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**Bill "Papa Rocco" McGinnes & his bagpipers will lead green throng on tour of downtown Gulf Shores bistros on March 17**

## **Papa Rocco's Sponsors Annual St. Patrick's Day Pub Crawl**

Papa Rocco's owner Bill McGinnes (3rd from left), just as he's done for the past 34 years, will raise his shillelagh on the front steps of his Hwy. 59 restaurant (two blocks from the beach) at about 9:30 a.m. and signal the start of the annual Gulf Shores St. Patrick's Day Walking Parade on March 17. At least 1,200 revelers - young & old, local & snowbird - are expected to follow the Papa sponsored bagpipers to most of the bars & bistros in downtown Gulf Shores.

**After the parade, McGinnes will return to Papa Rocco's for corned beef & cabbage and live music. (For more parade info, see story on Page 6)**



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### City Rhythm Big Band St. Paddy's Dance March 17

The City Rhythm Big Band has scheduled its St. Patrick's Day Dance on Saturday, March 17 at the Loxley Civic Center from 7-10 p.m. Tickets are \$10 per person, and snacks will be available at the BYOB event.

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

### Music & dancing at Gulf Shores Legion Patty Party

The Gulf Shores American Legion, located at 6781 Gulf Shores Pkwy, will host a St. Patrick's Day Celebration on March 17 featuring live music, dancing and corn beef & cabbage w/ potatoes & carrots for \$8 per plate from noon 'til 4 p.m. (The bar opens at 11 a.m.). For more info, call (251) 948-6119 or visit [americanlegion-post44gulfshoresal.org](http://americanlegion-post44gulfshoresal.org).

### FOE St. Pat party will raise cancer treatment funds

Join the Fraternal Order of Eagles 4549, Auxiliary on St. Patrick's Day, March 17 starting at 3 p.m. We will be on hand to raise money for the Cancer Fund, supporting cancer prevention and treatment. When this organization raises money for charity, 100 percent goes to that organization. We will be serving up some traditional Irish food and beverages will be available. FOE #4549 is proud to announce that the Club is open at 3859 Gulf Shores Parkway Suite 6, Gulf Shores.

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## Corned beef & cabbage, live music & beer firkin at Big Beach Brewery

Corned beef and cabbage, Irish Stouts, Jameson Barrel Aged Red Ales, and live music are just a few of the things Big Beach Brewery will be bringing out to celebrate St. Patrick's Day in Gulf Shores.

Located at 300 E. 24th Ave. Gulf Shores, Big Beach Brewery is already a popular locals hangout with a reputation for fun, good company and a damn good time.

Corned Beef & Cabbage plates from Amelia's Deli will be offered beginning at noon. The Chad Davidson Band will start playing at 1 p.m., and a Firkin tapping is scheduled at 6 p.m. before Wyatt Edmondson takes the stage at 6:30 p.m. More info: (251) 948-2337 or [bigbeachbrewing.com](http://bigbeachbrewing.com).

#### WYATT EDMONDSON ON STAGE AT 6:30 P.M.

Wyatt Edmondson (**pictured**) will play from 6:30-9:30 at Big Beach Brewery (300 E. 24th Ave. in Gulf Shores) on St. Patrick's Day, March 17. Nashville based, Wyatt draws from the sounds of Bruce Springsteen, Dave Matthews, Don Henley, Jimmy Buffett, John Mayer and Jack Johnson as he rises through the Nashcat ranks as a singer-songwriter.

Originally from Montgomery, Wyatt was deeply inspired by Lake Martin, where he spent most weekends as an adolescent. His latest project is an acoustic-style concept EP about a place called Lovers Lake, where waves crash and love songs flow with purpose. The entire EP was written by his dock which is depicted on the artwork. His plan for the future is simple: Claim his place as a ground-breaking rock artist in Nashville.



## Dublin Down Irish Band at Flora-Bama March 16, Papa Rocco's March 17

Dublin Down Irish Band will bring their blarney to the Gulf Coast again this year, performing from 2-6 p.m. on Friday, March 16 in the Flora-Bama Main Room and Saturday, March 17 at Papa Rocco's as part of the Downtown Gulf Shores St. Paddy's Pub Craw from 10:30 a.m. 'til 4 p.m.

Lead singer Larry McMeekin will offer a slice of Irish humor, as the band renders its versions of old favorites like "Toora-Loora-Loora" and "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling."

Dublin Down has performed in Irish and non-Irish venues from Raleigh to Birmingham.

Other tunes in the band's catalog include "Whiskey in the Jar", "Wild Rover", "Black Velvet Band" and "Molly Malone."

Dublin Down (**pictured**) includes Foley residents Larry McMeekin, lead singer, and his wife, Nancy McMeekin, on keyboard and vocals, and Harold Sudderth of Panama City Beach on guitar, mandolin, banjo and vocals.



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**Gulf Shores St. Paddy's Walking Parade will roll from Papa Rocco's around 9:30 a.m.**

## Longtime participants will raise toast to late piper Jocko McClean

A bagpiping contingency led by the nephew (Neil McGinnes) of St. Patrick's Day Walking Parade grand marshal Bill McGinnes will surely dedicate a rendition of "Danny Boy" to fellow piper Jocko McClain during the Gulf Shores St. Patrick's Day Walking Parade, which will depart from the Papa Rocco's deck at around 9:30 a.m. on March 17 for its annual song filled stroll to various downtown Gulf Shores watering holes.

Jacko, who passed away in August at his home in Canada, was always good for multiple renditions of that song each year, and his legacy as the parade's pied piper goes back to the 1970's.

Joeko eyes had been failing him for years, and he and his wife Vermeil were not able to make the trip from his second home in Mississippi to join friends at last year's parade. But his spirit will always be at the heart of the event and remains as much a

part of the parade's fabric as cold beer, green hats and Jameson's.

Vince Murphy, who at that time owned The Pink Pony, started the walking parade and was first to carry the grand marshal baton, with Jocko beside him playing his pipes, in the mid 1970's. Murphy passed the baton to local character John Kelliher, who led the swarm behind Jocko into Papa Rocco's just after McGinnes opened his restaurant in 1984.

McGinnes forged his friendship with Jocko, a fellow Scotsman, the following year. And Kelliher, The Colonel to his friends, deemed McGinnes worthy of the grand marshal's position in 1989.

“We met at the American Legion and we immediately sat down and killed off a bottle of Irish whiskey between us,” Jocko said back in 2015. “We went back to Papa’s and had a few more. We’ve been bosom pals ever since. He’s become very close to me.”

"We started talking about Scotland and The Rangers and it was like we had known each other for years," McGinnes added. "This is a big loss for me. We were close for many years."

Jock gave me my first kilt.

"He was the original," McGinness added. "He was doing it way before my boys came down and played. Jocko will always be the soul of the parade."

It's been a tough year for the grand marshal, as he also lost his wife Rose five days before the 2017 parade.

"Of course that will be on my mind, but I'll be mostly enjoy seeing everybody have a good time. That's what's most important. Be safe and have a good time," he said.

The parade bagpipers, sponsored by McGinnes, owner of Papa Rocco's (one block north of the beach on Hwy. 59), will strike up their first tune upon leaving Papa Rocco's and proceed to The Flying Harpoon, Mudbugs, The Steamer, Desoto's/Crazy Donut, The Hangout, The Pink Pony, Gulf Island Grille and Hooters. The crawl ends around 2 p.m. at Mikee's. But by then most of the crowd will have been left behind to eat a meal at one of the other stops.

"This started as a way to give the local restaurants a jump on spring break," McGinnes said. "It's gotten a

lot bigger since then. But I'm expecting the biggest crowd yet with it being on a Saturday. I've already had a lot of calls. People come from all over Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana. Our snowbirds love it. And we get some spring breakers. We even have grandkids of some of the originals coming out with us."

Butch and Lindy Harris are the original parade flag carriers, a job they proudly held even before McGinnes took over as grand marshal. But others, including Rev. Jim Mullis, have picked up the flags in recent years.

McGinnes continues to proudly carry the lead stick and even applies for an official parade permit from Gulf Shores City Hall every year (ordinance 367, Section 5).

"We want to make sure the police know what we are doing. But we are not sure what we are doing besides having fun," McGinnes said.

The Green Horde is easy to find, as The Hangout is the only stop on the tour that could handle the entire crowd inside its doors.

**Pictured:** Scenes from the 2017 St. Paddy's Walking Parade.





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## AROUND TOWN

### Local author Dr. Gaylon McCollough to speak to LA Beach Writers March 19

By Nancy Lawler Dickhute

Dr. Gaylon McCollough, a plastic surgeon in Baldwin County and the author of 17 books on a wide range of topics, will be the speaker at this month's LA Beach Writers Association meeting on Monday, March 19, at 5:30 p.m. at the Thomas B. Norton Public Library in Gulf Shores.

Dr. McCollough (pictured) will discuss his career in writing and how he blends fact and fiction. Following the presentation, there will be a question and answer session followed by a meeting of members and those interested in joining the group. The public is welcome to attend.

Since entering practice, Dr. E. Gaylon McCollough has obtained international recognition as a surgeon, teacher, author, and motivational speaker. Dr. McCollough is both an inductee in Alabama Hall of Fame and a highly regarded civic servant who was honored by the March of Dimes as Alabama



"Citizen of the Year" for 1994-1995. In addition, he is included in The Best Doctors in America among America's Top Plastic Surgeons.

Dr. McCollough's memoirs will be released in the spring of 2018. They chronicle his journey from his hometown of Enterprise, Alabama, to mid-field at Bryant-Denny Stadium where he received the prestigious Bryant Award from his alma mater.

His other books include Let Us Make Man; Shoulders of Giants; Before and After; The Long Shadow of Coach Paul Bear Bryant, and The Appearance Factor. In 2010 he released his first novel, The Oath, a political thriller. In The Lords of Seduction, Dr. McCollough demonstrates how George Orwell's 1984 is no longer a myth.

Released in 2012, Justice in the Halls of Medicine takes readers behind the scenes of the American Medical Industrial Complex. His latest books include The Orwellian State of America) and The Anti-Trump Conspiracy. He has also coauthored several major textbooks on facial and nasal plastic surgery. His latest medical publication, The Elite Facial Surgery Practice shares his secrets for a successful practice in his chosen specialty. Dr. McCollough and his wife, Susan, have two children and four grandchildren.

If you are interested in joining LA Beach Writers or plan on attending the presentation, please contact Nancy Dickhute at dickhute@creighton.edu.

### Foley's Spring Break Movie in the Park includes Princess & The Beast Parade

The city of Foley will present a special showing of Beauty & The Beast as its Spring Break Movie in the Park on Friday, March 23 at (pictured) Heritage Park. The movie begins at dusk. Admission is free. Just bring lawn chairs or a blanket and enjoy. Concessions will be available.



Join the Princess and the Beast Parade and Gazebo Walk at 6:45 p.m. Then delight in and watching Disney's Beauty and the Beast. Belle (Emma Watson), a bright, beautiful and independent young woman, is taken prisoner by a beast (Dan Stevens) in its castle.

Despite her fears, she befriends the castle's enchanted staff and learns to look beyond the beast's hideous exterior, allowing her to recognize the kind heart and soul of the true prince that hides on the inside.

Heritage Park is located at 101 E Laurel Ave. in Foley. For more information, go to visitfoley.org or call 251-943-1300.

### Sandy Roots Songwriters Series kicks Off March 20

Betsy Badwater, J Hawkins, 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.

### Orange Beach Invasion Car Show March 16-18 at Wharf

The Orange Beach Invasion Scram the Coast Car Show will be held March 16-17 from 10 a.m. 'til 5 p.m. and March 18 from 10 a.m. 'til 3 p.m. at The Wharf in Orange Beach. Admission is free. The Wharf is located at 23101 Canal Rd.

### Fairhope Arts & Crafts slated Fest March 16-18

The 66th Annual Fairhope Arts and Crafts Festival is scheduled for March 16-18 in the downtown streets of that quaint city on the Mobile Bluffs. Festival hours are Friday - Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The festival is free.

More than 230 exhibitors from all over the country will bring their best works. This prestigious juried show showcases artists from across the country including many from the Southeast. Enjoy live entertainment and delicious cuisine from the food court throughout this great three-day event. An Eastern Shore staple for more than 60 years, there's something for everyone at this fest. More info: (251) 229-1874.

### Elberta Sausage Festival March 31 in Town Park

The Elberta Sausage Festival returns to Town Park (13052 Main St. Elberta) on March 31 from 8 a.m. 'til 5 p.m. Admission is free.

Held just north of the town's only stop light on Hwy. 98, the event attracts up to 20,000 revelers, according to organizers.

A 40-year tradition in the historic town, the festival is a major regional event that attracts a cross section of the community in what has become a reunion type atmosphere. It is also the main revenue source for the area's volunteer fire department.

Enjoy Elberta's famous German sausage and sauerkraut, plus continuous entertainment, and 250 arts & crafts booths. There will also be carnival rides. Of course, there will also be a Bier Garten featuring a large selection of imported and domestic beers. Other scrumptious foods will include German-style filled cabbage, potato salad, goulash, red beans and rice, hamburgers, hot dogs, BBQ sandwiches, ice cream, popcorn, peanuts and homemade baked goods.

The Bellview Stumpfiddle Band will perform with the North End Stompers and other cloggers. There will also be polka, country and German music.

Spearheaded by Elberta's Volunteer Fire Department since 1978, festival proceeds are used for improving not only the fire department, but the town as well. Additionally, local non-profits benefit from the festival through proceeds from their booth sales and parking lot fees. The festival is held twice a year - on the last Saturday of March and the last Saturday of October. Although it has been tweaked a bit over the years, the original secret recipe for Elberta's famous sausage is credited to Alfred Stucki, who managed Elberta's Locker Plant from 1953 until his death in 1973. About 7,000 pounds of German Sausage are consumed at each fest. More info: elbertafire.com.

### Wharf Boat & Yacht Show March 23-26

The Wharf Boat and Yacht Show will be held March 23 from 2-6 p.m. and March 24-25 from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. at 4550 Main St. in Orange Beach. Admission is \$10 per person. The show will showcase the latest offerings from boat manufacturers and dealers throughout the Southeast.

This year, show organizers report a sell-out crowd of exhibitors, promising even more variety. Virtually every type of vessel will be shown, ranging from luxury yachts and sport fisherman, to center consoles, cruisers, pontoons and runabouts. Info: (850) 348-1498 or wharfboatshow.com.

### BBQ & Blues Cook-Off March 17 in Heritage Park

The annual BBQ & Blues Cook-Off will be held March 17 in downtown Foley's Heritage Park. In addition to great food, enjoy live blues music, arts and crafts, and children's activities. Mostly, enjoy the delicious, finger-licking, grilled concoctions from competing BBQ teams. The BBQ & Blues Cook-Off is a gated and ticketed event. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased by going online or at the gate the day of the event. Boston Butts can be purchased for pick-up on site for \$30.

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### SBCT's Picasso at the Lapin Agile continues through March 18

South Baldwin Community Theatre's production of *Picasso at the Lapin Agile* continues through March 18 at the Gulf Shores theatre. Shows are scheduled March 16 & 17 at 7:30 p.m. and March 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.

The 2018 Orange Beach Seafood Festival drew a record crowd to The Wharf to enjoy arts, crafts, eleven seafood and specialty food booths and eclectic entertainment from two stages, all while raising funds for the Orange Beach Youth Sports Assn. Festivities also included a car show, a kids zone and endless sunshine.



### Pleasure Island Junior Woman's Club Bunny Hop Run is April 15

By Kimberly Ray

On April 15, the Pleasure Island Junior Woman's Club will host Annual Bunny Hop Run in Honor of Ann Reese Grote. The members of the Pleasure Island Junior Woman's Club are excited to announce the date of their Annual Bunny Hop 5K and Fun Run, where proceeds will benefit the Ann Reese Grote Scholarship and the club's Clothe The Children program. The 5K will begin at 8:30 am at The Wharf in Orange Beach, and the Fun Run will start off shortly after. Prizes will be awarded to the top finishers in each of 7 age groups, and all ages and fitness levels are encouraged to attend. Children's activities, refreshments and runner's goody bag will be provided, including a memorial T-shirt. The Pleasure Island Junior Woman's Club is proud to support local schools through the Clothe the Children program, where counselors recommend children in need for receipt of new school uniforms and supplies. In addition, the club responds to numerous requests for donations and assistance throughout the Orange Beach & Gulf Shores community. In 2015, the club began awarding the Ann Reese Grote Memorial Scholarship to a Gulf Shores Senior displaying exemplary character traits and pursuing a degree in service to the community. Ann Reese Grote was the beautiful 3 year old daughter of a club member who received her angel wings in December of 2012. The Bunny Hop has become the club's mission to bring the community together, memorialize Ann Reese, and provide a scholarship in her name. Please bring your family and join the Pleasure Island Junior Woman's Club on April 14 at The Wharf for this special 5K and Fun Run. Runners may register at the event, or online at active.com. For more info, contact pleasureislandjwc@gmail.com.

