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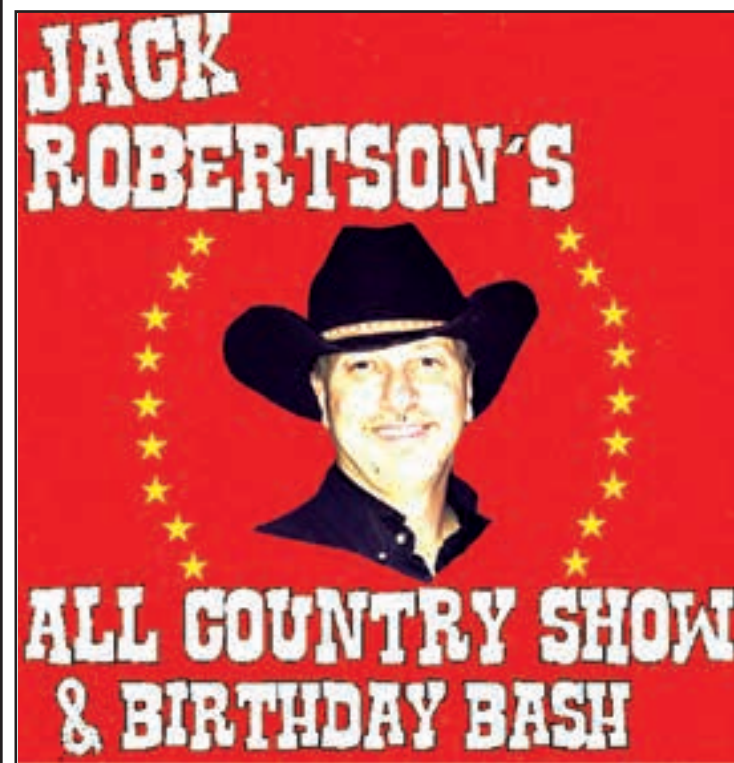
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Flora-Bama entertainer Big Earl, aka Jack Robertson, says his birthday wish is for everyone to join him for a little exercise (emphasis on little) on Saturday, Jan. 20 at The Flora-Bama Beach.

Robertson will host the first Annual Big Earl's 1/2K Relay beginning at 10 a.m. and keep the buzz going until 7 p.m. when he takes the state for his All Country Show at 7 p.m.

Participants will be able to step up to a bloody mary & mimosa bar to wash down complimentary donuts at 9 a.m. Entry fee is \$10 per team, will all fees designated for local charities.

Race awards will be presented in the following categories: Race First Place & Last Place, Best Costume, Best Baton and Best Team Name.

The race will start at the Flora-Bama beach and proceed into Orange Beach 250 yards. The 2nd team member will wait at the 1/4K marker in Orange Beach for the baton hand-off from their teammate, then return 1/4K to the Flora-Bama.

Robertson's 7 p.m. show that evening is billed as a night of the greatest country songs (think Hank Williams, Patsy Cline, Johnny Cash, Garth, Willie Nelson, Loretta Lynn, George Jones, Roger Miller, Merle Haggard, George Strait, Buck Owens, Porter Wagoner, Jimmie Rodgers, Kitty Wells, Buck Owens, Dolly Parton) performed by Robertson and his many special guests.



### 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, (pictured) 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](http://gulfshoresumc.org) or call the church office at 251-968-2411. The public is welcome.

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



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### K-Kids raise funds for 3-year old fighting brain cancer

Gulf Shores Elementary School K-Kids Club members held a fundraiser in December and the club members voted to donate the \$200 profit to purchase Christmas gifts for McKinley Turner, a local 3-year-old girl fighting brain cancer. During the Christmas holidays, K-Kids Club members (left to right) Skyler Robertson and Matheus Siqueira delivered the gifts to McKinley (seated in her father, Luke Turner's lap). McKinley is also a cousin of Matheus. McKinley's father, Luke, is an academic advisor at Columbia Southern University. Skyler's younger sister, Peyton (pictured far left), a Gulf Shores Elementary kindergartener also joined the K-Kids in giving the gifts to McKinley.

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## MARDI GRAS 2018

### Glenlakes Mardi Gras Ball

RSVPs are due on Jan. 20 for GlenLakes Annual Mardi Gras Ball, which will be held on Jan. 27 from 5:30-10 p.m. at GlenLakes Golf Club, 9530 Clubhouse Dr. in Foley. Come see the king and queen coronation, enjoy a mardi gras feast (cash bar) and music from The Mailman & Back Pew Riders. Tickets are \$80 per couple and available at Bunker's Cafe at the club.

### Royal Riff-Raff in Josephine

The Krewe of the Royal Riff Raff will parade in the neighborhood surrounding Pirates Cove in Josephine on Sunday, February 11. The parade, officially the Royal Disorder of Riff-Raff Mardi-Gras Parade, will muster at 2 p.m. The Royal Disorder of Riff-Raff Mardi-Gras Ball will start around 3:30 p.m. Pirates Cove is located at the south end of County Rd. 95 on Arnica Bay.

### Pirates of Lost Treasure 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.

### Mystic Mutts of Revelry

The Mystic Mutts of Revelry will parade through the streets of downtown Fairhope beginning at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 3. Celebrating its 15th year, the annual pet Parade is a fundraiser supporting The Haven No-Kill Animal Shelter's live-saving programs. Every dollar raised is critical to helping rescue, rehabilitate, and re-home abused and neglected homeless animals. The streets in Downtown Fairhope will be closed from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This only applies to the area from Magnolia by the Hampton Inn to Johnson on Section & Brancroft to Summit on Fairhope Avenue. All other streets in the City are to remain open until 5 p.m. at which time streets necessary for the KOER Mardi Gras Parade will close.



TOI Ball is Jan. 20 at Event Center

By Joe Busta

The Krewe of the Treasures of the Isle Mardi Gras Ball will be held at 6 p.m. on January 20 at the Orange Beach Event Center. The theme is Tropical Treasures in recognition of the tropical paradise in which we live. Queen Carolyn Boe and King Corbin Smith (pictured) 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 pallet will also be reflected in the table cloths and center pieces. Following dinner, the Krewe will dance and party the night away to The Remedies band of Mobile.

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## MARDI GRAS 2018

## MARDI GRAS PARADE & PARTY SCHEDULE



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

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, February 6 at 7 p.m. That's when LuLu's Gulf Shores will host their 6th Annual Birds of Paradise Mardi Gras Ball presented by Krewe De Lu Roux.

LuLu's will be closed to the public February 6, and tickets are limited for the comfort and exclusivity of our guests. The Mardi Gras Ball is a 21 and older event. Tickets are limited and the all-inclusive cost is \$75 per person. Order on-line at [lulubuffett.com](http://lulubuffett.com), by telephone (251) 967-5858, or at the restaurant. LuLu's is located in Gulf Shores under the HWY 59 Bridge, next to Homeport Marina.

Feast on a delicious Big Easy inspired buffet dinner with a freshly prepared menu unique to the evening featuring an open bar with select wine, beer and liquor at this all-inclusive event. Dress is island elegance and guests will enjoy a festive evening with live entertainment bringing funk and Motown classics to the stage with ever popular Tip Tops. From Mobile, the Tip Tops are known for bringing the house down entertaining guests with the best dance songs of many genres.

Join the welcoming and official coronation of the Ball's Mardi Gras King and Queen (**pictured**). The King will be lifelong Foley resident Mark Krupinski, who runs his local family farm, Krupinskis. The Krupinski farm is known for its community involvement, donating to charitable organizations, including but not limited to Ecumenical Ministries and the Baldwin County Boys Ranch. When he is not working on the farm, he enjoys time with his two boys, wife Diane on the boat or motorcycle.

The Queen will be LuLu's-loving local Tara Kellner. A former business owner, model, company spokesperson, and CrossFit instructor, Tara now spends most of her time raising her four children in Orange Beach. When not volunteering at their school, their church, or helping her husband run BeachTV, she loves to paint with water color and acrylics and exercise. Yoga is her current favorite. Tara's goal every day is to use her blessings to help motivate others to reach their full potential in pursuit of health, happiness, and faith.

Lucy Buffett, restaurateur, author, and sister of famous crooner Jimmy Buffett, commented, "LuLu's is celebrating Mardi Gras the only way we know how...a real party! We've been hosting a Birds of Paradise Mardi Gras Ball for the past five years and it has grown into a highly anticipated, must go to event."

### Saturday, Jan 20

1 p.m. - Dauphin Island People's Parade, Dauphin Island

### Friday, Jan 26

6:30 p.m. - Conde Cavaliers, Mobile

### Saturday, Jan 27

12:30 p.m. - Bayport Parading Society, Mystic DJ Riders, Mobile

2 p.m. - Order of the Rolling River, Dauphin Island Pkwy, Mobile

6:30 p.m. - Pharaohs, Order of Hebe, Conde Explorers, Mobile

### Thursday, Feb 1

6:30 p.m. - Order of Polka Dots, Mobile

### Friday, Feb. 2

6:30 p.m. - Order of Inca, Mobile

6:45 p.m. - Apollo's Mystic Ladies, **Daphne**

### Saturday, Feb 3

1 p.m. - Mystic Mutts of Revelry Parade, downtown **Fairhope**

2 p.m. - Mystics, Mystical Revelers, Mystical Friends, Mobile

6:30 p.m. - Maids of Mirth, Butterfly Maidens, Krewe of Marry Mates, Mobile

6:45 p.m. - Knights of Ecor Rouge, **Fairhope**

### Sunday, Feb 4

6:30 p.m. - Neptune's Daughters, OOI, Mobile

### Monday, Feb 5

6:30 p.m. - Order of Venus, Order of Many Faces, Mobile

### Tuesday, Feb 6

6:30 p.m. - Order of LaShe's, Mobile

### Thursday, Feb 8

6:30 p.m. - Mystic Stripers Society, Mobile

### Friday, Feb 9

6:30 p.m. - Crewe of Columbus, Mobile

6:30 p.m. - Mystical Order of Mirams, **Orange Beach**

6:45 p.m. - Maids of Jubilee, **Fairhope**

8 p.m. - Krewe of Lafitte Illuminated Parade, **Pensacola**

### Saturday, Feb 10

11 a.m. - Foley parade, **Foley**

10 a.m. - Mystic Krewe of K-9 Kritters, Co. Rd. 6 & Hwy. 59, **Gulf Shores**

11 a.m. - Krewe of Goats, Prichard

Noon - Floral Parade, Knights, Mystical Ladies, Order of Angels, Mobile

Noon - Mystic Revelers, **Bay Minette**

Noon - Mardi Gras Party w. Cajun Dishes and King Cake, Elks Lodge, **Foley**

2 p.m. - Krewe of Mullet Mates, **Mullet Point - Point Clear**

2 p.m. - Pensacola Grand Mardi Gras Parade, downtown **Pensacola**

6 p.m. - Mystics of Pleasure, **Orange Beach**

6 p.m. - Mystics of Time, Mobile

6:45 p.m. - Shadow Barons, **Daphne**

### Sunday, Feb 11

1 p.m. - Krewe of Wrecks Parade, **Pensacola Beach**

2 p.m. - Krewe of the Royal Riff-Raff, **Josephine**

2 p.m. - King Elexis I Motorcade, Mobile

2:29 p.m. - Loyal Order of the Firetruck, **Daphne**

2:30 p.m. - Joe Cain Procession, Mobile

5 p.m. - Le Krewe de Bienville, Mobile

### Monday, Feb 12

Noon - Floral parade, Mobile

1 p.m. - Prichard Mardi Gras Association, Prichard

4 p.m. - Kid & Pet Parade, The Wharf, **Orange Beach**

6 p.m. - Evening Float Parade, The Wharf, **Orange Beach**

6:45 p.m. - Order of Mystic Magnolias, **Fairhope**

7 p.m. - Infant Mystics, Order of Doves, Mobile

### Tuesday, Feb 13

10 a.m. - Gulf Shores Parade, **Gulf Shores** - New Beach Rd. Route

10:30 a.m. - Order of Athena, Mobile

12:30 p.m. - Knights of Revelry, King Felix III, Comic Cowboys, Mobile.

2 p.m. - Orange Beach Parade, **Orange Beach**

2 p.m. - MAMGA Mammoth Parade, Mobile

5:05 p.m. - LuLu's Boat Parade, The Wharf to LuLu's, **Pleasure Island**

6 p.m. - Order of Myths, Mobile

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# Gulf Shores moving Mardi Gras Parade to Beach Road

By John Mullen

The city of Gulf Shores is moving this year's Feb. 13 Mardi Gras parade to the beach road in a move officials say will have less of an impact on traffic for the annual event. The parade rolls at 10 a.m. on Fat Tuesday, Feb. 13 and the Orange Beach parade starts at 2 p.m. the same day.

"Looking at the traffic impacts to Highway 59, if we don't need to shut down the foot of the bridge at 20th Avenue and detour people east and west, the traffic overflowing from Fort Morgan Road across Highway 59 can continue to flow," Grant Brown said. "Highway 59 and all the businesses along the route can continue to operate like normal all the way until it gets to First Avenue."

During its Jan. 8 work session, the council also heard plans for a new pizza place in the beach district in the former Blonde John's store and plans for a 163-lot active adult subdivision on County Road 8.

Another parade concern, Mayor Robert Craft said, is the bridge widening project on Alabama 59 just north of Windmill Ridge.

"The first year is a good consideration because of the construction on the bridge and potentially it could still be a one-lane situation through there."

after that if we want to continue or not."

Brown, the city's director of Recreation and Cultural Affairs, said the success of the reversal of the 2017 Christmas parade help officials decide to try a route change.

"Because of the construction on the beach and the roadways, we reversed the parade route," Brown said. "It allowed us to form the parade and stage the parade in the West Gulf Place area on the main highway and it went flawlessly. It was very effective for the participants. It created very little or no traffic disruptions. It was just a very good way to stage the parade."

When officials from the recreation, public works and police departments got together after the Christmas parade, the idea of a beach-road Mardi Gras parade was discussed.

"During the recap meeting from the Christmas parade our events people concluded that it would be in the best interest of public safety and the public in general for the parade to run the parade from Highway 59 to the east of Highway 135 near the state park," Brown said.

From there, Brown said, floats not participating in the afternoon Orange Beach parade can take Alabama 135 north. And, those in the Orange Beach event have permission from the state park to stage in the pier parking lot.

"With the new sidewalks we have we feel like this is a much safer route and a good way for people who will be coming to view the parade to find appropriate parking and find a good place to watch the parade," Brown said.

## Big Blue Pizza

Craft said the city is concentrating on development on the east side of Alabama 59 in the beach district and Big Blue Pizza and a new Surf Style with condominiums on top at Gulf Place are the types of new businesses officials want to see. Off-site parking will have to play a big role if the area is to grow, Craft said.

"When you look at redevelopment on the east side of town, if we require all the parking to be onsite on all of the lots that are there then we're not going to get much development," Craft said. "I think that this concept has got to be something we look at favorably if we want to be able to develop that area in a way that is best for that area."

Hangout owner Shaul Zislin is developing the projects and was seeking a variance in the zoning law so he could use off-site parking for both. He plans to build a 132-space parking lot at the corner of beach road and East First Street, easy walking distance from the restaurant and proposed condos. There will be eight to 10 spaces on the street by the pizza restaurant including handicap spaces.

"The zoning ordinance says that all parking spaces be located on the same lot as the principal use unless a conditional use permit is granted by the city council," City Planner Andy Bauer said. Both projects combined require 99 parking spaces and the lot will have 132. The planning commission gave the proposal a favorable recommendation at its Dec. 19 meeting.

If the area is to continue development drainage issues will have to be addressed there as well. With that in mind, Bauer said the city is planning to apply for a \$60,000 Gulf of Mexico Climate and Resilience Community Practice grant to develop a plan for handling water in the area.

"In order for Gulf Shores to achieve its goal of creating a compact, walkable neighborhood downtown district we can't have onsite retention ponds on every individual site," Bauer said. "We need to look at this as an area-wide study and plan and that's exactly what this grant application will allow us to do. If we are able to get it we'll be able we can take the whole beach area and develop a master storm drain plan so in the future each project can tie into this and won't need onsite drainage."

