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Revered by locals and winter visitors alike, Desoto's Seafood Restaurant, located one block West of Hwy. 59 in Gulf Shores (behind Souvenir City), welcomes Snowbirds by serving its Senior Menu from 3 p.m.til closing time nightly. Entrees include signature specialties such as coconut shrimp with spicy orange marmalade, and stuffed shrimp bacon wrapped with crabmeat dressing & monterey jack cheese. Snowbirds also love Desoto's value priced Mon.-Fri. homestyle lunch. It includes two sides, bread and tea. Of course, Desoto's menu favorites like Shrimp Scampi, Crawfish Etoufee, Shrimp Creole and Desoto's' famous Crab Cakes are always on the menu. The fresh catch board includes Mahi-Mahi, Yellow-fin Tuna and Grouper.

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Qualified historians will provide historical insights on various periods of Fort Morgan's History as part of a tour scheduled every Tuesday afternoon from 2-3 p.m. at the fort, located at the west end of Ft. Morgan Rd. in Gulf Shores. Tour dates are Jan. 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30, and Feb. 6, 13, 20 and 27. The tour is weather permitting.

Tour topics include Fort Bowyer, Early Civil War, Battle of Mobile Bay, Siege of Fort Morgan and Overview of the Civil War at Mobile Point. Reservations are not required for these tours, and weather conditions may cause the event to be cancelled.

Preceded by another fort, Fort Bowyer during the War of 1812, Fort Morgan is a Third System masonry fort built between 1819 and 1833. Standing guard where the bay meets the Gulf of Mexico, the fort played a significant role in the Battle of Mobile Bay in August 1864. Used intermittently through the Spanish American War, World War I and World War II, the site showcases the evolution of seacoast fortifications and adaptations made by the U.S. Army for the defense of the country.

More than just history, the site also has nature areas, and a boat launch for the outdoorsman to enjoy.

The fort is most famous for its role in the Civil War Battle of Mobile Bay. Union Admiral David Farragut damned the torpedoes and went full speed ahead to win the battle. The massive fort contains more than 40 million bricks and pays tribute to the skilled masons, many of whom were enslaved African Americans.

Admission to the fort is \$7 for adults, \$5 for seniors and students and \$4 for children 6 to 12. For more info, visit fort-morgan.org or call 251-251-540-5257 or 251-540-7127.





### Josephine Baptist Ladies Conference slated Jan. 20

"Legacy - Follow My Example As I Follow The Example Of Christ" is the theme for the annual Josephine Baptist Church Ladies Conference on Saturday, Jan. 20 from 9:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. Marie Armenia (pictured), a writer, speaker, songwriter and singer will be the guest speaker and worship leader and lunch will be provided by Sweet Southern Scratch. The registration deadline is January 14. Mail the \$20 registration fee and info to Teresa Denney/JBC, P.O. Box 568, Elberta, AL 36530. Make checks to Josephine Baptist Church. The conference will be held on the church's campus at 6854 County Road 95 in Josephine. For more info, call 251-987-1973 or 251-504-1973 or email denneysbend@gulftel.com. If you enjoyed the #1 movie "War Room," then you might be interested to know that Marie Armenia's mom, Molly Bruno, is the real Miss Clara, according to The Kendrick Brothers, who patterned Miss Clara after Molly. Miss Clara used Molly's Bible in the movie. Ladies Conference committee members include Julie Adams, Teresa Denney, Brenda Fahey, Sherry Frank, Sandy Gould, JoAnn Lowreng, Cherryl Hammock, Shelby McRae, Beth Mitchell, Renee Nelson, Michelle Peadon, Miriam Sims, Beth Weed and Dawn

Wilbanks.

### Sonora Masonic Lodge serving fried chicken dinners on Jan. 6

Sonora Masonic Lodge #635 F&AM will hold its 2018 annual fried chicken dinner fundraisers on January 6, February 3 and March 3 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. The lodge is located at 202 E. Jackson Street in Summerdale. Adult plates will be \$9 and a child's plate will be \$5. The dinners will include chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, cole slaw, green beans and complimentary tea and dessert for dine-in guests. Proceeds generated from the fundraiser will be used for lodge expenditures. Delivery available on orders of 10 or more. For more information contact Dean Mott at 251-423-7604 or visit our lodge Facebook page.

### Coin & Currency Jewelry Show Jan. 13-14 at Foley Civic Center

The South Baldwin Numismatic Assn. Golf Coast Coin & Currency Jewelry Show will be held January 13-14 at the Foley Civic Center. Hours are 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Saturday and 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. on Sunday. Admission and parking are free. Dealers will be on site to appraise gold and silver, and lots of old coins will be for sale. Food and refreshments will be available. For more info, visit foleycoinshows.com or call 251-597-7796 or 251-269-3089. The Foley Civic Center is located at 407 E. Laurel Ave. (Hwy. 98), just east of Hwy. 59.



#### 23rd Annual Flora-Bama Super Chili Cook-Off scheduled Feb. 3

Let the chopping begin. The 23d Annual Flora-Bama Super Bowl Chili Cook-Off is set for Feb. 3, Super Bowl Saturday. Teams of three can register to work their chili wizardry to win with their version of the best chili and win cash prizes in several divisions. If you don't want to cook, come by, sample the wide variety of dishes and help raise funds for The American Cancer Society and Relay for Life. Cooking begins at 10 a.m., and tasting tickets (\$2 per sample or \$10 for six samples) will be sold beginning at noon. Participants must cook at least 4 gallons of chili and supply all cooking utensils, pots, burners, and ingredients.

Teams must be willing to eat your own chili, be over 21 and pay the \$45 entry fee - a deal considering the goodie bags include event t-shirts and party favors and draft beer is free for cooks. The winner will earn a perpetual trophy and \$100. People's Choice winner earns a perpetual trophy and \$99. There are also cash prizes for second (\$75) and third place (\$50) finishers.

The cook-off usually attracts around 20 teams and raises north of \$5,000 for the designated charities. The venue is, of course, located on the Gulf of Mexico at the Florida-Alabama state line. Visit florabama.com or facebook for more info.

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### SBCT's Some Enchanted Evening opens Jan. 4

The music of Rodgers & Hamerstein will come to life at local theater

The South Baldwin Community Theatre in Gulf Shores will present Some Enchanted Evening - the music of Rodgers and Hamerstein. The 8 show run begins on January 4 and tickets are available at the theatre ticket office and online. The curtain opens Jan. 4-6 and Jan. 11-13 at 7:30 p.m. and Jan. 7 & 14 at 2 p.m.

More so than any composer and lyricist who have written for the stage, the songs of Rodgers & Hammerstein have become an integral part of our everyday lives. We sing them in the shower, we dance to them in ballrooms, we hear them on the radio and in clubs and, yes, in elevators and supermarkets too. We still thrill to them on the live stage in their respective shows, and we teach them to our children.

This stunning collection of compositions places five performers in a theatrical setting-first 'backstage,' where the songs are sung as personal interplay, and then 'onstage.' While offering the performers an opportunity to explore the songs within their own styles and sensibilities, it offers the audience a glorious parade of genuine hits.

Presented by special arrangement with Rodgers and Hammerstein, the play is directed by Jessica Breland. Admission is \$19.50 for adults and \$15 for students. South Baldwin Community Theater is located at 2022 West 2nd St. in Gulf Shores. For more info or to buy tickets, visit sbct.biz or call 251-968-6721.



## Newcomers' Toast To Coast Jan. 25 at O.B. Event Center

The South Baldwin Newcomers Club is once again having a fun filled evening of spectacular food and festive music at the Toast To The Coast 2018 at the Orange Beach Event Center from 6-9:30 on January 25. The theme this year is Out of Africa and sure to be the best one yet. There will be food samples from many local restaurants, beer and wine available, and dancing to the wonderful music of the Tommy Morse Band! Many fun and exciting raffle prizes will be awarded as well. Raffle tickets will be sold at the door.

Tickets are on sale now for \$50 per person or tables of 10 for \$500. All proceeds from the event are given to local charities in Baldwin County. Tickets may be purchased from Janetta Bell 702-499-9385 or netterbell@gmail. com. There may be some tickets available at the door if the event does not sell out. The Newcomers donated \$23,000 to Baldwin County only charities in 2016, and this event is where the majority of our money is raised.

**Pictured:** Toast To Coast committee members Berni DeMent, Connie Conlon, Lou Monaghan, Nancy Matzl.



#### GCAA Art Market Jan. 13 at G.S. First Presbyterian Church

The first Art Market of 2018 presented by the Gulf Coast Arts Alliance will be indoors from 9 a.m. 'til 3 p.m. on Saturday, January 13 at the First Presbyterian Church, located at 309 E. 31st Ave. in Gulf Shores.

Local and regional artists have been waiting all year for this well-attended Art Marke,t as they welcome back snowbirds, locals and tourists. Those attending will see the best in watercolor, acrylic, oil, pastel and mixed media paintings. In addition, there will be pottery, wood works, jewelry, fabric art, metal art and much more uniquely created pieces of original work.

For more information about the GCAA Art Market, visit gulfcoastartsalliance.com, email gulfcoastartsalliance@gmail.com or telephone 251-948-2627. The Gulf Coast Arts Alliance is a non-profit organization located at 225 East 24th Avenue in the Waterway Village district of Gulf Shores.

**Pictured**: GCAA artist Emily Brooks.

## Earlybird vendor registration open for Feb. 8 Lifestyles EXPO

Early bird vendor registration is now open for the 26th Annual Alabama Lifestyles EXPO, scheduled rom 8 a.m. 'til 2:30 p.m. on Feb. 8 at Caribe Resort in Orange Beach.

Registration is \$240 through Jan.15, and \$260 after Jan.15. Full refunds will be granted though Jan. 15, 2018, in the case of unforseen circumstances, and EXPO Exhibitors receive a complimentary listing on the EXPO website (16,000 unique visitors) and a mailing list of attendees.

The free event annually attracts more than 3,700 mostly Snowbird attendees, and exhibitor slots often are filled before the event.

"At the current rate of exhibitor registrations, we may run out of exhibitor space," said EXPO coordinator Bill Meadows. "We suggest registering now and making a payment later.

"If you have never participated in an effort to attract winter visitors take note that, they will visit communities traveling through and from the Gulf Coast," Meadows added.

"They also take mini-trips. Last year, I met a couple who stayed 28 days in a north Alabama city and visited surrounding areas. Winter visitors are great candidates for relocation. In 2016, a United Van Lines survey showed that Alabama had a 6.4% gain in people moving to Alabama for retirement."

For more registration information, log on to AlabamaAdvantage.com or call 205-222- 2862 or email info@AlabamaAdvantage. com

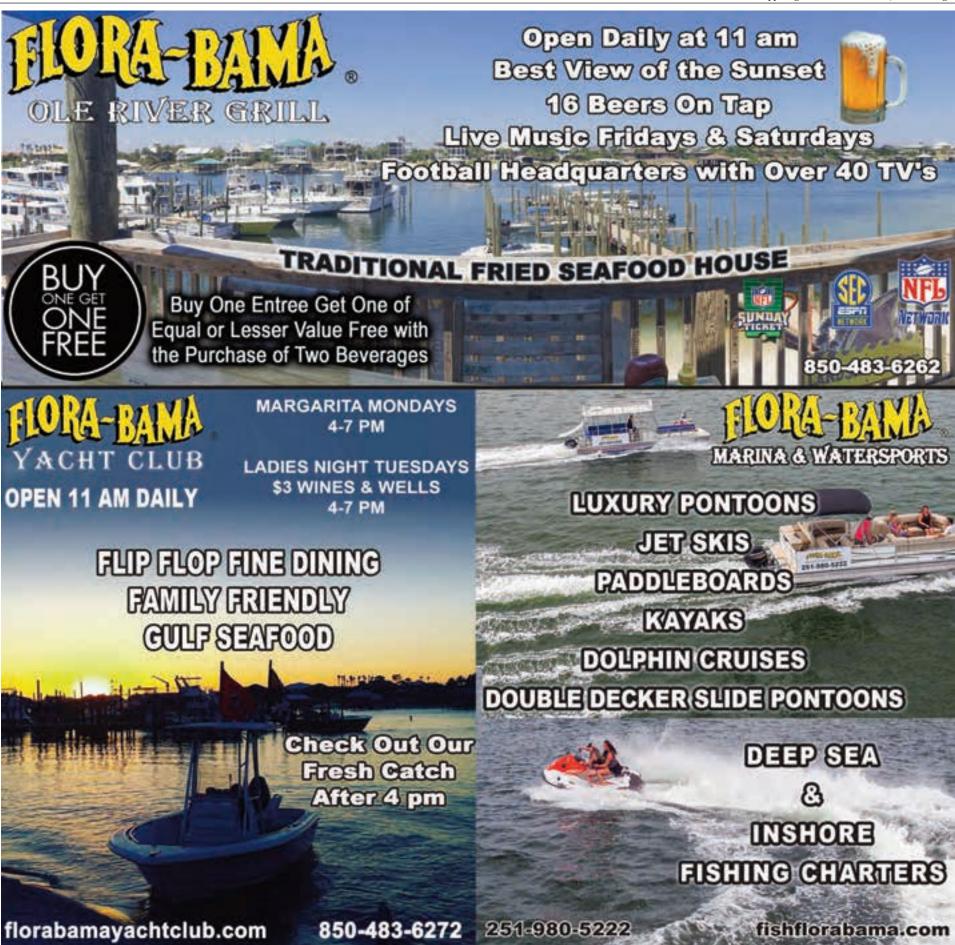


### Tickets on sale for Feb. 6 Mardi Gras Ball at LuLu's

Tickets to the 6th Annual LuLu's Birds of Paradise Mardi Gras Ball are now on sale at LuLu's Gift Shop and Online. The ball will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 6 bedginning at p.m. The Tip Tops (above) will again headline the Krewe De Lu Roux sponsored event.

The \$75 per person ticket price includes open bar, delicious Cajun themed buffet, and all the fun of dancing to the South's best motown band. LuLu's will be closed to the public for this ticketed event open to those 21 and older. Dress code is Island Elegance to Tuxedo T-shirt and Flip Flops.

Call 251-967-5858 for tickets, puorchase at the LuLu's Gift Shop or or shop online at lulubuffett.com. LuLu's is located under the Northside of the Hwy. 59 Bridge on the Intracoastal Waterway in Gulf Shores.