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## EASTER ON THE COAST

### Easter Egg Hunt on The Wharf Marina lawn March 31

Spring is here and The Wharf has blossomed into full celebration mode. In grand style, the Marina Lawn will be speckled with nearly 5,000 colorful eggs for youngsters to claim during the Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by Christian Life Church on Saturday, March 31 at 11:30 a.m. Admission is free; and face painting will be available for a small charge.

There will be separate age group areas designated for the hoppy hunt. A wide variety of kids' activities will be offered on-site, including face painting, a bouncy house, giant coloring sheets, cookies and more! The Southern Grind will be baking over 300 sugar cookies to give away during the hunt! Cuddle up with real live rabbits and snap a photo with the Easter Bunny, all in one egg-citing setting. Photos with the Easter Bunny at the Marina Outfitters Store will be available March 17-18, March 24-25 and March 30-31. Various price packages are available.

The Wharf is located at 23101 Canal Rd. Info: 251-224-1000 or alwharf.com.

### City of Gulf Shores Breakfast With The Bunny March 31

Kick off your Easter celebration with the City of Gulf Shores as they host Breakfast with the Bunny at 8 a.m. on Saturday, March 31 at the Erie H. Meyer Civic Center. Families of all ages are invited to enjoy an old-fashioned breakfast of bacon, sausage, eggs and pancakes before having pictures taken with the Easter Bunny. The first 50 children will receive a complimentary picture with the Easter Bunny. Tickets are available at the door for \$5.00, while children 3 and under are free. For more information about Breakfast with the Bunny, contact the Special Events Division at 251-968-1171 or visit gulfshoresal.gov.



### Flora-Bama Church offers three Easter Sunday experiences

For almost seven years, The Flora-Bama has been the place to be for church on Easter Sunday. Central Flora-Bama, a non-denominational Christian church, invites the entire community join them in the celebration of Easter. Last year more than 4000 people came out for the celebration on the sand. This year, the church will have the largest tent available in the Southeast set up on the sand behind the Flora-Bama Lounge to house the three experiences on offer: 6:30 a.m. Sunrise, then events at 9 & 11 a.m. They expect the attendance to exceed the number of chairs offered and everyone is invited to bring along folding chairs for the services. The church maintains their slogan "It's OK to not be OK," which means everyone is welcome just as they are. Can't make it for Easter? Central Church Flora-Bama holds regular Sunday events every week except Mullet Toss weekend at the Flora-Bama.



### Easter Sunrise Service at Hangout open to all

By Louise Hawley

The Gulf Shores community is invited to what has become a local tradition, Easter Sunrise Service at the Hangout. This year's service on April 1 begins at 6:30 a.m. on the outdoor main stage with upbeat contemporary Christian music. Sponsored by the Gulf Shores United Methodist Church, the service will feature the GSUMC praise team, with the Easter message delivered by Rev. Glenn Butler, senior pastor of the church. As usual, those attending are encouraged to bring beach chairs, blankets or towels for additional outdoor seating. Come as you are and enjoy a casual Easter worship service in a beautiful Gulf Coast setting. The Hangout will offer a special discount on its delicious gourmet breakfast following the service.

### Easter Bunny drops into 'Bama March 31

The Flora-Bama will host its annual Easter Egg Hunt & Kids' Fun Day starting at 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 31. There will be over 5,000 eggs hidden in the beautiful white sandy beaches behind Flora-Bama! There is no charge for this family fun day and the egg hunt is divided among four different age categories to ensure fair hunting for the kids. All are reminded to bring your own basket. The Easter Bunny will drop/hop in to greet children of all ages after the egg hunt. Mr. Big Ears will be hanging around in the tent area taking pictures with the kids while families enjoy crafts, games, and face painting.

### Bellingrath breakfast & egg hunt March 24

Bellingrath Gardens and Home invites children of all ages to Breakfast with the Easter Bunny and the annual Easter Egg Hunt on the Great Lawn on Saturday, March 24. After the egg hunt, families are encouraged to enjoy arts and crafts projects for children from 9 AM to noon at Live Oak Plaza. Breakfast will be served from 8 to 9:30 AM. The Easter Bunny will visit guests at their tables and pose for photos. Please note that reservations are required in advance. The cost is \$10 for adults, \$8 for children ages 5-12 and \$5 for ages 4 and younger. For more info, call 251-973-2217, or visit [bellingrath.org](http://bellingrath.org).



### Easter Sunrise Service at Big Lagoon Park

An Easter Sunday Sunrise Service sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Big Lagoon will be held at Big Lagoon State Park Amphitheater (pictured) at 6:15 a.m. on Easter Sunday, April 16. The park is located at 12301 Gulf Beach Hwy. in Pensacola, and the entry fee will be waived for the sunrise service. Gates will open at 5:45 a.m. Info: 850-492-5634 or 850-492-1595.

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## EASTER ON THE COAST



### Optimist Easter Egg Hunt March 31 at Lillian Rec. Park

Members of the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay are gearing up for one of their favorite programs geared for kids. The Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 31 in the Lillian Recreational Park on Perdido Street. The Easter Bunny will hide dozens of eggs for the boys and girls, aged one to 12, to find. There will be five categories: ages 1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-9 and 10-12.

The friendly rabbit has instructed the Optimist Club members to have prizes for the boys and girls in the five age groups who find the most eggs. There will be three prizes in each age group.

After the hunt, all children will have an opportunity to have their picture taken with Mr. Bunny. Hot dogs, chips and drinks will be served for all who attend.

**Pictured:** Winners of the 2017 Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay proudly display their prizes.



### Easter Sunrise Service at Camp Dixie

St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Elberta will host an Easter Sunrise Service at 6:30 a.m. at Camp Dixie on April 1. The Camp is located at 29711 Josephine Drive on Perdido Bay. The community is invited to attend the service and join us for biscuits and coffee afterwards. For directions or information, call the church office at 986-8133.

### Big Lagoon Kiwanis Club Egg Hunt slated March 31

The Kiwanis Club of Big Lagoon's 32nd Annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held at Perdido Kid's Park Playground on Gulf Beach Hwy. on Saturday, March 31 from 9-11 a.m. Children are invited to gather and find eggs placed in areas designed for each age group from (1-3), (4-5) and (6-7), thus ensuring the younger children have an opportunity to find their eggs. There will be games for the kids and prizes awarded after the hunt. Parents will be able to accompany the youngest children. The Kiwanis Club of Big Lagoon is making a difference in the lives of local children by carrying out the Kiwanis dream to change the world for the better.

### Sunrise Service at Bellingrath scheduled rain or shine

As the sun rises over Bellingrath Gardens and Home on Easter Sunday, April 1, guests are invited to come and enjoy a special Sunrise Service with friends and family on Live Oak Plaza. The service will begin at 6:30 a.m. and is open to everyone in the community. During the service, an offering will be collected to benefit Family Promise of Coastal Alabama, an agency that helps homeless families. Complimentary admission will be given to guests from 6 to 8 a.m. on Easter Sunday. A limited number of chairs will be set up and guests are encouraged to bring their own chairs. In case of inclement weather, the service will be held in the Magnolia Café. After the service, a hot breakfast will be available for purchase in the Magnolia Café from 7:30 to 9:00 AM.



### Easter Sunday is always fun at LuLu's

The Annual Children's Easter Egg Hunt at LuLu's Gulf Shores is scheduled on Easter Sunday, April 1 at 2 p.m. You never know who is going to stop by LuLu's, but how can anyone resist the opportunity to meet the Easter Bunny and see what is in those eggs? Divided by age groups for safe full for all, as well as some "golden" eggs with prizes from the gift shop! The fun will also include LuLu's usual family fun activities. LuLu's is located at 200 E 25th Ave. in Gulf Shores (under the Intracoastal Bridge). For more info, call 251-967-5858.

### Bear Point Civic Assn. Easter Egg Hunt March 31


On Saturday, March 31, the Easter Bunny will be visiting the Bear Point Community Assn. Community Center at 1 p.m. There will be an egg hunt for children 0-10 years of age. Prizes will be given for each group (0-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-10). We ask you to arrive with your child by 12:30 p.m. and the egg hunt will begin at 1 p.m. Bring your friends and neighbors and come enjoy the fun! Punch and cookies will be available for the kiddies.



### 13th Cottontail Express March 3-31 in Silverhill

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## ORANGE BEACH



### Kudos to Angela Bateman & David McLain

Events Operations Director Angela Bateman was presented with the first "Above and Beyond" award at the Orange Beach City Council meeting on March 6. Mayor Tony Kennon said the city will regularly honor employees who go above and beyond in their duties for the city. Sgt. David McLain, right, received his service weapon and badge from Mayor Tony Kennon as part of his retirement from the Orange Beach Police Department. McLain first came to the department in 1995 and has been active in sports programs at all levels in the past 23 years.



### Boating Safely Course April 14 at O.B. Community Center

Flotilla 3-10 (Alabama South Coast) of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary will conduct a class on safe boating Saturday, April 14, at the Orange Beach Community Center. Successful completion of this course meets the educational requirement to obtain a boating license in Alabama and other states. Course content includes boating terminology, safe and practical boating procedures, safety equipment, boating laws, navigation rules, chart reading and navigation, docking techniques, and knot tying. The minimum age for enrollment is 12 years. The course will be from 8 AM to 5 PM. The fee is \$35 per individual or \$50 for two family members sharing a book. The fee provides a textbook, instructional materials, lunch and refreshments. Registration is required. Contact Malcolm Chase at malinmo@yahoo.com or (251) 284-1461 to register. Information is also available on the Coast Guard Auxiliary web site cgaux.org.

**Pictured:** Students becoming better and safer boaters at a recent class.

# Expect Excellence after school program off to quick start in O.B.

"We have a great staff together and we are putting on something really special."

By John Mullen

Orange Beach's Expect Excellence program is off to a rousing start with more than 150 kids signed up for the variety of educational and athletic activities at the city's recreation center.

"We had the 150 signups in five business days and that has grown in the last hour as well," Director Jonathan Langston said. "It is an inundating task and we have a great staff together and we are putting on something really special."

At the March 6 meeting, the city council voted to spend \$60,000 to continue the program through the end of May. Mayor Tony Kennon presented a video showing children engaged in all aspects of the program. Also, at the meeting, Sgt. David McLain was awarded his service weapon and badge as part of his retirement from the Orange Beach Police Department.

"On the other side of the curtain we have free rec play and all the kids are playing dodgeball. We also have speed, agility and strength training for the younger kids."

"Jonathan and his crew put all this together in four weeks," Kennon said. "All this is all happening simultaneously for three hours. And we have 83 children at Camp Sunshine so we have almost 240 children now in our afterschool programs. I wanted y'all to see what they've accomplished in four weeks."

Kids were shown taking guitar lessons, hitting softballs, working in the homework lab with two certified teachers, in a theater class and as well as other athletic training.

"On the other side of the curtain we have free rec play and all the kids are playing dodgeball," Kennon said. "We also have speed, agility and strength training for the younger kids."

McLain, as several citizens and council members pointed out, was and is much more than a police officer for the city since coming to work in 1995. He has spent many years coaching several sports in youth leagues as well as girls basketball and football at Gulf Shores Middle School.

"What's made David so famous for us that's unique beyond the police officer role was his many, many years of working as a coach, working with the churches, working with the kids," City Administrator Ken Grimes said. "In those roles, there are very few people, and some are in the room today, that made that kind of an impact for so long on the kids of Orange Beach and Gulf Shores."

Councilman Jerry Johnson also spoke to the many areas where McLain played a vital role in both cities and in the lives of children.

"Whether it be a Kids' Night Out or if he was coaching or if he was at vacation Bible school, he was actually working," Johnson said. "Officer Dave has the essence of this community in his heart. The love you have in your heart for people, especially kids, is something that is a glowing image for you

and your legacy."

*Orange Beach City Council also:*

- Presented Events Operations Director Angela Bateman with the city's first "above and beyond" award. Among her many duties, Bateman was cited for her work on the recent Orange Beach Seafood Festival which saw a record crowd on Feb. 24.
  - Postponed transferring land on Canal Road to the Baldwin County Board of Education until the March 20 council meeting. The transfer was first proposed in the Dec. 12 council regular session and has been postponed in every meeting since. Baldwin County wants to build a seventh-through-12th-grade school at the site of the former sewage plant.
  - At the request of the applicant postponed a request for a change in the Amber Isle planned unit development on the north side of beach road at the far west of the city limits. Owners of Big Wave Dave's restaurant want to build a covered deck for outside seating.
  - Approved liquor license applications for Walgreen's, Cactus Cantina on beach road in the former Hazel's location, for Gilbey's Seafood and Steak in Palm Plaza and for Playa, Johnny Fisher's new restaurant going into the old Shipp's Harbour location at Sportsman Marina.
  - Authorized the purchase of a mower for Coastal Resources for \$33,171 for use on the Backcountry Trail.
  - Authorized a contract with Southern Engineering Solutions, Inc., to provide design and permitting services for the Backcountry Trail Interpretive Loop Project in an amount not to exceed for \$15,500.
  - Authorized the purchase of a generator for the fire department's administration building for \$32,282.
  - Appropriated \$10,000 from a private grant to the city toward the purchase of a grand piano for the Coastal Arts Center through the Friends of the Arts. The group will have a Grand Event fundraiser on May 11 to help pay the total of \$23,000.
  - Authorized \$47,882 for the remodel of the beach barn on Alabama 161 at the Cotton Bayou trailhead.
  - Authorized contracts with Lucido Engineering for civil engineering, land surveying, and environmental consulting services for the city and to survey the beach to determine mean high tide location at a cost of \$8,150.
- During the work session the council discussed:*
- Setting a public hearing date for proposed changes to the business license ordinance to add a vacation rental category and limit areas of the city where houses can be used as rentals for 14 days or less. The hearing will be at the March 20 council meeting.
  - Purchasing of Qwick Kurb vertical lane separators on Canal Road at the entrance to Doc's Seafood Shack.
  - Awarding a bid for a new SUV for the police department support services division.
  - Authorizing the Mayor to execute a pipeline right-of-way contract with the state park for maintenance of sanitary and storm sewers at Rose Lane and Alabama 161. The work involves the construction of the new Dollar General planned for that location.

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# Craft family donates 40 acres on County Rd. 8 to Gulf Shores for possible park or school

By John Mullen

Gulf Shores is putting a widening of Alabama 59 near Waterville on the fast track awarding a bid to increase the length of the turning lane into the amusement park. The Alabama Department of Transportation will fund the entire project which city officials expect to be just under \$300,000.

"This \$300,000 pays for both construction and inspection work to extend the left turn lane at Waterville from its current one-car queue to about an 11-car cue," Public Works Director Mark Acreman said.

Also during Monday's meeting, the council heard a progress report on the upcoming Hangout Music Festival and issued an assembly permit for the ninth year. The council also agreed to accept a donation of 40 acres from the Craft family on County Road 8 and agreed to pay for all the deed and title work to make the transfer to the city.

**"Everything from now on is going to be done at night. We're not going to put the city in that situation again where we've got so many projects going on during the day."**

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Originally the Waterville road work bid came in at \$311,000, but Acreman said city staff worked with the company to get the price below what the state was willing to fund.

"We immediately entered into a value engineering negotiation with McElhenney Construction and was able to reduce the contract amount to \$258,011 which pushed back below the \$300,000 budget," Acreman said. "We've already awarded Volkert a contract not to exceed \$46,562 for inspection testing as well as permitting for this project."

Acreman said the reduction came from eliminating some contingency work ALDOT had in the proposal and limiting impacts to sidewalks and landscaping affected by the project. ALDOT will fully reimburse the city for the costs of the project.

"That would let us take the lead on a project they weren't able to get to in a timely manner," Acreman said. "We hope to get them started by (March 9) and they will have to be completed by May 1."

## Hangout 2018

Festival organizers and city staff are ready for their 60-day meeting and Recreation and Cultural Affairs Director Grant Brown said the city and festival producers

learn something new with each year. Dates this year for the festival are May 17-20.

