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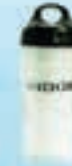




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Underdogs Cooler Full Of Booze fundraiser March 16

Save Underdogs has kickd off its 2nd Cooler Full of Booze fundraiser, with the drawing to be held at the Perdido Key Sports Bar on Friday March 16 at 7 p.m. You need not be present to win. Tickets are \$5. For more info, visit saveunderdogs.com or Face Book. founded in 2004. Over 5000 dogs have been rescued, rehabilitated and rehomed since Underdogs since the group formed in 2004. "We rescue sick, injured, abused and neglected dogs of all breeds, all sizes and all ages. There is no one size or one breed perimeter with us. The majority of our work is serving those that others have cast out. Save Underdogs is a 100% volunteer/foster based rescue that depends fully on fund raising and donations."

Pictured: Four-legged supporters at past Underdogs fundraisers.



Ballyhoo Festival March 3 at Waterway Village in Gulf Shores

By Joanna Almond

Do You Ballyhoo? The annual Ballyhoo Festival will be held at Waterway Village on March 3 from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. The festival will feature over 50 regional artists, including mediums like painting, pottery, wood working, metal work, and other fine art. The Poarch Band of Creek Indians will be dressed in traditional ceremonial regalia, and perform their original tribal dance at 11AM and 4PM. Bring the kids and watch them ride the trackless train through the festival and get creative with family friendly art projects. Come enjoy activities and local seafood, art demonstrations, and Live music! Celebrate life, art, and culture all in one place at 116 East 24th Ave., Gulf Shores! Admission is free to the festival and shuttle transportation will be available the day of Ballyhoo.

Children's Activities: Children are free to enjoy the Ballyhoo trackless train and ride it around the festival grounds. Look for the three pink tents featuring kid friendly arts and crafts will be available for all to enjoy! Children will be able to create Indian necklaces, make a sailboat and paint our ocean shells. Leave the festival with your own piece of artwork created by your little one.

Parking & Shuttles: Parking and shuttles will be available at Gulf Shores First Presbyterian Church, First Baptist church, Gulf Shores Church of Christ and the Waterway Village City parking lot.

Ballyhoo Entertainment: Enjoy performances by the Indie-Folk act Jubal, Knoxville, Tn and local favorites, The Band Rex, and Elaine Petty and Mac Walter.

Poarch Creek Indians: The Poarch Creek Indi-

ans will perform original tribal dance in Pow Wow regalia at 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. The Poarch Band of Creek Indians are descendants of a segment of the original Creek Nation, which once covered almost all of Alabama and Georgia. Unlike many southeastern Indian tribes, the Poarch Creeks were not removed from their tribal lands, and have lived together for over 150 years. In 1984, the United States Government acknowledged that the Poarch Band of Creek Indians exists as an "Indian Tribe" and 172 acres were declared a Reservation. The Tribe is the only federally recognized Tribe in the State of Alabama. Ballyhoo is honored to offer cultural exchange with the Poarch Creek Indians. Adults and children are encouraged to learn the meaning of each tribal dance and the symbols of the ceremonial dress.

More than 50 artists on display: The Ballyhoo Fine Arts Festival will include over 50 artists from Alabama and surrounding states and feature their one of a kind art work. Artists such as Leeds potter, Larry Allen; Magnolia Springs potter, Anne Webb; and Homewood artist Michael Davis are just a few that will have their work on display and available to purchase.

Ballyhoo Performance Schedule

- 9-11 a.m. - Jubal
- 11-12 p.m. - Poarch Band of Creek Indians
- 12-1 p.m. - Jubal
- 2-3 p.m. - The Band Rex
- 3-4 p.m. - Elaine Petty & Mac Walter
- 4-5 p.m. - Poarch Band of Creek Indians



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AROUND TOWN



Sandy Root's Music & Mullet Fest Benefit March 4

Event will help replace equipment stolen from local music advocates

Sandy Root's Music and Mullet Fest, a benefit to help Sandy Roots Music replace equipment stolen last year from an event on Perdido Key, will be held on March 4 from noon until 11 p.m. at The Original Point Restaurant on Innerarity Point (14340 Innerarity Point Rd).

The Sandy Roots Music production team had more than \$4,000 of music equipment stolen. A long list of local songwriters and musicians will gather to play music on two stages and raise funds to replace that equipment.

"The equipment contributed to making our beloved songwriter series a magical evening of original music," said company founder Nick Biebricher. "So much of the Perdido Key community and Gulf Coast have made memories through the Sandy Roots Songwriter Series, and we plan on making more."

Local musicians volunteering their time and talent for the fundraiser include The Defrosters, The Macs, Webb Dalton Band, Double Dee, Taylor Craven, Chauncey Crandall, Melissa Summersell, Mark Sherrill, Troy Martin, Kevin Swanson, Michael Peterson, Jason Justice, Brittany Grimes, Gove Scrivenor, Jonathan Puzan, J Hawkins, The Old River String Band, The Soul Bells, Destiny Brown, Chase Brown, Megan McMillan, Kristan Mikala, Jessie Lynn Ritter, Nick Branch, Tony Ray Thompson, Sharon Moore, Jeff Glickman, Justin Wall, Jason Abel, Woodie & CJ ochran, Brittany Bell, The Magic Johnsons with Rhonda Hart, The BeachBillys, The Books, Medicine Man Show and Something Colorful.

Donations at the door (\$5 suggested) will be matched by the host restaurant. For more information, visit sandyrootssongwriterseries.com, email Sandyrootsmusic@gmail.com or call (251) 284-2443. The Point is located at 14340 Innerarity Point Road on Perdido Key.

Sandy Roots Songwriters Series kicks off 3rd season March 20

Betsy Badwater, J Hawkins (pictured), Rhonda Hart, Jarrod Nichols, Chris Beverly, and Troy Martin will play original music in the round on Tuesday March 20 in the courtyard at the Point Restaurant on Innerarity Point beginning at 6 p.m.



The concert will kick off the third season of Nick Biebricher's Sandy Roots Songwriters Series held the third Tuesday of each month at the Point. The shows last approximately three hours. There will be a \$5 cover. An open mic night for local original songwriters will follow each showcase. Biebricher said the series will give local singer/songwriters the opportunity to showcase their talents with the best singer/songwriters from around the country. For more information, visit sandyrootssongwriterseries.com, email Sandyrootsmusic@gmail.com or call (251) 284-2443.

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100 booths, great entertainment & food at March 10-11 Orange Beach Festival of Art

While any day is a good day to go to the beach, the Coastal Arts Center of Orange Beach is offering a great excuse to visit Pleasure Island in March — the 44th annual Orange Beach Festival of Art is set for March 10-11. The festival will feature 100 booths of local and regional fine art, plus exciting acts on the performing arts and music stages. Festival goers may also enjoy live visual arts demonstrations including hot glass and clay. Savory gourmet offerings will be presented in the Culinary Arts area and children can dive into fun hands-on experiences in the Kids Art Alley.

The reputation of this show continues to grow with its selection by Sunshine Artist Magazine, a national arts an-

crafts industry publication, as one of the "Top Contender" events in the U.S. The Festival of Art was one of 11 in the nation selected as a "must-see event" in 2018.

The festival is a fine arts, juried event held every second weekend in March on the joint grounds of the Coastal Arts Center of Orange Beach and Waterfront Park on Canal Road. Festival hours are Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The festival is completely free with public parking located at the Orange Beach Sportsplex. Shuttle service is provided by Baldwin Regional Area Transit System (BRATS) with an all-day pass for \$5. Bike riders can park at the Bicycle Village on the Arts Center grounds.

The Patron of the Arts program, offered through the local Friends of the Arts (501c3) group, is now in its second year and provides committed art-purchasing dollars that lets the participating fine artists know they have solid support from the community. Bronze, Silver and Gold levels are available for purchase through March 1, 2018.

With more than 100 artists working in a dazzling variety of mediums, festival-goers always have plenty to see, hear, touch, taste and smell. Fine artists, culinary vendors, musical performers and live demonstrations always deliver a multitude of sensory experiences.

The 2018 music line-up will include Roman Street, Three Bean Soup, Strickly Isbell, The All Star Band, and more. Performing artists in multiple genres will be featured on the Performing Arts Stage with acts including Coastal Ballet Academy, Wheelies Karate, David Jones Jazz, Miss Alabama Outstanding Teen Lauren Bradford, and music from Four A Change.

Culinary selections featured at the festival offer gourmet flair, while still providing plenty of child-friendly options. Feast your eyes on beautifully presented culinary pieces while savoring the rich flavors of the Alabama Gulf Coast. Featured restaurants will include Bleus

Burgers, Cosmo's and Cobalt restaurants, Villaggio Grille, and Fin & Fork.

In addition to the Culinary Arts section, the Specialty Foods Area will include The Meat Mart of Orange Beach, Two Sisters Olive and Grape, Willow Farms and BuzzCatz Coffee & Sweets, among others.

Kids' Art Alley offers young festival goers plenty of hands-on fun. Children can dig their fingers into clay and bright paint, enjoy games, watch live demonstrations and take home their own works of art. The Alabama Gulf Coast Zoo and the Orange Beach Wildlife Center will offer children an up-close look at wild an-

imals.

This year's festival poster was designed by Sara Dollison, the winner of the first-ever Orange Beach Festival of Art poster contest, sponsored Friends of the Arts. Dollison's artwork is now featured on T-shirts and print material for the festival. All of the poster contest entries will be on display in the new Coastal Arts Center gallery during the festival.

Come see the beautiful new Coastal Arts Center fine arts gallery and experience Pleasure Island's brightest and best.

More Info: OrangeBeachArtsFestival.com, Facebook or 251-981-ARTS.

Music Stage

Saturday

10:15 - 11:30: Lisa Zanghi
11:45 - 1:15: Roman Street
1:30 - 3:00: Three Bean Soup
3:15 - 4:45: Strickly Isbell

Sunday

10:45-12:00: Island Youth Band
12:15 - 1:45: Poarch Ninjas
2:00-3:30: All Star Band

Performing Arts Stage

Saturday

10:00: Gulf Coast JuJutsu
10:50: Star Wars Characters
11:00: Coastal Ballet
11:30: Tai Chi
12:00: Sassy Seniors
1:00: The Better End Band
2:00: Dolphin Sound
3:00: Youth Snook Club

Sunday

12:00: Wheelies Karate
1:00: David Jones
2:00: Ben Reece & Lauren Bradford
2:30: Four A Change

Fest named 'Must-Attend' show by Sunshine Artist magazine

The 44th Annual Orange Beach Festival of Art was named by Sunshine Artist Magazine as one of "11 Must-Attend Shows for Artists and Craftspeople" in the magazine's January 2018 issue. Explaining "Why It's Worth a Look," writer Stephanie Hintz said, "The variety and size of the event is perfect for attracting buyers to this small city (population 5,682)."

According to a Sunshine Artist "FastAudit" of artists who participated in the 2017 festival, respondents gave the show "an average sales score of 7.3 (on a 10-point scale), and they praised the attention to detail and the remarkable level of attention doled out by the management team."

Desiree Blackwell, director of the Coastal Arts Center of Orange Beach, said those selected are generally shows that did not make Sunshine Artist's 'Top 200 Best' list in 2017, but are still worthy of attention.

"Eleven shows were chosen and we are the only one for Alabama. We may not ever make the Top 200 because we are a small show and artist revenues carries weight in determining the list," Blackwell said.

"Every bit of this praise is due to the efforts of many people from years past and the dedicated work from the 15-person steering committee that continues to bring the show to fruition each year," Blackwell added. "What makes our job easier is that we are blessed with resources from a city whose leadership truly appreciates the arts."

Orange Beach City Administrator Ken Grimes Jr. said attention to detail, the incredible waterfront venue and the on-site glass and clay studios make for key components of the Orange Beach Festival of Art each spring. "As we have fine tuned and continue to improve the site, we know that this festival kicks off the season and most fine artists usually have the best works and products from a long winter of creating art," Grimes said.

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Picasso at the Lapin Agile at SBCT March 7-18

Tickets are currently on sale for The South Baldwin Community Theatre's production of Picasso at the Lapin Agile scheduled March 7-18 at the Gulf Shores theatre. Shows are scheduled March 7 (dress rehearsal), 8, 9, 10, 16 & 17 at 7:30 p.m. and March 11 & 18 at 2 p.m.



Presented by special arrangement with Samuel French, this long running off-Broadway absurdist comedy places Albert Einstein and Pablo Picasso in a Parisian cafe in 1904, just before the renowned scientist transformed physics with his theory of relativity and the celebrated painter set the art world afire with cubism.

In his first comedy for the stage, popular actor and screenwriter Steve Martin plays fast and loose with fact, fame and fortune as these two geniuses muse on the century's achievements and prospects, as well as other fanciful topics, with infectious dizziness. Bystanders, including Picasso's agent, the bartender and his mistress, Picasso's date, and elderly philosopher, Charles Dabernow Schmendiman, and an idiot inventor introduce additional flourishes of humor. The final surprise patron to join the merriment at the Lapin Agile is a charismatic dark-haired singer time warped in from a later era.

Admission is \$18 for adults and \$15 for students. South Baldwin Community Theater is located at 2022 West 2nd St. in Gulf Shores. For more info or to buy tickets, visit sbct.biz or call 251-968-6721.

Fairhope Unite Plant Swap is March 3 at historic school site

Ecumenical Ministries of Baldwin County & Fairhope Unite will host a Fairhope Community Plant Swap on Saturday from 9 a.m.-noon on the campus of the historic Anna T Jeanes school site at the corner of Section Street and Twin Beech Road in Fairhope. Rain date is March 4 from 2-4 p.m.

Take your indoor and outdoor plants or rooted cuttings and swap with others. Baldwin County Master Gardeners will be on hand to offer complimentary tips. Cross the street and buy plants at the Fairhope Unite building (7022 Twin Beech Road). Funds from the plant sale will support community improvement activities. Old Tyme Feed and Garden Supply is the event sponsor.

Fairhope Unite (formerly Fairhope Sisters Unite) is a nonprofit formed to be a catalyst to unite people of different races, genders, faiths and walks of life. Its goal is to host community gatherings, events and projects where people can fellowship. When people are together side-by-side, conversation flows and friendships form. Through relationships, unity is bound to emerge. Through unity, glory is given to God. All are invited to take part in this exciting movement.

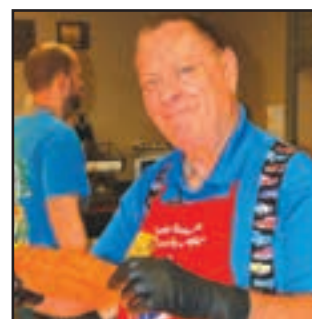
Al Peck Tennis Tourney slated March 10 at O.B. Tennis Center

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.



Fish-frys continue every Friday at Our Lady of the Gulf

Lenten fish-frys at Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church (2304 E. 2nd St.) in Gulf Shores continue on March 2, March 9, March 16 and March 23. Prepared by Gulf Shores finest fry cook using a secret recipe, the fish-frys are a huge hit with locals and snowbirds both. Hours are 5-7 p.m. and cost is \$10 for a meal that includes delicious fried fish, hushpuppies, baked beans, cole slaw, a dessert and a drink. Proceeds benefit Catholic schools and other local charities.



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Ft. Morgan Fire Dept. Auxiliary spaghetti & bake sale March 3

The Fort Morgan Volunteer Fire Departments Ladies Auxiliary will hold a spaghetti dinner, bake sale and 50/50 drawing on Saturday, March 3 at fire station #1, located at 12105 State Hwy 180W (also known as Fort Morgan Road) between mile markers 12 and 13.

Serving hours are from 11a.m. to 2p.m. For a donation of \$8 per plate, you will get homemade spaghetti, green salad, garlic bread and a choice of iced tea or coffee. Take-outs will be available.

Delicious home-baked breads, cakes, cookies, brownies, pies, etc. will be available for purchase. The Auxiliary's local cook book will also be for sale. The annual commemorative Ft. Morgan VFD tee shirts will also be available for \$20 each. All proceeds will benefit the Fireman's Benevolence Fund. For further info call 251-543-1116.



Bama hosts March 24 Warrior Half Marathon & 5K

The Flora-Bama's 5th Annual Beach Run/Walk for America's Warriors, with 100% of the registration fees going to the Special Operations Warrior Foundation, will be held on Saturday, March 24, with a half marathon scheduled a 7:30 a.m. and a 5K Run & Walk at 9 a.m.

The start and end point is the beach behind the Flora-Bama, located at the Florida-Alabama state line directly on the Gulf of Mexico. All 5K runners will be headed into Alabama and all 1/2 marathon runners will be headed into Florida. Both runs are entirely on the beach.

100% of the registration fees will go to the Special Operations Warrior Foundation, which ensures full scholarship grants as well as educational and family counseling to the surviving children of Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps special operations personnel who lose their lives in the line of duty and immediate financial assistance for severely wounded special operations personnel and their families.

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Entry fees are \$65 for the half marathon and \$25 for the 5K before March 11. Add \$10 per race for late registration.

Trophies will be awarded three deep for all age groups in the run, the walk, and the half marathon. Special awards will be given for overall male and overall female, and T-shirts are guaranteed to the first 400 registered participants. The race party includes a great selection of food, Busch products from the Lewis Bear Company and live entertainment.

Register at beachruns.itsyourrace.com. For more race information or to volunteer your time, email Jessica Langston at jessica@florabama.com.



13th Cottontail Express March 3-31 in Silverhill

Wales West RV and Light Railway is pleased to announce the thirteenth Annual Cottontail Express will open on Saturday, March 3, 2018 and run every Saturday and Sunday from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. through Saturday, March 31. Guests can ride "Dame Ann," an authentic steam train to the Bunny Hutch, visit the Easter Bunny, taking lots of pictures, enjoy an Easter Egg Hunt, and make your very own Easter Bunny Ears! Once back at the train station, guests can enjoy free refreshments, mini-train ride, bounce house, hay-less hay ride, and a playground. The petting zoo and pony rides are available for a slight fee, as well as food from our café with seasonal treats. Train and Easter items are also available in the gift shop. Tickets are \$15 plus tax, and may be purchased online or at railway upon arrival. Two and under are free.

Bratton Brothers Invitational brings fun loving golfers to Coast

It started in '71 when seven Birmingham buddies came for golf weekend

The 49th Annual B.B.I. Golf Tournament will bring 91 fun loving golfers to Gulf Shores for two rounds of tourney golf March 8-10 at the two courses at Craft Farms and an optional practice round on March 7. Tacky Jack's/Gulf Shores will host the annual get-together following the practice round.