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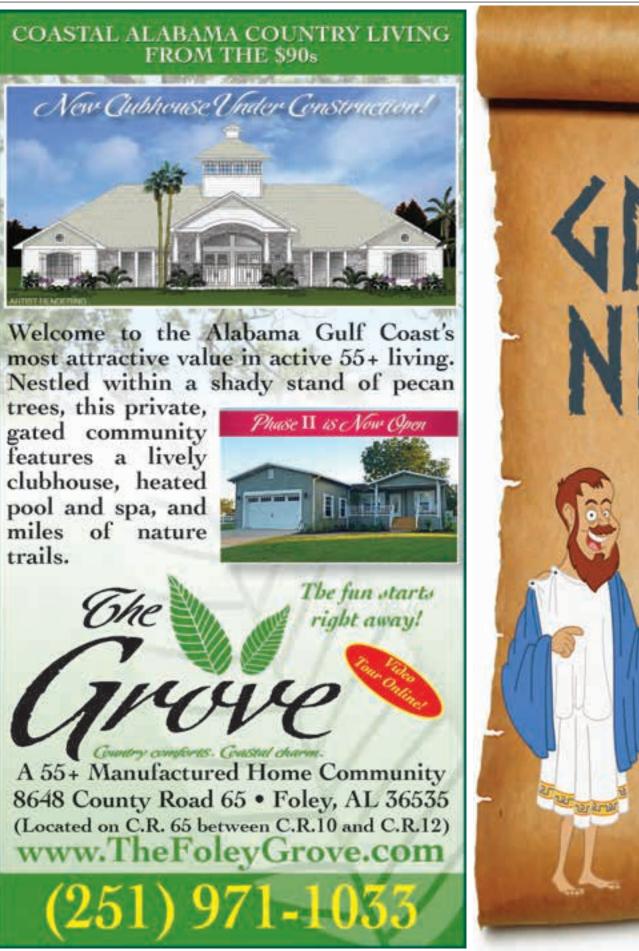












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PERDIDO KEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PRESENTS AWARDS AT HOLIDAY CELEBRATION

The Perdido Key Area Chamber of Commerce presented both individual and business member special awards during its annual holiday celebration at Cosmo's. The winners of each category: Island Spirit Individual: Pat McClellan, Flora-Bama; Advocate Individual: Cathy Ingram, Friends of SW Branch Library; Community Service Member: The Ridgeway Team, JRC Realty; Non-Profit Member: Pensacola Teen Challenge; Small Business Member: Evergreen Printing & Mailing; Large Business Member: ResortQuest by Wyndham Vacation Rentals. Incoming Chairman Cameron Price of the Flora-Bama presented outgoing Chairman Bill Stromquist with a gift and thanks for his work.













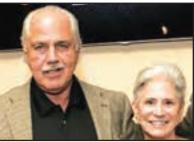








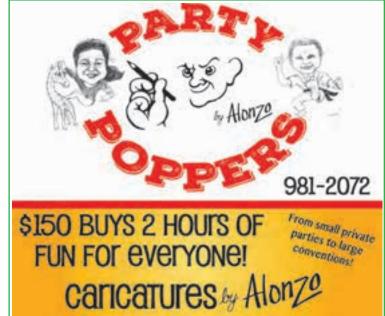












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#### AROUND TOWN



### **2nd Annual Holy Smokes Jan. 6 at G.S. Presbyterian Church** Post Butt pulled pork & veggie gumbo with sides on the menu

The second annual Holy Smokes! will take place on Saturday, January 6 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at First Presbyterian in Gulf Shores. This is the first of the church's many 2018 culinary events. The diverse menu will offer a choice of Boston Butt pulled pork for meat lovers or Veggie Gumbo for those adhering to 2018 New Year's resolutions to eat healthily!

Prepared on-site by local favorite Jen Hammonds and a team of grillmeisters, both choices will include side dishes, dessert and drink. To-go boxes for take out will also be available. Those dining at the church will enjoy live music.

The First Pres. Praise Team Band will be sounding their unique Ancient-Modern style, as well as music provided by pianist Kayla Dowling, and more! Tickets may be acquired in advance at the church, located at 309 E. 21st Avenue, or at the door as supply lasts.

For more information on this and other culinary events, call 251-978-8130 or 251-968-7720. Suggested donation is \$10; proceeds will support FPC outreach ministries and other community missions, including Homework Haven for Gulf Shores Middle School; Gulf Coast Youth Chorale, after school fine arts programs and the FPC Mercy Fund.



**GOOD FRIENDS:** At Gulf Shores Elementary School, first grade equals good friends! Leader In Me students (l to r) Cooper Hall and Chase Langele are looking out for each other while "sharpening their saws" together at recess.

### Friends of O.B. Library Book Sale Jan. 18-20

The Friends of the Orange Beach Public Library will be hosting their annual book sale at the Orange Beach Community Center, 27235 Canal Road. The member only preview sale will be Thursday, January 18, from 6pm-8pm. Wine and snacks will be served, and membership is available for purchase at the door.

The book and bake sale will be held Friday, January 19, from 9am-4pm, and Saturday, January 20, from 9am-2pm.

### Free USA Lectures Jan.11 and Feb. 22

The University of South Alabama Gulf Coast Campus 2017-2018 Distinguished Lecture Series continues on Jan. 11 when the topic will be "Mardi Gras in Mobile: America's Original Mardi Gras" presented by Craig Roberts, historian and author. The one hour lecture will be held at the Gulf Coast Campus Cultural Center Auditorium in Gulf Shores. All lectures start at 6:30 p.m. and are free. To register for any and all lectures call 251-460-7200, email lsimon@southalabama.edu or visit usacontinuinged.com.

The USA Gulf Shores Campus is located at 19470 Oak Rd W. (County Rd. 6 West) in Gulf Shores, about a halfmile east of the Gulf Shores Sports Complex.

#### **FUTURE LECTURES**

• Feb. 22 - Sharks! Dispelling Myths Through Research presented by Dr. Marcus Drymon, Mississippi State University, Coastal Research and Extension Center.

• March 15 - Protecting Our Sea Life From Environmental Stressors presented by Dr. Ruth Carmichael, Associate Professor, University of South Alabama, Senior Marine Scientist II, Dauphin Island Sea Lab.



**HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM SIRENS OF THE SEA:** Sirens of the Sea, a local woman's Mardi Gras Krewe, wants to wish everyone a Happy New Year from the 2017/2018 Board of Directors. Besides being involved in local community Mardi Gras activities, the Sirens of the Sea donate to several local charities throughout the year including Christian Service Center and their Annual Sirens Scholarship Fund for a local high school senior. Each year, the Sirens Queen and Emblem have a Selected Charity that is the recipient of a portion of the proceeds from the annual fundraisers. This year, Care House, the Baldwin County Child Advocacy Center, is the Selected Charity for the year. We are delighted to support such a worthwhile organization that does an amazing job for Baldwin County. **Pictured:** from right front row are Susan Giannini, Angela Martin, Joan Contorno. Back row from right are Cindy Latiolais, Janice Krumbein, Judie Hooper, Nancy Pickering, Rose Mary Asman, Jennifer McEvoy, Gale Pond.

### O.B. Yard & Craft Sale Jan. 13 at Com. Center

The 15th Annual Orange Beach Big' Yard & Craft Sale is scheduled for Saturday, January 13 at the Orange Beach Community Center, located at 27235 Canal Rd. Doors open promptly at 7 a.m. and the event runs until noon. All vendor spaces are inside, so this is a rain or shine event.

Each booth space is rented by individual vendors and the rental fees go to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. You can be a part of the event by renting a booth or just coming to shop. For booth rental info, contact Angela Bateman, 251-747-4386.

A nonprofit, donor-supported organization, the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation is the world's leader in the search for a cure for CF. The Foundation funds lifesaving research and works to provide access to quality, specialized care and effective treatments for people with CF. Nearly every CF drug available today was made possible because of Foundation support. Through its efforts, the life expectancy of a child with CF has doubled in the last 30 years, and research to find a cure is more promising than ever before.

For more information contact Angela Bateman at 251-747-4386 or 251-981-6629 or email her at abateman@cityoforangebeach. com.

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# **Gulf Shores, state team up on Little Lagoon project** 53 acres on south shore will be protected from development

#### By John Mullen

The state is using a BP money awarded through a federal grant and administered by the state to develop the Laguna Cove Little Lagoon Natural Resource Protection project on 53 acres on the south side of Little Lagoon.

The property was previously approved for residential and commercial development including a marina in Little Lagoon.

"There's been a number of projects who have been looking at that piece of property," Gulf Shores Spokesman Grant Brown said. "But the Meyer Foundation who owns the land, they're not in the development business. They are willing to sell it to take it out of development to ensure that it's not as heavily used and turned into houses and other stuff."

Gulf Shores is working with the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources as part of the Natural Resource Damage Assessment process related to the Deepwater Horizon oil spill to identify projects that will restore and protect natural resources that were impacted by the spill.

The Laguna Cove project involves the acquisition and protection of 53 undeveloped acres of property located on the south shore of Little Lagoon near the west end of West Beach Boulevard. ADCNR has asked the City to take ownership of the property.

"We're a very happy recipient to be able to manage a very important piece of our ecology down here," Brown said. "The west end of Little Lagoon is very sensitive and to be able to manage that huge chunk of lagoon waterfront. It's a very important piece of property."

The grant will allow for the purchase of the undeveloped acreage at a cost of about \$3 million will provide another \$1.4 million for habitat restoration and passive recreational improvements for public use. Gulf Shores will use oversee the construction of boardwalks, parking, restrooms, kayak launch and a fishing pier.

Gulf Shores agreed to fund its portion of the project in November. The total cost of \$4.4 million and includes planning, engineering and design, construction, monitoring, operation and maintenance and trustee supervision.

It includes 6,100 feet of shoreline on Little Lagoon and has significant areas of wetlands and other critical habitat. Protection of this important natural area will serve to enhance water quality and habitat for the Little Lagoon watershed.

One of the first tasks, Brown said, will be clearing off debris that has gathered from storms during the years.

"There's leftover junk and I assume it was from Ivan," he said. "When you walk the property, there are just chunks of asphalt and things that are not environmentally correct. We need to clean that up."

Proposed Public Access Amenities

In addition to funding acquisition of the tracts, the project would fund a number of recreational amenities for the enjoyment of the public:

 $\bullet$  65 parking spaces, with split access for the proposed kayak launch and the proposed fishing pier

• Public fishing pier with a 'T' at the end and ADA-compliant accessibility

- Public bathhouse and restrooms
- Public boardwalk for viewing or fishing

• Public kayak launch near the edge of the boardwalk

## **Orange Beach names Police & Fire Officers of the Year** Fire Medic Robert Simpson and Police Cpl. Bailey Mahler earn honors

#### By Marc Anderson

Orange Beach Fire Medic Robert Simpson and Police Cpl. Bailey Mahler were honored recently at the Orange Beach Community Center.

Simpson was named Firefighter of the Year and Cpl. Mahler earned the title of Officer of the Year. Each year, the awards ceremony is organized by the Orange Beach Community Association.

With nearly 100 people in attendance at the November ceremony, Police Chief Joe Fierro and Fire Chief Justin Pearce presented the awards to rounds of applause.

Chief Fierro said all of his officers voted for the award recipient this year and Cpl. Mahler came out on top for many reasons. Firstly, after the death of Sgt. Travis Coleman due to a medical emergency in March, Chief Fierro said Cpl. Mahler was called to step up and lead Coleman's patrol division.

During difficult conditions, Cpl. Bailey earned the respect of his entire staff. "He's done an outstanding job," Fierro said.

Chief Fierro also pointed out an incident where Cpl. Bailey showed true leadership and courage.

"About this time last year, he was on his way home in his personal car and he watched a car veer into the Intracoastal (Waterway)," Chief Fierro said. "The driver went into the canal. (Cpl. Bailey) was the only one there. He was in Gulf Shores at the

time. He pulled over, ran to the car and with no regard for his own safety ... he went in and worked tirelessly to get this unconscious driver out of the car, who was deceased but he didn't know that at the time. Eventually the Gulf Shores police arrived and he was given a little bit of help but that is another reason we all serve and Bailey demonstrated it flawlessly that night. He put aside everything. He's a selfless, dedicated public servant and he has done a great job and I know he will continue to be. So Bailey, congratulations. Thank you."

Chief Pearce's commendation of Simpson echoed that same selfless public service.

"We have been very blessed to have Robert in our department," Chief Pearce said. "He's very smart, very educated, always willing to help, and always willing to learn. There are two things that stand out about Robert in his career. Some of you guys may remember when Island Dunes caught on fire. I know the police department played a big role in getting folks out. Robert carried a Great Dane down a ladder on his shoulder during that fire, huge dog. He did it by himself. He didn't do it for the fame or glory, he did it because it was what was needed to be done."

More recently, Chief Pearce said Simpson spent one of his days off with a special needs adult, helping him to swim in the Gulf.

"The family had contacted several cities trying to find someone or a city that would allow some of their personnel to assist with their special needs son swimming in the ocean or Gulf, wherever they ended up," Chief Pearce said. "Robert did this willingly on his day off. He did not accept any benefits, he did not ask for anything. He did not even want any recognition. Unfortunately for him, you know how social media is, and once word got out, word traveled fast He did have to do a couple TV interviews for it but these are just a couple of the acts that have been publicized. There are many acts that most will never know and that's the way Robert would prefer. This is what makes Robert special. When no one is looking he is more kind and generous than when he is being watched. This is why he is the Orange Beach Fire Department's Firefighter of the Year."

City Administrator Ken Grimes added that seeing the city's first responders go above and beyond every day is what makes Orange Beach special.

"Thank you for what you do," Grimes said. "Thank you to the families for what you do in supporting these men and women." **Pictured:** Orange Beach Police Chief Joe Fierro, left, presents the Officer of the Year award to Cpl. Bailey Mahler; Orange Beach Fire Chief Justin Pearce, right, presents the Firefighter of the Year award to Fire Medic Robert Simpson.







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• Florida Point is located 0.3 miles east of Perdido Pass Bridge and offers 6,000 feet of wide beach, sand dunes, boardwalks, picnic areas, restrooms, and outdoor showers. Parking is free.

• Cotton Bayou is located at the intersection of Highway 182 and Highway 161 and features restrooms and showers on site. Parking is free.

• Romar Beach is located 6.8 miles east of Highway 59 and has plenty of free parking (no facilities).

• The Gulf State Park Pavilion Area is located six miles east of Highway 59 and offers air-conditioned restrooms, private showers, a snack bar, shady spots to sit and eat, plus a huge fireplace for chilly days. There is a \$6 fee to park all day (\$12 for large vans).

• Gulf Shores Public Beach is located where highway 59 deadends. There are beach attendants, three open-air pavilions, a picnic area, plus restrooms and showers on site. A small fee for all-day parking applies.

· Gulf Shores 2nd Street Public Beach is just two blocks west of Highway 59. Facilities include a handicapped-accessible restroom, outdoor shower and a covered pavilion with picnic tables. Parking is free.

• Gulf Shores 5th, 6th and 13th Street Public Beaches are all located west of Highway 59. You can walk the boardwalk to the beaches and each offers an outdoor shower. The 6th Street access offers a handicapped-accessible restroom.

• Bon Secour National Wildlife Refuge Beach is located at 12295 State Highway 180 (Fort Morgan Road) in Gulf Shores. You can park along Mobile Street for easy beach access. Because this is a wildlife refuge, there are no facilities but the Refuge Office is nearby.

For more information about public parks in the area, visit gulfshores.com

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

• Snowbird Listings: Snowbird oriented events on pages 52 to 61.

