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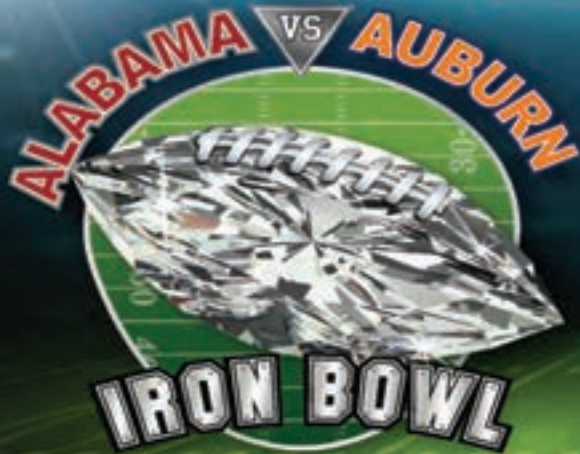
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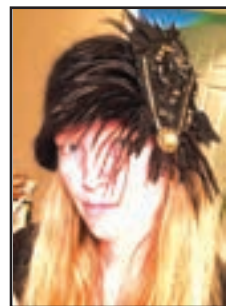
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AROUND TOWN



GCAA Art Market & Holiday Open House Nov. 4

The Gulf Coast Arts Alliance (GCAA) will host its annual Holiday Art Market and Holiday Open House from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 4. Enjoy the beautiful outdoors of Gulf Shores' Waterway Village and view artwork by local and regional vendors. The market will take place on the grassy area across from the gallery at 225 E 24th Ave. Local musicians will be an added entertainment to the festivities. Live demonstrations by artists will take place throughout the day as well as crafts for the kids and delicious food.



The GCAA will also host its annual Holiday Open House until 5 p.m. on the day of the art market. The gallery will be open for tour and will be filled with Christmas appropriate gifts. The gift shop will feature handmade jewelry, t-shirts, and mugs perfect to take up and put under the tree. Paintings, pottery, sculptures, and woodwork will also be available for purchase. Door prizes and refreshments will be an added bonus for the day.

For more information about the November 4 GCAA Art Market, visit gulfcoastartsalliance.com, email gulfcoastartsalliance@gmail.com, telephone 251-948-2627, or visit the Facebook page Gulf Coast Arts Alliance. The Gulf Coast Arts Alliance is a non-profit organization with office and gallery at 225 E. 24th Ave. in the Waterway Village district of Gulf Shores.

Pictured: (above) patrons at a previous GCAA Art Market; (Above left) Eliza Huskey will be one of the many participating artists. She grew up in the Fort Morgan area and started making jewelry and art out of found items at a very young age. Her jewelry is all hand-created, hand-beaded unique pieces of art. Additionally, Eliza has created her own line of hats, which range from decorated caps to berets to wide brimmed one-of-a-kind designs. (Below) Christmas themed art will be available in the GCAA Gallery, located adjacent to the Art Market.



Schools & transportation are topics at Nov. 7 O.B. town hall meeting

Updates on transportation projects and schools will be the topics open for discussion during the Nov. 7 Orange Beach Town Hall

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meeting at the Orange Beach Event Center. The Town Hall will begin immediately after the 5 p.m. City Council meeting and work session, at the Event Center.

Orange Beach Mayor Tony Kennon, the City Council, Alabama Department of Transportation Di-

rector John Cooper and Baldwin County Schools Superintendent Eddie Tyler will be in attendance.

“Director Cooper and Vince Calametti will be here from ALDOT, who will announce what's going to happen relative to bridges and roadways,” Kennon said during Tuesday's council meeting. “Eddie Tyler and his staff from the county school system will be there as we discuss the new schools and the

split, and answer questions as we can.”

The mayor was referencing the Baldwin County Board of Education's commitment to building a new school in Orange Beach and the recent Gulf Shores City Council decision to begin the process of creating an independent city school system.

Kennon said the city needs to have a turnout like it did in 2014 for the Town Hall meeting on transportation projects. “We need 1,200 to 1,300 people to show up,” he said. “We need to make an impression on the state and on the county that it matters to us. We need to make an impression on our new governor.”

The presentations are expected to be short, along with a brief State of the City address. Ample time will be given to questions and answers.

During the Town Hall, booths will be set up in the lobby by CenturyLink to provide information and sign up residents for the new fiber internet initiative, and Lannie Smith, the city's chief building official and certified floodplain manager, and his staff will be there to explain the new preliminary flood maps and how they will affect flood insurance. For more information, call 251-981-6979.

Perdido Ecumenical Choir seeks singers for its Christmas concert

The Perdido Ecumenical Choir is recruiting singers who love Christmas for its Christmas Concert at Holy Spirit Catholic Church on Old Gulf Beach Hwy. in Pensacola on Sunday, December 3, at 3 p.m. Practices are Monday evenings, from 6-7 p.m. All are welcome! Sacred and secular seasonal music will be performed. If you have any questions please call Kathy Johansen, Music Director of Holy Spirit Church, at 850-748-5336.

sediment before being uncovered by Hurricane Ivan in 2004. Come take a time-traveler's journey to our own prehistoric forest from the ice age. Ben Raines, who wrote and directed the documentary, will introduce the film and participate in a Question and Answer session immediately following. An investigative reporter for AL.com, Ben Raines has covered environmental issues and natural wonders in Alabama for nearly two decades.

November 2 Honours Golf Classic benefits Christian Service Center

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

The Christian Service Center is a volunteer based organization that helps people in the Gulf Shores and Orange Beach area during financial emergencies. They also provide a wide range of other services including meals on wheels, the summer food program for children, and managing the local food pantry. To sign up to play in this event or for sponsorship information, please contact Anthony Vaughn, club manager of Peninsula Golf and Racquet Club, by calling 251.968.8009.

Mobile Bay's Underwater Forest topic of Oct. 26 USA lecture in Gulf Shores

The University of South Alabama will launch the 2017-18 Distinguished Lecture Series with a screening of The Underwater Forest, a documentary detailing the discovery of an ancient cypress forest in Mobile Bay, on Oct. 26 at 6:30 p.m. at the Gulf Shores Cultural Center auditorium, located at 19470 Oak Road West (County Road 6) in Gulf Shores. The lecture is free. Register by calling 251-460-7200, online at usacontingued.com or by emailing aplatt@southalabama.edu.

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HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS

Spooktacular BooLu's and Trunk or Treat at LuLu's October 28

Enjoy a day full of Halloween festivities and kid's costume contest at LuLu's 7th Annual BooLu's. Grab a broomstick and fly in for the fun from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, October 28. BooLu's will have pumpkin decorating, kid's crafts, inflatable play area, a real live Zoltar fortune telling booth, an arcade challenge, and live music. Trunk or Treat will feature trick-or-treating on the LuLu's grounds during BooLu's with various businesses and non-profits handing out candy treats to the little goblins. Best of all, this day of fun events is all free.

Registration and judging for the costume contest, by age category, and the arcade challenge will be from 11 to 1:30. Kids can come dressed in their most creative costumes such as witches, zombies, ghosts, super heroes, fairies and the like to partake in the costume contest with prizes for the winners. LuLu's in Gulf Shores is located at the northern foot of the bridge off Gulf Shores Parkway at 200 East 25th Avenue. For further information, call (251) 967-5858, or visit lulubuffett.com/gulf-shores and Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

O.B. Family Dentistry hosts candy-buy-back for overseas troops

Orange Beach Family Dentistry is sponsoring a Halloween candy buy back event. Trick-or-treaters can bring their candy to Orange Beach Family Dentistry in Orange Beach and receive \$1 per pound (up to 5 pounds) and a goody bag! Orange Beach Family Dentistry will send collected candy to Stockings for Soldiers (www.stockingsforsoldiers.org), an organization that ships care packages to our U.S. Troops overseas to make their holidays a bit brighter. Candy will be collected at Orange Beach Family Dentistry, the office of Dr. Lauren H. Lee, at 25299 Canal Road Suite A5, Orange Beach, AL on Wednesday, Nov. 1st through Friday, Nov. 10th during current office hours. The candy must be unopened. Please no bites. It will then be shipped to our troops overseas. More info: 251-321-7575.

Haunted Story Telling Tour Oct. 27-28 at Swift-Coles

A Halloween Haunted Story Telling Tour is planned at Bon Secour's Swift-Coles Historic Home on Friday, Oct. 27 and Saturday, Oct. 28 from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Admission is \$10. The home is located at 17424 Swift-Coles Lane in Bon Secour. Info: SwiftColesHistoricHome.com

Over \$2,000 up for grabs at Flora-Bama costume contest

"Eat, Drink and Be Scary" is the tagline the Flora-Bama is using to promote its annual Oct. 31 Halloween Party, which will feature a costume contest for prizes and cash totaling more than \$2,000. There is no cover charge for the 6 p.m. party, and the contest judging starts at 9 p.m., with \$600 cash and trip to Hawaii for first, \$500 for second, and \$400 for third place. The Flora-Bama is located on the Gulf of Mexico at the Florida-Alabama state line. For more info, call 850-492-0611 or visit florabama.com. "Eat, Drink and Be Scary" is the tagline the Flora-Bama is using to promote its annual Oct. 31 Halloween Party, which will feature a costume contest for prizes and cash totaling more than \$2,000.

Foley Public Library Annual Halloween Extravaganza Oct. 28

The Foley Public Library's 4th Annual Halloween Extravaganza will be held on Saturday, Oct. 28 from 6-9 p.m. This is a family friendly event with something for all ages. There will be an outside pirate themed carnival in the front/south parking lot with a stuffed animal walk, face painting, balloon artistry, free "Pirate Booty" & drinks, a cornhole toss, a rock climbing wall, and more. A live DJ will be on hand to supply music and over 150 Halloween & Pirate themed rocks will be hidden throughout the carnival for attendees to collect. For older guests, there will be frightening Chamber of Horrors Haunted Stacks Tours through the upstairs of the library. This is recommended for teens and adults. That means super scary. More info: 251-943-7665, visit foleylibrary.org or go to Facebook.

Robertsdale Rotary Club hosts free Oct. 28 Haunted Swamp

The Robertsdale Rotary Club will host Doc Cooper's Haunted Swamp on Saturday, Oct. 28 from 6:30-9 p.m. at 22100 College Ave. in Robertsdale. Admission is free for all ages. Donations will be accepted for the Baldwin County Child Advocacy Center, aka CARE House.



Pumpkins large & small for sale at First Baptist Church

The congregation at First Baptist Church of Gulf Shores has pumpkins, lots of pumpkins, small and large, for sale on its campus at 2200 W 1st St., under the Intracoastal Bridge. Hours for the fundraiser are Mon-Sat from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday from 1-6 p.m. Prices range from \$1-\$45. The church is also inviting the community to join them at The Great Pumpkin Party on Tuesday, Oct. 31 from 5-7 p.m. The free event will include food, a trunk-or-treat, inflatables, games and a costume contest. For more info, call 251-968-7369.

Oct. 28 G. S. Witches Ride for BCHS starts at Meyer Park

The First Gulf Shores Witches Ride benefitting the Baldwin County Humane Society will be held on Saturday, October 28 at 5:30 p.m. The one mile charity ride begins at Meyer Park and tours the surrounding area. Participants are encouraged to dress in their spooktacular best & to adorn their broom sticks (bikes as they see fit. Registration is \$30, including a t-shirt and available through EventBrite. Earlier in the day is a pet costume parade during the Gulf Shores Block Party at Meyer Park, a day long Halloween event. Meyer Park is located on East 4th St. between 22nd and 24th Ave.

Gulf Shores Block Party includes costume contest, movie

The Waterway Village Fall Block Party kicks off at 2 p.m. on Saturday, October 28 at Meyer Park in Gulf Shores. Festivities include carnival games and activities for children. The fun continues all afternoon with a pet parade sponsored by Magnolia by the Gulf, children's costume contests, live DJ and community outreach with Gulf Shores Fire Rescue and the Gulf Shores Police Department.

At 5:30 p.m. participate in the Witches Ride, a 1 mile fun bike ride, around Meyer Park where all proceeds benefit the Baldwin County Humane Society.

The movie "Hocus Pocus" begins at 6 p.m. and will be featured on a jumbo screen. Families are encouraged to bring their blankets, chairs, friends and family to join the fun and relax in the park.

Meyer Park is located at 400 East 22nd Avenue in Gulf Shores. Admission is free, and parking will be available at Meyer Park and the Waterway Village public parking lot. A portion of East 3rd Street will be closed to all traffic for the Witches Ride. For more information, call 251-968-1171.

BLOCK PARTY SCHEDULE

2:00 p.m. - Games & Children's Activities
3:30 p.m. - Costume Contest
4:30 p.m. - Pet Parade
5:30 p.m. - Witches Ride
6:00 p.m. - Movie Screening: "Hocus Pocus"

Ghost Cruises at Caribe Marina thru Oct. 31

Ghost Cruises at Caribe Marina continue through Oct. 31. This family-friendly trip will feature a 45 minute cruise into Wolf Bay, a haunting ghost story told by seasoned actors, along with plenty of Halloween decorations and photo opportunities.

Cost is \$20 for adults and \$15 for children. Trips will be held Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 7 and 8 p.m., with Monday and Wednesday nights added in mid-October. The boat will leave promptly at the scheduled time. To purchase tickets or for more information, call 251-980-8410, visit CaribeMarina.com or email info@CaribeMarina.com.

Christian Life Trunk or Treat Oct. 31 at Wharf

Christian Life - The Island Church will host its annual Trunk or Treat, a spectacular family festival, on Halloween night, Oct. 31 from 6 - 8:30 p.m. all along Main St. and Wharf Pkwy. at The Wharf on Canal Rd. in Orange Beach. In addition to lots - and we mean lots - of candy for children of all ages, there will be a costume contest for all the festive folks and kid's activities galore. This safe and festive event is the best alternative to door-to-door trick or treating and is appropriate for all ages. Everyone is invited to participate, and candy will be distributed from a long lines of decorated cars. For more information, call 251-967-4840.

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HALLOWEEN HAPPENINGS

South Baldwin Community Theatre Zombie Fest Oct. 27-28

The South Baldwin Community Theatre's first ever ZombieFest will be held Oct. 27-28 on the grounds of its Gulf Shores campus.

Many Zombie Fest activities will be held on the SBCT's new outdoor stage, with shows on the stage beginning at 7 p.m. each night.

Other festivities include face painting, pictures with your favorite zombie, and costume sales from the SBCT costume closet start in the theatre lobby from 6-7 p.m.

Program for the evening includes three horrifyingly beautiful Coastal Ballet dances under the direction of Madame Rio Barlow: Thriller, The Nightmare and Processional

The program also includes two hilariously scary short plays by Laura Pfizenmayer: An Infestation of Monsters and Smooth Away. Warning: The plays include audience participation.

A recitation of Edgar Allen Poe's the Raven by Robert Gardner and costume contests with a grand prize each night are also part of the program. Tickets are only \$10 and include deliciously toxic refreshments. Tickets available at the SBCT box-office and online at sbct.org. Bring lawn chairs or blankets. South Baldwin Community Theater is located at 2022 West 2nd Street in Gulf Shores (251-968-6721).

Wales West Pumpkin Express & Scary Train thru Oct. 31

All aboard the 2017 Pumpkin Patch Express and Scary Night Train at Wales West in Summerdale continues through October 31. Ride an authentic Steam Train to the Haunted Barn Maze and Kiddie-Friendly Pumpkin Patch, decorate a Free Pumpkin, enjoy the Mini-Train Ride, Hay Ride, Refreshments, Bounce House, and T-Rex Jr. Exciting Pumpkin Cannon, Petting Zoo/Pony Rides, Cafe, and Gift Shop available for a slight fee. Day trains are kid friendly and scary night trains begin at 7 p.m. The event is open on Fridays and Saturdays from 5-9 p.m. and Sundays from 1-9 p.m. Starting October 24, The Express is open week days from 5-9 p.m. and weekends from 1-9 p.m. Tickets may be purchased online or on-site. Cost is \$15 per person, plus tax; with children 2 and under admitted free. For more info, visit waleswest.com or call 251-232-2322 or 888-569-5337. Wales West is located on Co.Rd. 9 at 13670 Smiley St. in Silverhill.

Oct. 31 Lillian Methodist Church Trunk or Treat open to all

Lillian United Methodist Church parishoners will host a Tuesday, October 31 Trunk or Treat on the church campus from 6-7 p.m. Get your costume on and come trick or treat from car trunk to car trunk. All children 12 and under come and enjoy a hot dog and chips and an evening of Halloween fun. Lillian United Methodist Church is located at 12770 South Perdido St. in Lillian. Call Joyce Ellison at 251-752-5062 for more info.

Spooky Movie on the Lawn & More Oct. 28 at The Wharf

Come early for tricks and treats and stay 'til evening for spell-casting, cinematic fun on the Wharf Marina Lawn during the Oct. 28 Spooky Movie on the Lawn & More at The Wharf in Orange Beach. Watch Harry Potter and The Sorcerer's Stone at 7:30 p.m.

on the Marina Lawn. Bring a blanket or some chairs and get comfy with your crew. Complimentary popcorn by AMC Theatre and free hot chocolate from The Southern Grind will be available during the movie. Admission is free. Trick or treating begins at 2 p.m., other kids' activities at 4 p.m. and hay rides at 5 p.m. Kutter's Landscaping is sponsoring the hayride and other family-friendly activities. Also, wear a costume and trick or treat at one of our participating shops beginning at 2 p.m.

Boo at the Alabama Gulf Coast Zoo postponed until Oct. 29

Forecast calls for storms forced Boo at the Zoo at the Alabama Gulf Coast Zoo to be postponed until Sunday, October 29 from 1 to 4 p.m. Dress up as your favorite ghost or goblin, have fun as a kangaroo or monkey, or show up as the best superhero or pumpkin. But dress your best because there will be a costume contest!

Come visit with your furry and feathered friends, as we'll have plenty to do with games, food and of course treats all over the zoo.

Admission for Boo at the Zoo is \$5 per person. Children two and under are free. Those with an Alabama Gulf Coast Zoo membership card are free. Boo at the Zoo is a cash only event. For more info, go to the zoo's face-book page.

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AROUND TOWN



SEC Women's Soccer Championship starts Oct. 29 in O.B.

Both Alabama & Auburn will compete for title in 10 team tourney

First round matches in the single elimination SEC Women's Soccer Championship are scheduled Oct. 29 at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. at the Orange Beach Sportsplex. The quarterfinals will be played on Oct. 31 at noon, 2:30 p.m., 5 p.m. and 7 p.m., with the respective semifinal matches slated on Nov. 2 at 3:30 p.m. and 6 p.m. The tourney final will be played on Sunday, Nov. 5 at 2 p.m. The top 10 teams in the SEC will compete in the tourney, and all games will be televised on the SEC Network.