"We're excited about the ninth music festival coming to Gulf Shores," Brown said "It gets better every single year. We get to be more efficient and we get better and better every year."

Some dates being talked about with site usage for the festival have had some residents concerned, Craft said.

"I've already had a couple of calls about the site usage from April 26 to May 26," Craft said. "People in the public are thinking we have expanded the music festival a few weeks to a month. It's not that much different than what we've done before. There seems to be a lot of sensitivity that we've expanded the event. We haven't. We've contracted the event a little bit. It's not clear to the public and it's confusing."

Brown said getting a jump start on the build-up for the festival is essential for the organizers and the city.

"By allowing them to get a little bit ahead and the city taking advantage of their assets they are bringing in truly helps both of us to allow that to happen," he said.

Craft said some citizens are against having the festival in town but he believes it is safe and has benefits for Gulf Shores.

"There's segment of our community that worry about this and worry about this event," he said. "I'm not one of them. The people who come in wear their costumes, they're having fun and when you look at them you don't realize they are young professionals. They're not 15- to 18-year-olds, they're 25- to 28-year-olds."

Festival director Sean O'Connell gave a report on some small changes for the 2018 festival and said metal detectors will be used for the first time.

## Land donation

At a recent meeting, the council accepted a donation of 40 acres on County Road 8 from the Craft family and it will eventually cost about \$19,000 to handle the closing costs and other paperwork on the transaction, City Administrator Steve Griffin said.

"Since Jan. 29 we've been working with the attorneys and finding out that some of the costs that we estimated to be \$5,000 are closer to \$19,000 in the preparation of the deed, getting the IRS documents in place, etc.," Griffin said.

Griffin said 80 percent of all building permits issued by the city are for lots north of the Intracoastal Waterway. The donated is halfway between Alabama 59 and the Foley Beach Express on the south side of the road.

County Road 8 is a fast-growing residential area and a new subdivision with 194 lots is being proposed south of this parcel. A road through the donated parcel to the new subdivision is being studied.

"This 40-acre tract provides I think the city council the opportunity for the construction of a new elementary school or a new park site," Griffin said. "There are a lot of transportation projects planned around that site. Right now, we have County Road 8 widening work going on."

## In other business, the city council:

- Accepted a proposal from Volkert, Inc. to perform habitat mapping and functional assessments on land acquired through the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation as part of the Bon Secour/Oyster Bay wetlands project. The survey will cost the city \$72,000.
- Offered up items in the spring surplus sale. They will be available through March 19 on govdeals.com. Items for sale vary from electronics, automobiles, exercise equipment, shelving and other furniture.
- Agreed to buy four dump trailers from Baldwin Trac-

tor and Equipment for \$18,800 to replace homemade ones the city uses in its beach recycling and trash pickup program.

- Approved liquor license applications for the Hampton Inn on Alabama 59, the Sunliner Diner on Alabama 59 two blocks north of the beach, the Zydeco Crawfish Festival and a transfer of the Rite Aid liquor license to Walgreen's.

- Granted an assembly permit to Papa Rocco's for the annual St. Patrick's Day pub crawl in the beach district.
- Reappointed David Chapman to the Parks and Recreation Board for another six-year term. His term expires on March 14 and he has agreed to serve another.

## Gulf Shores still without school superintendent

City wants to open in July; County asks, 'what's the rush?'

By John Mullen

The City of Gulf Shores, more than three months after its City Council appointed the School Board that will lead the city's separation from the Baldwin County School System, still does not have a superintendent in place.

And even advertising for that hire has become part of the acrimony that has turned into a battle of wills and personalities between the old and new.

Although never so abruptly, cities all over the state have formed their own school systems.

Granted, it is a complex process, but it certainly is strange that a School Board, more than three months into its term, would be making where it can advertise its vacancy a point of contention.

"We distributed it out through all the associations and they have sent it out all over the state," interim superintendent Suzanne Freeman said.

But there were at least three places the new school board wasn't allowed to post it: the school campuses in the city of Gulf Shores. City school officials asked the Baldwin County Board of Education for permission to post the job opening in the schools they will take over at some point.

"They said they would get back to us and we've not heard back yet," Freeman said. "Typically, in my situation previously in helping other separations, there's been a good relationship in that they would let us post it in the schools. That's typically the case where both school systems work together and coordinate and communicate."

The first city split from the Baldwin County school system has been anything but typical. In the beginning, both negotiation teams played nice and said the right things in news conferences after the first two meetings. But it quickly crashed and burned over disagreements over having a sitting superintendent and a starting date.

"To be clear, compare the dates of when systems were formed by the city councils and when the state approved the split, not some suggested date of when people may or may not have started fantasizing about the future," said BCSD Superintendent Eddie Tyler. "And in all of these splits, has there ever been one this complicated?"

Although elected officials did not poll its citizens to determine if a majority even wanted its own school system, the new board did poll Gulf Shores



**“It’s very unfortunate, but I hear from teachers they are worried about retribution should they attend such a meeting. We need to stress there is strength in numbers.”**

**- Kevin Corcoran  
G.S. School Board President**

inroads made on the impasse, the two sides turned to the state superintendent’s office who appointed a mediator. Both sides are currently drafting essentially position papers to present to the mediator.

Baldwin County made its position clear by passing a resolution Feb. 22 in opposition to the Gulf Shores starting date of July 1.

“The Baldwin County BOE has repeatedly expressed significant concerns that a 2018 start date is not in the best interest of the (affected) school children (children inside and outside the Gulf Shores municipal limits), or the impacted faculty and staff,” the resolution stated.

“Despite the fact that there was no meaningful due diligence associated with Gulf Shores’ decision to establish a city school system and no demonstration of an actual ability to be operational a little over four months from the date of this Resolution, the City Board insists on a 2018 start date.”

During a Gulf Shores School Board work session on March 1 several reasons for wanting the split to occur this year were discussed. One was addressing security issues at what police believe is a vulnerable campus, board president Kevin Corcoran said.

“We don’t think it is a rush,” Corcoran said. “There’s so many reasons and we’re going to present plausible reasons and not just because we want to. There’s so many things we need to do and we need to do them now.”

Meanwhile, getting access to those campuses to make assessments on security, computer systems and talking with faculty and staff has been a slow process. The board is currently trying to set a date to meet with faculty and staff from the three Gulf Shores schools.

“Mr. Tyler suggested in the past to the teachers in a faculty meeting that we weren’t going to be welcome to come on campus to hold that meeting,” Corcoran

citizens to ask what qualifications were important to them in a new school leader. Gulf Shores wants to open doors for the first time this fall and Baldwin County responded “what’s the rush?”

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said. “That it wasn’t going to be at the school. He didn’t want it to be on school campuses.”

For teachers, Freeman said, they are anxious about the coming change and she believes a meeting will get them valuable information and ease some of their fears.

“Out of fairness to teachers, they need to know,” she said. “This is their life, their livelihood, their families are counting on this.”

Corcoran said he’s heard a different kind of anxiety from teachers he’s talked with.

“It’s very unfortunate but I hear from teachers they are worried about retri-

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**- Eddie Tyler  
BCSD Superintendent**

assess the IT capabilities at all three schools has also been put on hold.

“We hit a little snag in terms of approval from the county to be able to do that,” she said. “Our legal counsel is helping us jump through those hoops.”

Baldwin County School Superintendent Tyler said in a statement that when the BCSB proposed engaging an independent mediator to try and speed up talks and make meaningful progress, Gulf Shores representatives instead put out a press release offering to take students from outside their city limits into their school system, so long as they are paid for doing so.

“Previously we raised concerns about the legality of not having a superintendent and instead of simply informing us of their intentions to resolve this matter, they again went to the public with their actions in some condescending tone about the legitimacy of our concerns, even though the law is clear on this matter,” Tyler said.

Tyler said he told State Superintendent Dr. Ed Richardson that it is not in the best interest of the 580 students, who live outside the city limits, to be subjected to an untested, undefined and unknown new school system.

“With a June 30 separation date to

start school, this would be completed in less than six months from when we first met on January 24 and that has never been done in Alabama,” Tyler stated.

“We reviewed the splits across Alabama in recent history and none have ever been done in the six months Gulf Shores has suggested, though they have stated numerous times that this has in fact been done before,” Tyler continued in the statement.

“Gulf Shores’ demands to start in 2018 are ridiculous knowing that their reason for leaving was spurred by our decision to build new facilities in Orange Beach. They knew that these facilities would be complete and ready for students in August 2019. To know this from the beginning and still demand a 2018 start date is disrespectful at best. Again we continue to ask, what would be the harm in waiting one year to be sure everyone can start with the best opportunity and the least disruption?”

“We have zero intention of preventing them from completing their split; in fact, we believe that their exit will allow us to focus more resources on the remaining students in the nearby areas and the rest of Baldwin County. We want them to have the best chance at success – long term success, not some silly goal of setting a new state record for creating a new city school system.”

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a standard practice to allow students who are already in the graduation pattern to stay in place and finish where they have attended the majority of their schooling. We have always expected that those children who want to graduate as a Dolphin, would be allowed to graduate as a Dolphin. Again, look to other splits which took place in Mobile County and others across the state.

Second, we have no idea what their school system will look like. What kind of educational standards do they intend to implement? Will they use computers in a one-to-one environment as we do? What will their curriculum be? Will it transfer easily back into where we are currently with our students or will they be behind when they transfer back in?

Will they hold the same holiday and school schedules to accommodate families with children in both the Orange Beach Elementary school and the new Gulf Shores School? Will they use the same uniforms or require parents to purchase new ones for one year before returning to the Baldwin County system?

“Third, there is a financial motive for this. Many have wondered how Gulf Shores can operate at the level they have suggested without any new taxes. This was the dilemma in Saraland, Satsuma and Chickasaw where the systems opened with no new taxes only to have tax votes almost immediately following their first years. By including an additional 580 students, Gulf Shores would receive nearly \$3.5 million more in funding for the first year, while their additional expenditures would be minimal.

“Fourth, they have appointed an interim superintendent, who was released from her contract as the Trussville City School superintendent. This is likely why Gulf Shores has gone out of their way to be clear that their new interim superintendent is not being considered for any permanent position.

“Yet, they expect everyone to jump on board with their vision, a vision with no leader, no plan, inadequate funding and not enough time to work out the problems that are inherent in starting a new school system with 2,000 children across city lines with the highest technology demands of any in Alabama.

“Offering a free cruise isn’t worth much if you don’t know where the cruise is going, what kind of ship you will be traveling on or what you are going to be asked to pay for once you get there. This is how I feel about the actions of Gulf Shores. There has been a lot of ‘talk’ about their vision and their hopes but they have yet to offer anything of any substance on how they will do this, including the simple question I have asked in every meeting – how are you going to get this started in just a matter of months?”

“More importantly, aren’t these children better off if we take a year and properly plan this out and prepare for the best transition we can provide the students, parents and teachers?”

“I do not believe the representatives from Gulf Shores are focusing on the right people. I believe they are more interested in doing what they said they were going to do at the beginning and are determined not to change their plans.

“My focus is the same today as it was when I started in education 42 years ago and that is the best interest of the children. That is where I will make my stand, regardless of whether these children reside in the City of Gulf Shores, Orange Beach or other surrounding areas.”



## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### Stars Fell on Alabama will bring 600 Parrot Heads to Orange Beach Public invited to join phlock for March 17 live auction/concert on LuLu's Beach

By Fran Thompson

Stars Fell On Alabama, an annual gathering of Jimmy Buffett fans, will celebrate its 18th "Phlocking" by bringing around 600 parrotheads and trock rock musicians to Orange Beach March 16-18.

The mostly closed event, sponsored by four Alabama parrothead clubs, raised \$12,000 for its charities in 2017 and more than \$150,000 for charities since its inception.

Saturday features an "unforgettable bus ride to LuLu's" for a public concert and live auction. Jimmy & the Parrots (11 a.m. - 3 p.m.). The auction will include four bar stools from the now shuttered Margaritaville Saloon in the French Quarter.

The auctioneer at LuLu's will be Greg Dumas, a former DJ on Margaritaville Radio on Sirius XM.

Skinner, who also answers to Mother Hen, said Stars, co-sponsored by the Lower Alabama, Mobile Bay, Isle of O'Bama and Towns Around Bilxoi Parrot Head Clubs, sells out every year. And each club gets to pick a benefit charity. "Each club picks a charity. We get grand total and split it four ways," Skinner said.

The LuLu's extravaganza will be followed by "The Unforgettable Bus Trip back to the Hotel."

Based at The Island House Hotel, the gath-

ering's closed events include group breakfast buffets and the Bottomless Bloody Mary & Mimosa Bar at the Beachside Bistro & Bar at the Island House, Mini-Mart meetings, silent auctions, raffles and cookouts. Another event is titled the "Thank God The Tiki Bar Is Open."

Bands SFOB booked include Tropicool (Sunny Jim, Jimi Pappas, John Patti, Jerry Diaz) & Hanna's Reef, Pleasure Island's own multi-time Trop Rocker of the Year Brent Burns, The Detentions, The Southern Drawl Band, Danny Taddei, Jimmy & The Parrots, Donny Brewer & the Dock Rockers

"We have a lot of people that come each and every year, and they come in from all over the country, not just Alabama," Skinner said.

Skinner, a Sastuma resident with JB ties that go back to 1998, has also organized the 3,500 strong National Parrothead gathering in Key West.

"There is a lot of partying and cocktails, but we like to say it's 'partying for a purpose,'" she said.

A final note to attendees from the registration form suggests this: "Don't miss the conga line away from the sand and sun and back to the bus. The phun always seems to happen on the ride back to The Island House!"



### History of Stars Fell on Alabama

The idea for the Stars Fell on Alabama gathering was hatched in April 1999 when leaders three Alabama Parrothead clubs decided while doing tequila shooters at the original LuLu's on Weeks Bay to organize a regional phlocking. It was only a year earlier that the Mobile Parrothead Club was revived. Soon after, the long dead Biloxi PHC was revived, and a few months later the Montgomery PHC was founded. Being all within close proximity and age, there naturally were new bonds and friendships formed, and the three clubs began to work (and play) together.

Charlotte Skinner formed the Coastal Alabama PHC in 1995, but there was not much interest at the time. In 1998, John Thornton, Larry McNeese, Dave Luley and Sean Eifert got together and started the Towns around Biloxi Parrothead Club. Vince Allison, a longtime Atlanta Parrothead club was desperate to find more like minded parrotheads when returning home. So he founded the IsleO'Bama Parrothead Club.

There was already an annual parrothead party hosted by a Mobile hockey team, but nothing much bigger than that. After a few more shooters, Thornton, Allison and Skinner decided the party they were having at Lulu's was a perfect foundation for what would follow. The very first Stars was held in downtown Mobile. Over 150 parrotheads enjoyed hockey games, a parrothead parade on ice, conga line parties, a balcony contest, parking lot parties, a bus trip to LuLu's and, of course, entertainment from parrothead bands. Attendees also raised \$3K for the Alzheimer's Foundation.

The Lower Alabama Parrothead Club is now 150 members strong and extremely active on the community service trail and the Stars gathering.

"Hurricane" Jane Tarver, the Stars treasurer for the past 10 years, said members volunteer at local marathons and bicycle events, the Shrimp Fest, Coastal Clean-up and other places where help is needed.

"We always have a good time when we phlock together," the Miflin resident said. "We party for a purpose, and that purpose is raising money for charity." She added that this year's event will be the biggest yet both for participation and dollars raised. "I love seeing friends I've made through the years, but it's all about the music, too," she said. "We have some of the best trop rock bands in the country coming in."



### Jimmy & The Parrots will play LuLu's & Sassy Bass while here

Jimmy & The Parrots, a band JB himself once said was his favorite Buffett impersonator, will play the only Stars Fell on Alabama event open to the public from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. at Lucy Buffett's LuLu's at Homeport Marina (200 East 25th Ave.) in Gulf Shores on March 17. The Parrots will also debut at The Sassy Bass on Ft. Morgan (5160 Highway 180) on March 16 from 8-10 p.m. while here.

"We are thrilled to be back at SFOA this year. It's an awesome weekend chock full of your favorite trop rock artists," said band founder Jimmy Maraventano.

Two time Trop Rock Entertainers of the Year, the band has sold more than 100,000 units of its 3-CD set Island Jams. They've headlined the Meeting of The Minds, a huge Jimmy Buffett/Parrot Head Convention in Key West, multiple times and have played with Doyle Grisham, Michael Utey, Nadirah Shakoor, and Robert Greenidge from Buffett's Coral Reefer Band.