## In other business, the council:

- Heard a request to rezone 58 acres rezone



from general business to residential immediately west of Craft Farms North Phase II on County Road 8 for an active adult subdivision, or age-restricted neighborhood for ages 50 or 55 and older. Dewberry Preble-Rish made the request.

- Hired Dr. Suzanne Freeman for \$35,000 to serve as education consultant as the Gulf Shores School Board negotiates a separation agreement with the Baldwin County Board of Education.
- Heard a request from Kevin Corcoran for a conditional use permit to build a mini storage facility with 439 units near the east end of County Road 8 on the north side of the road. Councilman Jason Dyken expressed concerns about having a "warehouse district" because planned improvements to the road will make the road a new entrance to the city. The Planning Commission gave it an 8-0 favorable recommendation on Nov. 28.
- Opened a bid of more than \$44,000 to buy aluminum trash and recycle bins for the Gulf Place Project. A grant from the Alabama Department of Environmental Management will cover the cost.
- Discussed spending more than \$133,000 to repaint city annex buildings on Clubhouse Drive across from City Hall and the police department.

## Mardi Gras Parade road closures

The City of Gulf Shores would like to make all residents and visitors aware of the following traffic flow modifications related to the Mardi Gras Parade:

**6 a.m.:** West Gulf Place will be closed. Parking will only be available for parade participants and float setup.

**8 a.m.:** Access to Highway 182 via West First and West Second Street will be closed. Traffic headed west or north will detour via West Third Street onto West First Ave.

**9:45 a.m.:** Access to Highway 182 via Highway 59 will be closed. Access to Highway 182 via East First, East Second and East Fourth Street will be closed. Traffic headed westbound on Highway 182 near the Gulf State Park Pier will be diverted to Highway 135 for access to Highway 59.

**11 a.m.:** All normal traffic conditions should resume.

If severe weather moves in and the parade is canceled, there will be no make-up date. For more information contact City Hall at 251-968-2425 or visit gulfshoresal.gov.



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<b>ART</b>	<b>MONDAY</b> JANUARY 15 10AM-11:30AM Arrive 15 Minutes Early	DUCTIGAMI (DUCT TAPE) MAKE A WALLET OR JEWELRY ALL AGES LUNCH & LEARN \$15 INCL. LUNCH - RSVP REQ.
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<b>HABITAT</b>	<b>MONDAY</b> JANUARY 29 10AM-11:30AM Arrive 15 Minutes Early	GULF STATE PARK HANDS ON NATURE CLASS FREE FOR ALL AGES LUNCH NOT INCL. NO RSVP REQ.
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<b>ART</b>	<b>MONDAY</b> FEBRUARY 19 10AM-11:30 Arrive 15 Minutes Early	STRING ART ALL AGES LUNCH & LEARN WOOD, NAIL & STRING PROJECT \$15 INCL. LUNCH - RSVP REQ.



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## 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 along Canal Dr. The docks at Perdido Bay Seafood are being re-furnished. So, owners Johnny and Joi Hatfield will not be able to host their popular customer appreciation party & free fish-fry while the parade passes. 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.





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## AROUND TOWN



### Pleasure Isle Junior Women's Cocktail Party Jan. 20

Annual event benefits Clothe The Children philanthropy

By Gabby Barnett

The Pleasure Island Junior Woman's Club is proud to announce their upcoming Cocktail Party benefitting their Clothe the Children philanthropy. The event will be held on Saturday, January 20th at Fisher's Upstairs from 7:00 am to 11:00 pm. Tickets are \$40 per person which includes live entertainment by the Adam Holt Band and scrumptious hors d'oeuvres from the Fisher's award winning kitchen. The event will feature a silent auction space with items ranging from condo stays to restaurant gift certificates. The fundraising goal this year is \$10,000 which will top the last 2 years by \$2,000. The organization's task is to assist counselors and teachers throughout the Gulf Shores and Orange Beach schools to provide school uniforms for those in need. For the last 5 years, the club has clothed approximately 40-50 students each year and that number continues to grow. Each child's needs vary from needing only a warm jacket to needing shirts, shoes and everything in between. To purchase tickets online or for more information on the club's mission, please visit our new website at [PleasureIslandJWC.com](http://PleasureIslandJWC.com).

**Pictured:** Fun at 2017 JWC party.



### Perdido Key Blood Drive

#### Jan. 26 at Shrimp Basket

A Perdido Key blood donation opportunity sponsored by The FirstService Residential us scheduled from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday, January 26 in the Shrimp Basket restaurant parking lot at 14620 Perdido Key Dr. With January typically a slow month for donations, a good turnout could have a significant impact on the Pensacola-area community. The drive will be conducted by local blood bank OneBlood.

### Sonora Masonic Lodge serving

#### fried chicken dinners on Feb. 3

Sonora Masonic Lodge #635 F&AM will hold its 2018 annual fried chicken dinner fundraisers on 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.

### May 4-6 NCAA Beach Volleyball

#### Championships to air on ESPN

The NCAA and ESPN have reached a multi-year agreement to telecast the NCAA Women's Beach Volleyball Championship. The championship will be held Friday through Sunday, May 4-6 at Gulf Shores Public Beach. The event's hosts are the city of Gulf Shores, the Orange Beach Sports Commission and the University of Alabama at Birmingham. ESPN will televise the event for the next five years, spanning 2018 through 2022.

ESPN will provide live whip-around coverage of every match throughout the tournament across the ESPN family of networks. Duals 1-8 will be played Friday, May 4, and duals 9-12 will take place Saturday, May 5. Championship Sunday will showcase duals 13 and 14. Additionally, ESPN 3 will provide full coverage of every individual match from all five courts.

Beach volleyball is one of the fastest growing NCAA sports and is currently sponsored by 69 institutions. The championship has an eight-team bracket that will be played in a double-elimination format. Teams consist of five pairs of female student-athletes. Competition will observe standard beach volleyball rules with the five pairs playing five-set matches. The winning team needs to win three of the five pair matches to win the dual and advance to the next round.

For more information on the championship, visit [ncaa.com/beachvolleyball](http://ncaa.com/beachvolleyball).

"We are extremely thrilled to have ESPN tele-

cast the championship for the next five years," said Kelcey Roegiers, chair of the NCAA Women's Beach Volleyball Committee and associate athletics director at Georgia State. "The coverage ESPN will provide for the championship allows great exposure for the sport, the hard-working student-athletes and the growth and excitement surrounding the NCAA Women's Beach Volleyball Championship."

"The NCAA Women's Beach Volleyball Championship adds to our offering of more than 20 NCAA Championships we provide fans each year," said Dan Margulis, ESPN senior director, college and high school sports programming. "Beach volleyball is an emerging sport with untapped potential and ESPN looks forward to helping increase its national profile."

### Bridge For Beginners class

#### starts Jan. 27 at Legion Post 44

A class on beginning bridge will start on January 27, 2018 at 12:00 PM. It will be held at the American Legion Post 44 in Gulf Shores (6781 Hiway 59). Each class will last about two hours and there will be ten classes. The goal of the class will be to teach the basics of bridge so that each participant will feel comfortable about playing a game of bridge when the class is complete.

The class will be taught by Gary Klussman. Mr. Klussman has taught numerous bridge classes to both adults and youth in the Baldwin County area. For information and registration, call Gary Klussman at 251-223-9744 or e-mail at [garyklussman@yahoo.com](mailto:garyklussman@yahoo.com).

### 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, 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@gulfnet.com](mailto:denneysbend@gulfnet.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.



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## AROUND TOWN

### 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.

### Sue Stewart Ade to address L.A. Beachwriters Jan. 22

Meeting at Gulf Shores Library is open to all word lovers

Sue Stewart Ade (**pictured**) will speak at this month's meeting of LA Beachwriters Group on Monday, January 22 at 5:30 p.m. at the Gulf Shores Library, located at 221 West 19th Ave.

Sue is no stranger to L A Beachwriters. She and her husband, Larry, live in her hometown of Pana, Illinois, and they spend every winter in Gulf Shores.



She discovered her love for writing when she was about ten. "I started writing when I was in 5th grade and passed my chapters around to my friends at slumber parties," she said. "That became the first book I ever wrote, 'The Mystery of 1313.'"

Sue is an award-winning teacher and writer. She taught English and writing for high school and college. During her career, she has won awards from the Illinois Arts Council, Indiana University, Ball State University, Midwestern Writers Conference, Central Indiana Writers' Association, and Pacific Northwest Writers' Association.

In 2017 Sue published "Pumpkin Blossoms" a short novella in "Food and Romance Go Together," Vol 1, which can be found along with her other books on Amazon.com under Sue Stewart Ade.

"I get up at 5 a.m. and write because that's when the muse is calling my name," she said. "Each day is special, and I can't wait to see what God has planned for me."

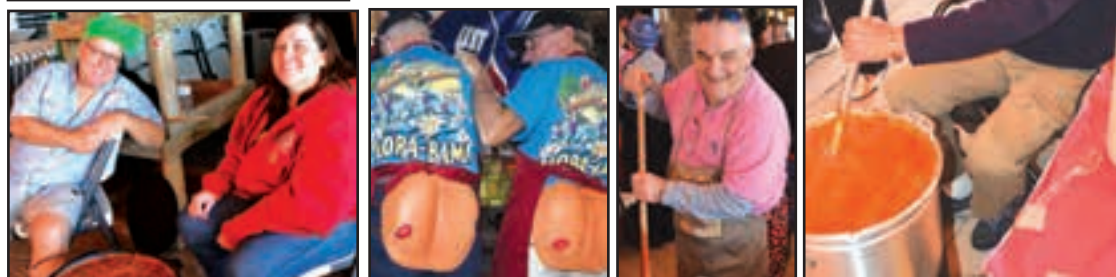
Her short stories have been published in anthologies and have won awards at Indiana University, Midwest Writers, and Central Indiana Writers.

Sue is currently writing a series of suspense romance novels entitled, Hickory Hills. Her first novel in the series, "Friends Forever" was released in 2016. Friends Forever was a finalist in the Pacific Northwest Literary Contest. Her second novel in the series will be released this year.

L A Beachwriters is composed of writers, both published and non-published, who have a desire to improve their writing skills and to help other writers. For more information visit LABeachwriters.com or call Wayne Brady at 251-490-8072.

### Vendor slots available for Feb. 8 Lifestyles EXPO

Vendor registration is still open for the 26th Annual Alabama Lifestyles EXPO, scheduled from 8 a.m. 'til 2:30 p.m. on Feb. 8 at Caribe Resort in Orange Beach. In addition to direct exposure to 3,000 Snowbird visitors, EXPO Exhibitors receive a complimentary listing on the EXPO website (16,000 unique visitors) and a mailing list of attendees. For more registration information, log on to AlabamaAdvantage.com or call 205-222- 2862 or email info@AlabamaAdvantage.com.



### 24th Annual Flora-Bama Super Chili Cook-Off scheduled Feb. 3

Let the chopping begin. The 24th 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.

**Pictured:** Last year's event featured 25 teams cooking such delicious varieties as alligator chili, white chicken chili and Irish green chili. The American Cancer Society received a check for \$10,500 from the Flora-Bama following the event. Since the event's inception, the Super Chili Bowl Cook Off has raised more than \$70,000 for ACS.

"The Flora-Bama has strived to give something back to the community that helped them grow and prosper over the last 50 years," said Pat McClellan, co-owner of the Flora-Bama. "We currently raise more than \$150,000 annually through special events we host or sponsor. Often, we target youth groups, but we always keep it local."







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## AROUND TOWN

### Norma Lynch is new District 5 School Board representative Replacement for Angie Swiger has impressive education resume

By Fran Thompson

New District 5 Baldwin County School Board member Norma Lynch's first priority is to make sure Orange Beach Middle School has strong leadership in place when it opens for business in August of 2019.

"That has always been my soapbox: To make sure there is an experienced academic in the principal's position, somebody that can walk down the hall and know what's happening with the teachers and has the background to help fix problems," the Orange Beach resident said. "If you have that, everything else will take care of itself."



A local resident for 20 years, Lynch worked in education for 12 years before moving to Orange Beach. She is currently a realtor with Remax of Orange Beach. She was selected this month to fill the unexpired term of a board position left vacant with the recent resignation of Angie Swiger.

"We very much welcome Mrs. Lynch and look forward to the outstanding leadership qualities and wealth of expertise that she brings to the table," said board president Cecil Christenberry. "We interviewed three highly qualified individuals, which speaks very highly to the county in which we live."

Lynch is very familiar with the school district she will serve, as her daughter graduated from Foley High and her son first attended Orange Beach Elementary School as a fifth grader the year it opened and was in one of the first classes to graduate from Gulf Shores High School. Her three grandchildren attend either Elberta Elementary or Orange Beach Elementary.

"It will be fun to see my grandchildren grow up and, hopefully, go all the way through high school here in Orange Beach," she said.

Before moving to Orange Beach, Lynch taught kindergarten and fifth grade, and worked at two different schools as an assistant principal in her native North Carolina. She was the community schools coordinator in Washington County, NC and was principal at York Elementary School in Raleigh, NC.

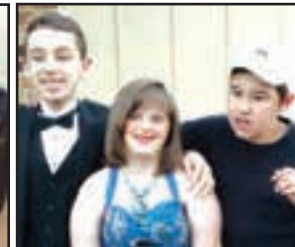
Lynch said that she is also excited that Orange Beach officials have made it no secret that they will be willing to provide supplemental funds to ensure its youngest citizens have the best possible chance of achieving academic excellence.

"Orange Beach has always been very generous and has continuously proved over and over that they are willing to go above what the state and the county are able to do," she said. "I'm excited about having a new middle school and high school. Now we need to make sure we go out and hire incredible principals."

Lynch said despite a passion for education that started when her first grade teacher (Miss Willingham) helped her fall in love with school, she probably would not have put her name on the ballot and mounted a campaign for the position.

"I don't think anybody enjoys running for office," she said. "So it was kind of nice to be able to put an application in and go for an interview."

She said that maybe it is because of her certification in language arts that she is passionate about implementing programs that will teach students learn to love reading. She said it is the heart of all formal education and developing early reading ability will give children major advantages throughout their school years. "If kids can learn at a young age to love reading they become life long learners," she said. "We want to start reading to children in pre-K and kindergarten and encourage them to read all the way through elementary school and high school. We want to make sure kids are reading."



### 300 volunteers needed for PBUMC's Feb. 9 Night to Shine Prom for people with special needs

Perdido Bay United Methodist Church is putting a call out for volunteers for its Tim Tebow Foundation Night To Shine Prom Friday, February 9, 2018. Night to Shine is an unforgettable prom night experience, centered on God's love, for people with special needs, ages 14 and older.

The worldwide movement is set to take place in all 50 states and 15 countries around the world. This is PBUMC's third time as one of more than 450 churches around the world that will host this amazing event.

This event requires at least 300 volunteers, and each of them must be trained," said coordinator Kristi McClellan. "It is overwhelming to see so many people gathered in one location, all giving of themselves, to help with this event at the training."

The volunteer training session will be held Jan. 23 from 6-7:30 p.m. at the PBUMC Community Center, located at 13660 Innerarity Pt Rd. in Pensacola. The Attire Try On Night is January 25 from 4-7 p.m.

"A unique aspect of PBUMC hosting this event is that we are able to utilize donations from our thrift store, the Redemption Store, to provide gowns, shoes, accessories, and suits to our guests," said McClellan. "On January 25, we convert our banquet room to a showroom and let our guests come and pick out complimentary attire for the event. We have seamstresses on hand to provide any alterations needed. It is magical and there are many Cinderella-moments that take place!"

For more volunteer or event info, contact McClellan at 251-716-4752, email kmcclellan-mph@gmail.com, visit pbumcns.com or go to facebook.

Every guest of Night to Shine receives the royal

treatment, including hair and makeup stations, shoe shining areas, limousine rides, corsages and boutonnieres.

Guests enter the building on a red carpet complete with a warm welcome from a friendly crowd and paparazzi. Once inside, guests enjoy a catered dinner, prom favors for each honored guest, all leading up to the moment when each guest is crowned king or queen of the prom.

