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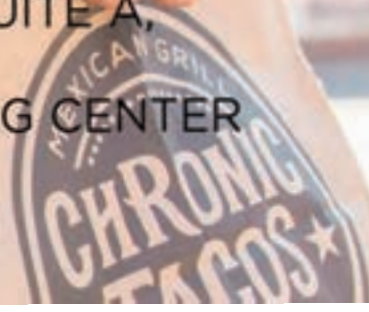


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AROUND PERDIDO KEY

Parkland High School student wants to thank Doug Underhill Esc. Co. Commissioner calls student protesters "little monsters"

When asked how she would respond to Escambia County Commissioner Doug Underhill's facebook comments describing student activists from Parkland High School as "little monsters" and "pathetic" for marching in support of gun law reform, Adam Alhanti, an incoming senior at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, told the Pensacola News Journal (PNJ.com) he would thank the politician.

"I'd like to line all of them up, shake all of their hands and thank them for motivating me even further," said Alhanti, an incoming senior at the school.

Underhill also labeled the students as miscreants and insurgents on his facebook page. He told the News Journal the feedback from his district has been overwhelming positive.

The Parkland students were speaking in Pensacola as part of a recent "Road to Change" statewide tour to get young people educated, registered and motivated to vote before the mid-term elections in local communities, according to the News Journal report.

On February 14, 2018, a gunman opened fire at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, killing seventeen students and staff members and injuring seventeen others.

District 2, which Underhill represents, includes the southwest part of Escambia County from Perdido Key to West Pensacola.

Candidates in Aug. 28 Commissioner race differ on beach use

More beach mouse habitat (Underhill) or more public beach (McMillan)

According to a Pensacola News Journal report, incumbent Commissioner Doug Underhill wants a 4-acre Perdido Key beachfront lot owned by Escambia County to remain off limits to the public for the benefit of the endangered and federally protected Perdido Key Beach Mouse while his primary opponent in the Aug. 28 Republican Primary, Alan McMillan, is backing a plan to build a public walkover above the beach mouse habitat so that people can reach the Gulf. McMillan also wants to add public parking to the lot by paving over an existing concrete slab. By keeping the lot closed, the county is furthering economic development by allowing new development elsewhere on the island, Underhill said.

Commissioner Jeff Bergosh, who represents a wide swath of western Escambia County, said he is pushing to open the lot because it is an issue of fairness to the public. Bergosh said he has long been concerned about limited public access to the beaches along Perdido Key, according to the News-Journal.

So far, the interests of surrounding condominium owners have been placed above that of the general public, Bergosh told the News Journal. "I think it is selfish to have let that property sit there unused for five years while private property owners have used our Gulf-front property for their own purposes," Bergosh stated to PNJ reporter Melissa Nelson Gabriel.

The lot is located just east of the Crab Trap across the street from the Sundown Condominium complex, which Underhill told the News Journal "is literally in the middle of nowhere." "That land should absolutely be opened to the public and that will be priority of mine if I am elected," McMillan stated to the News Journal. "That strikes me as commonsense and I am not sure why it hasn't been done already."

McMillan said an elevated boardwalk will separate people from the dunes, sea oats and brush where beach mice live and a concrete slab from a building that was destroyed by Hurricane Ivan can be use for parking.

The News Journal reported that Bergosh said a 2013 county document describing the plan to buy the property stated that the land would also be used to provide local public access to the Gulf.

G.S. Lions' Dinner In Dark & Casino Night is Sept. 14

The Gulf Shores Lions Club will present Casino Night & Dinner in the Dark on Friday, Sept. 14 at the Erie Meyer Civic Center in Gulf Shores. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., and the event is from 7-11 p.m. Tickets are \$100 per individual and \$150 per couple. Tickets include live music, entertainment from a magician, a plated dinner, drink tickets & casino games with \$1000 in casino money. For more info, call (251) 709-9524 or (859) 380-0781.

The event is a benefit Miracle League of Coastal Alabama, Leader Dog for the blind and other local sight projects.

The Lion's Club focus is not only "To Serve" but to raise awareness of diabetes, preserve sight, and to service those who have already lost – or never had- the ability to see," said Pete Horton, President of the Gulf Shores Lion's Club. "We are hoping that this dinner will help bring awareness to people, by experiencing what it is like to have a meal as a vision impaired person does every day."

Live Auction items and donations are being solicited for the fundraiser and sponsors will be recognized as supporters of the wonderful event.

St. Peter's in Bon Secour monthly fish-fry is Sept. 6

St. Peter's Episcopal Church will host old fashioned fish-frys on the first Thursday of every month on its beautiful campus in Bon Secour from 5-7 p.m. on Sept. 6 and Oct. 4. Fried fish plates include sides of hushpuppies, baked beans, coleslaw, potato salad and dessert - all for \$10. Eat in or take out. St. Peter's is located on the corner of County roads 10 and 49 at 6270 County Road 10 in Bon Secour. For more info, call 251-949-6254 or visit stpetersbonsecour.diocgc.



Tickets remain for Keith Urban Aug. 25 at The Wharf

Plenty of good tickets options still remained (as of 8/15) for the Orange Beach leg of Keith Urban's Graffiti U World Tour on Saturday, August 25 at 7:30 p.m. at The Wharf Amphitheater. Opening for Urban is Kelsea Ballerini. Tickets are available at the Wharf Box Office or through ticketmaster. Pit tickets are \$51.50 and reserved seats are \$41.50, \$31.50 or \$21.50 plus fees.

Needtobreathe, with special guests Johnnyswim and The Rocketboys, will be in concert at the Wharf Amphitheater on Sunday, Sept. 30.

Tickets for both shows can be purchased online at Ticketmaster.com, by phone at 1-800-745-3000, or in person at The Wharf Amphitheater Box Office from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., Monday through Friday and before each show.

Urban's sets on tour, have been extending past two hours and feature a two stage set-up. He's been playing classic hits, new material and even his very first No. 1 song. With massive columns of lights and four video screens that often cut to Urban collaborators, including Kassi Ashton, Julia Michaels and Carrie Underwood, singing along with him.

Ballerini has already toured with Lady Antebellum and Rascal Flatts. You will surely here her play hits such as "Miss Me More," "I Hate Love Songs" and the stripped-down "In Between."

"We talked about touring [together before] and not enough of the dates lined up for us to do it, and they just did this time. One of those stars lining up moments," Urban said about his up and coming opening act. "I just felt musically it's such a great compatibility of fusion that we both sort of work in. it's certainly not pure country, neither of us. We obviously grew up with contemporary country influences, pop country influences, and I just felt that it was a great, great collaborative blend of the two of us. I always think about my audiences too and who are they going to respond to, and I think they'll love Kelsea."

Urban said having only one opening act was by design. "At the end of the day I'll put together a set list that feels energy and emotion and thematically and musically and every other way right from top to bottom, covering as much as we can without playing for four hours."

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AROUND TOWN



Area pianists featured in Aug. 17 showcase for GSUMC Choir trip Aug. 23 musical food pairing fundraiser at Ginny Lane's also planned

By Louise Hawley

Two August events for area music lovers are planned in support of the Gulf Shores United Methodist Church Chancel Choir and their planned trip to sing at New York City's famed Carnegie Hall in November.

On Friday, August 17, at 7pm in the GSUMC sanctuary, a Piano Showcase will feature area pianists and their nimble-fingered skills in a concert ranging from classical fare to jazz, sacred melodies, patriotic works and others. Well-known local pianists from a number of local churches, choruses and schools will be performing, including William and Laura Mixon, Jonathan Wallace, Harvey Earle, Irene Walker, Kayla Dowling and Jackie Dahlgren. A second grand piano is being provided for the Piano Showcase by Blues Angel Music of Pensacola. During intermission winning raffle tickets will be drawn for three custom made Royal Doulton figurines and artwork created by local artist Joanne Hall. There is no charge for the concert but a love offering will be taken. Reserved seating will be available for regular concert season supporters.

A Musical Pairing event on Thursday, August 23, at Ginny Lane's at the Wharf on Canal Road will help introduce a new dining concept to the community. The experience will pair well-loved food dishes with live background music that enhances the taste and enjoyment of the meal. Tickets for the four-course dinner at \$40 per person along with dining reservations are now available by calling Ginny Lane's at 251-224-6500.

More than 40 members of the Chancel Choir - plus spouses and friends - are planning the New York City Carnegie Hall trip, according to Cody Johnson, GSUMC Director of Worship Arts. They will join with other choristers from around the country singing a new Christmas oratorio and another work by noted composer/arranger Mark Hayes. Mr. Johnson noted that Mr. Hayes spent a December weekend at GSUMC in 2017 conducting a one-day seminar for area musicians and directing the choir's annual Holiday concert.

Contact the GSUMC office at 251-968-2411 or the website at gulfshoresumc.org for further details on the Piano Showcase or the Musical Pairings dining experience.

Pictured: Laura and William Mixon will be among the pianists featured in the Aug. 17 Piano Showcase at GSUMC.

Mullet Fest & Run Labor Day in Lillian

The Optimist Club of Perdido Bay is seeking runners for the 32nd Annual Mullet Festival's Run for the Mullet which features a 5K race and 1Mile Fun Run/Walk. Participants may help raise funds for OCPB by signing up sponsors to donate in their names. Fundraising participants receive a personal area within the Festival website to track their sponsors.