### 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, Innerspring 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-

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### Fish-frys March 16 & 23 at Our Lady of the Gulf in Gulf Shores

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.

### Underdogs Cooler Full Of Booze fundraiser March 16 in Perdido

Save Underdogs has kicked 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](http://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."

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### Thurs. Lenten lunches continue thru March 22 at Foley Methodist

Lenten Lunches at Foley United Methodist Church will continue each Thursday through March 22. There will be a simple luncheon with a suggested donation of \$5 served in the Spirit Center from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The program starts just after noon that will include greetings, music, and devotional thoughts from different church, pastors and community leaders each week. Rev. Dr. Nolan Donald will welcome and lead each service. A message on Patience will be delivered on March 15, by Pastor Ben Ragsdale, City Hope, Foley. The final Lenten message, Love, will be brought by Pastor Bennie Richardson of Morningstar Missionary Baptist Church.

Lent originated in the very earliest days of the church as a time of penance and a preparatory time for Easter, when the faithful rededicated themselves and when converts were instructed in the faith and prepared for baptism. By observing the 40 days of Lent, Christians relive Jesus' withdrawal into the wilderness for 40 days. All churches that have a continuous history extending before AD 1500 observe Lent, organizers said. The ancient church that wrote, collected, canonized and propagated the New Testament also observed Lent, believing it to be a commandment from the apostles.

### April 7 is Family Fun Day at Liberty Church Foley

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.

All proceeds benefit The Backpack Program for feeding children on weekends throughout Baldwin County. For more info, call Darlene Johnson at 251-752-5445 or the church office at 251-943-7100 or email [adoptabike.feedachild@gmail.com](mailto:adoptabike.feedachild@gmail.com)

The church's Backpack Program for Child Hunger is currently supporting 205 children in eight local schools. The church also sponsors Adopt A Bike and makes monetary donations for the cause.

"This year our Liberty staff and pastors will be engaging in many activities throughout the day involving a coffee bar, skits, games and a dunk (the pastor) tank," Johnson said. "The kids area will be great for every age...face painting, petting zoo, bouncy house, magic show."

Johnson said there are currently 65 bikes adopted out in the community. Bike Adopt A Bike - Feed A Child display bike at the April 7 event.

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

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• **Open Mixed Doubles Tennis:** 7:30 a.m.; all levels welcome; Gulf Shores Tennis Center; corner of West 19th Ave. and West 2nd St.

• **Veteran's Bingo:** 10 a.m. -2 p.m.; American Legion Post 99, Foley.

• **Trivia Night:** 6:30 p.m.; The Gulf Coast Elks Lodge 2789, Foley; 251-550-1060.

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

• **Bingo:** 6 p.m.; American Legion Post 240; 8666 Gulf Beach Hwy.; Pensacola.

• **South Alabama Senior Travelers:** 9 a.m.; Foley Senior Center; visitors welcome; 251-928-4494.

• **Orange Beach Friends of the Library:** 10; Library meeting room; 978-4106.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING



**FAIRY GARDEN FUN:** (By Mary Ann Lindsay) "If you have a tea cup, a broken pot, a wheelbarrow, or a yard, you can have a fairy garden." So said Master Gardener Bonnibel Byars (pictured) at the February 13 meeting of the Robertsdale Garden Club. Bryars presented a slide show on various aspects of creating a fairy garden and also created one for members and guests. Several members and guests brought their granddaughters to enjoy the program. Bryars provided a handout which included a plan for building a fairy garden: (1) choosing a theme, (2) choosing a container; (3) layering the materials; (4) picking plants, and (5) adding the fairy or fairies with accessories such as table and chairs, frogs, mushrooms, etc. She suggested wetting the dirt base before building the garden. A tip she gave when creating the garden was choosing a "thriller" (examples: Angelface angelonia, Butterfly argyranthemum, Graceful Grasses); "filler" (examples: Diamond Frost® euphorbia, Superbells® calibrachoa, Supertunia® petunia); and "spiller" (examples: Snowstorm® Giant Snowflake® bacopa, Snow Princess® lobularia, Sweet Caroline sweet potato vine). This is a common way for container gardening and patio containers using three different types of plants to create well-rounded and upscale looking containers.

A plant list Byars provided included Scotch moss, sedum, air plants, dwarf conifers, creeping Jenny, various succulents, and many more. She used a regular size succulent plant which she broke down in pieces to use in the fairy garden. Following the program, door prizes were won by several members and guests.



**BRAT FEST RAISES \$4,500:** (By Nancy Durgin) This years brat fest held on February 3 raised \$4,500 for the three pleasure island fire departments: Fort Morgan, Orange Beach and Gulf Shores. Each department received \$1,500. A decision was made to make some changes to the brat fest next year. The NEW location and date will be Orange Beach Sport Park on the second Saturday of February. **Pictured:** The check presentation to the three departments. Chief Glen Stevens of Fort Morgan is on the right. Chief Hartly Brokenshaw of GSFD is in the center and Deputy Chief Mike Kimmerling of the OBFD is on the left. Brat fest committee members attending the presentation were Geo and Bev Lockhart-IN., Connie and Ed Brinton-IA, Phyllis James-IL, Jerry Wallace-MI, Paul Brown-WI, Duke Schueller-WI, Les Takace-OH, Kenn Krouse-WI, and presenting the checks, Doris and John Hulett-IL. Doris and John will not be returning to GS next year, but have worked for the brat fest for 19 years. The total money raised by the brat fest in 20 years is \$114,623.

### Three on a String April 12 at Coastal Community College

Alabama's own Three on a String, now celebrating 47 years in the entertainment business, will be in concert on April 12 at 7 p.m., in Centennial Hall at Alabama Coastal Community College's Fairhope campus. Proceeds from this event will help fund the college's GED Scholarship fund – a long-time outreach ministry of Fairhope Christian Church.

Tickets are \$25 per couple or \$15 per individual. They are available from Fairhope Christian Church, 349 Fairwood Blvd., Fairhope, AL 36532. Call the church office, 251-928-8495, between 10



a.m. and 2 p.m. for tickets or more information.

Three on a String began in 1971

with lots of bar gigs and one-nighters, eventually evolving into performances with symphony orchestras in several states including a nine-city tour with the Alabama Symphony, opening for Bill Cosby, Red Skelton, Barbara Mandrel, Jeff Foxworthy, George Lindsey, Ray Stevens and many more top stars of the day. Add in concerts for arts councils, Chambers of Commerce, Landmark Theatres and city celebrations, and you have a busy schedule for these veteran entertainers.

"There is no feeling in the world like presenting our show to an audience that has no idea who we are and having the show close with a standing ovation," said member Jerry Ryan. The group's membership now includes Jerry, and three additional talented performers: Bobby Horton, Brad Ryan and Andy Meginniss - four entertaining guys who have learned their craft and enjoy sharing their talents with each new audience.

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 public), Gulf Shores Alabama,

• **Brandon White:** 5; Lulu's at Homeport Marina, Gulf Shores.

• **Alabama Lightnings:** 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:** 5:30; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.

• **Karaoke:** 7; 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**

**Brad 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 16

• **Invasion Scrapin 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.

• **Rex:** 6:30; Big Beach Brewery; 300 E. 24th Ave., Gulf Shores.

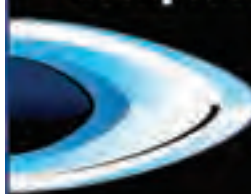
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- **Matt Bush:** 7; The Office, Foley.
- **Jimmy & The Parrots:** 8; Sassy Bass Amazin Grill, Ft. Morgan.
- **Karaoke w. John Henry:** 5; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- **Coconut Radio:** 5; Sassy Bass Caribbean Grill, Orange Beach.
- **East L.A. Fadeaway Grateful Dead Tribute:** 7; Flying Harpoon 2, Orange Beach.
- **Kyle Brady:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.
- **Soul food Junkies:** 5:30; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- **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 pubic), Gulf Shores Alabama.
- **Simply Dvayne & 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 West 2nd St.
- **Bingo:** 5:30; Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5659; Elberta.
- **Foley Rotary Club:** 12:15 p.m.; Gift Horse Restaurant in Foley; foleyrotary@gulfnet.com.
- **AA:** Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
- **AA:** 7 p.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

### SAT, 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.
- **The Chillbillies:** 8; The Porch, Silverhill.
- **Big Beach Brewing St. Patrick's Day Celebration w. Chad Davidson (1 p.m.) & Wyatt Edmonson (6:30 p.m.):** 300 E. 24th Ave., Gulf Shores.
- **The Defrosters:** 2 p.m.; Flying Harpoon 2; Orange Beach.
- **Invasion Scrapin the Coast Car Show:** The Wharf, Orange Beach.
- **Hippy Jim:** 6; Tacky Jacks, 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.
- **BBQ & Blues:** Heritage Park, Foley.
- **Jimmy Hanniford & Crawfish Boil:** 11 a.m.; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- **Strickly Isbell:** 5:30; Tacky Jacks, 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.
- **St. Patrick's Day Party w. John Henry Karaoke:** 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.
- **Southern Star:** 6:30; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- **Sandra Kaye & The Legend Band:** 6; Clubhouse at One Club (open to pubic), Gulf Shores Alabama.
- **The Defrosters:** 7; Flying Harpoon 2, Orange Beach.



# BIG BEACH BREWING EVENT CALENDAR

**LIVE MUSIC** ..... Rex, 3/16: 6:30-9:30pm

**LIVE MUSIC** ..... Chad Davidson, 3/17: 1-4pm

**LIVE MUSIC** ..... Wyatt Edmonson, 3/17: 6:30-9:30pm

**ST. PATTY'S DAY PIRKIN TAPPINGS** ..... 3/17: 6:00pm

**CORNER BEEF & CABBAGE FROM AMELLY'S** ..... 3/17: 12-6pm

**LIVE MUSIC** ..... Johnny Mullen & Clay Connor, 3/18: 3-6pm

**TRIVIA NIGHT: BLUE WATER BBQ** ..... 3/19 & 3/26: 6:30-9:30pm

**BIG BEACH RUNNING CLUB** ..... 3/21 & 3/28: 5:30pm

**FOOD: TERRI DAYS OF BEAN & BISTRO** ..... 3/23: 6:30-9:30pm

**LIVE MUSIC** ..... The Defrosters, 3/24: 6:30-9:30pm

**LIVE MUSIC** ..... Porch Ninjas, 3/25: 3-6pm

**LIVE MUSIC** ..... The Chillbillies, 3/30: 6:30-9:30pm

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<b>15</b> <b>Main Room</b> 2:00 Davis Nix 6:00 Not the Real Band 10:15 Jo Jo Pres <b>Deck Stage</b> 5:30 Dueling Pianos 10:00 Mustache the Band <b>Tent</b> 1:00-4:00 Bingo 9:00 Ben Gallaher 11:00 Mario Mena Band <b>Yacht Club</b> 5:00 Lee Yankie <b>Ole River Grill</b> 4:00 Ryan Balthrop 8:00 Andy Wescott	<b>16</b> <b>Main Room</b> 2:00 Dublin Down 6:00 Brandon White Duo 10:15 Smokey Otis Trio <b>Deck Stage</b> 1:00 Zach Diedrich 5:30 Big Earl (Jack Robertson) Show 10:00 Mustache the Band <b>Tent Stage</b> 1:00-4:00 Bingo 6:00 Big Muddy 9:00 Ben Gallaher 11:00 Davis Nix Band <b>Yacht Club</b> 6:00 Bruce Smelley <b>Ole River Grill</b> 4:00 Dave McCormick 8:00 Andy Wescott	<b>17</b> <b>Main Room</b> 11:00 Lea Anne Creswell Trio 2:00 Ole River String Band 6:00 Andy Wescott 10:15 Brian Hill & Tony Ray Thompson <b>Deck Stage</b> 11:00 J Hawkins Trio 1:00 Hung Jury 5:30 Big Earl (Jack Robertson) Show 10:00 River Dan Band <b>Tent Stage</b> 2:00 Lucky Doggs 5:00 Yeah, Probably 9:00 Adam Doleac 11:00 Casey Jamerson <b>Yacht Club</b> 1:00 Tony Ray Thompson Duo 5:00 Nick Peraino <b>Ole River Grill</b> 4:00 Davis Nix 8:00 Smokey Otis Duo	<b>18</b> <b>Main Room</b> 1:30 Songs of Rusty McHugh with Jason Justice 6:00 Perdido Brothers 10:15 Bruce Smelley Duo <b>Deck Stage</b> 1:00 Al & Cathy 5:30 Jo Jo Pres 10:00 River Dan Band <b>Tent Stage</b> 9:00 & 11:00 Church Services 9:30 Casey Jamerson <b>Yacht Club</b> 12:00 Smokey Otis Trio 5:00 Brandon White <b>Ole River Grill</b> 2:00 Kevin Swanson	<b>19</b> <b>Main Room</b> 2:00 Founders & Friends 6:00 Open Mic with Cathy Pace 10:15 Petty & Pace <b>Deck Stage</b> 5:30 Brandon White 10:00 Ja' Rhythm <b>Tent Stage</b> 1:00-4:00 Bingo	<b>20</b> <b>Main Room</b> 2:00 T-Bone Montgomery 6:00 Perdido Brothers 10:15 Jo Jo Pres <b>Deck Stage</b> 5:30 J Hawkins Duo 10:00 Yellowhammer <b>Tent Stage</b> 1:00-4:00 Bingo	<b>21</b> <b>Main Room</b> 2:00 Neil Dover 6:00 Rhonda Hart Duo 10:15 Davis Nix Duo <b>Deck Stage</b> 5:30 Bruce Smelley 10:00 Oliver's Twist <b>Tent Stage</b> 1:00-4:00 Bingo
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**OPTIMIST ORATORICAL CONTEST WINNERS:** The Optimist Club of Perdido Bay is proud to introduce the first place winners of the annual Oratorical Contest sponsored by Optimist International. Henry Arthur and Grace James had the top scores. Coming in close behind were McKenzie Parker, second place for the girls and Isaiah Nicely for the boys. Third place in the boys' division was Trey Brunelle. Grace and Trey are from Lillian. Henry, Isaiah and McKenzie are from Elberta. They are all students at Elberta High School. The judges were very impressed with the competitors and are looking for more participation next year.



- **Crackerjack Diamonds:** noon; Flying Harpoon, Gulf Shores.
- **Flip Flop Mafia:** 7; Flippers, Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke:** 7; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.
- **Karaoke:** 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- **Open Jam w. Jim McAdams:** 8; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.
- **BBQ & Blues Cook-off 2018:** Heritage Park, 125 E. Laurel Ave., Foley.
- **Baldwin County Genealogical Society:** 10 a.m.; public invited; Foley Library; 319 East Laurel Ave.
- **Optimist Club of Perdido Bay:** breakfast every Saturday at 7 a.m. at the Lillian Community Club in Lillian; (251) 961-2620.
- **AA:** 10 a.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
- **AA:** 7 p.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
- **Ladies AA:** 9 a.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Activities Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

### SUN, MARCH 18

- **Central Flora-Bama:** Church experiences, 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.; Flora-Bama Tent Stage, Perdido Key.
- **Unity Church Beach Service:** 9:45 a.m.;

- The Royal Oyster, Hwy. 59 - 3 blocks from 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.
- **Flora-Bama Possible Probables:** 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
- **Invasion Scrapin the Coast Car Show:** The Wharf, Orange Beach.
- **66th Annual Arts & Crafts Festival:** 10 a.m.; Downtown Fairhope.
- **Johnny Mullen & Clay Conner:** 3; Big Beach Brewery, Gulf Shores.
- **Lisa Christian:** 4 p.m.; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- **Rat Pack & Motown w. James Proctor & Kathy Lyons:** 5; Franco's; Orange Beach.
- **The Defrosters:** 3 p.m.; Flying Harpoon 2, 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.

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By CAROLYN GODFREY

#### Pineapple and Cream Cheese Bread Pudding

1 can (20 oz.) unsweetened pineapple chunks, undrained  
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1 pkg. (8 oz.) cream cheese, softened  
3 Tbsp. confectioners' sugar  
5 large eggs  
1 can (14 oz.) sweetened condensed milk  
1/2 cup heavy whipping cream  
2 tsp. vanilla extract

#### Sauce:

1 can (14 oz.) sweetened condensed milk  
1/4 cup butter, cubed  
1-1/2 tsp. vanilla extract

Drain pineapple, reserving 1/3 cup juice. Place half of the bread cubes in a greased 13x9-in. baking dish. In a small bowl, beat cream cheese and confectioners' sugar until smooth; drop by tablespoonfuls over bread cubes. Top with remaining bread cubes and pineapple. In a large bowl, whisk eggs, milk, cream, vanilla and reserved pineapple juice until blended; pour over pineapple. Refrigerate, covered, several hours or overnight. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Remove bread pudding from refrigerator while oven heats. Bake, uncovered, 25-35 minutes or until lightly browned. In a small saucepan, heat milk and butter until butter is melted. Remove from heat; stir in vanilla. Just before serving, drizzle over warm bread pudding. Yield: 12 servings.