"For the 1st time in our tournament history, we will have a father, son and grandson attending, said Greg Waldrop, one of the tourney's organizers and founders.

Tom Hancock (Jacksonville, FL), Tim Hancock, Tom's son (Round Rock, TX) and Justin Hancock, Tim's son (Round Rock, TX) will be in attendance.

"Due to some health issues, Tom will not be able to play but he will be there with his wife Patricia cheering Tim and Justin on," Waldrop said. "Also, Dick Majors, our 2014 Champion, will be participating. Dick will be 91 years young later this year."

This year's participants will travel from as far away as South Dakota, Michigan, Florida, Georgia, Texas, Ohio and Tennessee.

"We have a few locals that will participate this year," Waldrop said. "They are Ken Harper (2016 champion), Tom Bailey, Steve Johnson, Don Lane and Captain Jack Malone."

The tourney's local history started when seven Birmingham golfing buddies traveled to Gulf Shores for a weekend of golf, staying in a two bedroom/one bath vacation home near the Intracoastal Waterway owned by the Bratton brothers' (Bobby, Charles, Joe and Richard) parents. The original cast members were Bob Bratton, Joe Bratton, Roy Dillon, Jim Lynch (deceased), Butch Mitchell, Waldrop and Waymond Whitten. Bobby

They played at Gulf Shores Country Club (the only course in the area) for \$5 a day plus cart and played 36 holes on Saturday and 18 holes on Sunday. There were very few restaurants in Gulf Shores and the men ate all their meals at the Friendship House (now the Diner) in Gulf Shores and Meme's Restaurant (damaged by hurricane Frederic in September of 1979 and never reopened) in Bon Secour.

As participants invited more friends, the golf weekend grew into the current BBI, which has been held at 20 plus different golf courses in Alabama and Florida.

Tourney notes: There have been 581 golfers from 14 different states and Canada attending at least one tourney. In 1999, the tourney peaked with 156 golfers. Six players have aced holes during the tourney, including two hole-in-ones the same year - Norman Glass and Timothy Honeycutt (2009); Keith Howell (2015); Charles Martin (1980); William "Sleepy" Phillips (1999); and Waldrop (1972). The oldest winner is Dick Majors (known as Major Dick), who won the tournament at 86 years young. In 2009, the tourney was ambushed by Golf Digest's Matt Ginella, who presented players with beverage tickets and filmed festivities at the Peninsula Golf and Racquet Club. There is one sad note - 49 BBI Brothers have passed away. They are truly missed. (More info at BBI.net)

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By David Rainer

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If the plan works out, Alabama anglers will have access to the prized reef fish for more days than last year's extended season. The plan entails exempted fishing permits (EFPs) that allow the five Gulf states to set seasons that will keep the snapper harvest within the overall quota for the recreational fishery in the Gulf.

If approved, the EFPs will be used until the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council has time to go through the process to approve state management plans for the Gulf states.

Commissioner Chris Blankenship of the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources said approval for the state management plans would likely not happen before 2020, and the EFPs would be in place during the 2018 and 2019 seasons.

"We were working with (Alabama) Sen. (Richard) Shelby and talking with him last year about the possibility of Marine Resources managing the red snapper fishery in the artificial reef zones off Alabama," Blankenship said.

"We have more than 1,000 square miles of permitted reef zones, the largest in the country, and we wanted to be able to manage the fishery inside there."

Sen. Shelby added language in the 2016 appropriations bill that allowed NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) to establish a pilot program for state management in designated artificial reef zones.

"That was the genesis of the exempted fishing permits," Blankenship said. "Alabama submitted our proposal to NOAA. They were concerned if only one state did it, it wouldn't be fair and the states wouldn't have the same opportunity. That's where the idea for exempted fishing permits came from. NOAA suggested that instead of a pilot program we do exempted fishing permits for state management in each of the five Gulf states."

"Last week at the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council meeting, the Council voted to approve exempted fishing permits for the five Gulf states. Although

Council approval wasn't required, the states and NOAA wanted the Council's blessing before proceeding. The exempted fishing permits can be issued by NOAA, but the federal people and the Gulf states felt it would be best to go to the Gulf Council so they could review the permits, ask questions and make comments."

Alabama Congressman Bradley Byrne, who has been at the fore-

front of the effort to improve access to the red snapper fishery, thanked the Gulf Council for supporting the EFP program.

"As I have always said, this issue is about so much

more than just our fishermen," Byrne said. "A full red snapper season is good news for the hotels, restaurants, gas stations, and other small businesses in our coastal communities. I also want to thank Senator Richard Shelby, Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Commissioner Chris Blankenship, and our other Gulf Coast colleagues for working together to ensure our fishermen and coastal communities have a full and adequate red snapper season."

After a 30-day public comment period, NOAA will consider comments and take one of three routes — issue the permits, not issue the permits or make changes to the permits before they are issued to ensure the states don't go over the quotas. A decision is expected in mid-April. Blankenship said the five Gulf states worked together to come up with a plan to divide the overall quota to try to minimize the chances the states would exceed the recreational fishing quota for the year.

"Alabama's portion of the quota would give us a season very similar to what we had last year," Blankenship said. "We thought that was a good result last year. The people really enjoyed it, and we wanted to make sure we had something at least that good this year and in 2019."

"I feel confident from the Gulf Council reaction that the plan was prudent and had a lot of support. More important, in a letter from Chris Oliver, head of the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), in response to a letter of support

from Congressman Byrne, Oliver stated he and NOAA were very supportive of the in-state management of the red snapper fishery. The leadership at NOAA is supportive, the Gulf Council is supportive and the states are supportive; we feel it was a well-reasoned plan for these exempted fishing permits for the next two years."

Alabama Governor Kay Ivey also applauded the support shown by the Gulf Council.

"Alabama and the other four Gulf states worked diligently to put forth comprehensive proposals that correspond to the geography and red snapper populations off their states," Governor Ivey said. "I am confident that this EFP will demonstrate Alabama's ability to effectively manage recreational red snapper fishing in waters adjacent to our state."

Based on the effort shown through the Red Snapper Reporting Program, otherwise known as Snapper Check, from last year's extended season of 42 days, Marine Resources Division Director Scott Bannon said the proposed 2018 season would be 47 days long. The snapper season would be on each Friday, Saturday and Sunday starting on June 1 and ending on the Monday of Labor Day and including the full week of the Fourth of July.

Alabama's charter-for-hire sector is not included this year in the EFP. The charter industry voted and opted to stay with the federal charter season this year.

"For the recreational anglers, we used a population method for the Alabama reef zone," Bannon said. "The initial request from Senator Shelby's office in the appropriations bill was to create a plan for the reef zone. Since we have some very specific science from our coordination with the University of South Alabama and Dr. Sean Powers' work, we utilized their research and population estimates to come up with the plan."

"Based on the participation effort and harvest recorded through Snapper Check, we can assure that we don't exceed our allocation. We could potentially close early, or we could add days in October if we don't meet the quota. We have that flexibility."

The two-fish bag limit with a 16-inch minimum total length will remain in effect.

Bannon said the reason Alabama decided to go with a predominantly weekend season was because the format received favorable feedback from the an-

glers who participated in last year's extended season.

"We are trying to maximize the benefit for the most anglers, and we felt like that was the best plan," he said. "We realize there are still some limitations to the state-licensed party boats because they are still held to the 9-mile (state waters) limit. And we know during the tourist season, the change-over is on the weekend. It does make it a little difficult for them, but for the largest number of people, this is the greatest access we could provide."

"What we've seen is that, when you spread the season out, you don't have the intense efforts you have with a short season. People can pick their weather days, which is better. People can pick days that work better for their families and their schedules. Hopefully it will reduce the stress at the boat ramps, and I think it helps the economy when you spread it out and have people coming throughout the summer. Plus, we have the flexibility in 2019, if this goes well, that we could go to a different format that would better accommodate the anglers."

Bannon said all those plans and

permits are predicated on anglers' participation in Snapper Check.

"That's a vital component in making this a successful program," he said of Snapper Check. "Some people feel that not reporting works to their advantage, and that is not true. It's better to have real numbers entered into the system. There is an algorithm we use that calculates the compliance rate. Then it calculates the season, harvest and participation. If compliance is high, it's closer to the real number and not an estimation."

"And remember, this is a short-term effort. We're still working on a long-term solution through the Council or potential legislation in Congress."

Marine Resources plans to hold town hall meetings the last week of April and first week of May, two in Mobile County, two in Baldwin County and one in Birmingham. A Facebook Live session is also planned.

Pictured: Because of an extensive artificial reef program, Alabama has some of the best snapper fishing in the world as evidenced by the big fish caught by Conservation Commissioner Chris Blankenship on the Reel Surprise.





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GSES 2ND GRADERS VIST SEA, SAND & STARS: Gulf Shores Elementary School second graders enjoyed their recent field trip to the Sea, Sand & Stars Museum at Orange Beach Elementary School. They learned about the planets, the night sky and sea animals. A favorite of theirs was the touch tank! **Pictured:** (l to r) Gage Boyd, Sophia Bauer, Cali Nelson and Mallie Clolinger are picking up shells while hoping for the remora to swim close enough to touch.



MRS. SHIRLEY'S SHINING STARS: Students in Mrs. Tammy Shirley's first grade class at Gulf Shores Elementary School worked very hard on their S.T.E.A.M. posters recently. They completed AMAZING experiments including making electricity from lemons, pulleys, volcanoes, and fastest toy cars with straws and a balloon. They also researched very important people like Walt Disney and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. They even researched a famous engineering design-the St. Louis Arch. Way to go Mrs. Shirley's Shining Stars!

Foley Woman's Club Madhatters March 8 at Foley Civic Center

By Barbara McCamish

The annual Foley Woman's Club's Mad Hatters' event is March 8 at the Foley Civic Center beginning at 11:30. Doors will open at 10 a.m. for bidding on silent auction items and purchasing raffle and Pot of Gold tickets.



The famous hat parade will start shortly after 11:30. Prizes will be awarded to the "Most Creative Theme," the "Craziest" and "Most Glamorous" hats. A catered lunch will be served at 12 noon with entertainment and a fashion show to follow.

The theme this year is Alice's Wonderland. So, buy a ticket now and get to work on a costume and hat. You don't want to miss this fun

event. All proceeds go to groups that help women and children in Baldwin County.

Tickets are \$30 and can be purchased from Sylvia Womack at 955-5294 or event chairperson Kelly Barrett (**pictured**) at 943-4433. Tickets must be purchased in advance as no tickets will be sold at the door. See you there!!

O.B. again looks at request for PUD modification at Amber Isle

"This project, since day one, has been a thorn in that area's side."

By John Mullen, OBA Community Website

For a quiet strip of land on beach road surrounded by a verdant state park and steps away from the turquoise waters of the Gulf, the Amber Isle planned unit development sure has made some noise over the years.

"I'm sorry to have to come before you again," resident Linda Bradley told the Orange Beach City Council on Feb. 20. "This project has been going on for 10 years. The previous approval and what is currently there was all in agreements with Mr. Goldstein at the time and it included no outdoor dining, no outdoor music."

There was a first reading of the ordinance and public hearing on the request to allow both outdoor activities at Big Wave Dave's in Amber Isle.

"We just could not compete at all without an area to sit outside. People want to sit outside and we have a gorgeous state park next to us and the Gulf of Mexico in front of us."

It will have a second reading and a vote on March 6 unless deferred by the applicant.

Big Wave Dave's is the fourth attempt to establish a restaurant on the property and wants to add about 2,220 square feet of covered decking on the west side of the restaurant for outdoor dining. Jason Barje, one of the managers at the restaurant,

said the decking is vital to the eatery's success.

"It's just not a viable space without outdoor seating," Barje said. "We just could not compete at all without an area to sit outside. People want to sit outside and we have a gorgeous state park next to us and the Gulf of Mexico in front of us."

"I understand the neighbor's concerns and we don't want to make waves."

Bradley has seen plan after plan come before the city for projects on the piece of property just northwest of her beachfront home. At one time a 14-story, 110-unit condo project was approved for the parcel.

But year after year the plans changed directions until it finally came to fruition with the current project owned by Mark Goldstein. It has Big Wave Dave's on the west, a Ron Jon's Surf Shop in the middle and a 60-plus room Indigo Hotel on the east. The Southern Grind Coffee Shop is in the Indigo lobby and a real estate office is on the far east corner of the building. There is empty space between Ron Jon's and Indigo that is already approved for a 36-room hotel that in the past was called White Sands.

At one point, a Bob Marley-themed restaurant with an outdoor stage was proposed but eventually withdrawn because of neighbor's concern over noise.

With the deck addition, the owners also asked to modify the PUD to allow for the deck for out-

door eating and music under the city's new permitting for outdoor venues.

"We can have this outdoor venue permit application come before you and you can place certain conditions on that permit," Community Development Director Kit Alexander told the council. "If they violate the police can then come back before you and ask you to pull their permit. We can just shut it down whereas before we didn't really have the ability to shut it down because there was no permit required."

Councilman Jerry Johnson said he didn't want the onus for keeping quiet at the site to fall on the city.

"The thing that bothered me was they wanted the music prohibition removed and they would adhere to the sound ordinance of the city," Johnson said. "I am very much opposed to this. That puts all the enforcement on the city and that's not going to happen."

Barje said the restaurant doesn't want live music outside and would even nix ambient music for the right to build the deck and outdoor seating. Architect Forrest Daniell said the roof over the deck would keep in any noise from people eating outside.

Councilman Jeff Boyd lent a sympathetic ear to the restaurant's plight, but the precedent of the battles already waged over this PUD would sway his decision.

"This project, since day one, has been a thorn in that area's side," Boyd said. "And there's been hearing after hearing. The problem I have here is this PUD was approved with a big fight and a lot of work to get where it was. This is not about you this is about the history of the project. I'm having trouble changing the PUD knowing the history of what we fought over in this room."

During the regular the council:

- Voted 5-1 for the planned unit development Hammock Dunes on the Gulf on the west side of town. There will be a total of 11 houses on the parcel when work is complete. Councilwoman Annette Mitchell cast the lone dissenting vote.
- Voted to spend \$15,000 for the summer program at the Sea, Sand and Stars museum at Orange Beach Elementary. This is the third year the city has helped fund the museum's summer program.

During the work session the council also discussed:

- Setting a public hearing date for an ordinance amending business licenses to include a vacation rental category for residential homes. The ordinance would also limit further vacation rentals in areas zoned residential. March 20 was the recommended date.
- Setting a public hearing date for an ordinance amending the PUD for Orange Beach Villas Vacation Rentals. March 20 was the recommended date.
- A resolution to have Harbor Communications connect fiber to the Orange Beach Wastewater Treatment Plant for \$25,001.
- A resolution awarding the bid for pest control services for the city.

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O.B.'s Education Initiative will focus on athletic & academic excellence

By John Mullen

With a solid school plan now in place and Baldwin County planning a seventh-through-12th-grade school on Canal Road near the Sportsplex, Orange Beach City Administrator Ken GrimesGrimes said the city can now start studying plans for improvements.

"Once that got clarified and the Baldwin County school board said they were going to build a middle school in Orange and that evolved into a middle school-high school once Gulf Shores announced their city system, it gave us the go-ahead because it wasn't going to be on this campus," Grimes said.

And a cornerstone of those efforts will be an education initiative led by Mayor Tony Kennon's Expect Excellence

Afterschool Program to be headquartered at the recreation campus with classes on academics, arts and athletics with an eye toward excellence. There's even a "General Manners of Respectful Behavior and Class" to be attended by gentlemen and belles.

Orange Beach Mayor Tony Kennon.

"I don't believe you get excellence unless you expect it," Kennon said. "We all believe excellence is an attitude. It's just not something that grows on a tree or shows up at your front door. We're going to have expected excellence in academics, arts and athletics."

Jonathan Langston will be the program director, Laura Davis will be the recreation sports director and Sunshine Smith will continue to be the Camp Sunshine director. Coordinators will include Kelly Cleere in academics, Ron Roberts and Caleb Pittman in the arts and Kennon will be the athletics coordinator.

It will be a growing program, Kennon said, adding different classes or art mediums or sports as they are needed or requested.

"We'll have tutoring, study groups, essay workshops, resume building, interviewing workshops and computer skills workshops, a young entrepreneur group with business training and personal finance, and clubs for math, history, science, robotics, chess and debate."

Grimes said the cost of the program is unknown as well, but city leaders are studying it closely. Paying teachers to come in to help students in the programs and hiring additional staff could cost as much as \$200,000 a year, he said. Among specialized classes officials plan to offer are theater, vocal, arts, ballet and dance, visual arts, culinary arts and creative writing.

Grimes said the city is also looking to hire a consultant to decide the best ways to utilize the land at the recreation/community center campus with an eye to adding new buildings and possibly upgrading or rebuilding both the aquatic center and tennis center. Another indoor practice and training facility with astroturf is also something the city would like to build at the campus, Grimes said.

"Those things we are looking to get plans in place by the end of the year and maybe start construction by the end of the year," he said. "It will be defined by the footprint of what we can build on because we don't have much going toward the Community Center.

"Having an additional gym, having a turf room, have room for Sunshine's group to grow, all those are things that are just part of our growing pains. If you took those three buildings alone it could range from \$2 million to \$2.5 million."



OBCPD PROMOTIONS: Orange Beach Police Chief Joe Fierro announced three promotions during the City Council meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 20. He introduced Cpl. Josh Watkins, Sgt. Rodney Kirchharr and Lt. John Simonson to the council. "Josh joined us in 2016 from the Tuscaloosa Police Department and since he's been here he's worked his way to the corporal's position," Chief Fierro said. "He was promoted, effective the beginning of this month, Feb. 1. I wanted to have a chance for everybody to see Josh and know that he'll be out there serving all of you." Fierro said Sgt. Kirchharr enlisted with the U.S. Marine Corps in 2000 and served for 6 years, including a tour in Iraq. In 2006, he received his Alabama Peace Officers' Standards and Training Commission (APOSTC) certification. He was then employed with the Bay Minette Police Department. "Although there has been a little bit of back and forth, he came to us in 2012," Chief Fierro said. "He has since been promoted to corporal and now sergeant on Feb. 1. And you will see a lot of him out and about on the street." Lt. Simonson started with the Orange Beach Police Department in 1998 as a reserve officer. "In 2001, he came on full-time with the police department," Chief Fierro said. "He has worked up through the ranks as corporal, sergeant and now lieutenant of patrol, including the marine division and the beach. So he was effectively promoted Feb. 1 as well. And many of you already know him and you will be seeing a lot of him as well." **Pictured:** (from left) Chief Fierro, Lt. Simonson, Sgt. Kirchharr, Cpl. Watkins and Asst. Chief Steve Brown.. (By John Mullen)



Justin Pearce officially appointed O.B. Fire Chief

From a Mardi Gras ride on a fire truck sparking an interest in firefighting to being named fire chief in Orange Beach, it's been a hometown journey for Justin Pearce. After a year of serving as interim Orange Beach fire chief, Pearce was officially appointed to the post by the City Council on Tuesday, Feb. 20.