"Best of all, each honored guest is crowned a king or queen of the prom," said Erik Dellenback, executive director of the Tim Tebow Foundation. "We continue to be amazed by how God has grown this event into a worldwide movement, celebrating people with special needs."

As sponsor of Night to Shine, the Tim Tebow Foundation has committed over \$3.5 million in financial support and manpower to hundreds of churches needing assistance in hosting the event.

When Night to Shine launched in 2015, 44 host churches and 15,000 volunteers worked together to honor more than 7,000 kings and queens of the prom. This past February, 375 host churches and 150,000 volunteers came together to celebrate 75,000 honored guests with special needs. Churches are signing up every day for Night to Shine 2018 and the event is expected to take place in over 500 locations in all 50 states and on 6 continents this coming February.

The Tim Tebow Foundation exists to bring Faith, Hope and Love to those needing a brighter day in their darkest hour of need. That mission is being fulfilled every day through the foundation's seven areas of outreach, including W15H, Timmy's Playrooms, Orphan Care, Adoption Aid, the Tebow CURE Hospital, Team Tebow and Night to Shine. For more info on the Tim Tebow Foundation, visit timtebowfoundation.org.



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## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### Sharks topic of Feb. 22 USA Lecture in G.S.

The University of South Alabama Gulf Coast Campus 2017-2018 Distinguished Lecture Series continues Feb. 22 when the topic will be Sharks! Dispelling Myths Through Research presented by Dr. Marcus Drymon, Mississippi State University, Coastal Research and Extension Center. 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-Lisa Shannon at 251-460-7200, email lsimon@southalabama.edu or visit usacontinuing.com. The USA Gulf Shores Campus is located at 19470 Oak Rd W. (County Rd. 6 West) in Gulf Shores, about a half-mile east of the Gulf Shores Sports Complex.

#### FUTURE LECTURES

- **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.



**CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S CONNECTION:** From left, Deb Cazalot, Patrick McGraw and Kimberly Jenkins participated in the recent South Baldwin Christian Women's Connection. The South Baldwin Christian Women's Connection meets monthly in Foley at the Gift Horse Restaurant for a buffet luncheon. No membership or dues are required. For more club info, email emuddconnelly@gmail.com or call Elizabeth at 251-943-7142.

### 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.
- **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, 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, cor-



### Taste of St. Peter's Jan. 27 in Bon Secour

Shrimp bisque, dishes from Tin Top & Bayou Cora Farms on menu

St. Peter's Episcopal Church, located at 6270 Bon Secour Hwy. (at the corner of Ct. Rds. 10 & 49) in Bon Secour, will host a Southern Gulf Coast Cooking event, the Taste of St. Peter's, on Saturday, Jan. 27 from 11 a.m. 'til 1 p.m. It is a wonderful opportunity for the larger community to gather and sample some true southern Gulf Coast cooking in the picturesque town of Bon Secour.

The menu features favorites such as the church's award winning shrimp bisque, oven roasted potatoes, deviled eggs, bread pudding, cole slaw, red beans & rice, tomato & sausage grits by Bayou Cora Farms, and the world famous Lima Beans w. Andouille Sausage from the Tin Top Restaurant.

All proceeds from the event will be used for the church's various outreach programs. Don't miss the bake sale with lots of homemade goodies. Admission is \$10 per person. For more info, call 251-949-6254.

"We look forward to once again seeing our winter guests," said Shannon Longcrier.


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# WHAT'S HAPPENING



## Midnight Confessions final gig at Nolan's is Jan. 27 Restaurant owners plan to re-open in a new location

Anyone with a desire to dance the night away one more time with Midnight Confession at Nolan's should make plans to do so soon. Nolan's owners Jill and Philip Harris posted on Facebook that Jan. 27 is the last night their Gulf Shores restaurant will be open at its current Sawgrass Landing location.

"Our shopping center property has recently sold and we are currently searching for a new location," said Philip Harris. "The new owners have exciting plans for the property and we wish them well."

"We have been honored and blessed with the finest patrons and staff anyone could ask for," Harris added.

"If you love listening to Midnight Confessions at Nolan's, now is the time to make a last visit to this particular building," posted Lauren Kay, the band's vocalist and guitarist. "Nolan's forever."

**Pictured:** The Midnight Confessions Band includes Alan Girdner, Jamie Walker, Lauren Kay, Silva Saxon and Eddie Parker.

## OBFD Ladies Auxiliary thanks Christmas project contributors

The Orange Beach Fire Dept. Ladies Auxiliary would like to thank everyone who contributed to our annual Christmas project for needy families a great success. The generous contributions and monetary donations that we received helped us to provide food, clothing and toys to 47 families including 98 children. We express our deepest appreciation to the Ono Men's Club, McElroy Salon; Ono Ladies Club; Vince & Jeanne Duffy; David Green; Danny Duke; Brett Robinson Employees; Brett Robinson Sales Team; Big Beach Brewing Company; Toys for Tots, Sam's Stop & Shop; Orange Beach Senior Center (Carolyn Vines) and Cynthia & William Innes.

Christmas Toys for Girls and Boys is an annual project of this organization and we are deeply grateful for the continued support of this community. The auxiliary is dedicated to serving the citizens of Orange Beach through both charitable and volunteer work. Best wishes to all for a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

- Linda Pacatte, President - Wilma Trent, Publicity Chair

ner of West 23rd Ave. and West 4th St. in Gulf Shores; 251-968-5991.

• **Bread Ministry:** 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.; Orange Beach United Methodist Church Brook's Center.

• **Food Bank:** 9 - 11 a.m. every Wednesday, Perdido Bay Baptist Church, 12600 Sorrento Rd. Pensacola; call for eligibility requirements at (850) 492-2604.

• **Gulf Shores Woman's Club:** 11 a.m.; Palmer Room at Craft Farms; all interested women invited to attend; 251-980-5722.

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

• **Gulf Shores Lions Club:** noon; 2nd & 4th Wednesday; noon; Gulf Shores Community House, 300 E. 16th Avenue; 251-968-2823.

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

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

## THU, 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.



## Rev. Carucci Jan. 24 speaker for Catholic Women's Group

By Sally McKinney

Rev. David Carucci, pastor of Our Lady of the Gulf Parish, will be the guest speaker at the January meeting of the Baldwin-Escambia Deanery Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women. Fr. Carucci will talk about and show relics of several American saints, as well as Padre Pio and St. Benedict.

The event will be held Wednesday, Jan. 24 at Christ the King Parish in Daphne. Registration and coffee begins at 8:45 a.m. in Assumption Hall, followed by the business meeting at 9:15. Mass will be celebrate at 11 a.m. in the church, followed by the luncheon at noon in the hall.

The cost for the luncheon is \$13. Reservations are necessary and should be made to local organization presidents no later than Monday, Jan. 15. For information contact Deanery President Teresa Rhodes, 251-928-7310.

• **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.

• **Ole River String Band:** 6:30; Original Point Restaurant, Pensacola.

• **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 Senior Cen-

ter; 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 19

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

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

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

• **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.

• **Ronnie Caldwell:** 7; The Office, Foley.

• **Strickly Isbell:** 6:30; Big Beach Brewery; Gulf Shores.

• **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.

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# WHAT'S HAPPENING



## GFWC South Baldwin Woman's Club meets Feb. 6 in Foley

### Women invited to wear red to learn about "living the volunteer spirit"

The GFWC South Baldwin Woman's Club will host a membership drive from 6-8 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 6 at Gelato Joe's Restaurant, located at 202-A Michigan Ave in Foley. Attendees are asked to wear red to support "Go Red For Women's Health Month."

The General Federation of Women's Clubs is an international women's organization dedicated to community improvement by enhancing the lives of others through volunteer service. Its motto is "Living the Volunteer Spirit."

The club meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. For more information, call president Marsha Andrews at 251-597-9120 or vice president Debby Hauble at 651-491-2082.

**Pictured:** Marsha Andrews, Pres. Shirley Looney, Kim Gordon, Gilda Green, Sec/Treasurer, Angela Richards and Debby Hauble, Vice-President. Angela Garner was absent from the picture.

## 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 it is 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. Committee members include Berni DeMent, Connie Conlon, Lou Monaghan and Nancy Matzl.

There will be food samples from local restaurants, beer & wine, & dancing to The Tommy Morse Band

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

## SAT, JAN 20

- **Flora-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.
- **Rat Pack & Motown w. James Proctor & Kathy Lyons:** 5; Franco's; Orange Beach.
- **The Defrosters:** 8 p.m.; Cocktails & Dreams, Foley.
- **Moderate Chops:** 9; The Office, Foley.
- **Live Karaoke in the Tiki Bar:** 6; Live Bait, Orange Beach.
- **Bo Grant (of the Platters):** 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **Sat. Nite Vibes w. Loaded Gunn, B2B, CXXNZY:** 9; The Club at Live Bait, Orange Beach.
- **John Brust:** 6; Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **Southern Star:** 6:30 p.m.; American Legion 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 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

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING



### Big Lagoon Kiwnians continue to Take Stock In Children

The Kiwanis Club of Big Lagoon recently presented a check for \$17,600 to the State of Florida's Take Stock in Children program. This check represents the 19th and 20th four-year scholarship provided by the club. Each scholarship is awarded to an Escambia County 6th grader. Recipients are assigned a mentor and when they graduate from high school with a good citizenship record and a college required GPA, their tuition and fees at any Florida state college are paid by TSIC. The state of Florida matches each Kiwanis Club of Big Lagoon donation.

"Kiwanians expended thousands of hours of rewarding work throughout the year, raising over \$30,000. It was the most successful ever thanks to the hard work and commitment by all," said president Dayre Lias. "Our efforts were so successful we are able to fund an additional four-year college scholarship in 2018 through Escambia Take Stock in Children."

**Pictured:** Dr Bob Kincaid, Florida Kiwanis District, Division 1 Lt. Gov. Sally Lee, Director, Escambia Take Stock in Children (TSIC); David Boerner, scholarship recipient and UWF junior; Dayre Lias, President, Kiwanis Club of Big Lagoon.

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.
- **Couples Sunday 2-Person Scramble:** Every Sun. at 2 p.m.; Glenlakes Golf Club, Foley, (251) 955-1220.
- **Coconut Radio:** 3; Sassy Bass Amazin' Grill; Ft. Morgan.
- **Lisa Christian:** 2 p.m.; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- **Johnny Mullen & Clay Conner:** 3; Big Beach Brewery; 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; 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 22

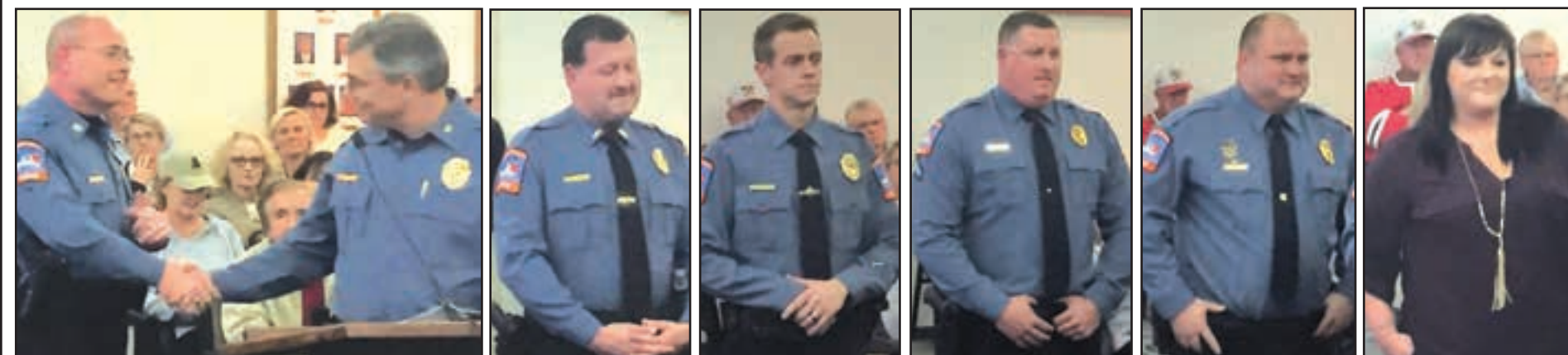
- **Flora-Bama Possible Probables:** 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
- **Flora-Bama Bingo:** free; 1-4 p.m.; great prizes, family friendly; 17401 Perdido Key Dr., Perdido Key.
- **Snowbird Listings:** Snowbird oriented events on pages 52 to 61.
- **Trivia Night:** 7; Big Beach Brewery; Gulf Shores.
- **Brent Burns:** 5; LuLu's at Homeport Marina, Gulf Shores.
- **Frankie G. & LeAnn Creswell:** 6:30;

Franco's Italian Restaurant; Orange Beach.

- **Danny Grady:** 3:30-5:30 p.m.; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 8; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **Alabama Lightning:** 6:30; Flippers, Orange Beach.
- **Open Mixed Doubles Tennis:** 7:30 a.m.; all levels welcome; Gulf Shores Tennis Center; corner of West 19th Ave. and West 2nd St.
- **Bingo:** 6; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- **8 Ball League:** 7:30; The Office, Foley.
- **Overeaters Anonymous:** 6; Holy Spirit Episcopal Church; Gulf Shores, 616 Ft. Morgan Rd.; 251-709-5907.
- **Celebrate Recovery:** (Christ centered 12 step program); Monday evenings at 6 p.m.; Christian Life Church in Orange Beach; 251-967-4840.
- **T.O.P.S. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly):** weigh-in 5:30; meeting 6; First Presbyterian Church of Foley; (Berry & Highway 59).
- **Alcoholics Anonymous:** noon; Perdido



**REMAX GULF SHORES RAISES \$25K FOR CHILDREN'S MIRACLE NETWORK:** RE/MAX of Gulf Shores had the privilege to present the Children's Miracle Network and USA Women's & Children's Hospital with a check for \$25,000 to help them continue the incredible work they do for the children in our area. "We were treated to a tour of the Children's Hospital and got to see what a wonderful place it is. And even better, the wonderful people who provide for the families there! We are so happy that we can help support the great work they do," said Ashley Davidson, culture & marketing director. **Pictured:** Warren Greene, Sherry Orton, Scotty Roberson, Domini Corcoran, Kim Thompson-Yates, Ashley Davidson, Mackenzie Justice, Dennis Corcoran, Ticer Wilson, and Chris Jett.



**ORANGE BEACH POLICE DEPT. PROMOTIONS INCLUDE ASSISTANT CHIEF STEVE BROWN:** Orange Beach Police Chief Joe Fierro announced the police department's latest promotions during the Jan. 4 City Council meeting. Lt. Steve Brown, a 22-year-plus veteran of the police department, was promoted to Assistant Chief. Many other advancements were announced Jan. 4 because of the promotion of Assistant Chief Brown, along with retirements and the death of Sgt. Travis Coleman, who suffered a medical emergency in March 2017. The following officers were promoted in December: Sgt. Carl Bradley was promoted to lieutenant of the Investigative Division; Investigator Trent Johnson was promoted to sergeant of the Investigative Division; Cpl. Bailey Mahler was promoted to sergeant of the Patrol Division; Officer Nathan Cain was promoted to corporal of the Patrol Division; Dispatcher Julie Bonifay was promoted to Communications Supervisor, following the retirement of Osa Brown who had served in that position for over 22 years; Officer Joey Brown was promoted to corporal within the Support Services Division. Chief Fierro said all of the individuals who were promoted have rose through the ranks and earned their positions. "Cumulatively," Fierro said, "they represent decades of experience, not only within law enforcement but in service to the Orange Beach community."

**Pictured:** (L to R) Orange Beach Asst. Police Chief Steve Brown, left, is congratulated on his promotion by Chief Joe Fierro; Lt. Carl Bradley; Sgt. Trent Johnson; Cpl. Nathan Cain; Cpl. Joey Brown; Communications Supervisor Julie Bonifay.