Enjoy!



**BIG BEACH MARATHON PRESENTS CHECK TO ZOO:** Big Beach Marathon community representative Ellen Murphy recently presented a \$2,500 check to its 2018 Charity Partner, the Alabama Gulf Coast Zoo. "What an honor to support our zoo and help them get those critters to higher ground," Murphy said. **Pictured:** Murphy, Coastal Alabama Business Chamber Ambassadors Terrina Rieann and Patricia Landreth Dupre, Zoo General Manager Kim Dahlgren, City Councilman and Chairman of the Zoo Board of Directors Steve Jones. **(Below)** The Alabama Gulf Coast Zoo was represented by the Tortoise and the Hare (Tank and Judy) at this year's Big Beach Marathon.



**DAVIS & MOUSER WIN CHARITY CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT:** Cody Davis and Sandy Musser took the top prize, edging the second place team of Stan Workman and Floyd Covey at the recent Caitlin Buemi Memorial Corn Hole Tournament at Glenlakes Golf Club in Foley. The event benefited the Caitlin Buemi Memorial Fund. Caitlin was a Foley High School student who was tragically killed in a car accident on March 7, 2010. 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. For more info, call Caitlyn's mom, Niki Grady at 251-508-0354.

• **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 19

• **Flora-Bama Possible Probables:** 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.  
• **Flora-Bama Bingo:** free; 1-4 p.m.; great prizes, family friendly; 17401 Perdido Key Dr., Perdido Key.  
• **Trivia at Big Beach:** 7 p.m.; Big Beach Brewing Company, Gulf Shores.  
• **Snowbird Listings:** Snowbird oriented events on pages 52 to 61.  
• **Open Mic w. Bailey:** 7; Cocktails and Dreams Foley.  
• **Brent Burns:** 5; Lulu's at Homeport Marina, Gulf Shores.  
• **Frankie G. & Leann Creswell:** 6:30; Franco's Italian Restaurant; Orange Beach.  
• **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 7; Papa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.  
• **Bingo:** 6; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.  
• **Open Mixed Doubles Tennis:** 7:30 a.m.; all levels welcome; Gulf Shores Tennis Center; corner of West 19th Ave. and West 2nd St.  
• **8 Ball League:** 7:30; The Office, Foley.  
• **Celebrate Recovery:** (Christ centered 12 step program); Monday evenings at 6 p.m.; Christian Life Church in Orange Beach; 251-967-4840.  
• **Overeaters Anonymous:** 6; Holy Spirit



**BIOGRAPHIES:** L to r: Gulf Shores Elementary School 5th graders, Lina Holovian and Vansh Gandhi show their biographies to one of their teachers, Mrs. Lais Reaves.

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**THREE GENERATIONS REPRESENTED AT BRATTON BROTHERS INVITATIONAL:** The 49th Annual B.B.I. Invitational Golf Tourney attracted 88 golfers to Gulf Shores, including the tourney's first 3-generation attendees, **(pictured)** Justin Hancock, Tom Hancock (Justin's grandfather) and Tim Hancock (Justin's dad). Tom is from Jacksonville, FL. Justin and Tim are from Round Rock, TX. Toni Bili of Birmingham won the event. "A big thank you goes out to Ryan Mello, Brooks Lee and all their associates at the Craft Farms Golf Complex," said tourney coordinator Greg Waldrop. "The courses were fabulous, the weather was fantastic, the food was excellent, the beer was cold and the golf course attendants were the best. Another big thank you goes out to Bryan Hart at Tacky Jack's/Gulf Shores. Our guys are still raving about the menu he put together for our Wednesday Night get-together." Waldrop said the group will be back in Gulf Shores to celebrate its 50th anniversary next year.





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# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## Fraternal Order of Eagles Bar open to the public thru summer



Fraternal Order of Eagles No. 4549 Lodge is now open and welcoming the community at 3859 Gulf Shores Parkway, Suite 6 in Gulf Shores. "Aerie and Auxiliary are very excited to let everyone know we are officially open. Please come check us out," said Terry Kipp. "We are a not for profit organization and believe in giving back to our community. The club's full service bar will be open to the public thru the summer from 11 a.m. 'til 7 p.m. dail. For more info, go to Facebook or coastalalabamafae. wixsite.com/club. **Pictured:** Members at the holiday food drive.

## Perdido Key Dune Restoration Project should begin March 5

Contractor Aquatic Plants of Florida and subcontractor Cardno Limited have begun work on The Perdido Key Dune Restoration Project on the west side of the island near the Alabama-Florida state line. The project is expected to be substantially complete by Monday, April 30, with final completion by Wednesday, May 30.

The project will restore six miles of dune habitat from the Florida-Alabama state line east to the edge of Gulf Islands National Seashore property. The project will restore approximately 20 acres of degraded dune habitat on Perdido Key by planting and establishing salt-tolerant vegetation, which will enhance coastal resiliency.

The project was dependent on the support of Perdido Key Gulf-front property owners. Ninety percent of Perdido Key Gulf-front property owners provided the necessary access to allow the project to move forward. Escambia County received restoration funding through the Natural Resource Damage Assessment as a result of the impact sustained to the Perdido Key dune system during the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill in 2010 and the subsequent cleanup operations. For more info, visit myescambia.com/perdidokeydunes.

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 20

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

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

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

• **Barstool Surfers:** 5; Sassy Bass Amazon Grill, Ft. Morgan.

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

• **Open Mic Karaoke:** 5; American Legion Post 99; Fairhope.

• **Justin Yawn:** 5; LuLu's at Homeport Marina, Gulf Shores.

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

• **Robert Farley:** 5; The Purple Parrot; Perdido Key.

• **Lisa Zanghi, Doug Habbena, Scott Koehn:** 7; Flippers, Orange Beach.

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

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

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

• **Open Mic Karaoke w. John Henry:** 5; American Legion Post 99; Foley.

• **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.

• **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., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

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

## WED, MARCH 21

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

• **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.

• **Adam Holt:** 5; LuLu's at Homeport Marina, Gulf Shores.

• **Big Beach Running Club:** 5:30 p.m.; Big Beach Brewery in Gulf Shores; all levels welcome.

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

• **Karaoke:** 7; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.

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

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

• **Karaoke:** 9; The Office, Foley.

• **Family Night Dinner & Activities:** 5:45 p.m.; Saint Andrew by the Sea, 17263 Fort Morgan Rd., Gulf Shores; 678-361-2762.

• **Open Mixed Doubles Tennis:** 7:30 a.m.; all levels welcome; Gulf Shores Tennis Center; corner of West 19th Ave. and West 2nd St.

• **Veteran's Bingo:** 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.; American Legion Post 99, Foley.

• **Trivia Night:** 6:30 p.m.; The Gulf Coast Elks Lodge 2789, Foley; 251-550-1060.

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

• **Bingo:** 6 p.m.; American Legion Post 240; 8666 Gulf Beach Hwy; Pensacola.

• **South Alabama Senior Travelers:** 9 a.m.; Foley Senior Center; visitors welcome; 251-928-4494.

• **Orange Beach Friends of the Library:** 10; Library meeting room; 978-4106.

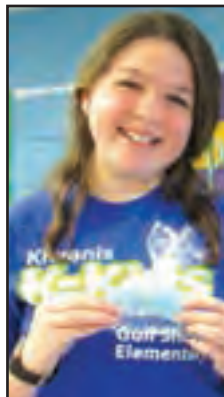
• **Food Ministry For Hungry Families:** noon-1 p.m.; Grace Lutheran Church, corner of West 23rd Ave. and West 4th St. in Gulf Shores; 251-968-5991.

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

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



**GSES RECEIVES K-KIDS CLUB AWARDS:** (Above Left): Ms. Cindy Hart, Gulf Shores Elementary School Assistant Principal, and Ms. Amy Hiller, Gulf Shores Elementary School Principal, receive awards for the school for the K-Kids Club's earning two awards in a Kiwanis International Contest. The K-Kids Club won second place in a best essay contest and third place in a best video contest. They were the highest winners in both categories in the state of Alabama. There were 1,400 K-Kids Clubs around the world that were eligible to participate in the contests. Pictured are (left to right): Michelle Kizer, parent volunteer; Stacy Bathrick, Kiwanis Advisor; Ms. Cindy Hart, and Ms. Amy Hiller. (Center Left): Gulf Shores Elementary School K-Kids members are all smiles after each of them received an award for winning second place for best essay in a Kiwanis International contest. K-Kids pictured are: Mary Elizabeth Alford, Haley Bedinger, Raeleigh Boesel, Claire Colvin, Briar Delong, Annica Farris, Skylar Gant, Tucker Graham, Cookie Grover, Tucker King, Spencer Kizer, Charles Knight, Lylah McFadden, Aeron Queensberry, Logan Rail, Skyler Robertson, Cline Steward, and Masha Turkic. Also pictured are GSES staff, Parent volunteers - Michelle Kizer, Kimberly Ray, and Mary Robertson; and Kiwanis Club members Stacy Bathrick and Taylor Means. (Far Right): Back Row (Left to right): Addi Hawley, Anna Grace Fields, Amelia Eskew, Raeleigh Boesel, Haley Bedinger, and Mary Elizabeth Alford. Front Row (left to right): Matheus Siqueira and Haley Sims. (Near Right): K-Kid, Anna Grace Fields, poses with a dolphin shaped chocolate. Her grandmother, Brenda Ray, owner of "A Specialty Bakery" in Gulf Shores, donated the chocolates to the K-Kids in celebration for their club earning the two awards from Kiwanis International.





## WHAT'S HAPPENING

• **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 22

• **Flora-Bama Possible Probables:** 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.  
• **Flora-Bama Bingo:** free; 1-4 p.m.; great prizes, family friendly; 17401 Perdido Key Dr., Perdido Key.  
• **Scrapin' The Coast Car Show:** The Wharf Marina, Orange Beach.  
• **25th Annual Festival of Flowers:** Bellingrath Gardens and Home, Theodore, 251-459-8727.  
• **The Wharf Boat & Yacht Show:** The Wharf

Marina, Orange Beach.  
• **Hot Sands 2.0:** 2 p.m.; Sassy Bass Amazon Grill, Ft. Morgan.  
• **Open Mic:** 7; Snapper's; Orange Beach.  
• **Chris Bryant:** 5; LuLu's at Homeport Marina, Gulf Shores.  
• **LeAnn Creswell & Lisa Zanghi:** 6:30; Franco's Italian Restaurant; Orange Beach.  
• **Karaoke:** 7; Flying Harpoon 2, Orange Beach.  
• **John Lee Sanders:** 6; Voyagers Restaurant at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.  
• **Sandra Kaye & The Legend Band:** 6; Clubhouse at One Club (open to public), Gulf Shores Alabama.  
• **John Brust:** 6; Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.  
• **Greg Lyon:** 6; Hub Stacy's at The Point, Innerarity.  
• **Ole River String Band:** 6:30; Original Point Restaurant, Pensacola.  
• **Alabama Lightning:** 6:30; Flippers, Orange Beach.  
• **Karaoke:** 5:30; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.  
• **Karaoke:** 7; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.  
• **Karaoke:** 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.  
• **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 8; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.

• **8 Ball APA:** 7:30; The Office, Foley.  
• **Bingo:** 10 a.m.; American Legion Post 44, 6781 Gulf Shores Pkwy (AL Hwy 59), Gulf Shores.  
• **Marine Corps League of South Baldwin County:** 6 p.m. on 4th Thursday; The Gulf Bowl, 2881 S. Jupiter St., Foley; current and former Marines and Corpsman welcome.  
• **Rotary Club of Gulf Shores/Orange Beach:** noon; Gulf Shores Golf Club; visiting Rotarians and guests invited.  
• **Gulf Shores United Methodist Church Bread Ministry:** 9-10; every Thursday; room 103 on the south campus, next to Crossroad; 251 968-2411.  
• **South Alabama Senior Travelers:** 9 a.m.; Foley Senior Center; visitors welcome; 251-928-4494.  
• **South Baldwin Amateur Radio Club:** 7 p.m. 4th Thurs. of every month; Baldwin County Emergency Operations Center, McAuliffe Rd., Robertsdale; 251-943-2953.  
• **Bingo:** Bear Point Civic Association on Bay La Launch Rd. in Orange Beach; doors open at 6:30 p.m., games at 7 p.m.; hotdogs, drinks and snacks available; all invited; 981-5734.  
• **Orange Beach Bridge Club:** Tue. & Thur at noon; Orange Beach Senior Center; visitors

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# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## 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!

## Snook Youth Club auditions for AL Star Wars March 24

On March 24, The Snook Youth Club will be holding auditions for performing artists of all ages: actors, bands, dancers, singers, and any variety of acts for an opportunity to perform in the Alabama Melting Pot on the main stage at the 2018 Gulf Coast Hot Air Balloon Festival. Those interested in performing should contact Patrice Tiggs at [snookyouthcluboffoley@gmail.com](mailto:snookyouthcluboffoley@gmail.com) or call 251-943-1483.

and new members welcomed even without a partner; 251-981-3440.

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

## FRI, MARCH 23

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

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

• **25th Annual Festival of Flowers:** Bellingrath Gardens and Home, Theodore, 251-459-8727.

• **Scrapin' The Coast Car Show:** The Wharf Marina, Orange Beach.

• **The Wharf Boat & Yacht Show:** The Wharf Marina, Orange Beach.

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

• **JP's Revival:** 7; The Office, Foley.

• **Terry Days Bean & Bistro:** 6:30-9:30; Big Beach Brewery, Gulf Shores.

• **Coconut Radio:** 5; Sassy Bass Caribbean Grill, Orange Beach.

• **Kyle Brady:** 5:30; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.

• **Sandra Kaye & The Legend Band:** 6; Clubhouse at One Club (open to public), Gulf Shores Alabama,

• **Cadillac Attack:** 5; LuLu's at Homeport Marina, Gulf Shores.

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

• **Kristi Dees & Bad JuJu:** 7; Hub Stacy's at The Point, Innerarity.

• **Chastang Family:** 7; Wales West RV Park Bluegrass Gospel Live; Silverhill.

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

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

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

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

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

• **Terry Causey:** 7; Flippers, Orange Beach.

• **Open Mixed Doubles Tennis:** 7:30 a.m.; all levels welcome; Gulf Shores Tennis Center; corner of West 19th Ave. and West 2nd St.

• **Bingo:** 5:30; Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5659; Elberta.

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

## SAT, MARCH 24

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

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For more information on the most exciting automotive event on the Alabama Gulf Coast go to: [www.BamaCoastCruise.com](http://www.BamaCoastCruise.com). There you will find information on registering your vehicle, being a vendor, being a sponsor or just enjoying the event as a spectator. Bama Coast Cruise will set up on Thursday, April 27, and the show will be open to the public Friday, from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM and Saturday from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. The event will wrap up the festivities with a police escorted parade of show cars leaving The Wharf and traveling east on Canal, south on 161 and then west on Perdido Beach Blvd. down to the State Park and back to The Wharf. Don't miss your chance to view the most amazing vehicles ever seen on the Alabama gulf coast!

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# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## GULF SHORES ARBOR DAY CELEBRATION



**Arbor Day Poster by Carleigh Jurkiewicz judged 2nd best in State**

Carleigh Jurkiewicz, a 5th grader at Gulf Shores Elementary School, submitted a poster in a contest sponsored by the Arbor Day Foundation that was judged second best in the entire state of Alabama. Coordinated through the state's Cooperative Extension, the Alabama Arbor Day Poster Contest originated in 1997. **(Above)** Carleigh is pictured with her mother, Shelby Jurkiewicz, and Marlene Johnst of the Gulf Shores Beautification Committee. **(Right & Below)** The G.S. Arbor Day event drew a record crowd of residents to Erie Meyer to view displays and collect up to four trees each. Several students from teacher Wil Tuggle's GSHS Environmental Management class participated as city partners. **(Bottom Right)** Displays included an invasive plant display by Katie Tuggle.



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.

• **25th Annual Festival of Flowers:** Bellingrath Gardens and Home, Theodore, 251-459-8727.