A career firefighter in Orange Beach, Chief Pearce started as a cadet for the department in 1995 after a chance ride in the city's Mardi Gras parade.

"There was a volunteer, Donnie Morgan, and he invited my dad and I to ride on the old ladder truck in the Mardi Gras parade," Chief Pearce recalled. "That's kind of what started it all. I said, 'There's something special about this. I want to do this.'"

So at age 15, he got onboard as a cadet in the department and then became full time in 1997. From there he went into fire prevention then was promoted to lieutenant, followed by captain and battalion chief. After the resignation of Chief Shane Phillips in January 2017, Pearce agreed to serve as interim chief.

"We are pleased to officially appoint Chief Justin Pearce as Fire Chief," City Administrator Ken Grimes said. "Chief Pearce has served the City of Orange Beach for over 20 years in various roles and has led the Fire Department well over the past year as Chief. His commitment to the citizens and guests of our area and to overall public safety for everyone is strong."

Chief Pearce said it's been amazing see the department as well as the city grow over the last two decades. As a cadet, he said the department only had two firefighters, a chief and one fire station.

Today, there are four fire stations, the fire administration building and roughly 70 personnel, including full-time and part-time firefighters, administration staff, and resident firefighters that are part of the department-run rookie school. The department handled 2,860 calls in 2017.

"It's a huge honor to be able to go from a cadet all the way up to the chief and be a part of the growth of the department as well as seeing how we have grown technically," Chief Pearce said. "One of those two people in the early days was a paramedic and now we have at least five paramedics on duty every day. We also have four of those who can fly on helicopters because they are critical-care paramedics, the highest trained paramedics you can have in the state of Alabama. We've just come such a long way and it's awesome to be a part of that."

Chief Pearce doesn't plan on slowing things down either. "I want to continue to focus our efforts on training our personnel for the safety of the community and also each other," he said. "So one of the high-priority areas is keeping up with trends and technologies so we're staying ahead of the curve."

"I want us to be a progressive department and to be on the leading edge of new technologies and new methods."

OBCPD: Spring Breakers looking for a party are in the wrong place

In advance of Spring Break, The Orange Beach Police Department has announced that it will utilize all available resources at its disposal to maintain order and continue to provide a safe, enjoyable experience for all visitors.

The statement stated that all guests will be welcomed to the beautiful, family-oriented beach resort community, but those looking for a party town are looking in the wrong place.

Over the past two years, we have experienced increases in underage drinking, disorderly conduct and illegal drug use during Spring Break," the statement read. "The Orange Beach Police Department will utilize all avail-

able resources at our disposal to maintain order and continue to provide a safe, enjoyable experience for all visitors.

"If you are, the City of Orange Beach is not it. Underage drinking, illegal drug use, disorderly conduct or any other breach of the peach will not be tolerated. If you choose to violate the law, you will go to jail.

A list of arrestable offenses listed include sleeping in cars or on the beach, having glass containers, steel shovels and leaving tents and chairs on the beach after dark and loud and boisterous music or noise on the beach or in rooms. For more info, call the OBCPD at 251-981-9777.

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Gulf Shores buys Sacred Heart building with eye towards expanding medical services

Hwy. 59 Bridge near Bayou Village expected to be finished in three weeks; Hurricane Nate beach damage will be assessed

By John Mullen

The City of Gulf Shores paid \$2.9 million for a building formerly owned by the Sacred Heart hospital system with an ambitious eye toward increasing medical services.

"The building was originally built by Sacred Heart and a developer of theirs back in 2007," Economic Development Coordinator Blake Phelps said. "It's sat vacant for a few years now. It is about a 42,000 square foot facility and about half of that is built out into a medical office building and general practice suites. The other half of it is grayed in."

Sacred Heart had the facility at a cost of \$15 million. It is located behind the Microtel Inn near Jack Edwards National Airport. City officials say they hope to attract doctor's offices as well as expanding healthcare options for the south Baldwin area.

"What we've learned is our offseason is not an offseason. The traffic when we've normally done repairs this time of the year has not worked."

try and make the best fit for our community is the right thing for us to do. We're going to move this forward rather than sit back and wait and hope for something else to happen."

Councilman Jason Dyken, who also sits on the city's Finance Committee, said that group has put a lot of study into the building including time searching for healthcare providers to occupy the facility.

"I want everybody to know this expenditure of funds seems like a great deal but it is not something we have taken lightly," Dyken said. "This isn't just a blind writing the check for the building and hoping something happens. We have had legitimate conversations with legitimate providers to really improve health care in the community."

Phelps said Sacred Heart had big plans for the building but failed to win approval from the state to add higher level care at the facility.

"Sacred Heart did operate several physician suites in the building for several years with family practice, general practice and other specialties that did not require approval of a Certificate of Need," Phelps said. "The remaining portions of the facility were designed to be an Urgent Care, Diagnostic Center and Ambulatory Surgery Center. The surgery center required Sacred Heart to apply for a Certificate of Need which was ultimately denied."

Also, during the council work session of Feb. 20, the council considered a \$4 million beach restoration to fix damage left by Hurricane Nate in October and heard a report from Public Works Director Mark Acreman on ongoing and upcoming road projects around the city.

"We've spent a lot of time trying to decide how we can improve medical facilities in our city," Mayor Robert Craft said. "We've concluded buying that facility for that amount of money and then negotiating with health care providers to

The building ultimately went into foreclosure. It was first offered for sale at \$6.5 million but taken off the market. Recently it went back on the market with a \$3.5 million asking price.

Craft said talks continue with several medical providers to hopefully expand into this building with new services.

"We can't fix the roads that'll improve access to healthcare providers in Foley, so we're working to bring more healthcare here," Craft said. "We've been in deep conversations with the South Baldwin Healthcare Authority, which is the owner of the beds and the facility in Foley. They're under contract with Community Health Systems, a hospital operator we've also been talking to along with some others that are interested in potentially helping us with that site."

"We believe we've got a good path forward with this building to dramatically improve the healthcare options for our community."

Beach restoration

The first order of business will be for the city to hire Olsen and Associates for \$43,000 to survey the beaches to determine how much of them were swept away in Hurricane Nate.

"The city fared really well but one of the areas where we did take substantial damage was some substantial loss of our engineered beach system," Acreman said. "The preliminary damage assessment was about \$4 million."

The city will have to initially put up the money for the survey and restoration but would be reimbursed for 87.5 percent of those costs from FEMA and AEMA, the federal and state emergency management agencies, Acreman said.

Normally the city does an annual survey of the engineered beach each May prior to hurricane season and Acreman said there is already \$50,000 budgeted for that project.

"We feel like we can use the money already budgeted for the survey work that would have occurred in May and do it now," Acreman said. "We can supply that information to FEMA and it will actually document our beaches prior to hurricane season."

Acreman said the survey will be done sometime in March but the actual restoration probably won't start until 2019 due to the lengthy permitting process.

Road work

Acreman said the growth of the offseason on Pleasure Island is making it harder and harder to complete road projects during the daytime.

"What we've learned is our offseason is not an offseason," Craft said. "The traffic when we've normally done repairs this time of the year has not worked."

Several traffic-signal projects are already scheduled or underway for night work and others are going to likely be done overnight as well.

"I don't see us ever being able to do any a major work on a state highway during the day anymore no matter what time of year it is," Acreman said. "I think all work on state highways henceforth will have to be at night time."

One of those areas is the intersection of County Road 6 and Alabama 59 where several improvements have been made. All that's left, Acreman said, is the final striping and new traffic signals. Those signals will go

in in early June and be installed at night.

Also, work at night will continue on beach road traffic signals through September. The median work continues there and is moving to the east side of Alabama 182. Acreman said the last part left on the west side of beach road is near the Alvin's Island and some reworking of that area is expected in the next few weeks.

"Landscape crews are there now working and we'll finish all the heavy construction by May 1," Acreman said.

The western side of the bridge near Bayou Village on Alabama 59 is expected to be finished in three weeks, Acreman said. This project has caused several daily backups on Alabama 59 especially for southbound traffic.

"The deck panels which we'll install next week are all prefab," Acreman said. "Everything from this point is going to be prefab so it's going to go really quick."

The widening of Alabama 59 to allow for more left-turn space into Waterville is expected to begin about March 15, Acreman said, and is expected to be done by May 1.

After spring break, Acreman said, the decking on the Windmill Ridge bridge will be replaced it what is expected to take about three days.

A complete overlay of pavement of the Alabama 182 four-lane in Gulf Shores will start after Labor Day. The portion from West Lagoon Avenue to Laguna Key will start in two weeks and take about three weeks to complete, Acreman said.

The council also discussed:

- An ordinance requiring guidelines for construction of piers and pier structures. There are currently no requirements or regulations on those in Gulf Shores.

OK'd liquor licenses for Picnic Beach which is moving to the old Ribs and Reds building, the Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie at 3859 Alabama 59 and for the Night on the Wild Side fundraiser for the Alabama Gulf Coast Zoo at the airport on March 3.

Pictured: The City of Gulf Shores recently paid \$2.9 million for a 55,000 square foot two-story medical office building on approximately four acres at 3620 Gulf Shores Pkwy. The site contains 42,818 square feet of rentable area. Sacred Heart Health System has leased space in the building since 2008. Their leases expire in 2018.



Full build out of new Alabama Gulf Coast Zoo may commence this month

By Fran Thompson

The story of “The Little Zoo That Could” was perfectly documented in a still popular Animal Planet reality series about the Alabama Gulf Coast Zoo. The series - in 13 episodes - told the story about the Noah’s Ark type evacuation from downtown Gulf Shores to property owned by zoo director Patty Hall in Elberta before Hurricane Ivan took a direct hit on Hwy. 59 back in September of 2004. With no other option, Hall and her staff of 39 moved 275 exotic animals to her family farm in Elberta. It was the first U.S. zoo to conduct a full-scale evacuation during a natural disaster. The hit series led to boom in visitors and media attention. (The zoo’s 12 ft. alligator, Chucky, escaped during Ivan’s storm surge, which was also a national news story). Since then, the zoo has experienced a record-breaking number of visitors (175,000 in 2017) every year since it reopened.

Although the evacuation earned Hall a well deserved CBS Person of the Week award, it also laid bare the fact that the zoo’s 500 mostly exotic animals needed a home on higher ground.

Although the money was not in the bank as of Feb. 27, it is now almost certain that the “Little Zoo That Could” will finally become the “The Little Zoo That Grew.”

A private investment firm is about to purchase \$26.26 million in tax exempt bonds that will fund the zoo’s expansion to its new facility on 25 acres off County Road 6 East on land 4.3 miles north of the current location on land donated by the Weir family back in 2006. The bond money will also be used to purchase 71 acres adjacent to the current property. A Monkey Island exhibit has already been built on the new property, and Aquascape Pond Squad has

created a showcase water feature near the new zoo’s entrance.

The bond buy is expected to be made public at the zoo’s inaugural A Night on the Wild Side fundraiser on March 3 (see sidebar).

The zoo has also secured a \$1 million grant from the City of Gulf Shores payable upon completion of construction, which could come as soon as June of 2019. The grant from Gulf Shores will help with the zoo’s operational expenses while it moves. That process could take as long as five months and would not occur during the summer tourist season when the zoo’s parking lot is always full.

“When the zoo first opens, there is going to be lag time for revenues. This will give the zoo operating reserves to fall back before it is running on its own,” said Steve Jones, chairman of the board of the zoo foundation.

“We hope to start moving dirt again in March and our goal is a 12 month construction time,” said Jones. “It’s a 60 to 90 day process to get the animals moved and acclimated, and we don’t want to shut down the zoo in the summer. That’s when it takes in most of its money.”

Jones added that the additional 71 acres can be used for parking and even to build other attractions. “We’ve discussed different ways to use the property for revenue opportunities once we get the new site ready and before we are ready to move the animal population,” Jones said.

“Holy mackerel. It’s been a long time coming,” he added. “This did not happen over night and none of it would have been possible without Patty (Zoo Director Patty Hall). We’ve all been running just to try to keep up with patty and her dream. I am so glad that we were able to make this happen.”



Auburn Vet School will be located a lion’s roar from new zoo

The synchronicity is perfect. The centerpiece of the Auburn Education Complex, being built in partnership with the City of Gulf Shores, will be a \$26 million extension of the school’s vaunted veterinary teaching Hospital, and it will also be located within a lion’s roar of the brand new Alabama Gulf Coast Zoo.

“Less than a mile from the new zoo to an emergency care center for the animals,” said Steve Jones, chairman of the board of the zoo foundation. “I think the proximity of the Auburn teaching hospital to the zoo is part of the reason Auburn is in that location.”

Jones added that the Alabama Gulf Coast Zoo and Auburn have always had a close working relationship. He said the 56 acres the zoo is adding will be perfect for Auburn to use as a rehab center, and especially helpful for the zoo’s larger and more exotic animals in emergency situations.

“We’ve always had a good relationship and have been able to take animals up there,” Jones said. “I’m excited that we will be able to bring giraffes back in. They are delicate and would be hard to care for without that level of expertise right to make the staff’s job easier.”

The new 24,000-square-foot building will be located at the corner of the Beach Express and County Road 8 and will also be a training center for students studying agriculture, horticulture, aviation (drone research), marine fisheries and research and economic development. The will also include the Alabama Cooperative Extension.

The new Gulf Shores High School, Coastal Community College are also going to be apart of the 200-acre parcel the city is developing as an education complex.

Proposed as the Coastal Alabama Center for Education Excellence, the 200 acre parcel at the Foley Beach Express and County Road 8 will also include Gulf Shore High School

Construction on Auburn’s Gulf Coast Veterinary Hospital is expected to be completed by the end of 2018. It will offer specialty veterinary services and continuing education for veterinarians. Auburn’s strategic plan for its 20 acre parcel is to enhance its student engagement in veterinary clinical education and laboratory training in disciplines unique to Alabama’s Gulf Coast, such as marine mammal medicine, aquatic animal pathology, zoological and wildlife medicine and emergency response.

Pictured: Auburn University Provost Tim Boosinger and City of Gulf Shores Mayor Robert Craft announce plans to build the Auburn University Education Complex in Gulf Shores in Octoof 2016. Auburn University and the city of Gulf Shores are partnering on a new \$12 million college facility that will be anchored by veterinarian medical services.



Night On the Wildside Alabama Gulf Coast Zoo fundraiser is March 3

The Alabama Gulf Coast Zoo will host its inaugural A Night on the Wild Side fundraiser on Saturday, March 3 from 6:30 to 10 p.m. in the Salt Air Aviation Hangar at Jack Edwards Airport. The event will offer savory and sweet sample dishes from 15 of the area’s best restaurants, including Beach House Kitchen & Cocktails, Bills by the Beach, BuzzCatz Coffee & Sweets, Cobalt the Restaurant, Cosmo’s Restaurant & Bar, Fin & Fork, GTs on the Bay, Hope’s Cheesecake, Lucy Buffett’s Lulu’s, Luna’s Eat & Drink, The Royal Oyster Bar, Rum Sisters, Sunset Cork Room Restaurant and Wine Bar, Villaggio and Voyagers.

“There are several events in the area where you can sample dishes from local restaurants, but this is the only one where you’ll be able to get up close and personal with some of the Zoo’s most popular residents in an airport hangar at sunset,” said Catherine McInnis, event chair. “This event will get us one step closer to our new location and we hope to host the event in our new home by 2020.”

Guests will also enjoy live music from Chevy Six, dancing, and close-up animal encounters in the incomparable setting of the Salt Air Aviation Hangar at twilight. Tickets are \$150 per person or \$250 per couple. The dress is a jungle/safari theme. All funds raised will be used for animal care, exhibit design and education programs at the zoo. Tickets are on sale at alabamagulfcoastzoo.com. For more info, call 251-752-2245 or email events@algulfcoastzoo.org.

Pictured: Architectural renderings of the new Alabama Gulf Coast Zoo.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Protecting Our Sealife topic of March 15 USA Lecture in G.S.

The University of South Alabama Gulf Coast Campus 2017-2018 Distinguished Lecture Series concludes on March 15 with a lecture titled Protecting Our Sea Life From Environmental Stressors presented by Dr. Ruth Carmichael (pictured), Associate Professor, University of South Alabama, Senior Marine Scientist II, Dauphin Island Sea Lab.

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 lsi-mon@southalabama.edu or visit usacontin- uing.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.



Snook Youth Club celebrates Black History Month

On February 9, Snook Youth Club of Foley students Kamora and Jakarri Garrett along with our African Drums teacher Mr. Poleon Williams, performed with South Side Baptist Church for a Black History Month Program. It was a beautiful performance, involving South Side historical skit and praise dancers and The Snook Youth Club with their poem recital, African percussions and a vocal solo. The kids were happy to be a part of the program. Teachers and parents were proud to see them engaged and helping the community to celebrate Black History month.

Guided tours of Ft. Morgan Tues. & Thurs. through May

Visit Fort Morgan Historic Site for a guided tour by a historian every Tuesday and Thursday at 10 a.m. through May. Learn a little more about the history of military occupations at Mobile Point from The War of 1812 until the end of WWII. Guided tours will be held at 10 a.m. only. You can also visit Fort Morgan any day of the week from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. for a self guided tour. Visit the museum and gift shop. Explore the brick fort, the siege line or mortar battery and the beach too. For more info, call 251-540-7202 or visit fort-morgan.org.



Baldwin & Escambia students can apply for music scholarships

In the past several years the Frank Brown Foundation for Music has developed a scholarship program. This program offers college bound Baldwin and Escambia County high school seniors financial assistance in pursuit of their academic careers. The program has been enhanced this year by generous support from the Perdido Key Chamber of Commerce and offers a Baldwin County senior and an Escambia County senior the opportunity for a \$2,500 award.

Interested students in both counties are asked to submit an essay describing their current career plans as well as the role music plays in their lives. A panel from the Frank Brown Foundation for Music Board of Directors will review the essays and plans are to present the scholarships during the respective school's senior awards ceremonies during the month of May. Deadline for the submissions is April 1, 2018. Essays should be submitted to Frank Brown Songwriters' Festival Director, Andy Haynes at andy@bisf.com. Or, call 251-978-6213 for details.

Festival founder and President, Joe Gilchrist often says "Music makes the world a better place." The Frank Brown Foundation for Music and Songwriters' Festival is attempting to do so one song at a time.