• Karaoke: 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.

• Danny Grady: 3:30-5:30 p.m.; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.

• Shaggy J & The Coastal Vibrations: 6; The Purple Parrot; Perdido Key.

• Frankie G. On Piano: 6:30; Franco's Italian Restaurant; Orange Beach. • John Lee Sanders: 6; Voyagers Restau-

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

Beach Resort; Órange Beach.

• 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.

• 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

• 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

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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 eligiblity 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 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, JAN 4 • 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. • Snowbird Listings: Snowbird oriented

events on pages 52 to 61. Some Enchanted Evening ~ The Music

of Rodgers & Hammerstein: 7:30 p.m.; South Baldwin Community Theatre; Gulf Shores; (251) 968-6721 or sbct.biz.

 LeAnn Creswell & Lisa Zanghi: 6:30; Franco's Italian Restaurant; Orange Beach

- Firkin Tapping: 6 p.m.; Big Brewing
- Company, Gulf Shores. • Open Mic: 7; Snapper's; Orange Beach.

Alabama Lightning: 6:30; Flippers, Or-



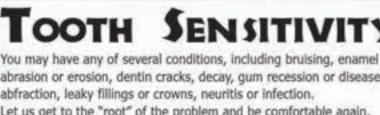
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#### ange Beach.

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

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

• Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde: 7;

Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores • Rick Whaley & Tommy Mazullo: 6; The

Purple Parrot; Perdido Key. • Karaoke: 6; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.

Karaoke: 8; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan. Karaoke: 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.

• 8 Ball APA: 7:30; The Office, Foley. • Bingo: 10 a.m.; American Legion Post 44, 6781 Gulf Shores Pkwy (AL Hwy 59), Gulf Shores

 Rotary Club of Gulf Shores/Orange Beach: noon; Gulf Shores Golf Club; visit-

ing 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: visitors and new members welcomed even without a partner; 251-981-3440. • AA: Noon; 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. • Firkin Tapping: 6 p.m.; Big Brewing Company, Gulf Shores.

#### FRI, JAN 5

• 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. • Snowbird Listings: Snowbird oriented

events on pages 52 to 61. Some Enchanted Evening ~ The Music of Rodgers & Hammerstein: 7:30 p.m.; South Baldwin Community Theatre; Gulf

Shores; (251) 968-6721 or sbct.biz. • First Friday Art Walk: 6; Downtown

- Fairhope.
- Ronnie Caldwell: 7; The Office, Foley. • The Bone Chills: 6:30 p.m.; Big Beach
- Brewery in Gulf Shores. • Open Jukebox: 7; The Office, Foley.
- Danny Grady: 3:30-5:30 p.m.; Pappa
- Rocco's Gulf Shores

 Rat Pack & Motown w. James Proctor & Kathy Lyons: 5; Franco's; Orange

Beach. • Bo Grant (of the Platters): 7; Pappa

Rocco's; Gulf Shores

• Live Karaoke in the Tiki Bar: 6; Live

Bait, Orange Beach. • Dueling Pianos w/ Frankie G and Steve

Wilkerson: 6:30 p.m.; Big Beach Brewery in Gulf Shores.

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

#### Music Man & Company: 7; American

- Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- Karaoke w. John Henry: 6:30; American
- Legion Post 99; Foley.
- Rhonda Hart & Friends: 6; The Purple
- Parrot; Perdido Key. • DJ-Karaoke: 9; The Jellyfish, Perdido
- Kev • Karaoke: 8; Snapper's; Orange Beach.
- Karaoke: 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- Terry Causey: 6:30; Flippers, Orange Beach.
- Open Mic Karaoke: 5; American Legion • 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



### Where's Lefty, Gulf State Park's resident alligator?

Where do alligators go in the winter? Well if you are asking about Lefty, the resident alligator at Gulf State Park, he might be taking a long nap. When it gets cold in the winter, alligators slow down. Below 70 degrees F or so they stop feeding, and when it gets much colder, alligators dig out a den in the bank of a pond or river and go dormant until it warms up again.

Alligators can even survive freezing conditions. They have been known to rise to the surface if the water is about to freeze, with their nostrils above the surface. This allows them to breathe through the ice as it forms. In extreme cases, they get frozen into the surface of the pond for several days and then swim free when the ice melts. But, don't worry- you can still see wildlife in the Gulf State Park Nature Center, located in the campground. Come in and see alligators, owls, Homer the turtle and much more. You can even have your picture taken touching a snake during a snake encounter.



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### WHAT'S HAPPENING



### Advance tickets for Feb. 7 floral seminar on sale Gulf Shores Garden Club fundraiser always sells out

Advance tickets are now on sale for the Gulf Shores Garden Club's 27th Annual Floral Seminar on Wednesday, February 7, 2018 at the Erie Meyer Civic Center in Gulf Shores. Jim Del-Prince, the horticulture specialist at the Mississippi State University Coastal Research and Extension Center in Biloxi, will present "Elegant Flowers: The Graces of Spring." Doors open at 9:15 a.m. The program starts at 10 a.m.

Immensely popular, the seminar always sells out. Tickets are \$20 (advance purchase only). Entry includes lunch and raffles for exciting door prizes.

Tickets are available at The Thomas Norton Public Library (221 West 19th Ave.) in Gulf Shores or by contacting Charlotte Higgins at 205 410-3190 or c.s.higgins@gmail.com. or Mindy Jones at 251 968-9777 or Islanderclosures@gulftel.com. Groups of 10 or more can request reserved seating. The deadline to purchase and receive tickets by mail is Jan. 4.

Charlotte Higgins is the chair and Diane Urban is the co-chair for this event. Proceeds benefit the Gulf Shores Garden Club Scholarship Fund, local non-profits and other local horticultural and community projects.

Dr. DelPrince is a Laureate Member of the American Institute of Floral Designers and has published numerous articles and books on floral design and interior plantscaping design, including two textbooks and one reference guide.

Dr. DelPrince delves into the scientific and artistic world of flowers. He has held research fellowships at Winterthur and the Smithsonian Institution on 19th century horticulture studies.

As an artist, he was the solo floral designer in seven performances of "Concerto for Florist" in Mississippi, California and Oregon. His historical floral design work has been featured at the New Orleans Museum of Art and the George Walter Vincent Smith Museum, Springfield, Massachusetts. DelPrince has delivered talks and written about the flowers of Tennessee Williams' plays, and delivered a floral lecture-demonstration at the Tennessee Williams in Europe Conference, The University of Nancy, France.

On faculty with Mississippi State University since 1996, he has taught floral design to over 5,000 students and professional florists. Since 2015, at the MSU Coastal Research and Extension Center, he has developed educational and research programs benefitting flower growers, florists and floral enthusiasts. MSU Extension is the first of its kind to initiate and maintain educational and research programming in floral design in the United States.

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.

#### SAT, JAN 6

- Florá-Bama Possible Probables: 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key
- Snowbird Listings: Snowbird oriented events on pages 52 to 61.
  Live Karaoke in the Tiki Bar: 6; Live
- Bait, Orange Beach.
- Some Enchanted Evening ~ The Music of Rodgers & Hammerstein: 7:30 p.m.; South Baldwin Community Theatre; Gulf Shores: (251) 968-6721 or sbct.biz.

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- Jason Able: 9: The Office, Foley. • Billy Pelletier: 6:30 p.m.; American Le-
- gion Post 99; Fairhope. • Rat Pack & Motown w. James Proctor & Kathy Lyons: 5; Franco's; Orange Beach.
- The Defrosters: 6:30 p.m.; Big Beach Brewing, Gulf Shores.
- DJ-Karaoke: 9; The Jellyfish, Perdido Kev
- Bo Grant (of the Platters): 7; Pappa
  - Rocco's; Gulf Shores. John Brust: 6; Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- Karaoke By Kelly: 9: Island Time
- Daquari Bar, The Wharf, Orange Beach.
- Karaoke: 8; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.

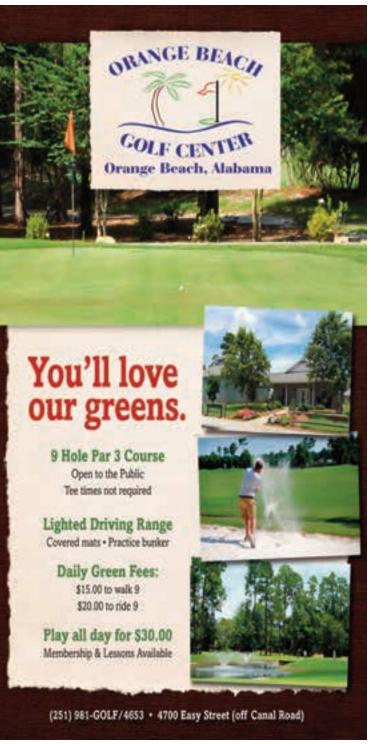
• Flip Flop Mafia: 7; Flippers, Orange Beach.

- Open Jam: 8; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope
- Karaoke: 10; The Undertow; Orange
- Beach. Midnight Confessions: 7:30; Nolan's,
- Gulf Shores.

• Optimist Club of Perdido Bay: Breakfast every Saturday at 7 a.m. at the Lil-lian 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., (In-





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nerarity Point) Pensacola. • Ladies AA: 9 a.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

SUN, JAN 7 • Flora-Bama Possible Probables: 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key

- Central Flora-Bama Church: Church experiences, 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.; Flora-
- Bama Tent Stage, Perdido Key.
- Unity Church Service: 9:45 a.m; The Royal Osyter, Hwy. 59, three blocks from beach in Gulf Shores.
- Snowbird Listings: Snowbird oriented events on pages 52 to 61.
- Customer Appreciation Night: 6; Free food; 1st drink free; 25% off gift shop; Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
- Some Enchanted Evening ~ The Music of Rodgers & Hammerstein: 2 p.m.; South Baldwin Community Theatre: Gulf

Shores: (251) 968-6721 or sbct.biz.

- 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.; El-
- berta VFW, Elberta.
- Sugaroux: 3 p.m.; Big Beach Brewerv in Gulf Shores
- Rat Pack & Motown w. James Proctor &
- Kathy Lyons: 5; Franco's; Orange Beach.
- Lisa Christian: 2 p.m.; Tacky Jacks,
- Gulf Shores.
- Destiny Brown: 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- 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; Per-
- dido Key.
- John Lee Sanders: 6; The Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- Scott Koehn: 5:30; Flippers, Örange



### United Methodist Women's Marketplace Bazaar Jan. 27

#### By Sandra Guy

The United Methodist Women (UMW) of Gulf Shores United Methodist Church will sponsor their annual Marketplace Bazaar on Saturday, Jan. 27 from 9 am -2 pm in Building B Auditorium, 1720 Gulf Shores Parkway in the Winn Dixie Shopping Center.

The Marketplace Bazaar includes a bake sale, frozen casseroles, a decorator's corner, a silent auction, used book sale, a boutique, arts and crafts, and much more. Lunch will be served from 11 am -2 pm in the auditorium and will consist of a local favorite, Lavone Hinesley's chicken sausage gumbo, rice, garlic bread, homemade dessert, and beverage.

Lunch tickets are \$10 per person and can be purchased in advance from 9 am-noon Monday through Friday at Thee Coffee Shop located next to the auditorium. Tickets can also be purchased the day of the bazaar.

Proceeds from the Marketplace Bazaar benefit local and foreign mission supported by The United Methodist Women. Some of the local organizations which we support are McKemie Place, Mary's Shelter, The Lighthouse, Upper Room Living Prayer Center, Christian Service Center, Under His Wings, Youth Outreach, and Kairos. For more information, visit .gulfshoresumc.org or call the church office at 251-968-2411. The public is welcome.

Pictured: Committee members include Brooke Taylor, Ellen Morgan, Zetty Bauer, Sandy Williams, Maggie Stoddard, Pat Wiley, Kay Salter and Sandy Barker.







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Main Room 100 Gove Scrivenor 5:00 Not the Real Band 9:15 Davis Nix Deck Stage 1:30 Dueling Planos 9:00 Kyle Wilson Tent 1:00-4:00 Bingo	Main Room 2:00 Lea Anne Creswell & Darrel Roberts 6:00 Flip Flop Mafia 10:15 Bruce Smelley Duo Deck Stage 5:30 Hal Bruni & the Highrollers 10:00 Davis Nix Band Tent Stage 1:00-4:00 Bingo	1:00 J Hawkins Trio 5:30 Lucky Doggs 10:00 Foxy Iguanas	Main Room 12:30 Songs of Rusty McHugh with Jason Justice 4:00 Perdido Brothers 8:30 Smokey Otis Duo Top Deck 7:00 Tony Ray Thompson Tent Stage 9:00 & 11:00 Worship On the Water	Main Room 3:00 Open Mic with Cathy Pace 7:00 Petty & Pace Top Deck 7:00 Kevin Swanson Tent Stage 1:00-4:00 Bingo	Main Room 3:00 Rick Whaley Duo 7:00 Johnny Barbato Duo Top Deck 7:00 TBD Tent Stage 1:00-4:00 Bingo	Main Room 3:00 Neil Dover 7:00 Rhonda Hart Do Top Deck 7:00 Bruce Smelley Tent Stage Welcome Wednesda 11:00 Jo Jo Pres
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### 'HAT'S **H**APPENING



Dan Beenen of Fruitland, Iowa shares our coastal beauty. Send your Pictures of the Week submissions to mulletwrapper@gulftel.com



- Beach
  - **Open Mic Karaoke:** 6: American Legion Post 99, Foley.
  - 9 Ball APA: 6; The Office, Foley. • Blind Draw Dart Tournament: 5; Amer-

ican Legion Post 99, Foley. • AA: 5 p.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship

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

#### MON, JAN 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. • Snowbird Listings: Snowbird oriented
- events on pages 52 to 61. • Danny Grady: 3:30-5:30 p.m.; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- Brent Burns: 5; Lulu's at Homeport Marina Gulf Shores
- Frankie G. & Leann Creswell: 6:30; Franco's Italian Restaurant; Orange
- Beach • Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde: 7; Papa
- Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- Bingo: 6; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- 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 Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

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- TUE, JAN 9 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. Snowbird Listings: Snowbird oriented
- events on pages 52 to 61. Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde: 8; Pappa
- Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- Buzz Kiefer: 6: The Purple Parrot, Per-

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- Frankie G. On Piano: 6:30; Franco's
- Italian Restaurant; Orange Beach. • 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; Flippers, Orange Beach. Bowling Tourney: 7; Snapper's; Orange
- Beach.
- JW Karaoke: 6; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
- Karaoke: 6; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- 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. Folev: 251-971-2782.
  - Orange Beach City Council Meeting: 5





Events Calendan 1/4-1/13, 2018 FIRKIN TAPPING: 1/4: 6:00pm LIVE MUSIC: The Bone Chimes, 1/5: 6:30-9:30pm

BLUE WATER BBQ CATERING: 1/5: 6:00pm-9pm LIVE MUSIC: The Defrosters, 1/6: 6:30-9:30pm LIVE MUSIC: Sugaroux, 1/7: 3-6pm BLEUS BURGER CATERING: 1/12: 6:00pm-9pm LIVE MUSIC: Crackerjack Diamonds, 1/12: 6:30-9:30pm LIVE MUSIC: Roadside Glorious, 1/13: 6:30-9:30pm BIG BEACH RUNNING CLUB: 1/3 & 1/10: 5:30pm

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### WHAT'S HAPPENING

#### Dr. McCollough's Gulf Shores practice featured in new textbook

The world-class medical practice of Gulf Shores facial plastic surgeon, Dr. E. Gaylon McCollough (pictured), is featured in a new textbook created for aspiring young surgeons. The book is entitled: THE ELITE FACIAL SUR-GERY PRACTICE: Development and Management. It is published by one of the largest and most respected publishers in the world: Thieme Publishers.