Entry fees are \$15 for adults (\$20 on day of race) and \$10 for youth which includes the event T-shirt and post-race party. This year's goal for the Mullet Festival is to generate \$35,000. The Festival, which is held at the Lillian Community Club, also features a Mullet Toss, Kids' Fun Station, Silent Auction, art and craft vendors and live music by Jake & the Tag-A-Longs. Fried Mullet/Catfish Lunches will sell for \$10. The famous Optimist Club breakfast will be available for only \$4. Kids 8 and younger always eat free! The Mullet Festival is the primary fundraiser of the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay.

To register for the Run, call Jeff Keener at 859-991-4619 or visit OCPB.org. Vendors should call Monica Leonard at 703-622-0055.

Back To School Beach Bash Aug. 16 at G.S. Public Beach

The City of Gulf Shores will host its annual Back to School Beach Bash at 6 p.m. on Thursday, August 16 at the west end of the Gulf Shores Public Beach. The Back to School Beach Bash will feature music, campfires and all of the makings for s'mores.

The family-friendly event started in 2010 and have quickly become the perfect recipe for families of all ages who are looking for a little free fun and excitement before the school year begins!



Sassy Bass starts Gofundme page for family of Josie Jones

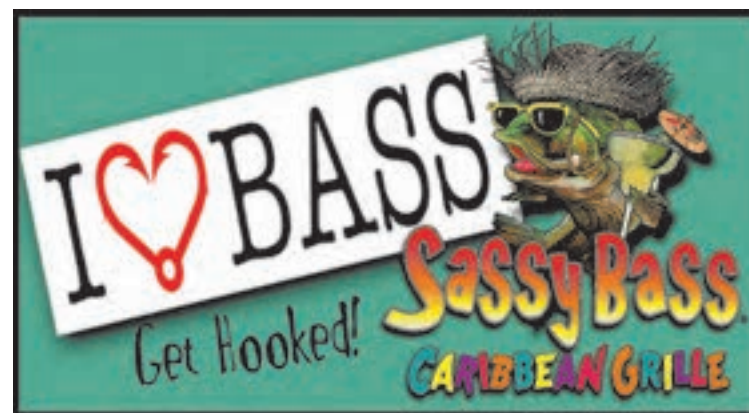
Sassy Bass Caribbean Grille and its sister restaurants, has started a gofundme page in honor of Josie Jones, a company employee and the beloved daughter of Melissa Jones, in a tragic automobile accident earlier this month.

At just 20 years of age, Josie's life was just beginning. She was a Gulf Shores High School graduate and worked tirelessly in the local hospitality industry. An excited mother-to-be, her mother, sisters, loved ones, friends, and Alize now struggle to cope with her loss.

To help her family in this time of profound sorrow, donations to cover expenses including the med flight, hospital and funeral will be greatly appreciated. "We recognize there is little any of us can do to make these circumstances better or easier to bear," Sassy Bass owners Mark and Robin Frohlich wrote on the gofundme page. "All we can do is love and remember Josie for the genuine and amazing person she was."

Alize Marshall, 21, of Foley, and Josie Jones, 20, of Orange Beach were expecting a baby girl when Jones was killed in a suspected DUI crash on August 5. According to the Foley Police report, 57-year-old Debra Estep hit Marshall's car while driving the wrong way on the Foley Beach Express just south of County Road 20 at approximately 9:45 p.m. Police said Estep's Mercury Villager, traveling westbound on County Road 20, turned left into the northbound lanes, driving into oncoming traffic. The two vehicles collided head-on in the northbound lane. Josie was airlifted to Sacred Heart Hospital, where she and her unborn daughter both died.

Foley Police believe Estep was driving drunk, but investigators are waiting on toxicology reports. Marshall told police he saw the headlights and attempted to swerve out of the way, but Estep's van still hit them head-on.



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Musical pairing fundraiser Aug. 23 at Ginny Lane Help send GSUMC Choir to play at Carnegie Hall

Join the staff at Ginny Lane for its first ever musical pairing dinner fundraiser to help the Gulf Shores United Methodist Church Choir raise funds for its upcoming trip to perform at Carnegie Hall in New York City. Musical Pairing is a new dining technique pioneered by Barbara Werner. The basic premise is that just like an intricate formula is used to pair wine with food, we can also use a formula to pair music with food. The event will be held on Thursday, August 23 at 6 p.m., and cost is \$40 per person. For reservations, please call 251-224-6500.

The menu includes:

- **First Course:** Fennel, apple, and pear salad with spring mix tossed in lemon vinaigrette topped with Parmesan. Musical Pairing: The Entertainer by Scott Joplin, Hey, Good Lookin' by Hank Williams, I Saw the Light by Hank Williams.
- **Second Course:** Seared Salmon croquettes topped with creole remoulade and fried crawfish tails. Musical Pairing: "Layla" by Eric Clapton; "Just a Closer Walk with Thee" by Mahalia Jackson.
- **Third Course:** Sweet chili pork Lo Mein, Sweet chili braised pork shoulder tossed with Lo Mein, Roasted carrots, brussel sprouts, and broccoli. Musical Pairing: "Georgia on My Mind" by Ray Charles; "New Orleans Ladies" by LeRoux; "Crazy" by Patsy Cline.
- **Fourth Course:** Mini chocolate lava cake with ice cream and macerated Louisiana strawberries. Musical Pairing: "Con Te Partiro" by Andrea Bocelli; "All of Me" by Sam Smith; "Hallelujah" by Jeff Buckley; "Can't Help Falling in Love with You" by Elvis.



Family Fun Day Sept. 3 at Foley American Legion

American Legion Post 99 in Foley will host a Community Family Fun Day on Monday, September 3 beginning at 11 a.m. Post 99 is an open post and the public is invited. The Legion chefs will be preparing boiled shrimp plates with potatoes, corn and sausage for \$10, and hamburger or hotdog plates w. chips for \$6.

Other activities planned include a coloring contest for kids, a bouncy house, water slide, cornhole tourney and 90/10 drawing. Smokey Otis and Mark Laborde (pictured) will provide tunes. Post 99 is located at 2101 S McKenzie St. in Foley. For more info, call 251-943-3114.



Final O.B. Relay for Life Full Moon Paddle is Aug. 26

The City of Orange Beach Relay for Life Team is gearing up for the last of three Full Moon Paddles for the summer season. The next paddle is scheduled for Sunday, August 26. The paddles have become the number one fundraising effort for the Orange Beach Team.

The events are held at the Wind & Water Learning Center at 26267 Canal Road, behind the Orange Beach Public Library. Prior to participants pushing off into Wolf Bay to experience the nighttime paddle, area restaurants cater the dinner on the grounds for everyone to enjoy and area musicians donate their time to entertain. Dinner starts at 6:15 p.m. followed by the paddle from 7-8:30 p.m. Luna's Eat and Drink will be the sponsoring restaurant for the August 26 paddle.

After enjoying the food, entertainment and meeting new friends everyone heads out onto the water in kayaks, canoes and, sometimes, a paddle board or two. Headlights and personal flotation device, such as life vests, are required and participants provide their own kayaks or canoes.

Registration fee is \$20 per person. Everyone must be pre-registered. Online registration for the August 26th event is available at eventbrite.com. Registration forms are available at all recreation facilities in Orange Beach. All funds raised benefit the American Cancer Society - Relay for Life effort. For more information on how you can be a part contact Relay Team Captain Jeanne Fitzgibbons at 251-981-1524 or jfitz@orangebeachal.gov.

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Coastal Alabama Acoustic Monitoring Program tracks redfish & speckled trout

"A lot of the red drum really didn't move that much from where they were actually tagged."

By David Rainer

AL Dept. of Conservation and Natural Resources

While the fanfare surrounding the Alabama Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo (ADSFR) proceeded nearby, Reid Nelson deftly made a series of surgeon's knots to sew up an incision on the belly of a redfish that was a part of the live weigh-in category at the rodeo.

Nelson, a graduate student in the University of South Alabama's Marine Sciences Department, inserted an acoustic tag in the redfish, red drum if you're a purist or marine scientist, as part of the Coastal Alabama Acoustic Monitoring Program (CAAMP).

Redfish is a hardy species that handles catch-and-release very well. Speckled trout are not quite as resilient but still survive well enough to justify the live-release effort.

Last year, the team added speckled trout to the tagging program and will continue to work with trout this year. As expected, redfish is a hardy species that handles catch-and-release very well. Speckled trout are not quite as resilient but still survive well enough to justify the live-release effort.

"With the popularity of the live weigh-in at the rodeo, we looked at it as a nice opportunity to tag live fish from different places," Nelson said. "You can actually look at how successful live weigh-ins are. What we have seen from fish tagged at the rodeo, about 98 percent of the red drum have lived. About 78 percent of the speckled trout that we tagged at the rodeo have lived.

"Overall, mortality is pretty low, which I think is amazing. Some of the red drum were brought from all over, as far away as Mississippi and Louisiana."

Nelson said 20 red drum and 15 speckled trout were fitted with the acoustic tags, which cost about \$300 each, and released during the 2018 ADSFR. CAAMP is funded through the Alabama Marine Resources Division with a grant from the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation.