THU, MARCH 1

- **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.
- **Tequila Barrel Aged IPA & NEIPA Tapping:** 6; Big Beach Brewery, Gulf Shores.
- **LeAnn Creswell & Lisa Zanghi:** 6:30; Franco's Italian Restaurant; Orange Beach.
- **Open Mic:** 7; Snapper's; Orange Beach.
- **Three Bean Soup:** 5; LuLu's; Gulf Shores.
- **Ole River String Band:** 6:30; Original Point Restaurant, Pensacola.
- **Alabama Lightning:** 6:30; Flippers, Orange Beach.
- **Sandra Kaye & The Legend Band:** 6; Clubhouse at One Club (open to public), Gulf Shores Alabama.
- **Karaoke:** 7; Flying Harpoon 2, Orange Beach.
- **John Lee Sanders:** 6; Voyagers Restaurant at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **Paxton Norris:** 6; Hub Stacy's at The Point, Innerarity.
- **John Brust:** 6; The Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **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.

FRI, MARCH 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 Lounge Tent Stage; Perdido Key.
- **Snowbird Listings:** Snowbird oriented events on pages 52 to 61.
- **First Friday Art Walk:** 6; Downtown Fairhope.
- **Tour The Nina & Pinta:** The Wharf Marina, Orange Beach.
- **Ryan Balthrop:** 5; LuLu's; Gulf Shores.
- **Sandra Kaye & The Legend Band:** 6; Clubhouse at One Club (open to public), Gulf Shores Alabama.
- **Three Old Geezers:** 7; Flying Harpoon 2, Orange Beach.
- **Open Juke Box:** 7; The Office, Foley.
- **Silvercreek:** 7; Wales West RV Park Bluegrass Gospel Live; Silverhill.
- **Rat Pack & Motown w. James Proctor & Kathy Lyons:** 5; Franco's; Orange Beach.
- **John Lee Sanders:** 6; The Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **Paxton Norris:** 7; Hub Stacy's at The Point, Innerarity.
- **Karaoke w. John Henry:** 6:30; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- **Crackerjack Diamonds:** 6:30; Big Beach Brewery, Gulf Shores.
- **Karaoke:** 8; Snapper's; Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke:** 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- **Terry Causey:** 6:30; Flippers, Orange Beach.
- **Open Jam:** 8, American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.
- **Bingo:** 5:30; Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5659; Elberta.
- **Foley Rotary Club:** 12:15 p.m.; Gift Horse Restaurant in Foley; foleyrotary@gulftel.com.
- **AA:** Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
- **AA:** 7 p.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

SAT, MARCH 3

- **Coastal Alabama Zoo Foundation Night On The Wild Side:** 6:30-10 p.m.; Salt Air Aviation Hangar At Jack Edwards Airport, 3190 Airport Dr. Gulf Shores; alabama-



AFJROTC CADETS RECENT COMMUNITY SERVICE: Foley High School AFJROTC cadets and their leaders, performed strenuous community service at the annual Friends of the Foley Library Book sale, held recently, at the Foley Civic Center. The cadets with their leaders, performed this lengthy community service by hauling a huge number of boxes of donated books into trucks at the storage center. Another team of cadets were standing by to unload them at the civic Center and then carrying the boxes of books, from the stage to the many tables assigned for various categories, and then unpacking boxes. They were tireless and dedicated, for many hours both days. Cadets performing this yearly community service, are listed below. The community thanks their leaders Col. Douglas, USAF (Ret.), and MSgt Howard, USAF (Ret.) and all of the cadets for their service in the AFJROTC program, as well as this dedicated community service performed each year for the Friends of the Foley Library book sale. AFJROTC Cadets Participating in the Community Service at the Book Sale: Brooke Majors, Breanna Atkinson, Christian Duplesis, Logan Wilson, Adam Burchard, Matthew Reiss, Ryan Taylor, Kaden Molloy, Nathaniel Lukas, Katelynn Lott, Heather Hettterscheid, Christopher Blair, Jazlyn Coahran, Cheyenne Blackwell, Shane Williams, Kyle Harding, Paola Cerecedo, Ashley Parnell, Savannah Holley, Kirsten Davis, Cloie Harris, Johnathon Kaiser, Cade Kilzer, Harrison Colthup, Andy Varcoe, Tate Larkin, Donald Smith, Jonathon Ford, Kristina Bice, Lanna Peeples, A'mya Sewell, Malik Pope - Former Cadet, Daniel Hurter, Chancellor Wilson, Austin Alford, Lanna Peeples, Alexis Sikes.

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Race to the Top of Turquoise Place (31 floors) March 3

The Torch Run for Special Olympics 6th Annual Race to the Top of the Tower at Turquoise Place will be held on Saturday, March 3 at 10 a.m. This stair race up 31 floors is open to the general public as well as all local and regional firefighters, police, EMS, and military personnel. Come out and test your fitness level with our local heroes and compete for a 3-night stay at Turquoise Place and for the bragging rights to the "Top of the Tower Champion" title. Spectrum Resorts is a proud sponsor of the fundraiser, which includes a lazy river duck race benefitting local Special Olympic athletes. To sign up for the race online, visit register.chronotrack.com/r/36894, or at Turquoise Place prior to the start of the race. The cost is \$30 per person with discounts given for first responders and early online registrations. Participants are invited to enjoy a post-race celebration in the Penthouse at Turquoise Place.

ulfoastzoo.com.
• Flora-Bama Possible Probables: 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
• Cottontail Express: 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.; family fun; Wales West RV and Light Railway; Silverhill; waleswest.com or 888-569-5337.
• Ballyhoo Festival: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Waterway Village, Gulf Shores, (251) 948-2627.
• Sandra Kaye & The Legend Band: 6; Clubhouse at One Club (open to public), Gulf Shores Alabama.
• Race to the Top of the Tower at Turquoise Place: 10 a.m.; 26302 Perdido Beach Blvd., Orange Beach.
• Fort Morgan Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary Spaghetti Dinner: 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.; Fire Station #1, between mile markers 12 and 13; Gulf Shores, (251) 543-1116.
• Tour The Nina & Pinta: The Wharf Marina, Orange Beach.
• John Hart Project: 6:30; Big Beach Brewery, Gulf Shores.
• Chris Bryan: 5; LuLu's; Gulf Shores.
• Three Old Geezers: 7; Flying Harpoon 2, Orange Beach.
• Rat Pack & Motown w. James Proctor & Kathy Lyons: 5; Franco's; Orange Beach.
• Jason Abust Project: 9; The Office, Foley.
• John Brust: 6; Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
• Whyte Caps: 7; Hub Stacy's at The Point, Innerarity.
• Karaoke By Kelly: 9; Island Time Daquari Bar, The Wharf, Orange Beach.
• Karaoke: 8; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.
• Flip Flop Mafia: 7; Flippers, Orange Beach.
• Open Jam: 8; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.

• Karaoke: 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
• Midnight Confessions: 7:30; Nolan's, Gulf Shores.
• Optimist Club of Perdido Bay: Breakfast every Saturday at 7 a.m. at the Lillian Community Club in Lillian; (251) 961-2620.
• AA: 10 a.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
• AA: 7 p.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
• Ladies AA: 9 a.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

SUN, MARCH 4

• Flora-Bama Possible Probables: 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
• Central Flora-Bama Church: Church experiences, 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.; Flora-Bama Tent Stage, Perdido Key.
• Unity Church Service: 9:45 a.m.; The Royal Osyter, Hwy. 59, three blocks from beach in Gulf Shores.
• Cottontail Express: 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.; family fun; Wales West RV and Light Railway; Silverhill; waleswest.com or 888-569-5337.
• Skins Games and Golf in One Turns: Orange Beach Golf Center, open to all; 1st Sunday of month; 251-981-4653.
• Snowbird Listings: Snowbird oriented events on pages 52 to 61.
• Tour The Nina & Pinta: The Wharf Marina, Orange Beach.
• Moderate Chop: 3 p.m.; Flying Harpoon, Gulf Shores.
• Turkey Shoot: sign-up at 11 a.m.; Elberta VFW, Elberta.
• Lefty Collins: 5; LuLu's; Gulf Shores.

• Lee Yankie & Chris Bryant: 3; Big Beach Brewery, Gulf Shores.
• Three Old Geezers: 3; Flying Harpoon 2, Orange Beach.
• Rat Pack & Motown w. James Proctor & Kathy Lyons: 5; Franco's; Orange Beach.
• Lisa Christian: 2 p.m.; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
• John Joiner & Friends: 4; Hub Stacey's at the Point; Innerarity Point.
• John Lee Sanders: 6; Voyagers Restaurant at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
• Scott Koehn: 5:30; Flippers, Orange Beach.
• Open Mic Karaoke: 6; American Legion Post 99, Foley.
• 9 Ball APA: 6; The Office, Foley.
• Blind Draw Dart Tournament: 5; American Legion Post 99, Foley.
• AA: 5 p.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

MON, MARCH 5

• Snowbird Listings: Snowbird oriented events on pages 52 to 61.
• 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.
• Tour The Nina & Pinta: The Wharf Marina, Orange Beach.
• Frankie G & LeaAnn Creswell: 6:30; Franco's Italian Restaurant; Orange Beach.
• Trivia Night at Big Beach: 7; Big Beach Brewing Company; Gulf Shores.
• Open Mic w. Bailey: 7; Cocktails and Dreams Foley.

• Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde: 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
• Brent Burns: 5; LuLu's; Gulf Shores.
• Alabama Lightning: 6:30; Flippers, Orange Beach.
• Open Mixed Doubles Tennis: 7:30 a.m.; all levels welcome; Gulf Shores Tennis Center; corner of West 19th Ave. and West 2nd St.
• Bingo: 6; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
• 8 Ball APA: 7:30; The Office, Foley.
• Overeaters Anonymous: 6; Holy Spirit Episcopal Church; Gulf Shores, 616 Ft. Morgan Rd.; 251-709-5907.
• Orange Beach Community Center Association Monthly Covered Dish Dinner: social at 5, dinner at 6:30 p.m.; all winter guests welcome; Canal Road next to the Recreation Center; 251-981-1942.
• T.O.P.S. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly): weigh-in 5:30; meeting 6; First Presbyterian Church of Foley; (Berry & Highway 59).
• AA: Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
• AA: 7 p.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
• Ladies AA: 10 a.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

TUE, MARCH 6

• Vacation Planning Event: 2 p.m.; Hampton Inn; 1701 Gulf Shores Pkwy.; Limited Space; 251.610.4048 or achavez@cruiseplanners.com.
• www.NewFrontierTravel.com/Viking • 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-



OBES TERRIFIC KIDS: Orange Beach Elementary School presented awards to its February Terrific Kids during a recent ceremony: **Pictured: (above left)** PreK - 2nd Terrific Kids - Front Row (left to right) Jenna Shaver, Vanessa Bradley, Layla Winfield, Saylor Rambo; Back Row (left to right) Hayes Moss, Beau Bulman, Bryant Cranford, Aaron Tierce, Attison Mitchell, Lincoln Dial, **(above right)** 3rd - 6th Grade (left to right) Kimberlynn Kaiser, Khloe Kelley, Nevaeh Huber, Lily Kate Logan, Kate Woerner, Andrea Townly, Back Row (left to right) Myles Payne, Cole Hayward, Emily Imperato, Chase Jennings, Lillie Law, Addie Roach.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

6th Family Fun Day at Liberty Church Foley April 7

The Sixth Annual Family Fun Day at Liberty Church Foley Campus, located at 110 E. Riviera Blvd. (next to Sonic), will be held on Saturday, April 7 from 9 a.m. 'til 3 p.m. Attractions include: A huge kids area, The Gulf Coast Classic Car & Motorcycle show, The Escape Room, 50 arts & crafts vendors, food trucks, baked sale (inside), silent auction (inside) and music from Top Hat & Jackie, Elvis and others.

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"Proceeds benefit kids here in our community struggling with food insecurities," Johnson said. "Invite a friend and join us for a day of fun, fellowship, food, shopping and entertainment."



CHAMBER JUNIOR EXECUTIVES VISIT CAPITAL: The Central Baldwin Chamber of Commerce Junior Executives went to Montgomery on February 15 to visit the Alabama League of Municipalities and meet some of our State Representatives. **Pictured:** Robertsdale Mayor Charlie Murphy, Rebecca Shobe, Rep. Alan Baker, Joshua Clapper, Rep. Harry Shiver, Jacob Clabo, Rep. Joe Faust, Elizabeth Smith, Amy Mitchell, Elaina Henson, Abbie Hobbs, Jordanne Clabo, Camille Buetner, and Brooke Butler. Applications for the 2018-2019 Junior Executive program will be available soon. For more info, call 251-947-2626.

Caitlin Buemi Memorial Cornhole Tourney March 3

The Caitlin Buemi Memorial Corn Hole Tourney will be held on Saturday, March 3 behind the clubhouse at Glenlakes Golf Club in Foley. Gather friends and enter a team for fun day playing cornhole and raising money for local students. Registration starts at 9 a.m., and play will start at 10 a.m. Entry for the double elimination tourney is \$50 for a team of two and payable at the tourney. There will be prizes and goodies for players, a split the pot drawing and other fun stuff during the event.

All proceeds go to the Caitlin Buemi Memorial Fund. For more info or sponsorship info, call Niki Grady at 251-508-0354.

Foley High School student Caitlin Buemi was tragically killed in a car accident on March 7, 2010. She was a bright, athletic, loving girl who was full of life. Caitlin was a competition cheerleader, varsity soccer player, varsity cheerleader, ran track and was an active member of her church. She worked as well as maintained an a/b average in school. She wanted to go to the University of Alabama to peruse a career in sports medicine. Since her death, Caitlin's family has hosted golf and softball tournaments and other events to raise money to provide scholarships to local students, who write essays on why you shouldn't text and drive and why you should wear your seatbelt. "Caitlin made a life changing

Bama Lounge Tent Stage; Perdido Key.
Snowbird Listings: Snowbird oriented events on pages 52 to 61.
Frankie G On Piano: 6:30; Franco's Italian Restaurant; Orange Beach.
Lisa Zanghi, Doug Habbena, Scott Koehn: 6:30; Flippers, Orange Beach.
Karaoke: 6; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
Jimmy Lumpkin: 5; LuLu's; Gulf Shores.
Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde: 8; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
JW Karaoke: 6; Hub Stacy's At The Point, Innerarity Point.
NAPA Pool League: 7:30; The Office, Foley.
Karaoke: 5; Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5659; Elberta.
Bowling Tourney: 7; Snapper's; Orange Beach.
Orange Beach City Council Meeting: 5 p.m.; City Hall; 980-INFO.
Bingo: 10 to 2; Gulf Coast Elks Lodge 2782, Foley; 251-971-2782.
GriefShare Support Group: For men and women; 6-8 p.m.; Point Church, 13801 Innerarity Point Rd. Info: Shirley Johnson, 601-278-6973.
Orange Beach Bridge Club: Tue. & Thur at noon; Orange Beach Senior Center; visitors and new members welcomed even without a partner; 251-981-3440.
Orange Beach Library Children's Story Time: 10 a.m.; preschool; 981-2923.
Southwest Branch Library Children's Story Time: 10:30 a.m.; preschool; 12248 Gulf Beach Hwy, Pensacola; (850) 453-7780.
Gulf Shores Kiwanis Club: Palmer Dining Room at Craft Farms; noon; new members and guests always welcome; 251-981-9999.
Kiwanis Club of Big Lagoon: 7:30 a.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Activities Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Road, Pensacola, 850-867-5873 or 901-734-1066.
Kiwanis Club of Foley: Noon on Tuesdays at Ryan's in Foley; 251-968-6288.
AA: Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

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

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.
Karaoke: 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
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.
Adam Holt: 5; LuLu's; Gulf Shores.
John Joiner & Friends: 7; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde: 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
Open Mic: 5:30; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
Karaoke: 6; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
Karaoke: 9; The Office, Foley.
Scott Koehn & Lisa Zanghi: 6:30; Flipper's, Orange Beach.
Big Beach Running & Social Club: 5:30 p.m.; Big Beach Brewery in Gulf Shores; lafleetfeet.com.
Family Night Dinner & Activities: 5:45 p.m.; Saint Andrew by the Sea, 17263 Fort Morgan Rd., Gulf Shores; 678-361-2762.
Open Mixed Doubles Tennis: 7:30 a.m.; all levels welcome; Gulf Shores Tennis Center; corner of West 19th Ave. and West 2nd St.
Veteran's Bingo: 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; American Legion Post 99, Foley.
Prayer Shawl Ministry: Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Activities Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

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- **Bread Ministry:** 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.; Orange Beach United Methodist Church Brook's Center.
- **Food Bank:** 9 - 11 a.m. every Wednesday, Perdido Bay Baptist Church, 12600 Sorrento Rd. Pensacola; call for eligibility requirements at (850) 492-2604.
- **Perdido Key Rotary Club:** 7:30 a.m.; every Wednesday at Triggers, 850.492.8335.
- **Storytime at Pensacola Southwest Branch Library:** free; infant to 5; 10:30-11; 1-2238 Old Gulf Beach Hwy; (850)453-7780.
- **Gulf Shores Garden Club:** 9:30 a.m.; first Wednesday of each month September thru May; Gulf Shores Activity Center; 300 E. 16th Avenue, Gulf Shores; new members and guests always welcome; 251-968-5683.
- **AA:** Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
- **AA:** 7:30 p.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

THU, MARCH 8

- **Flora-Bama Possible Probables:** 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
- **Flora-Bama Bingo:** free; 1-4 p.m.; great prizes, family friendly; 17401 Perdido Key Dr., Perdido Key.
- **Snowbird Listings:** Snowbird oriented events on pages 52 to 61.
- **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.
- **Bust:** 5; LuLu's; Gulf Shores.
- **Sandra Kaye & The Legend Band:** 6; Clubhouse at One Club (open to pubic), Gulf Shores Alabama.
- **Ole River String Band:** 6:30; Original Point

Restaurant, Pensacola.