Written by internationally renowned facial plastic surgeon and prolific author, The Elite Facial Surgery Practice offers 40 years of wisdom, all in one remarkable book.

"This exemplary guide covers issues rarely discussed in the clinical literature. From preparing for a career in facial surgery to everything it takes to achieve long-term excellence in clinical practice, readers will learn hard-earned trade secrets from this legend of facial plastic surgery," said the publisher.

The publisher chose, as the book's cover, an architectural rendering of the McCollough Institute, which was designed by Dr. McCollough's son, Stedmann B. McCollough.

The inside of the Institute was decorated by the doctor's wife, Susan N. McCollough, whose internationally acclaimed art gallery is located on site. Each speak to the facilities and ambiance el-ement of creating an "elite" medical practice.

About the latest literary offering to his profession, Dr. McCollough said, "I am honored that such a well-respected international publisher such as Thieme would want to publish this one-of-a-kind guide. To my knowledge, it is the only publication that advises young surgeons on a time-honored methodology: The How To... establish, manage and grow a medical practice that focuses on plastic and reconstructive surgery of the face, nose, eyelids neck and ears.

"I am happy to share some of my thoughts on—and experience with—socalled 'newer' technology, instrumentation and beauty products, emphasizing to my colleagues that 'new' does not necessarily mean 'better'. That 'tried, tested and true' practices best serve the public's interest, leads to long-lasting patient-physician relationships and long careers," Dr. Mc-Collough added. "I only wish such a book would have been available when I launched my practice some 43 years ago. "Inside the confines of my practices—first in Birmingham; then in Gulf

Shores, I have personally trained nearly 100 facial plastic surgeons, and lectured to tens of thousands more. This book will allow me to pass along, from right here in Gulf Shores, some of those same lessons to colleagues around the world and for generations to come."

For more info visit mccolloughplasticsurgery.com.



LUXURY TRAVEL GUIDE NAMES PERDIDO KEY WILDLIFE DES-TINATION OF 2017: The Luxury Travel Guide recognized Perdido Key as the Wildlife Destination of the year for 2017. With the area being covered with 60 percent protected park lands, the prestigious and highly experienced judges from the U.K. wanted to share our little piece of lost treasure with the world. All winners of the Luxury Travel Guide Awards are subject to the same rigorous assessment criteria, carried out by in-house professionals. This ensures only the most deserving hotels, destinations, companies and individuals walk away with one of these prestigious accolades and gain a place in the awards winners' guide which will be distributed to over half a million professional & affluent people around the world.

### O.B. awarded grant for **Backcountry Trail Loop**

The Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs awarded the City of Orange Beach a \$116,532 grant to construct a new trail at the Sportsplex, and the Orange Beach City Council on Dec. 5 approved matching funds of \$41,293for the project.

The new Interpretive Loop will go around an existing city-owned lake and natural area, connecting the Hugh S. Branyon Backcountry Trail to the Orange Beach Sportsplex.

"We're very excited about the improvement to the Backcountry Trail this new alignment will permit," said Phillip West, Orange Beach Coastal Resources Manager. "It's roughly a 0.7-mile alignment, but it accesses the lake and creates a 1-mile loop from the Sportsplex.

The new loop will be ideal for fun runs, casual strolls while waiting on the games, and will also include a picnic area, West said.

"It will not be paved, but it will be 'crusher run.' which is crushed and compacted limestone, and will be ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act)-compliant."

The trail will connect just south of the existing Sportsplex Trailhead, looping north along the tree-line outskirts of a few ballfields and then around the lake, over three bridges, and connecting with the existing Twin Bridges trail.

"This new trail loop will be a great amenity for our citizens and our many families that visit the Orange Beach Sportsplex each year," City Administrator Ken Grimes said. "With over 60,000 room nights attributed directly to youth baseball each year, these guest teams will now have more nearby places to enjoy and wait in between games.

"The connections offer various access points from the Sportsplex and existing trail system with the feature being the lake in the center." p.m.; City Hall; 980-INFO. • 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; visitors and new members welcomed even without a partner; 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. • ÅA: 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.

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

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

 Šnowbird Listings: Snowbird oriented events on pages 52 to 61.
Open Mic Night: 5:30; Tacky Jack's,

Gulf Shores.

• **Danny Grady:** 3:30-5:30 p.m.; Pappa Rocco's; 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.
Big Beach Running Club: 5:30 p.m.; Big

Beach Brewery in Gulf Shores; all levels

welcome. • Frankie G. On Piano: 6:30; Franco's

Italian Restaurant; Orange Beach.

Karaoke: 7; American Legion Post 44,

Gulf Shores. John Joiner & Friends: 7; Hub Stacy's,

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# What's Happening

# **COOKIN' WITH CAROLYN** By CAROLYN GODFREY

#### **Company Rice**

- 1 celery rib, thinly sliced 1 large carrot, finely chopped
- 1 small onion, finely chopped
- 2 Tbsp. butter
- 5 cups chicken broth
- 1 cup uncooked wild rice
- 1 cup uncooked long grain rice
- 2/3 cup dried cherries or cranberries

1/2 cup chopped pecans, toasted

In a large saucepan, saute the celery, carrot and onion in butter until tender. Stir in broth and wild rice. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat; cover and simmer for 25 minutes. Add long grain rice; cover and simmer 20 minutes longer. Stir in cherries (or cranberries); cook 5 min. longer or until the liquid is absorbed. Just before serving, stir in the toasted pecans. Serves 10.

**Enjoy!** 

#### Innerarity Point.

- Shaggy J & The Coastal Vibrations: 6;
- The Purple Parrot; Perdido Key. • Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde: 8; Pappa
- Rocco's; Gulf Shores. 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

• 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 eligiblity requirements at (850) 492-2604. Gulf Shores Woman's Club: 11 a.m.;



# **OBES inducts 38 students into National Elementary Honor Society**

On November 16, Orange Beach Elementary School held their inaugural induction of 38 students to the National Elementary Honor Society Marlins of Excellence Chapter. Students who were inducted are: Falyn Beebe, Grant Bilbo, Sarah Claire Carswell, Tripp Carter, Claudia Catar, Ava Coburn, Bryce Collins, Faith Craig, Wei Cui, Murphy Rose Cunningham, Alex Davis, Bryce Doyle, Lilly Fagan, Connor Gehr, Charlotte Griffin, Addie Hickman, Emily Imperato, Ensley Keel, Catherine Law, Lillian Law, William Lawrence, Eli Lynn, Caden McGatha, Cole McGatha, Ellie McGowan, Nelson Moseley, Macy Nolan, Kevin Ricks, Addison Roach, Olivia Sands, Sanders Semiklose, Libby Tierce, David Walters Jr., Siddah Weihing, Tucker West, Shawn Coleman White, Hudson Wilmott, Chandler Wilson and Daigle Wilson.

Palmer Room at Craft Farms; all intterested women invited to attend; 251-980-5722

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

• Gulf Shores Lions Club: noon; 2nd &

4th Wednesday; noon; Gulf Shores Community House, 300 E. 16th Avenue; 251-968-2823. Storytime at Pensacola Southwest

Branch Library: free; infant to 5; 10:30-11; 12238 Old Gulf Beach Hwy; (850)453-7780

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

#### THU, JAN 11

• 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.
Some Enchanted Evening ~ The Music of Rodgers & Hammerstein: 7:30 p.m.; South Baldwin Community Theatre; Gulf Shores; (251) 968-6721 or sbct.biz.

• Snowbird Listings: Snowbird oriented events on pages 52 to 61.

 Open Mic: 7; Snapper's; Orange Beach.
 LeAnn Creswell & Lisa Zanghi: 6:30; Franco's Italian Restaurant; 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.

- Karaoke: 6; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
  - Karaoke: 8; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.

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

• Arts at the Market: 4-8 p.m.; Coastal Alabama Farmer's & Fishermen's Market, Foley, 2nd Thurs. of each month; great artists & crafters from our area; Info: (251) 229-9885.

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

• Bingo: 10 a.m.; American Legion Post 44, 6781 Gulf Shores Pkwy (AL Hwy 59),

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# WHAT'S HAPPENING-



**PERDIDO CHAMBER CONTRIBUTES TO FBISF SCHOLARSHIP FUND:** The Perdido Key Area Chamber of Commerce gave a portion of the funds raised from its fall golf tournament to benefit the Frank Brown International Foundation for Music, giving \$1,000 in scholarships to local students in both Escambia and Baldwin counties, totaling \$2,000 in funds to the Foundation for education. Fostering a long time partnership with the Frank Brown, the Chamber felt that giving back to the foundation would benefit the education community in both Florida and Alabama. The Foundation awards scholarship funds to college bound high school students who display a serious interest in music. The foundation also supplies instruments to schools in an effort to support their music programs. The Foundation for Music produces the Frank Brown International Songwriters Festival annually. In its' 33rd year, it is the oldest festival of it's kind in the country. The festival has created a lasting impression on the Perdido area, creating a musical backbone for the treasured community here on the key. The Perdido Chamber is proud to form such a strong partnership and contribution to a foundation that brings such a large impact to our Perdido community both morally and economically.

**Pictured:** Andy Haynes, Director of the FBIŠF, Jo Ann Slaydon, Executive Director of the Perdido Key Area Chamber of Commerce, Dana Pagador, Assistant Director, Perdido Key Area Chamber, Joe Gilchrist, Co-Owner of the Flora-Bama and FBISF founder.

# City Rhythm Big Band in Loxley Jan. 13

The City Rhythm Big Band has scheduled a dance on Saturday, Jan. 13 at the Loxley Civic Center from 7-10 p.m. Tickets are \$10 per person, and snacks will be available at the BYOB event.

The City Rhythm Big Band is an 18 piece big band that plays music from the big band era made famous by such artists as Count Basie, Woody Herman, Glen Miller, Duke Ellington and others. They also play some current favorites. Vocalists Kathy Murchison and Ken Thacker add their touch to the band with beautiful lyrics and awesome voices. Together, the band and vocalists present a wonderful evening of music. For all information, visit cityrhythmbb.com. The Loxley Civic Center is located at 4198 Municipal Park Dr. Dances are also scheduled on February 17, March 17, April 21 and May 12.



**BEAUTIFICATION AWARD:** Members of the City of Gulf Shores Beautification Board awarded a Seasonal Beautification Award to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Runels on 1352 Wedgewood Dr.

Gulf Shores.

- 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; visitors and new members welcomed even without a partner; 251-981-3440.
- Gulf Shores Library Pre-school (3-5) Story Time: 10:30 a.m.; 251-968-1176. • AA: Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship
- Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

#### FRI, JAN 12

- Florá-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.
- Some Enchanted Evening ~ The Music of Rodgers & Hammerstein: 7:30 p.m.; South Baldwin Community Theatre; Gulf
- Shores; (251) 968-6721 or sbct.biz.

- Snowbird Listings: Snowbird oriented events on pages 52 to 61.
  Danny Grady: 3:30-5:30 p.m.; Pappa
- Damy Grady: 5:50-5:50 p.m.; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
   Crackerjack Diamonds: 6:30 p.m.; Big
- Brewing Company, Gulf Shores.
  Rat Pack & Motown w. James Proctor
- **& Kathy Lyons:** 5; Franco's; Orange Beach.
- Strickly Isbell: 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- Rex: 7; The Office, Foley.
- 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.
- **DJ-Karaoke:** 9; The Jellyfish, Perdido Key.
- **Open Jam:** 8; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.
- Open Mic Karaoke: 5; American Legion Post 99: Fairhope.
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- Karaoke: 8; Snapper's; Orange Beach. • Terry Causey: 7; Flippers, Orange
- **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.

#### SAT, JAN 13

Flora-Bama Possible Probables: 2 p.m.
 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
 Some Enchanted Evening ~ The Music

- Some Enchanted Evening ~ The Music of Rodgers & Hammerstein: 7:30 p.m.; South Baldwin Community Theatre; Gulf
- Shores; (251) 968-6721 or sbct.biz. • South Baldwin Numismatic Association

**Coin & Currency Jewelry Show:** 10 a.m. -3 p.m.; Foley Civic Center, 407 E Laurel Ave.

• Community Yard & Craft Sale: 7 a.m. noon; Orange Beach Community Center, 27235 Canal Rd.; 251-747-4386.

- **Snowbird Listings:** Snowbird oriented events on pages 52 to 61.
- Gulf Coast Art Alliance Art Market: 9
- a.m. 3 p.m.; First Presbyterian Church.



# Gulf Shores Elementary School Terrific Kids

Congratulations to the Gulf Shores Elementary School students selected for the November 2017 Terrific Kid award. Students are chosen by their homeroom teachers for exhibiting outstanding character traits. Thank you to our local Kiwanis Club for sponsoring the Terrific Kid program at GSES. (Above) GSES Prek-3rd grade November 2017 Terrific Kids: Ella Jones, Sophie Linaweaver, Asher Goodman, Kalea Morgan, Saige McNair, Alli Wilson, Ethan Wheeles, Olivia Brown, Lydia Cline, Nathan Daigle, Kaitlyn Walker, Calli Sherrill, Eliza Nelson, Wilson Jurkiewicz, Briley Montz, Richard Hicks, Olivia Plys, Velmira Sobol, Chiara White, Chelsey Carr, Sullivan Cutter, Zack Shoemaker, Lauren Lybarger, Alex Mackovic, Copeland Bender, Haven Spruiell, Zoey Yates, Anna Murray. (Below) GSES 4th-6h grade November 2017 Terrific Kids: Cayden Baggett, Satchel Kornegay, Kayla Tanner, Emma Creel, Kathrine Diaz, Emmie Johnson, Noah Mathis, Alex Montez, Gabe Ingram, Nelson Robertson, Jaxon Ira, Kate-Jyn Montzeleone, Dylan Meitzler, Mary Elizabeth Alford, Alisha Daily, Mariana Ortega, Raeleigh Boesel, Richard Nava-Rubio.