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Bay UMC Activities Center, 13660 Innerarity Pt. Rd.; 850-492-3056 or 492-6362.  
**• Alcoholics Anonymous and Alanon:** Holy Spirit Episcopal Church in Gulf Shores at noon; Alanon at Orange Beach Presbyterian Church in Orange Beach at 7 p.m.; 800-477-1104.  
**• Ladies AA:** 10 a.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Activities Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.  
**• AA:** Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

### TUE, JAN 23

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

prizes, family friendly; 17401 Perdido Key Dr., Perdido Key.  
**• Snowbird Listings:** Snowbird oriented events on pages 52 to 61.  
**• Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 8; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.  
**• Frankie G. On Piano:** 6:30; Franco's Italian Restaurant; Orange Beach.  
**• Karaoke:** 5:30; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.  
**• Karaoke:** 5; Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5659; Elberta.  
**• Open Mic Karaoke:** 5; American Legion Post 99; Fairhope.  
**• Buzz Kiefer:** 6; The Purple Parrot; Perdido Key.  
**• JW Karaoke:** 6; Hub Stacy's At The Point, Innerarity Point.  
**• Bowling Tourney:** 7; Snapper's; Orange Beach.

**• NAPA Pool League:** 7:30; The Office, Foley.  
**• Coastal Photography Club:** 6:30 p.m.; Foley Senior Center (304 East Rose Ave.).  
**• Bingo:** 10 to 2; Gulf Coast Elks Lodge 2782, Foley; 251-971-2782.  
**• South Baldwin Republican Women:** Gift Horse Rest., 11:30 a.m.; 4th Tuesday of Every Month, public invited, Info: 251-978-6178.  
**• GriefShare Support Group:** For men and women; 6-8 p.m.; Point Church, 13801 Innerarity Point Rd. Info: Shirley Johnson, 601-278-6973.  
**• Orange Beach City Council Meeting:** 5 p.m.; City Hall; 980-INFO.  
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**• Overcomers Outreach:** 7 p.m.; First Baptist Church of Orange Beach; 980-1705.  
**• Gulf Shores Kiwanis Club:** Palmer Dining Room at Craft Farms; noon; new members and guests always welcome; 251-981-9999.  
**• Kiwanis Club of Big Lagoon:** Breakfast meeting each Tuesday at 7:30 a.m.; speaker first three Tuesdays and a business meeting the fourth Tuesday; Per-

dido Bay UMC Activities Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Road, Pensacola, 262-749-4241.  
**• Kiwanis Club of Foley:** Noon on Tuesdays at Ryan's in Foley; 251-968-6288.  
**• AA:** Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.  
**• Al-Anon:** Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Activities Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

### WED, JAN 24

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



Winston McQuitery used 109 photos shot at 30 second exposures each combined into one photo to shoot these pics, which he titled "Starry Night on Bon Secour Bay" and "Star gazing at Alabama Point." Winston said it took about an hour to shoot them all. (More Pictures of Week on pages 58-61.)



### City Rhythm Big Band in Loxley Feb. 17

The City Rhythm Big Band has scheduled a dance on Saturday, Feb. 17 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 March 17, April 21 and May 12.

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# WHAT'S HAPPENING



## Expansion allows Foley Sports Tourism to add volleyball & basketball events to 2018 calendar

Foley Sports Tourism is excited for all that 2018 has to offer. This will be the first full year both the 16 sports fields and 90,000-square-foot event center will be in use. A number of different sports have been booked for the complex from the tried and true soccer events like the Sun Belt Women's Soccer Championships and the Alabama Soccer Association State Cup to the first time sports to the facility like volleyball and basketball.

One of those returning events is the Hoyt Archery Pro/Am that will be back in Foley for the third year in a row from February 21-25. A stop on the Archer Shooters Association tour, the event continues to garner close to 2,000 archers ranging in ages and skill levels. The public should mark their calendars for Saturday February 24 at 5 p.m. The event will have the final rounds at the Foley Sports Tourism Complex Championship Stadium to decide who takes home some hefty prize money.

The Bounders Beach Bash gymnastics event will return for a second year September 7-9. Youth gymnasts at a range of levels will compete. The inaugural event drew about 500 participants and is expected to grow it as it becomes a staple of the FST calendar.

Another staple of the calendar the public can expect to see is a November full of soccer. With contract extensions on both the Sun Belt Women's Soccer Championships and the Alabama Soccer Association State Cup, November is expected to be a month will full soccer fields. Joining those events in 2018 is the NJCAA Women's Soccer Championships packing soccer into the schedule almost every weekend.

But the tried and true events will be complemented by new events like a range of volleyball tournaments throughout the spring and basketball events beginning in May. While the calendar features numerous events, Director of Recreation and Sports David Thompson said the complex does not plan on resting on its laurels.

"We are always looking at creating new relationships with different tournament organizers," Thompson said. "While we see this calendar as a strong jumping off point, we want to continue to expand and book more events to bring new and exciting sports experiences to our city."

Keep up to date on the FST calendar and all its events by visiting [FoleySportsTourism.com/events](http://FoleySportsTourism.com/events)

### Foley Sports Tourism 2018 Calendar

#### January

- 13-14: Hall of Fame Volleyball Classic (Foley Event Center)
- 18-19: AHSAA Regional Bowling Championships (Gulf Bowl)
- 20-21: Lower Alabama Volleyball Invitational
- 26-28: Southeast Winter Indoor Soccer Games (Foley Event Center)

#### February

- 3-4: Pleasure Island Storm Volleyball Invitational (Foley Event Center)
- 8-10: Alabama Cornhole Cup (Foley Event Center)
- 10-11: Snap Soccer Playdate (FSTC Fields)
- 16-17: 16th Annual Southern Shootout Soccer Tournament
- 17-18: Gulf Coast Classic Volleyball Tournament (Foley Event Center)
- 21-25: Hoyt Archery Alabama Pro/Am (Graham Creek Nature Preserve)
- 24-25: Valentine Classic Volleyball (Foley Event Center)

#### March

- 2-4: Snap Soccer Beach Shootout Girls Weekend (FSTC Fields)
- 9-11: Snap Soccer Beach Shootout Boys Weekend (FSTC Fields)
- 24-25: Spring Fling Volleyball Tournament (Foley Event Center)
- 26-27: GlenLakes Spring Invitational (GlenLakes Golf Club)

#### April

- 5-8: Southern Coast Cup Soccer Tournament (FSTC Fields)
- 7-8: Battle of the Bay Volleyball Tournament (Foley Event Center)
- 14-15: Gulf Coast Invitational Soccer Tournament (FSTC Fields)
- 21-22: AAU Storm Volleyball Tournament (Foley Event Center)

#### May

- 11-13: Mother's Day Basketball Tournament (Foley Event Center)
- 19-24: NJCAA Men's D2 Golf Championship (GlenLakes Golf Club)
- 26-27: AAU Youth Basketball Tournament (Foley Event Center)
- 26-28: Snap Soccer Memorial Showdown (FSTC Fields)
- 30: Alabama State Men's Golf Qualifier (GlenLakes Golf Club)

#### June

- 6-7: Foley Beach Express Lacrosse Clinic (FSTC Fields)
- 9-10: Foley Beach Express Lacrosse Blast (FSTC Fields)
- 24-27: Varsity Cheer Camp (Foley Event Center)
- 28-30: Foley High School 7v7 Football Tournament (FSTC Fields)

#### July

- 20-22: NCAA Certified Basketball Invitational (Foley Event Center)
- 20-22: Midsummer Meltdown Disc Golf Tournament (Graham Creek Nature Preserve)
- 24-26: Alabama Golf Association Boys Golf Championships (GlenLakes)

#### September

- 6-9: Bounders Beach Bash Gymnastics Meet (Foley Event Center)
- 8-9: Publix Super Cup Soccer Tournament Girls Weekend (FSTC Fields)
- 15-16: Publix Super Cup Soccer Tournament Boys Weekend

#### November

- Oct 31- Nov 4: Sun Belt Conference Women's Soccer Championship
- 2-4: Alabama Soccer Association State Cup (FSTC Fields)
- 12-18: NJCAA Women's Soccer National Championships (FSTC Fields)

events on pages 52 to 61.

- **Open Mic:** 5:30; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- **John Lee Sanders:** 6; Voyagers Restaurant at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **Snowbird Dinner Dance w. Ron, Burt & Marvin:** 6-9 p.m.; The Cove Restaurant & Grill; Gulf Shores.
- **Frankie G. On Piano:** 6:30; Franco's Italian Restaurant; Orange Beach.
- **John Brust:** 6; The Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **Lisa Zanghi & Scott Koehn:** 6:30; Flippers, Orange Beach.
- **Shaggy J & The Coastal Vibrations:** 6; The Purple Parrot; Perdido Key.
- **Karaoke:** 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke:** 6; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- **John Joiner & Friends:** 7; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
- **Danny Grady:** 3:30-5:30 p.m.; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 8; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **Karaoke:** 9; The Office, Foley.
- **Big Beach Running Club:** 5:30 p.m.; Big Beach Brewery in Gulf Shores; all levels welcome.
- **Family Night Dinner & Activities:** 5:45 p.m.; Saint Andrew by the Sea, 17263 Fort Morgan Rd., Gulf Shores; 678-361-2762.
- **Open Mixed Doubles Tennis:** 7:30 a.m.; all levels welcome; Gulf Shores Tennis Center; corner of West 19th Ave. and West 2nd St.
- **Veteran's Bingo:** 10 a.m. -2 p.m.; American Legion Post 99, Foley.
- **Grief Support Group:** 10 a.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Activities Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola; 850-492-2135
- **Food Bank:** 9-11 a.m. every Wednesday, Perdido Bay Baptist Church, 12600 Sorrento Rd. Pensacola; call for eligibility requirements at (850) 492-2604.
- **Bread Ministry:** 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.; Orange Beach United Methodist Church Brook's Center.
- **Food Ministry For Hungry Families:** noon-1 p.m.; Grace Lutheran Church, corner of West 23rd Ave. and West 4th St. in Gulf Shores; 251-968-5991.
- **Perdido Key Rotary Club:** 7:30 a.m.; every Wednesday at Triggers. 850.492.8335.
- **Storytime at Pensacola Southwest Branch Library:** free; infant to 5; 10:30-11; 12238 Old Gulf Beach Hwy; (850)453-7780.
- **Gulf Shores Lions Club:** noon; 2nd & 4th Wednesday; noon; Gulf Shores Community House, 300 E. 16th Avenue; 251-968-2823.

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 Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Mix cake mix and oats; stir in egg and melted butter. Shape mixture into 1-in. balls. Press dough onto bottom and up sides of greased mini-muffin cups. Bake just until set, 8-10 min. Cool slightly before removing to wire racks; cool completely. Top each with about 1 tsp. frosting. If desired, top with pecans or drizzle with melted chocolate. Makes about 3 doz.  
**Enjoy!**

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

#### THU, JAN 25

- **Flora-Bama Possible Probables:** 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
- **Flora-Bama Bingo:** free; 1-4 p.m.; great prizes, family friendly; 17401 Perdido Key Dr., Perdido Key.
- **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.
- **John Lee Sanders:** 6; Voyagers Restaurant at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **John Brust:** 6; Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **Alabama Lightning:** 6:30; Flippers, Orange Beach.
- **Ole River String Band:** 6:30; Original Point Restaurant, Pensacola.
- **Karaoke:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- **Karaoke:** 8; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.
- **Rick Whaley & Tommy Mazullo:** 6; The Purple Parrot; Perdido Key.
- **Karaoke:** 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 8; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **8 Ball APA:** 7:30; The Office, Foley.
- **Bingo:** 10 a.m.; American Legion Post 44, 6781 Gulf Shores Pkwy (AL Hwy 59), Gulf Shores.
- **Marine Corps League of South Baldwin County:** 6 p.m. on 4th Thursday; The Gulf Bowl, 2881 S. Jupiter St., Foley; current and former Marines and Corpsman welcome.
- **Rotary Club of Gulf Shores/Orange Beach:** noon; Gulf Shores Golf Club; visiting Rotarians and guests invited.
- **Gulf Shores United Methodist Church Bread Ministry:** 9-10; every Thursday; room 103 on the south campus, next to Crossroad; 251 968-2411.
- **South Alabama Senior Travelers:** 9 a.m.; Foley Senior Center; visitors welcome; 251-928-4494.
- **South Baldwin Amateur Radio Club:** 7 p.m. 4th Thurs. of every month; Baldwin County Emergency Operations Center, McAuliffe Rd., Robertsdale; 251-943-2953.
- **Bingo:** Bear Point Civic Association on Bay La Launch Rd. in Orange Beach; doors open at 6:30 p.m., games at 7 p.m.; hotdogs, drinks and snacks available; all invited; 981-5734.
- **Orange Beach Bridge Club:** Tue. & 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., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

#### FRI, JAN 26

- **19th Annual Cougar Chili Cook-Off:** 5-7 p.m.; Escambia Christian School Gy, 3311 West Moreno Street, Pensacola, 433-8476
- **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.
- **Rex:** 7; The Office, Foley.
- **Rat Pack & Motown w/ James Proctor & Kathy Lyons:** 5; Franco's; Orange Beach.
- **My Girl; My Whiskey & Me:** 6:30; Big Beach Brewery; Gulf Shores.
- **Live Karaoke in the Tiki Bar:** 6; Live Bait, Orange Beach.
- **Strickly Isbell:** 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.

- **John Lee Sanders:** 6; Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke w/ John Henry:** 5:30; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- **Rhonda Hart & Friends:** 6; The Purple Parrot; Perdido Key.
- **Karaoke:** 8; Snapper's; Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke:** 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- **Open Jam:** 8; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.
- **DJ-Karaoke:** 9; The Jellyfish, Perdido Key.
- **Terry Causey:** 7; Flippers, Orange Beach.
- **Open Mixed Doubles Tennis:** 7:30 a.m.; all levels welcome; Gulf Shores Tennis Center; corner of West 19th Ave. and West 2nd St.
- **Bingo:** 5:30; Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5659; Elberta.
- **Alcoholics Anonymous:** noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center; 13660 Innerarity Pt. Rd.; 850-492-3056 or 492-6362.

#### SAT, JAN 27

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#### OPTIMIST CLUB OF PERDIDO BAY WILL AWARD SCHOLARSHIPS:

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**Pictured:** The Optimist Club of Perdido Bay awarded four \$1,000 scholarships in 2017 to Lillian/Elberta high school seniors. From left are Frank Badners, Elizabeth Trattles, OCPB Scholarship Chairman Jim Shepherd and Andrew Trattles. Not pictured is Katie Pfeiffer. The deadline for submitting applications is February 28, 2018.

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- **Flora-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.
- **2018 Reese's Senior Bowl:** 1:30; Ladd-Peebles Stadium; Mobile.
- **The Defrosters:** 8 p.m.; Bama Bud's Lounge, Foley.
- **Tony Ray Thompson with Palmetto Drive:** 9; The Office, Foley.
- **Live Karaoke in the Tiki Bar:** 6; Live Bait, Orange Beach.
- **Edward David Anderson:** 6:30; Big Beach Brewery; Gulf Shores.
- **Rat Pack & Motown w. James Proctor & Kathy Lyons:** 5; Franco's; Orange Beach.
- **Sat. Nite Vibes w. Loaded Gunn, B2B, CXXNZY:** 9; The Club at Live Bait, Orange Beach.
- **Matt Slowick:** 6:30 p.m.; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- **Henry Burt:** 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **Karaoke By Kelly:** 9; Island Time Daquari Bar, The Wharf, Orange Beach.
- **Flip Flop Mafia:** 7; Flippers, Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke:** 8; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.
- **DJ-Karaoke:** 9; The Jellyfish, Perdido Key.
- **Open Jam:** 8, American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.
- **Karaoke:** 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- **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



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### Randy Albright will perform Feb. 18 at St. Thomas By Sea

A Musical Celebration of Life will feature singer-songwriter Randy Albright (pictured) at 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 18 at St. Thomas by-the-Sea Catholic Church, Orange Beach. Light refreshments will be served after the performance. Proceeds will benefit Good Counsel Mary's Shelter Gulf Coast, a home for homeless pregnant women who choose life for their unborn child. Tickets are \$15 and must be purchased in advance. They are available at St. Thomas by the Sea and The Island Church in Orange Beach; Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church, Gulf Shores; St. Margaret Catholic Church, Foley, or by calling Jeanne Franz, 251-968-5268 or franz4323@ya.hoo.com.