Orange Beach will be the host site for the SEC women's title tournament through 2020, at the very least.

The Orange Beach Sportsplex is located at 4389 William Silvers Parkway in Orange Beach, about 1 mile from the Foley Beach Express exit on Canal Road. Tickets will be available at the gate. Adult tickets are \$5 per game and children (K-12) are \$2 per day. Orange Beach will be the host site for the SEC women's title tournament through 2020, at the very least.

The SEC standings with league records on Oct. 23:

1. South Carolina (8-0-1), 2. Texas A&M (8-1), 3. Florida (7-2), 4. Auburn (4-1-2), 5. Tennessee (5-3-1), 6. Vanderbilt (5-3-1), 7. Arkansas (4-4-1), 8. Ole Miss (3-4-2), 9. Alabama (3-5-1), 10. Mississippi State (2-4-2). The 11th place SEC team, Kentucky, was 2-7 in league play as of Oct. 23. So, the top 10 teams are set.

Florida, the defending SEC champion, was the pre-season pick to repeat as SEC champion, but just about every team in the tourney - including streaking Auburn, and Tennessee (13-3-1 overall) - would be a formidable opponent in the NCAA Championship Tourney that starts the following week.

In the Oct. 22 United Soccer Coaches Rankings, South Carolina (no. 3), Tennessee (no. 11), Texas A&M (no. 14) and Florida (no. 20) are all ranked in the top 20 nationally. And Auburn and Ole Miss also received votes in the national rankings.

There are 333 NCAA member institutions that sponsor Division I Women's Soccer teams and are eligible to compete in the National Championship Tourney, a 64 team event that begins on college campuses and ends which at Orlando City Stadium in December. Semifinals games will be held in Orlando on December 1. The winners will compete for the National Championship on December 3. Southern Cal beat West Virginia to claim the 2016 title. Georgetown and North Carolina were the other semifinalists.

Pictured: Florida won the 2016 SEC Women's Soccer Championship, beating Arkansas 2-1 in overtime in the final.



Ono Island resident's daughter is very fast

Bruce Kieffer, a resident of Ono Island for the past 14 years, said he can't take any credit for his daughter, Allie Kieffer's record setting speed.

"She didn't get it from me, but she and her sister were always fast," Bruce said. "As soon as they started playing soccer, they were always the fastest kids and scored all the goals."

Allie, a qualifier for the 2012 Olympic Trials and a world record holder, is still holding her own in races against world class competition while based out of Buffalo. Locally, Allie has won the Pensacola Double Bridge Run.

She is the world record holder in the indoor marathon, and she is currently training for next month's New York City Marathon.

A High school All-America selection, Allie is a former stand-out runner for Wake Forest and Arizona State. She was the overall winner, men included, in the Niagara Falls Marathon and has also won the Miami Marathon.

She is currently ranked 61st in the world in the 10K.

Bruce, who is from Long Island, said he found his retirement paradise by accident. "I was tired of the cold. I went to Hawaii and San Diego, but it was too expensive," he said. "I had a brother who was here on a golf vacation. He told me I should check it out. I did and I never left."

Pictured: Bruce Kieffer with his record setting daughter Allie.



White Linen Night With Gatsby Nov. 11 at South Bald. Theatre

Patrons are invited to "come party like it's 1922" during the Night with Gatsby White Linen benefit at South Baldwin Theatre on Nov. 11. Tickets are \$60 per couple and \$35 for single, and festivities include serve period refreshments, a reading and a skit from The Great Gatsby, a silent auction, music, dancing, and other activities. The silent auction will be in the lobby. All other activities will be held in the outdoor stage area. Come help support SBCT and have fun doing it. South Baldwin Community Theatre, located in Gulf Shores at 2022 West 2nd Street. Tickets may be purchased online at sbct.biz or call the box office (251) 968-6721.

Beer collectibles trade show Nov. 4 at G.S. American Legion

A beer collectibles trade show will be held on Nov. 4 from 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. at American Legion Post 44, located at 6781 State Highway 59 in Gulf Shores. The public invited. Admission is free and there are no table fees. Food, sodas and beer will be available. but, please, no outside beverages or food. Festivities will include a big breweriana raffle with a neon sign. For more info, call Ray Kynard at 334-272-1823 or jrkynard@yahoo.com.



Pink Event fundraiser Nov. 4 at Bodenhamer Center

The Fourth Annual Pink Beach Event will be held on Nov. 4 from 9:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. at the Bodenhamer Center, located at 310 West 19th Ave. in Gulf Shores. Zumba starts at 10:30 a.m.

The event is a fundraiser for Joy To Life.org, a charity that raises awareness and funds for breast cancer and research. Tickets are \$10 per person, with kids admitted free.

Shane Tucker, a renowned Elvis impersonator, will be performing and there will be Classic Cars parked outside the Bodenhamer. A silent auction (cash only), photo area and concessions will also be part of the event. Patrons are encouraged to dress up and enjoy the fun. For more info, contact host Sherie Coyne, a Gulf Shores based licensed zumba instructor, at 251-377-1050.

Pictured: Fun at past Pink Beach Events.



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Nov. 10 golf tourney benefits FBISF Education Foundation

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

Don Schlitz perfect for Larry Butler Music Fund concerts

Don Schlitz (pictured), one of the most influential and beloved songwriters in the history of country music, will headline two Frank Brown International Songwriters Festival benefits for the Larry Butler Memorial Music Fund at the University of West Florida.

The concerts will be held on Friday Nov. 10 and Wednesday, Nov. 15 in the main listening room at the Flora-Bama beginning at 6 p.m. Mark Sherrill & Friends will open for Schlitz on Nov. 10, and Rhonda Hart & Friends will open on Nov. 15.



Billed as "An Evening with Don Schlitz - A Tribute To Larry Butler," the concerts will feature a past FBISF participant just after he is officially inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame alongside Jerry Reed and Alan Jackson.

"Don will be recognized at the CMA Awards on Nov. 9 and then do the show here on Nov. 10," said FBISF coordinator Andy

Haynes. "Don and Larry worked together on a number of projects."

The first of many No. 1 hits for Schlitz was "The Gambler," which Kenny Rogers recorded and Butler won a Grammy award for producing. His 50 Top Ten singles include 24 number one hits. He has won three CMA Song of the Year awards, two Academy of Country Music Song of the Year prizes, two Grammy awards and four consecutive ASCAP Country Songwriter of the Year trophies.

He was inducted into the Nashville Songwriters Association Hall of Fame in 1993, and the Songwriters Hall of Fame in 2012. His hits include Randy Travis' 'Forever and Ever, Amen,' and 'On the Other Hand.'

He also scored generational defining hits for Mary Chapin Carpenter with 'I Take My Chances' and Keith Whitley with 'When You Say Nothing At All,' also later recorded by Alison Krauss.

Award winning writers' gospel concert Nov. 12 at St. Andrew by the Sea

In conjunction with the Frank Brown International Songwriters' Festival, St. Andrew by the Sea will present a gospel concert featuring three award winning Nashville songwriters (Larry Cordle, Carl Jackson & Jerry Salley) on Sunday, November 12 at 2 p.m. The concert is free and everyone in the community is encouraged to attend, as these songwriters create beautiful, inspiring music together and separately. The church is located at 17263 Fort Morgan Rd. in Gulf Shores.

Referred to by Billboard Magazine as "One of Music Row's greatest veteran tunesmiths," Jerry Salley has had an incredibly successful songwriting career. The 2003

SESAC Country Music Songwriter of the Year, Jerry has had over 450 songs recorded in his multi-award winning career. To date Jerry's songs have sold in excess of 15.5 million records worldwide. Writing and singing in Nashville since 1982, he has written multiple hits in Country, Bluegrass and Gospel Music and may well be the most successful songwriter to have earned equal recognition from all three genres of music.

Born and raised on a small farm in eastern Kentucky, Kentucky Music Hall of Fame member, Larry Cordle's songwriting career was launched in the summer of 1983 when child-



hood friend, neighbor and musical prodigy, Ricky Skaggs recorded Larry's song "Highway Forty Blues," which went to #1. His songs have appeared on projects that have to date sold 55 million records. He Give Me Jesus album received a 2017 IBMA Gospel Recorded Event of the Year nomination for the title track.

By the time he was eight years old, Carl Jackson was on his way to being an accomplished musician, thanks to his father's influence and a burning desire. For a number of years he worked with Glen Campbell who described Carl as "the greatest banjo player in the world." During his year's with Campbell he started to work on his vocal and song-

writing abilities as well as his musicianship. Hundreds of Carl's songs have been recorded with sales in excess of 40 million units. As a vocalist you can hear him on recordings with practically every big name in the business. His career has seen him receive substantial critical acclaim for his work as a producer. One of Carl's finest production successes is entitled "Livin', Lovin', Losin' – Songs of the Louvin Brothers" which was the 2003 Grammy winner for Country Album of the Year. He also has three performances on the album. In 2013, he released "Grace Notes," a beautiful collection of hymns played on twelve different guitars.

Perdido Sports Bar, Intracoastal host Nov. 8 Locals kick-off parties

Respective East and West FBISF locals kick-off parties will be held at Perdido Key Sports Bar and The Intracoastal at the Wharf in Orange Beach on Wednesday, Nov. 8 from 6-9 p.m. Owner Judy Davis has invited The Beachbillies to host the Perdido Sports Bar kick-off, while Intracoastal owner Bobby Graves will welcome the Perdido Brothers and their guests. The FBISF staff suggests that folks with pep still left in their step convene at the Flora-Bama after the kick-offs.

FBISF stretches from Silverhill to P-Cola

Official FBISF venues include: Artworks Studio & Gallery; Big Beach Brewing Co.; Buena Vista Coastal RV Resort; Coastal Arts Center of Orange Beach; Flora-Bama Church; Flora-Bama Dome Stage; Flora-Bama Main Room; Flora-Bama Ole River Bar and Grill; Flora-

Bama Tent Stage; Flora-Bama Yacht Club; Frog Pond at Blue Moon Farm; From the Ground Up Community Garden; Gilbey's Seafood and Steaks; Lillian's Pizza; LuLu's – Gulf Shores; Perdido Beach Resort; Perdido Key Sports Bar; Pirates Cove; Purple Parrot Tiki Bar; Seville Quarter; St. Andrew By The Sea – A Community Church; Sunset Cork Room Restaurant & Wine Bar; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores; The Intracoastal Orange Beach; The Oar House on Bayou Chico; The Point Restaurant; Tin Top Restaurant.

Free Ready, Set, Sync seminar slated Nov. 11

The FBISF will sponsor a free Ready, Set, Sync seminar on Saturday, Nov. 11 from 10 a.m. until noon at Phoenix X Condos (next door to the Flora-Bama). Sync licensing is the newest source of income for the Indie artist. Learn how to get your music in film, TV, trailers and commercials. The seminar is presented by Nancy Peacock and Queenie Mullinex of Washington Street Publishing in Nashville. Info: frankbrownsongwriters.com.

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Cats on Mats fundraiser Oct. 29 at Orange Beach Yoga

In honor of National Cat Day, MOXIE Lifestyle Fitness Studio and Orange Beach Yoga will host the Cats on Mats this Sunday, October 29 at 11:30 a.m. Sign up online or drop by MOXIE, located at The Wharf in Orange Beach (251-219-0504).

The \$20 class fee will serve as a tax-deductible donation to the Orange Beach Animal Care and Control Program (OBACCP) and the Trap-Neuter-Return effort in Orange Beach. Cat adoptions will follow the one hour, all level yoga class. Yoga with cats is the newest trend in yoga! The idea of having homeless cats roam freely in yoga studios originally started in British Columbia as a way of helping cats in need find homes.

The Orange Beach Animal Care and Control Program (OBACCP) advocates for low-cost spay and neuter policies and programs, as well as lifesaving Trap-Neuter-Return and Shelter-Neuter-Return initiatives. OBACCP is working for meaningful change to make a better place to live for our citizens and cats. TNR is the only proven effective method of controlling the otherwise exponential growth in stray and feral cat colonies.

"Although some immediate results will be evident where colonies are completed, it will take a continued partnership with Orange Beach city leaders, dedicated volunteers and our citizens' willingness to cooperate with this new approach in order to be completely effective," said Tom Conerly, OBPD Animal Control Officer, Orange Beach Police Department.

Currently, over 600 local governments in the US have officially embraced Trap, Neuter and Return to successfully manage their community cat populations.

"We have a lot of work to do to ensure policies and programs in the Orange Beach community serve the best interests of cats and citizens," said program advocate Stephanie Christie. "Support of this innovative program is driving meaningful change in the community."

Orange Beach Animal Care and Control is a resource for animal advocates, dedicated community cat caregivers, and volunteers driving change and accelerating protection for community cats and our other animals in Orange Beach. Effect meaningful change and make Orange Beach a better place to live for its citizens and cats. The non-profit project dedicated to saving the lives of community cats, and making it possible for all cats to live in harmony with their neighbors.



Gulf Shores School System is a done deal; now the work begins

By Fran Thompson

A little over three years ago, a record number of Orange Beach voters turned out to vote overwhelmingly against that city forming its own school system.

"Let the people vote," Orange Beach Mayor Tony Kennon said on the day of reckoning. "If it passes, then we will move forward with a separation agreement and move forward with our system. If it fails, then we will immediately reassess and contact the county and see if we cannot find a way to work with the county and improve our education system here in Orange Beach and in Gulf Shores."

Before the vote, Orange Beach's City Council stood united as citizens lined up to speak passionately and eloquently during a series of sometimes contentious town hall meetings. Best selling author Andy Andrews even showed up to speak in favor of the split.

City officials pointed out that property taxes collected from condo owners would pay disproportionately for what would by far be the best funded school system in Alabama. By far.

Charts were produced showing how property values had risen exponentially in cities that formed their own school system. Other charts showed all but one of the 20 highest rated school systems in the entire state were run by cities. And, remember, the schools would mostly be funded by condo row.

The city's elected officials and a very vocal group of supporters thought it was the best way to move the city forward. But Orange Beach voters felt otherwise. Maybe they didn't want the city to move forward or they defined the word differently.

Gulf Shores went in a different direction, as its City Council, without public meetings of any kind, voted on Oct. 9 to form its own school system. The city is now accepting applications for a five-person school board. That Board will be named on Oct. 30. The Board will hire a superintendent by the end of next month and begin the process of separating from Baldwin County Schools.

It's a done deal.

Just before the Gulf Shores Council's blockbuster vote, five of the seven members of the elected Baldwin County School Board voted to fund a new middle school in Orange Beach (the Orange Beach representative, Angie Swiger, voted nay). That school will be open in August of 2019, the same month Gulf Shores is expecting to open its doors.

The new Orange Beach school would have allowed the overcrowded Gulf Shores Elementary School to utilize the adjacent Gulf Shores Middle School building and alleviate what everyone agrees is a case of severe overcrowding at GSES. And what a location. Adjacent to one of the most remarkable eco-friendly (and kid friendly) nature reserves in the country.

But Gulf Shores Mayor Robert Craft says that his Council's decision to break from the county was not about facilities.

"It's not about buildings. It's about better education for our children," Mayor Craft said. "Our kids are not getting the education that they deserve."

Gulf Shores is not planning to increase taxes to fund its school system, so a citizens' vote for approval is not necessary. Instead, the city will dip into surplus funds to pay for the schools.

"It doesn't require a vote unless we need more

money," Mayor Craft said. "We created this model by design - from nothing to \$30 million in reserves."

Besides, the city is already spending close to \$1 million yearly providing ancillary services for its schools, the mayor added.

Funding for new school buildings was overwhelmingly shot down by voters throughout Baldwin County in a 2015 referendum, as was an earlier referendum to form a joint Island School System with Orange Beach back in 2007.

Even though there is little precedent for it, Mayor Craft said it may not be necessary to ask Gulf Shores voters to pay even a minimal 3 mills of property tax (an increase of \$30 on a home assessed at \$100K) to fund its schools.

But if that happens, it will be at least five years from now, and he fully expects his constituency to vote in favor of the tax, as the city will demonstrate that the Gulf Shores model is far superior to the status quo.

The numbers are complicated when determining per pupil funding. There is never going to be a time when Gulf Shores gets back what it pays into the State Foundation program. Baldwin County already ranks near the bottom of Alabama's 133 systems in state funding per student.

According to reporting from John Mullen, the PARCA study shows that with an average daily attendance of 1,725 students, the costs to operate a city school system will range from \$14.9 million to \$17.4 million. PARCA estimates the city school system will generate \$15.4 million in revenues. That is definitely "do-able."

"We were elected to make decisions that are in the best interests of the city and it is our determination and strong belief that this is the best thing we can do to grow our residential," Mayor Craft said. "We want quality people to move here instead of moving away from the schools."

The mayor added that tourism growth in the city is almost at capacity and the school system would be an incubator that would allow the city to continue to grow its other sectors.

It is certain that the Gulf Shores School System will include partnerships with Auburn, Coastal Community College and the University of South Alabama, as all three of those universities already have a presence in the city, and Gulf Shores plans to offer the International Baccalaureate program and other honors courses, the mayor said. Career technical training is also a big part of the plan.

There is no doubting Mayor Craft's sincerity when he says his goal is to prepare Gulf Shores kids for the future. There is no doubting his work ethic.

Why would he take on such a monumental challenge? One that would have been voted down, if City Council took the same approach as Orange Beach and left it up to the voters?

My answer is to simply take the mayor at his word. He believes he is doing the job he was elected to do. He deserves our respect for that.

"It's what we believe will make this a better place to raise kids," the Mayor said. "If we want to continue to grow residentially, this all makes sense."

The decision's been made. We have our own school system now. Let's work to make it the best in the state. It makes sense.



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WHAT'S HAPPENING



O.B. GARDEN CLUB RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL YARDS OF THE MONTH: The Orange Beach Garden Club selected the Orange Beach residence at 26447 Caribe Dr. as the October yard of the month. The Commercial October Yard of the month is Admirals Quarters at 26200 Perdido Beach Blvd. **Pictured:** (above) Homeowners Rex Walker, Paula Revis, OBG, and Dewanna Green. (Below) Board member John Bates and Paula Revis, OIBGC.



Gulf Shores CrossFit Nov. 11 Beach Assault

Gulf Shores CrossFit is hosting the Beach Assault, a fitness competition designed to test competitors' athletic prowess in several modalities on Nov. 11. This event will be the first of its kind held on Alabama's Gulf Coast and will feature teams of two competing against each other for top honors over several divisions.

For more info, visit gulfscores-beachassault.com.