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with Fries & Cole Slaw

# WHAT'S HAPPENING



### Tickets available for Pirates of Lost Treasure Coronation Ball

The Pirates of Lost Treasure are celebrating their 26th Coronation Ball at the Pensacola Grand Hotel on Saturday, January 13 from 6 to 11 p.m. The theme is the Roaring 20's Speakeasy and Casino Night with plenty of gaming fun; Craps, Roulette, Wheel of Fortune, Blackjack, and Texas Hold 'Em. South Coast DJ will provide music. There will be a full buffet and cash bar. Tickets are \$50/single and \$85/couple. For more information or to purchase tickets contact Dana at 850-313-4449 or Allison at 850-982-7274. Pictured: Mardi Gras fun at the 2017 coronation ball.







LENDING ARTISTIC HANDS AT GSES: Two outstanding Gulf Shores Elementary students lend a hand and make Mrs. Kristina McClay Art signs for her classroom. Thank you third graders Phoenix Wallace and Haven Spruiell!

# **Fraternal Order of Eagles** donate 400 lbs. of food

#### By Terry Kipp

The Fraternal Order of Eagles #4549, Coastal Alabama, are pleased to report they donated over 400 pounds of food to the Ecumenical Ministries of Foley in October during the Eagles National "stock the pantries" drive. The Coastal Alabama Eagles also sponsored children in the Sharing Program for the same group for Christmas. This all being done before the Club is ready for business, we do hold our meetings at 3859 Gulf Shores Park-way, Suite 6 Gulf Shores.

The Fraternal Order of Eagles is known across the United States and Canada for their generosity to charities, raising hundreds of thousands of dollars annually, then start all over again. And not one penny goes to adminis-trative fees. The Eagles are al-ways looking for people that care about others and are willing to help out. And we welcome the Snowbird Eagles to stop by and see us! Contact Terry Kipp, 251-550-5184 or Katie Kipp 251-424-7550 for more information.

# Community invited to St. Andrew 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.

# **O.B.** Library Robotics Club meets on Jan. 12

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. The next meeting is Jan. 12. Info: 251-981-2923 or lleinhos@ citvoforangebeach.com.

Gulf Shores. • City Rhythm Big Band: 7 p.m.; Loxley

Civic Center. • Rat Pack & Motown w. James Proctor & Kathy Lyons: 5; 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.

• Roadside Glorius: 6:30 p.m.; Big Brew-

Open Juke Box: 9; The Office, Foley.
Karaoke By Kelly: 9: Island Time Daquari Bar, The Wharf, Orange Beach.
The Dary of Darge Office, Foley. • Eden Brown: 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf

Shores • 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.

• Frank Baker & Company: 6:30 p.m.; American Legion Post 99; Fairhope.

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

Coastal Alabama Farmers and Fishermans Market: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.; 20733 Miflin 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.

• White Elephant Sale at Luxury RV Resort. RV items incl. Brake Buddy, electric

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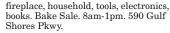
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SUN, JAN 14 • Central Flora-Bama Church: Church experiences, 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.; Flora-Bama Tent Stage, Perdido Key.

 Unity Church Beach Service: 9:45 a.m; The Royal Oyster, Hwy. 59 - 3 blocks from beach in Gulf Shores. • Flora-Bama Possible Probables: 2 p.m.

'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.

• **Customer Appreciation Night:** 6; Free food; 1st drink free; 25% off gift shop; Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.

• Snowbird Listings: Snowbird oriented events on pages 52 to 61.

• Some Enchanted Evening ~ The Music of Rodgers & Hammerstein: 2 p.m.; South Baldwin Community Theatre; Gulf Shores; (251) 968-6721 or sbct.biz. South Baldwin Numismatic Association Coin & Currency Jewelry Show: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.; Foley Civic Center, 407 E Laurel Ave. • Couples Sunday 2-Person Scramble: Every Sun. at 2 p.m.; Glenlakes Golf Club, Foley, (251) 955-1220. • The Defrosters: 4 p.m.; The Flying Har-





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# WHAT'S HAPPENING



# Pirates of Lost Treasure Flotilla storms Ole River Jan. 27

The Perdido Key based Pirates of Lost Treasure will be on the water for their annual Mardi Gras Flotilla on Saturday, January 27. The pillage begins at 10:45 a.m. from Holiday Harbor Marina, passes by the Sunset Grille and travels to the Perdido Key Oyster Bar.

The parade of boats will then u-turn and continue the shower of beads at the Perdido Bay Seafood docks, where owners Johnny and Joi Hatfield will be hosting a customer appreciation party with a free fish-fry and other assorted munchies during and after the parade. The historic P.B. Seafood docks are located directly under the Pensacola shore of the Perdido Key Bridge.

The flotilla will continue to Galvez Landing before heading west up Ole River, storming the docks along Ole River. The flotilla ends with raids of the beaches at the Flora-Bama dock and a pillage of the Ole River Oyster

Bar. The victory party follows at The Flora-Bama. Entry fee for boats is \$25. The captains meeting and last minute signup will be Jan 26 at 6:30 p.m. at The Perdido Sports Bar. Call Barry Swift at 850-426-9242 or email bandcpirates@cox.net for more info.

The Sunset Grille will begin serving at 9 a.m. and offer \$2 coffee or hot chocolate, along with \$4 bloody marys and \$3 mimosa specials.

The Oyster Bar is offering \$5 off the second lunch. Hub Stacy's drink specials are \$3 bloody marys and mimosas.

The Flora-Bama Victory Party includes live music and \$5 red beans & rice. The award recipients will be announced at 2:30 p.m. in dome stage. Prize categories: Most Original Theme, Best Decorated Boat and Most spirited Crew.

- Porch Ninjas: 3 p.m.; Big Brewing Company, Gulf Shores. • Henry Burt: 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf
- Shores. • Lisa Christian: 2 p.m.; Tacky Jacks,
- Gulf Shores
- Rat Pack & Motown w. James Proctor & Kathy Lyons: 5; Franco's; Orange
- Beach • 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. • 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, JAN 15

- Flora-Bama Possible Probables: 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
- Flora-Bama Bingo: free; 1-4 p.m.; great prizes, family friendly; 17401 Perdido
- Key Dr., Perdido Key. • Danny Grady: 3:30-5:30 p.m.; Pappa
- Rocco's; Gulf Shores. • Snowbird Listings: Snowbird oriented
- events on pages 52 to 61. Brent Burns: 5; Lulu's at Homeport Ma-
- rina, Gulf Shores. • Frankie G. & Leann Creswell: 6:30;
- Franco's Italian Restaurant; Orange Beach
- Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde: 7; Papa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- Bingo: 6; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- 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 Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

TUE, JAN 16 • Flora-Bama Possible Probables: 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.

- Flora-Bama Bingo: free; 1-4 p.m.; great prizes, family friendly; 17401 Perdido Key Dr., Perdido Key.
- **Snowbird Listings:** Snowbird oriented events on pages 52 to 61.
- Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde: 8; Pappa
- Rocco's; Gulf Shores. • Buzz Kiefer: 6: The Purple Parrot, Per-
- dido Key.

- Lisa Zanghi, Doug Habbena, Scott
- Koehn: 7; Flippers, Orange Beach.
- Beach
- Point.

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. • Sonora Masonic Lodge: 7 p.m.; 202 E

Summerdale Jackson Street in sonora635.com. • Orange Beach Bridge Club: Tue. &

Thur at noon; Orange Beach Senior Center; visitors and new members welcomed even without a partner; 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., (In-

 Al-Anon: Noor; Perdido Bay UMC Ac-tivities Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

#### WED, JAN 17

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

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

- Snowbird Listings: Snowbird oriented events on pages 52 to 61.
- Open Mic Night: 5:30; Tacky Jack's, Gulf Shores.
- Danny Grady: 3:30-5:30 p.m.; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.



#### PERDIDO KEY ASSN. INSTLLS PANELS AT JOHNSON BEACH: Several interpretive wayside panels were recently upgraded and installed at the national seashore's Perdido Key Area thanks to the Perdido Key Association (PKA). The wayside panels and some associated hardware had weathered badly since it was first installed. The PKA approached the National Park Service earlier this year to provide financial support for the upgrade.

"We are grateful to the Perdido Key Association for their generous donation in support of the national seashore," said Superintendent Dan Brown. "Interpretive wayside panels are a critical tool of the National Park Service to share the important stories

At Perdido Key these waysides interpret the natural beauty and dynamic wildlife of the area, provide trail guidance and safety reminders, and tell the story of important figures like Rosamond Johnson.

For over 30 years, the Perdido Key Association has been an information source and public voice for the island's owners and residents. "Johnson Beach is one of Perdido Key's greatest wonders and the upgraded panels will help residents and visitors appreciate it even more," said PKA President Charles Krupnick. Pictured: PKA Members Charles Krupnick and Bill Eshelman.

• Frankie G. On Piano: 6:30; Franco's Italian Restaurant; Orange Beach.
Open Mic Karaoke: 5; American Legion

Post 99; Fairhope. • John Lee Sanders: 6; The Lobby Bar at

Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.

• Bowling Tourney: 7; Snapper's; Orange

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

- Karaoke: 6; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- GriefShare Support Group: For men



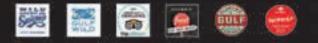


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# What's Happening



### Orange Beach Elementary School Terrific Kids

Congratulations to the Orange Beach Elementary School students selected for the November 2017 Terrific Kid award. Students are chosen by their homeroom teachers for exhibiting outstanding character traits. Thank you to our local Kiwanis Club for sponsoring the Terrific Kid program. (Above) K-2nd Grades: Front Row (left to right): Olive Miller, Hutch Semiklose, Avery Blanton, Goldie Tanner, Anne Miller Hickman, Back Row(left to right): Spencer Rayfield, Antony Gomes, Piper Rust, Mays Rizzuto. (Below) 3rd – 6th Grades: Front Row (left to right): Emme Kate Lynn, Kamryn Curtis, Molly Harvey, Claudia Catar, Charlee Rowland, Back Row (left to right): Mr. Moss (Principal), Samantha Ladner, Camryn Johnson, Hunter Bradley, Eli Cardwell, Dallion Blake, Tristyn Baggett. Not Pictured: Olivia Sands.



- John Lee Sanders: 6; Voyagers Restaurant at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- John Brust: 6; The Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
   Big Beach Running Club: 5:30 p.m.; Big
- **Big Beach Running Club:** 5:30 p.m.; Big Beach Brewery in Gulf Shores; all levels welcome.
- Frankie G. On Piano: 6:30; Franco's
- Italian Restaurant; Orange Beach. • Karaoke: 7; American Legion Post 44,
- Gulf Shores.
- John Joiner & Friends: 7; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
- Shaggy J & The Coastal Vibrations: 6; The Purple Parrot; Perdido Key.
   Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde: 8; Pappa
- Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde: 8; Papp Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- 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.
- 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...; Foley Senior Center; visitors wel-
- come; 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, 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



• 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 intterested women invited to attend; 251-980-5722.

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

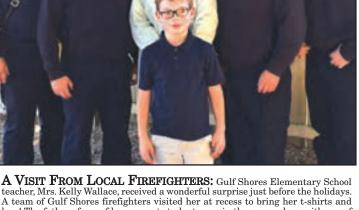
• Gulf Shores Lions Club: noon; 2nd &



GSES TEACHERS THANK PARENTS: Gulf Shores Elementary School teachers are so thankful to have wonderful parents who help in the classrooms throughout the year. Pictured: Jenn Burgess with her daughter, Bailey.



KIWANIS K-KIDS CLUB AT GSES: Gulf Shores Elementary School Kiwanis K-Kids club conducted a new toy and gently used coat drive at GSES for children in our community. Thank you GSES students and parents for your generosity in helping others. K-Kids Club members also made posters for the Gulf Shores Elementary Heroes luncheon that the school hosted November 8 to honor local Veterans and first responders. **Pictured**: Poster-1: (1 to r) Gulf Shores Elementary School K-Kids Club members Charles Knight, Claire Colvin, Skylar Gant, Tucker Graham, and Tucker King; Poster-2: (1 to r) Gulf Shores Elementary School K-Kids Club members Anna Grace Fields, Morgan McCartney, and Kayleigh Davis; Poster-3: (1 to r) Gulf Shores Elementary School K-Kids Club members Cookie Grover, Ana Bathrick and Skyler Robertson.



**A VISIT FROM LOCAL FIREFIGHTERS:** Gulf Shores Elementary School teacher, Mrs. Kelly Wallace, received a wonderful surprise just before the holidays. A team of Gulf Shores firefighters visited her at recess to bring her t-shirts and love! The father of one of her current students was in the group along with one of her former students from 20 years ago! They brought smiles to all of playground students and teachers. **Pictured:** back 1 to r: Mrs. Wallace is surrounded by Fire Fighters Scott Smothers, Joethan Phillips (former student), Corey Parker, Justin Parks (father of current student, Landon Parks, who is in the front) and Bill Higginson.

# HAT'S HAPPENING

4th Wednesday; noon; Gulf Shores Community House, 300 E. 16th Avenue; 251-968-2823. Storytime at Pensacola Southwest Branch Library: free; infant to 5; 10:30-11; 12238 Old Gulf Beach Hwy; (850)453-7780.
 AA: Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 12600 Jacourity Beitz D.J. (Jacourity Beitz)

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

**THU, JAN 18** • Flora-Bama Possible Probables: 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.

- Flora-Bama Bingo: free; 1-4 p.m.; great prizes, family friendly; 17401 Perdido Key Dr., Perdido Key. • Snowbird Listings: Snowbird oriented events on pages 52 to 61.
- Open Mic: 7; Snapper's; Orange Beach.
   LeAnn Creswell & Lisa Zanghi: 6:30; Franco's Ital-
- ian Restaurant; Orange Beach.
- Karaoke: 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
  Alabama Lightning: 6:30; Flippers, Orange Beach.
  John Lee Sanders: 6; Voyagers Restaurant at Per-
- dido Beach Resort; Orange Beach. • John Brust: 6; The Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Re-
- sort; Orange Beach. • Rick Whaley & Tommy Mazullo: 6; The Purple Parrot; Perdido Key.

- Karaoke: 6; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
  Karaoke: 8; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.
  Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde: 7; Papa Rocco's; Gulf Shores
- 8 Ball APA: 7:30; The Office, Foley.
- Bingo: 10 a.m.; American Legion Post 44, 6781
- Gulf Shores Pkwy (AL Hwy 59), Gulf Shores.
  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.

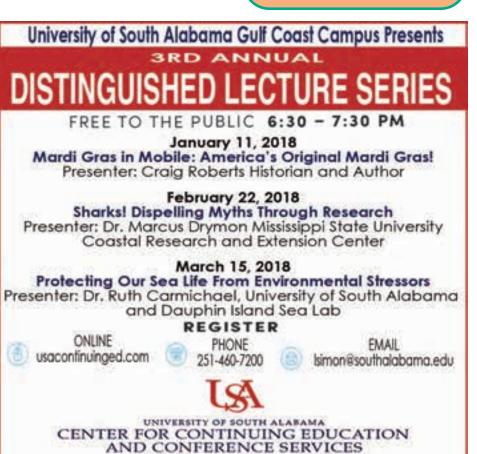
 Adult Bible Study: 10 a.m.; Gulf Shores Presbyterian Church; all welcome; (251) 968-7720.