"What was really interesting about the rodeo is the map where the fish came from that were released at the rodeo," he said. "One of the main concerns about a live weigh-in program is the fish won't leave that area once they are released. Unlike the fish we tagged in the rivers, the fish we tagged at the rodeo leave Dauphin Island pretty readily. We've detected those

fish as far away as Raft River in the Mobile Delta. We've detected them in Fowl River. We've detected them off the Gulf State Park Pier. They have even been detected by receiver arrays that other groups have out. It's really remarkable how quickly and widespread these fish disperse.

"It's interesting to do science with a part of the tournament. That's really never been done. Another interesting thing is fishermen have been really good about telling us where they caught the fish. What we have seen is about 25 percent of the fish have gone back to where they were caught. With red drum that were caught in the rivers and brought to the rodeo, about 70 percent of those fish will disperse and end up returning to one of our local rivers. That's been an amazing aspect of the study. We have no idea how those fish find their way back. It could be olfaction or chemoreceptors. It's probably a combination of many navigation senses."

Natural mortality with the red drum tagged in the first year of the study has been surprisingly low, according to Nelson. Out of the 100 fish tagged, only three died of natural causes. Fishing mortality took 10 out of the population in Fowl River from 2016-2017, and nine redfish were lost to fishing mortality in Dog River during the same time span.

"One of the other interesting things we saw is the seasonal peaks in the rivers," Nelson said. "We saw more fishing mortality in the fall and spring."

An eye-opening aspect of the CAAMP data when speckled trout were added to the study is the significant disparity in movement between species in response to weather and salinity changes.

"One of the most interesting things we've seen is a lot of the red drum really didn't move that much from where they were actually tagged," Nelson said. "Out of Fowl River, we had 13 fish leave the river over the course of the year, which is not very many in the grand scheme of things. Only five left Dog River during that year. For the year we have data, they were pretty much resident fish. Some of them would use different parts of the river. But for the most part, they tended to remain in the area where they were originally tagged.

"In fact, we had a family call in a fish a few months ago that had been tagged about a year ago. They literally caught that fish where we tagged it at Delta Port in Fowl River. That was amazing."

Nelson said the most movement observed during the study came in December of 2016 when the water temperature was cooler than normal and the salinity was very high because of a lack of rain in the fall.

"The big conclusion so far on redfish is the majority of the slot fish tend to be resident," he said. "It looks like they are pretty resilient to changes in temperature and salinity. We've seen big fluctuations in those two factors, and the fish didn't leave the rivers when the salinity and temperature varied quite a bit. I thought that was really interesting."

Now, throw speckled trout into the study, and the movement patterns are vastly different.

"During the first year of the big study with speckled trout, it was almost the complete opposite story," Nelson said. "The trout were tagged last November and December. They were resident in the deep holes in the rivers until about February. When it was really cold,

they were staying in the rivers. Once it started to warm up, we saw a push of fish leaving the rivers pretty quickly, moving down to Mississippi Sound and Dauphin Island. That is what you would expect.

"We had a couple of fish that moved from Dog River to the Mobile River. One of those fish actually came in at the rodeo. Instead of staying in the river, they pushed out relatively quickly."

Nelson is also working with another program to study fish movement. The TAG Alabama program is sponsored by the Coastal Conservation Association of Alabama and relies on local anglers to insert dart tags in red drum and speckled trout caught in Alabama coastal waters.

"What we're seeing with TAG Alabama is that many of those redfish are coming back right close to where they were tagged as well," he said. "With TAG Alabama, we get a much larger spread of tagging locations instead of just the rivers."

Anglers participating in TAG Alabama go to the website at tags.usouthal.edu/ to log tagging and recapture efforts for trout and redfish as well as red snapper, tripletails and sharks.

"We've had 743 red drum and speckled trout tagged so far," Nelson said. "Considering we launched the program in April this year, that's a lot. We've had 65 of those fish recaptured.

"I'm excited about this. CCA Alabama is providing the funding for this. I'm hoping we can keep this going."

Another tagging effort that occurred partially during this year's ADSFR involved tarpon, known as the silver king.

With the help of local tarpon enthusiasts during the ADSFR, researchers from Dauphin Island Sea Lab and Mississippi State University managed to attach eight satellite tags. Two more tarpon were caught and tagged the Saturday after the rodeo.

Of the eight fish tagged during the rodeo, all but one high-tailed it toward Louisiana, one traveling as far as the southern tip of Louisiana near South Pass. One fish, however, decided to explore Mobile Bay and made a huge loop inside the bay before heading west.

Pictured: Reid Nelson carefully inserts an acoustic tag into a redfish during the live weigh-in competition at the Alabama Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo. (Photo by David Rainer)



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AROUND TOWN



Mystical Order of Mirams present queen & emblem

By Brenda Alfred

The Mystical Order of Mirams recently announced their royalty for 2019: Queen Missy Jones and Emblem Sherri Whalen (**pictured**). The two beauties will be officially presented at this year's Taste of the Islands on Friday, November 30 at 6:30 p.m. at The Wharf Conference Center in Orange Beach. They will also lead the Mirams Mardi Gras Parade at 6:30 p.m. on March 1, 2019, starting at Fin & Fork on Perdido Beach Blvd. and ending at Rite-Aid.

Bible scholar will lead Aug. 26 conference at GSUMC

Renowned Bible scholar Dr. Ben Witherington (**pictured**) will lead a four session Bible Conference at Gulf Shores United Methodist Church, 1900 Gulf Shores Parkway, on Sunday, August 26.

Teaching from the Gospel of John on the theme "What Does it Mean To Be Born Again", Dr. Witherington will present four entirely different lessons in worship services at 8:30, 9:45 and 11:00AM and at a 6PM evening session. All will be held in the church Sanctuary.


Dr. Witherington is professor of New Testament for Doctoral Studies at Asbury Theological Seminary and also serves on the doctoral faculty at St. Andrews University in Scotland. He has taught at Duke Divinity School, Vanderbilt University and Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary.

The author of more than forty books, Dr. Witherington has frequently been interviewed on radio networks across the country as well as making numerous appearances on TV. Area residents are invited to attend all four sessions. Info: 251-968-2411 or visit gulfshoresumc.org.



GSMS Cheerleaders are "top bananas"

The Gulf Shores Middle School cheerleaders attended UCA camp at the Beach Club Resort. They were awarded the Top Banana and two gold superior ribbons for their cheer and rally routine. The team also received the Superior trophy for their excellent scores all week. Kambrie Rowe and Natalee Cerne were chosen for the Pin It Forward Award. Nevaeh Williams and Kaitlyn Hoff made UCA All-American. **Pictured:** Cheerleaders: Kaitlyn Hoff, Nevaeh Williams, Addison Reddick, Kambrie Rowe, Natalee Cerne, Jordyn Buckmaster, Kaleigh Davis, Morgan McCartney, Natalie Daniel, and Siddah Weiing; Coaches: Kristin Weaver and Megan Michaelson.



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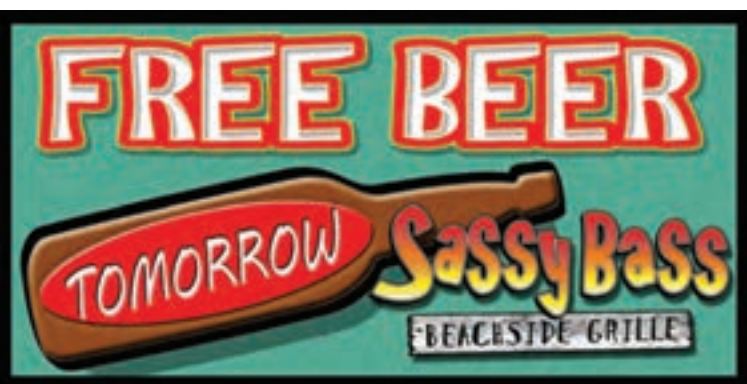
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ORANGE BEACH CITY COUNCIL

Orange Beach summer season ends in a flurry of activity

By John Mullen

A busy summer is winding down in Orange Beach and even this week the stranglehold of traffic has started to abate.

"I want to thank all of our employees that have sort of guided all of the various jobs," City Administrator Ken Grimes said. "It's been a very challenging summer but for the most part, we've had a very strong and good summer. As you can tell by this week and today just driving to work there's a lot less people in town."

Grimes was speaking at the end of a combined regular council meeting and work session in Orange Beach on Aug. 7. Also, during the meeting, the council talked about changing clinics serving city employees and dependents and saw the promotion of firefighter Lt. Bruce Nelson to Battalion chief.

The long, hot and busy summer didn't go out with a whimper, however, Grimes said. City resources were stretched right up to the last minute with first responders maxed out with recoveries and rescues on the beach.

"This past week was very challenging on the beach for police and fire and many, many others," Grimes said. "We did have a loss of life with a drowning which is an issue." A 53-year-old Jasper man, Richard L. Coleman, drowned near Perdido Pass.

Grimes said the city will now enter its annual post-summer review session.

"When you get to the end of the season you look back and try to see figure out what could be better," Grimes said. "We're always striving to do better and I'm just proud of everybody that has gotten us to this point as we kind of take a breath. A lot of things have been happening and overall, it's been a very good summer."

Mayor Tony Kennon was gauging another factor to judge the summer season.

"We are waiting on the most accurate of all indicators, the sewer flows," Kennon said. "Judging by how many people were here this summer the preliminary numbers are it was a record summer and a record number of people here."