Registration for the event will remain open until 31 October. The divisions featured in the competition are: Teens (15-17 y/o), beginner and advanced (18-49) and masters (49+). All divisions will consist of teams of two in both all male and all female pairings. The entry fee is \$150/team.

Teams will compete in four different workouts over the course of the day, each one testing different aspects of physical and mental ability. The top three teams in each division will be recognized at an awards ceremony at the Hangout and all participants are invited to stay after to enjoy the Hangout's awesome party space.

WED, OCT 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.
- **Pumpkin Patch Express and Scary Night Train:** 5-9 p.m.; Wales West, Summerdale; 251-232-2322.
- **Frankie G On Piano:** 6:30; Franco's Italian Restaurant; Orange Beach.
- **Open Mic:** 5:30; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- **Karaoke w. JW:** 6; Margarita Locals; Gulf Shores.
- **Karaoke w. Jeremy Pickins:** 6; Margarita Loca; Gulf Shores.
- **John Lee Sanders:** 6; Voyagers Restaurant at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **John Brust:** 6; The Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **Lisa Zanghi & Scott Koehn:** 6:30; Flip-pers, 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:** 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.
- **Food Ministry For Hungry Families:** noon-1 p.m.; Grace Lutheran Church, corner of West 23rd Ave. and West 4th St. in Gulf Shores; 251-968-5991.
- **Perdido Key Rotary Club:** 7:30 a.m.; every Wednesday at Triggers. 850.492.8335.
- **Storytime at Pensacola Southwest Branch Library:** free; infant to 5; 10:30-11; 12238 Old Gulf Beach Hwy; (850)453-7780.
- **Gulf Shores Lions Club:** noon; 2nd & 4th Wednesday; noon; Gulf Shores Community House, 300 E. 16th Avenue; 251-968-2823.
- **AA:** Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

THU, OCT 26

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

FRIENDS HELP BEAR POINT'S PETE HOURIHAN CELEBRATE 80TH

It was fitting that Pete Hourihan's wife, Neide picked Flipper's as the host site for her husband's 80th birthday party. Pete was going to be there anyway. The retiree from Potsdam, NY spends most of his late afternoons at the restaurant located just a short walk from his Bear Point home of 22 years. "I spend a lot of money over there," he said. "I head over around 5:30 p.m., stay for an hour or so and have a few beers." Pete, who retired after 30 years in education at age 55, said he still smokes a pack of cigarettes a day. "I tried quitting for six months and I gained 40 lbs.," he said. "I was miserable. I started smoking again, lost 50 lbs. and felt much better."

Pete said he rarely gets over to his old stomping grounds, the Flora-Bama, where he sometimes sat in on guitar with that bistro's possible/probable musicians. "I miss it. But my finger tips have gotten soft," he said. "And I don't like driving. I haven't had a ticket or accident in 40 years and I don't want to press my luck." That is not to say he doesn't feel lucky.

"I have lived a pretty good life," he said.



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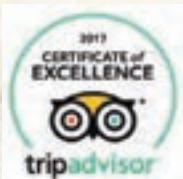


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WHAT'S HAPPENING



Toys 4 Children fundraiser Nov. 9 at Fisher's

By John Mullen

Organizers Terri Long and Candice Duncan (pictured) of Wildflowers Boutique will host their fifth Toys 4 Children fundraiser on Nov. 9 at Fisher's at Orange Beach Marina. Fisher's is a partner in the effort and has hosted the event every year.

Each year it keeps building and building, Terri said, with donations, toys, and partners. In the previous four years, a total of \$50,000 in toys and donations have been collected to help island and Baldwin County children have a great Christmas.

Tickets are \$25 and are available at Wildflowers Boutique on Canal Road in the Commons Shopping center or on online. The ticket includes a showing of Wildflowers unique fashions, with models donating their time. TriggerProof, a popular regional band from Biloxi, will entertain. Fisher's is providing hors d'oeuvres and will have drink specials.

"Many of the models buy tickets to the event in addition to donating their time," Terri said. "Last year was the best that we've had and this year we're going try to make it even bigger. Last year we had the Marines with Toys for Tots and they walked each model out. That was just awesome!"

The Marine Corps Reserve's annual toy drive has been a staple of the holiday season since 1947.

"Toys for Tots asked to join us last year," Terri said. "They came to us and wanted to know how can we get involved. I told them we're about keeping it local. They agreed to take care of our locals."

All of the donations from ticket sales go to the Christian Service Center in Gulf Shores. It's an interdenominational all-volunteer organization that gives a hand up to those in need in Baldwin County. The Orange Beach Volunteer Fire Department's Ladies Auxiliary joined forces with the event sponsors.

"I love that we are helping a lot of people that help run our town – security guards, waitresses, bartenders," Terri said. "And it's a little help for them during Christmas."

For more info call Wildflowers Boutique 251.981.9453 or visit the event Facebook page, Toys 4 Children 5th Annual.

Free memory & balance screenings in November

GlenLakes Golf Club, in association with the Alzheimer's Foundation of America, will sponsor free and totally confidential memory screening and balance tests Nov. 1, 2, 3 & 8 at convenient locations in Foley, Gulf Shores, Orange Beach and Fairhope. For more info, call 251-752-8742.

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

SCHEDULE

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

Kendrick, Foo's, Killers at Oct. 27-29 Voodoo

Considering it is held Halloween weekend every year, of course the number of costumes, which are a festive dress code anytime in New Orleans, take an exponential leap during Voodoo Music & Arts Experience, slated Oct. 27-29 in City Park. Daily tickets will be available at the gate for \$70 on Friday and Sunday and \$80 on Saturday. Weekend tickets were \$155 at the MW deadline.

Featuring over 70 bands on four stages and set in a beautiful urban, oak tree lined park, the Voodoo Experience also offers Louisiana speciality dishes, vegan, vegetarian and gluten-free options, hand crafted art, interactive art installations, unique sponsor areas, carnival rides and the The Mortuary Haunted Experience.

FRIDAY (OCT. 27)

Kendrick Lamar, LCD Soundsystem, Galantis, Kehlani, Prophets of Rage, Yellow Claw, The Afghan Whigs, Andrew McMahon in the Wilderness, Marian Hill, Nghtmre, Gnash, Bibi Bourelly, Benjamin Booker, Chicano Batman, Autograf, Joyryde, Flow Tribe, Mondo Cozmo, Tokimonstssa, Saint Jhn, Durand Jones and the Indications, Public Access T.V. DJ Mel, Alfred Banks, and Free Swim.

SATURDAY (OCT. 28),

The Foo Fighters, DJ Snake, Brand New, RL Grime, Crystal Castles, Superduperkyle, Live, K. Flay, Illenium, Whitney, The Black Angels, Vintage Trouble, Hayley Kiyoko, Rich Chigga, The Record Company, Colony House, Boombox Cartel, Pell, Cid, Black Pistol Fire, Flint Eastwood, Tim Gunter, DJ Gracie, Carmine P. Filthy, Otto.

SUNDAY (OCT. 29)

Killers, Dillon Francis, The Head and the Heart, Post Malone, Miguel, Cold War Kids, Louis the Child, The James Hunter Six, Amine G. Jones, Mija, Strand of Oaks, Snbrn, Sam Dew, Pham, La Femme, Ron Gallo.

Perdido Key.

- **Flora-Bama Bingo:** free; 1-4 p.m.; great prizes, family friendly; 17401 Perdido Key Dr., Perdido Key.
- **Pumpkin Patch Express and Scary Night Train:** 5-9 p.m.; Wales West, Summerdale; 251-232-2322.
- **Open Mic:** 7; Snapper's; Orange Beach.
- **John Lee Sanders:** 6; Voyagers Restaurant at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **Alabama Coastal Foundation Fundraiser:** 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.; Big Beach Brewery; Gulf Shores.
- **Mac Walter:** 5:30; Tacky Jacks, Orange

Beach.

- **Cornhole Tourney:** 6; Moe's BBQ; Foley.
- **John Brust:** 6; Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **LeAnne Creswell & Lisa Zanghi:** 6; Franco's; Orange Beach.
- **Raising Karma:** 6; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
- **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

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Nov. 4 A Festival of Gifts benefits Mother's Day Out

On Saturday, November 4, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Gulf Shores United Methodist Church Mother's Day Out and Preschool will host its 9th annual fundraiser, "The Harvest—A Festival of Gifts" at its south campus (in Winn-Dixie Parking lot behind Zaxby's.) Profits from The Harvest will benefit the Mother's Day Out and Preschool Program's scholarship fund, and for the first time this year, half of the profits will be donated to Hurricane Recovery Efforts!

The Harvest will highlight: Local artists and crafters selling their original, home-made creations, an extensive Silent Auction, and the ever-popular Sweet Shop, which will feature decadent confections created by local bakers. Come shop local and get an early start on your holiday shopping!

For more info, contact Lana Crawford at 251-968-4328 or lane@gulfshoresumc.org or Facebook.

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, McAuiff 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. & 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, OCT 27

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



GSWC ASSISTS WITH NATIONAL NIGHT OUT: Gulf Shores Women's Club volunteers assisted members of the Gulf Shores Police Department and Fire Department with the celebration of National Night Out at Pelican Place on October 10. National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships to make neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. This is the 7th annual event in Gulf Shores. Other Gulf Shores Woman's Club volunteers for the event were Betty Lisle, Shirley Tucker, Mary Lee Harms, Gilda Green, Stacia Moody and Faye Cook. The Gulf Shores Woman's Club is a volunteer organization to foster the civic, social and educational betterment of the Gulf Shores and Orange Beach communities. For additional information on meetings and projects visit their Facebook page, [Facebook.com/GFWC/Gulf Shores Woman's Club, Inc.](https://www.facebook.com/GFWC/Gulf-Shores-Woman's-Club-Inc) **Pictured:** Cpl. Josh Houget, coordinator for the Gulf Shores Police Department National Night Out along with GSWC volunteers Rebecca Smith and Sherry Dusko.



ROBERTSDALE GARDENERS CALLED TO ORDER BY GENTLEMAN: For the first time in 87 years, the Robertsdale Garden Club was called to order by a gentleman, Ken Ramey, First Vice President. Before the club was officially formed, Harry Starnes, a vocational-agriculture teacher, designed a landscaping plan for shrubs and plants at the Robertsdale schools. This was the genesis of the present-day garden club. **Pictured:** First Vice President Ken Ramey; Katie Warren – Flower Arranging Demonstration; Mary Ann Lindsay with door prize.

Winter 2-Player Invitational Dec. 9-10 at Glen Lakes

Foley's GlenLakes Golf Club will host its annual Winter 2-Player Invitational Dec. 9-10. The entry fee is \$100 per team and play starts at 8:30 a.m. both days in men's, women's and coed divisions. Players must have handicap or verification. Cart fee is not included. Entry deadline is Dec. 6 and play is limited to 60 teams. For more info, call David Musial, PGA General Manager, GlenLakes Golf Club, 251-955-1220 or email musialgolf@yahoo.com.



SOUTH BALDWIN NEWCOMERS MONTHLY LUNCHEON: SBNC holds monthly meetings/luncheons at local Orange Beach and Gulf Shores restaurants. We have very interesting speakers at each luncheon. The luncheons are held the first Tuesday of every month. The October luncheon was held at Big Mike's Steakhouse and featured speaker Sheriff Hoss Mack, who discussed his strong support of Baldwin County Schools. One way this support is demonstrated is the Deputy on Campus program. The luncheon topics are always varied and interesting as we strive to have speakers from a multitude of backgrounds to interest our club. If you are interested in joining, visit southbaldwinnewcomers.com. Club members participate in a variety of activities and have small groups for just about any interest.



NICKELSON IS ST. BENEDICT RED RIBBON LEADER: The 2017-2018 Saint Benedict Catholic School Red Ribbon leader is Caroline Nickelson. Caroline is a prime example of a student who consistently demonstrates trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and citizenship. Caroline and other Red Ribbon Winners in Baldwin County were honored at The Annual Superintendents' Red Ribbon Leadership Awards.

Prodissee Pantry Turkey Trot Oct. 28 in Old Towne Daphne

The 8th Annual Prodissee Pantry Turkey Trot runs through Old Towne Daphne on Saturday, October 28th with both a 5K Race and a 1-mile Fun Run/Walk. The 5K Race starts at 8 a.m. on Main Street at City Hall. It follows a fast course as it winds through Old Towne Daphne. The Fun Run/Walk begins at 9 a.m. Walkers are encouraged to participate in the Fun Run. A family friendly festival includes free food, inflatables, games and other family activities.

Entry fees are \$25 for the 5K Race and \$10 for the Fun Run by Noon on October 27 for in person and online applications. Race day fees are \$30 for the 5K and \$15 for the Fun Run. For more information, visit prodisseepantry.org, call 251-626-1720 or email director@prodisseepantry.org. Each registration equals a turkey!

Prizes will be awarded for largest team, most funds raised, team spirit, most cans collected, cutest booth and more. Proceeds from the Turkey Trot benefit Prodissee Pantry, Baldwin County's largest nonprofit emergency food pantry. Turkey Trot participants are also encouraged to bring non-perishable canned food donations to the race.

This community ministry brings hope by feeding physical, emotional hunger! Volunteers provided fresh produce, meats, eggs, bread, canned staple foods and warm smiles to 8,564 families so far this year. That equates to 19,000 individuals who had healthy food to eat.

The Turkey Trot provides funding for Prodissee Pantry's Thanksgiving project. Last November, 2,023 families were blessed with nine tons of turkeys and over 10 tons of special holiday foods in addition to the weekly emergency food allocation.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Sirens of the Sea Treasure Trove Estate Sale Nov. 11 at Pelican Place

Sirens of the Sea, a local women's Mardi Gras organization is having their First Annual Treasure Troves Estate Sale. It will be held Saturday, November 11 at the Pelican Place Shopping Center, Retail Suite #148 in Gulf Shores from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Treasure Troves are defined as wonderful finds and collectibles. There will be a wide array of decorative items including beautiful vases, serving platters, housewares, lamps, framed artwork, Christmas /Holiday decorations, dishes and much more. There will be many treasures to select from. Come out and join us. Sirens of the Sea support our local communities with their charitable donations to several local selected charities. Their Annual Sirens Scholarship Fund is awarded to a local high school senior for college tuition. For more information, contact Angela Martin 251-923-6082 or Sylvia Hinson 251-709-9525.

Friends of P-cola State Parks host Nov. 18 Heron Trot 5K at Big Lagoon

The Friends of Pensacola State Parks will host the Heron Trot 5K race for walkers and runners on Saturday, November 18 at 7 a.m., with late registration (\$25) beginning at 6 a.m. on race day. The race will be held at Big Lagoon State Park, located at 12301 Gulf Beach Hwy., just 1.5 miles east of Perdido Key.

Participants can pre-register at eventbrite.com. FOPSP is seeking funds for its park projects while cultivating an active group of individuals who support state parks. For more race info, call 850-776-9747.

Perdido Key.

- **Flora-Bama Bingo:** free; 1-4 p.m.; great prizes, family friendly; 17401 Perdido Key Dr., Perdido Key.
- **Pumpkin Patch Express and Scary Night Train:** 5-9 p.m.; Wales West, Summerdale; 251-232-2322.
- **El Dub:** 6:30; Franco's; Orange Beach.
- **Clay Connor and Johnny Mullen Halloween Bash:** 6; Margarita Loca; Gulf Shores.
- **Beave & Cleave:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.
- **Bo Grant:** 7; Papa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **Open Juke Box:** 7; The Office, Foley.
- **Live Karaoke in the Tiki Bar:** 6; Live Bait, Orange Beach.
- **John Lee Sanders:** 6; Lobby Bar at Per-

dido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.

- **Music Man & Company:** 7; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- **Platinum Premier Band:** 7; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
- **Rhonda Hart & Friends:** 6; The Purple Parrot; Perdido Key.
- **Karaoke:** 8; Snapper's; Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke:** 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- **Craig Brayer & 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 Innerspring Pt. Rd.; 850-492-3056 or 492-6362.

SAT, OCT 28

- **Flora-Bama Possible Probables:** 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
- **Pumpkin Patch Express and Scary Night Train:** 1-9 p.m.; Wales West, Summerdale; 251-232-2322.
- **The Original German Sausage Festival**



Kaiser Realty by Wyndham Coastal Half-Marathon, 5K and 1-Mile Fun Run is Nov. 25

Families planning Thanksgiving vacations along Alabama's beaches are invited to incorporate fitness into their holiday routine with the Kaiser Realty by Wyndham Vacation Rentals Coastal Half-Marathon, 5K and 1-Mile Fun Run on Saturday, Nov. 25. This race wraps up a successful inaugural year of the Run the Beach half-marathon three-race series, which will continue in 2018.

Late registration and packet pick-up will take place Friday, Nov. 24 at the Orange Beach Event Center at The Wharf from 3-6 p.m. and Saturday, Nov. 25 at the Orange Beach Sportsplex from 6:30-7:30 a.m. Participants may get their fill of food and drinks provided by Cosmo's Restaurant & Bar, Krispy Kreme, Publix and Coca-Cola immediately following the race. Tying into the season of giving, participants are encouraged to donate canned goods to benefit the Christian Service Center in Gulf Shores.

Run the Beach 2018 will include the Big Beach Half-Marathon (Jan. 28) followed by the Sea Turtle Half-Marathon (Feb. 17) and the Kaiser by Wyndham Vacation Rentals Coastal Half-Marathon (Nov. 24). To register for these races, visit GulfShores.com/Sports/RunTheBeach.

“Run the Beach encourages avid half-marathoners to visit our destination three different times, promoting visitation during our shoulder seasons of fall and winter,” said Beth Gendler, vice president of sales for the Gulf Shores & Orange Beach Sports Commission. “The Coastal Half-Marathon gives families a great reason to integrate fitness into their Thanksgiving beach retreat along with relaxation, holiday food, Black Friday shopping and another ‘holiday’ in Alabama – the Iron Bowl.”

Additionally, the Sports Commission's Volunteer Incentive Program supports civic groups by contributing \$40 per volunteer per shift worked at select athletic events, including this race. To learn about volunteering with the Sports Commission, contact Sarah Cooper at 251-974-4611 or SCooper@GulfShores.com.

Book your Thanksgiving stay with Kaiser Realty by Wyndham Vacations Rentals at 251-968-6868. Visit GulfShores.com for a full list of accommodations, restaurants and activities, and go to Team-Magic.com/Events/100 for more details on the half-marathon.

Pictured: The Kaiser Realty by Wyndham Vacation Rentals Coastal Half-Marathon, 5K and 1-Mile Fun Run takes place Saturday, Nov. 25. This race wraps up a successful inaugural year of the Run the Beach half-marathon three-race series, which will continue in 2018.