• Orange Beach Bridge Club: Tue. & Thur at noon; Orange Beach Bridge Order, that a month of the second seco 3440.

• Gulf Shores Library Pre-school (3-5) Story Time: 10:30 a.m.; 251-968-1176. • **AA:** Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

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# WHAT'S HAPPENING



**OBES HOLIDAY PROGRAM:** Orange Beach Elementary recently presented a holiday program after school with music class performances by several grade lev-els and leadership clubs. Leadership Clubs participating were the Drama Club, the Talk It Up Club and the Line Dancing Club. Parents and family members filled the gymnasium with standing room only to enjoy watching their children perform. The program was organized by Ms. Hendrixson, OBES music teacher. Pictured: 2nd graders Ava Pledger, Charlie Sebastian, Jameson Ranes, and Emme Kate Lynn; Kindergarteners Adam Kozyuk and Elizabeth Ivie; Maddox Pugh and Lanna Whitfield, kindergarten, are all dressed up in their holiday finest and ready to perform.



#### FRI, JAN 19

- Flora-Bama Possible Probables: 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama,
- til; (Sched. on pages 52-55), FIOTA-Dama, Perdido Key.
  Flora-Bama Bingo: free; 1-4 p.m.; great prizes, family friendly; 17401 Perdido Key Dr., Perdido Key.
  Snowbird Listings: Snowbird oriented events on pages 52 to 61.
  Dany Grady: 3:30-5:30 p.m.; Pappa Pagea's: Gulf Shores

- Balmy Grady: 5:30-5:30 p.m.; Fappa
  Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
  Rat Pack & Motown w. James Proctor & Kathy Lyons: 5; Franco's; Orange Beach.
  Bo Grant (of the Platters): 7; Pappa
- Rocco's; Gulf Shores • Karaoke w. John Henry: 5:30; American
- Legion Post 99; Foley. 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. DJ-Karaoke: 9; The Jellyfish, Perdido
- Key. 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.

#### SAT, JAN 20

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



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### Orange Beach expands youth sports to include sand volleyball

#### By Marc Anderson

The Orange Beach Sports Association voted to shift the management of youth baseball and softball to the city. City Administrator Ken Grimes said the decision is a big step in providing a consistent and continual development of youth sports in Orange Beach.

"The City Parks and Řecreation Department staff have always provided the best quality fields and facilities for baseball and softball and now they can focus on continuing to build skill and recreational enjoyment while developing a grassroots feeder pattern for more competitive sports at the middle and high school level," Grimes said. "We commend the many parents and citizens who have led the OBSA for decades while playing various roles with these youth sports."

Orange Beach Sports Association President Alex Kellner said the baseball, softball and T-ball programs grew to a point where they needed the expertise and staff the city could provide.

"We look forward to the city running the programs with the professionalism our athletes and parents have come to enjoy," Kellner said. "Not having three leagues to run will free the OBSA up to focus on its new mission, which is to create and support athletic development opportunities for the youth of Orange Beach. Over the next few months we will introduce travel-level sports, a speed/agility program, and sport-specific clinics with the end goal of providing our high school with a large pool of athletes to fill their teams.'

Orange Beach Athletics Director Laura Davis said the numbers of children competing in the city-run soccer league in the fall and basketball in the winter has grown tremendously. This winter saw 185 children sign up for basketball.

Davis said she now looks forward to the city leading baseball and softball as they continue to expand. A new sport will be introduced in 2018 as well.

"In addition to soccer, basketball and baseball/softball, the city is excited to offer sand volleyball for our older youth in the area," Davis said. "This past spring, two sand volleyball courts were built at the sportsplex, and we are looking forward to forming a league here in the late spring of 2018."

"Our crew is looking forward to new adventures with our local families," she said.

For more information on Orange Beach youth sports, visit the city website at www.orangebeachal.gov/departments/parksrecreation/youth-sports or visit the City of Orange Beach Athletics page

on Facebook. To keep up-to-date on the latest happenings with the Orange Beach Sports Association, visit facebook.com/obasports/.

Pictured: The new sand volleyball courts at the Orange Beach Sportsplex.

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# What's Happening

- Snowbird Listings: Snowbird oriented events on pages 52 to 61.
- Rat Pack & Motown w. James Proctor
- & Kathy Lyons: 5; Franco's; Orange Beach
- Live Karaoke in the Tiki Bar: 6; Live Bait, Orange Beach
- Bo Grant (of the Platters): 7; Pappa Rocco's: Gulf Shores
- John Brust: 6; Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- Southern Star: 6:30 p.m.; American Le-
- gion Post 99; Fairhope. 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. • Karaoke: 10; The Undertow; Orange
- Beach.
- Midnight Confessions: 7:30; Nolan's, Gulf Shores.
- Open Jam: 8; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.
- 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.

SUN, JAN 21 • Central Flora-Bama: Church experi-ences, 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.; Flora-Bama Tent Stage, Perdido Key.

- Unity Church Beach Service: 9:45 a.m; The Royal Oyster, Hwy. 59 - 3 blocks from beach in Gulf Shores.
- Flora-Bama Possible Probables: 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Kev.
- **Customer Appreciation Night:** 6; Free food; 1st drink free; 25% off gift shop; Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.

• **Snowbird Listings:** Snowbird oriented events on pages 52 to 61.

• Couples Sunday 2-Person Scramble:

Every Sun. at 2 p.m.; Glenlakes Golf Club, Foley, (251) 955-1220.

• Lisa Christian: 2 p.m.; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.

• Destiny Brown: 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores

• Rat Pack & Motown w. James Proctor & Kathy Lyons: 5; Franco's; Orange Beach

• 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.

• 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; Amer ican 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.



### Smithsonian Water/Ways exhibition at Five Rivers Delta Resource Center through Jan. 6

The Smithsonian's Water/Ways exhibition will be on display at the Five Rivers Delta Resource Center located on the Mobile Causeway in Spanish Fort through Jan. 6. This exhibit examines water as an environmental necessity and an important cultural element. School field trips are scheduled during the 9 a.m.-1 p.m. window, so a great time for families and snowbirds to visit the free exhibit and avoid the crowds is in the afternoon. Groups can reserve a tour of the exhibit by vising the Five Rivers website. The 5 Rivers Delta Resource Center is located at 30945 5 Rivers Blvd. in Spanish Fort. Call 251-625-0814 for more info.





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### Snowbird Trivia Night slated Feb. 17 at O.B. Event Center

The Friends of the Orange Beach Library will be hosting Snowbird Trivia Night on Saturday, February 17 at the Orange Beach Event Center at the Wharf. Tables are \$120, with 8 players per table. Doors will open at 5 p.m., and play starts at 6 p.m. Enrollment forms are available at Orange Beach Public Library and Gulf Shores Library. If you have any questions, please call Larry or Sharon at 251-975-1258 and leave a message.

### Pensacola Senior Follies tickets are now on sale

City Slickers & Country Cousins is this year's theme for this year's Pensacola Senior Follies. Performing again this year at WSRE-TV, Jean & Paul Amos Performance Studio on College Blvd. and 12th Ave.

Ēvening performance will be at 7 PM on Friday, March 16, and matinee performances will be at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 17 and Sunday, March 18. Show tickets can be purchased at Bayview Senior Center and West Escambia Senior Center. Tickets will be valid for any performance. Ticket information is also available by calling 417-7736 or 453-3016. Tickets are \$15 and are good for any show.

These multi-talented seniors will present a two-hour song, dance and comedy review with proceeds going to support various senior programs in the community, including the Council on Aging, Exchange Park, Sacred Heart System "Camp Bluebird", Bayview Senior Center, West Escambia Senior Center, Pensacola State College Scholarship & ARC.

# Bratfest is Feb. 3

The 20th Annual Pleasure Island Firefighters Bob Gilray Memorial Snowbird Bratfest will be held on Saturday, February 3 at the Gulf Shores Adult Activity Center, located adjacent to the Erie Meyer Civic Center in Gulf Shores. Brats are \$4. The festivities start at 8 a.m. and will continue until 11 a.m. or until sold out. All proceeds benefit local Fire and Rescue Departments. The event has raised over \$165,000 in the past 19 years. It is a rain or shine event and carry out and take-out services are available in addition to the walk-thru lines.

The event is sponsored by the following Snowbird Clubs: Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin.

# Pancakes & Porkies Feb. 10

The 19th Annual All You Can Eat Snowbirds Pancake & Porkies Breakfast event will be held on February 10 at the Eric Meyer Civic Center in Gulf Shores from 8-11 a.m. Cost is \$6 per person, with family rates also available. All proceeds benefit the Gulf Shores Fire Fighters Association.

## Welcome Wednesdays at 'Bama

Welcome Wednesdays potluck lunches are back at the Flora-Bama through March 1. The weekly lunch features live music, followed by drawings for goods, services and merchandise compliments of the Flora-Bama and local businesses. Music begins at 11 a.m. The 1 p.m. buffet is \$3 per person or free for those bringing a side dish. The Flora-Bama is located directly on the Gulf of Mexico at the Florida-Alabama state line.



WI SNOBIRD CLUB DONATION: The WI Sno-bird Club presented gift cards worth \$1600 to the Baldwin County Department of Human Resources to use as Christmas gifts for foster children. Currently 187 children are under the care of this Baldwin County department. Pictured with the cards are Tina Green-Program Supervisor, Gary Durgin-WI Sno-bird Club, Pam Kyzar-Office Manager. The WI Sno-birds meet twice a month in January, February and March. Contact Kenn for more information at 251-967-2463 OR wissnobirds@yahoo.com. (Photo by Nancy Durgin)

"We brought people together from all over the U.S., and had a great time doing it." - Bob Webb

# Coastal Alabama Pickleball News...

Effective November 30, Bob Webb will be passing the torch of the operation of Coastal Alabama Pickleball Club to Eddie McDonald. Eddie is a former school administrator and a current USAPA pickleball ambassador. He and his wife, Joan are relocating here from Northern Montana. Both the CAPC Steering Committe. "He and Bob believe he is the right person, at the right time for the Pickleball Club," said Blob, who went into surgery last month with the hope of reversing the Chronic Demyelinating Poly-Neuropathy that has kept him from playing Pickleball and walking normally. Bob and his wife, Deb and thankful his earlier diagnosis of ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease) in 2015 was not accurate.

CAPC will offer six (6) new Pickleball Venues in 2018: Gulf Shores Church of Christ-3 indoor courts; The Beach Club-4 outdoor courts; The Plantation-3 outdoor courts; Foley Cedar Street Park-4 outdoor courts (will open mid Jan. of 2018).

Open play on the Foley Event Center's 12 indoor courts (The CAPC Tournament Feb. 27, 28, & March 1). will not be available until at least 2nd quarter of 2018

Three outdoor courts at the Gulf Shores Sportsplex, located County Road 6 will also open in the 2nd quarter of 2018.

All of the above venues, as well as Lake Osprey RV Resort will be operated by the CAPC and a \$3 per session fee will be charged. Check the CAPC website coastalalabamapickleballclub.com for the monthly pickleball schedules.

The CAPC recently re-opened discussions with the City of Foley in an effort construct a 34-46 court pickleballbocce facility anchored by a restaurant. The location being discussed is north of the Foley Farmers Market. The location is contiguous to the Foley Sports Tourism Park. The venue would have a Trolley Stop.

The goal of the project is to make Foley the pickleball hub of Southeast, serving as host for major Pickleball and bocce tournaments, provide court space for instruction, and keep pickleball and Bocce affordable for the CAPC and Bocce Club membership. The project will require investors.

The CAPC was founded on February 1, 2015 and to-date has accomplished a great deal: 700 + Members 7th Largest PB Club in the U.S.; a website; Steering Committee equaling representing both genders, locals and snowbirds; An online merchandise store, club tourneys and nine new playing facilities.

"We brought people together from all over the U.S., and had a great time doing it," said Bob Webb.



## Pickleball popularity grows at Orange Beach Recreation Center

Since the introduction of pickleball to members of the Orange Beach Recreation Center in 2015, the low-impact sport has attracted over 8,000 players, according to Rec Center Manager Jonathan Langston.

"Not only is pickleball the fastest growing sport in the country, it also seems to be the largest sports program that we have ran at the Orange Beach Recreation Center," Langston said. "We have between 30 and 50 citizen/members that play regularly."

And what exactly is pickleball? According to the USA Pickleball Association, it is a sport created for all ages and skill levels that combines many elements of tennis, badminton and ping-pong. It is played with a paddle and a plastic ball with holes. Pickleball was invented in 1965 on Bainbridge Island, a short ferry ride from Seattle, by three dads whose kids were bored with their usual summertime activities, according to the Pickleball Association website.

Thanks to winter guests, the Rec Center's pickleball player numbers increase to as many as 1,300 per month between January and March, with daily attendance between 75 and 105.

Beginning January 1 and continuing through March, the Rec Center will offer pickleball play on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday with two 3-hour sessions each day and three courts available.

Session 1 will be from 8 a.m. - 11 a.m. Session 2 will be from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Pricing will be \$5 per person, per session or players can purchase a 15-session punch card for \$50 (1 punch per person/per session).

It's important to note that pickleball play is only included with an annual membership. It is not included with a monthly membership. For information on membership fees, visit the city website at www.orange-

For information on membership fees, visit the city website at www.orangebeachal.gov/facilities/recreation-center/membershipsor call 251-981-6028. The Orange Beach Recreation Center is at 4849 Wilson Blvd., off Canal Road.

**Pictured:** Pickleball players enjoy the courts at the Orange Beach Recreation Center on Tuesday, Dec. 12, 2017.

### We all have a story, but we connect through pickleball By Tamara Pace, Orange Beach Pickleball Player

Dang!!!! That word with Southern origins flies across the Pickleball courts faster than a slammed ball. We all have a story. We are all connected. However, our connection is Pickleball. It brings us closer than cheese grits and shrimp. We all started at the beginning. We started as novice player to advance in skill possibly by small increments, or so it may seem. A little bit of luck and a lot of strong will can bring out the best or least.

We each have our personal desires of achieving more and more. Some say, "If I could only beat Al I would know I'm improving." After beating Al were are looking to beat the next skilled player. We are stakeholders or investors, not willing to let go of our gains. We're constantly working to challenge any losses for a turn around. The quicker the better. It goes on and on. Eventually, submitting to the challenges we are given we settle for the progress made. We grin, giggle or jump for joy. Some players are so laid back, barely smile. Others can be seen as a gregarious single soul parade which springs up inside. Maybe not a win took place, but a visit from an old friend was valued more.