His performance of favorite spirituals songs and dialogue is sure to touch the heart of each listener. Hear Randy's pro-life story as he sings his way into your heart and leaves you with a deeper understanding and greater appreciation for innocent life, living in a mother's womb and beyond with hope, forgiveness and healing. Audiences of all ages have joyfully come away with a renewed spirit.



**TEAM SPIRIT:** Gulf Shores Elementary sixth grade helpers have team spirit! **Pictured:** Alex Rippey, Bodie Whatley and Caden Ford are much-loved Kindergarten and first grade teacher helpers.



### 26th AL Lifestyles Expo Feb. 8 at Caribe Resort

The 26th Annual Alabama Lifestyles EXPO is scheduled on Thursday, Feb. 8 at Caribe The Resort in Orange Beach. Hours are from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. A free public event, the Expo attracts Snowbird visitors and locals who wish to learn more about what Alabama has to offer in a spacious and beautiful setting. The expo offers covered onsite parking and easy access drop off points at three expo entrances. In addition to door prizes and numerous giveaways, \$100 will be awarded at 2 p.m., and you need not be present to win.

Exhibitors represent companies that provide products and services that make trips to the Gulf Coast more enjoyable. The EXPO is most popular with Snowbirds, but it offers something of interest for all ages.

The emphasis is on the great amenities available in Alabama and the Gulf Coast. The EXPO is popular with seniors, but it offers something of interest for all ages as well as free professional services, free consultations, free tickets, free food samples, giveaways and games of chance.

More than 70 exhibitors will provide information about community living and quality of life programs for people over 50. Expect hands-on-exhibits and lots of ideas about things to do and see locally and places to visit throughout Alabama.

As an added value for the vendors, exhibitors can market their website through Alabama Snowbird and Alabama Advantage free for the next 10 months. To register or for more exhibitor or expo info, call event coordinator Bill Meadows at 205-222-2862, visit AlabamaAdvantage.com or email info@AlabamaAdvantage.com.

**Pictured:** Revs. Jim and Donna Mullis of Pleasure Island Unity Church welcome snowbirds during the 2017 Lifesstyles Expo. Unity Services are held every Sunday morning at 9:45 a.m. at The Royal Oyster in Gulf Shores.

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

### SUN, JAN 28

• **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, three blocks from beach in Gulf Shores.  
• **Flora-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.  
• **Customer Appreciation Night:** 6; Free food; 1st drink free; 25% off gift shop; Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.  
• **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.  
• **Coconut Radio:** 3; Sassy Bass Amazin' Grill; Ft. Morgan.

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**GSMS ART CONTEST WINNERS:** Congratulations to the three Gulf Shores Middle School art students who placed in the First Annual Wharf Coastal Christmas Art Contest! Their art was a portrayal of what Christmas on the Coast means to them. All of the art was on display for the Jingle Jubilee- Kids Craft Day at the Wharf. **Pictured:** 1st place- Fernanda Larenas, 2nd place- Madison Rosado and 3rd place- Olivia Annan.

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### Assessment of Lagoon fisheries topic of Jan. 18 open meeting

Craig Newton, a biologist with Alabama Department of Conservation, will present an assessment of the Little Lagoon Fisheries at the Little Lagoon Preservation Society meeting on Thursday, Jan. 18 at 5:30 p.m. Gulf Shores Activity Center, located at 260 Clubhouse Dr. The first half hour of the meeting provides an opportunity to meet, mingle and enjoy refreshments. The program begins at 6 p.m., and will include a question-and-answer period.

LLPS members and guests are invited to learn the latest assessment of shrimp, fish, and crab populations and trends in Little Lagoon.

During the past several years, anglers have reported lower catches of popular species such as blue crab and flounder compared to prior years in Little Lagoon. Anglers have attributed the lower catches to everything from poor maintenance of Lagoon Pass, overfishing, and a weir between Lake Shelby and Little Lagoon.

Fishery-independent and fishery-dependent data collected in Little Lagoon were analyzed to evaluate trends in Catch Per Unit Effort, distribution of sizes, and patterns in abundance. Review of the data indicates a steady reduction in blue crab abundance beginning in the late 1980s and a reduction in the CPUE of flounder. Numerous factors are likely attributed to the observed declines, but identifying the most significant source of the declining fisheries is problematic.

Other Agenda Items: Little Lagoon Pass Update; Oyster Gardening Update; Committee Activity Update; Election of new Board member.

- **Destiny Brown:** 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **Rat Pack & Motown w. James Proctor & Kathy Lyons:** 5; Franco's; Orange Beach.
- **John Lee Sanders:** 6; Voyagers at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **Scott Koehn:** 5:30; Flippers, Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke:** 5; Monthly Birthday Potluck; American Legion Post 99, Foley.
- **Gary Story:** 5; The Purple Parrot; Perdido Key.
- **John Joiner & Friends:** 4; Hub Stacey's at the Point; Innerarity Point.
- **Blind Draw Dart Tournament:** 5; American Legion Post 99, Foley.
- **9 Ball APA:** 6; The Office, Foley.

### MON, JAN 29

- **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.
- **Brent Burns:** 5; LuLu's at Homeport Marina, Gulf Shores.
- **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 8; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **Alabama Lightning:** 6:30; Flippers, Orange Beach.
- **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.
- **Overeaters Anonymous:** 6; Holy Spirit Episcopal Church; Gulf Shores, 616 Ft. Morgan Rd.; 251-709-5907.
- **Celebrate Recovery:** (Christ centered 12 step program); Monday evenings at 6 p.m.; Christian Life Church in Orange Beach; 251-967-4840.
- **T.O.P.S. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly):** weigh-in 5:30; meeting 6; First Presbyterian Church of Foley; (Berry & Highway 59).

- **Alcoholics Anonymous:** noon; Perdido Bay UMC Activities Center; 13660 Innerarity Pt. Rd.; 850-492-3056 or 492-6362.
- **Alcoholics Anonymous and Alanon:** Holy Spirit Episcopal Church in Gulf Shores at noon; Alanon at Orange Beach Presbyterian Church in Orange Beach at 7 p.m.; 800-477-1104.
- **Ladies AA:** 10 a.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Activities Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
- **AA:** Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

### TUE, JAN 30

- **Flora-Bama Possible Probables:** 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
- **Flora-Bama Bingo:** 1-4 p.m.; Flora-Bama Lounge Tent Stage; Perdido Key.
- **Snowbird Listings:** Snowbird oriented events on pages 52 to 61.
- **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 8; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.

- **Frankie G On Piano:** 6:30; Franco's Italian Restaurant; Orange Beach.
- **Open Mic Karaoke:** 5; American Legion Post 99; Fairhope.
- **Buzz Kiefer:** 6; The Purple Parrot, Perdido Key.
- **Karaoke:** 5; Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5659; Elberta.
- **Lisa Zanghi, Doug Habbena, Scott Koehn:** 6:30; Flippers, Orange Beach.
- **JW Karaoke:** 6; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
- **Bingo:** 10 to 2; Gulf Coast Elks Lodge 2782, Foley; 251-971-2782.
- **Bowling Tourney:** 7; Snapper's; Orange Beach.
- **NAPA Pool League:** 7:30; The Office, Foley.
- **Foley Lions Club:** noon; Wolf Bay Lodge; 987-5471.
- **GriefShare Support Group:** For men and women; 6-8 p.m.; Point Church, 13801 Innerarity Point Rd. Info: Shirley Johnson, 601-278-6973.
- **Southwest Branch Library Children's**

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### ON THE WILD SIDE... W. THE ORANGE BEACH WILDLIFE CENTER STAFF

By Wade Stevens

City of Orange Beach Coastal Operations Manager

The City of Orange Beach believes strongly in the promotion and protection of our natural resources alongside the responsible development of our community and its tourism base. One of the many ways this is demonstrated is through the operation of our Wildlife Management Program. This program consists of several different elements: public education, habitat management, wildlife rehabilitation, and nuisance mitigation. Public education is first and foremost for good reason. The vast majority of the remaining three elements can be reduced or eliminated with consistent and effective education.



People and wildlife interact every day in our country, and our area is no exception. The interactions can be both positive and negative for those involved. Taking a look at how we influence and impact these events as well sharing the stories of our local wildlife and explore both the good and bad about wildlife and people.

Throughout this coming year, we hope you will all get something positive from each article or story and we look forward to your feedback along the way.

In the conservation of natural resources systems, wildlife rescue, rehabilitation (rehab), and conflict stories are considered especially interesting. In the City of Orange Beach, the dedicated staff who handle these critical tasks are members of an elite squad known as the Coastal Resources Department. These are their stories. Dun Dun! A little "Law and Order" humor for those that recognized it, but I digress.

This program is a division of the City of Orange Beach - Coastal Resources Department, which is tasked with many different roles in the community, including the management of our beaches, dunes, shoreline, islands, forest lands, recreational trails, and much more. We are the eyes, ears, and, in many cases, the hands and feet of the state and federal agencies that we work with closely to monitor and manage these environmentally sensitive resources. One of the most important of these resources is our diverse and abundant wildlife.

A quick introduction: these columns will be developed and written by Wade Stevens - Coastal Operations Manager, Melissa Vinson - Coastal Programs Coordinator, and several of our committed volunteers and interns.

Stay tuned for our first column next month and feel free to contact us with any questions or suggestions about wildlife topics you would like to see included in a future column. Email [wstevens@cityoforangebeach.com](mailto:wstevens@cityoforangebeach.com) or call 251-923-4912 or 251-747-5510.

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• **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.; pre-school; 981-2923.

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

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

### WED, JAN 31

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

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Key Dr., Perdido Key.

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

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

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

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

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

• **Snowbird Dinner Dance w. Ron, Burt & Marvin:** 6-9 p.m.; The Cove Restaurant & Grill; Gulf Shores.

• **Lisa Zanghi & Scott Koehn:** 6:30; Flip-pers, Orange Beach.

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

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

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

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

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### WHAT'S BITING

BY DAVID RAINER

#### Keep a close watch on rod guides

When you're fighting a nice fish, sometimes the fish wins and gets away. If the hook pulls, you can lament that maybe you didn't get a good hookset, but sometimes it just happens.

Sometimes the fish puts more stress on your fishing line than it can handle and the line breaks, or the fish pulls you into barnacle-encrusted structure and cuts you off.

Those are the situations that usually disappear from memory after a short time. Losing a big fish to flawed equipment, however, tends to never be forgotten.



Like the time I hooked a huge tarpon. The silver king made several grand jumps to try to dislodge the hook to no avail. After becoming too tired to jump, the fish headed to the bottom to continue the fight.

That usually means the angler's odds of landing the fish have increased greatly. However, as every angler knows, the fish isn't caught unless it's in the boat or alongside the

boat to retrieve the hook from the fish's mouth.

About a half-hour into the fight against the big tarpon, my arms began to ache, but that was not my main concern. I noticed the line appeared to be frayed just a bit as I pumped the rod to gain an advantage on the fish.

Then the worst scenario for a fisherman happened. The rod tip went straight as the line went slack. Although the fish had almost given up the fight, the frayed line couldn't handle the pressure. The big tarpon was gone and I was exhausted and extremely disappointed.

When I told the boat captain to check the line, he discovered that one of the ceramic line guides had developed a crack, and it was nicking the line each time it touched the crack. Finally, the damage to the line was too severe. That rod was taken out of service, but we never got another big bite that day. That incident is why I check my line regularly for fraying and my rod guides for cracks or chips.

One of the best ways to check for flaws in the rod guides is to use some kind of fine material that will snag on the imperfections when run through the guides.

Ask your wife or significant other for a pair of old pantyhose and cut off one leg. Take that hose and run it through the line guides. If there are any imperfections, the hose material will snag. For the guide tip, you will probably have to cut a smaller piece of the hose to get it through the guide, but that guide tip is the one that gets damaged the most often.

If you find a flaw, take that rod out of service until you can repair it yourself or take it to one of the numerous bait shop/tackle stores on the Alabama Gulf Coast to get it repaired professionally.

Trust me, you won't be sorry you have perfect rod guides the next time you have a big fish on the end of the line.

**Pictured:** Use old pantyhose to test your rod guides for cracks or damage.

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



#### Sirens View From The Top Condo Tour slated Feb. 24

The Sirens of the Sea Mardi Gras krewe will present its 10th Annual Condo Tour, "A View from the Top" on Saturday, February 24 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. It is a fun filled day for both locals and visitors. Enjoy traveling along the Gulf Coast beach road and backwaters visiting the various waterfront views that Gulf Shores and Orange Beach have to offer from five elegant condos.

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The Sirens of the Sea use the proceeds from this fundraiser to support their selected local charities including Gulf Shores High School Scholarship Fund, and CARE HOUSE (Baldwin County Child Advocacy Center), and their annual Mardi Gras activities. For more information, contact Melissa McClure, 502-494-2524 or Gilda Green, 985-290-1111.

**Pictured:** Jennifer McEvoy, VP, Ways and Means, and Angela Martin, President/Queen.

- **Karaoke:** 9; The Office, Foley.
- **Big Beach Running Club:** 5:30 p.m.; Big Beach Brewery in Gulf Shores; all levels welcome.
- **Family Night Dinner & Activities:** 5:45 p.m.; Saint Andrew by the Sea, 17263 Fort Morgan Rd., Gulf Shores; 678-361-2762.
- **Open Mixed Doubles Tennis:** 7:30 a.m.; all levels welcome; Gulf Shores Tennis Center; corner of West 19th Ave. and West 2nd St.
- **Veteran's Bingo:** 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.; American Legion Post 99, Foley.
- **Grief Support Group:** 10 a.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Activities Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola; 850-492-2135
- **Food Bank:** 9-11 a.m. every Wednesday, Perdido Bay Baptist Church, 12600 Sorrento Rd. Pensacola; call for eligibility requirements at (850) 492-2604.
- **Bread Ministry:** 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.; Orange Beach United Methodist Church Brook's Center.
- **Food Ministry For Hungry Families:** noon-1 p.m.; Grace Lutheran Church, corner of West 23rd Ave. and West 4th St. in Gulf Shores; 251-968-5991.
- **Perdido Key Rotary Club:** 7:30 a.m.; every Wednesday at Triggers.

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

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- **Flora-Bama Bingo:** 1-4 p.m.; Flora-Bama Lounge Tent Stage; Perdido Key.
- **Snowbird Listings:** Snowbird oriented events on pages 52 to 61.
- **LeAnn Creswell & Lisa Zanghi:** 6:30; Franco's Italian Restaurant; Orange Beach.
- **Open Mic:** 7; Snapper's; Orange Beach.
- **Ole River String Band:** 6:30; Original Point Restaurant, Pensacola.
- **Alabama Lightning:** 6:30; Flippers, Orange Beach.
- **John Lee Sanders:** 6; Voyagers Restaurant at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange



#### G.S. Woman's Club Tour of Homes is Feb. 17

The Gulf Shores Woman's Club Tour of Homes, scheduled for February 17 will feature five residences that represent life on the Gulf Coast. Homes may be toured from 9:30 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Two homes located off Fort Morgan Road will show the beach inspired style that is typical our coastal area. The Peninsula home is an example of gracious neighborhood living. The Orange Beach, which overlooks Wolf Bay, offers a breathtaking view prominent throughout the comfortable living areas of this residence. A home full of treasurers and trophies will be offered in Craft Farms. Each of the homes is unique in style and décor, and guests of the tour should be able to find a style and ideas that they would like to adapt in the own homes.

Tickets for the tour are \$20 with proceeds benefiting the Gulf Shores Woman's Club scholarship program. Tickets are available at Coastal Flowers & Design, Jubilee Apparel & Gifts and Beach House Boutique in Gulf Shores, Wildflowers Boutique in Orange Beach, and Fran's on 59 in Foley.

Local business who are home tour sponsors include Ginny Lane, Villaggio Grille and Wildflowers Boutique in Orange Beach, Remax Kevin Corcoran Team, Coastal Flowers & Design and Jubilee Apparel & Gifts in Gulf Shores and Fran's on 59 in Foley. For additional information call Tour of Homes Co-Chairs Marianne Hawkins 251-967-3212 or Karen Brown 251-233-3550. **Pictured:** The Moreno house.