• **Scrapin' The Coast Car Show:** The Wharf Marina, Orange Beach.

• **The Defrosters:** 6:30; Big Beach Brewery, Gulf Shores.

• **The Wharf Boat & Yacht Show:** The Wharf Marina, Orange Beach.

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

• **Tony Ray Thompson Trio:** 9; The Office, Foley.

• **Jimmy Hanniford & Crawfish Boil:** 11 a.m.; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.

• **Mason Henderson:** 5:30; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.

• **Elvis Remembered w. Shane Tucker:** 8 p.m.; American Legion Post 99; Foley.

• **Ronnie Pressley:** 5; LuLu's at Homeport Marina, Gulf Shores.

• **Damian Lamb Duo:** 11 a.m.; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.

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

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

• **Thunderbunny:** 7; Flying Harpoon 2, Orange Beach.

• **The Blenders:** 7; Hub Stacy's at The Point, Innerarity.

• **Karaoke:** 7; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.

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

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

• **Optimist Club of Perdido Bay:** breakfast every Saturday at 7 a.m. at the Lillian Community Club in Lillian; (251) 961-2620.

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

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

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

## SUN, MARCH 25

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

• **Unity Church Beach Service:** 9:45 a.m.; The Royal Oyster, Hwy. 59, three blocks from beach in Gulf Shores.

• **Flora-Bama Possible Probables:** 2 p.m.

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING



### Lillian Methodist Church hosts March 24 car show

The Annual Lillian Car Show hosted by the United Methodist Church will be held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 24. The site is located on US Highway 98 at Perdido Street in a shady grove of pecan trees across the street from the Lillian Post Office.

The show is open to all antique, custom, street rods, imports and production vehicles. Trophies will be presented to the top 30 in Open Class, as well as 10 Best of Show special trophies.

Register by March 15 and get a special entry fee of \$20 for the first car and \$15 for additional cars. Day of Show entry fees are \$25 for the first car and \$20 for additional cars.

The event includes free breakfast per entry. A Trash and Treasure Rummage Sale, refreshments, music and a prize drawing are also on the schedule. For information contact the church office, 251-962-4336.

### Spring Under the Oaks Concert March 16 at Point

The Original Point Restaurant, 14340 Innerarity Point Road, invites the public to enjoy the newly renovated Courtyard at the 2nd Annual Spring Under the Oaks concert featuring Grayson Capps on Friday, March 16 from 7-11 p.m. The separate ticketed event and will not affect the restaurant business for that evening. Advance tickets are \$15 each and are available in person from The Point, Perdido Pack & Ship or online at EventBrite.com. Tickets will be \$20 each at the door and all tickets will include a free drink on a return visit to The Point. This is an all age, rain or shine event. For more info, call 850-377-5603.

A Fairhope High grad, Capps has enthralled audiences around world with his stinging tales of the Southern Gothic. His recent release, 'Scarlett Roses,' is the acclaimed Alabama songwriter's sixth studio album and showcases the kind of understated brilliance that can blossom when creativity is detached from expectation, when songs are truly given the space and time to find their writer. "A lot of these songs came to me the way dreams do, where all these different bits and pieces from all these different parts of life come together," he said about the project.

'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.

• **25th Annual Festival of Flowers:** Bellingrath Gardens and Home, Theodora, 251-459-8727.

• **Porch Ninjas:** 3 p.m.; Big Beach Brewery, Gulf Shores.

• **Scrapin' The Coast Car Show:** The Wharf Marina, Orange Beach.

• **The Wharf Boat & Yacht Show:** The Wharf Marina, Orange Beach.

• **Coconut Radio:** 2 p.m.; Sassy Bass Amazin Grill, Ft. Morgan.

• **Crawfish Boil w. Hippy Jim:** 11 a.m.; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.

• **Lisa Christian:** 4 p.m.; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.

• **Light Travelers:** 5; LuLu's at Homeport Marina, Gulf Shores.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### MON, MARCH 26

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

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

• **Brent Burns:** 5; LuLu's at Homeport Marina, Gulf Shores.

• **Trivia at Big Beach:** 7 p.m.; Big Beach Brewing Company, Gulf Shores.

• **Frankie G. & LeAnn Creswell:** 6:30; Franco's Italian Restaurant; Orange Beach.

• **Open Mic w. Bailey:** 7; Cocktails and Dreams Foley.

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

• **Alabama Lightning:** 6:30; Flippers, Orange Beach.

• **Open Mixed Doubles Tennis:** 7:30 a.m.; all levels welcome; Gulf Shores Tennis Center; corner of West 19th Ave. and West 2nd St.

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

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

• **Overeaters Anonymous:** 6; Holy Spirit Episcopal Church; Gulf Shores, 616 Ft. Morgan Rd.; 251-709-5907.

• **Celebrate Recovery:** (Christ centered 12 step program); Monday evenings at 6 p.m.; Christian Life Church in Orange Beach; 251-967-4840.

• **T.O.P.S. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly):** weigh-in 5:30; meeting 6; First Presbyterian Church of Foley; (Berry & Highway 59).

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

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

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

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

### TUE, MARCH 27

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

• **Robert Farley:** 5; The Purple Parrot; Perdido Key.

• **Lefty Collins:** 5; LuLu's at Homeport Marina, Gulf Shores.

• **Hot Sands 2.0:** 5; Sassy Bass Amazin Grill, Ft. Morgan.

• **Open Mic Karaoke:** 5; American Legion Post 99; Fairhope.

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

• **Open Mic Karaoke w. John Henry:** 5; American Legion Post 99; Foley.

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

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

• **Coastal Photography Club:** 6:30 p.m.; Foley Senior Center (304 East Rose Ave.).

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

• **South Baldwin Republican Women:** Gift Horse Rest., 11:30 a.m.; 4th Tuesday of Every Month, public invited, Info: 251-978-6178.

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

• **Orange Beach City Council Meeting:** 5 p.m.; City Hall; 980-INFO.

• **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 Cen-



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Chicken Creole - smothered in a spicy tomato & vegetable sauce. Served on yellow rice	\$8.25
Fried Chicken Tenders - batter-dipped tenders, deep-fried. Served w/honey mustard	\$8.25
Country Fried Steak - served w/cream gravy	\$8.25
Hamburger Steak - (6 oz) char-grilled & served w/brown gravy	\$8.25
Pork Chops - two tender chops grilled or fried	\$8.25
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Vegetable Plate - your choice of four (4) side dishes	\$8.25

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING



### 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.



**LOCAL KREWE AT REN/PIRATE FAIR:** The Perdido Key based Pirates of Lost Treasure recently took their float on the road for the Ren/Pirate Fair as guests of the Ren Fair committee to help promote the event and bring fellowship within the Pirate community.

### Big Fish Ministries hosts

#### 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 ore 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!"

Food, shelter, clothing, and hygiene products are provided for shelter residents along with help to keep them moving towards long term solutions to their problems.

"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. Likewise, to those who have donated vehicles, boats, and made monetary contributions we would like to say a special thank you," Isaac Stooksberry said. "We have a truck available to pick up your donations if you are ever swapping out appliances or furniture in your home or rental property we would love to do the work for you of moving out your used items to make room for your new ones. Don't forget that all donations to Big Fish ministries are tax deductible so when you donate it benefits everyone."

ter; 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.

• **Overcomers Outreach:** 7 p.m.; First Baptist Church of Orange Beach; 980-1705.

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

• **Kiwanis Club of Big Lagoon:** 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.

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

### WED, MARCH 28

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

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

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

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

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

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

• **Adam Holt:** 5; LuLu's at Homeport Marina, Gulf Shores.

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

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

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

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

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

• **Karaoke:** 9; The Office, Foley.

• **Big Beach Running Club:** 5:30 p.m.; Big Beach Brewery in Gulf Shores; all levels welcome.

• **Magnolia Springs Garden Club:** 10; 4th Wed. Oct - May; Magnolia Springs Community Hall; guests & new members are always welcome!

• **Family Night Dinner & Activities:** 5:45 p.m.; Saint Andrew by the Sea, 17263 Fort Morgan Rd., Gulf Shores; 678-361-2762.

• **Open Mixed Doubles Tennis:** 7:30 a.m.; all levels welcome; Gulf Shores Tennis Center; corner of West 19th Ave. and West 2nd St.

• **Veteran's Bingo:** 10 a.m. -2 p.m.; American Legion Post 99, Foley.

• **Grief Support Group:** 10 a.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Activities Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola; 850-492-2135

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

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

• **Food Ministry For Hungry Families:** noon-1 p.m.; Grace Lutheran Church, corner of West 23rd Ave. and West 4th St. in Gulf Shores; 251-968-5991.

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

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

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

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



**ORANGE BEACH PROCLAIMED A PURPLE HEART CITY:** In front of Purple Heart recipients and other veterans, Orange Beach Mayor Tony Kennon and the Orange Beach City Council on Tuesday, March 6, 2018 proclaimed that Orange Beach is a "Purple Heart City" and that all Orange Beach citizens are encouraged to show their appreciation for the sacrifices the Purple Heart recipients have made in defending our freedoms. Among the veterans in attendance were: Whitney Echols, an Army veteran who earned a Purple Heart in the Vietnam War; Fred Stiner, an Army veteran who earned a Purple Heart in the Vietnam War; Eddie Spratlin, an Army veteran who earned a Purple Heart in the Vietnam War; Brandon Lloyd, an Army veteran who earned a Purple Heart while serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. In addition to the "Purple Heart City" proclamation, the city will place "Welcome to Our Purple Heart Community" signs next to the "Welcome to Orange Beach" signs on the beach highway, Canal Road and the Foley Beach Express.

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### THU, MARCH 29

• **Flora-Bama Possible Probables:** 2 p.m. til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.  
 • **Flora-Bama Bingo:** free; 1-4 p.m.; great prizes, family friendly; 17401 Perdido Key Dr., Perdido Key.  
 • **Ole River String Band:** 6:30; Original Point Restaurant, Pensacola.  
 • **Open Mic:** 7; Snapper's; 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; Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.  
 • **Hot Sands 2.0:** 5; Sassy Bass Amazon Grill, Ft. Morgan.  
 • **LeAnn Creswell & Lisa Zanghi:** 6:30; Franco's Italian Restaurant; Orange Beach.

• **Alabama Lightning:** 6:30; Flippers, Orange Beach.  
 • **Sandra Kaye & The Legend Band:** 6; Clubhouse at One Club (open to public), Gulf Shores Alabama.  
 • **Karaoke:** 5:30; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.  
 • **Karaoke:** 7; Flying Harpoon 2, Orange Beach.  
 • **Justin Yawn:** 5; LuLu's at Homeport Marina, Gulf Shores.  
 • **Karaoke:** 7; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.  
 • **Karaoke:** 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.  
 • **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 8; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.  
 • **8 Ball APA:** 7:30; The Office, Foley.  
 • **Bingo:** 10 a.m.; American Legion Post 44, 6781 Gulf Shores Pkwy (AL Hwy 59), Gulf Shores.  
 • **Marine Corps League of South Baldwin County:** 6 p.m. on 4th Thursday; The Gulf Bowl, 2881 S. Jupiter St., Foley; current

and former Marines and Corpsman welcome.  
 • **Rotary Club of Gulf Shores/Orange Beach:** noon; Gulf Shores Golf Club; visiting Rotarians and guests invited.  
 • **Gulf Shores United Methodist Church Bread Ministry:** 9-10; every Thursday; room 103 on the south campus, next to Crossroad; 251 968-2411.  
 • **South Alabama Senior Travelers:** 9 a.m.; Foley Senior Center; visitors welcome; 251-928-4494.  
 • **South Baldwin Amateur Radio Club:** 7 p.m. 4th Thurs. of every month; Baldwin County Emergency Operations Center, McAuliffe Rd., Robertsdale; 251-943-2953.  
 • **Bingo:** Bear Point Civic Association on Bay La Launch Rd. in Orange Beach; doors open at 6:30 p.m., games at 7 p.m.; hotdogs, drinks and snacks available; all invited; 981-5734.



### Construction begins for new Alabama Gulf Coast Zoo

The official groundbreaking for the future home of the New Alabama Gulf Coast Zoo north of the Intracoastal Waterway (20499 Oak Rd.) in Gulf Shores was held on March 13. The groundbreaking officially kicks off construction of the 25-acre zoo as it has received long-awaited funding from the issuance of a construction bond, allowing the zoo to be built through completion in late 2019.

The groundbreaking ceremony will also serve as the launch of the Alabama Gulf Coast Zoo's new capital fundraising campaign, Build Your Zoo, which provides complete details about the new zoo project at buildyourzoo.org.

As the first AZA-accredited U.S. zoo to be built from the ground up in more than 20 years, the zoo will be able to not only provide a more spacious modern haven for our more than 600 animals at its new location. The complex will also include theme-park family entertainment, event venues, gourmet dining, shopping and educational programs.

"Hurricanes, tropical storms, the recession, the oil spill. We aren't called The Little Zoo That Could for nothing. We are definitely survivors, but it's time to move to higher ground and become The Little Zoo That Grew," said Patti Hall, Zoo Director and relentless visionary for the complex.

A private investment firm purchased \$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. The land, 4.3 miles north of the current location, was 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 the Aquascape Pond Squad of TV fame created a showcase water feature near the new zoo's entrance.

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 during the transition. 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.



### Congratulations to the Gulf Shores Elementary School Terrific Kids

Congratulations to the Gulf Shores Elementary School students chosen as the February Terrific Kids. Terrific Kids are named by homeroom teachers for students who consistently exhibit outstanding character traits. Thank you to our local Kiwanis Club for sponsoring the Terrific Kid program at GSES. **Pictured:** (Above) GSES Prek-3rd grade February Terrific kids listed in no particular order: Preston Von Eberstein, Bailey Doss, James Cooper, Ariana Burns, Emery Nau, Marlin Duhon, Hunter Savage, Ava Walker; (not pictured Adam Kazyuk) Mason Howes, Bennett Taylor, Fischer Gerald, Cole Coerd, Asher Farris, Carson Crumpton (not pictured Dashlynn Duke), Jordan Russell, Dylan Gohn, Zach Kazman, Connor Parker, Tessa Madsen, Mackenzie Fisher (Not pictured Audrey Gros), Mason Slator, Caroline Taylor, Michaelle Irwin, Red Diamante, Holden Yates, Maryn Morgan. (Below) GSES 4th-6th grade February Terrific Kids listed in no particular order - Kaylee Orellana, Alexis Pergament, Andras Torbert, Brett "Bubba" Grover, Portia Hollis (Not pictured Gabe Douglass), Caitlyn Mote, Madison Hubbard, Bea Franca, Nico Vidal, Elena Waters (not pictured Frida Salgado), Bryan Nunez, Madison Terry, Haley Sims, P.J. Plash, Amanda Anderson.



### South Baldwin Theatre seeks submissions for Short Play Festival

South Baldwin Community Theatre of Gulf Shores, Alabama is seeking submissions for the Fourth Annual End of The Road New Short Play Festival and Beach Party. The End of the Road New Short Play Festival will be held July 13-15 2018 in beautiful Gulf Shores, Alabama. It will consist of three staged readings of the eight winning ten minute plays. There will be an additional slot reserved for a student (18 and under) play. By submitting your play you are agreeing to participate in the production of the play which means that attendance by the playwright is a requirement for winning scripts. Plays may have had prior productions but may not have been published. Plays should not exceed 10 minutes in length and should be appropriate for a family friendly theatre.

Submissions can be made via US mail to: South Baldwin Community Theatre, PO Box 722, Gulf Shores, AL, 36547 or via email to pfiz@psfz.com. Please include name and contact information on a separate cover sheet. The author's name should not appear anywhere in the body of the script. Deadline for submissions is April 6, 2018. Winners will be notified by May 1, 2018.

The weekend will include an opening night beach party reception and a closing reception with talk-back. A \$100 first prize will be given to the Judges' Choice and a \$50 prize will be given to the Audience Favorite. For more details or questions call 251-968-6721 or visit the theatre online at sbct.biz.

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### OBPD invites public to enjoy "Burgers with a Badge" March 21

Police Chief Joe Fierro and the Orange Beach Police Department invite the public to join them for "Burgers with a Badge" from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Wednesday, March 21 at Flipdaddy's. Food and drink will be provided courtesy of FlipDaddy's at 24221 Perdido Beach Blvd. For more information, email Cpl. Joey Brown at jbrown@obpd.org. The OBPD previously held Pasta with the Police at GT's on the Bay. The event was well attended.