- **Raising Karma:** 6; Hub Stacy's at The Point, Innerarity.
- **John Lee Sanders:** 6; Voyagers Restaurant at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke:** 7; Flying Harpoon 2, Orange Beach.
- **John Brust:** 6; The Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- **Karaoke:** 8; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.
- **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 7; Papa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **Arts at the Market:** 4-8 p.m.; Coastal Alabama Farmer's & Fishermen's Market, Foley, 2nd Thurs. of each month; great artists & crafters from our area; Info: (251) 229-9885.
- **8 Ball APA:** 7:30; The Office, Foley.
- **Bingo:** 10 a.m.; American Legion Post 44, 6781 Gulf Shores Pkwy (AL Hwy 59), Gulf Shores.
- **Rotary Club of Gulf Shores/Orange Beach:** noon; Gulf Shores Golf Club; visiting Rotarians and guests invited.
- **Gulf Shores United Methodist Church Bread Ministry:** 9-10; every Thursday; room 103 on the south campus, next to Crossroad; 251 968-2411.
- **Adult Bible Study:** 10 a.m.; Gulf Shores Presbyterian Church; all welcome; (251) 968-7720.
- **Orange Beach Bridge Club:** Tue. & Thur at noon; Orange Beach Senior Center; visitors and new members welcomed even without a partner; 251-981-3440.
- **Gulf Shores Library Pre-school (3-5) Story Time:** 10:30 a.m.; 251-968-1176.
- **AA:** Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

FRI, MARCH 9

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

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- LIVE MUSIC** Lee Yankie & Chris Bryant, 3/4- 3-6pm
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- Key.**
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 - **Rat Pack & Motown w. James Proctor & Kathy Lyons:** 5; Franco's; Orange Beach.
 - **McPhersons:** 7; Wales West RV Park Bluegrass Gospel Live; Silverhill.
 - **Sandra Kaye & The Legend Band:** 6; Clubhouse at One Club (open to public), Gulf Shores Alabama.
 - **Cadillac Attack:** 5; LuLu's; Gulf Shores.
 - **Rex:** 7; The Office, Foley.
 - **John Lee Sanders:** 6; The Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
 - **Dueling Pianos w. Steve & Frankie:** 6:30; Big Beach Brewery, Gulf Shores.
 - **Whyte Caps:** 7; Hub Stacy's at The Point, Innerarity.
 - **DJ-Karaoke:** 9; The Jellyfish, Perdido Key.
 - **Open Jam:** 8; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.
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 - **Bingo:** 5:30; Veterans of Foreign Wars

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- **Foley Rotary Club:** 12:15 p.m.; Gift Horse Restaurant in Foley; foleyrotary@gulfnet.com.
- **AA:** Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
- **AA:** 7 p.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

SAT, MARCH 10

- **Opera Semiramide by Rossini:** 11:55 a.m.; in high definition from The Metropolitan Opera, Cobb Pinnacle 14; 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.
- **Orange Beach Festival of Art:** 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Waterfront Park, 26389 Canal Rd.; 251-981-ARTS (2787).
- **Cottontail Express:** 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.; family fun; Wales West RV and Light Railway; Silverhill; waleswest.com or 888-569-5337.
- **Rat Pack & Motown w. James Proctor & Kathy Lyons:** 5; Franco's; Orange Beach.
- **John Henry Karaoke:** 9; The Office; Foley.



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WHAT'S HAPPENING

COOKIN' WITH CAROLYN

By CAROLYN GODFREY

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1-1/2 tsp. vanilla extract
2 c. dry roasted salted peanuts, finely chopped
1 pound cake, cut into bite-size cubes

Pour confectioners' sugar in a bowl. Gradually add milk, whisking constantly, until mixture has a thin frosting consistency; whisk in vanilla extract. Place chopped peanuts in a bowl. Line a flat surface or a plate with waxed paper. Dip 1 pound cake cubes in frosting and roll cube in peanuts; place on wax paper to dry. Repeat with remaining pound cake pieces.

Enjoy!

Note: I prefer pecans. Also, don't make the cubes too small or they will be difficult to manage.

Foley Sports Tourism Spring Events

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)



Kaylyn Hildreth Is Top Diplomat

The South Baldwin Chamber presented the Diplomat of the Month award to Diplomat newcomer, Kaylyn Hildreth (pictured) of Staybridge Suites. The award was given during the first Business After Hours of 2018 at Paradise Marine in Gulf Shores. Hildreth started as a Diplomat in January and has made an immediate impact.

Hildreth has been the Sales Coordinator at Staybridge Suites for over a year where she is tasked with organizing groups and events as well as meeting with new clients. Hildreth is new to the Chamber and the Diplomat program. As part of her new role she attends Chamber functions, mentors new members and volunteers at events to greet members or set up for an event. Hildreth most enjoys getting to meet and learn about businesses in the area and meet fascinating people in the community; and of course winning awards!

Hildreth comes to the Gulf Coast from Memphis, Tennessee to be close to her grandparents who retired to the area fifteen years ago. Since then not only Kaylyn but her mother, sister and brother have all made the move to the beautiful Gulf Coast. Hildreth plans to continue to grow her knowledge of sales and the hotel industry and hopes to one day become the Director of Sales for the Staybridge Suites.

- **Ronnie Pressley:** 5; LuLu's; Gulf Shores.
- **Sandra Kaye & The Legend Band:** 6; Clubhouse at One Club (open to public), Gulf Shores Alabama.
- **JoJo Press:** 9; The Office, Foley.
- **Magic Johnson:** 7; Hub Stacy's at The Point, Innerarity.
- **Shaggy J & Gulf Coast Vibrations:** 7; Flying Harpoon, Gulf Shores.
- **Spearman Brewers:** 6:30; Big Beach Brewery, Gulf Shores.
- **Chillbillies:** 8pm-12am; Bama Bud's, Foley.
- **Lisa Zanghi:** 6; Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke By Kelly:** 9; Island Time Daquari Bar, The Wharf, Orange Beach.
- **Flip Flop Mafia:** 7; Flippers, Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke:** 8; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.
- **Karaoke:** 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- **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 Lil-

- lian Community Club in Lillian; (251) 961-2620.
- **AA:** 10 a.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
- **AA:** 7 p.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
- **Ladies AA:** 9 a.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Activities Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
- **White Elephant Sale** at Luxury RV Resort. RV items incl. Brake Buddy, electric fireplace, household, tools, electronics, books. Bake Sale. 8am-1pm. 590 Gulf Shores Pkwy.

SUN, MARCH 11

- **Central Flora-Bama Church:** Church experiences, 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.; Flora-Bama Tent Stage, Perdido Key.
- **Unity Church Beach Service:** 9:45 a.m.; The Royal Oyster, Hwy. 59 - 3 blocks from beach in Gulf Shores.
- **Flora-Bama Possible Probables:** 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
- **Orange Beach Festival of Art:** 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.; Waterfront Park, 26389 Canal Rd.; 251-981-ARTS (2787).



IT'S ALL ABOUT MAGNETS: In Mrs. Tammy Shirley's first grade class at Gulf Shores Elementary School, student teacher Brook Parker presented a lesson, "All About Magnets." She first showed an informational video about magnets, then the class was able to explore with magnets. They observed which objects were magnetic and non-magnetic. They also read informational text about magnets and played Kahoot with questions regarding magnets. What fun they had learning All About Magnets! **Pictured l to r:** Jacob Auriolos, Manuela Martin, Kaitlyn Walker, Mrs. Parker and Maddie Millie.



GSES TERRIFIC KIDS: Gulf Shores Elementary School is pleased to present their Terrific Kids chosen in January 2018. Terrific Kids are chosen by homeroom teachers for students who consistently exhibit outstanding character traits for that month. Our local Kiwanis Club sponsors the Terrific Kid program. Kindergarten-2nd grade students at GSES awarded Terrific Kid in January: (Above Left): Andi Price, Ion Fetchu, Avery Lee McClure, Elyse Logel, Lillian Kent, Timothy Merril, Charlotte Colvin, Baylor Smith, Lucas Stewart, Abriella Vidal, Journey Anderson, Izabela Caldwell, Thomas Norton, Sophia Cortes, Rivers Watley, Ivy Alexander, Maddie Andrews, Devin Moultrie, Natalie Morgan, Breelyn Parker, Hadley Mullenix, Drew Baranovics, Jacob Wyatt. 6th grade students at GSES awarded Terrific Kid in January. (in no particular order) (Above Right): Maddie McDuffie, Kimmie Ryan, Emily Parker, Rosy McCready, Bright Cook, Giuliana Kammers, George Kowalski, Amdanda Larenas, Noah Daigle, Julie Rogers, Devyn McCann, Cooper Porter, Jeremy Williams, Patrick Nguyen, Skylar Gant, Vansh Gandhi, Tucker King, Emma Lloyd, Braden Harvey, Haley Bedinger, Kamerson Palmer, Sam Schepker, Bella Ellis, Brody Cobb.

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- **Cottontail Express:** 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.; family fun; Wales West RV and Light Railway; Silverhill; waleswest.com or 888-569-5337.
- **Snowbird Listings:** Snowbird oriented events on pages 52 to 61.
- **Albert Simpson:** 5; Lulu's at Homeport Marina, Gulf Shores.
- **Jim Burt:** 3; Big Beach Brewery, Gulf Shores.
- **Smokin' Budz:** 7; Flying Harpoon, Gulf Shores.
- **Lisa Christian:** 2 p.m.; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- **Rat Pack & Motown w. James Proctor & Kathy Lyons:** 5; Franco's; Orange Beach.
- **Scott Koehn:** 5:30; Flippers, Orange Beach.
- **John Lee Sanders:** 6; Voyagers Restaurant at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange

- Beach.
- **Southern Star:** 5; Monthly Birthday Potluck; American Legion Post 99, Foley.
- **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, MARCH 12

- **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.
- **Stars Fell on Alabama:** 11 a.m.; Lulu's at Homeport Marina, Gulf Shores.
- **Rock Bottom with Rick Carter:** 5; Lulu's at Homeport Marina, Gulf Shores.
- **Frankie G. & Leann Creswell:** 6:30; Franco's Italian Restaurant; Orange Beach.
- **Trivia Night at Big Beach:** 7; Big Beach Brewing Company; Gulf Shores.
- **Mark Laborde & Smokey Otis:** 7 p.m.; Papa Rocco's, Gulf Shores.
- **Open Mic w. Bailey:** 7; Cocktails and Dreams Foley.
- **Bingo:** 6; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- **Open Mixed Doubles Tennis:** 7:30 a.m.; all levels welcome; Gulf Shores Tennis Center; corner of West 19th Ave. and West 2nd St.

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

TUE, MARCH 13

- **Flora-Bama Possible Probables:** 3 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:** 7; Papa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **Frankie G. On Piano:** 6:30; Franco's Italian Restaurant; Orange Beach.
- **John Lee Sanders:** 6; The Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke w. John Henry:** 5:30; American Legion Post 99, Foley.
- **Lisa Zanghi, Doug Habbena, Scott Koehn:** 7; Flippers, Orange Beach.
- **Lefty Collins:** 5; Lulu's at Homeport Marina, Gulf Shores.
- **Bowling Tourny:** 7; Snapper's; Orange Beach.



WEEK OF COMPASSION FOR ONO LADIES CLUB & BOUTIQUE: It was a week of compassion for the Ono Ladies Club & Boutique. These ladies were honored to make financial donations and support to many Baldwin County charities. These organizations listed below are a 501-c-3, non-profit organizations. Ono Ladies' Club is a social and charitable organization who's mission is to give back to Baldwin County's local charities. Ono Ladies Boutique, offers Ono Island logo merchandise, in which all proceeds benefit local charities in Baldwin County. **Pictured: (Above left)** Jensen's Heart of Gold: Grazina Turkula's, Ono Ladies' Club Treasurer presents check to President Melissa Byrd, Jensen's Heart of Gold. With limited dedication to support local families, JHG Foundation was founded by parents Melissa & Lynn Byrd to bring hope to other parents and children here in Baldwin County. Cancer is the number one cause of death by disease in children in the United States. The emotional and financial cost of having a child with cancer is staggering and these two parents know first-hand because this foundation carries their son's memory & giving spirit. **(Above center)** Bricks for Books: Adrienne Bibby & Terri Hall, Ono Ladies Club & Boutique presented a check to Markus Kitts, President of the Orange Beach Friends of the Library. Bricks for Books will supplement the needs of Orange Beach Library, which includes materials, computer equipment and many other literacy programs benefitting our local adults and children. Clay bricks with engraved lettering will honor the Ono Ladies' Club that will be placed permanently behind the library overlooking the beautiful Wolfe Bay. **(Above right)** Miracle League: Cindy Ross, Ono Ladies Club donates a miracle to Bruce White, Miracle League Director. Area special needs children and their families will soon have a miracle field to call home. This park will give them an opportunity to play in a facility that is tailored to their special needs and provide a "field of dreams" that will benefit everyone regardless of physical or mental challenges.



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WHAT'S HAPPENING



Helping Hands Donation Drive For Taylor Wilson March 9

Local teens organize variety show & auction at St. Andrew by the Sea

By Kaysheri Haffner

On Friday, March 9 from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m., Helping Hands will hold a donation drive for Taylor Wilson at St. Andrew by the Sea Church Fellowship Hall, located at 17263 Fort Morgan Rd. in Gulf Shores.

Taylor Wilson is a 20-year-old who has been fighting bravely since she was 12. She was diagnosed with a type of cancer called Acute Lymphoblastic lymphoma in 2012. Then she developed Graft Versus Host Disease right after a bone marrow transplant.

Every few months we do some form of a donation drive. During the drive, people donate and then we do some sort of activity that is fun and enjoyable! All members go to school in Gulf Shores.

She is currently in stage 3 GVHD (her body is fighting itself and is progressively taking over each of her organs). Over 50% of her organs are currently affected.

The drive will be a variety show and will also hold a silent auction. The variety show features many different acts such as South Baldwin Dance Center, Gulf Coast Dance Connection, Wheelers Karate, Andi and Chris Carstens, Barbie Cecil, High School Drama Team, and many more! SherrieLynn Brewer will be the featured pianist.

At 5:30 p.m. there will also be a silent auction featuring many local businesses and artists. You can bid before, during, and after the variety show. The goal is to raise \$6,000 for Taylor and travel expenses. If you are unable to make it you can deposit check or cash to any PNC bank in Baldwin County. The account name is Taylor Wilson Donation Drive.

Helping Hands was created by Kaysheri Haffner, a Gulf Shores Middle School Student in 2016. The team includes Lexie Massengale, Lauren Calvert, Emilie Rattner and Emma Collier. She and the Helping Hands Team raised over \$5,000 for a seven-year-old boy named Devan Willis in 2017. Feel free to come to the event on March 9 at St. Andrew By The Sea Church to help a good cause and for some family fun! For more information, call or text (251) 609-1251, e-mail helpinghandsgulfshores@gmail.com or visit kidshelpinghands.wixsite.com/helpinghands.

Pictured: (l to r) Lauren Calvert, Taylor Wilson, Kaysheri Haffner, Emilie Rattner, Lexie Massengale, Emma Collier (not in photo).

America's Boating Course

slated March 17 in Lillian

The Perdido Bay Power Squadron is once again offering the premier boating class, America's Boating Course, on Saturday, March 17, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Lillian Recreation Park, 33914 Widell Ave., Lillian, Alabama. Certified instructors from the Perdido Bay Power Squadron provide instruction as a courtesy to advance recreational boating knowledge. For more info, call Richard Carson at (251) 980-1536.

The course includes information on getting started, what is needed, required and recommended safety equipment, boating rules to live by, navigation chart overview, boat handling, and related topics. The cost is \$50 for student materials and lunch. Please make out your check to Perdido Bay Power Squadron. Two persons in the same household may share a single book. For those sharing a book, there is an \$8 charge for the additional lunch. Classes are limited to 16 students. Minimum age is 12, and an adult must accompany anyone under 16. Walk-ins are welcome if space is available. Successful completion of the course meets the basic boating knowledge requirements of most states and territories. Register and buy the student manual at either Coleman Outdoor Outlet or Blue Water Ship's Store. Materials may also be obtained on class day at the Recreation Park.

S. B. Chamber Golf Tourney

March 23 at Cotton Creek

By Rachel Spear

The 4th Annual Golf Classic, presented by Ascend Performance Materials, is set for March 23 at Craft Farms - Cotton Creek. A portion of the proceeds from this 4-man scramble will benefit the Hattie Little Smith Free Enterprise Scholarship fund. Register online by visiting our website, mylocalchamber.net, or call 251.943.3291.

All golfers will receive a tournament bag, lunch & two drink vouchers. There will be some fun and friendly competition including longest drive, closest to pin, and a raffle. Individual and top team prizes will be awarded. So grab your clubs, golf balls and some friends for the 4th Annual Golf Classic!

- **JW Karaoke:** 6; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
- **Karaoke:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- **Kiwanis Club of Big Lagoon:** 5 p.m.; social meeting; locations to be determined, 850-867-5873 or 901-734-1066.
- **GriefShare Support Group:** For men and women; 6-8 p.m.; Point Church, 13801 Innerarity Point Rd. Info: Shirley Johnson, 601-278-6973.
- **NAPA Pool League:** 7:30; The Office, Foley.
- **Bingo:** 10 to 2; Gulf Coast Elks Lodge 2782, Foley; 251-971-2782.
- **Orange Beach City Council Meeting:** 5 p.m.; City Hall; 980-INFO.
- **Sonora Masonic Lodge:** 7 p.m.; 202 E. Jackson Street in Summerdale; sonora635.com.
- **Orange Beach Bridge Club:** Tue. & Thur at noon; Orange Beach Senior Center; visitors and new members welcomed even without a partner; 251-981-3440.
- **Orange Beach Library Children's Story Time:** 10 a.m.; preschool; 981-2923.
- **Southwest Branch Library Children's Story Time:** 10:30 a.m.; preschool; 12248 Gulf Beach Hwy, Pensacola; (850) 453-7780.
- **Gulf Shores Kiwanis Club:** Palmer Dining Room at Craft Farms; noon; new members and guests always welcome; 251-981-9999.
- **Kiwanis Club of Foley:** Noon on Tuesdays at Ryan's in Foley; 251-968-6288.
- **AA:** Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (In-

nerarity Point) Pensacola.