Greetings to the fresh faces who come to join our community! Those ties that bind us are closer than abandoned chewing gum on Alabama's steamy hot asphalt mixed with humid salt air. We lift our hands to our brothers and sisters in symphonic acclaim, lifting them high with and "unbelievable shot", an encouraging shout, or just plain DANG. This sometimes tail-whipping to tail- dragging game has brought us all together. Cheers to you all and to all a moment of thankfulness for our circumstances. Ad. Info: 251-968-5683 OR 850-492-5221 • SHARE YOUR COMMUNITY NEWS • Email: mulletwrapper@gulftel.com • The Mullet Wrapper • Jan. 3-17, 2018 • Page 53 THE UNDERTOW CHRISTMAS PARTY & TOYS FOR TOTS DRIVE



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### Snowbird euchre Tuesdays at G.S. American Legion

Starting Tuesday, January 2, Snowbirds will be gathering to play euchre every Tuesday. Sign in starts at 12:30 p.m., and play begins at 1 p.m. at the Gulf Shores American Legion. Contact Judy Bahnmiller at 517-414-4795. The lasat day of play will be March 20. "It is actually open to anyone," Bahnmiller said.

#### Snowbird Dulcimer Players

Mt Dulcimer Players - Meet M 10-11:30 am, W 2:15-3:45, Jan 3-Mar 28, Thomas Norton Library, 221 W 19th Ave, Gulf Shores. Novice beginners W only 3:45-4:45. For more information, call Irene Morrison at 231-487-0126.

## St. Thomas By The Sea fish-frys start Jan. 5

The Knights of Columbus of St Thomas by the Sea will start their annual fish fry on Friday, January 5, and it will run through March 9, 2018. The fish fry will be from 4PM to 6PM each Friday at the Parish Center in the rear of the church. Proceeds from the fish fry are used by the Knights to help support various charities in the local area during Christmas. Plates are \$10/person. In addition to the dinner, there will be a 50/50 drawing each week. St Thomas is located at 26547 Perdido Beach Blvd in Orange Beach. See you there.

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By Fran Gruenhaupt Iowa Snowbirds invite Iowans and guests to attend their breakfasts and the cocktail parties held during January through early March 2018. Iowa Snowbird Club Co-Presidents, Steve and Chris Hedlund, have set the Snowbird breakfasts for the second and fourth Wednesdays in January and February. The first Iowa "breakfast" will be at OWA, a change from previous announcements. The "meet and greet" coffee and donuts gathering will be Wednesday, January 10, 2018 at the Groovy Goat, 8:00-10:00am. The cost will be \$6 for an informal coffee time around small tables. Reservations can be made on the website, Iowa-Alabamagulfcoastsnowbirds.org (preferred), or by calling Shari De-Cook, 641-521-0929 or Sharon Hesselmann, 563-357-2721. Everyone is welcome to attend this get acquainted event.

The Iowa Club will meet for their regular breakfast meetings Wednes-

days, January 24, February 7 and 21 at the Perdido Beach Resort, 27200 East Perdido Beach Boulevard, Orange Beach. The cost will be \$10 per person with reservations to be made on the website.

Door prizes are awarded and a 50/50 drawing is held at each regular breakfast. While in the Gulf communities, the Iowa club members donate to various local charities such as the zoo, libraries, fire departments, and others through their activities. Chairmen of these fundraising events will review the 2018 plans and will sign up volunteers to assist in the activities. There is no membership fee and all Iowans and their guests are welcome at all club events.

Cocktail Parties are scheduled on Fridays, January 26 and February 23, 5-7PM at the Caribe, Building C, 28103 Perdido Beach Boulevard, Orange Beach. No RSVP is required. Bring a dish to share and your own beverage.

Club members may check the website, iowa-alabamagulfcoastsnowbirds.org for updates and a listing of activities available in the Gulf area. Golf sign-up for 2018 is through the website.

#### North & South Dakota

The Gulf Shores based North and South Dakota Snowbird Club meets on the following alternate Tuesday mornings in January, February and March beginning on January 9, January 23, February 6, February 20 and March 6. We gather at Luna's Eat & Drink, 25753 Canel Road, Orange Beach, at 8:30 a.m. for breakfast with a short meeting to follow at 9 a.m. We also hold several other social events throughout the winter season including pot lucks, dinner at local restaurants, etc. While in Gulf Shores we collect food and infant items at our breakfast meetings for the local food pantry and also contribute to other not for profit fundraisers in the local Baldwin County area. For more information contact Joyce at 605-351-0274

#### Snowbird Men's Coffee Club

The Gulf Shores Men's Snowbird Coffee Club will hold their first meeting of the 2018 season at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, January 3 at Gilbey's Restaurant, 25775 Perdido Beach Blvd. in Orange Beach. The club meets every Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. for coffee. Membership information is available at these meetings. The oldest continually active snowbird club has more than 290 members from twentyseven states and three Canadian provinces. Besides raising money for local charities, the club holds golf outings, sponsors casino trips and conducts breakfast meetings for members and spouses. The club also throws horseshoes on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays at noon at Meyer Park in Gulf Shores. The first breakfast meeting of the season will be at Gilbey's Restaurant in Orange Beach on Friday, January 19 at 8:00 a.m. Officers for the 2018 season are: Mike Culverhouse, president, Michigan; Dale Orchard, vice president, Michigan; Carl Crump, secretary, Missouri and Tom Williams, treasurer, Michigan. Kevin Probst from Alabama will schedule all golf outings.

## Michigan

#### By Lynn Wilhelm

lynnwilhelm@gmail.com News: Tuesday, January 2nd, Michigan Club Board Meeting, St Andrews Church , 10:00 a.m.; Membership and golf signup, Gulf Shores Activity Center, 4:00-6:00 p.m.; Thursday, January 4th -Michigan Club General Meeting, Erie Meyer Center. Doughnuts and coffee at 9:00; meeting starts at 10; Monday, January 8th - Golf: Timber Creek, 12:00 shotgun, \$36, Call Dave Ferguson at 989-435-9085 for more information. Tuesday, January 9th, Gulf State Park, 10:00. Wednesday, January 10th - Golf: Peninsula, tee-times 10:36-12;52, \$59, Call Tom Kelly at 251-948-4446; Casino Trip: Scarlet Pearl, 7:00 a.m. at the Track. Cal Walt at 231-450-2192. Thursday, January 11th - Michigan Club Luncheon at Gulf Shores Activity Center, 4:30 p.m., \$13. Catered by the Sassy Bass. Cal Ed Phillipson at 989-621-9755. Monday, January 15th - Michigan Club board meeting, 10:00, St Andrews Church. Golf: Perdido Bay, 12:00 shotgun, \$40. Call Sherri Plumley at 231-690-2686.

#### Wisconsin

#### By Nancy Durgin

The WI Sno-bird Club will meet on January 3 at the Orange Beach Event Center (OBEC) at the Wharf at 8:30 am for coffee and donuts with the meeting beginning at 9 am. Everyone from WI is welcome to join us! We have a book/puzzle exchange, opportunities to volunteer, day and overnight trips, singles events. Cards will be played every Friday from 9 am to noon at the Hogfish Grille (formerly Lester's), 24821 Canal Road, Orange Beach (OB). Special rates for golf are available at GlenLakes Golf Club every weekday. We also collect the following: Campbell soup labels, Nestle water bottle labels, General Mills and Johnson & Johnson boxtops for education, manufacturer's coupons, empty printer ink cartridges and poptop rings. For more information contact Kenn at 251-967-2463 OR wissnobirds@yahoo.com

Wednesday, January 3 – 8:30 am, OBEC, meeting; Monday, January 8 – 8 am, Singles breakfast at Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores; Wednesday, January 17 – 8:30 am, OBEC, meeting Wednesday, January 24 – Noon,; Potluck lunch at Orange Beach Community Center; Saturday, February 3 – Bob Gilray Memorial BRAT FEST, Fire Departments benefit; Tuesday, February 13 – 8-pin No Tap Bowling, charity TBA; Thursday, February 15 – Baldwin County Heritage Museum Golf Scramble benefit.

#### Snowbird Fest Jan. 27 at O.B. Events Center

The 9th Annual Snowbird Fest is returning to the Orange Beach Event Center at the Wharf on Saturday, January 27 from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Entertainment includes tributes to Lucy Ball and Johnny Cash, magic acts and a car shine & show.

Those registering will have a chance to win amazing prizes that include a drone, an Amazon Fire 7 Tablet or a Fire TV Stick with Alexa voice remote. Register for express entry online at Snowbird-Fest.com or just show up on the day of the event. It's all entirely free for snowbirds.

The fest is designed specifically to suit the unique Snowbird lifestyle, Snowbird Fest is both a trade show and a festival that features exclusive deals on rentals, sales, dining, golf, RV resources and other entertainment. Plus, businesses and organizations that cater to the unique Snowbird lifestyle will be onhand to offer their own special giveaways, provide information and answer questions.

Snowbird Fests offer Snowbirds a chance to meet each other and learn more about their winter homes. The festival is an annual event organized and produced by The Snowbird Company, the leader in rent-by-owner websites specializing in the snowbird demographic and their travel needs. Businesses interested in exhibiting, call 251-454-4111 or visit snowbirdfest.com.

This year's Snowbird Fest is expected to be the biggest and best ever, as the Snowbird Company will be busing snowbirds in from Ft. Walton Beach, Destin and Pensacola. The bus trip is free for Snowbirds. Since 2010, tens of thousands of winter visitors have attended the oneday, four-hour event, including a record breaking 3,500 visiting Snowbirds last year.

### Tacky Jacks Winter of Fun

Winter visitors looking for fun can find it at Tacky Jacks in Gulf Shores (on the Intracoastal Watway). The Wacky Winter of Fun series will feature different events to include regional artists, local organizations, and games each Monday this winter beginning January 8. For a monthly schedule of events, to rsvp or for more info, go to tackyjacks.com or call 251-948-8881.

• January 8, 10-11:30 am; Art al Fresco "Gulf Shores Rocks!" Rock Painting-Painted rocks are all the rage. Create your own painted rocks. All ages; lunch & learn \$15 includes lunch. RSVP online or by phone. Arrive 15 minutes early. • January 15, 10-11:30 am; Art al Fresco "Ductigami" Duct Tape Crafts. Make a duct tape wallet or jewelry. All ages; lunch & learn \$15 includes lunch. RSVP online or by phone. Arrive 15 minutes early.

• January 22, 10-11:30 am; Art al Fresco and Hands on Habitat with NUISANCE Group - Rare Lionfish Spine Jewelry and educational presentation.



#### Sweet Harmony Chorus open to locals & snowbirds

Women (snowbirds and local singers) who would like to sing women's acapella music in the barbershop close harmony style are encouraged to join the Sweet Harmony Chorus. Any women who would enjoy this type of singing can join our rehearsals. Rehearsal Dates are every Monday through March 12 from 2-4 p.m. at Gulf Shores United Methodist Church Choir Room, located at 900 Gulf Shore Pkwy. in Gulf Shores. For more info, visit sweetharmonychorus.org, call 701-260-0670 or email director Pamula Rustan at viewpt@westriv.com. Sweet Harmony chorus will be performing at the Haven Assisted Living Center in February, Gulf Breeze Trailer Park on Feb. 24; and other venues. Join our sisters in song for lots of fun and harmony.





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## Knights of Columbus Welcome Dance Jan. 19

The Knights of Columbus will host the 12th Annual Frank Calma Memorial Welcome Back Snowbirds Dance at the Our Lady of the Gulf parish hall at 308 East 22nd Avenue in Gulf Shores on Friday, January 19, from 7 -10 pm. Again this year, music will be provided by John, Jim, and Jerry.

Tickets are \$20 per person and are available at the Our Lady of the Gulf parish office or from Gail Calma 251-752-7422. This event regularly sells out - please get your tickets early!

# Astronomy lecture slated Jan. 4 at Foley Library

On Thursday, Jan 4, Dr. Otto Richter, of the University of West Florida, will give an astronomy presentation entitled "Supernovae (or Where does all the Gold on Earth come from?) at the Foley Public Library at 6 p.m. Seating is limited for all programs and calling 251-943-7665 is generally required to reserve a spot. All programs are held in the upstairs meeting room of the library.

Dr. Richter graduated from the University of Hamburg and has lived in the states for many years and taught astronomy classes at several universities.

# Adult coloring club meets Jan. 14 at Foley Library

Color Me Happy, an adult coloring club, will be meeting at a new time starting on Wednesday, Jan 14. The new time is 2 - 4 p.m. This is being done in the hopes it will increase attendance. Calls for a reservation for this program are not required at this time. For more info, call 251-943-7665 email mschnieders@cityoffoley.org or visit foleylibrary.org.

# Journal making workshop Jan. 27 at Foley Library

On Satuorday, Jan. 27, an adult program will be held on journal making at The Foley Library. Attendees will create their own journal/scrapbook to take home with them. Instruction on decoupaging, sewing in pages, and embellishing books will be given. Seating is limited for this program so a reservation is required. For more info, call 251-943-7665 email mschnieders@cityoffoley.org or visit foleylibrary.org.

## Illinois

Illinois Snowbird Club Activity Schedule.

• January - 5 @ 10:00, Welcome Back Coffee - Orange Beach Sr. Activity Center (Gail Brueggeman 618-580-4407; 12 @ 8:00, Breakfast at GTs On the Bay (doors open at 7:45) Call the Kolek's 630-738-8717 for reservations \$13.00 at the door-Tentative Speaker: Karen Hellmich, OWA Group; 16 @ 5:00, Potluck and Games - Gulf Shores Adult Activity Center (Lu Douglas 815-541-9952) Speaker: Jim Djryea, National Naval Aviation Museum; 18 @10:00, Guided Tour of National Naval Aviation Museum (Lu Douglas 815-541-9952); 18 @ 9:30, Book Club: South of Broad by Pat Conroy @ Orange Beach Library (Gail Brueggeman); 26 @ 8:00, Breakfast at GTs On the Bay (doors open at 7:45) Call the Kolek's 630-738-8717 for reservations \$13.00 at the door - Tentative Speaker: Mark Wentzel of 5 Rivers/Alabama's Delta Resource Center.

• February - 2 @ 8:30 –10:00 "Sea, Sand and Stars" Tour \$5 suggested donation (RSVP 251-981-5690); 3 @ 10:30 - 1:00, Snowbird Bratfest - Erie Meyer Center (Doris Hulett 309-846-8808); 9 @ 8:00, Breakfast at GTs On the Bay (doors open at 7:45) Call the Kolek's 630-738-8717 for reservations \$13.00 at the door - Tentative Speaker: Alicia Tally of the Gulf Shores K-9 Unit; 7 @ 5:00, Potluck and Games - Gulf Shores Adult Activity Center (Lu Douglas 815-541-9952), 10 @ 7:30, Fireman's Pancake Breakfast - Erie Meyer Center (Doris Hulett 309-846-8808), 15 @ 9:30, Book Club: Big Stone Gap by Adriana Trigiani @ Orange Beach Library (Gail Brueggeman), 15 @ 7:30, Snowbird Play "Nana's Naughty Knickers" (Mary Jane Munsell), 16 @ 11:00, Low Country Boil [location TBD] (Doris Hulett 309-846-8808), 17 @ 6:00, Trivia Night - Orange Beach Events Center, 23 @ 8:00, Breakfast at GTs On the Bay (doors open at 7:45) Call the Kolek's 630-738-8717 for reservations \$13.00 at the door - Tentative Speaker: TBD; 27@12:00, Picnic in the Park, Johnnie Sims Park, 348 W. 19th (Lu Douglas 815-541-9952) (GSAC if rain). • March - 9 @ 7:30, Breakfast at GTs On the Bay (doors open at 7:45) Call the

the Bay (doors open at 7:45) Call the Kolek's 630-738-8717 for reservations \$13.00 at the door – No speaker; Yearend Business.