### Gulf Shores Garden Club seeks applicants for its scholarship

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 fokssettsue@gmail.com or dhfarnham54@gmail.com.

### Operation Re-Connect soliciting rentals for Fighter Wing Week

As part of "Fighter Wing Week," Operation ReConnect is looking for 300 property owners who would be willing to donate their property from May 9-16. Also needed are items for Veteran Gift Baskets. For more info about the program that supports returning combat veterans, visit operationreconnect.org or call 251-301-6808.

- **Orange Beach Bridge Club:** Tue. & Thur at noon; Orange Beach Senior Center; visitors and new members welcomed even without a partner; 251-981-3440.
- **AA:** Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

### FRI, MARCH 30

- **Flora-Bama Possible Probables:** 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
- **Flora-Bama Bingo:** 1-4 p.m.; Flora-Bama Lounge Tent Stage; Perdido Key.
- **Karaoke w. John Henry:** 6:30; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- **John Lee Sanders:** 6; Voyagers Restaurant at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **Chillbillies:** 6:30; Big Beach Brewery, Gulf Shores.
- **Platinum Premier:** 7; Hub Stacy's at The Point, Innerarity.
- **Smokin' Budz:** 7; The Office, Foley.
- **Rat Pack & Motown w. James Proctor & Kathy Lyons:** 5; Franco's; Orange Beach.
- **Three Bean Soup:** 5:30; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- **John Hart Project:** 5; LuLu's at Homeport Marina, Gulf Shores.
- **Karaoke:** 8; Snapper's; Orange Beach.
- **Sandra Kaye & The Legend Band:** 6; Clubhouse at One Club (open to public), Gulf Shores Alabama.
- **Karaoke:** 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- **Terry Causey:** 6:30; Flippers, Orange Beach.
- **Open Jam:** 8, American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.
- **Open Mic Karaoke w. John Henry:** 5;

- American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- **Open Mixed Doubles Tennis:** 7:30 a.m.; all levels welcome; Gulf Shores Tennis Center; corner of West 19th Ave. and West 2nd St.
- **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 31

- **Fisher's at Orange Beach Marina presents Spring Market:** 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.; , arts and crafts, local artists, growers and merchants; Easter Bunny for free pictures.
- **Elberta German Sausage Festival:** 8 a.m. 'til dusk, downtown Elberta.
- **Opera Cosi fan tutte by Mozart:** 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.
- **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.
- **Jimmy Hanniford & Crawfish Boil:** 11 a.m.; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- **Soul Food Junkies:** 5:30; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.

- **Adult Easter Egg Hunt:** 6:30; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- **Mac Walter:** noon; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.
- **John Henry Karaoke:** 9; The Office, Foley.
- **L.A. South:** 6:30; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- **Slide Bayou:** 5; LuLu's at Homeport Marina, Gulf Shores.
- **Chillbillies:** 6:30; Big Beach Brewing Company, Gulf Shores.
- **John Brust:** 6; Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke By Kelly:** 9; Island Time Daquari Bar, The Wharf, Orange Beach.
- **Sandra Kaye & The Legend Band:** 6; Clubhouse at One Club (open to public), Gulf Shores Alabama.
- **Beyond The Break:** 7; Hub Stacy's at The Point, Innerarity.
- **Flip Flop Mafia:** 7; Flippers, Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke:** 8; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.
- **Open Jam:** 8, American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.
- **Karaoke:** 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- **Optimist Club of Perdido Bay:** breakfast every Saturday at 7 a.m. at the Lillian Community Club in Lillian; (251) 961-2620.
- **AA:** 10 a.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
- **AA:** 7 p.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
- **Ladies AA:** 9 a.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

### MUSICAL CELEBRATION OF LIFE BENEFITS MARY'S SHELTER

Randy Albright's performance of spiritual songs and dialogue touched the heart of all who attended A Musical Celebration of Life to benefit Good Counsel Mary's Shelter. The Elberta home helps homeless, pregnant mothers with housing where they can have their baby in love and dignity, learn life skills to take care of their baby and themselves and secure education and employment leading to full and independent living. The event, held at St. Thomas by-the-Sea Catholic Church, raised more than \$5,000 for the home. Sponsors included: Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church, Bob and Terry Barnett, Charlotte and Steve Black, Cordy Drollinger, the Matthew Flanigan Family, Jeanne and Norman Franz, Gulf Coast Family Chiropractic, Jane and Joe Hood, Our Lady of the Gulf Ladies Auxiliary of the Knights of Columbus, ReMax of Orange Beach, Joe and Mary Lou Roszkowski, Terry and Peter Russell, Tim and Sandy Russell, A Specialty Bakery, St. John Altar Society, St. Joseph Altar Society, St. Thomas by-the-Sea Altar Rosary Society, Angie and Dave Swiger, Travel Agency & Expedia Cruise Ships Center and A Specialty Bakery. More info: GoodCounselHomes.org or 251-986-6342.



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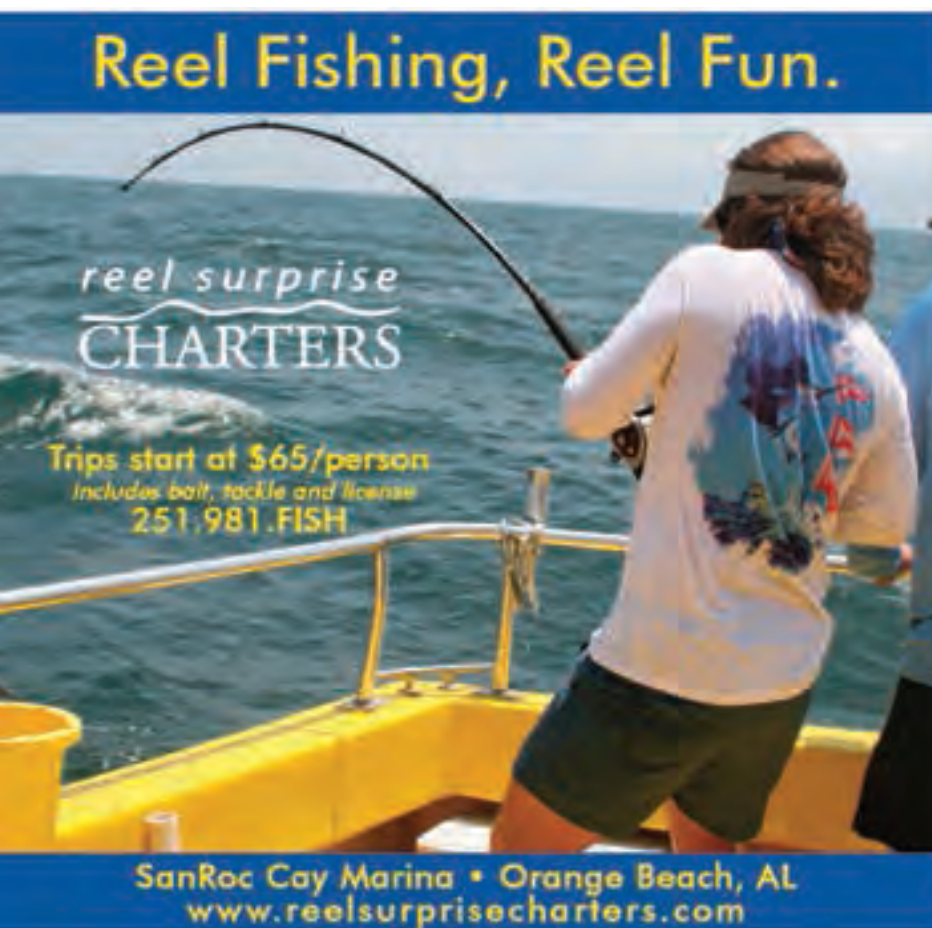
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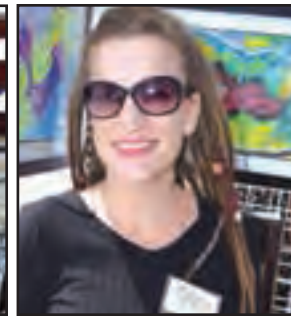
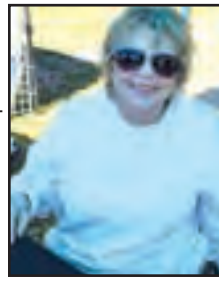
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Opal Young and Kathy Johnson have been a part of the art community in South Baldwin County for many years. Opal was a displaying artist at the gallery and passed away about a year ago. At this year's Ballyhoo Fest, Cathy awarded Renee Vandevere the Opal Young Award as a way to commemorate and honor her partner.

Other award winners included Best of Show: Lynn Jordan; First Place 2D: Terry Lepre; Second Place 2D: Michael Davis; Third Place 2D: Karen Fox; First Place 3D: Tom Snyder; Second Place 3D: Alex Alvarez; Third Place 3D: Ian Williams; Honorable Mention: Eliza Huskey; Honorable Mention: Steve Dark.







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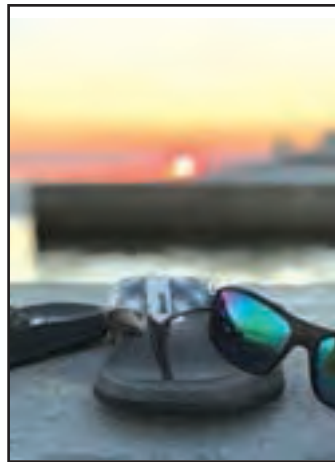
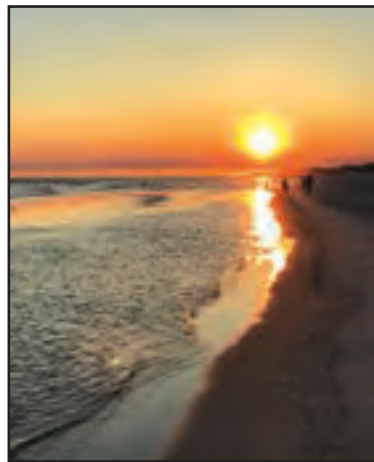
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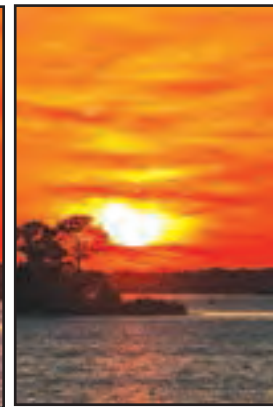
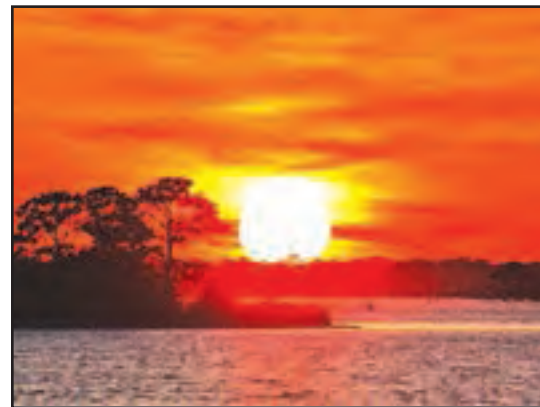


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## PICTURES OF THE WEEK



A couple of photos from Phillip Jenkins.



"Saw a gorgeous sunset driving over the Theo Baars Bridge last night & just had to remember it in my mind. Today, I had a camera in hand, just in case," writes Cathy Deal of Innerarity Point.



"I captured this picture on my morning walk on Ono Island today," writes D'Lee Babb.



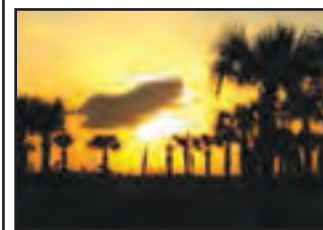
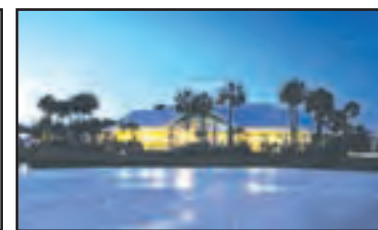
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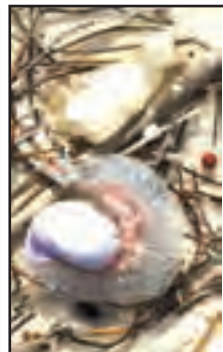
"Morning fishing with Charlie the heron," writes Brian Paap of McFarland, Wisconsin.



Night and day Day at Bella Terra RV Resort from Rita Settimo.



From Dennis Whitney.



Sheila Wink; "Leave only foot prints."



A blue heron & sunset from Gulf State Park Pier courtesy of Stephanie Newland.





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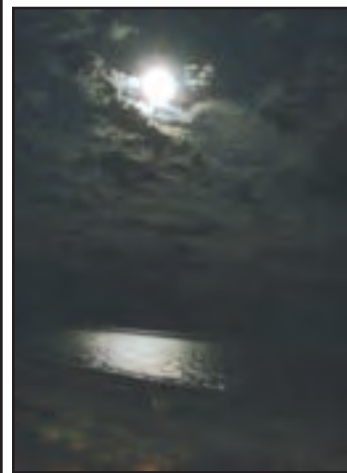
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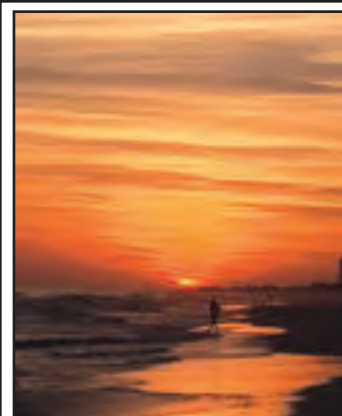
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Full moon on Orange Beach from Elaine Clouthier of Ontario, Canada.



Sherry Byrd shares a sunset from Alligator Alley in Daphne.



"A Gulf Shores Sunset," from Danny Earl.



Sunset on the Intra-Coastal Canal from Renee Wesson.

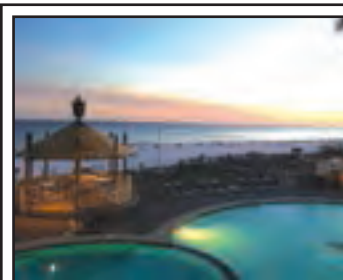
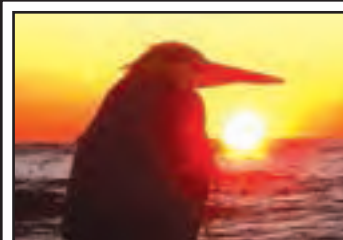
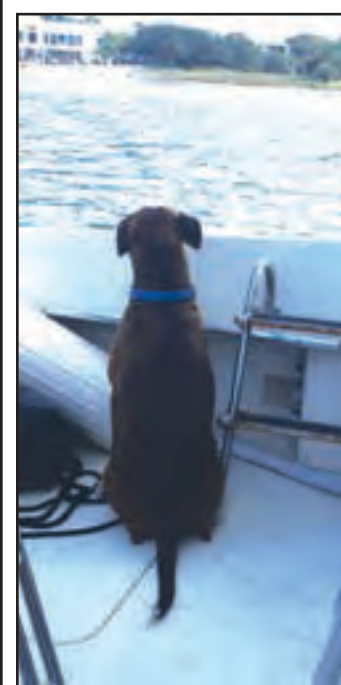


Photo taken in Orange Beach by Janet Brogdon from Pikeville, TN.



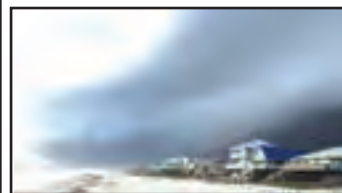
"Hector down at pier in Orange Beach," from Gary Cherpes of Caledonia, Michi-



"Bo watching the shoreline for home," writes Sherry Byrd.



Ken Herrmann titled this photo "Watching a sunset in Black and White."



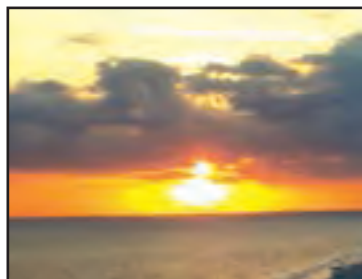
"In all things, To God Be The Glory," writes Karen Rugotska of Lakewood, WI.



From Sarah Kehoe of Orange Beach.



Wayne Van Vliet of Nisswa, MN shares "another tequila sunset" and "inverted funnel cloud" pictures from Gulf Shores.



"My best find this season! A certain type of a Murex," writes Gary Cherpes.



Becky Mullins of Foley shares a few shots.