- **Al-Anon:** Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Activities Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

WED, MARCH 14

- **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.
- **Open Mic Night:** 5:30; Tacky Jack'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.
- **Adam Holt:** 5; Lulu's at Homeport Marina, Gulf Shores.
- **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.
- **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.
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Thursday

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Friday

**Fried Grouper
with Fries & Cole Slaw**

WHAT'S HAPPENING



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

- **Veteran's Bingo:** 10 a.m. -2 p.m.; American Legion Post 99, Foley.
- **Trivia Night:** 6:30 p.m.; The Gulf Coast Elks Lodge 2789, Foley; 251-550-1060.
- **Prayer Shawl Ministry:** Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Activities Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
- **Bingo:** 6 p.m.; American Legion Post 240; 8666 Gulf Beach Hwy.; Pensacola.
- **South Alabama Senior Travelers:** 9 a.m.; Foley Senior Center; visitors welcome; 251-928-4494.
- **Orange Beach Friends of the Library:** 10; Library meeting room; 978-4106.
- **Food Ministry For Hungry Families:** noon-1 p.m.; Grace Lutheran Church, corner of West 23rd Ave. and West 4th St. in Gulf Shores; 251-968-5991.
- **Bread Ministry:** 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.; Orange Beach United Methodist Church Brook's Center.
- **Food Bank:** 9 - 11 a.m every Wednesday, Perdido Bay Baptist Church, 12600 Sorrento Rd. Pensacola; call for eligibility requirements at (850) 492-2604.
- **Gulf Shores Woman's Club:** 11 a.m.; Palmer Room at Craft Farms; all interested women invited to attend; 251-980-5722.
- **Perdido Key Rotary Club:** 7:30 a.m.; every Wednesday at Triggers. 850.492.8335.
- **Gulf Shores Lions Club:** noon; 2nd & 4th Wednesday; noon; Gulf Shores Community House, 300 E. 16th Avenue; 251-968-2823.
- **Storytime at Pensacola Southwest Branch Library:** free; infant to 5; 10:30-11; 12238 Old Gulf Beach Hwy; (850)453-7780.
- **AA:** Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

THU, MARCH 15

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

prizes, family friendly; 17401 Perdido Key Dr., Perdido Key.

- **Snowbird Listings:** Snowbird oriented events on pages 52 to 61.
- **Open Mic:** 7; Snapper's; Orange Beach.
- **LeAnn Creswell & Lisa Zanghi:** 6:30; Franco's Italian Restaurant; Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke:** 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke:** 7; Flying Harpoon 2, Orange Beach.
- **Sandra Kaye & The Legend Band:** 6; Clubhouse at One Club (open to pubic), Gulf Shores Alabama,
- **Brandon White:** 5; Lulu's at Homeport Marina, Gulf Shores.
- **Alabama Lightning:** 6:30; Flippers, Orange Beach.
- **Ole River String Band:** 6:30; Original Point Restaurant, Pensacola.
- **Paxton Norris:** 6; Hub Stacy's at The Point, Innerarity.
- **John Lee Sanders:** 6; Voyagers Restaurant at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **John Brust:** 6; The Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.

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- **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.

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G.S. ARTIST SUSAN MCCOLLOUGH PRESENTS PAINTING TO DISL: Susan N. McCollough, a Gulf Shores-based abstract expressionist, has donated a 9-foot-by-8-foot triptych painting, "Gulf Ever-Changing," to the Dauphin Island Sea Lab. The painting was unveiled Feb. 16. "We appreciate Susan's generosity in gifting this painting, which will give visitors to the Shelby Center an inviting reflection of the living waters surrounding our campus," said Dr. John Valentine, executive director.

"I always and still am mesmerized by the strength and ever-changing shifts in the Gulf. It represents the serene, calm, tumultuous expression of the waves. It's a combination of science and art."

Born in The Bronx, N.Y., McCollough grew up in Dothan and graduated from the University of Alabama with a degree in speech and art. She works out of The Susan N. McCollough Gallery/Studio in Gulf Shores next to The McCollough Institute, her husband Gaylon's plastic surgery practice.

"The painting 'Gulf Ever-Changing' has special meaning for me," McCollough said. "For as a child growing up close to the Gulf of Mexico, I came to love the sounds and movements of the Gulf. I always and still am mesmerized by the strength and ever-changing shifts in the Gulf. It represents the serene, calm, tumultuous expression of the waves," McCollough said. "It's a combination of science and art, and I feel very fortunate to have been able to present this painting to the Dauphin Island Sea Lab."

McCollough paints primarily on large canvases, sometimes working on three or four paintings at once. This is the sixth painting she has donated to various organizations. Her vast collection of abstract, expressionistic art displays worldwide. In 2017, she was named artist of the year by Art Tour International and honored at a show and ceremony in Florence, Italy. She was commissioned by the University of Alabama to create a painting in honor of her late professor and lifelong mentor, Al Sella. The 4-foot-by- 5-foot impressionist portrait of the iconic artist and his emblematic bicycle hangs in Clark Hall in the College of Arts and Sciences.

Last year, the McColloughs donated \$5 million to the College of Arts and Sciences - the largest academic endowment in more than two decades - to establish the Dr. E. Gaylon McCollough Institute for Pre-Medical Studies and the Susan N. McCollough Art Biennale. For more information about McCollough's work, visit susanmccolloughart.media.

Pictured: Dr. Gaylon McCollough, Artist Susan N. McCollough.

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GPAC WINTER INVITE: Local swimmers participating in the GPAC Winter Invite included (back) Gabe Schroeder, 14 - Foley; Cody Hall, 13 - Gulf Shores; (front) Kimberly Lee, 15 - Gulf Shores; Macy Manni, 13 - Gulf Shores; Audrey Lee, 15 - Orange Beach; Brayden Koon, 14 - Gulf Shores; Annalane Lee, 17 - Orange Beach; Ruby Rosnagle, 14 - Gulf Shores.



CCLGA PENNIES FOR PUTTS BENEFITS DOLPHIN GOLFERS: Each year the Cotton Creek Ladies Golf Association (CCLGA) from Craft Farms makes a donation called Pennies for Putts to the Gulf Shores High School Ladies Golf Team. Each week the CCLGA women put their spare change into this fund, which is meant to help promote the love of golf in these young ladies. On February 22, they presented a check for \$360 to Coach Jacob Sparkman and his team of nine girls that will be competing this year for Gulf Shore High School. Coach Sparkman said that the donation is used to purchase needed equipment and tournament entrance fees at the courses where the girls compete in their matches. **Pictured:** Pam Minella, Mary Ann Erdman, CCLGA Board. GSHS Golf Team: Bri Thrasher, Audrey Belle, Peighton Langston, Juliana Parks, Annabelle Potter, Jenna Mogan, Heidi Shamp, Christian Perryman, Delannay Sarborough, Olivia Akins. CCLGA Board Member Sue Finnell, Pat Scott



ANNALANE LEE & RETT FILES INK ATHLETIC SCHOLARSHIPS: Gulf Shores High School Senior Annalane Lee signed her letter of intent to swim for Birmingham Southern College during a signing day ceremony at Gulf Shores High School on February 7. Annalane was joined in the ceremony by athletic director Matt Blake, her family, friends, teammates and coaches. Another GSHS senior, Rett Files, also signed a scholarship during the ceremony. Rett has committed to play quarterback at the University of North Alabama. He was joined by his family, teammates and coaches. **Pictured:** Rett & Annalane with family at signing day

Lillian Methodist Men Car Show is March 24

The Lillian Methodist Men are sponsoring a car show in Lillian, Alabama on Saturday, March 24. It will cover most kinds of cars: antique, classic, custom, street rods, and production vehicles. The rain or shine event starts at 8 a.m. and the awards will be presented starting about 4 p.m. The awards will be the top thirty in the open class plus ten Best of Show. This show has been well attended in the past. Food will be available (delicious BBQ) and there will be seating available under cover if the weather does not cooperate. There will be a bouncehouse for children. The church is holding a Trash and Treasures sale March 22-24. The car show is on Hwy. 98, just 0.6 miles west of the Lillian Bridge over Perdido Bay at the intersection of Perdido Street on the Methodist Church grounds. For more info, call 251-961-3413.



Lexis Hesselrode wins Logo contest

Rozzy Learning Company held a contest for students to design their new STEAM logo. There was an elementary winner and middle school winner. Gulf Shores Middle School art student, Lexis Hesselrode, was the middle school winner and overall challenge winner. Her STEAM logo will be featured on certificates and advertising materials to thousands of people around the world.

- **Adult Bible Study:** 10 a.m.; Gulf Shores Presbyterian Church; all welcome; (251) 968-7720.
- **Orange Beach Bridge Club:** Tue. & Thur at noon; Orange Beach Senior Center; visitors and new members welcomed even without a partner; 251-981-3440.
- **Gulf Shores Library Pre-school (3-5) Story Time:** 10:30 a.m.; 251-968-1176.
- **AA:** Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

FRI, MARCH 16

- **Invasion Scarpin the Coast Car Show:** The Wharf, Orange Beach.
- **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.
- **Rat Pack & Motown w. James Proctor & Kathy Lyons:** 5; Franco's; Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke w. John Henry:** 5:30; American

- Legion Post 99; Foley.
- **East L.A. Fadeaway Grateful Dead Tribute:** 7; Flying Harpoon 2, Orange Beach.
- **JERI:** 5; Lulu's at Homeport Marina, Gulf Shores.
- **Trugrass:** 7; Wales West RV Park Bluegrass Gospel Live; Silverhill.
- **Sandra Kaye & The Legend Band:** 6; Clubhouse at One Club (open to public), Gulf Shores Alabama.
- **Simply Dwyne & The Ed Mo Project:** 7; Hub Stacy's at The Point, Innerarity.
- **John Lee Sanders:** 6; The Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **DJ-Karaoke:** 9; The Jellyfish, Perdido Key.
- **Open Jam:** 8; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.
- **Karaoke:** 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke:** 8; Snapper's; Orange Beach.
- **Terry Causey:** 7; Flippers, Orange Beach.
- **Open Mixed Doubles Tennis:** 7:30 a.m.; all levels welcome; Gulf Shores Tennis Center; corner of West 19th Ave. and



100 DAYS OF FUN: Mrs. Tammy Shirley's first grade class at Gulf Shores Elementary School celebrated the 100th Day of School by counting in Spanish to 100, skip counting to 100, writing about what they would do with 100 dollars and making a 100 day snack! **Pictured:** Elijah Snow, Alex Talantis, and Jacob Auriolos



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Friday bluegrass/gospel concerts through March at Wales West

The 12th season of Bluegrass- Gospel Live at Wales West RV Park in Summerdale continues every Friday night in March from 7-9 p.m. in the park's very acoustic-friendly community room. For a \$5 donation per person, patrons get music, a cookie, coffee, a soft drink, fresh popcorn and a train ride, weather permitting. Bands booked this month include Silvercreek on March 2, The McPhersons on March 9, Trugrass (pictured) on March 16 and The Chestang Family on March 23. Wales West RV Resort & Light Railway is located at 13670 Smiley St. in Silverhill, just north of Hwy. 32 on Hwy. 9. For more info, call 888-569-5337 or visit waleswest.com.



GSES VALENTINES: Gulf Shores Elementary School second graders are ready to deliver their valentines. This day could be the FAVORITE day of the year for students - feeling and showing love and appreciation to their school family. **Pictured:** clockwise from bottom left: Gerr McKee, Mallie Clolinger, Jayden Deese, Melissa Montiel and Charlie Wheat.

Sonora Masonic Lodge chicken dinner March 3

Sonora Masonic Lodge #635 F&AM will hold the last of its 2018 winter fried chicken dinner fundraisers on 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.

Gulf Shores Garden Club Scholarship Fund

As members of the Gulf Shores Garden Club, we would like to award a \$1,000 scholarship to a graduating senior of Gulf Shores or Foley High School. We also want to include a scholarship to a current student enrolled at the Coastal Community College. These students will need to be enrolled at a college in the fall of 2018 and be pursuing a career in the following studies: horticulture, urban or rural planning, botany, landscaping, ecology, forestry, wild life science, or a related field of study. The deadline for this application is April 30, 2018. Our requirements and application can be obtained through the counselors office at Gulf Shores High School; Dr. Beth Taylor at Foley High School or the following members of the Garden Club, Sue Foksett or Diane Farnham and they can be contacted at fskettsue@gmail.com or dh-farnham54@gmail.com

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Bingo: 5:30; Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5659; Elberta.
Foley Rotary Club: 12:15 p.m.; Gift Horse Restaurant in Foley; foleyrotary@gulfnet.com.
AA: Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
AA: 7 p.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

SAT, MARCH 17

St. Patrick's Day Walking Parade: 9 a.m.; starts at Papa Rocco's and continues on foot to downtown Gulf Shores bistros.
BBQ & Blues Cook-off 2018: Heritage Park, 125 E. Laurel Ave., Foley.
Big Beach Brewing St. Patrick's Day Celebration w. Wyatt Edmonson: 300 E. 24th Ave., Gulf Shores.
Invasion Scrapin the Coast Car Show: The Wharf, Orange Beach.
City Rhythm Big Band Dance: 7 p.m.; Loxley Civic Center.
Flora-Bama Possible Probables: 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
66th Annual Arts & Crafts Festival: 10 a.m.; Downtown Fairhope.
Cottontail Express: 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.; family fun; Wales West RV and Light

Railway; Silverhill; waleswest.com or 888-569-5337.
Stars Fell on Alabama: 11 a.m.; Lulu's at Homeport Marina, Gulf Shores.
Rock Bottom with Rick Carter: 5; Lulu's at Homeport Marina, Gulf Shores.
Rat Pack & Motown w. James Proctor & Kathy Lyons: 5; Franco's; Orange Beach.
Sst. Patrick's Day Party: 9; The Office, Foley.
Crosstown: 7; Hub Stacy's at The Point, Innerarity.
John Brust: 6; Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
Karaoke By Kelly: 9; Island Time Daquari Bar, The Wharf, Orange Beach.
Sandra Kaye & The Legend Band: 6; Clubhouse at One Club (open to public), Gulf Shores Alabama.
The Defrosters: 7; Flying Harpoon 2, Orange Beach.
Crackerjack Diamonds: noon; Flying Harpoon, Gulf Shores.
Flip Flop Mafia: 7; Flippers, Orange Beach.
Karaoke: 8; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.
Karaoke: 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
Open Jam w. Jim McAdams: 8; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.
Baldwin County Genealogical Society: 10 a.m.; public invited; Foley Library; 319 East Laurel Ave.



Big Fish Ministries Chili Cook-Off March 24

Big Fish Ministries Thrift Shop will host a chili cook-off and bake sale on Saturday, March 24 from 10 a.m. 'til 2 p.m. at Big Fish Thrift Store, located at 8475 Hwy 59 South in Foley. Funds raised will go directly to Big Fish Women's Ministry, a place of grace for recovering and homeless women.

"It's amazing what this ministry is doing in Baldwin County," said Darlene Johnson, a volunteer with the ministry. "Now a much needed women's ministry is coming."

For more info about the chili cook-off or the ministry, contact Issac Stooksberry, founder) Big Fish Ministries at (256) 452-1459 or email: piluvjesus@gmail.com

The ministry raises about 90% of its budget through the thrift shop. This would not be possible without the generous support from the community. The thrift shop has a truck available to pick up donations. All donations to Big Fish ministries are tax deductible so when you donate it benefits everyone.

Isaac and Rana Stooksberry, since the ministry opened its doors, it has provided over 5,000 nights of shelter and fed over 15,000 meals to those in need. "We would like to thank everyone who has donated your usable goods for resale as well as those who have supported us by shopping at the Thrift Shop," said Isaac Stooksberry. "Likewise, to those who have donated vehicles, boats, and made monetary contributions we would like to say a special thank you!"

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WHAT'S HAPPENING



Emerald Coast Pro Golf Tour at Kiva Dunes March 7-9

Former tour players include Bubba Watson, Heath Slocum, Boo Weekly

The Emerald Coast Golf Tour will start its 2018 season in Gulf Shores at the beautiful Kiva Dunes Golf Club March 7-9 at Kiva Dunes Golf Club. The 54 hole event starts at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 7 for the professionals, and there is no charge to watch the pros from the gallery.

The Pro-Am on for all amateurs to play with the PGA stars of the future is on March 8. The tournament will also host a free junior clinic for the kids in Gulf Shores on Tuesday March 6 at the Kiva Dunes Driving range from 4:15-5:15 p.m. for all kids interested in learning more about the game. The clinic will be conducted by Rea Schuessler and the Emerald Coast Tour professionals.

The Emerald Coast Tour is a developmental tour for guys trying to earn their PGA tour card. Local Nick Rousey of Pensacola is expected to play as is Wilson McDonald and Robby Shelton of Mobile. The tour has had over 25 PGA tour winners play on the tour. The Inaugural Kiva Dunes Pro Classic was won by Hunter Stewart and Michael Hebert who were declared co-champions.

Alumni players who made it to the big tour include Boo Weekly; Joe Durant; Heath Slocum; Craig Perks; Jerry Kelly and two time Masters Champion Bubba Watson.

To play in the Pro Am contact the Kiva Dunes pro shop at 251-540-7000 or Geno Celano with the Emerald Coast Golf Tour at 850-217-3412. Sponsors and volunteers are also needed for the event.

Pictured: Mark Stillings, golf director at Kiva; Hunter Stewart, Michael Hébert. Hunter Hamrick and Zach Sucher.

- **Optimist Club of Perdido Bay:** breakfast every Saturday at 7 a.m. at the Lillian Community Club in Lillian; (251) 961-2620.
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- **AA:** 7 p.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
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Wednesday, March 7

- First round of play at Kiva Dunes starting at 8:30.
- Kickoff Classic party at Kiva Dunes clubhouse at 6:30
- (All pro am players and sponsors and their guests invited).

Thursday March 8:

- Pro Am day at Kiva Dunes with a shotgun start at 12:30
- Second round of play for the professionals (54 hole event).
- Lunch for all players in the tournament starting at 11:15.
- Awards presentation to the winners after play in clubhouse.

Friday March 9:

- Third and final round of play beginning at 8:30.
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Emerald Coast Golf Tour Schedule at Kiva Dunes



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CRYOTHERAPY HAS ARRIVED IN FOLEY:

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Studies suggest that cryotherapy can relieve pain, promote weight loss, reduce inflammation, reduce anxiety and depression and treat migraine headaches. Many athletes have been using this treatment to help with recovery from injury or intense training. Coastal Cryo has and top of the line equipment and a friendly and knowledgeable staff. For more info, visit coastalcryoal.com, facebook, visit the facility at 21040 Mifflin Rd. in Foley, or call 251-943-4847.

ROCK CREEK AMONG STATE'S TOP 15 COURSES:

Rock Creek Golf Club is recognized by Golf Advisor as one of the Top 15 golf courses to play in Alabama. Golf Advisor recently conducted research on the top-rated courses in each state for 2017 according to golfer ratings and reviews. Rock Creek Golf Club was featured at #11 for the award of "Top 15 golf courses to play in Alabama". Another Honors Golf course to receive this award include Rock Creek's sister golf course, Peninsula Golf and Racquet Club, at #3 on the list. Rock Creek General Manager, **William Chadick**, had this to say: "We are very honored to be included in this prestigious group of courses. We continue to strive to exceed expectations and provide guests with the best golfing experience possible."