Jet powered truck part of Blue Angels Nov. 10-11 Homecoming Shows

The Blue Angels will close the 2017 season at their traditional Homecoming Air Show aboard Pensacola Naval Air Station on Nov. 10-11. There is a second evening show, complete with fireworks, scheduled on Friday, Nov. 10. The Friday Night Air Show will begin at 4 p.m. On Friday and Saturday, the air show gates will open at 8 a.m. with the show beginning at 9:30 a.m. The Blue Angels will fly on Friday and Saturday, during the day shows, around 2 p.m. The Blues will not fly during the Friday Night Air Show. The Blue Angels fly around 2 p.m. Admission and parking are free and reserved seating is available. Visit naspensacolaairshow.com for more info.

Pictured: Shockwave Jet Truck, a triple jet engine monster, will be part of both daytime homecoming shows. As driver of the world's fastest jet powered truck, Chris Darnell has been performing at air shows for 10 years. In 2005, Shockwave set an air show speed record of 375 mph that still stands today!



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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Foley Rotary Oyster 5k Nov. 11 at Orange Blossom Square

The 25th Annual Foley Rotary Club Oyster Run 5k Run/Walk & 1 Mile Fun Run will be held on Saturday, November 11th at Orange Blossom Square in Foley. The 5k Run/Walk starts at 8 a.m. and the 1 Mile Fun Run at 9 a.m. The out and back 3.1 mile (5k) course begins and finishes at Orange Blossom Square. Water is supplied on the course with splits at each mile. Awards will be presented in all age and masters divisions at 10 a.m. during the post race party. Runners are treated to food, beverages, and lots of door prizes which includes a weekend stay at the beach. Money raised benefits Foley High School Scholarships, Boys and Girls Scout Troops, and other local charities. 5k registration is \$20 before the race or \$25 on race morning. For more info, call Dr. Chance McLemore at 251-943-3368 or register at active.com.



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 • **Bo Grant:** 7; Papa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
 • **Randy Boyette:** 11 a.m.; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.
 • **Knee Deep Band:** 9; The Office, Foley.
 • **Jason Justice:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.
 • **Live Karaoke in the Tiki Bar:** 6; Live Bait, Orange Beach.
 • **Two of Hearts:** 6; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
 • **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.

• **Drew Howard & 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 Market:** 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.; 20733 Miflin 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., (In-

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

SUN, OCT 29

• **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.;

White Linen Night With Gatsby Nov. 11 at South Bald. Theatre

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- **Flora-Bama Possible Probables:** 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
- **Pumpkin Patch Express and Scary Night Train:** 1-9 p.m.; Wales West, Summerdale; 251-232-2322.
- **Sunday 2-Person Scramble:** Every Sun. at 2 p.m.; Glenlakes Golf Club, Foley; (251) 955-1220.
- **Craig Brayer & Open Jam:** 4 p.m.; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.
- **Selma Boys:** 3 p.m.; Franco's; Orange Beach.
- **Retrobution:** 11 a.m.; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.
- **John Lee Sanders:** 6; Voyagers at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **Scott Koehn:** 5:30; Flippers, Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke:** 5; Monthly Birthday Potluck; American Legion Post 99, Foley.
- **Music Man & Company:** 5; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- **Gary Story:** 5; The Purple Parrot; Perdido Key.
- **John Joiner & Friends:** 4; Hub Stacey's at the Point; Innerarity Point.
- **Blind Draw Dart Tournament:** 5; American Legion Post 99, Foley.
- **9 Ball APA:** 6; The Office, Foley.

MON, OCT 30

- **Flora-Bama Possible Probables:** 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
- **Flora-Bama Bingo:** free; 1-4 p.m.; great prizes, family friendly; 17401 Perdido Key Dr., Perdido Key.
- **Pumpkin Patch Express and Scary Night Train:** 5-9 p.m.; Wales West, Summerdale; 251-232-2322.
- **Brent Burns:** 5; LuLu's at Homeport Marina, Gulf Shores.
- **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 8; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **Alabama Lightning:** 6:30; Flippers, Orange Beach.

- **L.A. Fleet Feet Running Club:** 6 p.m.; Orange Beach Marina on Marina Rd.; lafleetfeet.com.
- **Open Mixed Doubles Tennis:** 7:30 a.m.; all levels welcome; Gulf Shores Tennis Center; corner of West 19th Ave. and West 2nd St.
- **Bingo:** 6; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- **8 Ball League:** 7:30; The Office, Foley.
- **Overeaters Anonymous:** 6; Holy Spirit Episcopal Church; Gulf Shores, 616 Ft. Morgan Rd.; 251-709-5907.
- **Celebrate Recovery:** (Christ centered 12 step program); Monday evenings at 6 p.m.; Christian Life Church in Orange Beach; 251-967-4840.
- **T.O.P.S. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly):** weigh-in 5:30; meeting 6; First Presbyterian Church of Foley; (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

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Dems host Doug Jones for Guv meeting Oct. 26 in Foley

The South Baldwin Democrat Club will meet on Thursday Oct. 26 at 5:30 p.m. at Bay Forest Clubhouse, located at 8110 Bay View Dr. in Foley. For information, call 251-980-1424

South Baldwin Democrat Club welcomes people from Foley, Orange Beach, Gulf Shores, Fort Morgan, Bon Secour, Magnolia Springs, Elberta, Perdido Beach and Lillian. Join the group through socials, meetings and community action events.

The club's purpose is to connect with other local democrats. "We gather and share knowledge of the pressing issues from local to county, state, and federal, and take action together to pursue our goals," said Helen Clark. "Right now, we are focused on the Special Election for U.S. Senate on Dec. 12 and getting our candidate, Doug Jones, elected to that seat."

Fraternal Order of Eagles collecting food for pantries

Join the Coastal Alabama Fraternal Order of Eagles for the People Helping Pantries Food Drive for our community. All donations will benefit local food pantries. Drop off non-perishable food items every Saturday in October from 2 - 6 p.m. at the club, located at 3859 Gulf Shores Parkway, Suite 6 in Gulf Shores. Together we can fight hunger in our community.

Letters

Gulf Shores Woman's Club Charity Fashion Show a great success

The Gulf Shores Woman's Club would like to thank everyone who made our 15th Annual Charity Fashion Show a great success. We express our deepest appreciation to all local businesses that donated to our silent auction; Craft Farms for the use of their beautiful facility; and especially to members of the Gulf Shores Fire Dept. for serving as our Celebrity Waiters.

The Gulf Shores Woman's Club will celebrate 68 years of service and contributions to our community and to the world in 2017-2018. We are a member of the Alabama Federation of Women's Clubs and the General Federation of Women's Clubs. For additional information contact GSWC, P.O. Box 7481, Gulf Shores, AL 36547

Sherry Dusko, President

Carol Ann Owens & Wilma Trent: Co-chairs

Alabama Gulf Coast Zoo director appreciates staff's effort during Hurricane Nate

By the grace of God, our Little Zoo weathered another hurricane Sunday night, October 8, 2017. Nate blew through our neck of the woods, and while we only lost a treasured willow tree, our animals are safe and sound.

But our poor 28-year-old facility continues to bear the brunt of storm batterings year after year, as it tries to protect our beloved zoo family. And it does so through the extraordinary efforts and sacrifices of our staff. Sunday night, 20 people in our zookeeping and maintenance departments stayed up all night diligently watching the grounds and checking on the animals, ready to spring into action, should anything dangerous or harmful occur. They gave nary a thought to their own homes or personal safety in order to safeguard our zoo and the public.

They deserve my deepest gratitude and respect for the exemplary job they did. Our seasoned pros who have endured Hurricanes Ivan, Dennis, Katrina, Georges, and too many tropical storms to count, are mentoring the younger staff through the process of "storm survival." And while we withstood a Category 1 hurricane, we feel certain that the zoo, hanging together by rusted nails, metal, wire and water-logged wood, sitting in a swamp covered by sand, will not hold up for the next Cat 2, 3 or 4 hurricane that lands at our doorstep.

Hurricane Nate is a timely reminder that building our new hurricane-safe zoo four miles inland on higher, flood-safe terrain is more urgent than ever. I call upon everyone who loves this Little Zoo to help us reach that goal by making a monetary donation to: www.alabamagulfcoastzoo.com/help or send a check to: Alabama Gulf Coast Zoo 1204 Gulf Shores Parkway, Gulf Shores, AL 36511 or for credit card by phone, call: (251) 968-5732 or (215) 968-4910.

I also want to sincerely thank the Cities of Gulf Shores and Orange Beach, Baldwin County Emergency Management and the Alabama Gulf Coast Convention & Visitors Bureau who all provided us with nearly constant internet updates during Hurricane Nate.

But what truly keeps us going and touches our hearts is the overwhelming amount of messages and emails we receive from our Facebook and zoo family friends, not just here in the US, but from all over the world who send us love, encouragement and prayers. I thank them for their ongoing support as we endure what Mother Nature brings our way every year.

Hurricane season is not over yet. We take a deep breath and hope that we can continue what we love doing every day...share the joy and wonder of our animals to everyone who visits us.

Patti Hall, Zoo Director Alabama Gulf Coast Zoo

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, OCT 31

• **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 Loung Tent Stage; Perdido Key.

• **Pumpkin Patch Express and Scary Night Train:** 5-9 p.m.; Wales West, Summerdale; 251-232-2322.

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

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

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

• **Jimmy Lumpkin:** 5; Lucy Buffett's LuLu's; Gulf Shores.

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

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

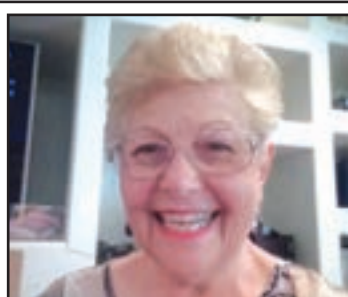
• **JW Karaoke:** 6; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.

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

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

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

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



LILLIAN WOMEN'S CLUB: The Oct. Lillian Women's Club program was presented by Ann Suttle (pictured), who gave an interesting and informative account of Southern history, characteristics and unique sayings. Ann talked about the immigrants who settled in the South and how radically the Civil War changed the South. She explained that the slaves who were freed after the war, eventually became economically enslaved. Included was a light hearted discussion typical Southern sayings like y'all and of course, all y'all. The club members celebrated Halloween with a costume party. Two prizes were given to the best dressed, who were Joyce Sheldon (elderly hula gal) and Linda Andrews (witch). The next Lillian Women's Club meeting will be held on November 14 at the Lillian Community Club at 11:30 a.m. Info: (614) 598-0241 or (251) 961-2113.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

• **Kiwanis Club of Big Lagoon:** Breakfast meeting each Tuesday at 7:30 a.m.; speaker first three Tuesdays and a business meeting the fourth Tuesday; Perdido Bay UMC Activities Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Road, Pensacola, 262-749-4241.

WED, NOV 1

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

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

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

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

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

• **Karaoke w. Jeremy Pickins:** 6; Margarita Loca; Gulf Shores.

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

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HANGOUT OYSTER COOK-OFF & CRAFT BEER WEEKEND: NOV. 4-5

Local restaurants usually judged best

Acclaimed celebrities and James Beard Award winning chefs will try to topple the Gulf Coast's own culinary artists during the Nov. 4-5 Oyster Cook-Off & Craft Beer Weekend at the Hangout at Gulf Shores Public Beach.

Chefs will compete for cash and prizes while serving up Rockefeller, Gulf Coast Cajun and Raw Oysters for everyone to taste.

In addition, discover a multitude of curated oyster varieties at the North American Raw Oyster Bar.

For foodies who want more than oysters, many chefs will be showcasing their restaurant's signature side dish.

And you can wash the mollusks down with a selection of craft cocktails, bloody marys, champagne and craft beer.

Numerous James Beard Award winners and nominees will be on-hand.

The Chef Demo stage is hosted by Alabama's very own Food Network Star, Martie Duncan.

Stars aside, it is certainly worth noting that the competition has always been dominated by local restaurants. Wolf Bay Lodge, The Pensacola Beach Hilton, and Perdido Key bistros The Jellyfish and The Flora-Bama Yacht Club claimed the last four respective overall titles.

In addition, Driftwood Bar & Grille in Orange Beach won for Rockefeller, The Beach House Kitchen in Gulf Shores for Cajun and Saltwater Grill in Orange Beach for Best Booth in 2016.

The 2015 Rockefeller champ was The Beach House Kitchen and Wolf Bay Lodge (Orange Beach & Foley) won 2015 awards for People's Choice and Best Booth.

More info and tickets: Hangout-Cookoff.com.



Local participating chefs include (clockwise from top left) Pat Waters of Sunset Cork Room; Brandon Lykins of King Neptune's, Nate Sloan of Rotolo's, Ira Gallon of Wolf Bay Lodge, John Hamme of Coast Restaurant at The Beach Club, Brent Sexton of The Beach House Food & Drink, Chris Kelly of Driftwood, Irv Miller of Jacksons, Brodie Olive of Voyagers at Perdido Beach Resort, Steve Kazan at The Diner.

2016 FESTIVAL SCENES



COOK-OFF SCHEDULE

11:25 A.M. - Irv Mille Chef Demo
12:15 P.M. - Wesley True Chef Demo
1:00 P.M. - Rob McDaniel Chef Demo
1:00 P.M. - CAM
1:45 P.M. - Adam Evans Chef Demo
2:30 P.M. - Cory Bahr/Rusty Hamlin Chef Demo
3:00 P.M. - Rodney Atkins
3:15 P.M. - Martie Duncan Chef Demo
4:00 P.M. - Chris Lilly Chef Demo
4:00 P.M. - Bloody Mary Contest
5:00 P.M. - Shucking Championship

Cook-Off Admission & Oyster Tasting Tickets

Admission to Saturday's Oyster Cook-Off is \$10 per person, free for children 12 & under, and includes live music and chef demos. Tasting tickets to use in exchange for oysters are \$25 for 15 tickets. Tasting tickets do not include admission and can't be used to purchase beverages at the fest or at The Hangout. Info: hangoutcookoff.com

Craft Beer Fest includes Anderson East concert

Admission to Friday's 6-11 p.m. Craft Beer Festival is \$40 per person and includes samples of over 60 craft beers, a souvenir tasting glass and entertainment from Anderson East. Info: hangoutcookoff.com

WEEKEND VIP - Each weekend VIP ticket, priced at \$150, includes admission to the Craft Beer Fest and Cook-Off, 2 tasting ticket booklets and exclusive tastings featuring recipes by James Beard Award winners and celebrity chefs.

2016 Winners

Overall: Wolf Bay Lodge
Raw: Saltine Oyster Bar
Rockefeller: The Driftwood
Cajun: The Beach House Kitchen
Chef's Choice: Mississippi Seafood
People's Choice: Wolf Bay Lodge
Best Booth: Saltwater Grill

2015 Winners

Overall: Hilton Pensacola Beach
Raw: Union/Bicycle
Rockefeller: Beach House Kitchen
Cajun: Wolf Bay Lodge
Chef's Choice: Hal & Mal's
People's Choice: Wolf Bay Lodge
Best Booth: Wolf Bay Lodge

2014 Winners

Overall: The Jellyfish
Raw: The Jellyfish
Rockefeller: LL's Seafood
Cajun: Magnolia House
Top Oyster Shucker: Nathan Burleson
Best Booth: Flora-Bama Yacht Club



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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Flora-Bama hosts Oct. 29 Bras on the Beach benefit

Funds raised will support Little Pink Houses of Hope Orange Beach Retreat

The Flora-Bama will host a Bras on the Beach fundraiser for Little Pink Houses of Hope on Sunday, Oct. 29 from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. in the 'Bama Dome. The all-girl music line-up includes Elaine Petty and Friends at 11 a.m., Ultraviolet at 1 p.m. and Jezebel's Chillin at 3 p.m. The event is hosted by Big Earl.

Five dollar donations will be collected for each bra flung into the rafters. The 'Bama will also donate \$1 from each pink taco from the Oyster Bar, and pink bushwacker and specialty drink sold during the fundraiser.

All donations will go the Little Pink Houses of Hope Orange Beach Retreat. These donations will provide lodging, meals and activities for Little Pink families that will attend the 5th Little Pink Houses of Hope Orange Beach Retreat in August 2018. For more info, visit littlepink.org.



Thanks Orange Beach for helping families on path to recovery

By Robi Jones

To the residents of Orange Beach, October is a time to stop and think about all those who are affected by breast cancer. But for us, it is also a time to reflect upon communities like yours who embrace our Little Pink Houses of Hope mission.

We at Little Pink Houses of Hope believe a cancer diagnosis does not just affect the patient, but the entire family. That's why every free week-long retreat is designed to help families relax, reconnect and rejuvenate during the cancer journey.

And it is because of you, the people of Orange Beach, that we are able to provide that service to our families year after year.

Thank you for your hospitality and for being the charming beach town that so many of our families have come to know and love.

A cancer diagnosis changes roles and family dynamics – relationships can become strained, finances drained, the caretakers become those in need of care. Our families arrive in Orange Beach seeking a sanctuary to relax, rejuvenate and re-connect, and you never disappoint.

Because of the generosity of this community, our families are able to come, take a deep breath, forget about all the doctor's appointments, medical bills, and upcoming treatments, and just be ridiculously present with one another.

This week would not happen without the generous donations of the community. These partners have provided support for the past four years. Spectrum Properties and Turquoise Place, Mystical Order of Mirams, Lighthouse Retreat Center, Ike's Beach Service, Gulf Shores State Park, Fisher's, The Southern Grind Coffee House, Windcreek Hospitality, Christie's Paint-N-Shop, Flora-Bama Ole River Grill, Tanger Outlet, Pink Heals, Wolf Bay Lodge, Christian Life Church, Lynn Jordan Photography and other local photographers, Orange Beach United Methodist Church, and Col Mil Fleet Dolphin Cruise.

At Little Pink we are not curing cancer, we are providing families a chance to grow in their well being, relationships, nutrition, and spirit to help them along their cancer journey. And we are able to do that because of you. So thank you for creating such a warm and loving environment that enables us to do that for our Little Pink families.



OBES WELCOMES MRS. COLLINS:

Jacquelyne Collins is our new 4th grade teacher at Orange Beach Elementary. Students are enjoying a Fall art project to decorate their hallway. Their artwork display will include narrative writing about their scarecrow. Shown above with Mrs. Collins is **Adley Bentley**. Mrs. Collins is a graduate of The University of South Alabama and is excited to have such a wonderful group of students who are always encouraging each other to work hard and do their best. Our "Leader In Me" work is creating outstanding leaders at OBES!