# Wisconsin Synod Lutherans will be meeting at St. Jude's

Gulf Shores area WELS / ELS Members Wisconsin Synod Lutherans will have local church services with Holy Communion conducted as follows: January 7 & 21, February 4 at 4 p.m. with Bible class to follow at St Jude by the Sea Lutheran Church, located at 312 E 16th Ave. in Gulf Shores. Make checks payable to: Risen Savior Luth. Church. For more info, contact Evan Dobberfuhl at 715-573-0808 or tpeevan@gmail.com.

## New York

#### By Frank Panczyszyn

The New York Snowbirds are returning in force to the Gulf Coast for another winter of warmth and fun. Once again, they are pleased that the hurricanes were forgiving for this cherished area, and it's business as usual for the next 3 months. Snowbird committees are already meeting to begin plans for the various fund raising activities for the communities that are championed by the wintering guests.

New York will start the season with its first luncheon on Thursday, January 11th at Ginny Lane, in Orange Beach, at the Wharf. They will gather for registration and social time at 11AM, with lunch to begin 1130AM. They will order from a special menu and be provided separate checks. \$1 per person will be collected at registration to cover luncheon expenses, amenities, and future donations back to the community. 50-50 raffle will also be used to generate \$\$\$ for community donations. A speaker will be scheduled to talk on an appropriate topic. For reservations, please call Frank and Tracy at 585-748-0432, or email nysnowbirds@ gmail.com., no later than January 8th, 3 days before the scheduled luncheon. Future luncheons will be at Ginny Lane on January 25th, February 8th and 22nd, and March 8th.

A casino bus trip to Biloxi is planned for January 18th, with information sent to its members by email.

They will participate in the various winter snowbird fund raising functions: Brat Fest, Trivia Night, Pancake Breakfast, Baldwin County Heritage Museum Golf, and the Low Country Boil. Other activities may include Ladies Luncheon, Valentine Brunch, Dinner Dances, Dolphin Cruise, Fishing Trip, a second Casino Trip, etc. Anyone interested in helping with these or other NY Snowbirds social and volunteer activities please email nysnowbirds@gmail.com . More details and signup opportunities will be provided at their first luncheon in January.

### Indiana

#### By Becky Chatham-Heidenreich

All IN snowbirds: welcome to your home away from home. We have an exciting year planned for 2018. Our breakfast meetings will be Jan.9 and 23, Feb. 13 and 27, and March 13 at the Luna Event Center (next to Cosmos behind Buzcatz Coffee Shop on Canal Road). The cost for the buffet breakfast is \$10 per person. (No \$50 or \$100 bills, please. You may want to join the club also which is only \$2.50 per person. The doors will open at 7:30 and breakfast will be at 8:00. We will have a 50/50 drawing (\$1 for 1 ticket or \$5 for 6 tickets or \$10 for 13 tickets.) and door prizes. Guaranteed you will meet some great people and have fun. We also join with other snowbirds to raise funds for the fire stations and the zoo through a brat fest, pancake breakfast, and low country boil. Hope to see you at the breakfast.

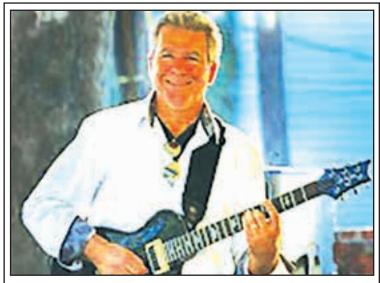
# Senior Snowbird Potluck

The senior snowbirds weekly potluck will run each Thursday thru March 30 at the Gulf Shores Adult Activity Center on Clubhouse Dr. Set-up is 11 a.m. Service at 12:30 p.m. All seniors, visitors and locals are welcome. Bring a dish to serve that will feed eight to 10 people. Suggested dishes are set up on a rotating alphabetical schedule available at each meeting. First timers should call 251-981-6060 for their initial suggested dish. A 50 cent registration fee will be collected at the door to cover drink and table service replenishments



## Cindy & Terry visit local Rotary Club

Alabama Gulf Coast Zoo curator Cindy Johnson brought her friend Terry, a Kookaburra bird, to visit members of the Gulf Shores - Orange Beach Rotary Club. The local Rotarians meet on Thursdays at noon The Gulf Shores Country Club. Call Joe Phillips at 251-747-2696 for more info about the club. The Alabama Gulf Coast Zoo, known nationally as The Little Zoo That Could, opened in June 1989 as Zooland Animal Park. located on 17 acres at 1204 Gulf Shores Pkwy. in Gulf Shores, the zoo is open daily from 9 a.m. 'til 4 p.m. Zoo info: 251-968-5732 or alabamagulfcoastzoo.org.



## Tickets on sale for Jan. 20 Greek Night Foley

St. Athanasios Greek Orthodox Church will host Greek Night in Foley on Saturday, January 20 from 6 p.m. 'til midnight (dinner at 7 p.m.) at the Foley Civic Center, located at 407 East Laurel Ave. Tickets for the fundraiser are \$60 per person. The evening will feature ethnic food, dancing and fun with music by (**pictured**) Nick Trivelas & The Kefi Dancers. There will be a silent auction. For additional info, call Shirlee Poulos at 251- 942-7521 or Pete Vakakes at 251- 948-8008. The Greek Night menu includes Greek Style Chicken Baked Chicken prepared with Greek Herbs and Spices; Roast Leg of Lamb Cooked to Perfection; Pastitsio (Layers of luscious of seasoned ground beef, pasta and assorted cheeses) Spanakopita (Spinach & Cheese Pie) Filo Pastry Triangles filled with a blend of Greek Cheeses, Greek Style Green Beans; Greek Salad; Assorted Greek Pastries, beer, wine, coffee and tea.



There are nearly forty restaurants, bars, delis and cafes in downtown Mobile, and we've also compiled a suggested list of activities you can do in two, four and six hours in Mobile:



Manimum About 230 steps from the Alabama Cruise Terminal (yes, we counted!) is the one-ofa-kind GulfQuest National Maritime Museum. GulfQuest is the first and only museum dedicated to the Gulf Coast's rich maritime traditions from its discovery in the 1500s to the present day and one of the only interactive maritime museums in the country. So before you head out into the Gulf, learn all about the Gulf. It'll make your cruise that much more interesting, believe us!

Pour & Form The downtown waterfront of Mobile, Alabama is full of rich history, culture and economic importance to the region. This bustling port welcomes ships from all over the world along with tug boats and barges that roam the many rivers of North America. See them all up close from a USCG Certified passenger vessel with Wild Native Tours. The city skyline, maritime museum, Austal shipyards, cruise terminal and cruise ship are also seen on this tour. Courteous and knowledgeable guides will educate and entertain as you cruise these local waters. After your port tour, be sure to visit the Fort of Colonial Mobile, an immersive, interactive exhibit about the people who colonized early Mobile.



HISTORY LOVERS: Take an historic city tour, starting at the Visit Mobile Welcome Center, by car, van, trolley or duck boat. These usually last an hour to an hour and a half, which leaves plenty of time to explore historic downtown Mobile on foot, including the History Museum of Mobile and the Mobile Carnival Museum or hop across the Mobile River to board an authentic World War II battleship, the USS ALABAMA.

SHOPAHOLICS: Several new locally owned clothing boutiques, gift shops, vintage and antique stores and art galleries (some will ship your purchases home!) are located within blocks of each other downtown. We know you'll be grabbing some souvenirs in the Caribbean, but hey, taking a little bit of Mobile home with you is pretty awesome, too.

FAMILY FUN: The Gulf Coast Exploreum offers rotating exhibits and permanent activities designed to bring the scientist out in all of us. You'll notice an Oyster statue out in front of the Exploreum, which is a great starting point to walk The Oyster Trail throughout downtown Mobile (how many can you visit?). Mobile's newest addition to outdoor family fun is ArtGo, a self-guided free walking trail and outdoor art gallery that leads visitors to 33 public art pieces/installations. Pick up your map at the Mobile Arts Council at 318 Dauphin Street.



Ourpoors: With a little more time on your hands, you can explore a little more of what the entire area has to offer. The crown jewel of Mobile, Bellingrath Gardens and Home is about 45 minutes west of the Alabama Cruise Terminal - plan to wander amongst the blooms for a few hours. Or, head east, just a few minutes of downtown and take an airboat ride, sightseeing cruise or guided kayak/canoe tours of the Mobile/Tensaw Delta (the views are a little different from the deck of the cruise ship but fascinating just the same!)

HISTORY AND CULTURE LOVERS: There are several historic homes in or near downtown, each offering guided tours. Pick up a Historic Homes brochure and plan to visit all five during your time here in Mobile. Hit the Mobile Museum Trail, visiting some of the previously mentioned downtown museums but also plan to stop by the largest art museum on the Gulf Coast, the Mobile Museum of Art, the Mobile Medical Museum, and the Archaeology Museum at the University of South Alabama.



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# Coming to a Welcome Center Near You. Lecture & Demonstration Series Jan 15 - Feb 28

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The Mobile tourism community is once again hosting a special event for all the winter residents of the Gulf Shores/Orange Beach area. Enjoy prizes, entertainment, refreshments and a great opportunity to meet the good folks from the Mobile area who will tell you about all the events planned for the next couple of months. Receive special updates on events being held at the USS ALABAMA Battleship, Gulf Coast Exploreum Science Center, Bellingrath Gardens and Home, the History Museum of Mobile, city tours and all other Mobile area attractions and cultural activities.

# WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2018 The Conference Center at The Wharf 1:00pm to 3:00pm



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TREASURES OF THE ISLE CHRISTMAS PARTY

#### Krewe's Mardi Gras Ball is Jan. 20 at O.B. Event Center

**By Joe Busta** The Krewe of the Treasures of the Isle are preparing to party and celebrate at their annual Mardis Gras Ball at 6 p.m. on January 20 at the Orange Beach Event Center. The theme for this year's ball is Tropical Treasures in recognition of the tropical paradise in which we live. Queen Carolyn Boe and King Corbin Smith will reign over the night's festivities. The Orange Beach Event Center will be filled with lush green plants and flowers arranged against a backdrop of sunset colors. The color pal-let will also be reflected in the table cloths and center pieces. A bountiful buffet dinner featuring a tropical fruit display will be provided by Wharf based Ginny Lane Bar and Grill catering. After the opening " call out" and procession dinner will be served. Following dinner, the Krewe will dance opening " call out" and procession, dimer will be served. Following dinner, the Krewe will dance and party the night away to music provided by The Remedies band of Mobile.



















































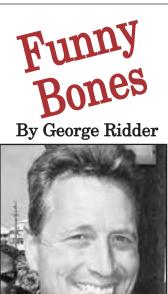








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She texted me: Your adorable! I replied: No. You're adorable! Now she likes me a lot. All I did was point out her typo.

Two hunters got a pilot to fly them into the far north for elk hunting. They were quite successful in their venture and bagged six big bucks.

The pilot came back, as arranged, to pick them up. They started loading their gear into the plane, including the six elk. But the pilot objected and he said, "The plane can only take four of your elk, you will have to leave two behind.' They argued with him. The year before they had shot six and the pilot had allowed them to put all aboard. The plane was the same model and capacity. Reluctantly, the pilot finally permitted them to put all six aboard. But when they attempted to take off and leave the valley, the little plane could not make it and they crashed into the wilderness.

Climbing out of the wreckage, one hunter said to the other, "Do you know where we are?"

"I think so," replied the other hunter. "I think this is about the same place where we landed last year!"

#### .........

A final Christmas Joke ... The 4 stages of man... He believes in Santa Claus. He doesn't believe in Santa Claus. He is Santa Claus. He looks like Santa Claus.

#### .....

"Why doesn't your mother like me?" a woman asks her boyfriend. "Don't take it personally," he assures her. "She's never liked anyone I've dated. I once dated someone exactly like her, and that didn't work out at all." "What happened?"

"My father couldn't stand her."

- My mind works like lightning. One brilliant flash and it is gone. - The only time the world beats a path to your door is if you're in the bathroom.

- A husband is someone who, after taking the trash out, gives the impression that he just cleaned the whole house.

- My next house will have no kitchen - just vending machines and a large trash can.

- I was worried that my mechanic might try to rip me off. I was relieved when he told me all I needed was turn signal fluid.

#### .......

Everyone has a photographic memory. Some just still keep it on film. And they never develop it. • • • • • • • • • •

1. A bicycle can't stand alone be-

cause it is two-tired. 2. What's the definition of a will?

(It's a dead giveaway).

3. Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana.

4. A backward poet writes inverse. 5. In democracy it's your vote that counts; In feudalism it's your count that votes.

6. She had a boyfriend with a wooden leg, but broke it off.

7. A chicken crossing the road is poultry in motion.

8. If you don't pay your exorcist

you get repossessed.

9. With her marriage she got a new name and a dress.

10. Show me a piano falling down a mine shaft and I'll show you Aflat minor.

11. When a clock is hungry it goes back four seconds.

12. The man who fell into an upholstery machine is fully recovered.

13. A grenade thrown into a kitchen in France would result in

Linoleum Blownapart. 14. You feel stuck with your debt if

vou can't budge it.

15. Local Area Network in Australia: the LAN down under.

16. He often broke into song be-

cause he couldn't find the key.

17. Every calendar's days are

numbered.

18. A lot of money is tainted. 'Taint yours and 'taint mine.

19. A boiled egg in the morning is hard to beat.

20. He had a photographic memory

which was never developed. 21. A plateau is a high form of flat-

tery 22. The short fortune teller who

escaped from prison was a small medium at large.

23. Those who get too big for their britches will be exposed in the end.

24. When you've seen one shopping center you've seen a mall.

25. Those who jump off a Paris

bridge are in Seine.

26. When an actress saw her first strands of gray hair she thought she'd dye.

27. Bakers trade bread recipes on a knead to know basis.

28. Santa's helpers are subordi-

nate clauses. 29. Acupuncture is a jab well done. 30. Marathon runners with bad footwear suffer the agony of defeat. - like, it could be the right number.

#### .........

No one ever says "It's only a game' when their team is winning.

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I've reached the age where 'happy hour' is a nap.

Do you realize that, in about 40 years, we'll have thousands of old ladies running around with tattoos? (And rap music will be the Golden Oldies!)

#### .........

After 60, if you don't wake up aching in every joint, you're probably dead.

#### .....

Always be yourself because the people that matter don't mind . . . and the ones that mind don't matter.

A rubber band pistol was confiscated from algebra class because it was a weapon of math disruption. .....

The butcher backed into the meat grinder and got a little behind in his work.

No matter how much you push the envelope, it'll still be stationery.

A dog gave birth to puppies near the road and was cited for littering.



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