Employee Clinic

Currently, city employees and dependents can be treated at the Symbol Clinic at the city's medical building just north of city hall on State Route 161. That contract ends Dec. 31 and Grimes said the city is now in talks with Southern Rapid Care to take over the service.

"We have had several conversations with the management team of Southern Rapid Care and we believe this will be a better option for not only our employees but also for the City of Orange Beach forward," Finance Director Ford Handley said. "Overall, I believe we will save costs in the future while also providing

much more hours, doctors fulltime, seven days a week for our employees."

Kennon said the change is not a reflection on the work done by Symbol but Southern offers expanded services Symbol cannot.

"It was nothing in any way, form or fashion to do with Symbol," Kennon said. "I have nothing but good things to say and I told them I'd be glad to write a reference. The employees were great and I thought everybody did a good job."

"But there's no way they can compete with an entity that's already here seven days a week, have doctors on site. They are giving up margin to help us as a city, we're helping them subsidize costs in the offseason to keep them afloat. It is a win-win situation for our community to see them prosper and grow. This was a blessing falling into our lap."

New Battalion Chief

Fire Chief Justin Pearce announced the promotion for Nelson and his wife pinned the new badge on him during the meeting. In his 19 years with Orange Beach Nelson started the department's dive team and worked with the marine program and hazardous materials response team.

"He's been leading the way on a lot of projects," Pearce said. "I feel like this is going to be an easy, natural transition for him and I'm proud of him."

Kennon and other council members thanked Nelson for his service.

During the regular session the council also:

- Approved a beer and wine license for the new Dollar General under construction on State Route 161 north of the city's medical building.
- Approved a special retail beer and wine license for a Labor Day weekend event at The Wharf.
- Passed a resolution awarding the bid for the city's debris clearance and sand reclamation contract to Crowder Gulf.
- Passed a resolution accepting the proposal for the city's debris monitoring, disaster management and recovery services contract from Thompson Consulting Services.
- Passed a resolution awarding the bid for a Drone for the Police Department to Vector Solutions for a lit-

tle more than \$40,000.

During the work session the council discussed:

- A contract with Burk-Kleinpeter to provide engineering and land surveying services for Terry Cove Drive improvements at State Route 161 intersection for \$30,572. The project is a lengthening of the right-hand turn lane.
- A resolution to authorize the execution of a professional services agreement with South Coast Engineers for coastal engineering services.
- A resolution authorizing the mayor to execute a software service agreement with Siteimprove to monitor the City's website and to improve performance.
- A resolution authorizing the purchase of a security door for the Finance Department from Glass Systems of Alabama for \$36,449.
- A resolution appointing Penny Groux to the Gulf Shores & Orange Beach Tourism Board of Directors.
- A resolution authorizing the execution of a memorandum of agreement with the Orange Beach Public Library Board for generator usage.
- A resolution authorizing the execution of a task order with Lucido Engineering & Surveying to perform land surveying of the Callaway Drive right-of-way south of Canal Road in an amount not to exceed \$6,310.
- A resolution Orange Beach to acquire certain property in and around Powerline Road to allow for the acquisition of additional property.
- A resolution amending the employees pay plan/job listing to make adjustments to Tennis Center positions and to add positions related to the Expect Excellence Program.
- A resolution authorizing the execution of a memorandum of agreement with the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency for aviation services to aid search and rescue operations.
- A resolution authorizing Olsen Associates to perform coastal permitting services in an amount not to exceed \$51,900.
- Amending an ordinance regarding "Operation of Unmanned Aircraft Systems" to clarify the purpose of prohibiting voyeurism.

Pictured: Bruce Nelson, center, was promoted and pinned with his badge as a Battalion Chief for the Orange Beach Fire Department on Aug. 7 at the city council meeting. Nelson is with Mayor Tony Kennon, left, and Fire Chief Justin Pearce.



GULF SHORES CITY COUNCIL

Controversial apartments going back before planning commission

By John Mullen

Even if residents won a reprieve on an apartment complex they don't want in their neighborhood, they still left a recent Gulf Shores City Council meeting with questions.

Mayor Robert Craft has asked the city's planning commission to revisit the application for Regency Place it approved in June.

"The mayor has just asked that the planning commission clarify why they gave their approval and to clarify how we meet the ordinance and meet the local laws," architect Stuart Povall said. "It's not a reapplication. This is a by-right development so we are doing everything that ordinance tells us to do and we are not asking for anything outside of the ordinance."

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Residents filled the hall to standing-room only and were pleased at the delay and a second look by the planning commission. They still left city hall chambers with questions.

"How are you going to fix the street so we don't get all the traffic?" Ron Glaus asked. "It's mindboggling. Every place around there is full. And then you're going to put another 500 cars in there?"

Glaus' questions came after Povall, representing

Chartre Consulting and owner Clarence Chapman, made a presentation he hoped would calm some of the fears residents have over the 206-unit complex that will be on 10 acres in the center of Gulf Shores. It's surrounded on all sides by condo developments and neighborhoods containing nearly 300 units or homes.

"I wanted to clear up some misconceptions about what this development will be," Povall said. "I don't expect to win any hearts and minds I just want to hit some bullet points on what the development is going to be. I think it's important what this owner's actually bringing to this community and is representing."

Concerns were raised earlier in the process about the possibility of short-term vacation rentals allowed by the multi-family zoning in the complex. Or that it would be a transient population of interchanging residents and lots of turnover. Some of Chartre's developments have subsidized government rent programs. Povall said Regency Place will not be one of those.

"This development, at every turn, is a high-end, luxury apartment development," Povall said. "This is not low income, it's not subsidized, it's not even middle of the road. This is a high-end, class A apartment community. All of our leases are one- and two-year leases."

The luxuries will include plush interiors with quality materials, Povall said.

"The interior of these units are stainless steel, granite countertops, wood floors, ceramic tile," Povall said. "All the things any of us would walk into a for sale home and say 'this is nice.' All apartments are accessed by interior air-conditioned corridors with eleva-

tors to all floors. It'll have a 5,000-square-foot clubhouse, club room, amenities, fireplace, kitchen, luxury pool of more than 2,000 square feet, two hot tubs and a sauna."

Povall said the 10-acre parcel was initially planned as phase 2 of The Enclave condominiums directly to the south of the Regency Place site.

"It has the same density that has always been planned there," he said. "It's a density that's consistent with the zoning."

Residents against the project, including many from The Enclave, asked Craft to see if there is anything they can do to curtail the number of units and address other concerns they have.

On Aug. 6 Craft gave a detailed response saying the city can ask the commission to revisit the application using a section of the zoning ordinance that calls for several questions to be asked before it can be approved.

"On the advice of the city attorney, I have by letter requested the chairman of the planning commission to have the planning commission revisit this application at its earliest convenience and adopt a resolution satisfying the requirements of Section 3-3.E," part of Craft's statement to the crowd said.

Planning Director Andy Bauer said following that portion of the zoning ordinance will cause the planning commission to take a closer look at the application.

"The planning commission can approve with conditions or deny a site plan based on the following findings of facts," Bauer said. "There are about 10 items in there that they must concur they have looked at and agree that the site plan meets all of those. The planning commission always adopts the resolution and typically our staff report covers those items. The city attorney said the resolution specifically must state that a site plan meets those items. The resolution did not read specifically how that site plan meets those items."

Bauer was unsure if the reapplication will be heard at the next planning commission meeting on Aug. 28.

Also, during the session, the council:

- Heard a request from the developers of Seagrass Village Assisted Living to amend its original conditional use permit to include 120 units and eight independent cottages. The original application in March misstated that there would be 109 units and 11 cottages.
- Heard a request to rezone 162 acres on the north side of County Road 8 or the recently renamed Coastal Gateway Boulevard, from agricultural to single-family residential. The Raley Farms developers want to subdivide the land into 486 lots near the Stonegate Subdivision.
- Heard a request from Brooks Delaney for a conditional use permit to construction two storage buildings for boats and RVs at 16961 Fort Morgan Road.
- Heard a request from Team Magic for a public assembly permit for the Brett Robinson Alabama Coastal Triathlon for Sept. 8 at the Hangout.
- Heard a request from the city for a public assembly permit for the Halloween 5K run and ride on Oct. 19 at Gulf Place.
- Heard a request from the Gulf Shores Kiwanis Club for a public assembly permit on Jan. 1 for the annual Polar Bear Dip at Gulf Place.
- Heard a request authorizing Mayor and City Clerk to execute FAA Grant Agreement for a grant of almost \$129,000 confirming the Authority's application, acceptance and execution of FAA grant agreement.
- Received requests for liquor licenses for Wacked Out Weiner in Pelican Place Shopping Center and Gourmet World at 3800 Gulf Shores Parkway. And a request from the Gulf Shores Lions Club for a special event liquor license for Dinner in the Dark on Sept. 14 at the Erie Meyer Civic Center.
- Received a request to accept a land donation of a quarter acre from Mr. and Mrs. John Jay on Third Street West near the intersection of Windmill Road on the south side of Third. It is a waterfront canal leading to Little Lagoon. The Jays are asking for a written valuation of \$2,500 to them for tax purposes.
- Heard a recommendation that Brooke Taylor finish the term of Jim Bauer on the Beautification Board after he resigned his position. It also included recommendations for the reappointment of Margaret Griffin and Rodney Powell to the board.