MCKINNEY IS NEW SBRMC CEO:

South Baldwin Regional Medical Center has hired **Daniel McKinney** as its new Chief Executive Officer, effective March 5. McKinney returns to South Baldwin Regional Medical Center where he served as the Assistant Chief Executive Officer from 2012-2015. "I am excited to be back. It will be a privilege to again work with and support the medical staff, employees and community as we build upon and strengthen the quality care we provide patients," said McKinney. McKinney comes to Foley from his position as Chief Operating Officer at Mary Black Health System, a 207-bed hospital in Spartanburg, South Carolina. In this role, he oversaw numerous projects to strengthen cardiovascular and emergency services, expand the clinic network, as well as lead the birthing center renovation and cath lab replacement project. McKinney earned his bachelor's degree in Health Care Management from the University of Alabama and master's degree in Health Administration from the University of Alabama at Birmingham. McKinney is relocating to Baldwin County along with his wife April, twin three-year-olds and expects the birth of his third child this month.

"We are pleased to welcome Daniel back to the Baldwin County community," said **Joan Hand**, Vice Chair, South Baldwin Regional Medical Center Board of Trustees. "He brings valued skills and experience and will help us continue our work to care for our patients with safe, quality care."

DROWSY POET COFFEE SHOP OPEN IN FOLEY:

Bryan and **Stacy Tittle** have opened the Drowsy Poet Coffee Shop at 218 S. McKenzie St. in the vintage gas station on the corner of S. McKenzie and W. Myrtle Ave. in Foley. The spacious building (which is owned by John Foley) has been going through a historic renovation for the last year and will have a nostalgic gas station theme inside. Stacy and Bryan are fairly new to the area and own a home in Perdido Beach. Stacy is a nurse and works full-time in Foley. Bryan is an executive chef and will be working in the coffee shop as owner/operator. They will be hiring additional help over the next few weeks. The Drowsy Poet at The Foley Station will be offering an array of coffees (coldbrew & nitrobrew) espressos, and lattes, and poetchinos. There will be daily offerings of sweets, soups, sandwiches, and salads. The DP will also have a drive through that will run behind the building!

OCEAN CAMP MARINE CENTER APPROVES NEW BOARD:

Ocean Camp, a non-profit educational organization offering programs to school children and campers has appointed new board members **Valerie Longa**, **Ken Kichler** and **Donna Pool**. Valerie Longa is the board Chairman. Secretary Donna Pool will also head the marketing committee. Valerie has a strong background in environmental education working with the Gulf of Mexico Alliance and currently Alabama Coastal Foundation. Donna has a background in television advertising, as well as a design decorating freelancer.

"Ken Kichler, CFO for Tacky Jack's, is offering his fourth year as treasurer and we are very grateful for his dedication. This year is on it's way to becoming a great success," said Camp director **Belinda Ringpfeil**. Go to oceancamp.camp, facebook for registration and additional info. Or contact oceancamp@gmail.com or 251-802-8605.

Ocean Camp is a non-profit educational organization founded by Ringpfeil in 2010. Ringpfeil worked as a teacher in Alabama public schools and in environmental outdoor education for 20 years. She has a MA degree in gifted education from the University of Alabama plus marine education training from Dauphin Island Sea Lab. She has been a National Marine Educator member since 2003. The mission of Ocean Camp is to give priority to marine and environmental education in the Gulf Coast communities as an opportunity to build marine science career interests, respect for our natural world and increase attractions for our visitors.

BIG CHANGES AND NEW FACES AT FOLEY SPORTS TOURISM:

Foley Sports Tourism (FST) is continuing to gather steam and build a reputation as a world-class sports destination. Rather than being branded as a single complex, the umbrella of sports tourism now encompasses all sports events held around the city including those at Graham Creek Nature Preserve and the Foley Sports Complex. As the events hosted here in Foley continue to grow, the department has brought a number of new people to complement its current staff. Long-time city employee **David Thompson** has been named the Director of Recreation and Sports Tourism. Thompson is familiar with the Foley area thanks to his time as the head of recreation for the



Angela Foley;



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Joe Faust;

city, but also has a strong background in sports tourism and event operations. He spent the last eight years working on the national baseball and softball tournaments hosted by the Foley Sports Complex. He was named the interim head of the department after his predecessor, Don Staley, left for a position with the Tuscaloosa Tourism and Sports Commission in July of 2017. In October of 2017, Thompson was formally installed as the head of the Sports Tourism department. During his tenure, he has already made an impact drafting the department's mission statement and booking events that fall in line with that long-term plan.

"I've been lucky enough to be on the front lines as Don Staley helped the City of Foley build this department," Thompson said. "Knowing where it has come from puts me in a unique position to guide it into the future. We've developed a strong base. Now it's time to take Foley to the next level and really grow its success." Another man on board to grow Foley is new Deputy Director of Sports Tourism **Don Dukemineer**. He is joining the team after more than ten years as the Convention Sales Manager with a focus on sports and education for the Huntsville/Madison County Convention and Visitors Bureau. Also the current chairman of Sports Alabama, Dukemineer will utilize his strong understanding of the industry to captain the sales and marketing arms of Foley Sports Tourism to draw economically impactful events. The event operations side of the department will also be changing. Former Executive Assistant **Angie Johnston** will move back into her role as Event Operations Manager. Hired to assist her is the new Event Operations Coordinator, **Luke Persall**. Persall comes to Foley from the University of Missouri where he was the RecSports Coordinator. His six years in recreational sports have given Persall an understanding of how events run. Rounding out the new hires is **Angela Foley** who has come on to assist in keeping the events at the Foley Event Center running smoothly and the facility in tip-top shape. She will be working under **Jeff Ryan** who has been maintaining the Event Center since he transitioned over from a grounds position in October. Other departmental changes include former Event Operations Manager **Christy Raley** moving into a new role as Sports and Sponsorship Sales Manager. **Rhett Brown** has been promoted to Field Superintendent, responsible for the care of the Foley Sports Tourism fields. The new direction and staff are all working toward fulfilling the department's mission of bringing economically impactful sporting events to Foley that will draw visitors back for years to come. To learn more about Foley Sports Tourism visit FoleySportsTourism.com.

FISHER'S CHEF A BEARD AWARD FINALIST:

Fisher's Bill Briand named Beard Award Finalist: **Bill Briand** from Fisher's Upstairs at Or

ange Beach Marina is a semifinalist for Best Chef in the South. He was also a semifinalist in 2017 and 2016. Chefs are chosen based on having set new or consistent standards of excellence in their respective regions. They may be from any kind of dining establishment and may have been working as a chef for at least five years, with the three most recent years spent in the region. The Foundation will announce the final 2018 nominees on March 14.

ESAC NAMES MARIA SPIES DIRECTOR OF POTTERY STUDIO:

Award-winning ceramic artist and nationally recognized instructor **Maria Spies** has been named the director of the ceramic arts program at ESAC. An independent studio potter since 1973, Spies has been an instructor at ESAC since 2008, and has taught and managed ceramics programs in Dallas, Texas; Seattle, Washington; and Chester Springs, Pennsylvania.

FISHER TO SPEAK AT DEM MEETING:

Jason Fisher, a candidate for State Senate District 32, will be the speaker at the South Baldwin Democrats meeting on March 1 at 6 p.m. at Bay Forest Club House, 8110 Bay View Drive, in Foley. Come out and meet people that have stepped up to make a difference. Bring a snack, bring a friend, and bring a beverage of your choice.

THETA MASTER CHAPTER VOLUNTEERS AT ALZHEIMER'S SCREENING:

Alabama Theta Master Chapter participated in the 2018 Alzheimer's Foundation of America Screening and Balance program held at locations in Orange Beach, Gulf Shores, Foley and Fairhope, January through February.

Chapter members and spouses volunteered by greeting and screening walk-in applicants. Those Chapter members and spouses with medical backgrounds assisted with memory and balance testing. The screening was free and confidential and took 15 minutes. The Chapter hopes to make this a yearly service project.

FAUST RUNNING FOR RE-ELECTION:

Rep. Joe Faust of Fairhope has qualified to run for re-election to the Alabama House of Representatives for District 94 as a Republican. Faust was first elected in 2002. He has championed the Hurricane Homeowners Insurance Initiative to reduce insurance rates after premiums had been increased drastically following Hurricanes Ivan and Katrina. During his service in the House, Rep. Faust also sponsored legislation to prevent increases in property tax assessments for residents 65 and older. He has also served on the Baldwin County Commission. District 94 includes the municipalities of Fairhope, Magnolia Springs, Summerdale, Silverhill, part of Foley and other areas of western and southern Baldwin County.



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Course: Culinary Medicine

Learn how to prepare delicious and affordable meals that combat chronic disease and support good health. This is a hands-on course, with students actively engaged in instructor-led discussions and practicing cooking techniques based on the Mediterranean Diet. *Space is limited, so register now.

Dates/Time: March 5 and 12, 4:30 – 6:30. **Location:** Coastal Alabama Community College, 3301 Gulf Shores Parkway. **Fee:** \$35. **Instructors:** Nancy Brumfield, Registered Dietitian and Certified Specialist in Oncology Nutrition, Mitchell Cancer Institute, and Ed Douglas, Director, Coastal Alabama Community College, Gulf Shores Campus.

Lecture: Sharks! Dispelling Myths Through Research

Dr. Marcus Drymon, with the Mississippi State University Coastal Research and Extension Center, will discuss his research that challenges many of our ideas about these universally-feared predators of the sea.

Date: Feb. 22, 6:30 – 7:30. **Location:** Gulf Shores Cultural Center Auditorium.

Fee: There is no charge for attendance, but please register so that seating can be planned.

Lecture: Protecting Our Sea Life From Environmental Stressors

Dr. Ruth H. Carmichael, a Senior Marine Scientist at the Dauphin Island Sea Lab and an Associate Professor of Marine Sciences at the University of South Alabama, will discuss strategies for protecting sea life in the Gulf of Mexico. She is Director of the Manatee Sighting Network and operates the Alabama Marine Mammal Stranding Network.

Date: March 15, 6:30 – 7:30. **Location:** Gulf Shores Cultural Center Auditorium.

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SNOWBIRD NEWS

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.

Iowa

By Fran Gruenhaupt

The Iowa Snowbird Club will meet Wednesday, March 7 at 8:30 AM at the Perdido Beach Resort, 27200 East Perdido Beach Boulevard in Orange Beach for a social and breakfast meeting, \$10.50 per person. Reservations for the 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. There will be no program or drawings.

With co-presidents, Steve and Chris Hedlund presiding, the February 21 breakfast featured a representative from

the Orange Beach Mayor's Office, Nicole Woerner, a well-informed local nature specialist who explained the Shoreline Enhancement Program and the Wildlife Center in Orange Beach. Pelicans are the most frequent birds brought in for treatment and rehab. Steve and Chris Hedlund, Co-Presidents, introduced Jim and Pat Brush who will work with them as Co-Presidents in the 2018-19 winter Iowa Snowbird season.

Iowans should watch the website for further information on other breakfasts and cocktail parties in 2019.

St. Thomas By The Sea Friday fish-frys go through March 9

The Knights of Columbus of St Thomas by the Sea fish frys 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.

Missouri

By Nick Barr

The Missouri Club of Gulf Shores/Orange Beach is one of the smaller state snowbird clubs, with about 75-90 members. We gather on alternate Wednesdays for business meetings and for breakfast meetings. Our club is primarily social. It's a good way to make new friendships that will continue when you return

North. Lifetime membership is \$10/person. For more information, contact Nick Barr: stlouisnick@sbcglobal.net or mosnowbirds.org.

Foley Art Center Snowbird sessions

Snowbird art sessions at the Foley Art Center are scheduled every Wednesday beginning Feb. 7 for only \$5 per class for instructor-led painting classes from 10-11:30 a.m. through March 21.

Each day we will tackle a new painting,

and each day snowbird artists will learn new painting techniques and leave at the end of the session with a completed masterpiece! Paintings will be led by demonstration and cover acrylic and watercolor mediums. All supplies are provided! The Foley Art Center is located at 211 N McKenzie St. (Hwy. 59). Info: (251) 943-4381.

Minnesota

The Minnesota Snowbird Club meets

each Tuesday for an informational breakfasts through mid March at GT's On The Bay located on 26189 Canal Rd, Orange Beach. For directions. 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 mnal.org or facebook.



Sweet Harmony Chorus to belt out tunes at March 7 Wisconsin Club meeting

By Pamula K Rustan

Sweet Harmony Chorus is a group of woman snowbirds and local residence who like to sing women's acapella music in the barbershop close harmony style. They will perform at the Wisconsin Club meeting on Wednesday March 7 at the Orange Beach Community Center. We are still looking for more singers especially for next year. Our rehearsals starting Feb. 26 and March 5th and 12th will include working on our new music for next year. Anyone interested in joining and think they will be back next year are welcome to come to these rehearsal on Mondays from 1:30 to 4:00 pm at the Gulf Shores United Methodist Church Choir Room to check us out. You do not need to read music as we have training CD's available. For more information see our website at sweet-harmonychorus.org. Join us in singing or come to our performances we would love to greet "you all".

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SNOWBIRD NEWS

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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 Singles

The Snowbird Singles will meet on March 12 at Cactus Cantina, on 25910 Canal Road, Orange Beach at 11:30 AM. Come and enjoy a meal and meet friends and new Snowbirds. For more information contact Barb at 414-801-0715 OR bionickbarbs@aol.com.

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 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 rais-

ing 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.

North & South Dakota

The Gulf Shores based North and South Dakota Snowbird Club meets on alternate Tuesday mornings, with the final meeting slated 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.

Pennsylvania

The Pennsylvania Snowbird Club meets Wednesday mornings for breakfast for the final time on March 7. For place of meeting information and our other activities please contact Rich Smith at 484 264 1394 or bettyrich@rcn.com.

New York

By Frank Panczyszn
New York's last luncheon will be Thursday, March 8 at Ginny Lane. They will gather for registration at 11AM, and begin lunch at 1130AM. They will select from a special menu and receive separate checks. \$1 per person will be collected at registration. Guest speaker will be Mark Berte Executive Director, Alabama Coastal Foundation. For attendance, if you haven't already done so, contact Tracy by text or call 585-748-0133, or email nysnowbirds@gmail.com no later than March 5th. The New York snowbirds will make donations to individuals and organizations in the community of \$600 this year, in recognition of the wonderful things they have accomplished

and appreciation for their support of snowbirds from the Empire State. We look forward to our return in 2019.
A New York foursome enjoyed participating in the Baldwin County Heritage Museum Golf Tournament at Glen Lakes, finishing respectfully, but well off the pace. Six tables of 8 participated in Trivia Night fund raiser for the Libraries, one of which (predominately friends of New Yorkers and local "ringers") came in 4th out of 70 tables, and others doing fairly well in spite of some tricky questions.



ICE CREAM SOCIAL: Meyer Realty, in cooperation with Golf-4-Less & Beach House Boutique, held a recent ice cream & Fashion social for its winter guests.



GOLFERS RAISE \$6,800 FOR BCHM: The Baldwin County Heritage Museum Golf Scramble was recently held at the GlenLakes Golf Club. 61 golfers participated with these winning team members: Ken Fletcher, Dick Taylor, Jim Lorenz, Mike Williams. Golfers enjoyed contests on several holes, raffle drawings, auction and lunch after the game. Thank you to all Hole Sponsors, Gift Donors, Golfers, BCHM staff and volunteers who made the Scramble a successful fund-raiser of \$6800 for the Museum. The free Museum is located on US Hwy 98 just 1/2 mile east of Elberta and is open Wednesday through Saturday from 10 am to 3 pm. The focus is to show how the settlers of Baldwin County lived and worked. Schools, scouts and 4-H groups regularly tour the buildings and grounds. Adult groups are also encouraged to call ahead for tours - (251) 986-8375 OR bchm@gulftel.com.



PUT ON THE FRYING PAN: Mike Carlson of Decatur, Il. caught this 50 lbs. Black Drum on the beach near the Flora-Bama. Mike said he struggled for 90 minutes before landing his catch of the day.



SNOWBIRD BOWLING TOURNEY BENEFITS CSC: The 8-pin No Tap bowling event was held on Tuesday, February 13, at the Gulf Bowl with 54 bowlers participating in 13 teams. A crowd of 50-60 people was present to cheer them on and take part in winning prizes. The proceeds from the event netted \$384.63 for Christian Services and Linda Chappelle was present to accept the check. Nine people reached a "perfect" score of 300 and the winning team scored 3001 points in their three games. Members of the winning team were Lynne Dowell, Sherri Hall, Linda Thiem, Bernie Thiem. Tony Schwanda and Linda Kosian with help from the Gulf Bowl organized the event and wish to thank all participants and the donors of the prizes.



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SNOWBIRD NEWS

Wisconsin

By Nancy Durgin

The WI Sno-bird Club meets in March at the Orange Beach Community Center (OBCC) at 8:30 am for coffee and donuts with the meetings beginning at 9 am. Everyone from WI is welcome to join us! - Wednesday, March 7 - 8:30 am meeting at OBCC; Thursday, March 8 - Gulf Coast Zoo Fun Day - RSVP for lunch; Wednesday, March 14 - 8:30 am meeting at

OBCC (Note that it is ONE week after 1st meeting!); Wednesday, March 21 - 8 am breakfast at The Diner; Wednesday, March 28 - 8 am breakfast at Duck's Diner; Sunday, April 1 - Easter Dinner at OBCC, gather at 12:30 pm, dinner at 2 pm; Wednesday, April 4 - 8 am breakfast at Tacky Jacks; Wednesday, April 11 - 8 am breakfast at Hot Rod Diner.

Skins Games slated March 4

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. The lighted Driving Range is open from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Indiana

By Becky Chatham-Heidenreich

Only one more breakfasts for the IN Snowbird Club on March 8. The breakfasts are held at the Luna Event Center located next to Cosmos behind Buzcatz Coffee Shop on Canal Rd. The cost for the buffet breakfast is \$10 per person (no bills over \$20). The doors open at 7:30 and breakfast is served at 8:00. The annual dues are \$2.50. We have a 50/50 drawing (\$1 per ticket, or 6 tickets for \$5.00, or \$13 tickets for \$10) and great door prizes. If you did not sign up at the Feb. 8th meeting, please call Jan Pell, 317-914-5832, for reservations.



BUBBA'S ICE FISHING TEAM: Members of Bubba's Ice Fishing Team recently posed for their annual picture in front of the Beach Rd. bistro that the team considers its home base. "Bubba and all the staff thank them for visiting and look forward to there return next year," said Bubba's owners J and Valerie Schenk.



A DOZEN RED ROSES FROM KING NEPTUNE'S: Joe and Sandy Grettenberg (left) won the annual Valentine's drawing for a dozen red roses at King Neptune's Restaurant in Gulf Shores. The Grettenbergs, from Lake City, Minn., have been wintering on Pleasure Island for five years. They accepted the flowers from King Neptune's owner Diane Sawyer. Joe Grettenberg said King Neptune's is the couple's favorite restaurant for fresh shrimp.