# BIG BEACH

*Events Calendar* 1/14-2/2, 2018

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**LIVE MUSIC:** Poarch Ninjas, 1/14: 3-6pm  
**BIG BEACH RUNNING CLUB:** 1/16 & 1/24: 5:30pm  
**LIVE MUSIC:** Strickley Isbell, 1/19: 6:30-9:30pm  
**LIVE MUSIC:** Johnny Mullen & Clay Connor, 1/21: 3-6pm  
**TRIVIA NIGHT AT BIG BEACH BREWING:** 1/22: 7:00pm  
**LIVE MUSIC:** My Girl My Whiskey and Me, 1/26: 6:30-9:30pm  
**LIVE MUSIC:** Edward David Anderson, 1/27: 6:30-9:30pm  
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## WHAT'S HAPPENING



### Orange Beach Golf Center reopens after renovations, repairs

The Orange Beach Golf Center reopened in early November after being closed for over two months for course renovations and green repairs. The Orange Beach Golf Center is located at 4700 Easy Street, off of Canal Road. The 9-Hole, Par-3 Course is open 7 days a week from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. and the lighted Driving Range is open from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. The Driving Range features 30 grass tees and 10 covered mat tees. Buckets are \$3 with 34 balls in a bucket. Ball dispensers are self-serve for the golfer's convenience (accepts: \$1 bills, credit cards, or tokens).

- **Non-Member Greens Fee:** 9 Holes (walking) is \$15, plus tax; 9 Holes with cart is \$20, plus tax, and additional 9 Holes is \$10, plus tax.
- **Member Greens Fees -** Walking the course is free; pull-cart rental is \$5, plus tax; and electric cart rental is \$10, plus tax. (Must be at least 16 years old to operate a golf cart.)

- **Golf Center Membership:** Orange Beach resident\* is \$125 per year for adults and \$50 per year for Children 17 and under. (\*Proof of residency is required for resident rates to be applied.) Non-resident is \$175 per year. Three-month, non-resident is \$125 per year.

Membership entitles a player to all the golf he or she can walk and play for the length of the membership. Children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult and are not authorized to drive a golf cart.

The golf center's first Skins Game tournament of the 2017/18 winter season on December 3 was a success. Games are played on the first Sunday of each month through April, with a shotgun start at 1 p.m.

For more information, call 251-981-GOLF(4653).

Beach.

- **John Brust:** 6; The Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **Rick Whaley & Tommy Mazullo:** 6; The Purple Parrot; Perdido Key.
- **Paxton Norris:** 7; Hub Stacy's at The Point, Pensacola.
- **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; visiting Rotarians and guests invited.
- **Gulf Shores United Methodist Church Bread Ministry:** 9-10; every Thursday; room 103 on the south campus, next to Crossroad; 251 968-2411.
- **Grief Support Group:** noon-1:30 p.m.; First Presbyterian Church of Foley; 195 E. Berry Ave.; for all who are grieving; 943-8325.
- **Adult Bible Study:** 10 a.m.; Gulf Shores Presbyterian Church; all welcome; (251) 968-7720.
- **Gulf Shores Library Pre-school (3-5) Story Time:** 10:30 a.m.; 251-968-1176.
- **Orange Beach Bridge Club:** Tue. & Thur at noon; Orange Beach Senior Center; visitors and new members welcomed even without a partner; 251-981-3440.
- **AA:** Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
- **AA:** 7 p.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
- **Firkin Tapping:** 6 p.m.; Big Brewing Company, Gulf Shores.

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING



### 13th Foley Woman's Club Mad Hatters March 8

Alice's Wonderland is coming to Foley on March 8, as dreams of taking a train to cartoon-land for a red carpet reception await those attending the Foley Woman's Club 13th annual Mad Hatter's fundraising event at the Foley Civic Center. Doors open at 10 a.m.

The event will include a catered luncheon, hat contests for most creative, most glamorous and craziest, raffles, a silent auction, entertainment and a Pot-of-Gold drawing. Tickets are on sale now for \$30. Contact Chris Anglin at 251-943-3443 for more ticket information. Funds raised at the event will go to men's and women's services in Baldwin County.

**Pictured:** Big fun at the 2017 Western themed Mad Hatters.



### FRI, FEB 2

- **Flora-Bama Possible Probables:** 2 p.m.; 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33); Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
- **Flora-Bama Bingo:** 1-4 p.m.; Flora-Bama Loung Tent Stage; Perdido Key.
- **Snowbird Listings:** Snowbird oriented events on pages 52 to 61.
- **First Friday Art Walk:** 6; Downtown Fairhope.
- **Crackerjack Diamonds:** 6:30; Big Beach Brewery; Gulf Shores.
- **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.
- **Greg Lyon:** 7; Hub Stacy's at The Point, Pensacola.
- **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 Key.
- **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 Post 99; Fairhope.
- **Open Jam:** 8; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.
- **Open Mixed Doubles Tennis:** 7:30 a.m.; all levels welcome; Gulf Shores Tennis Center; corner of West 19th Ave. and West 2nd St.
- **Bingo:** 5:30; Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5659; Elberta.
- **Foley Rotary Club:** 12:15 p.m.; Gift Horse Restaurant in Foley; foleyrotary@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.



**FWC MINI-FASHION SHOW:** Members of the Foley Woman's Club were treated to a mini fashion show from Chico's, Tanger Mall at their January 8 meeting. Chairman Kelly Barrett fired members up with her demonstration on preparing raffle and auction baskets items for the Club's annual Mad Hatters' event (**Story Left**) coming up on March 8. Committee chairs met after the meeting to go over all the plans for the hat contest, entertainment, fashion show, silent auction, raffles and decorations. Tickets are \$30. Contact Chris Anglin at 943-3443 or catch Kelly Barrett at Checkouts store for info. **Pictured:** Karen Mannon, Sherri Asselin, Barbara Mc-Camish, Marilyn Mosely, Kelly Barrett.



### Al Peck Tennis Tourney slated March 10 in O.B.

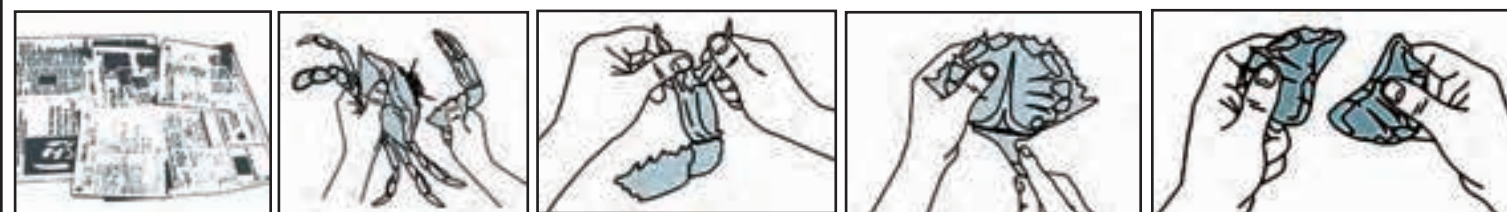
The Al Peck Century Tennis Tournament will be held on Saturday, March 10 at the Orange Beach Tennis Center. This is a one day tournament. Players are guaranteed 2 matches with 10 game pro sets. The combined ages of each team must equal at least 100 years or more. Entry fee is \$25 per person or \$50 per team. This will include lunch, drinks and a souvenir. Awards will be given for 1st, 2nd and Consolation winners. The Orange Beach Tennis Center is located at 4851 Wilson Blvd. Call 251-974-6387 for more info.

### Skins Games held monthly at Orange Beach Golf Center

The City of Orange Beach Golf Center will hold Skins Game tournaments on the first Sunday of each month through April, with a shotgun start at 1 p.m.

Each player places \$5 to a pot for Skins and \$2 in a pot for closest-to-the-pin on a designated hole.

There are nine Orange Beach merchants sponsoring a hole-in-one, which pays \$250. Free hot dogs will be served prior to the tournament. The Orange Beach Golf Center is located at 4700 Easy Street, off of Canal Road. Info: 251-981-GOLF(4653). The 9-Hole, Par-3 Course is open daily from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.



### How to crack an Alabama Blue Crab

Fresh Alabama Blue Crab is a delicacy on the Gulf Coast. And like anything worth doing, they require a bit of work. It can be a bit of a challenge, but if you've got plenty of time and you're good with your hands, a crab feast can be both a fun and delicious experience.

**What You'll Need:** A mallet for easy cracking and several pages of newspaper for easy clean up.

• **Step One:** Once you've steamed plenty of crabs (one or two is never enough), make sure you cover your spot at the table with newspaper, because it's about to get messy. Use an outdoor picnic table if you have access to one.

• **Step Two:** Start by pulling off the legs and claws. You can find some meat in the legs if you crack them in half, but generally there's not much to be found in there.

• **Step Three:** The claws, however, contain some of the most prized meat. Just grab both sides of the claw, pull them apart like a wish-bone and dig in. Remember to explore both sides of the claw for some yet undiscovered meat.

• **Step Four:** Now begins the hard part of undressing the crab. Some folks use a wooden mallet for this part of the process, but it's really up to you. Start by removing the "apron" along the center of the belly and keep working your way around to the shell on top. Then flip the crab over so it's belly side down and remove the grey, spongy gills.

• **Step Five:** Now that your crab body is ready, simply break it in two and take out the meat. And if you're feeling a little adventurous, you can eat that yellow stuff, too—something that crab lovers simply call "mustard." Once you've cleaned out the shell, brush your scraps aside with your seasoning-coated, crabby hands and find your next victim. (Courtesy of Al. Dept. of Conservation & Natural Resources)



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# SNOWBIRD NEWS

## 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.

## 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.

## Ft. Morgan Civil War Tours every Tuesday in Jan. & Feb.

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-mor-

gan.org or call 251-251-540-5257 or 251-540-7127.

## 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. Evening 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 Harbird", 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 Eric 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.

## P.E.O. member coffee is Jan. 22

P.E.O. Chapter AG of South Baldwin County is inviting all visiting snowbird P.E.O. members to join us for a coffee on Monday, January 22 to be held at the home of chapter president, Karen Brown. For reservations and directions, please contact Sheila Morgan, 251-942-3216 or Karen Brown, 251-233-3550.

P.E.O. is a pioneer women's society with chapters throughout the United States and Canada. It's primary mission is to promote education for women through scholarships, loans, grants and the stewardship of Cottey College.

## 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 organiza-

tions, 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 22, 10-11:30 am; Nuts al Fresco and Hands on Habitat with NUISANCE Group - Rare Lionfish Spine Jewelry and educational presentation. Free for spectators (no craft or lunch). Arrive 15 minutes early.

- January 29, 10-11:30 am; "Hands on Habitat" with Gulf State Park. Hands on educational nature series free for all ages. Lunch not included. No RSVP Required

- February 5, 10-11:30 am; Beach Games, Game Show Edition. Do you like Game Shows? Play games like Let's Make a Deal, The Price is Right and Trivia. Win prizes, free for all ages!

- February 12, 10-11:30 am; Art al Fresco "Mardi Gras Bead Mosaic or Wreath". All ages lunch & learn \$15 includes lunch. RSVP online or by phone.

- February 19, 10-11:30 am; Art al Fresco String Art. Wood, nail and string project. All ages lunch & learn \$15 includes lunch. RSVP online or by phone. Arrive 15 minutes early.

For more info, visit tackyjacks.com.

## 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.

## Snowbird softball every Wed.

By John McCabe

On each Monday and Wednesday at 9:30 AM at the Bodenhammer Center in Gulf Shores you are invited to join us to play slow pitch softball at the baseball/softball fields. On most Fridays we play against Pensacola's Seniors at alternating locations. On Monday and Wednesday we have batting practice and then a pickup game. There is a good blend of locals and snowbirds. The players abilities are not a consideration for play. The moderating weather permitted us to begin play. The included photo is from our first meeting this year. Should you have any questions please contact John McCabe at 251-981-9787.

## GSUMC Snowbird Coffee gathering

Every Tuesday from through February 27 there will be a free snowbird coffee gathering that is open to the public with an emphasis on snowbirds from all states. The group meets in Building B of the Gulf Shores United Methodist Church (1900 Gulf Shores Parkway) at 9 a.m. Refreshments are included with a sing along and a program featuring local talent: Sandspur Band, Sway Back Music, Gulf Shores State Park, Andrea & Chris Carstens Folk Duo, Lace & Sand, and Four Winds Barbershop to name a

few. Door prizes are given as donated by local businesses. There is no coffee on February 13 (Fat Tuesday). This is a snowbird volunteer event and has been offering a meet and greet forum for visitors of 100 to 600 over the past several years. A goodwill donation is offered to fray expenses and proceeds are donated to the Gulf Shores United Methodist Church for their outreach and community service needs.

For more info, call Mary Rebert, Tuesday Snowbird Coffee volunteer at 269-330-3748 or email maryrebert@yahoo.com.

## Snowbird Singles

The Snowbird Singles is open to both men and women and will meet once a month. The luncheons are open to all Snowbirds in the Gulf Shores & Orange Beach area. The first will be on February 12, at Luna's, at 11:30 AM, located at 25763 Canal Road, Orange Beach. The second is on March 12, at Cactus on Cana on Canal Road in Orange Beach at 11:30 AM. Come and enjoy a meal and meet friends and new Snowbirds. For more info, contact Barb at 414-801-0715 or bionichbarbs@aol.com.



## Tickets for SBCT's Snowbird production go on sale Jan. 29

Nana's Naughty Knickers, a hilarious comedy by Katharine DeSalvino is South Baldwin Community Theatre's 21st snowbird season production.

A slick comedy by a new playwright, Katy DiSavino, the play features crisp and funny dialog and fast paced action. This senior citizen's sexy sideline will have you in stitches!

Bridget and her Grandmother are about to become roommates. However, what Bridget saw as a unique opportunity to stay with her favorite Nana in New York for the summer quickly turns into an experience she'll never forget. It seems her sweet Grandma is running an illegal boutique from her apartment, selling handmade naughty knickers to every senior citizen in the five borough area! Will Bridget be able to handle all the excitement? Will her Nana get arrested – or worse! – evicted?

Directed by DeAnn Milly and produced by Larry Rebert, show dates are February 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and February 14, 15, 16, 17, 18. Show time is 7:30 p.m. Wednesday – Saturday. Matinees time is 2 p.m. on Sunday. Adult tickets are \$18 and student tickets are \$15. The box office (251) 968-6721 will be open Monday, January 29; 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Tickets may also be purchased on-line at sbct.biz/tickets beginning January 29 at 10 am. Be sure to get your tickets early as they usually sell out prior to opening night.

The South Baldwin Community Theatre wishes to thank Jonathan Smeeten, a renowned British lighting designer, for giving us his time and expertise in assisting us in the lighting design of this year's production. Jonathan has worked for groups such as The Rolling Stones, Jane's Addiction, Marilyn Manson, Wham!, Genesis, and was the production designer to Taylor Swift.

South Baldwin Community Theatre and the cast and crew of Nana's Naughty Knickers are blessed to have Johnathan working this year with our South Baldwin Community Theatre Snowbird production.

**Pictured:** DeAnn Milly, Director, Jonathan Smeeten, Lighting Designer, Larry Rebert, Producer.





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# SNOWBIRD NEWS

## New York

### By Frank Panczyszn

New York Snowbirds enjoyed their first luncheon on Thursday, January 11th at the Wharf in Orange Beach. 60 New Yorkers and guests enjoyed hearing from Grant Brown, Gulf Shores Recreational and Cultural Director, and Ken Grimes, Orange Beach City Administrator, on the planned and ongoing projects and programs to improve their cities infrastructure, and help improve services to residents and visitors. Mark Anderson, Orange Beach Communications, joined Ken at this luncheon. Frank reported on the passing of two former members, and introduced new participants. Dick Dierna, from Rochester, facilitated the 50-25-25 sales, leading to two lucky attendees receiving a nice prize. The proceeds from these sales and \$1 per person collected on registration covers expenses, but more importantly goes to contributions returned to the local communities at the end of the winter season.