Mayor's Regency Place Statement

Mayor Robert Craft read the following statement on the city's call for Regency Place Apartments to reapply for site plan approval for a 206-unit complex on Regency Road.

- On the advice of the City Attorney, I have by letter requested the Chairman of the Planning Commission to have the Planning Commission revisit this application at its earliest convenience and adopt a resolution satisfying the requirements of Section 3-3.E. I have also noted that, while under the Zoning Ordinance a public hearing is not required during the Site Plan Review process, given the active public discussion of this project a public hearing by the Planning Commission would very probably be beneficial.
- Without expressing any view that the approval given by the Planning Commission was or was not in error, the City Attorney has observed that the written Planning Commission approval resolution failed to set out the express findings and conclusions on the suitability of the project as specifically required by Section 3-3.E. of the Zoning Ordinance.
- There is nothing before the City Council for its consideration relating to the Regency Place Site Plan.
- Under the Zoning Ordinance, Site Plan approval requires both consideration of the proposed project's conformity with the Zoning Ordinance's area and dimensional requirements and consideration of the project's consistency with the purpose and intent of the City's overall zoning plan and the impact of its design on all external relationships.
- Citizens have strongly expressed their concern that the Planning Commission did not properly evaluate the external impact of the project in the process of giving its approval.
- Pending receipt of a Planning Commission Resolution satisfying Section 3-3.E., the City will be unable to issue any building or land disturbance permits to the Applicant.

AROUND TOWN

Wharf Uncorked Food & Wine Fest Sept. 13-15

The 5th Annual Wharf Uncorked Food & Wine Festival will be held Sept. 13-15 at The Wharf (23101 Canal Road in Orange Beach). Admission is \$40 for the Kickoff Party and Chef Showdown; \$60 for the Grand Tasting; and \$85 for both events.

The event features food and wine tastings, chef demos, live entertainment and special events benefiting Make-A-Wish Alabama. For more info, visit TheWharfUncorked.com or call 251-224-1000.

If you missed the first four years of this magnificent food and wine event, you missed out on 100 wine labels, special dishes from local restaurants, and a very tasty way to support a good cause.

- Thursday night is the Kickoff Party & Chef Showdown, featuring signature drinks and wine tastings to complement the culinary competition between three local chefs.

- Friday night is the Local Wine Dinners, featuring a special one-night menu at select restaurants at The Wharf and in the local area. Local Wine Dinners tickets are sold separately through participating restaurants.

- Saturday is the Grand Tasting on Main Street, featuring row after row of food and wine vendors as well as cooking demonstrations. In addition to wine labels from all over the world, enjoy regional craft beer selections, or sip on something stronger like infused vodka and single-malt whiskey.

Some of the Gulf Coast's finest chefs will be cooking up a storm, including cooking demos, food tastings, culinary competitions, and cookbook signings. Other activities include live and silent auctions, luxury yacht walks, and much more.

Proceeds will benefit Make-A-Wish® Alabama, an organization devoted to granting wishes for children with life-threatening medical conditions.

The festival will also include book signings by James Briscione and Brooke Parkhurst, a luxury yacht walk and auctions benefiting Make-A-Wish® Alabama.

"We are thrilled to bring the festival to the Gulf Coast for its 5th year as a way to showcase culinary excellence and support a special cause," said Sheena Mizell, marketing manager at The Wharf. "Year over year, we are blown away by the support and welcome all wine and food enthusiasts to join us for the three-day celebration."

Pictured: Chef Chris Kelly returns to defend his title against three local chefs in a heated battle emceed by Atlanta chef and restaurateur Ford Fry and Good Grit Magazine founder Laura Bento. The chef with the best Alabama Gulf Seafood dish will take home the winning title along with bragging rights.



More foodie activities at Nov. 7-11 WFC at Wharf

Tickets are now on sale for the Nov. 7-11 World Food Championships at The Wharf in Orange Beach. Organizers have added countless fun foodie activities to what is already the biggest event in the industry with more than 1500 chefs and home cooks expected to show up to battle it out for food fame & fortune. New events include People's Choice competitions that allow you to judge some of the world's best food as well as family focused, foodie driven World Food Games. General admission is \$10 at the gate or \$25 for a weekend pass (children 12 years and under get in free). Tickets for special events are available at worldfoodchampionships.com. Hours are 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. daily.

VIP Lounge

Located in the heart of the action, WFC's VIP Lounge is the ultimate foodie experience! VIP ticket holders will enjoy celebrity chefs demos, complimentary refreshments and a birds eye view of the turn-in action, all while getting a taste of the actual turn in samples from the 2018 championship! So, if you want the hottest seat in town, secure one of the limited VIP Lounge passes ASAP!

The Yacht Club Dinner Party

Back by popular demand, this Nov. 10 progressive dinner (4-6 p.m.) on million-dollar yachts will satisfy the most demanding taste buds! This culinary voyage includes award-winning recipes and samples from five of the WFC's past champions. Their combined winnings? More than \$100,000. Tickets are extremely limited but worth every penny!

Teen Green Challenge

This year's special Food Sport Challenge will feature five champion teen cooks in a Teen Green challenge on Nov. 10. Their task? To create a healthy dish that is low in sodium and less than 500 calories - in 30 minutes or less! Our pantry of goodies will give them plenty of options to choose from, and our celebrity judges will help determine the winner. Bit you get to watch and learn what makes a heart healthy dish for free and cheer on your favorite future celebrity chef in the process!

BBQ Beach

WFC is creating a new experience with some of the hottest smokers and ceramic grills on the market from 11a.m. - 4p.m. Nov. 9-11 at BBQ Beach! Once you've entered the WFC arena, just stroll over to the BBQ competition zone and pull up a beach chair! We'll have Pitmasters and Celebrity Chefs sharing BBQ tips and serving up tasty samples all weekend long. Tickets are included with gate admission.

Steak Out

How do you get the perfect grill marks on a steak? What's the secret to perfect searing? Find out at WFC's newest edition, The Steak Out, where grilling professionals will be vying for the World Steak Championship. Be sure to come out on Saturday when Steak Grillmasters will be competing in the Steak Out People's Choice! A ticket gets you five sam-

ples and one vote. With an anticipated field of 50 steak competitors, you'll need to map out the area and choose wisely! Tickets are going fast. Get yours today!

World Food Games

The 2nd Annual World Food Games are scheduled Nov. 10-11 from. This is a series of games exploiting the eating etiquette: because at WFC, you CAN play with your food! Some the highlights include Speed Cup Stacking, Team Egg Toss, Marshmallow Challenge, Orange Relay Races, a Corn Shucking Contest, and much more! Tickets are included with gate admission.

Walmart Tasting Pavilion

The Tasting Pavilion - one of WFC's most popular attractions - is returning bigger and better than ever! This year, Tasting Pavilion will feature almost 40 local, regional and national food brands who will be handing out savory samples to the public! Open Nov. 9-11 from 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., the Tasting Pavilion is designed to introduce you to fantastic flavors, tasty morsels, and culinary culture at a price you can easily swallow - free when you show the Walmart app on your phone.

Live Cooking Demonstrations

Each year the WFC features an entertaining and informative showcase of demonstrations by leading Food Champs from around the world! This year that experience will be elevated, thanks to MAXimus. You may recognize MAX, short for mobile activation experience, from Gordan Ramsay's 24 Hours To Hell and Back. This massive, state-of-the-art, self-sustaining mobile culinary venue is nothing short of breathtaking and will provide the perfect stage for this year's live demos! You do NOT want to miss seeing this real life transformer. To read more about MAXimus, aka Hell on Wheels, visit: innovativegroup.agency/max/#hell-on-wheels

Soup-Or-Bowl Sunday

Brand new this year is, Soup-Or-Bowl Sunday, presented by Natural Tableware. While competitors who've won their way to the Top Ten rounds are battling it out in WFC's Kitchen Arena, Soup-or-Bowl Sunday contestants will be dishing out samples to the public in hopes of taking home some cash for their charity of civic group. What's the dish? Well, that's entirely up to to Soup-or-Bowl contestants! The only rule is they have to sample Soup OR anything that can be served in a Bowl. Who will take home this SOUPER trophy? You decide! A ticket into Soup-or-Bowl Sunday grants you a vote in this sure-to-be-a-hit people's choice competition.

Food Champ Judging

Curious how the biggest food fight in the world is judged? This is your chance to become a Gold Card carrying expert as a certified Food Champ Judge! This kitchen classroom experience is scheduled from 3-5 p.m. on Nov. 11 and is hosted by a certified food sport professional who takes you through the proprietary E.A.T. Methodology™ so you can be eligible to judge at any future WFC event.