Robotics Club meets Nov. 17 at Orange Beach Library

The Orange Beach Public Library Robotics Club will meet once a month to experience robotics, engineering, and coding! This program is for children 8 years and older. All meetings are at 4pm in the Orange Beach Library meeting room. Upcoming dates: Nov. 17, Dec. 15 and Jan. 12. For more info, contact Lisa Leinhos, reference librarian at 251-981-2923 or lleinhos@city-oforangebeach.com.

Beach.

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

• **Adam Holt:** 5; Lucy Buffett's LuLu's; Gulf Shores.

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

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

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

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

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

• **Scott Koehn & Lisa Zanghi:** 6:30; Flipper's, Orange Beach.

• **Big Beach Running & Social Club:** 5:30 p.m.; Big Beach Brewery in Gulf Shores; lafleetfeet.com.

• **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.; American Legion Post 99, Foley.

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

• **Food Ministry For Hungry Families:** noon-1 p.m.; Grace Lutheran Church, cor-

ner 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.

• **Perdido Key Rotary Club:** 7:30 a.m.; every Wednesday at Triggers. 850.492.8335.

• **Storytime at Pensacola Southwest Branch Library:** free; infant to 5; 10:30-11; 1-2238 Old Gulf Beach Hwy; (850)453-7780.

• **Gulf Shores Garden Club:** 9:30 a.m.; first Wednesday of each month September thru May; Gulf Shores Activity Center; 300 E. 16th Avenue, Gulf Shores; new

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Foley Rotary Oyster 5K Nov. 11 at Blossom Square

The 25th Annual Foley Rotary Club Oyster Run 5k Run/Walk & 1 Mile Fun Run will be held on Saturday, November 11th at Orange Blossom Square in Foley. The 5k Run/Walk starts at 8 a.m. and the 1 Mile Fun Run at 9 a.m. The out and back 3.1 mile (5k) course begins and finishes at Orange Blossom Square. Water is supplied on the course with splits at each mile. Awards will be presented in all age and masters divisions at 10 a.m. during the post race party. Runners are treated to food, beverages, and lots of door prizes which includes a weekend stay at the beach. Money raised benefits Foley High School Scholarships, Boys and Girls Scout Troops, and other local charities. 5k registration is \$20 before the race or \$25 on race morning. For more info, call Dr. Chance McLemore at 251-943-3368 or register at active.com.

Pictured: Past Oyster Run T-shirt designs.

members and guests always welcome; 251-968-5683.

- **AA:** Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
- **AA:** 7:30 p.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

THU, NOV 2

- **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 Loung Tent Stage; Perdido Key.
- **The Blueberry Sessions Fall Concert Series presents Shelby Lynn & Allison Moorer:** 6 p.m.; 12562 Mary Ann Beech Rd., Fairhope.
- **Inaugural Honours Golf Charity Classic:** Benefits Christian Service Center; Peninsula Golf Club; Gulf Shores, 251-968-8009.
- **Open Mic:** 7; Snapper's; Orange Beach.
- **Alabama Lightning:** 6:30; Flippers, Orange Beach.
- **Jim Andrews:** 6; The Courtyard at Sanroc Cay, 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.
- **LeeAnn Creswell & Lisa Zanghi:** 6; Franco's Italian Restaurant, Orange Beach.
- **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 7;

Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.

- **Rick Whaley & Tommy Mazullo:** 6; The Purple Parrot; Perdido Key.
- **Knee Deep:** 7; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
- **Karaoke:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- **Karaoke:** 8; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.
- **Karaoke:** 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- **8 Ball APA:** 7:30; The Office, 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.
- **Grief Support Group:** noon-1:30 p.m.; First Presbyterian Church of Foley; 195 E. Berry Ave.; for all who are grieving; 943-8325.
- **Adult Bible Study:** 10 a.m.; Gulf Shores Presbyterian Church; all welcome; (251)

968-7720.

- **Gulf Shores Library Pre-school (3-5) Story Time:** 10:30 a.m.; 251-968-1176.
- **Orange Beach Bridge Club:** Tue. & Thur at noon; Orange Beach Senior Center; 251-981-3440.
- **AA:** Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
- **AA:** 7 p.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

FRI, NOV 3

- **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 Loung Tent Stage; Perdido Key.
- **10th Annual Craft Beer Fest:** 6-11 p.m.; music from Anderson East; The Hangout, Gulf Shores Public Beach.

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Ben Raines, who wrote and directed the documentary, will introduce the film and participate in a Question and Answer session immediately following. An investigative reporter for AL.com, Ben Raines has covered environmental issues and natural wonders in Alabama for nearly two decades.



This **free** lecture will be held on Oct. 26, 2017 at 6:30 at the Gulf Shores Cultural Center auditorium, 19470 Oak Road West (County Road 6), Gulf Shores 36542. **Please register** by calling the Center for Continuing Education at the University of South Alabama at 251-460-7200 or by going online to www.usacontinuinged.com. You can also email aplatt@southalabama.edu.



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- **Rat Pack & Motown w. James Proctor & Kathy Lyons:** 6; Franco's; Orange Beach.
- **Johnny No:** 6:30; Franco's; Orange Beach.
- **Adam Tyler Brown:** 6; Margarita Loca; Gulf Shores.
- **Moderate Chops Duo:** 7; The Office, Foley.
- **First Friday Art Walk:** 6; Downtown Fairhope.
- **Cristi Dees Bad JuJu:** 7; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
- **Live Karaoke in the Tiki Bar:** 6; Live Bait, Orange Beach.
- **Open Juke Box:** 7; The Office, Foley.

- **John Lee Sanders:** 6; Voyagers Restaurant at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **Music Man & Company:** 7; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- **Rhonda Hart & Friends:** 6; The Purple Parrot; Perdido Key.
- **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.
- **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; foileyrotary@gulfstel.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, NOV 4

- **Flora-Bama Possible Probables:** 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
- **10th Annual Oyster Cook Off and Craft Beer Weekend:** The Hangout, Gulf Shores Public Beach.
- **Rat Pack & Motown w. James Proctor & Kathy Lyons:** 6; Franco's; Orange Beach.
- **Live Karaoke in the Tiki Bar:** 6; Live Bait, Orange Beach.
- **Waterway Village Art Market:** 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.; Waterway Village, 116 E. 21st Ave., Gulf Shores.

- **A Breweriana Beer Can Buy, Sell and Trade Show:** 9-5; American Legion Post 44; Gulf Shores; 334) 272-1823.
- **Jason Able:** 9; The Office, Foley.
- **DJ-Karaoke:** 9; The Jellyfish, Perdido Key.
- **John Brust:** 6; Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **Greg Lyon Band:** 7; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
- **Karaoke By Kelly:** 9; Island Time Daquari Bar, The Wharf, Orange Beach.
- **Two of Hearts:** 7; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- **Karaoke:** 8; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.
- **Flip Flop Mafia:** 7; Flippers, Orange Beach.



COACH SCOFIELD AT OBES: Charles Scofield, the new PE Coach at Orange Beach Elementary School, and Gary Hollis are keeping the competition stiff for the 6th graders this year. Above, the students are anxiously waiting for Coach Scofield to mark the new standings for the flag football teams. Coach Scofield is from Greenville and a recent graduate in Physical and Health Education. He says he is enjoying his new home in Paradise. "I am enjoying teaching and sometimes participating in sports with the students. I feel very fortunate to be in such a great school system surrounded by such a supportive staff and community. I am very happy to be a part of the Marlin family," he said.



GSMS Students Selected For Baldwin County Fair Art Contest

Congratulations to the Gulf Shores Middle School students who were selected to compete in the Baldwin County Fair Art Contest: Jimmy Wang, Kailyn Opperud, Lexis Hesselrode, Fernanda Salinas, Cash Turner, Madison Rosado, Scotland Posey, Laney Barnes, Althea Lehman, Dayli Compton, Scout Hall, Kaitlyn Poole, Kayleigh Steele, Sophia DiMario, Johanna Avila, Mallory Watley, Breanna Mote, Trinity Snider, Callie Jakes, Katie Jackson, Jerhyn York, Elijah Pate, Calista Sweet, Nevaeh Williams, and Julia Fisher. Earning 1st place ribbons: Fernanda Salinas, Kaitlyn Poole and Katie Jackson; Earning 2nd place ribbons: Dayli Compton, Lexis Hesselrode, Kayleigh Steele, Cash Turner and Breanna Mote; Earning 3rd place ribbons: Jimmy Wang, Kailyn Opperud, Callie Jakes, Julia Fisher, and Elijah Pate.



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Beach.

- **Open Jam:** 8; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.
- **Karaoke:** 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- **Midnight Confessions:** 7:30; Nolan's, Gulf Shores.
- **Coastal Alabama Farmer's & Fisherman's Market:** 9-2; 20733 Miflin Rd., 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 Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

SUN, NOV 5

- **Flora-Bama Possible Probables:** 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
- **The Church at the Flora-Bama:** 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.; Flora-Bama Tent Stage, Perdido Key.
- **Unity Church Service:** 9:45 a.m.; Papa Rocco's, Hwy. 59, one block from beach in Gulf Shores.
- **Customer Appreciation Night:** 6; Free food; 1st drink free; 25% off gift shop; Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
- **Rock Bottom w/ Special guest Roger Bailey:** 3 p.m.; Franco's; Orange Beach.
- **Webb Dalton:** 1 p.m.; Lucy Buffett's LuLu's; Gulf Shores.
- **Cadillac Attack:** 5; Lucy Buffett's LuLu's; Gulf Shores.
- **Lisa Christian:** 2 p.m.; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- **Rat Pack & Motown w. James Proctor & Kathy Lyons:** 6; Franco's; Orange Beach.

- **SEC Women's Soccer Championship Game:** 3 p.m.; Orange Beach Sportsplex: tickets at gate; students \$2; adults \$5; 205-458-3000.
- **Sunday 2-Person Scramble:** Every Sun. at 2 p.m.; Glenlakes Golf Club, Foley, (251) 955-1220.
- **Turkey Shoot:** sign-up at 11 a.m.; Elberta VFW, Elberta.
- **Music Man & Company:** 5; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- **John Joiner & Friends:** 4; Hub Stacey's at the Point; Innerarity Point.
- **Gary Story:** 5; The Purple Parrot; Perdido Key.
- **John Lee Sanders:** 6; The Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **Scott Koehn:** 5:30; Flippers, Orange Beach.
- **Open Mic Karaoke:** 6; American Legion Post 99, Foley.
- **9 Ball APA:** 6; The Office, Foley.
- **Blind Draw Dart Tournament:** 5; American Legion Post 99, Foley.
- **AA:** 5 p.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

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MON, NOV 6

- **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 & LeaAnn Creswell:** 6:30; Franco's Italian Restaurant; Orange Beach.
- **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 8; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **Brent Burns:** 5; LuLu's; Gulf Shores.
- **Alabama Lightning:** 6:30; 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.
- **L.A. Fleet Feet Running Club:** 6 p.m.; Orange Beach Marina on Marina Rd.; lafleetfeet.com.
- **Bingo:** 6; American Legion Post 44,

Gulf Shores.

- **8 Ball APA:** 7:30; The Office, Foley.
- **Overeaters Anonymous:** 6; Holy Spirit Episcopal Church; Gulf Shores, 616 Ft. Morgan Rd.; 251-709-5907.
- **Orange Beach Community Center Association Monthly Covered Dish Dinner:** social at 5, dinner at 6:30 p.m.; all winter guests welcome; Canal Road next to the Recreation Center; 251-981-1942.
- **T.O.P.S. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly):** weigh-in 5:30; meeting 6; First Presbyterian Church of Foley; (Berry & Highway 59).
- **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.
- **Ladies AA:** 10 a.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

TUE, NOV 7

- **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.
- **Frankie G On Piano:** 6:30; Franco's Italian Restaurant; Orange Beach.
- **Lisa Zanghi, Doug Habbena, Scott Koehn:** 6:30; Flippers, Orange Beach.
- **Sam Glass:** 6; The Purple Parrot, Perdido Key.
- **Karaoke:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 8; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **Karaoke w. John Henry:** 5:30; American Legion Post 99, Foley.
- **Albert Simpson:** 5; Lucy Buffett's LuLu's; Gulf Shores.
- **JW Karaoke:** 6; Hub Stacy's At The Point, Innerarity Point.
- **NAPA Pool League:** 7:30; The Office, Foley.
- **Karaoke:** 5; Veterans of Foreign Wars

Post 5659; Elberta.

- **Coastal Alabama Farmer's & Fisherman's Market:** 2-6 p.m.; 20733 Mifflin Rd., Foley.
- **Bowling Tourney:** 7; Snapper's; Orange Beach.
- **Orange Beach City Council Meeting:** 5 p.m.; City Hall; 980-INFO.
- **Bingo:** 10 to 2; Gulf Coast Elks Lodge 2782, Foley; 251-971-2782.
- **GriefShare Support Group:** For men

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- **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.
- **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.
- **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:** 7:30 a.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Activities Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Road, Pensacola, info: Sarah De Lazzer, 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.
- **AA:** 7 p.m.; 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, NOV 8

- **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 to Motown favorites J.P. and Kathy Lyons:**

- 6; Franco's; Orange Beach.
- **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.
- **Karaoke w. Jeremy Pickins:** 6; Margarita Loca; Gulf Shores.
- **John Brust:** 6; The Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **Albert Simpson:** 5; Lucy Buffett's LuLu's; Gulf Shores.
- **John Cowart:** 5; LuLu's; Gulf Shores.
- **Lisa Zanghi & Scott Koehn:** 6:30; Flippers, 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.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

WHAT'S BITING

By DAVID RAINER

Hurricane Nate turns redfish bite into feeding frenzy

It appears the redfish bite has turned into a feeding frenzy in the aftermath of Hurricane Nate.

Redfish are normally bottom feeders, crunching on juvenile crabs and other crustaceans. When Nate rolled through it stirred the bottom and gave redfish (red drum) a smorgasbord to get fattened up for the slower pace of winter. Plus, the fall run of mullet gives redfish another target as they forage. When the redfish are not following a school of mullet, they do prefer to hang around some type of structure. You're likely find them at some ambush point near a reef structure, oyster bed, rock jetty or piling.



If you're good with a cast net, haul in some baitfish to throw in the livewell as you search for the reds. Menhaden (pogies), alewives and small mullet will work well. If cast-netting is not an option, run by the bait store and pick up live shrimp and bull minnows if they have them. If you insist on artificial lures, it's hard to beat a

Johnson Silver Minnow gold spoon or a single-blade spinnerbait with heavy wire designed to stand up to the hard-fighting redfish. Ease around the edges of the bayous and bays, looking for likely spots. The spinnerbait allows you to cover a lot of water, and the erratic action of the spoon is irresistible for the redfish.

When it comes to tackle, these fall redfish tend to be larger than those you caught in the spring and summer. That's why I recommend moving up to at least 15-pound test line and in some cases 20-pound is better. The downside of using light line is that it takes longer to reel in the fish, which causes more stress for the fish. Redfish are hardy, but there's no need to make it more difficult for the fish to survive.

A medium-heavy rod will allow you to keep constant pressure on the fish, and a reel with a quality drag system is essential when fighting these brutes.

The recovery of the redfish population along the Gulf of Mexico is an amazing success story. Redfish were overlooked as quality table fare until the late 1980s, when Chef Paul Prudhomme's blackened redfish recipe created a booming demand for the firm-fleshed fish. That demand led to overfishing, and the fish stocks were in trouble. Thankfully, no netting of redfish is allowed in federal waters, which allowed the species to rebound rapidly. Recreational anglers also must adhere to strict daily creel limits.

In Alabama, redfish are protected from overfishing by a three-fish bag limit that includes a slot limit, which allows anglers to keep fish between 16 and 26 inches. One redfish larger than 26 inches is allowed per angler per day because of a possible state record fish. Bull reds, those redfish larger than 26 inches, are better returned to the water to spawn another generation of slot-size reds. Take a photo and release the fish to fight another day.

Along with the fishing restrictions, restocking efforts by the Alabama Marine Resources Division (MRD) continue. The MRD's Claude Peteet Mariculture Center in Gulf Shores has a state-of-the-art hatchery, which has been spawning redfish for the past year. The fry produced from the spawning have been released in several estuaries in coastal Alabama.

MRD officials said the released fry will grow to about 12 to 14 inches in about a year. Female redfish will reach spawning age in two to three years, which will ensure Alabama's anglers will have plenty of redfish to catch each fall for generations to come.

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 Al. Gulf Coast Reef & Restoration Foundation board.

Nate damage minimal at Gulf State Park Pier

The Gulf State Park Fishing and Education Pier was closed for one week to make minor repairs due to damage



received during Hurricane Nate, which made landfall in southeast Louisiana and again near Biloxi on October 7. During the storm, several wooden panels were blown out along the pier's walkway. The pier also sustained ruptured water lines and electrical damage.

The current pier was designed with removable panels that allow the force of the wind and water to be dispersed. This prevents damage to the pilings and caps on the current pier that replaced the one destroyed during Hurricane Ivan in 2004.

Baldwin Heart Walk is Oct. 28 at Fairhope Pier

The Baldwin Heart Walk, an event to benefit the life-saving work of the American Heart Association, will take



place on October 28 beginning at 8 a.m. at the Fairhope Pier. Approximately 1,000 guests are expected to

walk.

Combining fitness and philanthropy, this annual walk brings together walk teams, individual walkers, survivors of heart disease and stroke, and lifestyle change heroes who are all taking steps toward a healthier lifestyle while raising funds to combat heart disease and stroke, the No. 1 and No. 5 leading killers of American men and women. Proceeds go toward funding research, education and community programs targeting these issues. More info: 251-767-6311 or 251-230-7568.

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.; American 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.
- **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

COOKIN' WITH CAROLYN

By CAROLYN GODFREY

Now that fall is here, we can start putting the pumpkins to good use. Try this delicious cake.

Pumpkin-Carrot Cake

- 1/2 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 cup whole wheat flour
- 1 tsp. baking powder
- 1/2 tsp. cinnamon
- 1/4 tsp. baking soda
- 1/4 tsp. salt
- 1 large egg
- 1 large egg white
- 1/2 cup packed brown sugar
- 1/2 cup canned pumpkin (or homemade if you like)
- 2 Tbsp. vegetable oil
- 2 Tbsp. butter, melted
- 1 Tbsp. grated orange rind
- 3/4 cup raisins
- 1/2 cup grated carrot
- 1/3 cup dried cranberries
- Cooking spray
- 2 Tbsp. coarsely chopped walnuts

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Lightly spoon flours into dry measuring cups, level with a knife. Combine flours and next 4 ingredients. Place egg and egg white in a large bowl, beat with a mixer at medium speed 30 seconds. Add brown sugar and next 4 ingredients, beat until well blended. Add flour mixture to sugar mixture, stirring just until moist. Stir in raisins, grated carrot, and cranberries. Spoon batter into an 8-inch square baking pan coated with cooking spray. Sprinkle with walnuts. Bake at 350 degrees for 25 minutes or until a wooden pick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool in pan 10 minutes on a wire rack, remove from pan. Cool completely on wire rack.

