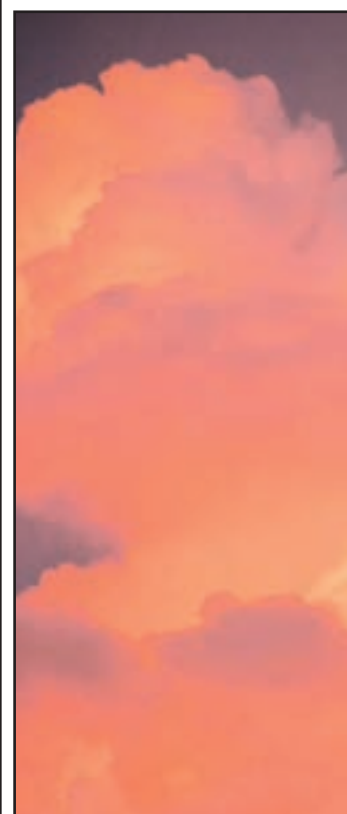
Winston McQuitery shares his solar eclipse pictures.



Sunset on Little Lagoon from Danny Earl.



"Clouds from Tropical Storm Harvey rain bands have been putting on a 360 degree show," writes Cathy Deal of Innerarity Point. "The sun was obscured by the clouds, although the sky was very entertaining!"



Sunrise at Johnson Beach from Cathy Deal.



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# Black Belt business teaches long range shooting skills

By David Rainer

Al. Dept. of Conser. & Nat. Resources

Instead of the stillness of the usual August day in Alabama, the wind provided relief from the oppressive heat, and it made James Eagleman happy.

"Got a little wind to contend with today," I said.

"Yeah, that makes it fun," Eagleman said at the new Barbour Creek Shooting Academy near Eufaula. "If there's no wind, it's too easy."

The "it" is long-range shooting out to 1,000 yards in the midst of the abundant peanut, soybean and cotton fields in Barbour County.

Do what? Hitting targets at 1,000 yards is easy? I'll admit I was skeptical. By the end of the event, sponsored by Alabama Black Belt Adventures and Bergara Rifles, I was a believer as long as I adhered to Eagleman's instructions.

A former U.S. Army sniper and instructor, Eagleman teamed with Mark Simpson, a longtime outdoorsman who wanted to share his affinity for long-range hunting with the public, to establish the shooting academy that caters to a wide variety of shooting activities, from basic firearms training for novices to long-range shooting for hunters.

Simpson, who was in the automobile business for 35 years in Florida, hunted near Eufaula for years and decided to start

looking for retirement property in Barbour County. "When I came into town to get supplies for the hunting camp, I always saw Eufaula as a beautiful

"In LA, Lower Alabama, we have a lot of open fields. I would often see a deer at 500 to 600 yards walking a trail or on the edge of a field. I didn't feel like I could take that shot. After going through the training, I feel like a 500-yard shot is a chip shot."

city," Simpson said. "I thought when I retired I would buy something up here. I found this farm and decided to build a long-range facility for myself. I had been long-range hunting around the world and love it. I decided to open a facility to the public. I have been very suc-

cessful in my long-range hunting with the training I received from James Eagleman at Gunwerks. I called James, and he came to Alabama to open Barbour Creek Shooting Academy."

Eagleman said the offer to partner with Simpson in the shooting academy was easy because nothing like it is available in the region.

"We're long-range hunters," Eagleman said. "We're training people to be hunters with terminal-performance shot placement and bullet selection and performance. Shooting at 200 yards is different than shooting at 800 or 1,000."

Eagleman admits his training strays from traditional hunting techniques. He teaches to place the butt of the stock in the middle of your pectoral muscle instead of the shoulder pocket. He uses the pad of the trigger finger to depress the trigger, which is held firmly rearward throughout the shot sequence. And he stresses to keep your head down on the stock at all times.

Not keeping my head down was the only mistake I made, which resulted in my only missed target at 1,000 yards. In less than an hour, I hit the vital zone on a deer target every time at 600 yards.

"My dad was a Green Beret in Vietnam," Eagleman said.

"When I came home from sniper school, I told him, 'Dad, everything you taught me was wrong,' for long range. Of course, what he taught me about was shooting 200 yards

with a .30-06 with a 200-grain Core-Lokt (Remington bullet). That is not suitable for long-range shooting."

During last week's event, Bergara provided both the B-14, a rifle produced entirely in Spain, and Premiere, a rifle built in its Georgia facility with

barrels manufactured in Spain. The ammo was factory Hornady Precision Hunter in 6.5 Creedmoor. The day at the range was just a peek at the instruction available during the academy's two-day courses.

Simpson said the long-range hunting courses are held year-round with Level 1 and Level 2 instruction.

"We love working with the public," Simpson said. "In Level 1 you learn to shoot to 1,000 yards. You have classroom instruction for half a day. Then you go to the range for the rest of the day. The next day it's almost all range time. You will become comfortable shooting at 800 to 1,000 yards. You learn a little about ballistics. You learn how to hold a rifle. You learn follow-through. You learn how to dial your scope for the right distance. You learn ranging. In Level 2, you learn a lot about ballistics and shooting positions. It's way more advanced. We go through simulated hunting scenarios."

"In LA, Lower Alabama, we have a lot of open fields. I would often see a deer at 500 to 600 yards walking a trail or on the edge of a field. I didn't feel like I could take that shot. After going through the training, I feel like a 500-yard shot is a chip shot."

"We teach you how to read the mirage and the wind. We teach you how to get set up for a shot. You will feel comfortable at taking that shot. It's all about feeling confident and bullet placement. If you can't do it, you need to move closer. If you're not comfortable, don't take the shot. But, after taking the class, if you see a deer at 300 yards, you won't even hesitate. We teach you how to take an ethical shot and kill the animal instantly."