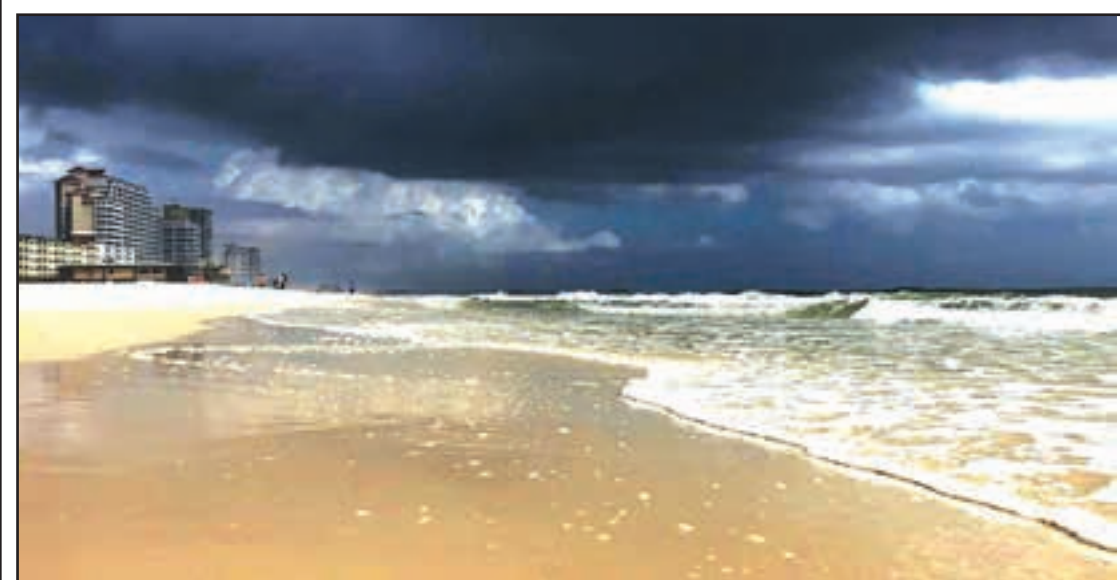
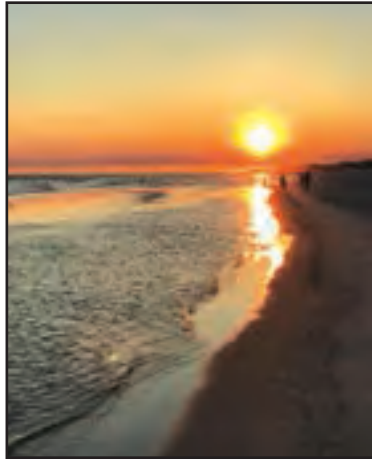


Photo taken by Olivia Bozeman picture taken in Orange Beach.

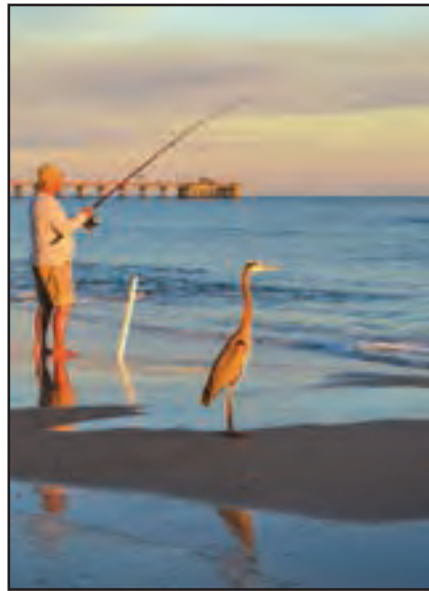


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"One last shot before we head back to Canada," writes Wayne McGregor.



Mac McAleer shares a couple of well times shots.



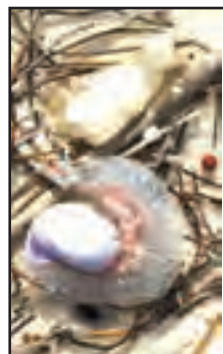
Len Knitter shares pics of visitors to his Gulf Shores Pier.



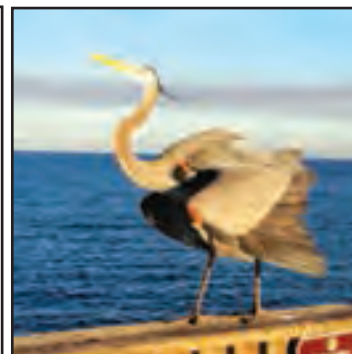
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George Bragg found these owls squatting in an osprey nest on Canal Rd.



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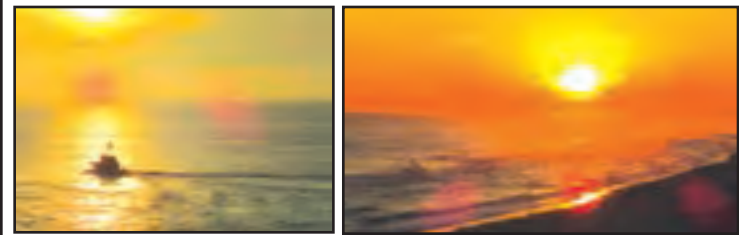


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"This is our first vacation in this area and it certainly won't be our last," writes Mike Wallis of Brandon, Manitoba, Canada. "These were all taken from our balcony at Ocean Breeze West."



"on the grounds of the Gulf Shores Post Office," from Sandy Ward, Carlisle, PA.



Pictures from West Beach courtesy of Irene Harrison of Foley.



"What an amazing sunset," writes Melissa Kitchens, who was fishing at GSP.



From Jennifer Dougherty of Wausau, Wisconsin.



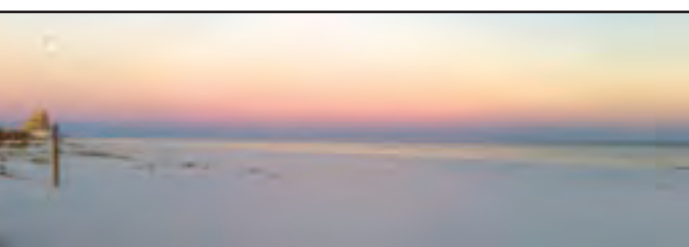
Judy Crooker of Indian River MI gives a local resident the right of way.



Margarita Lannon shares some final pictures from Paradise.



George Lannon took these pictures of double rainbows from Island Tower.



"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.



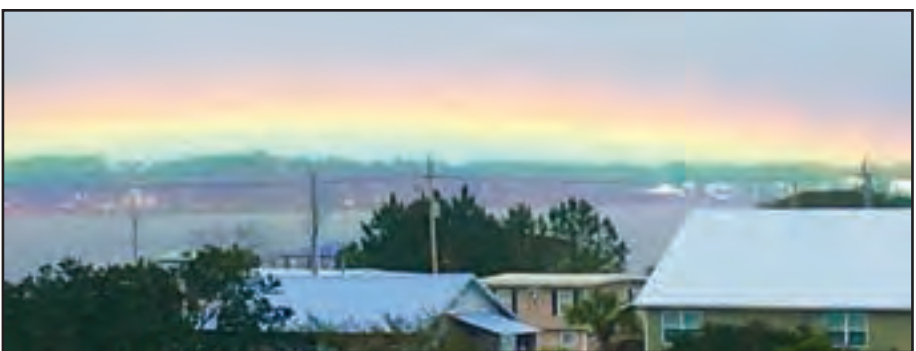


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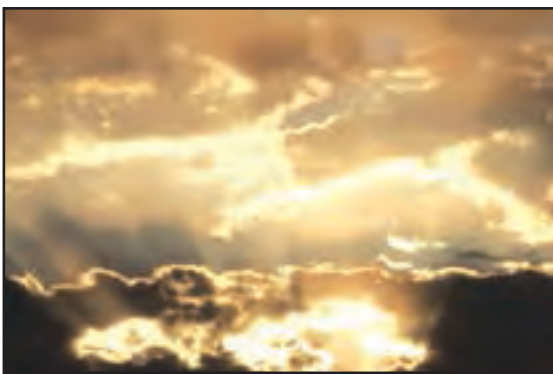
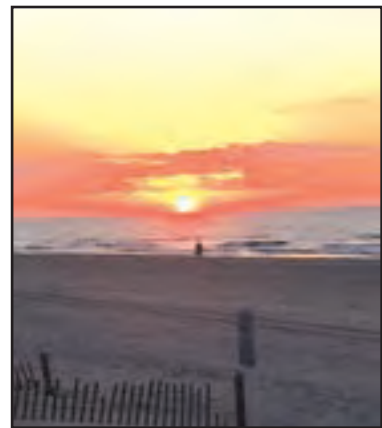
Joy Bryan Markley from Maine shares this panoramic picture of Wolf Bay.



"Sunday rainbow north of 1144 W beach Blvd. taken from our back deck," writes Leigh Farrell, a snowbird from Minnesota.



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



"Sometimes beauty is right in your yard! I took the sunlit clouds photo from my yard. Then drove to Galvez Landing for the sunset shot," writes Cathy Deal of Innerarity Point.



.Gary Cherpes shares an Orange Beach sunrise.



Submitted by Wayne McGregor, a visitort from London, Canada.

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# Funny Bones

By George Ridder



Tax collector: "It is your duty as a citizen to pay taxes, and we expect you to pay them with a smile."  
Taxpayer: "Wonderful! I thought you expected me to pay them with cash!"

10 Signs You Know You Bought A Bad Computer...

- Entertainment Jokes  
Submitted by JokerBoy
1. Lower corner of screen has the words "Etch-a-sketch" on it.
  2. It's celebrity spokesman is that "Hey Vern!" guy.
  3. In order to start it you need some jumper cables and a friend's car.
  4. It's slogan is "Pentium: redefining mathematics".
  5. The "quick reference" manual is 120 pages long.
  6. Whenever you turn it on, all the dogs in your neighborhood start howling.
  7. The screen often displays the message, "Ain't it break time yet?"
  8. The manual contains only one sentence: "Good Luck!"
  9. The only chip inside is a Dorito.
  10. You've decided that your computer is an excellent addition to your fabulous paperweight collection.

## Dr. Seuss as Technical Writer....

If a packet hits a pocket on a socket on a port, and the bus is interrupted as a very last resort, and the address of the memory makes your floppy disk abort, then the socket packet pocket has an error to report.

If your cursor finds a menu item followed by a dash, and the double-clicking icon puts your window in the trash, and your data is corrupted 'cause the index doesn't hash, then your situation's hopeless and your system's gonna crash!

If the label on the cable on the table at your house, says the network is connected to the button on your mouse, but your packets want to tun-

nel on another protocol, that's repeatedly rejected by the printer down the hall, and your screen is all distorted by the side effects of gauss, so your icons in the window are as wavy as a souse, then you may as well reboot and go out with a bang, 'cause as sure as I'm a poet, the sucker's gonna hang!

If you had one dollar and you asked your father for another, how many dollars would you have?"

"One dollar."

"You don't know your arithmetic."

"You don't know my father!"

Why didn't the frog sit on the toadstool?

Because there wasn't mushroom.

I asked my daughter if she'd seen my newspaper.

She told me that newspapers are old school.

She said that people use tablets nowadays and handed me her iPad.

The fly didn't stand a chance.

As I drove into a parking lot, I noticed that a pickup truck with a dog sitting behind the wheel was rolling toward a female pedestrian. She seemed oblivious, so I hit my horn to get her attention.

She looked up just in time to jump out of the way of the truck's path, and the vehicle bumped harmlessly into the curb and stopped. I rushed to the woman's side to see if she was all right.

"I'm fine," she assured me,"but I

hated to think what could have happened to me if that dog hadn't honked."

Veronica was practicing the piano when suddenly there was a loud pounding on the front door. She opened it and found a breathless cop.

"What's the matter?!" she asked.

"Where's the body?!" demanded the officer.

"What are you talking about?"

"We just got a tip that some guy named Mozart was being butchered to pieces in this house."

Golfer: "I'd move heaven and earth to be able to break 100 on this course."

Caddy: "Try heaven. You've already moved most of the earth."

A competition to see who can come up with the best lexophiles is held every year. Here are this year's 2017 winning submissions...

• When fish are in schools, they sometimes take debate.

• A thief who stole a calendar got twelve months.

• When the smog lifts in Los Angeles U.C.L.A.

• The batteries were given out free of charge.

• A dentist and a manicurist married. They fought tooth and nail.

• A will is a dead giveaway.

• With her marriage, she got a new name and a dress.

• A boiled egg is hard to beat.

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

• Police were summoned to a day-care center where a three-year-old was resisting a rest.

• Did you hear about the fellow whose entire left side was cut off? He's all right now.

• A bicycle can't stand alone; it's just two tired.

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

• The guy who fell onto an upholstery machine is now fully recovered.

• He had a photographic memory which was never developed.

• When she saw her first strands of grey hair she thought she'd die.

• Acupuncture is a jab well done. That's the point of it.

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

A guy brings one of his golf buddies home unannounced for dinner at 6:00, after enjoying a day of golf.

His wife screams her head off while his buddy sits at the kitchen table, open mouthed, listening to the tirade.

"My hair and makeup aren't done, the house is a mess and the dishes are still in the sink. I'm completely exhausted! I didn't get enough sleep last night. Can't you see I'm still in my damn pajamas? I can't be bothered with cooking tonight! Why the F did you bring him home without letting me know ahead of time, you inconsiderate birdbrain!?"

"Because he's ...thinking of getting married"

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Attn:Seniors 1 bedroom for lease in Gulf Shores. Roomy Island Style Cottage apt in downtown Gulf Shores, on the Intercoastal Waterway! Near park, restaurants, and churches. Just a few blocks from Acme Oyster House. No dogs, no smoking. All utilities included. 55+ older only. Only \$690/mo. Text 251-284-1025.

### GULF SHORES 2BR

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### COUNTRY CROSSROADS

Country Crossroads, Elberta; Great 1 bedroom mobile home available now in a senior community! Has a covered deck, nice landscaping, concrete driveway! This is a 55+ ONLY property. Rent includes All Utilities. Lawn service provided free of charge. Nice and quiet here. Community features a clubhouse, catfish pond, nice neighbors, street lamps, and concrete roads. Nice place! \$590 per month. No Dogs. Background checks apply. Text 251-284-1025.

### RV LOT NEAR GULF SHORES

RV Lot Between Foley and Gulf Shores; RV Lot - Lot only. All Utilities are included. \$350 per month. Text 251-752-0381.

### RETAIL OR OFFICE

Cafe / Shop / Retail / Office space in downtown Gulf Shores. Uptown Plaza on East 20th Ave. 2400SF. Nice space, and very nice property. Available now. Text 251-747-0097.

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### BARTENDER

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### HAIR STYLIST

Eden Spa and Salon needs hairstylist for busy day spa.Call Pam If interested 251 968 6682.Than you if you can run this for me.

### BARTENDER

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### VOLUNTEER FIREMAN

Men and women interested in helping the community are needed by the Innerarity Point Volunteer Fire Department. For more info, call the station at 492-0544.

## Johnny Hayes & The Loveseats to play April 21 Bald Eagle Bash

The Weeks Bay Foundation presents its Bald Eagle Bash - Party for Preservation on Saturday, April 21 from 4 - 7 p.m. at Tonsmeire/Weeks Bay Resource Center, located on Highway 98 under the Fish River Bridge overlooking Weeks Bay. Tickets are \$45 in advance or \$50 at the gate. Visit baldeaglebash.com or call 251-990-5004 for more info.

This year's musical entertainment is Johnny Hayes & The Loveseats.The local band is definitely on the rise, and enjoying celebrity status after Johnny made it to the final rounds of The Voice!

Entry is free for children 10 and under. Free parking is available at the Weeks Bay Reserve Safe Harbor site, with BRATS shuttles providing transportation to the event. Beverages are included in the price of admission.

Tickets are available at BaldEagleBash, Page and Palette in Fairhope, Serda's Coffee in Daphne and Mobile, Red Beard's Outfitter, and Serda Brewing in Mobile.

Advance tickets are also being sold at the Weeks Bay Reserve Visitors Center and Weeks Bay Foundation office until 2 p.m. on April 21.

The ninth annual signature event for the Weeks Bay Foundation has earned a reputation for delivering great food, great music, and a great time - All on the edges of beautiful Weeks Bay. The Bash includes fresh Gulf shrimp prepared by the area's best chefs and restaurants, a low country shrimp boil, delectable desserts by area bakers, and beer from Fairhope Brewing Company and Budweiser.

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