Yield: 9 servings.

Enjoy!

Note: If you wish to frost the cake, try using a low-fat lemon cream-cheese frosting. (Or a flavor of your choice.)



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WHAT'S HAPPENING



BIG LAGOON KIWANIAN RECEIVES DAVIS AWARD: John Sevold, outgoing president of the Kiwanis Club of Big Lagoon, received the Ralph Davis Award, which includes a donation of \$1,000 to the State Kiwanis Foundation at a recent meeting. The Kiwanians meet for breakfast at the Perdido Bay United Methodist Activity Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., in Pensacola at 7 a.m. on the 1st, 3rd, and 4th Tuesday each month. On the second Tuesday, the club hosts a social at the Lost Key Golf Club clubhouse at 5:30 p.m. For more club info, call 901-734-1055.

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.



SISTERS OF THETA MASTER EARN TOP TABLE AWARD: Sisters of Theta Master the Gulf Shores Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi, enjoyed an afternoon of fellowship with friends, good food and fun while attending the Baldwin Symphony at the Orange Beach Senior Citizen Center on Sunday, October 15. Their table received the red checkered tablecloth award for the best decorated table.

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THU, NOV 9

- **Frank Brown Songwriters Festival:** various venues around Perdido Key, Pleasure Isle & Pensacola, check fbisf.com for complete details.
- **FBISF Songwriters:** 5; LuLu's at Homeport Marina, Gulf Shores.
- **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.
- **Fairhope Film Festival:** Various Locations in Fairhope; 40 festival competition finalist films; 251-990-7957.
- **Open Mic:** 7; Snapper's; Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke:** 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- **Alabama Lightning:** 6:30; Flippers, 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.
- **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.
- **Raising Karma:** 7; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
- **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 7; Papa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **8 Ball APA:** 7:30; The Office, 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, NOV 10

- **Frank Brown Songwriters Festival:** various venues around Perdido Key, Pleasure Isle & Pensacola, check fbisf.com for complete details.
- **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.
- **World Food Championships:** 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; The Wharf, Orange Beach, 615-297-6886.
- **Blue Angels Homecoming Air Show:** gates open at 8 a.m.; NAS Pensacola; 850-453-2389.
- **Fairhope Film Festival:** Various Locations in Fairhope; 40 festival competition finalist films; 251-990-7957.
- **Strut Your Putt! Annual Perdido Key Chamber Fall Golf Tournament:** 9 a.m.; Perdido Bay Golf Club.
- **Clay Connor and Johnny Mullen:** 6; Margarita Loca; Gulf Shores.
- **Live Karaoke in the Tiki Bar:** 6; Live Bait, Orange Beach.
- **Bruni & Danny:** 6:30; American Legion Post 99, Foley.
- **Rex:** 7; The Office, Foley.
- **Rat Pack & Motown w. James Proctor & Kathy Lyons:** 6; Franco's; Orange Beach.
- **FBISF Songwriters:** 5; LuLu's at Homeport Marina, Gulf Shores.
- **Rhonda Hart & Friends:** 6; The Purple

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- **Rhonda Hart & Friends:** 6; The Purple Parrot; Perdido Key.
- **John Lee Sanders:** 6; The Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **Midnight Confessions:** 7:30; Nolan's, Gulf Shores.
- **Music Man & Company:** 7; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- **DJ-Karaoke:** 9; The Jellyfish, Perdido Key.
- **Crosstown Band:** 7; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
- **Open Jam:** 8; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.
- **Karaoke:** 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke:** 8; Snapper's; Orange Beach.
- **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.
- **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.

- **Blue Angels Homecoming Air Show:** gates open at 8 a.m.; NAS Pensacola; 850-453-2389.
- **Rat Pack & Motown w. James Proctor & Kathy Lyons:** 6; Franco's; Orange Beach.
- **Live Karaoke in the Tiki Bar:** 6; Live Bait, Orange Beach.
- **John Brust:** 6; Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke By Kelly:** 9; Island Time Daquari Bar, The Wharf, Orange Beach.
- **FBISF Songwriters:** 5; LuLu's at Homeport Marina, Gulf Shores.
- **Platinum Premier:** 7; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
- **Chillbillies:** 9; The Office, Foley.
- **Flip Flop Mafia:** 7; Flippers, Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke:** 8; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.
- **DJ-Karaoke:** 9; The Jellyfish, Perdido Key.
- **Karaoke:** 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- **Midnight Confessions:** 7:30; Nolan's, Gulf Shores.
- **Open Jam:** 8; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.
- **Two of Hearts:** 6; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- **Coastal Alabama Farmers and Fishermen's Market:** 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.; 20733 Mifflin Rd. (County Rd. 20), Foley.
- **Baldwin County Genealogical Society:** 10 a.m.; public invited; Foley Library; 319 East Laurel Ave.
- **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 Activities Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

SAT, NOV 11

- **Frank Brown Songwriters Festival:** various venues around Perdido Key, Pleasure Isle & Pensacola, check fbisf.com for complete details.
- **Flora-Bama Possible Probables:** 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
- **World Food Championships:** 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; The Wharf, Orange Beach, 615-297-6886.
- **Fairhope Film Festival:** Various Locations in Fairhope; 40 festival competition finalist films; 251-990-7957.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Perdido Veterans Day Party Nov. 11 at Galvez Landing

A full day of music and mullet are on the schedule at The Perdido Veterans Day Party on Saturday, Nov. 11 at Galvez Landing on Innerarity Point. will be held

The salute to the troops will include music, food, the Mullet Masters Rodeo and The Mullet Gun Shoot-Out. Also planned is a cast net throwing competition. Festivities begin at 10 a.m. Mullet and another fish selections will be offered beginning at 11 a.m. Music begins at 2 p.m. with Classic June Band, a local band that features five band members ages 15 to 17. The local veterans fundraiser is presented courtesy of the Coastal Lifestyle and Hub Stacey's at the Point. Galvez Landing is located at 5851 Galvez Rd. in Pensacola.

Foley Senior Center will host Nov. 14 Vets pinning ceremony

All veterans are invited to participate in a pinning ceremony at Foley Senior Center on Tuesday, November 14 at 11 a.m.

"We will be celebrating all our veterans," said center director Teresa Neese. "If you are a veteran and would like to participate, please get in touch with us. We will need your name, phone number and the branch in which you served. Thank you for your service and giving us the opportunity to honor you."

For more info, call 251-943-1877, or email seniorcenter@city-offoley.org.

Nov. 11 Foley Veteran's Day Parade starts at Max Griffin Park

The Annual American Legion Post 99 Veteran's Day Parade and Ceremony which will be held on Saturday, November 11 at Max Griffin Park in Foley. Parade units will begin lining up at 9:30 a.m. Parade will begin at 10 a.m. and follow normal parade route. Lead units will start at the corner of Verbena and South Alston, lining up around Max Griffin Park on Verbena, South Pine and West Roosevelt St. Entrants must contact Leon McGhee (251-979-6581) to be placed in parade line up. Because this event is in Honor of all veterans and first responders, Post 99 requests that no commercial units participate. Following the parade, which will end back at Max Griffin Park, Veteran's Day honors and Ceremony will begin at 11 a.m. At the conclusion, attendees are invited to join American Legion members at Post 99 on South McKenzie Street.



Fairhope Legion has free lunch to vets on Nov. 11

American Legion Post 199 in Fairhope will host its annual Veterans Day BBQ on Saturday, Nov. 11 from 11 a.m. until noon. All veterans are invited to eat for free. And \$12 dinners, chicken or pulled pork, beans and slaw, will be served to all until the food runs out. The tiki bar on the Legion's Mobile Bay beach under the Fairhope Cliffs starts at 4 p.m. For more info, call 251-928-9132.

Pictured: Patrons enjoying the Tiki Beach Bar at the Fairhope Legion.



SUN, NOV 12

- **The Church at the Flora-Bama:** 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.; Flora-Bama Tent Stage, Perdido Key.
- **Unity Church Beach Service:** 9:45 a.m.; Papa Roccas, Hwy. 59 - one block from beach in Gulf Shores.
- **World Food Championships:** 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; The Wharf, Orange Beach, 615-297-6886.
- **Fairhope Film Festival:** Various Locations in Fairhope; 40 festival competition finalist films; 251-990-7957.
- **Frank Brown Songwriters Festival:** various venues around Perdido Key, Pleasure Isle & Pensacola, check fbisf.com for complete details.
- **Flora-Bama Possible Probables:** 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
- **FBISF Songwriters:** 5; LuLu's at Homeport Marina, Gulf Shores.
- **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.

• **Couples Sunday 2-Person Scramble:** Every Sun. at 2 p.m.; Glenlakes Golf Club, Foley, (251) 955-1220.

• **Adam Holt:** 5; Lucy Buffett's LuLu's; Gulf Shores.

• **Scott Koehn:** 5:30; Flippers, Orange Beach.

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

• **Southern Star:** 5; Monthly Birthday Potluck; American Legion Post 99, Foley.

• **Music Man & Company:** 5; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.

• **Gary Story:** 5; The Purple Parrot; Perdido Key.

• **John Joiner & Friends:** 4; Hub Stacey's at the Point; Innerarity Point.

• **Blind Draw Dart Tournament:** 5; American Legion Post 99, Foley.

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

• **AA:** 5 p.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

MON, NOV 13

• **Frank Brown Songwriters Festival:** various venues around Perdido Key, Pleas-



SILVA NEW ART TEACHER AT OBES: Bridgett Silva is the new art teacher at Orange Beach Elementary. Above, fifth grade students are working on Joan Miro' inspired symbol creatures. This is a two part project with students first to drafting and creating their own visual symbols and then drawing a creature from the symbols. The second part is producing a texture background using crayons and burlap and then redrawing their creature with markers to put on the background. Shown with Ms. Silva is Ava Dettman, Will Lawrence and Drew Sullivan.



FIRST GRADE FRIENDS: Gulf Shores Elementary School first grade friends Eliza Nelson and Ruby Cervantes are all smiles on their way to recess.

GSES STUDENT OFFICERS: Gulf Shores Elementary School is proud to present our new 2017-2018 SGA Officers: From left to right: Lauren Calvert - President, Raeligh Boesel - Vice-President, Madison Marshall - Secretary, Henley Hollis - Treasurer.

PRETTY COOL: (L to r) Gulf Shores Elementary third graders Wake Lolley and Dylan Brewster think it's pretty cool to be able to watch a bulldozer at work on the way to lunch!!



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 LIVE MUSIC: The Grateful Undead 10/28: 6:30pm
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BUSINESS BRIEFS

MARINALIFE RECOGNIZES ORANGE BEACH MARINA AS BEST

Best Marina Contest Marinalife names Orange Beach Marina 2017's Best Large Marina in its Best Marina Contest. As a premier marina on the Gulf Coast, Orange Beach Marina offers a safe, fully protected harbor with 161 slips available and family-friendly environment for all types of boaters. Conveniently accessible from the Gulf, Tennessee-Tombigbee, Intracoastal Waterway, Mobile or Pensacola Bay, their state-of-the-art docks, two on-site restaurants, and exceptional laundry and shower facilities offer guests a pleasant experience without leaving the marina. "For the second year in a row, Orange Beach Marina is honored to be recognized as Marinalife's 2017 Best Large Marina!" states **C. Bennett Long**, President. "This award demonstrates that hard work and attention to detail pays dividends. We also couldn't be more thankful to our dedicated staff who routinely put our customer's needs at the forefront of our family-owned and operated business we are proud to represent the entire Gulf Coast and our world-renowned hometown, Orange Beach, Alabama."

NAIL PROMOTED TO ASSISTANT GM: James Nail was recently promoted to assistant general manager of the Gulf Shores' Original Oyster House. In 1989, Nail relocated to Gulf Shores from Detroit, Mich. Employed with the restaurant for nearly 26 years, Nail started as a dishwasher in 1991, became a cook in 1993, promoted to chef in 1995 and then to kitchen manager in 1998. Being located in Alabama's number one tourist destination, Nail has helped renovate and expand the restaurant for growth and after hurricanes and storms and has helped build one of the most iconic seafood restaurants on the Gulf Coast. When Nail is not at the restaurant he loves spending time with his wife and five children who range in ages of 15 to 23. Family is most important to Nail and he loves spending quality time with his kids bowling among other activities. If he has spare time from both work and family, he plays pool with friends. Even with an in-



James Nail ;



C. Bennett Long;



Dr. Andy Tubertini

credibly busy schedule, Nail signed up to volunteer at the Robertsdale Hurricane Shelter after it opened for Hurricane Irma victims.

ASCENT AUDIOLOGY: The South Baldwin Chamber of Commerce announced that Ascent Audiology opened their second location in the Mid Pointe Plaza in Foley and they have been striving to set a standard of excellence for hearing health care. Ascent owner, **Dr. Andy Tubertini** sees growth in South Baldwin County and made the decision to open his second location here in Foley. With state of the art equipment to test and diagnose hearing loss, rehabilitation services as well as hearing aid repair and accessories, Ascent is sure to provide patients with top notch care and service for all hearing aid needs.

Hearing loss is the third most common health problem in the U.S. and untreated can prevent not only the ability to understand speech, but can also negatively impact social and emotional well-being and lead to cognitive decline, dementia, and depression as well as affect a person's balance, shared Ann Larkin who is an experienced audiologist with Ascent. Ascent Audiology encourages anyone in the South Baldwin area who has concerns or questions about their hearing to call them at 251-971-1152 to make an appointment for a hearing check. "Good communication is important in life, and it starts with good hearing" Says owner, Tubertini. For more info, visit ascentaudiologyfoley.com.

ure Isle & Pensacola, check fbisf.com for complete details.

- **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.
- **FBISF Songwriters:** 5; LuLu's at Homeport Marina, Gulf Shores.
- **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 7; Papa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **Frankie G & LeaAnn Creswell:** 6:30; Franco's Italian Restaurant; Orange Beach.
- **Bingo:** 6; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- **L.A. Fleet Feet Running Club:** 6 p.m.; Orange Beach Marina on Marina Rd.;

lafleetfeet.com.

- **Open Mixed Doubles Tennis:** 7:30 a.m.; all levels welcome; Gulf Shores Tennis Center; corner of West 19th Ave. and West 2nd St.
- **8 Ball League:** 7:30; The Office, Foley.
- **Celebrate Recovery:** (Christ centered 12 step program); Monday evenings at 6 p.m.; Christian Life Church in Orange Beach; 251-967-4840.
- **Overeaters Anonymous:** 6; Holy Spirit Episcopal Church; Gulf Shores, 616 Ft. Morgan Rd.; 251-709-5907.
- **T.O.P.S. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly):** weigh-in 5:30; meeting 6; First Presbyterian Church of Foley; (Berry & Highway 59).
- **AA:** Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
- **Ladies AA:** 10 a.m.; Perdido Bay UMC



BICYCLING ON FT. MORGAN PATH: (L to r): Gulf Shores Elementary students Bryce Strickland, Kenny Sanders, Claire Colvin, and Project Jubilee teacher Ms. Cheryl Searcy participated in the Second Coast Ride sponsored by The Town of Gulf Shores. Everyone enjoyed a pleasant bike ride on the Fort Morgan bike path.



Foley Woman's Club participates in Tour de Foley

Foley Woman's Club member, Kelly Barrett, represented the Foley Woman's Club in the Tour de Foley bike ride October 14. The event was sponsored by the Foley Lions and Kiwanis Clubs as a fund raiser for their many community projects which include diabetes camp for children, scholarships, eyeglasses and other worthy causes. The Club signed on as a sponsor for the event as community involvement is the main purpose for the Club's existence. The Foley Woman's Club began in 1923 and since that time members have worked to give assistance to worthy organizations in Baldwin County through funds raised at their annual Mad Hatters' Event. Members gathered at OWA with decorated hats and pompoms to cheer on the Club's rider. For information about the Foley Woman's Club contact President Chris Anglin at 943-3443. **Pictured:** Member Linda Lambert, Member rider Kelly Barrett, Member Sherri Asselin, Member Chris Anglin.

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

TUE, NOV 14

- **Frank Brown Songwriters Festival:** various venues around Perdido Key, Pleasure Isle & Pensacola, check fbisf.com for complete details.
- **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.
- **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 8; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **FBISF Songwriters:** 5; LuLu's at Homeport Marina, Gulf Shores.
- **Sam Glass:** 6; The Purple Parrot, Perdido Key.
- **John Lee Sanders:** 6; The Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke w. John Henry:** 5:30; American Legion Post 99, Foley.
- **Lisa Zanghi, Doug Habbena, Scott Koehn:** 7; Flip-pers, Orange Beach.
- **Bowling Tourney:** 7; Snapper's; Orange Beach.
- **JW Karaoke:** 6; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
- **Karaoke:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- **Coastal Alabama Farmer's & Fisherman's Market:** 2-6 p.m.; 20733 Miflin Rd., Foley.
- **GriefShare Support Group:** For men and women; 6-8 p.m.; Point Church, 13801 Innerarity Point Rd. Info: Shirley Johnson, 601-278-6973.
- **NAPA Pool League:** 7:30; The Office, Foley.

- **Bingo:** 10 to 2; Gulf Coast Elks Lodge 2782, Foley: 251-971-2782.
- **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.
- **Gulf Shores Kiwanis Club:** Palmer Dining Room at Craft Farms; noon; new members and guests always welcome; 251-981-9999.
- **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, NOV 15

- **Frank Brown Songwriters Festival:** various venues around Perdido Key, Pleasure Isle & Pensacola, check fbisf.com for complete details.

Oct. 28 Kruise for St. Jude ends with Flora-Bama party

The Flora-Bama will host the post party for the 95KSJ Kruise for St. Jude, which starts at 11 a.m. on Oct. 28 at the Eastern Shore Center in Spanish Fort. Proceeds benefit St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital in its efforts to advance treatments for and prevention of catastrophic children's diseases. The ride is \$30 and \$15 for each additional passenger with a free t-shirt to the first 300 riders. Register on 95ksj.com.

Post Kruise festivities include concert featuring Parmalee will begin at 3 p.m. on the Flora-Bama's Tent Stage. The concert is free to riders and open to the public for a \$5 donation to St. Jude.

Loomis Bros. Circus Nov. 6-7 at Baldwin County Fairgrounds

Get ready to share the magic of Circus with your family, when Loomis Bros. Circus brings their all show to Robertsedale Nov. 6-7. Performances will take place at the Baldwin County Fairgrounds, located at 19477 Fairground Road. Show at 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. both days.