Simpson said the 7mm Remington Magnum is his favorite round for most long-range hunting but alternatives are available.

"The 6.5 Creedmoor is the hottest round for long-range shooting right now," he said. "It's good if you have the right kind of bullet that expands properly and you have good shot placement."

Although long-range hunting has been very popular out West,



in states like Texas, Wyoming and Montana, it's just now starting to get the attention of hunters in the South.

"I think it's gaining momentum in Alabama," Simpson said. "We went to the last two hunting shows in Alabama this summer, and we had crowds all around the booth. People don't realize you can hunt at those distances. I had to learn myself, but we make it really simple with the instruction provided."

Eagleman said correctly assessing the wind is the most important aspect of long-range hunting.

"You can dial in your scope for elevation, but the wind is the common denominator that separates the men from the boys in long-range hunting," Eagleman said. "Another important factor in long-range hunting is shot placement and bullet construction. The best thing about long-range hunting is that if you become comfortable with an 800-yard shot, a 400-yard shot is easy. You're not going to ask yourself, 'Should I take this shot.' You're going to say, 'When can I take this shot.' The best thing about learning long-range hunting is you'll get so much confidence at 400 yards, you'll never think twice about it."

"In our Level 2 instruction, we have mock blinds to shoot out of. We don't shoot off the bench in Level 2. We have prone shooting, tripod shooting, bag shooting, shooting from a fence and shooting from a blind. What you have to do is make sure you have a good, solid support up front and then the buttstock

has to be solid. Take a couple of shooting sticks and put them on the buttstock. When you do that, you've built yourself a bench. You're going to need a good rangefinder. I prefer a ballistic rangefinder so there's no guessing."

Eagleman said a long-range scope must have a target turret, a side focus/parallax adjustment and a reticle with stadia lines for precision wind-drift allowance.

"We hold right or left for wind," he said. "The reason we don't dial the wind in for long-range hunting is you'll get all set up on a shot and the wind changes. Now you have to lift your head up and adjust the scope and hope you can get back on the animal. If you hold for wind drift, you never take your eye off the animal and just hold right or left. You send the round down-range, and you go retrieve the animal."

"We're hunters, and that's what we focus on. We teach good, ethical hunting."

Visit [alabamablackbeltadventures.org](http://alabamablackbeltadventures.org) to discover the array of outdoors opportunities in central Alabama's Black Belt. Go to [www.barbourcreek.com](http://www.barbourcreek.com) for the courses available at the shooting academy.

Pictured: (David Rainer) Mark Simpson of Barbour James Eagleman, a former U.S. Army sniper and instructor at Barbour. Even young hunters got to test their shooting skills at the range.





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THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
Membership Night 6 pm Members get a chance to win Hawaiian vacation and get first drink free (up to \$5 value)	Military Night 6 pm - 'til Free Admission to military & veterans with ID	Good Times & Good Music	Service Industry Night 6 pm Hospitality Industry gets free admission, 1st drink free (up to \$5 value) & employee prices	Open Mic Night 6 pm	Taco Tuesday 6 pm - 'til 2 Tacos & 1 PBR Draft Beer For \$6	Wacky Women Night 6-9 pm First Drink Free (up to \$5 value) for the Ladies
<b>14</b> Main Room 2:00 Dave McCormick 6:00 Mark Sherrill, Chris Newbury, Mel Knapp, James Daniel 10:15 Wes Loper Deck Stage 5:30 Dueling Pianos with Frankie Golden & Steve Wilkerson 10:00 River Dan Band Tent Stage 1:00-4:00 Bingo Yacht Club 5:00 Zach Diedrich	<b>15</b> Main Room 2:00 J Hawkins Duo 6:00 Brian Hill Duo 10:15 Kyle Wilson Band Deck Stage 1:00 Wes Loper 5:30 Big Earl (Jack Robertson) Show 10:00 Mario Mena Band Tent Stage 6:00 River Dan Band 10:30 Anthony Orio Yacht Club 6:00 Greg Lyons Ole River Grill 5:00 Destiny Brown 9:00 Kevin Swanson & Adam Brown	<b>16</b> Main Room 2:00 Lea Anne Creswell Trio 6:00 Zach Diedrich & David Harris 10:15 Jo Jo Pres Deck Stage 1:00 Bruce Smelley Duo 5:30 Big Earl Show 10:00 Jay Williams Band Tent Stage 6:00 Kyle Wilson Band 10:30 Anthony Orio Ole River Grill 9:00 Fuzzy Iconic Duo	<b>17</b> Main Room 1:30 Songs of Rusty McHugh with Jason Justice 6:00 Perdido Brothers 10:15 Justin Headley Experiment Top Deck 8:00 Mel Knapp Tent Stage 9:00 & 11:00 Worship On the Water 2:00 Brandon White Yacht Club 12:00 Smokey Otis Duo	<b>18</b> Main Room 2:00 Gove Scrivenor 6:00 Open Mic with Cathy Pace 10:15 Petty & Pace Top Deck 8:00 Kevin Swanson Tent Stage 1:00-4:00 Bingo	<b>19</b> Main Room 2:00 T-Bone Montgomery 6:00 Perdido Brothers 10:15 Mario Mena Duo Top Deck 8:00 Alabama Lightning Tent Stage 1:00-4:00 Bingo	<b>20</b> Main Room 2:00 Neil Dover 6:00 Heatbreak Hill 10:15 Bruce Smelley Duo Top Deck 8:00 Dave McCormick Tent Stage 1:00-4:00 Bingo
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