Jim Mills, from Broadalbin, reported on the Brat Fest, February 3rd, and the Gulf Shores Fire Department Pancake Breakfast, February 10th, and solicited volunteers to work these fund raiser event. For more information and interest in volunteering, call Jim at 981-4283. Lenny McKinnon, from Canton, reported on the group's bus trip to the Scarlet Pearl in Biloxi, to be held January 17th, and collected a large number of "gamblers" to make the trip. Frank Panczyszn, from Point Breeze, reported on the Library fund raiser, Trivia Night, February 17th, and the Zoo fund raiser, Low Country Boil, February 23rd, and circulated signup sheets for volunteers and participants. Call or email Frank for details and interest in volunteering at 585-748-0432 / fpanczy@gmail.com. He also reported on the Golf Tournament fund raiser for the Baldwin County Heritage Museum, February 15th, and proposed New York donate \$100 to sponsor a hole. Also reported was information on Memorial Screening and Balance Testing to be conducted at multiple times and places over the next two months.

JoAnne Albrecht, from Owego, has once again made a beautiful blanket which she has donated to be raffled off as a fund raiser for the NY treasury, for the states contribution back to the local communities at winter's end. Raffle tickets will be sold during the next 4 luncheons, and then drawn on March 8th, their last luncheon. She also has donated many other handcrafted items, which are used as door prizes.

Thanks to very generous local businesses and agencies, and a few of the luncheon participants, many door prizes were made available to the appreciative New Yorkers.

All were reminded that on Saturday, January 27th, the snowbird states, including NY, were sponsoring a table at the Snowbird Festival at the Orange Beach Event Center at the Wharf, 9AM to 1PM, to promote their activities.

## Indiana

### By Becky Chatham-Heidenreich

Sorry the wrong dates were placed in the last issue. The proper dates for IN Snowbird Club are January 25, Feb. 8 & 22, and March 8. The breakfasts are at the Luna Event Center (next to Cosmos behind Buzcatz Coffee Shop on Canal Rd). The cost for the buffet breakfast is \$10 per person. (N0 \$50 or \$100 bills, please.) Club dues are \$2.50 per person. The doors open at 7:30 and breakfast is served at 8:00. We will have a 50/50 drawing (\$1 per ticket, or \$5 for 6 tickets, or \$10 for 13 tickets.) and door prizes galore. If you did not sign up at the last breakfast please call Jan Pell, 317-914-5832 for reservations. Come and greet old and new friends. Bring any boxtops and can tabs to be donated to the Bon Secour Elementary School.

Plans are being made for the firemen fundraiser Brat Fest-Feb. 3 at the Gulf Shores Activity Center 11-till sold out, The Pancake Breakfast on Feb. 10 has been cancelled.

At the Jan. 11 club breakfast we had the pleasure of entertainment by Dane Bailey, the Singing Auctioneer from Huntington. Dane, thanks so much for a wonderful experience. We also had many door prizes given away and a nice 50/50 cash prize awarded to a gentleman from Bloomington.

Next meeting will be held at the same place and same time on Jan. 25. The speaker will be Rhonda Davis of the USS Alabama.

## Minnesota

The Minnesota Snowbird Club meets each Tuesday for an informational breakfast, January through mid March at GT's On The Bay located on 26189 Canal Rd, Orange Beach. For directions: www.gtsonthebay.com. Reservations are not required. Doors open 7:30 am; breakfast 8:00 am. Cost: \$10, includes tax and tip. Cash or check only. We cannot accept bills over \$20. Food donations and/or cash are gratefully accepted at each meeting for the Christian Service Center, the dedicated project of the MN Club. For information regarding upcoming events, golf tee times, or a contact number log onto the Minnesota Club website: mnal.org or facebook.com/mnalclub

## Iowa

### By Fran Gruenhaupt

The Iowa Snowbird Club will meet Wednesday, January 24 at 8:30 AM at the Perdido Beach Resort, 27200 East Perdido Beach Boulevard in Orange Beach for their first breakfast meeting and program, \$10.50 per person. The program will feature Chandra Wright, Nature Tourism Specialist with the Mississippi-Alabama Sea Grant Consortium and the Gulf Shores and Orange Beach Tourism. She will present an update on what is new in nature. Reservations for breakfast can be made on the website: Iowa-Alabamagulfcoastsnowbirds.org (preferred), or by calling Shari DeCook, 641-521-0929 or Sharon Hesselmann, 563-357-2721.

Door prizes will be awarded and a 50/50 drawing 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 including the Brat Fest, Pancake Breakfast, and the Low Country Boil. There is no membership fee and all

Iowans and their guests are welcome at club events.

Future Iowa Snowbird breakfast meetings will be Wednesdays February 7 and 21 at the Perdido Beach Resort. Reservations should be made on the website. The Iowa golf group also welcomes anyone with sign-up through the website.

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

A Social Coffee and Donut gathering of the Iowa Snowbirds was held January 10th at the Groovy Goat at OWA with about 175 members in attendance. Snowbirds may check the website, iowa-alabamagulfcoastsnowbirds.org for updates and a listing of activities.

## 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.

## Illinois

### By John James

Friday, January 12th, 130 Illinois Snowbirds attended a breakfast at GT's On The Bay. President Thorn opened the meeting with a prayer and introduced Karen Hellmich from the OWA Group. She said "OWA" means "Big Water" in the Muscogee Creek language, which is spoken by the Poarch Creek Indians.. OWA is a 520 acre development of over \$500 million.

She described the ambitious construction schedule and the impact on employment in Baldwin County. Phase 1 is complete, with the 20-ride amusement park, restaurants and shopping. Phase 2 will include more restaurants and shopping as well as an island in the middle of the lake. Future construction plans include hotels and a water park.

A potluck is planned for Tuesday, January 16th at GSAC. The Book Club meets on Thursday, January 18th at OBPL to discuss "South of Broad" by Pat Conroy. A Casino Trip is planned for Thursday, February 22nd. The next breakfast is January 26th. Info: 847-220-1674.

## Wisconsin

### By Nancy Durgin

The WI Sno-bird Club will meet on January 17 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 pop-top rings. For more information contact Kenn at 251-967-2463 OR wissnobirds@yahoo.com

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; Saturday, February 10 - Pancake Breakfast - Erie Meyer Center - GS Fire Dept benefit; Tuesday, February 13 - 8-pin No Tap Bowling, charity TB; Thursday, February 15 - Baldwin County Heritage Museum Golf Scramble benefit.

## Michigan

### By Lynn Wilhelm

Michigan Club upcoming Events for the next two weeks: Wednesday, January 17th - Golf - Cypress Bend. 12:00 shotgun. Call Ken Wilhelm at 251-967-1138; Thursday, January 18th - Michigan Club Meeting, Erie Meyer Center. Coffee 9:00, meeting 10:00. This is a food drive meeting. Please bring nonperishable foods. Saturday, January 20th - Footgolf at Glenlakes. 10:00. Call Lynn Wilhelm at 251-967-1138. Monday, January 22nd - Golf - Pointe Clear. 12:00 shotgun, Call Lynn Wilhelm at 251-967-1138. Tuesday, January 23rd - Ladies Golf, 10:00. Call Sue Beach at 231-429-0952. Wednesday, January 24th - Golf - Glen Lakes, 12:00 shotgun. Call Dyna Lehmann at 517-983-8225. Thursday, January 25th - Michigan Club Luncheon, The Groovy Goat. 11:30. Call Ed Phillips at 989-621-9755. Monday, January 29th - Board meeting, St. Andrews Church, 10:00; Golf - Rock Creek, 11:45 Shotgun. Call Tom Tylka at 517-499-5671.

## Pennsylvania

The Pennsylvania Snowbird Club meets Wednesday mornings for breakfast at 8:00 am. Our meeting dates are: January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; February 7, 14, 28; March 7. For place of meeting information and our other activities please contact Rich Smith at 484 264 1394 or bettyrich@rcn.com.

## Ohio

JAN 17-CLUB BREAKFAST MTG: Magnolia Hall-LUNA's. \$10/person. Arrive between 8am-9am, buffet at 9am. Meeting follows. A representative from The Original Oyster House will tell us about the oyster recycling program.

JAN 24-POTLUCK AT THE PHOENIX 5: Noon. Signup sheet at next meeting to bring a meat, side dish or dessert or call Ruth 740-361-9166.

JAN 27-SNOWBIRD COFFEE FEST 9am-1pm. The Wharf Event Center (next to Marriott). All Snowbird clubs will be represented and we will be manning a booth.

JAN 31-LUNCH AT MCGUIRE'S 11am. Signup sheet at next meeting or call Ruth 740-361-9166. Carpooling. Separate room. The Wednesday lunch special is really great fried chicken or you can order off the regular menu. And don't forget the bean soup for 18 cents!!!

FEB 2-GOODTIMES ROYALTY & RAMPART BUS TOUR-\$69 Ride to Carnival Museum in Mobile, get on a Mardi Gras Float, to Ft Gaines-Dauphin Island, to Toomey's Bead World and a box lunch. Signup sheet next meeting or call Ruth 740-361-9166.

FEB 3-20th ANNUAL SNOWBIRD BRATFEST sponsored by the 10 Snow-

bird Clubs- Adult Activity Center (next to Erie Meyer). All proceeds benefit The Fire & Rescue Departments of Ft Morgan, Gulf Shores and Orange Beach. To volunteer, sign up at next breakfast. Ohio Club does 'carryout service' - time 10:30am until 'cold out! Brats and beverages. FEB 5-CRAFT FARMS LUNCH 1pm - Order from menu; very nice lunch specials. Off County Rd 4, second entrance. FEB 7-CLUB BREAKFAST MTG Magnolia Hall-LUNA's. \$10/person. Arrive between 8am-9am, buffet at 9am. Meeting follows. Dylan Tucker from Ft Morgan will speak.

FEB 10-19th ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST Sponsored by the 10 Snowbird Clubs - Erie Meyer Center - Fundraiser for the Gulf Shores Firefighters Association. To volunteer sign up at next breakfast meeting. We will have more information as to what our responsibilities will be at the next meeting. Serving from 8am - 11am. All are welcome to attend.

FEB 14 -POTLUCK AT THE PHOENIX 5 - 6pm. ASH WEDNESDAY & VALENTINE'S DAY. Signup sheet at next meeting to bring a meat, side dish or dessert or call Ruth 740-361-9166.

FEB 18-BILLS BY THE BEACH DINER 5pm. If you signed up for the play Nannie's Naughty Nickers, this dinner will be after the play. The restaurant is on West Beach Blvd on the north side. Signup sheet at next meeting or call Ruth 740-361-9166.

FEB 21-CLUB BREAKFAST MTG Magnolia Hall-LUNA's. \$10/person. Arrive between 8am-9am, buffet at 9am. Meeting follows. Fourwinds Barbershop Chorus will entertain us.

FEB 23-LOW COUNTRY BOIL: Fundraiser for the Alabama Gulf Coast Zoo- Weather permitting we will be at the Zoo on Hwy 59. If raining, we will be having the event at St Andrew by the Sea on Ft Morgan Road. All you can eat and your beverage. Gayle will be selling tickets starting at the Feb 7 breakfast and more details will be available then. Signup sheet will be available at later meetings. MAR 7 -CLUB BREAKFAST MTG- Our last meeting. Magnolia Hall-LUNA's. \$10/person. Arrive between 8am-9am, buffet at 9am. Meeting follows. We are currently unconfirmed if we will have a speaker at our last meeting.

## 19th Cougar Chili Cook-Off Jan. 26

The 19th Annual Cougar Chili Cook-off at the Escambia Christian School Gym, located at 3311 West Moreno Street in Pensacola will be held on January 26 from 5 to 7 p.m. Adults tickets are \$6 in advance and \$7.50 at the door. Children 12 & Under: \$4 in advance and \$5 at the door. For more info, call 850-433-8476.

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# SNOWBIRD NEWS

## 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!

### Beach Club Craft Fair Feb. 24

The Beach Club snowbirds are having their annual Art and Craft Fair on Saturday February 24 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Island Room on the Beach Club complex. There will be a variety of crafts, pine needle baskets, art work, clay work, jewelry and much more. The cost of a table(with cover) is \$15. All table rental proceeds goes to the Ft. Morgan Volunteer Fire Dept. For more information call Marie 314-805-2370 or 251-540-0512. The Beach Club is located 11miles west of hwy 59 on Hwy180 (Ft. Morgan Rd.).

### Lighthouse Craft Shows Jan. 23 & Feb. 20

The lighthouse craft show will take place Jan 23 and Feb 20th this winter. 455 E. Beach Road, Gulf Shores. 9-11:30 a.m. Please use center elevator to second floor. Many handmade crafts. Scarves, jewelry, shell art, and cards and many more.

## 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 Dobberfuhr at 715-573-0808 or tpeevan@gmail.com.

### O.B. Library Thurs. presentations

The Orange Beach Public Library will be hosting a series of presentations every Thursday in January and February. These presentations are open to the public, and are free of charge, with the exception of the Peter Fletcher Concert on February 8th. Tickets to this event are \$7, and will be available for purchase at the Orange Beach Public Library. All programs will take place at the Senior Center, next to the library, and will start at 6 p.m. lasting for approximately one hour. Info: dmcdowell@cityoforangebeach.com or 251-981-2923.

**Schedule**

January 25 - Music Performance by Erin Hussey  
February 1 - Urban Gardens by Dale Speejan  
February 8 - Classical Guitarist Peter Fletcher. Tickets are \$7 and are available for purchase at the Orange Beach Public Library\*  
February 15 - Pensacola Naval Aviation Presentation  
February 22 - Mobile Art Museum by Glenn Bingham

### Journal making workshop

#### Jan. 27 at Foley Library

On Saturday, 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 decoupage, 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.

### Orange Beach Snowbird

#### Town Hall meeting Feb. 6

Orange Beach Mayor Tony Kennon and the Orange Beach City Council will host a Snowbird Town Hall meeting at 3 p.m. Tuesday, February 6 at the Orange Beach Event Center at 4671 Wharf Parkway West. The meeting will be an opportunity for winter guests, affectionately known as snowbirds, and citizens to hear first-hand what major projects are underway or planned in Orange Beach. A presentation will be followed by a question-and-answer session. Everyone is encouraged to attend. The Orange Beach City Council's regular meeting and Committee of the Whole meeting will start at 5 p.m., following the Town Hall.

### Heritage Museum Golf Scramble

**By Nancy Durgin**  
The Baldwin County Heritage Museum 6th Annual Golf Scramble will be held at GlenLakes Golf Club on Thursday, February 15, with registration at 8 am and the shotgun start at 9 am. We encourage early registration as the number of golfers is limited to 144. The fee will be \$60/golfer which gives you a cart, 18 holes of golf, range balls, lunch and prizes. There is a \$10,000 Hole-In-One prize as well as other Special Events. We also offer individual Hole Sponsorships (\$100) and Corporate Sponsorships (\$1,000). Please contact Tammy at 251-986-8375 OR bchm@gulftel.com for more information and registration forms.

### Snowbird Men's Coffee Club

**By Larry Cole**  
The Gulf Shores Men's Snowbird Coffee Club hold their meetings at Ginny Lane Bar and Grill, 4851 Wharf Pkwy. E., Orange Beach every Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning from 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. Membership information is available at these meetings. The oldest continually active snowbird club has more than 300 members from twenty-six 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.

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.

### 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 on-hand 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 one-day, four-hour event, including a record breaking 3,500 visiting Snowbirds last year.

### 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.

### Wed. Snowbird Dinner Dances at Cove

The Cove Bar & Grill in Gulf Shores is hosting Snowbird dinner dances every Wednesday night from 6-9 p.m., with live music provided by Ron, Burt and Marvin. The Cove Bar and Grill is located at 131 Cove Ave. For more info, call 251-968-5353, 859-380-2281 or email rgnessler@twc.com.