Full priced admission for the circus is \$20 for adults and \$8 for children ages 2-12. This issue of the Mullet Wrapper

includes a circus coupon advertisement, and coupons are also available at many merchants throughout Baldwin County. These coupons, along with additional offers, can be found on the show's Facebook page located at facebook.com/loomiscircus. Tickets can be purchased in advance online by credit or debit card at loomiscircus.com or with cash only at the circus box office on the day of show.

Seating is general admission and doors open one hour prior to each scheduled show time. Patrons are encouraged to arrive early for best seat selection.

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"This year marks our twentieth year of presenting performances throughout North America and we've pulled out all the stops to celebrate this momentous occasion," said Justin Loomis the show's producer and Ringmaster. "We have many surprises in store for you and your family in this year's production, including an all new updated look and line-up of amazing acts from around the world." "We are also very proud that we continue to present exotic animals in our show, and are the only touring circus in the United States where you can see a mixed herd of both Asian and African elephants!"

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Kings are Gulf's family fishing ambassador

By Jim Cox

For most of us, the first offshore fish that ever really made a reel 'scream' was probably a king mackerel. Those long, blistering runs of kings always produce adrenaline for everyone on the boat and a nice bounty for the fish box.

I look at king mackerel, kind of like a Gulf of Mexico family fishing ambassador. They are here to help wherever they can. They can be caught near-shore, offshore, while trolling or bottom fishing. They are also super kid fishing friendly and can even help with a sight-seeing tour of our beautiful coastline.



I have written about our local charter boats offering four-hour near shore trips. These are great for families with young kids who want to go fishing but maybe aren't quite ready for a full-day adventure. These four-hour trips will most likely consist of trolling within sight of the beach.

These trips not only offer the fishing experience of targeting king mackerel but these charters also provide a chance to see our beaches

from the 'outside.' Everyone knows what the beach looks like from the beach, but it is an entirely new perspective the first time you see the beach, condos and Perdido Pass from the Gulf. You don't even need to enjoy fishing to appreciate the scenery.

Kings and kids are a perfect match. King mackerel with their long body shape, represent a chance for young anglers to catch their first 'big fish.' Sometimes, the fish are even taller than the kids, which always makes for a great picture. Usually caught on a cigar minnow and thin wire leader when trolling, kings usually hook themselves, allowing for kids to be handed the rod and then, just having to "reel, reel, reel!" That has to be the most uttered, three-word, repetitive phrase in all of fishing!

Kings also stay relatively close to surface which makes for an easier fight for young kids as opposed to trying to horse a red snapper up from a depth of one hundred feet of water. Plus, when a king strips off one or two hundred yards of line, it is just a different type of fishing action than most kids have ever experienced.

Kings also make most-welcomed appearances when you are targeting other species of fish. While bottom fishing for any reef fish, charter boats will have a 'drift line' tossed out behind the boat without a weight on it. The bait just drifts in the current, waiting for a strike from a nearby, cruising king mackerel.

When that bite occurs, it leads to chaos, the fun kind of chaos on a boat. The rod starts bending and the clicker is going off while the rod is still in the rod holder. Everyone stares at the rod until someone finally grabs it (perhaps with some vocal encouragement from the captain and deckhand) to fight the fish. This happens on almost every drift line bite and leads to laughs on the ride in and back at the dock.

Sometimes king mackerel will join your party but in unannounced fashion when bottom fishing. If you ever find yourself getting cut off numerous times, it may be king mackerel trying to invite themselves onto the boat. Kings will often hang around the same structure that holds snapper. A mono leader is no match for the teeth on a hungry king mackerel. Swapping your mono leader for a wire leader will result in less lost tackle, and you'll immediately notice the different feel of a king on your line than that of a Snapper.

King mackerel, of course, aren't just for kids. Grown men chase them all over the Gulf with big prize money on the line. Charter boats count on them as part of their daily catch, no matter who is onboard and when a big one hits, it's not just the reel that starts screaming like a child.

Jim Cox is an avid inshore, offshore, and big game fisherman. He has twice qualified for the prestigious IGFA Offshore Championships in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico. He is the past president of the Mobile Big Game Fishing Club and the host and master of ceremonies for the Blue Marlin Grand Championship.

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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.

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- **Daily Guided Tours of Ft. Morgan:** 10-11 a.m. daily in June & July; Fort Morgan State Historic Site, 18 miles west of Hwy. 59 on Ft. Morgan Rd. (Hwy. 180); 251-540-5257.
- **Old River Optimist Club:** Monthly meeting locations and times are available online at OldRiverOptimistClub.org or by email at HelpingKids@OldRiverOptimistClub.org.
- **Swift-Coles Historic Home:** 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**



ECUMENICAL THANKS:

The Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service sponsored by the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay will be held at 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 19 and hosted by Lillian Fellowship. The event will be held at Lillian United Methodist Church. Join the Lillian Community as they begin the 2017 holiday season. **Pictured:** Pastor Calvin Bartl and Eternal Life Church hosted the 2016



CENTRAL BALDWIN CHAMBER JUNIOR EXECUTIVES NEWS: Central Baldwin Chamber of Commerce Junior Executives were among guests at the Oct. Business After Hours at Central Baldwin Physicians. The group was also scheduled to attend a Silverhill Town Council Meeting and a Baldwin County Commission Work Session in October. **Pictured:** Abbie Hobbs, Elaina Henson, Sydney Young, and Kristen Plato.

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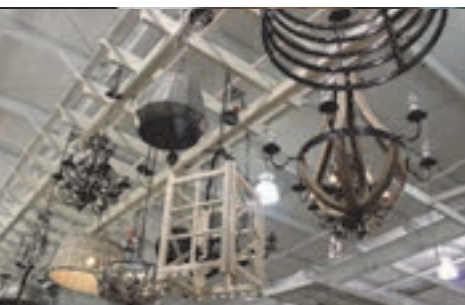
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WHAT'S HAPPENING



FRIENDS OF SOUTHWEST BRANCH LIBRARY ELECT BOARD: The Friends of the Southwest Branch Library held its last quarterly member meeting of fiscal year 2017 on Monday where they voted in a new budget and new Board members. Outgoing Board members are Cathy Ingram, President and Gene Ingram, Treasurer. New Board members are President Bill Stromquist, Secretary Sally Bowen, and Director of Special Projects August Schmidt. Director of Volunteers Jeannette Phillips was elected to a second term and Vice President Beverly Johnson continues to serve her first term as Vice President. The library staff presented outgoing president Cathy Ingram with a beautiful potted hydrangea in appreciation for her service as President and other Board positions since 2007. The first Board meeting for fiscal year 2018 is November 13th and first quarterly member meeting is January 8, 2018 at 6:00 pm. The Friends of the Southwest Branch Library is an all-volunteer 501c3 non-profit organization that supports the Southwest Branch of the West Florida Public Library through fund raising and volunteerism. The Friends supplements the library's collection, Summer Reading program, toddler story times and many other children's and adult programs with funds from on-going book sales. Visit the library and check out the bargain book carts where everything is \$.25, or the Boutique inside the lobby where gift quality books, movies and puzzles are \$2 at 12248 Gulf Beach Hwy Monday to Thursday 10am to 8pm, Friday to Saturday 10am to 4pm. Call 850-453-7780 or visit mywfl.com.

Pictured: (Below) Friends members: front row left Jeannette Phillips, August Schmidt, Jim & Mary Ayers. 2nd row from left Donna Ortman, Mary Jo McLean, Beverly Johnson, Brenda Rudolph, Annelise Reumert; Back row - Sally Bowen, Kristine Crane (Library Manager Main Branch), Cathy Ingram. **(Above)** Treasurer Gene Ingram, President Cathy Ingram, incoming Secretary Sally Bowen, Vice-President Beverly Johnson, incoming Director of Special Projects August Schmidt, incoming President Bill Stromquist, Director of Volunteers Jeannette Phillips.



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.

• **The Hot Shop & The Clay Studio:** Classes, & workshops. Info: 251-981-ARTS.

• **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; 244 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.

• **Bon Secour National Wildlife Refuge:** 12295 State Hwy. 180 in Gulf Shores; Enjoy more than six miles of hiking trails and beach access. Open from sunrise to sunset; (251) 540-7720.

• **Perdido Key State Park:** Covered picnic tables overlooking the beach provide a

great place for family outings. 15301 Perdido Key Dr.; \$3 per car; (850) 492-1595.

• **Tarkiln Bayou Preserve State Park:** Home to four species of endangered pitcher plants. A boardwalk offers visitors a view of the wild and beautiful Tarkiln Bayou; Bauer Rd.; 2 miles south of US 98; (850) 492-1595.

• **National Museum of Naval Aviation:** Free admission. Open 7 days a week from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. See more than 170 aircraft on display. IMAX theater every hour; onboard NAS Pensacola. Info: 850-452-3604.

• **Fort Barrancas:** On board the Pensacola Naval Air Station, open daily from 10:30a.m.-4 p.m. with daily guided tours of the fort at 2 p.m. Completed in 1797. Info: 850-934-2604.

Tide Assistant AD Tommy Ford to speak in Gulf Shores Nov. 6

Author and University of Alabama Assistant Athletic Director Tommy Ford will address Gulf Shores Athletic Club members and guests at the club's Nov. 6 meeting in the Palmer Dining Room at Craft Farms Gulf Club.

GCAC 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.

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 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: Nov. 20 - Al Del Greco, former Auburn & NFL place kicker; Jan 22 - TBA.

Ford's latest book, "Alabama's Crimson Mission," de-

tails the team's ability to overcome a crushing early loss, its remarkable late season stretch, and the 45-40 victory over Clemson in the College Football Playoff championship game in Glendale, Arizona in 2015.

This is the ninth book Ford has written about Alabama football. His previous works include "A Season to Remember," a book he co-wrote with former Alabama long snapper Carson Tinker which told the story of the 2011 football season following the April 27th tornado.

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Sea Duster will now be permanent part of Orange Beach's nautical heritage

By Fran Thompson

It took just eight hours for Earl Callaway to pilot the Sea Duster from Nolte Creek to a dock behind family property on a canal that feeds into Cotton Bayou.

Nautically, its maybe 14 miles from the Magnolia River to Weeks Bay to Oyster Bay, through the Intra-coastal Waterway, around Bear Point and back up to Perdido Pass.

But for Callaway, the journey to return the boat to its Orange Beach roots and into the hands of what he thinks are the rightful owners took 15 years and was full of detours.

Callaway says The Sea Duster is an important part of Alabama Gulf Coast history, and it should be in the hands of the city where his family has lived for over 140 years.

Callaway approached then Orange Beach Mayor Steve Russo more than 15 years ago in an attempt to make the Sea Duster, named after a popular lure, a permanent part of the city's culture.

"I tried to give it to the city for free when Steve Russo was mayor, but he didn't want it," Callaway said. "He wouldn't even consider it. Wouldn't even see me. Wanted nothing to do with it. I never did under-

stand that."

The city's current mayor, Tony Kennon, with full support from the City Council, had a different reaction when Callaway approached with an offer to sell the Sea Duster this past summer.

Orange Beach City Council voted to pay Callaway \$6,500 for the classic cyprus wood boat, commissioned in 1935 for Rufus Walker, who also helped build the boat, and completed a year later.

"I was praying the city would buy it and fix it up," Callaway said. "They could do a million things with it. If I had more money, I'd have given it to them for free. I still sold it for less than I put into it, but now I can afford to get a mattress or a new vacuum cleaner. Stuff like that.

"It's made out of black cyprus," Callaway added. "There is no telling how old that wood is. But it's great wood. It doesn't rot."

The Sea Duster was one of two boats with a distinctive rounded hull built in a shipyard owned by Callaway's great uncle, Daniel Callaway, on land near where Orange Beach Baptist Church parishioners now worship.

The construction effort was led by head boat builder Joe Pierce of Bon Secour.

"Rufus had it for 26 years and never had a tow rope on it in all of those 26 years. He was proud of that," Callaway said.

Tragically, Rufus Walker died on the Sea Duster when he slipped and broke his neck while trying to surf a wave through Perdido Pass. Callaway was just a teen at the time, but he remembers well the danger in trying to maneuver anything that floated through Perdido Pass before dredging efforts and seawalls.

"You had better be dead straight when you hit that wave or you were in trouble," Callaway said. "If it was real rough, you had to go around to Pensacola Pass. That happened more damn often than you would think - every two weeks or so. After Billy's (Walker) daddy (Rufus, Sr.) broke his neck, people started putting pressure on legislators to make improvements."

Callaway said Billy Walker inherited the boat from his father and was the last person to use The Sea Duster for commercial and charter fishing.

The boat was in drydock at the Walker Marina before Jerry Walker (Billy's cousin) refurbished it, an effort that included sinking the Sea Duster in Terry Cove long enough for the planks to swell before pumping it out, re-sealing the hull and installing a new motor.

Callaway bought it from Jerry Walker and owned it for 10 years before selling it to Sydney Walker, Jr.

"I always coveted the boat," Callaway said. "It's just so pretty and so distinct with what the Walkers called a Norwegian stern. It's not fast, but it's classic, and Jerry had it running good mechanically."

The Sea Duster earned Callaway the top award the only time he took it over to Pirates Cove for the Wood Boat Festival.

Sydney Walker, Rabun's grandson, sold The Sea Duster to Scott Washington from Georgia, who lived on the vessel when he was on the Alabama Coast.

When Earl got wind that Washington was selling the boat earlier this year, he scratched up enough capital to buy it for a second time, with hopes that he could finally turn it over to the city.

"This will be Orange Beach's own floating piece of history," Callaway said. "And it will still be floating 100 years - 200 years - from now. It's slow. The City Council laughed when I said it speeds along at 8 knots."

It took awhile, but Callaway's quest to make The Sea Duster, a boat with solid ties to each of Orange Beach's two founding fishing families, part of Orange Beach's permanent nautical heritage is complete.

Does he realize that by petitioning City Council to add The Sea Duster to Orange Beach's legacy as a fishing village, he also has added to his own legacy?

"Well I don't know about that," he said. "That sounds a little bit pretentious to me."

Pictured: Earl Callaway on the stern of the Sea Duster holding a fishing pole that his grandfather, Amel Callaway (see sidebar), made for him in the late 1950's. Earl now uses the pole as a cane.





Amel Callaway and the birth of island's charter fishing industry

By Fran Thompson

If he was just a little higher on the Callaway family totem pole, Amel Callaway might not widely be considered Orange Beach's first charter fisherman, edging out an assortment of brothers, cousins and Walkers along the way to earning that distinction. Amel was the youngest of the seven boys that Susan Callaway presented to her husband James Callaway beginning in the late 1800's.

According to Amel's grandson, Earl Callaway, Amel was more often than not made to stay at home and watch after the woman while the elder Callaway boys sailed with their father out into the Gulf of Mexico on adventures to assorted points in the Caribbean.

James Callaway, like most of Orange Beach's first settlers, was a merchant seaman. The Callaway clan sailed on two schooners they built themselves to ports such as Cuba and Key West. They dropped off lumber, turpentine and naval spirits from home and picked up rum, molasses and sugar at ports all along the way.

"This was 125 years ago. There was nobody around and James wanted to leave a man to look after the woman," said Earl Callaway. "More often than not it was Amel, because he was the youngest. He had to stay home and look after the woman and the turnup greens.

"While the others were away, some guy came up and offered Amel 50 cents to go fishing," Callaway added. "That's how it all started. After that, if somebody wanted to go fishing, they would send a telegram to Foley and eventually the word would get down to Orange Beach. It was a pretty shaky way of communicating."

Callaway remembers his grandfather Amel as a bit of a renaissance man.

"Everybody loved him. But you knew not to mess with him. I used to say John Wayne was almost as cool as Amel Callaway," Earl said. "He was the town vet. He made shoes and fishing poles for his grandkids. He was a tough son-of-a-gun. But I never remember any harsh words, at least any that were not well deserved."

Recalling stories from roughly 1961's Roll Tide championship year to 1964, when fellow Foley High grad Ken Stabler was on the freshman team up in T-Town, Callaway waxes nostalgic about Orange Beach in those pre-condo days and time spent with his grandfather.

He said he and his little brother Ronnie and friends like T. Bagley and Ben & Tom Wilson would spend summer days swimming across Wolf Bay to play all day on the ridge at the end of Sapling Point (across Wolf Bay from the O.B. Library). When it was time to come home, Earl's dad, Ray, would blast a hand cranked air raid siren from the family's porch of his home, which was the original Orange Beach Hotel (now the Coastal Art Center).

"It was great growing up around here," Earl said. "We would never see more than five cars a day. One guy would always toot his horn when he drove by. Amel called him 'Mr. Tooter.'"

Did Amel take pride in being the first charter fisherman in Orange Beach?

"He was aware of it," Callaway said.

But, Callaway adds, there is also a good family story about his Uncle Herman (Amel's brother) finding the first snapper reef in the Gulf of Mexico by following a tip from his father-in-law, the Pensacola Lighthouse keeper. That spurred the start of Orange Beach's world renowned man-made reef system.

There's also the story about Amel's father, Capt. Jim, surviving the most harrowing of battles with the elements onboard one of his schooners. The ordeal turned Capt. Jim's hair from jet black to gray. Amel's brother Herman also basically invented steering wheels on boat bridges when he manufactured a contraption using bike chains and sprockets to guide his boat. Callaway also mentions that his own father, Ray, pulled an umbrella off of a John Deer tractor to fit on his bridge and allow him to steer in the shade from the bridge.

"Everybody laughed at him. But he didn't care. He just sat up there and waved from the shade," Callaway said. "The next summer everybody had umbrellas. But that's another story, and there's are a million stories."

Pictured: (left) Capt. Amel Callaway in the cockpit of his early charter boat, the Red Wing. The man behind Capt. Callaway is unidentified, but that's a nice string of fish hanging from the canopy support. At right is a rare photo of the Red Wing while running in the Gulf of Mexico. (Photo by permission from Margaret Childress Long, author of The Best Place To Be - The Story of Orange Beach, Alabama.

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Orange Beach Elementary School Kiwanis Terrific Kids

Kiwanis PreK – 2nd Grade Terrific Kids at Orange Beach Elementary School for October included (**Above**) Front - Sloane Stephens, Kate Hampton, Bruno Motta, Aenea Ganey, Samuel Fowler; Back - Ivy Anderson, Jake Watts, William Woerner, Mae Margaret Reed, Owen Cotter. Kiwanis 3rd – 6th Grade Terrific Kids at Orange Beach Elementary School for October included (**below**) Front - Mary Elliott Griffin, Reece Wilmott, Eli Haber, Marina Hammett, Kakki Law; Back - Haylee Pressly, Murphy Rose Cunningham, Eli Lynn, Zane Cahoon, Amelia Kozyuk, Libby Tierce, Matthew Pressly (not pictured).