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Sunday, August 19th: Smoky Otis 6-10pm

Monday, August 20th: Lee Yankie 6-10pm

Tuesday, August 21st: Shea White 6-10pm

Wednesday, August 22nd:

Sandra Kaye & The Legends 7:30-11:30pm

Thursday, August 23rd: Jonathon Newton 7-11pm

Friday, August 24th:

Mike Diamond 6-10pm

David Chastang & Long Road Home 10pm- 2am

Saturday, August 25th:

Lee Yankie 6-10pm • Ja' Rhythm 10-2am

Sunday, August 26th: Smoky Otis 6-10pm

Monday, August 27th: Brittany Grimes 6-10pm

Tuesday, August 28th: Bruce Smelley 6-10pm

AROUND TOWN



Tickets available for Dean Dillon's Tribute to Larry Butler Nov. 9 concert at Vinyl will raise funds for UWF Memorial Fund

Pensacola's Foo Foo Festival and the Frank Brown International Songwriters' Festival will host An Evening with Dean Dillon—A Tribute to Larry Butler at Vinyl Music Hall Friday, November 9 beginning at 6 p.m. Singer-songwriters Brice Long and Phillip White will open for Dean Dillon, a three-time Grammy Award nominee and 1985 Billboard Country Music Artist of the Year. One hundred tickets for the seated event, honoring the late music pioneer Larry Butler, are on sale for \$30 each and proceeds from the evening will be donated to the University of West Florida Larry Butler Memorial Music Fund. Tickets (all ages) are available at vinylmusichall.com.



Dillon has written songs for country stars including George Jones, Brooks & Dunn, Kenny Chesney, Lee Ann Womack and many more. But his association with George Strait over the years has made him an icon in the world of country music. Dillon has composed or co-written 63 songs for Strait, including 19 singles, 11 of which went to number one. In 2002, he was inducted into the Nashville Songwriters Hall of Fame, along with Bob Dylan and Shel Silverstein.

Brice Long's songs have reached the top of the charts three times. Gary Allan's "Nothing On But the Radio" reached number one and was one of the most performed country songs of 2005. He topped the charts again with Randy Houser's "Like A Cowboy," which was nominated for CMA Song of the Year, and his number one single with John Pardi, "Heartache On The Dance Floor," was one of the most played country songs of 2017.

Phillip White is an Alabama native who has written songs for George Strait, Luke Bryan, Chris Ledoux, Vince Gill, Darius Rucker, Wynonna, Reba, Blake Shelton, Rascal Flatts and others. Among his titles are the 2003 ACM Song of the Year "I'm Movin' On," the theme song for Reba's self-titled hit television show and Blake Shelton's "Nobody But Me."

Pensacola native Larry Butler was the first Nashville producer to win a Grammy Award for Producer of the Year, in 1979. He experienced his greatest successes as Kenny Rogers' producer, a collaboration that produced hits like "Lucille," "She Believes In Me," "The Gambler," and "Coward of the County." Earlier in his career, he landed recording session work and played piano on hits including Conway Twitty's "Hello Darlin'" and Bobby Goldsboro's "Honey." He won a Song of the Year Grammy for "Hey Won't You Play) Another Somebody Done Somebody Wrong Song," a song he co-wrote with Chips Morgan that B.J. Thomas took to number one in 1975. Butler died in 2012 at the age of 69.

Pictured: (Top) 1985 Country Music Artist of the Year Dean Dillon (above left) Larry Butler.

Roadside Glorious, BeachBilly's booked for Studio Amped shows

Two bands with local ties have been booked for this season's WSRE 11th season of StudioAmped. The public is invited to attend production of the televised music series, to be recorded live in the station's Jean & Paul Amos Performance Studio at Pensacola State College.

StudioAmped showcases the original music of local and regional artists. All concerts are free. Doors open at 6 p.m. Shows start at 7 p.m. On Thursday, Sept. 27, the Perdido Key based BeachBilly's (T-Bone Montgomery, Mark Sherrill, Dave Caluger James Daniel, Pat McCann) will play a set.

Roadside Glorious, a New Orleans based band featuring Gulf Shores High grads Basch Jernigan (vocals, guitar, harmonica) and Aydan Closson (drums) on Oct. 4.

On Friday, Oct. 5, three soon-to-be-announced artists selected from the Pensacola Beach Songwriters Festival lineup will perform in-the-round. That festival is directed by former Frank Brown Songwriters Festival coordinator Reneda Cross.

Two Island men perish after single engine play crash

Two Pleasure Island residents, George Bancroft Marshall, 40, of Gulf Shores and Bradley John Lafleur, 34, of Orange Beach were pronounced dead at the scene following a single engine plane crash in a sod field near Craft Farms Road, west of Baldwin County Road 65 in Bon Secour, according to Baldwin County police. The crash occurred at 10:15 a.m. on Aug. 4, and Saturday of a possible plane crash in the Bon Secour area of Baldwin County, near Foley. The victims were both pronounced dead on the scene and witnesses reported that the plane was attempting to pick up an advertising banner and crashed almost immediately upon lift-off.

The crash is still under investigation.



Busy September planned at G.S. American Legion

September will be a busy month at Gulf Shores American Legion Post 44, located at 6781 Hwy. 59. Members will honor first responders with a bell ceremony on Sunday, September 9 at 5:30 p.m. On Friday, September 14 the Post will conduct an Air Force tribute to celebrate the 71st birthday. On Friday, September 21, the Legion will honor National POW/MIA Recognition Day, with a POW/MIA table ceremony to honor those that are still missing. Last, for a little fun, the Legion will have a Hoe Down Party - basically a country/western theme night - on Sunday, September 23 from 5-9 p.m. Dress for fun and bring your dancing shoe.

For more Post 44 info, call (251) 948-6119.

Pictured: Post 44 recently hosted a Coast Guard Tribute to celebrate their 228th birthday. The cake was cut by the oldest and youngest Coast Guard veterans in attendance. Derrick Schleiper of Bon Secour, the youngest, is pictured with Keith Felcyn from Gulf Shores.

Free Aug. 25 Purely Paddle Kayak Adventure at Mo's Landing Gulf Shores sponsored event includes geocache treasure hunt

The City of Gulf Shores Recreation Department is pleased to announce a new, exciting event coming to Gulf Shores on Saturday, August 25. Locals and visitors are invited to join us for "Purely Paddle" at Mo's Landing, which is located at 18068 Fort Morgan Road.

Purely Paddle will feature a family-friendly kayak adventure, including leisure paddling, a geocache treasure hunt and some really cool prizes. The event will kick off at 4 p.m. and last until 7 p.m. Food and refreshments will be provided. "The City of Gulf Shores Recreation Department is excited to work in collaboration with Bon Secour National Wildlife Refuge to administer this event for our community," Recreation Manager Nicole Ard said. "Purely Paddle is a great opportunity for you and your family to enjoy a few hours of relaxing quality time mixed with a touch of thrill." Admission for Purely Paddle is free to those who bring their own kayak or \$10 if you choose to rent a kayak. There are limited kayaks available. To ensure a spot, please pre-register at the Bodenhamer Recreation Center or Cultural Center. Please check the "Gulf Shores Recreation Department" Facebook page for weather updates. In the event of rain, Purely Paddle will be made up on Sept. 8. For more information, please call 251-968-9813 or visit www.gulfshoresal.gov.

A photograph of a restaurant interior with large windows overlooking a coastal view at dusk. Several tables are set with white tablecloths, glassware, and silverware. The room is lit with warm, spherical pendant lights and a wall sconce. The text "Voyagers" is written in a large, elegant script font, with "Contemporary Coastal Cuisine" in a smaller, sans-serif font below it.

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Birmingham Audubon saves terns after volleyball playing beachgoers destroy hundreds of eggs on Sand Island

Although the colony of some 600 Least Tern nests took a serious hit, the birds managed to fledge 83 chicks this year

By Jillian Mock
Audubon.org/Outdoor Alabama

On July 10, Emma Rhodes and Andrew Haffenden from Birmingham Audubon's Coastal Programs put-tered out to Sand Island off the coast of Alabama to check for breeding activity. They were astounded by what they saw: a huge Least Tern colony of nearly 600 nests on the two-acre sandy stretch offshore of Dauphin Island in Mobile Bay.

Elation quickly turned to concern, however, when closer inspection revealed that tragedy had struck hun-dreds of eggs in the newly discovered colony—spurring the team to move quickly to safeguard the remaining nests and ensure the surviving eggs had a chance to hatch.

Some of the eggs piled to-gether showed signs of pip-ping, or cracks in the shell made by a chick, and were likely close to hatching before they were moved.

Rhodes and Haffenden found abandoned plastic tent poles, an erected volley-ball net, and about 30 Least Tern eggs stacked in small piles and arranged decoratively around wide mounds of sand. Human hands must have plucked the eggs out of their simple sand nests, likely to clear the beach for a volleyball game, says Katie Barnes, coastal senior biologist for Birmingham Audubon. "It's really hard to imagine how someone could do that to a little egg," she said.

Around the makeshift volley-ball court, Rhodes and Haffenden counted at least 100 abandoned nests—likely an underestimate, as they didn't want to disturb the colony to get a more pre-

cise count. Each nest held one to three dead eggs that had cooked on the sand when the human disturbance forced the parents, whose bodies shield their unhatched young from the hot sun, to flee, Barnes said.

Even just a few hours of exposure to the heat is enough to kill the chicks growing inside eggs, said Roger Clay, a wildlife biologist with the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. Some of the eggs Haffenden and Rhodes saw piled together showed signs of pipping, or cracks in the shell made by a chick, and were likely close to hatching before they were moved.

"What was really sad," Barnes said, "[is] there was a bird that was still trying to incubate her egg in that pile."

Birmingham Audubon lost no time in protecting the remaining nests. Barnes notified the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service because Least Terns are federally pro-protected under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act; the agency has since opened an investigation, led by the Depart-ment of Justice. She also called the state conservation agency, which added the speck of land to its patrol route to keep an eye on the terns and protect against future human interference.