### 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.



### Jeff Friend Trail at Bon Secour Wildlife Refuge now open

The Bon Secour National Wildlife Refuge's Jeff Friend Trail celebrated a recent grand re-opening. The trail, located off State Highway 180 in Gulf Shores, was closed for renovations in September of 2017 to improve its accessibility for those with mobility impairments. The trail improvement project received its initial funding when it was chosen as a Phase VI Early Restoration Project through the Deepwater Horizon Natural Resource Damage Assessment process. That funding was later combined with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Deferred Maintenance Funds, bringing the overall project cost to just over \$890,000. The combination of these two funding sources was the first of its kind, and allowed for additional improvements to the trail.

The Jeff Friend Trail now features new composite material boardwalks, several new viewing platforms, easier to navigate trail materials as well as a new ADA parking area. "We are pleased to once again, open this one-mile loop trail to the public for their enjoyment," said Brittany Petersen, Assistant Refuge Manager. More info: Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 2 p.m. at (251) 540-7720 or visit fws.gov/refuge/Bon\_Secour.

**Directions:** From Highway 59, Head west on Highway 180/ Fort Morgan Road towards the Fort Morgan Ferry. Stay on Highway 180 for approximately 6-miles and the trail sign for the Jeff Friend Trail will be on the left hand side. Turn in to the parking area and follow the signs for the Jeff Friend Trail.



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The celebration begins by following **Mobile Mardi Gras** on Facebook where you'll enjoy a behind-the-scenes look at parades, balls and other festivities as we partner with Mobile Mask to bring you the best coverage of the 2018 Mobile Mardi Gras season. Between parades, you'll discover that our celebratory city will charm you and like our cuisine, will leave you craving for more. When Mardi Gras comes to a close, it doesn't mean the party is over. Mobile.org is the place to go for year-round activities, events and Mobile happenings you won't want to miss!



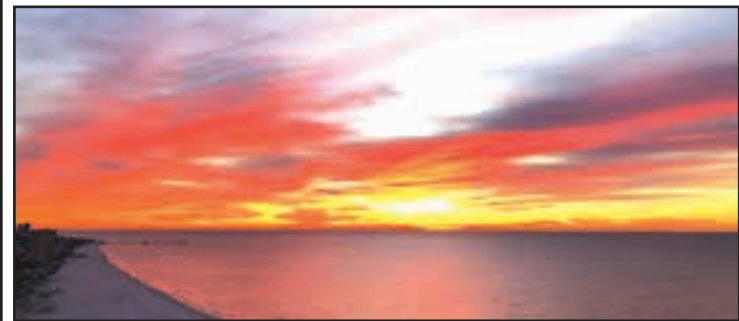
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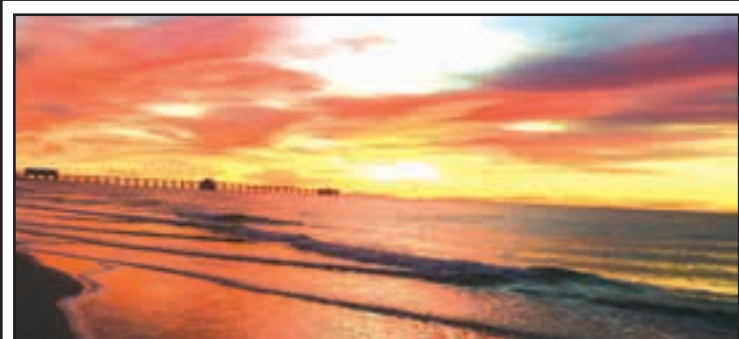


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## PICTURES OF THE WEEK



From Margarita Lannon.



Marie Wisor did not let temperatures in the twenties prevent her from enjoying a Gulf Shores sunrise.



Cathy Deal found company during a recent walk on the beach: "Fishing, running, walking & paragliding!"



Sheila Wink shares beauty on the beach and one of our many trails.



Sunset from Windward Point Condos courtesy of Nancy Emery.



Mac McAleer: "Sunny Saturday...Liftoff..."



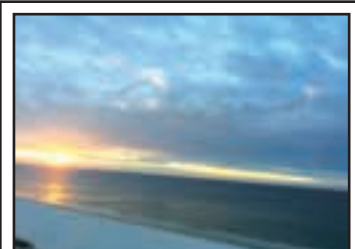
Margarita Lannon sharea a pic from Island Tower.



Judy Crooker of Gulf Shores welcomes a visitor.



From Dennis Whitney.



Sunrise in Gulf Shores from Marie Wisor.



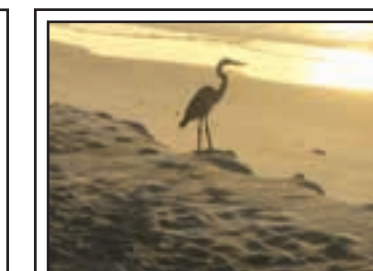
"Good to be back to enjoy the Gulf Coast's amazing gifts," writes Ani Lenart.



Ani Lenart of Mountain Home, AR writes that she is happy to be back vacationing in Orange Beach.



As the sun began to set it was followed by these amazing clouds. So beautiful," writes Melissa Kitchens.



From Lynn Jape.



# SNOWBIRD NEWS

Lisa Christian on Jan. 22 is next  
GSUMC Winter Concert guest

**By Louise Hawley**  
The 2018 winter concert season at Gulf Shores United Methodist Church continues with Lisa Christian on Monday January 22 both in the GSUMC auditorium (1720 Gulf Shores parkway next to Family Dollar). Also, in January will be the 'EastBay Woodwind Quintet' on Tuesday January 23 as well as 'Cody and Friends, Jr.' on Friday January 26, both in the church sanctuary. Tickets are only \$10 pp and are available in Thee Coffee

Shop in the Winn-Dixie Plaza weekdays from 9am to 12 noon. Concert sponsors continue to enjoy reserved seating at all events.  
"Cody and Friends" features Cody Johnson playing guitar, piano and singing a wide variety of styles including some original music as well as pop and contemporary tunes, a little country and rock and everything in between. Other performers in this fun concert include guitarist/mandolin player/songwriter Jimmy Warren, local



folk/bluegrass musicians (**pictured left**) Andi and Chris Carstens. A number of talented area young folks including Caitlin Sommerville, Ali Livingston, Haley and Michael Bingert, and Maura Hawkins will perform at the show along with the GSUMC Youth Choir and Praise Team.  
Lisa Christian is a successful solo artist based on the Gulf Coast. She picked up her first guitar at age 11 and by age 12 was fronting a local band in her Philadel-



phia hometown. Lisa's (**pictured left**) lush vocal skills, phenomenal guitar talent and witty stage presence keeps her busy throughout the southeast.  
Also new to the concert series is the EastBay Woodwind Quartet from the Fairhope area. Composed of accomplished musicians Beth Hall (flute), Richard Coarsey (oboe), Linde Lynn (clarinet), Susan Unger (French horn), and David Thomason (bassoon), they have been featured in the Halstead Music Series and well as numerous events in south Alabama.

Cody and Friends Jr. will feature a number of talented area young folks including Caitlin Sommerville, Ali Livingston, Haley and Michael Bingert, and Maura Hawkins, and many others. The GSUMC Youth Choir will also perform.

Concert proceeds are used to support the GSUMC music and other church programs. For more info, visit gulfshoresumc.org or call 251-968-2411.

## Snowbird Cribbage every Friday

Snowbirds are gathering to play Cribbage every Friday. Sign up starts at 12:30 pm and play begins at 1 pm at the Gulf Shores American Legion, Post 44, 6781 Hwy. 59. For additional information, contact Barbara Beamish at 989-464-8605. The last day of play is March 9. All Cribbage players are welcome to play.

## Snowbird softball every Wed.

**By John McCabe**

On each Monday and Wednesday at 9:30 AM at the Bodenhammer Center in Gulf Shores you are invited to join us to play



slow pitch softball at the baseball/softball fields. On most Fridays we play against Pensacola's Seniors at alternating locations. On Monday and Wednesday we have batting practice and then a pickup game. There is a good blend of locals and snowbirds. The players abilities are not a consideration for play. The moderating weather permitted us to begin play. The included photo is from our first meeting this year. Should you have any questions please contact John McCabe at 251-981-9787.

## 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 Bahnmler at 517-414-4795. The last day of play will be March 20. "It is actually open to anyone," Bahnmler 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.

# Butch On The Beach

By Butch Burch, Realtor  
Roberts Brothers Inc.



## Yankee Guide To Alabama Beach Living

Beach Time (aka: Island Time), n, def.- Locally known as the time difference between the set time for the start of an appointment and when the appointment actually begins.

This seems to be a condition unique to those living in tropical zones. While prevalent in the South Baldwin County, Alabama, area, the condition can also be found along the Gulf of Mexico coastal regions in the U.S., and in the islands of the Caribbean Sea. Scientists have been researching the phenomenon for many years and have yet to come up with the root cause of the problem. It is an annoyance and a hindrance to non-natives to the region when they are in need of a workman (artisan) to fulfill a commitment when contracted to perform an obligation. (i.e., When they don't show up on time to do what they said they would do!)

The physical and psychological repercussions to the consumer could manifest itself in a variety of quasi-serious unhealthy conditions, including: shortness of breath, high blood pressure, severe sweating, nervousness, anxiety, headaches, fits of cursing, and (in some cases) leg cramps from walking the floor waiting on someone to show up. Meditation and/or large quantities of alcohol have been found to provide temporary remedies to some people.

When the artisan finally does call or arrive, a plethora of reasons/excuses for their tardiness have been documented. They have included:

"My truck broke down."

"My helper got sick."

"You was really SERIOUS about that there appointment?"

"But, it's the start of deer season!"

"My dog died."

"My back was sore so I went fishin'."

"I was captured by Gypsies."

"I got lost."

"Oh, you meant you was gonna do it THIS year!"

Yankees need to be aware that BEACH TIME need not be fatal, but instead, just a minor inconvenience when living in this beautiful area. I could write more on the subject but I'm waiting for a guy to show up and fix my toilet. He was supposed to be here three days ago.

"Y'all have a nice day!"

*Butch & Beth Burch (and Sam the dog) bought their Gulf Shores retirement home in 2015; moving from Southern Missouri in the Spring of 2016. Butch struggled with the concept of retirement and decided to become a realtor and work with like-minded folks who enjoy the great weather and beautiful beaches of South Alabama.*

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## P.E.O. Chapter to Present Four-A-Change Feb. 22

On Thursday, February 22, Chapter AG of P.E.O. will present a fundraising event "A Little Afternoon Music" featuring the vocal talents of (**pictured**) Four- A -Change. The quartet is made up of long standing members of the Coastal Chorale: Katrina Anderson, Tracey Best, Jonathan Wallace and Jennifer Watkins. Known for their unique stylings and varied types of musical numbers, they have become popular entertainers with both snowbirds and locals. The program will be given at the First Presbyterian Church in Foley at 2 p.m. Tickets for the event are \$15 and will be available through the P.E.O. members and at Jubilee Apparel and Gifts in Pelican Place, Gulf Shores. The afternoon will consist of music and an intermission for treats and coffee or tea.

P.E.O. is a philanthropic educational organization that offers scholarships, grants, and loans to women seeking higher education. All proceeds from "A Little Afternoon Music" will benefit these endeavors. For further information, contact Marianne Hawkins at 967-3212 or Karen Brown at 233-3550.



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## PICTURES OF THE WEEK



Dennis Whitney shares “a beautiful Gulf morning.”



“The sky’s the limit sunrise,” from Melissa Kitchens.



Sunrise by Gary Cherpes.



“Curious critters have standoff on Ole River,” writes Deb Watts.



Sunset on the Lagoon By Immi Shea.



Steven Clark found the Christmas spirit along the Intracoastal Waterway in Orange Beach.



From Mac MacAleer: “Here’s lookin’ at ya’.”



Sherry Byrd shares a pictures of her namesakes.





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# Funny Bones

By George Ridder



*It Was A Tough Year...But I Made It...*

- The economy is so bad that I got a pre-declined credit card in the mail.  
- I ordered a burger at McDonald's, and the kid behind the counter asked, "Can you afford fries with that?"

- CEO's are now playing miniature golf.  
- If the bank returns your check marked "Insufficient Funds," you have to call them and ask if they mean you or them.  
- Hot Wheels and Matchbox stocks are trading higher than GM.  
- McDonald's is selling the 1/4 'ouncer'.  
- Parents in Beverly Hills and Malibu are firing their nannies and learning their children's names.  
- A truckload of Americans was caught sneaking into Mexico.  
- Dick Cheney took his stockbroker hunting.  
- Motel Six won't leave the light on anymore.  
- The Mafia is laying off judges.  
- BP Oil laid off 25 Congressmen.

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*Senior' personal ads seen in Florida newspapers...*

**FOXY LADY:** Sexy, fashion-conscious blue-haired beauty, 80's, slim, 5'4" (used to be 5'6"), searching for sharp-looking, sharp-dressing companion. Matching white shoes and belt a plus.

**LONG-TERM COMMITMENT:** Recent widow who has just buried fourth husband, and am looking for someone to round out a six-unit plot. Dizziness, fainting, shortness of breath not a problem.

**SERENITY NOW:** I am into solitude, long walks, sunrises, the ocean, yoga and meditation. If you are the silent type, let's get together, take our hearing aids out and enjoy quiet times.

**WINNING SMILE:** Active grand-mother with original teeth seeking a dedicated flosser to share rare steaks, corn on the cob and caramel candy.  
**BEATLES OR STONES?** I still like to rock, still like to cruise in my Camaro on Saturday nights and still like to play the guitar. If you were a groovy chick, or are now a groovy hen, let's get together and listen to my eight-track tapes.  
**MEMORIES:** I can usually remember Monday through Thursday. If you can remember Friday, Saturday and Sunday, let's put our two heads together.  
**MINT CONDITION:** Male, 1932, high mileage, good condition, some hair, many new parts including hip, knee, cornea, valves. Isn't in running condition, but walks well.

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*Take the test presented here to determine if you're losing it or not...*

• What do you put in a toaster?

Answer: "bread." If you said "toast," give up now and do something else. Try not to hurt yourself. Say "silk" five times. Now spell "silk"

• What do cows drink?

Answer: Cows drink water. If you said "milk," your brain is overstressed and may even overheat. • If a red house is made from red bricks and a blue house is made from blue bricks and a pink house is made from pink bricks and a black house is made from black bricks, what is a green house made from?

Answer: Greenhouses are made from glass.

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The owner of a drugstore walks in to find a guy leaning heavily against a wall with an odd look on his face.

The owner asks the clerk, "What's with that guy over there by the wall?"

The clerk says, "Well, he came in here at 7 A.M. to get something for his cough. I couldn't find the cough syrup, so I gave him an entire bottle of laxatives."

The owner says, "You idiot! You can't treat a cough with laxatives!"

The clerk says, "Oh yeah? Look at him-he's afraid to cough!"

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*Life in an A to Z nutshell...*

a.. Age is a very high price to pay for maturity.

b.. Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than going to a garage makes you a mechanic.

c.. Artificial intelligence is no match for natural stupidity.

d.. A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory.

e.. A closed mouth gathers no feet.

f.. If you must choose between two evils, pick the one you've never tried before.

g.. My idea of housework is to sweep the room with a glance.

h.. Not one shred of evidence supports the notion that life is serious

i.. It is easier to get forgiveness than permission.

j.. For every action, there is an equal and opposite government program.

k.. If you look like your passport picture, you probably need the trip.

l.. Always yield to temptation, because it may not pass your way again.

m.. Bills travel through the mail at twice the speed of checks.

n.. A conscience is what hurts when all your other parts feel so good.

o.. Eat well, stay fit-die anyway.

p.. No husband has ever been shot while doing the dishes.

q.. A balanced diet is a cookie in each hand.

r.. Middle age is when broadness of the mind and narrowness of the waist change places.

s.. Opportunities always look bigger going than coming.

t.. Junk is something you throw away three weeks before you need it.

u.. There is always one more imbecile than you counted on.

v.. Experience is a wonderful thing. It enables you to recognize a mistake when you make it again.

w.. By the time you can make ends meet, they move the ends.

x.. Thou shalt not weigh more than the refrigerator.

y.. I believe the only time the world beats a path to my door is when I'm in the bathroom.

z.. Blessed are they who can laugh at themselves for they shall never cease to be amused.

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