St. Andrew's pastors leading May '18 trip to Holy Lands

If you have dreamed of seeing the Holy Lands someday, the time may have come. A group of local residents from several area churches is planning a trip in May of 2018, and space is still available, says Janis Weaver, the tour organizer.

Leading the tour will be the Revs. George Myers and Larry Wood of St. Andrew by the Sea, a multi-denominational church. Everyone is welcome, regardless of church background. The group will prepare by studying scriptures set in more than twenty places that the tour will visit.

Among the stops on the itinerary will be a synagogue where Jesus taught; Simon Peter's house in Capernaum; a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee; the baptismal waters of the Jordan; and Moses' view from Mount Nebo to the Promised Land. The group will climb the mountain fortress of Masada and see the cave of Qumran where ancient scrolls were discovered. They will spend four days exploring the holy city of Jerusalem, ascend the Mount of Olives, pray in the Garden of Gethsemane, and walk the Via Dolorosa.

Side trips will include a horseback ride into the fabled "rose city" of Petra and a jeep ride into the desert for tea with Bedouins. Altogether the travelers will spend fourteen days in Israel and Jordan.

Israel is just a little larger than Baldwin County, yet it encompasses more history and geographical diversity than anyplace else on earth. "The scriptures will certainly come alive," says Rev. Wood. "I think we'll also bond as a group."

Full-color brochures may be downloaded from standrewbythesea.org/HolyLands and are also available by calling 968-3900. Reservations must be in by November 15, 2017, and are completely refundable if the trip does not take place. Once 25 people have committed to such a journey, they can look forward to praying, planning, studying, and traveling together.

Annual Taste of Island tickets are now on sale

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 to have all the fun.



BETA SIGMA PHI: Theta Master Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi held a Pledge Ritual for new pledges at their October meeting. They also started a new tradition of signing the Ritual Tablecloth. New pledges are Gloria Davis, Paula Grievon, Beth Higgins and Libby Bates. Those signing the Tablecloth were the new pledges, Liz Neisen, Lyn Burger, Sharon Emmett, Cindi Hill, Pat Coverdale. After the meeting a Halloween party was held and fun was had by all!



THANKSGIVING FUN AT DAYBREAK SENIOR CARE: The seniors at DayBreak Senior Care are excited about the coming Thanksgiving holidays. Everybody had a great time as they prepared their arts and craft project. The senior day-care provides participants' fulltime caregiver with short term relief from the unrelenting demands of care giving by providing time out to grocery shop, attend support groups, or visit friends and family. Cost is \$20 per visit and includes a hot lunch. Info: Dolly Crewes at 251-968-3634 or Amelia Fletcher at 251-968-2549 (amelia@gulfshoresumc.org). **Pictured:** seated from the left, are Carol Hines, Ginny Chaney, Pierre Geneux, Pat James, Zen Merritt, and Jean Cocker. Standing, from the left, are Jim Rogers and John Oehlke.



Gulf Shores Middle School wins County Volleyball Championship

The Gulf Shores Middle School 8th grade girls' volleyball team earned first place in the County Championship on Thursday, October 12th! They had an undefeated season and played strong in the final game against Spanish Fort. Congratulations to these Lady Dolphins and Coach Victoria Roberson. (Jon Hackett photo)



Orange Beach identifies Romar Beach Bed & Breakfast as historical site

Orange Beach and Baldwin County officials were on hand for the recent unveiling of the city's historical marker at the Original Romar House Bed & Breakfast on Perdido Beach Blvd. The City of Orange Beach commissioned the creation of the marker as part of its participation in Alabama's upcoming bicentennial celebration, ALABAMA 200. The copy on both sides of the bronze marker was written by the city's official historian, local author Margaret Childress-Long, who spoke at the ceremony. Romar Beach B&B owner Jerry Gilbreath and Mayor Tony Kennon also spoke at the ceremony.

The original Spurgeon-Roche House was the first house built on the beach and has been strengthened through many renovations over the years. Jerry Gilbreath of Laurel, Mississippi purchased the Roche house around 1980. In 1991, he turned it into the Original Romar House Bed & Breakfast. It is still operating as Alabama's first Gulfside B&B. The original house stood until 1979 when Hurricane Frederic destroyed it. Most of the original homestead was sold to developers over the years and many buildings in the area carry the Romar name.

The homestead was difficult to access. So, Spurgeon Roche and Carl "Zeke" Martin built their own road south from the Intracoastal Canal straight to the beach. This included a wooden bridge built over the freshwater lakes. For stability, the roadway was "corduroyed" with logs and lumber across the swamp and sandy land. That road is now Power Line Road.

O.B. Mayor Tony Kennon, making note of Childress-Long's comments and the verbiage on the marker, said it was his goal to petition the state to re-open Orange Beach's first north-south corridor. Childress-Long, a member of the Baldwin County Historic Development Commission, said the marker at Romar Beach is the city's fourth historical marker, with more to come.

"Next will be Orange Beach Municipal Complex, and then Bay Circle," Childress-Long said. Orange Beach already has historical markers at Alabama Point in honor of the city's fishing heritage, Bear Point Cemetery (paid for by the OBFD) and the Coastal Art Center, site of the original Orange Beach Hotel (paid for by the State of Alabama).

The City will also unveil historical markers at the Orange Beach Municipal Complex and Bay Circle before the end of this year. Markers will recognize the historical value of the city's Back Country Trail and Caswell neighborhood in 2018.

It is the hope of Alabama 200 and the local historic commission that there will be a total of 84 historical markers throughout Baldwin County by 2019, said Childress-Long.

Pictured: (l to r) Orange Beach Historian Margaret Childress-Long, Jerry Gilbreath, Romar House Bed & Breakfast managers Chris & Mary Miskiel.



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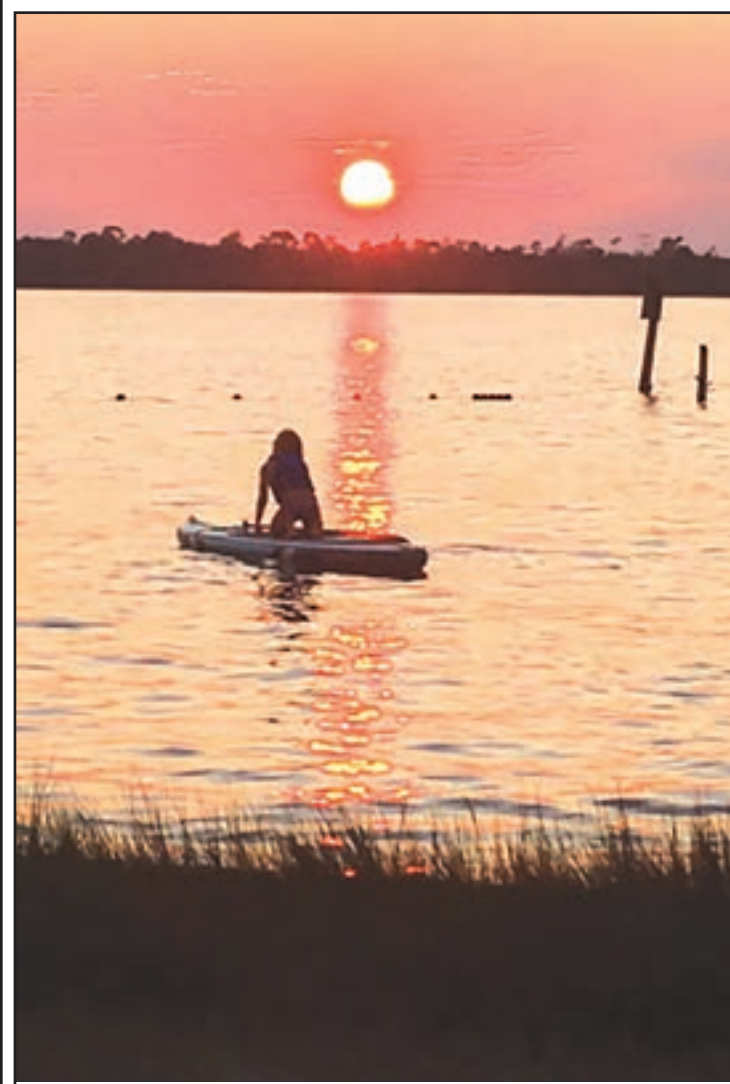
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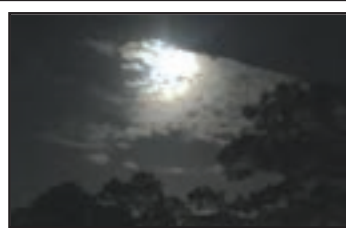
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Photo of gator posing for the camera taken this summer at Lake Shelby by Fonda Thomas of Fonda Thomas Photography. "We named the gator Shelby," Fonda wrote.



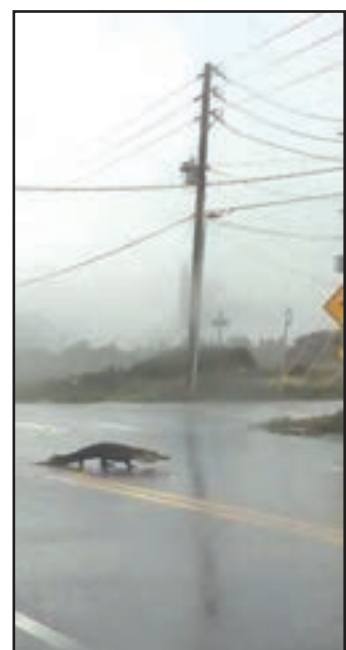
A Bear Point sunset submitted by Diane Farnham.



Sherry Byrd shares a moon rising over Gulf Shores.



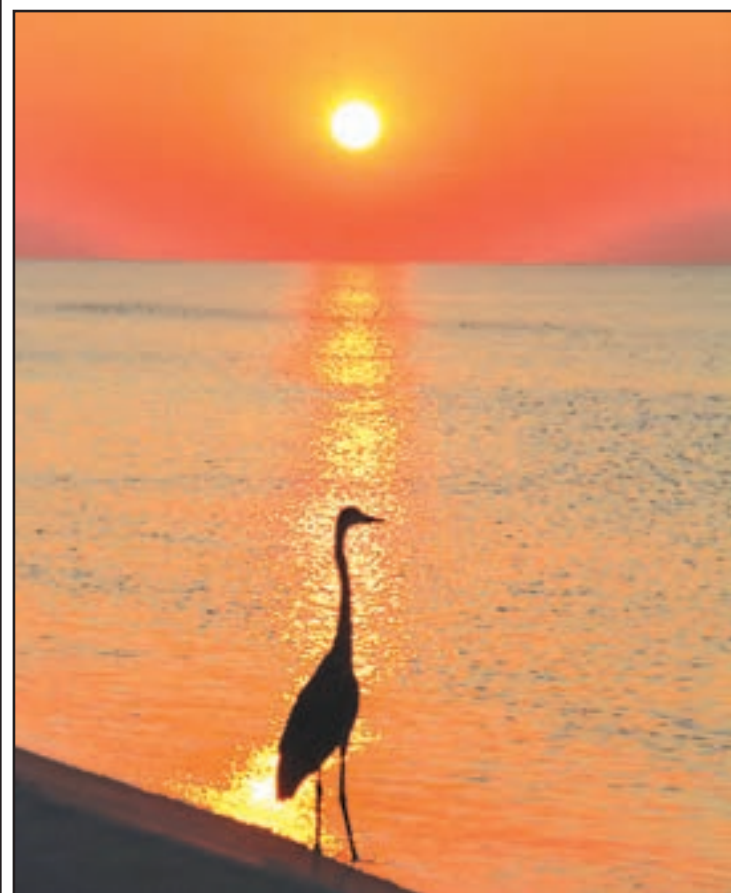
Dennis Whitney shares "morning shadows."



Linda Snyder shares a facebook picture of an alligator crossing Perdido Key Dr. at Ole River Rd.



"I took this picture on Halloween Day 2016 at our son's home in St. Paul, Minnesota prior to coming back to our home in Gulf Shores," writes Darla Hjelm. "It is a once in a life time shot that this little guy (albino squirrel) posed for me."



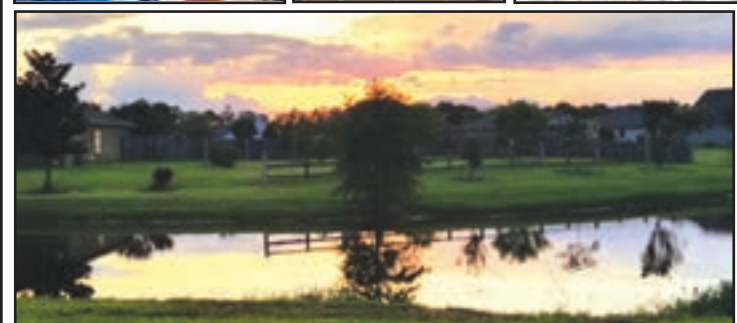
"Calm Gulf sunrise this morning with a local resident on Perdido Key," writes Cathy Deal.

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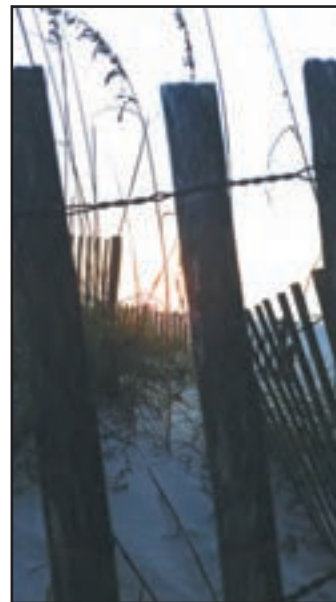
Sarah Oubre shares her shot taken at Pleasure Isle Villas.



Stephanie Hibbett, who recently moved to Foley, writes that she appreciates the Mullet Wrapper for helping “a newcomer get acclimated to the beach life.” She shares pictures from the zoo, a pond behind her residence, Alabama Point and the Mobile St. Beach.



Dennis Whitney shares pictures from Ft. Morgan & mornings in Paradise.



“Sunset on Little Lagoon on from Ken Matthews pontoon. Beautiful cool fall evening,” writes Sherry Byrd.

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By George Ridder



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- The easiest way to find something lost around the house is to buy a replacement.
- Never take life seriously. Nobody gets out alive anyway.
- Have you noticed since everyone has a camcorder these days no one talks about seeing UFOs like they used to?
- In the 60's, people took acid to make the world weird. Now the world is weird and people take Prozac to make it normal.
- Who was the first person to look at a cow and say, "I think I'll squeeze these dangly things here, and drink whatever comes out?"
- If Jimmy cracks corn and no one cares, why is there a song about him?
- Why doesn't glue stick to the inside of the bottle?

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"I came face to face with a lion once, and as luck would have it, I was alone and without a gun."

"What did you do?"

"What could I do? First, I tried looking straight into his eyes but he slowly came toward me. I moved back, but he kept coming nearer. I had to think fast."

"How did you get away?"

"I just left him and moved on to the next zoo exhibit."

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A teenage boy with spiked hair, nose ring, and baggy clothes was overheard telling a friend, "I don't really like to dress like this."

"Then why do you?" asked the

friend.

"It keeps my parents from dragging me everywhere with them."

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A woman was at her hairdresser's getting her hair styled for a trip to Rome with her husband.

She mentioned the trip to the hairdresser, who responded, "Rome? Why would anyone want to go there? It's crowded and dirty. You're crazy to go to Rome. So, how are you getting there?"

"We're taking Delta," was the reply.

"We got a great rate!"

"Delta?" exclaimed the hairdresser.

"That's a terrible airline. Their planes are old, their flight attendants are ugly, and they're always late. So, where are you staying in Rome?"

"We'll be at this exclusive little place over on Rome's Tiber River called Teste."

"Don't go any further. I know that place. Everybody thinks it's going to be something special and exclusive, but it's really a dump."

"We're going to go to see the Vatican and maybe get to see the Pope."

"That's rich," laughed the hairdresser. "You and a million other people trying to see him. He'll look the size of an ant. Boy, good luck on this lousy trip of yours. You're going to need it."

A month later, the woman again came in for a hairdo. The hairdresser asked her about her trip to Rome.

"It was wonderful," explained the

woman, "not only were we on time in one of Delta's brand new planes, but it was overbooked, and they bumped us up to first class. The food and wine were wonderful, and I had a handsome 28-year-old steward who waited on me hand and foot."

"And the hotel was great! They'd just finished a \$5 million remodeling job, and now it's a jewel, the finest hotel in the city. They, too, were overbooked, so they apologized and gave us their owner's suite at no extra charge!"

"Well," muttered the hairdresser, "that's all well and good, but I know you didn't get to see the Pope."

"Actually, we were quite lucky, because as we toured the Vatican, a Swiss Guard tapped me on the shoulder, and explained that the Pope likes to meet some of the visitors, and if I'd be so kind as to step into his private room and wait, the Pope would personally greet me. Sure enough, five minutes later, the Pope walked through the door and shook my hand! I knelt down and he spoke a few words to me."

"Oh, really! What did he say?"

"He said, 'Who messed up your hair?'"

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A man is at work one day when he notices that his co-worker is wearing an earring.

The man walks up to him and says, "I didn't know you were into earrings."

"Don't make such a big deal, it's

only an earring," he replies sheepishly.

His friend falls silent for a few minutes, but then his curiosity prods him to say, "So, how long have you been wearing one?"

"Ever since my wife found it in my car."

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One time a cop pulled me over for running a stop sign. He said, "Didn't you see the stop sign?"

I said, "Yes I did, but I don't believe everything I read."

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This guy wanted a boat more than anything. His wife kept refusing, but he bought one anyway. "I'll tell you what," he told her. "In the spirit of compromise, why don't you name the boat?"

Being a good sport, she accepted. When her husband went to the dock for his maiden voyage, this is the name he saw painted on the side: "For Sale"

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At the zoo I noticed a slice of toast in one of the enclosures.

I asked the keeper, "How did that toast get into the cage?"

"It was bread in captivity," she replied.

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John: Do you know how big the world's biggest nose was?

David: Eleven inches

John: That's not very long.

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Senior Menu

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Coconut Shrimp with spicy orange marmalade: \$12.99

Stuffed Shrimp bacon wrapped with crabmeat dressing & monterey jack cheese : \$12.99

Grilled Shrimp over yellow rice: \$11.99

Fried Shrimp \$9.99

Fried Oysters with cocktail sauce: \$14.99

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