And the following day, she and her team returned to the colony to erect signs (including federal warning signs provided by USFWS) and fence off the colony with neon yellow rope and metal posts. When they left on July 11, the sandbar was still home to some 1,200 ac-tively nesting Least Terns and a handful of Black Skim-mers.

So far, there have been no signs of human activity on the island after they installed the fencing and signs, Barnes says.

Barnes and her team are part of a year-old initiative by Birmingham Audubon to monitor and protect the state's coastal birds, called the Alabama Coastal Bird Stewardship Program. This year, the program has fo-cused on gathering detailed data about where these birds nest and their success. It has been a "tremendous help," Clay said, as the state has limited resources to monitor and protect shorebirds.

The data Birmingham Audubon collected this year show that Least Terns are in a tight spot in the state. While the birds return to mainland beaches year after year to breed, many of their eggs and chicks are eaten by mammalian predators like coyotes and foxes. Even on Dauphin Island, a Globally Important Bird Area con-nected to the mainland by a three-mile bridge, foxes are getting to the terns, says Barnes.

The sandbar where volleyball players disrupted the tern colony, however, is completely disconnected from the mainland and is free of land predators; the birds have to contend only with avian predators like Laugh-ing Gulls. That might be one reason this spot was so popular, Barnes said, drawing some 1,200 adult terns. The birds are still exposed to serious risks, though. Since Birmingham Audubon started monitoring the beach, the shorebirds have been protected from human disturbance, but storm surges and high tides have wiped out an estimated 30 to 40 nests.

When Barnes visited the colony soon after her team discovered it, she was surprised to see many birds still



Bird Stewardship volunteer training Aug. 18 at GSP

The next training session for local volunteers interested in participating as monitors for the Alabama Coastal Bird Stewardship Program will be held on Saturday, August 18, at the Gulf State Park Nature Center (214255 State Park Road 2) from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

For more info, contact Alabama Coastal Foundation Out-reach Coordinator Valerie Longa at 251-990-6002 (vlonga@joinACF.org) or Birmingham Audubon Coastal Pro-grams Coordinator Nicole Love at (nicolelove@birming-hamaudubon.org) or visit joinacf.org.

The ALCBSP program provides critical protection and monitoring of Alabama's sensitive beach nesting birds in Mobile and Baldwin counties. The Program focuses on the Audubon Coastal Bird Survey and continued breeding and overwintering success of 11 focal species of concern and com-plements the work of similar National Audubon Society ini-tiatives in the Gulf of Mexico including Florida, Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas.

The ALCBSP will help the declining populations of shore-birds and water birds by training volunteers to steward and monitor these targeted species and their habitats at key nesting sites along the coast. During the nesting season, vol-unteers are also needed to maintain the health and safety of nesting colonies through public outreach and the installa-tion of symbolic fencing at colony locations.

sitting on eggs rather than raising chicks. They were behind schedule, given that Least Terns typically nest in May and June and start raising and fledging chicks in July. She suspects some of the birds nesting on this island initially tried elsewhere on Alabama's coast; after their first nest failed, they found their way to this colony. Some of these birds may have even started over after volleyball players wrecked their initial nests.

Despite the birds' efforts, they failed to make up for the losses from the volleyball incident and other stres-sors. Just 83 birds fledged out of 600 nests this season, as late as August 2. Even fewer may have survived without the extra surveillance and fencing, Barnes said. The Least Terns have since departed the island.

If this little strip of sand is still there next summer—a big if in the hurricane-prone Gulf of Mexico—Barnes said she's planning on pre-fencing the whole area to head off another beach-day tragedy. Ultimately, she hopes this devastating event will help raise awareness about beach-nesting birds and how to respect their boundaries.

In the first day after Ben Raines first reported about the colony for AL.com, six new volunteers signed up to help Birmingham Audubon monitor beaches for nest-ing shorebirds. Audubon has guides, including Sharing the Shore and the Coastal Bird Stewardship Toolkit, to help other aspiring shorebird stewards.

"The take-home message is our protection helps birds, education helps birds," Barnes said.

Audubon is a nonprofit dedicated to saving birds and the places they need.

Pictured: Juvenile Least Tern recently fledged; Least Tern tending to a newly hatched chick. (Photos by Katie Barnes/Birmingham Audubon)



WHAT'S HAPPENING

THU, AUG 16

- **Flora-Bama Possible Probables:** 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
- **Flora-Bama Bingo:** free; 1-4 p.m.; great prizes, family friendly; 17401 Perdido Key Dr., Perdido Key.
- **Open Mic:** 7; Snapper's; Orange Beach.
- **Rock Bottom w. Rollin' In The Hay:** 5; LuLu Buffett's Rest. at Homeport Marina, Gulf Shores.
- **Gringo Fife:** 6; Tacky Jack's, Orange Beach.
- **Paxton Norris:** 6; Hub Stacey's at the Point; Innerarity Point.
- **Karaoke:** 7; Live Bait Tiki Bar, Orange Beach.
- **Glow Yoga in the Taproom:** 5:30 p.m.; Big Beach Brewing Company; Gulf Shores.
- **Jonathan Newton:** 7; CoastAL; Restaurant, Gulf Shores.
- **LeAnn Creswell & Lisa Zanghi:** 6:30;

Franco's Italian Restaurant; Orange Beach.

- **Karaoke:** 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- **John Lee Sanders:** 6; Voyagers Restaurant at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **John Brust:** 6; The Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke:** 5:30; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- **Karaoke:** 8; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.
- **James Hayden Band:** 9; Our Cigar Bar, Orange Beach.
- **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 7; Papa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **Bridge:** noon; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- **8 Ball APA:** 7:30; The Office, Foley.
- **Rotary Club of Gulf Shores/Orange Beach:** noon; Gulf Shores Golf Club; visiting Rotarians and guests invited; 251-968-2000.
- **Gulf Shores United Methodist Church**

Bread Ministry: 9-10; every Thursday; room 103 on the south campus, next to Crossroad; 251 968-2411.
Adult Bible Study: 10 a.m.; Gulf Shores Presbyterian Church; all welcome; (251) 968-7720.
Orange Beach Bridge Club: Tue. & Thur at noon; Orange Beach Senior Center; visitors and new members welcomed even without a partner; 251-981-3440.
Gulf Shores Library Pre-school (3-5) Story Time: 10:30 a.m.; 251-968-1176
AA: Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

FRI, AUG 17

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

BUSINESS BRIEFS



BELLATOR ACQUIRES TRIPLE OPTION PROPERTIES: Bellator Real Estate & Development announces the acquisition of Triple Option Properties LLC of Foley, Alabama. The acquisition will support the growth of Bellator's commercial and residential sales throughout Baldwin County and surrounding areas. Frank Malone, real estate broker at Bellator Gulf Shores stated, "Triple Option Properties is a young but successful company led by owner and agent Brad Chambers. In Brad, we see growth opportunity and advancement in terms of additional commercial and residential listings for Bellator." The Triple Option Properties team will immediately transition to new locations. Brad Chambers and Norman James Jr. will join Malone and the agents at Bellator's Gulf Shores location. **Pictured:** From left, Bellator Gulf Shores Managing Broker Frank Malone, REALTOR® Brad Chambers, formerly of Triple Option Properties, and Bellator President Troy Wilson stand in front of the Gulf Shore's office sign.



Kim Neal;



Shane Allen; ;



Laurie Farris;



Daniel M. Palmier

HOMESTEAD VILLAGE WELCOMES KIM NEAL: After an extensive search, Community Senior Life is excited to announce **Kim Neal** as the new General Manager for Homestead Village of Fairhope. Neal, a Baldwin County native, joins the Community Senior Life family from Healogics, Inc. at the North Okaloosa Medical Center in Crestview, FL., where she served as Program Director for the Wound Healing Center. Prior to Healogics, Inc., Neal served for seven years as the Director of Marketing & Public Relations with South Baldwin Regional Medical Center in Foley. Neal lives in Fairhope with her husband, Jeff, and daughter, Kaitlyn. Her spare time is always family time and is, as she states, "usually centered around SEC sports!" Neal's first official day with Homestead Village of Fairhope will be Aug. 22.

TWO NEW EXECUTIVES JOIN ONE CLUB GULF SHORES: UC Funds has hired two new professionals for its recently unveiled ONE CLUB Gulf Shores, a luxury resort-style condo with a renovated golf course in Gulf Shores. PGA Professional **Shane Allen** is the new Head Golf Pro and a Class A PGA member. Allen was recently named a Golf Digest Best Teacher in Alabama, Gulf Coast Chapter Teacher of the Year 2017, and has won numerous other awards throughout his career. Prior to joining ONE CLUB Gulf Shores, Allen was a Head Golf Pro at Steelwood Country Club and was Head Coach of Women's Golf at Spring Hill College, where he grew one of the largest junior programs in the Mobile County. Joining Allen is **Laurie Farris**, Director of Property Operations. Most recently, she was an Area Vice President for multifamily owner RAM Partners. Farris specializes in training, leasing, and community management across a variety of asset classes. Farris will bring her community management experiences alongside the new resort amenities added to the new ONE CLUB to help UC Funds orchestrate a one-of-a-kind offering along all of the Emerald Coast. Laurie will begin expanding the ONE CLUB resort's offerings in late summer with the introduction of brand new luxury apartments and condos, a new bar on premise, pickleball, additional pool club amenities, and event and banquet services for the resort.