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TWO HOURS

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

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



FOUR HOURS

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

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

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



SIX HOURS

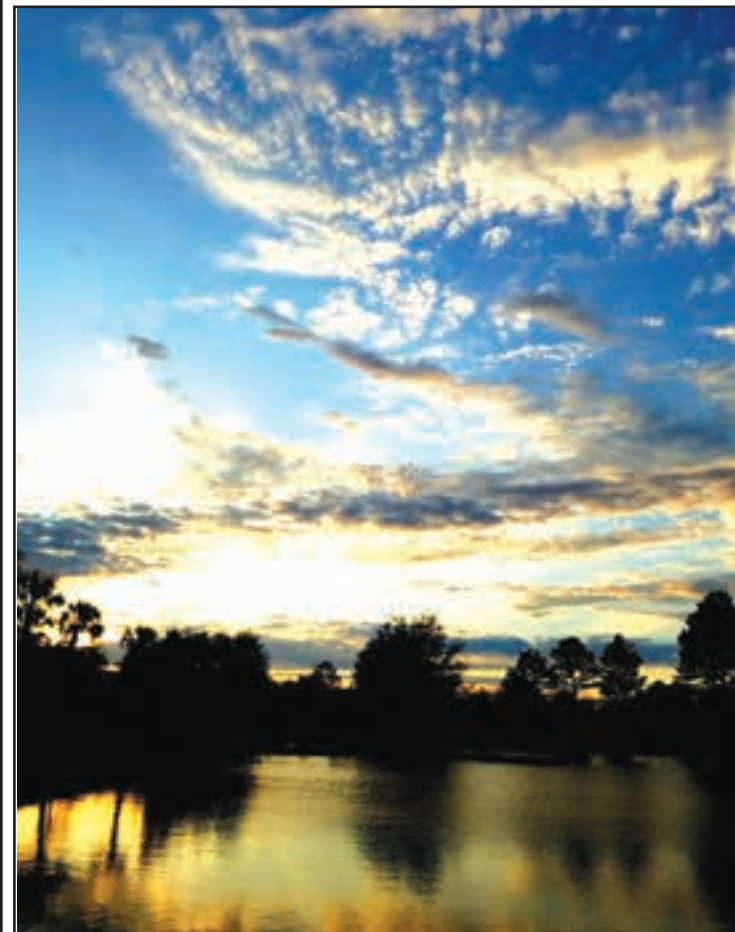
OUTDOORS: With a little more time on your hands, you can explore a little more of what the entire area has to offer. The crown jewel of Mobile, Bellingrath Gardens and Home is about 45 minutes west of the Alabama Cruise Terminal - plan to wander amongst the blooms for a few hours. Or, head east, just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

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

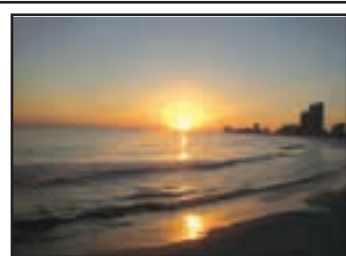


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"Morning Reflection" submitted by Steve Ward.



Gulf Shores sunset picture taken by Karen Rife.



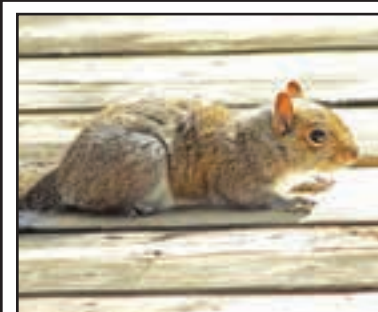
Birds in flight at sunset in front of The Lighthouse submitted by Crystal Bernot.



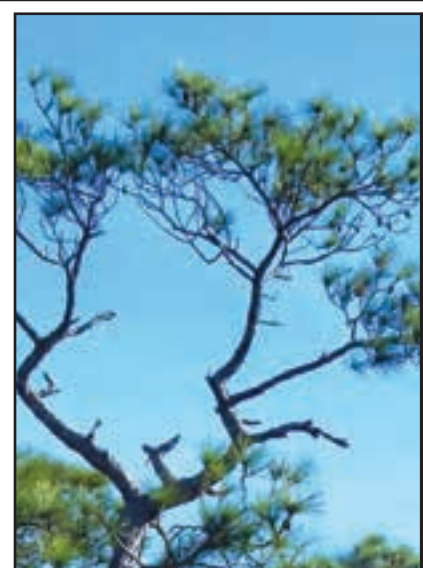
"We're spending our winter here and love it," write Don & Cheryl Ston from Michigan.



"These pictures are from the State Park Beach: Sunset in the west, full moon in the east," writes Nicol Courtemanche, a Snowbird from Montréal, Québec, Canada.



"I hope you can use the attached photos in the Mullet Wrapper," writes Dick Wright of Avon, Indiana.



Sheila Wink: "The beauty of Orange Beach."

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EVENTS

Easter Bunny Photos	Weekends Mar. 3-31
Scrapin' The Coast	Mar. 16-18
The Wharf Boat & Yacht Show	Mar. 22-25
Kids Win Fishing Tournament	April 21

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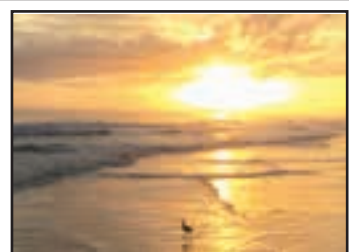
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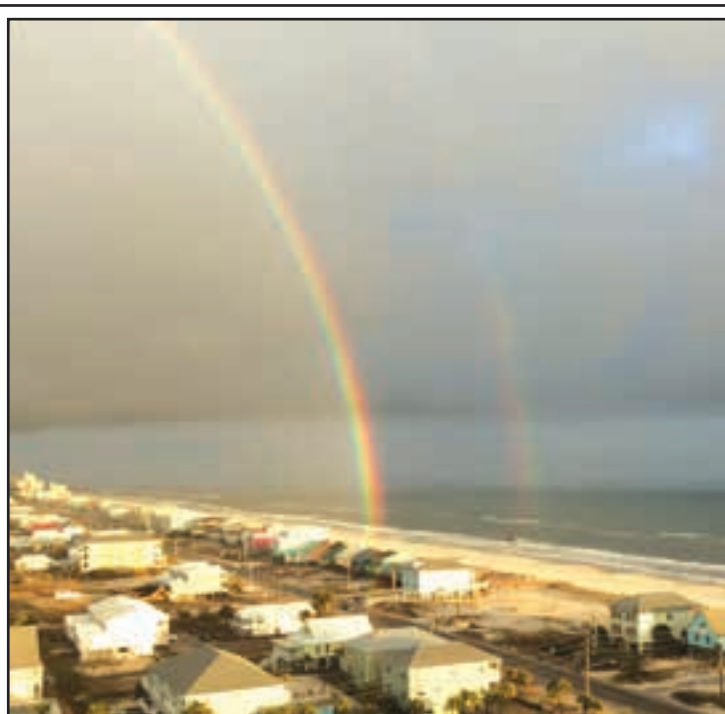
Dick Wright shares a picture of the Jan. 31 Super Moon.



"I snapped this picture at the Ft. Morgan Marina a few days ago," writes Jennifer Sinclair of Nashville.



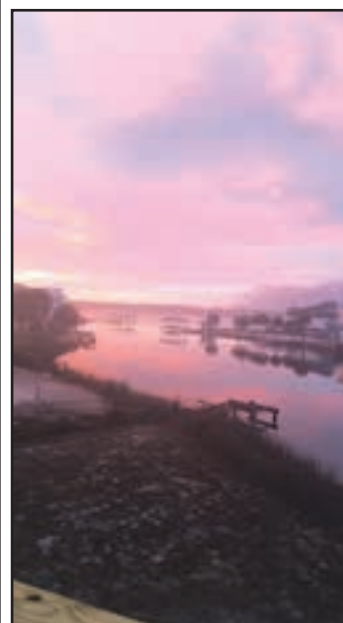
Gulf Shores sunrise picture taken by Marie Wisor.



Rainbows on West Beach by S. Rodell.



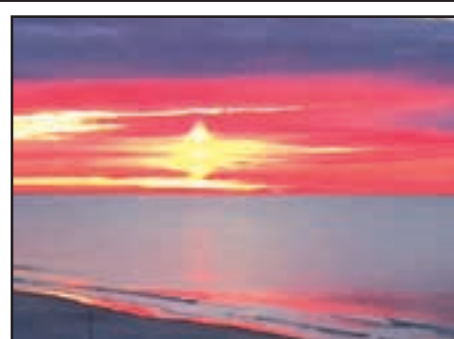
Birds in flight at sunset from The Lighthouse from Crystal Bernot.



From Nancy Leiter of Muskegon, MI.



A Great Blue Heron on Four Seasons Pier looking at Turquoise Towers from Ron and Kay Kerver of Harbor Springs, MI.



"Three suns rising," writes Judy Richards of Flora, IL.



From Dan Beenen of Fruitland, Iowa.



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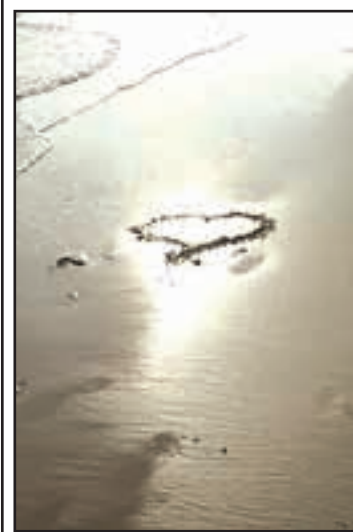
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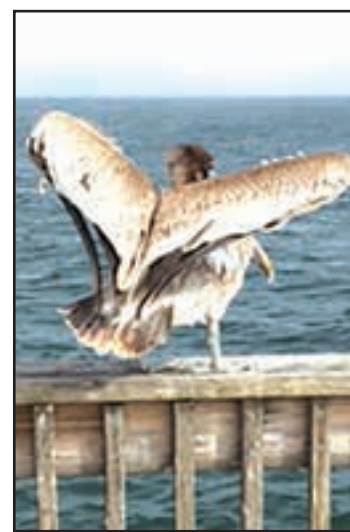
Photos by Christine Beachnau of East Lansing, MI.



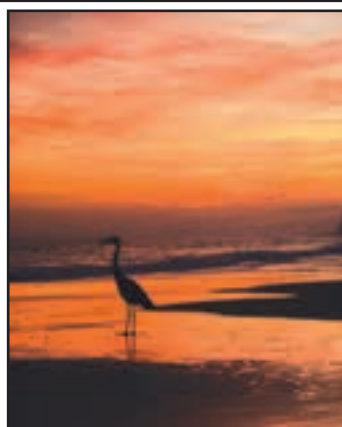
Diane Farnham shares a Bear Point sunset.



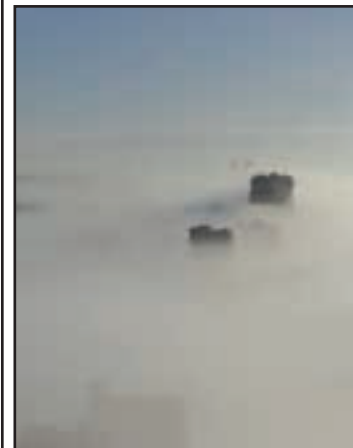
"Hearts everywhere in Gulf Shores from the pelican on the pier to the sand and on the sunny seashore," writes Kimme Hub from the great white north (Grandville, Michigan). Let it shine! Sharing the love!"



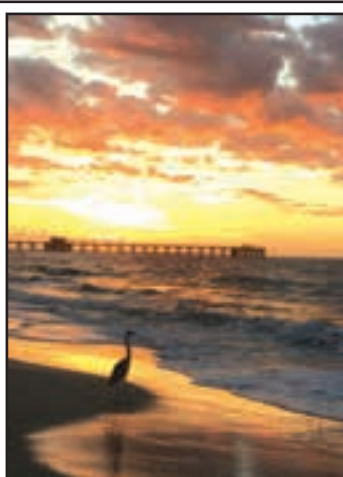
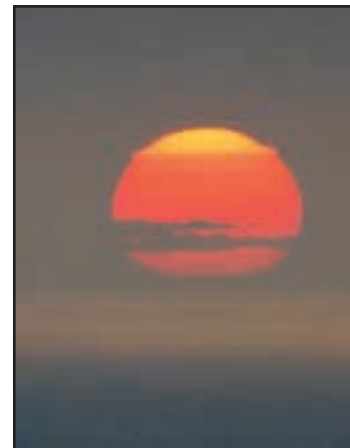
"Yay! Jasmine is already in bloom at Mullet Wrapper Headquarters," writes Michelle McCambridge.



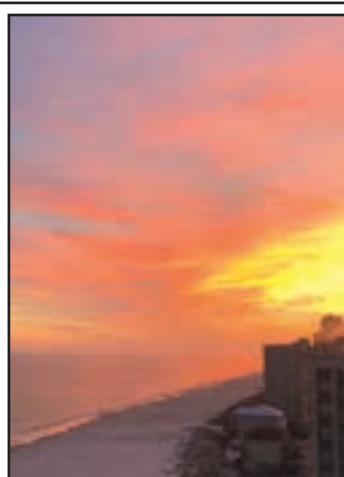
A beautiful picture from Wayne McGregor of London, Ontario, Canada.



Margarita Lannon shares foggy & sunset pictures from Gulf Shores.



"God is good," writes Marie Wisor about this Gulf Shores sunrise.



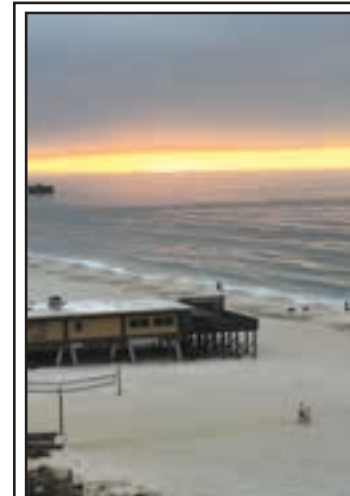
David Schmidlin writes that this beautiful sunset arrived after "a foggy start."



"This is a sunset on Orange Beach I took of my husband. We are snowbirds from Ohio," writes Georgene Carlton.



"It's always a great day at the beach - even on cloudy days," writes Rose Dorcey of Oshkosh, Wisconsin.



Cindy Litsinger shares a sunrise from Sea 'N Suds.

Funny Bones

By George Ridder



Dentist: I have to pull the aching tooth, but don't worry it will take just five minutes.

Patient: And how much will it cost?

Dentist: It's \$290.00.

Patient: \$290 for just a few minutes work???

Dentist: I can extract it very

slowly if you like?

Son to dad: "Dad, why don't you buy me a car?"

Dad: "My dear son, God gave you two legs for what purpose?"

Son: "One leg is for the brake and the other for the accelerator."

An accountant is in a car traveling with a farmer client around his farm. They pass a large group of sheep and the farmer says, "You're pretty good with numbers, Keith. How many sheep do you reckon are in that paddock?"

The accountant looks at the sheep for a moment and says, "One thousand, eight hundred and thirty two."

The farmer is amazed. "Exactly right," he says. "How did you work that out so fast?"

"Easy," says the accountant, "I counted the number of feet and divided by four."

Muldoon lived alone in the Irish countryside with only a pet dog for company. One day the dog died, and Muldoon went to the parish priest and asked, "Father, my dog is dead. Could ya' be saying' a mass for the poor creature?"

Father Patrick replied, "I'm afraid not; we cannot have services for an animal in the church. But there are some Baptists down the lane, and there's no tellin' what they believe. Maybe they'll do something for the creature."

Muldoon said, "I'll go right away

Father. Do ya' think \$5,000 is enough to donate to them for the service?"

Father Patrick exclaimed, "Sweet Mary, Mother of Jesus! Why didn't ya tell me the dog was Catholic?"

A man was leaving a convenience store with his morning coffee when he noticed a most unusual funeral procession approaching the nearby cemetery.

A long black hearse was followed by a second long black hearse about 50 feet behind the first one.

Behind the second hearse was a solitary man walking a dog on a leash.

Behind him, a short distance back, were about 200 men walking single file.

The man couldn't stand the curiosity. He respectfully approached the man walking the dog and said, "I am so sorry for your loss, and this may be a bad time to disturb you, but I've never seen a funeral like this. Whose funeral is it?"

"My wife's."

"What happened to her?"

The man replied, "My dog attacked and killed her."

He inquired further, "But who is in the second hearse?"

The man answered, "My mother-in-law. She was trying to help my wife when the dog turned on her."

A poignant and thoughtful moment of silence passed between the two men.

"Can I borrow the dog?"

The man replied, "Get in line."

Alex to his friend: "Yesterday was my wife's birthday, and I asked her, 'What gift would you like to have?'"

Francis: "What did she say?"

Alex: "She said, 'Give me anything which has diamonds in it.'"

Francis: "So what did you give her?"

Alex: "A deck of playing cards."

Doctor: "I've found a great new drug that can help you with your sleeping problem."

Patient: "Great, how often do I have to take it?"

Doctor: "Every two hours."

An elderly man went to his friend's house to have a little chitchat. Then, he told his friend, "I know a man with a wooden leg named Smith."

His friend then asked, "So what's the name of the other leg?"

• Atheism is a non-prophet organization.

• I wondered why the baseball kept getting bigger. Then it hit me.

• A sign on the lawn at a drug rehab center said: "Keep off the Grass."

• A small boy swallowed some coins and was taken to a hospital. When his grandmother telephoned to ask how he was, a nurse said, "No change yet."

• A chicken crossing the road is poultry in motion.

• The short fortune-teller who es-

caped from prison was a small medium at large.

There was this lover who said that he would go through hell for her. They got married, and now he is going through hell.

These great questions and answers are from the days when Peter Marshall was the host asking the questions during the Hollywood Squares' game...

Q. If you're going to make a parachute jump, at least how high should you be

A. Charley Weaver: Three days of steady drinking should do it.

Q. True or False, a pea can last as long as 5,000 years.

A. George Gobel: Boy, it sure seems that way sometimes.

Q. You've been having trouble going to sleep. Are you probably a man or a woman?

A. Don Knotts: That's what's been keeping me awake.

Q. According to Cosmopolitan, if you meet a stranger at a party and you think that he is attractive, is it okay to come out and ask him if he's married?

A. Rose Marie: No, wait until morning.

Q. Which of your five senses tends to diminish as you get older?

A. Charley Weaver: My sense of decency.

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