"Shane's skills in the professional golf world combined with Laurie's operational expertise and ONE CLUB Gulf Shores' new course is sure to make the golfing experience for our residents and outside play unparalleled," said **Daniel M. Palmier**,

President and CEO of UC Funds. "With our renovations and partnerships with nearby attractions, ONE CLUB Gulf Shores is part of 'The Best 45 Holes in Golf.' It attracts local and destination golfers alike with a wonderful play-to-stay atmosphere and our luxury condos and apartments are available to those seeking the best life has to offer 24/7. Shane will only enhance this experience through his level of talent and warm teaching style, whether players are continuing a lifelong golfing hobby or just picking up a club for the first time."

COASTAL ALABAMA CHAMBER NETWORKING EVENT: The Coastal Alabama Chamber of Commerce will host a speed networking event for its members on August 22 from 8-10:30 a.m. at Island House Hotel in Orange Beach. Attendees must commit to arriving on time and staying for the entire program. Seating is limited to 32 members. Completing this registration does not automatically guarantee a slot for this event. Because of the highly structured nature of this event, the chamber reserves the right to limit attendance to one per company and to select participants to ensure diversity of the businesses that attend. For more info, visit mygulf-coastchamber.com.

PERDIDO CHAMBER EARLY RISERS NETWORKING: The next Early-Risers: Breakfast Networking event will be sponsored by the Perdido Key Chamber of Commerce will be held on August 28 at 7 a.m. at the Perdido Key Community Center; located at 15500 Perdido Key Dr. Admission, which includes breakfast is \$10 per person for members and \$15 per person for non-members. This month's sponsor is Friends at the Southwest Branch Library, and the keynote speaker for this Early-Risers breakfast will be Escambia County Environmental Programs Manager, **Tim Day**. The topic for this next breakfast is "Future Development in Perdido Key." Day will be speaking on behalf of the Perdido Conservation Plan and the developmental cap that is currently placed on Perdido Key. Meetings are open to all Chamber members, their employees, and prospective new chamber members. Breakfast will be served, so please mark your calendars now! Plan to attend to enjoy some networking, meet new potential customers, learn invaluable information to help your business grow and hear about what your chamber is doing for you. For more info or to register, visit perdidochamber.com

Tacky Jacks Gulf Shores hosts Sept. 1 Bloody Mary 5K

Tacky Jacks Gulf Shores will host the 4th Annual Bloody Mary 5K Run/Walk on Saturday, September 1 at 7:30 a.m. Race day registration is available for the jaunt out and back through neighborhood streets. Almost 400 runners participated last year, and that number is expected to increase significantly this year.

All the usual awards will be presented along with Team Spirit Awards to kick off the football season. Wear your favorite team colors and be eligible for individual prizes. Pre-race registration is available at active.com.

The race is also the championship for the Harley Sports Summer Series and will offer cash prizes for the first 3 Male & Female Runners based on a point system for all four races in the series.





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- **Rhonda Hart:** 6; Fin & Fork; Orange Beach.
- **Alvarado Road Show:** 5; LuLu Buffett's Rest. at Homeport Marina, Gulf Shores.
- **Christina Christian:** 6:30; Big Beach Brewing Company, Gulf Shores.
- **Greg Lyon:** 6; CoastAL; Restaurant, Gulf Shores.

- **Crosstown:** 7; Hub Stacey's at the Point; Innerarity Point.
- **Pierce Parker Duo:** 6; Tacky Jack's, Orange Beach.
- **Jason Able Project:** 10; CoastAL; Restaurant, Gulf Shores.
- **James Hayden Band:** 9; Our Cigar Bar; Orange Beach.

- **Karaoke:** 7; Live Bait Tiki Bar, Orange Beach.
- **Rat Pack & Motown w. James Proctor & Kathy Lyons:** 5; Franco's; Orange Beach.
- **Rib Eye Dinner to help Veterans and Families:** 5 p.m.; music & dancing at 7 p.m.; American Legion Post 44; Gulf

- Shores.
- **Tangerine Station:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- **JJ Revival Duo:** 7; The Office, Foley.
- **John Lee Sanders:** 6; The Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **Sandra Kaye & The Legends:** 8; Lucky Horseshoe, Fairhope.

- **Open Mic Karaoke w. John Henry:** 5; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- **DJ-Karaoke:** 9; The Jellyfish, Perdido Key.
- **Open Jam:** 8; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.
- **Karaoke:** 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.



Baldwin seniors offered free memory & balance tests

The South Baldwin County based Memory Screening/Balance Testing Group has adopted a name and will not be known as Testing 1, 2, 3. But just as in the past, the group will continue to offer free memory screening and balance testing to local seniors on selected days in Fairhope, Orange Beach, Foley, Daphne and Gulf Shores (see sidebar below).

Part of the National Memory Screening Program administered through the Alzheimer's Foundation of America, Testing 1, 2, 3 has also partnered with Walgreens to offer free flu shots (bring insurance/medicaid cards). Walk ins are welcome and no appointment is necessary. The tests can be performed in 20 minutes or less. Unlike memory loss, seniors do not have to suffer a loss in their balance. Come for the test learn how to improve your balance – simple, at home exercise. Walk-ins are welcome and no appointments are needed. Testing does not diagnose illness or replace the need to see a qualified medical professional.

"Our volunteers stand ready to provide Memory Screenings and Balance Testing at any event held in Baldwin County where a relatively large number of seniors will be in attendance," program coordinator Sam Strite said.

"It only takes about 15 minutes of the participant's time and it is totally free and confidential. Our only requirement is a place where we can conduct our screenings, which must be reasonably quiet and private. We bring all of the necessary materials to conduct the event." (Info: Sam Strite, 965-5122 or samcstrite@gmail.com).

Senior Memory & Balance Testing Fall Schedule

- **Sept 25** – Fairhope; Nix Center, 1 Bayou Dr.; Noon to 4 p.m.
- **Oct 2** – Orange Beach; Community Center, 27235 Canal Rd.; 9 a.m to 1 p.m.
- **Oct 9** – Foley; Civic Center, 407 E Laurel Ave; 9 AM to 1 p.m.
- **Oct 16** – Daphne; Senior Center, 2605 US Hwy 98; 11 AM to 4 p.m.
- **Oct 17** – Gulf Shores; Cultural Center, Bldg C, 19470 Oak Rd, CR 6 W; Noon to 4 p.m.

Background & Info on Baldwin County Memory Screening/Balance Testing

By Sam Strite

For a number of years, the Alzheimer's Foundation of America (a non profit based in NYC, which primarily raises money in support of Alzheimer's care givers and support groups, as opposed to the Alzheimer's Association, which raises money for Alzheimer's medical research), has supported and run a National Memory Screening Program. I have been receiving the AFA newsletter for over 15 years and in 2014 I saw a map they published that showed the locations across the USA where one could go for a free memory screening. I checked Alabama and saw that Huntsville was the only location in Alabama where one could go. I contacted AFA and started one for South Baldwin County. We went 'live' in November 2014 and have been holding screenings each year since – one in October/November, primarily for local people, and one in February, primarily for Snowbirds. We now have over 70 volunteers who support our screening efforts. Balance Testing was added to our program in the fall of 2016 and we can show you how to improve your sense of balance, regardless of your age.

Since we need 'medical professionals' to conduct our memory screenings, we rely on many retired nurses, dental technicians, pharmacists, care givers, etc. Those who are not medical professionals serve as our Greeters and Balance Testers. We have a number of volunteers who are Snowbirds and volunteer to help us after they arrive in the winter. Our events run about 4 hours and with roughly 9 events a year, that is only 36 hours of active screening/testing. During that time we historically screen over 225 people, with the numbers growing each year. We feel that the biggest contribution we make is 92% of the people who come for a screening have never had one before and they do not know whether their memory loss is 'normal' or not. ALL seniors suffer memory loss, particularly short term memory loss. To come and be screened, and then be told that their memory loss is normal, age related memory loss, is a very comforting thing for those who come. For those who fail our test, we tell them that the test is not a diagnostic tool but an indicator of severe memory loss. We give them several forms to take to their doctor for further evaluation. Since memory loss can be caused by a number of factors (other than Dementia), it is important for a person to have a more complete evaluation. Memory loss can be caused by thyroid problems, medicine/drugs, dehydration (common in seniors), chemotherapy and radiation can also cause it. Only a doctor can determine the cause. We call ourselves TESTING 1, 2, 3. We are not a non-profit nor an organization, just a group of volunteers. We do not charge money for our screenings nor accept donations. GlenLakes Golf Course sponsors our events by giving us cards to hand out to participants allowing them to play GlenLakes at any time for a reduced rate. The Alzheimer's Foundation of America provides us with literature and our testing material.

Here are some facts about Alzheimer's:

- It is the 6th leading cause of death in the US and is the only one of the top 10 that is not curable, preventable nor able to be put in remission.
- Over 6 million people in the US now suffer from Alzheimer's, 2/3 of whom are women. It is estimated that there will be 25 million suffering from the disease in 2025, if there are no medical breakthroughs.
- Until 7 years ago, Alzheimer's was not diagnosable as the cause of death without an autopsy. Today, the condition can be diagnosed with a brain scan.
- Dementia is a general term that describes a group of symptoms such as memory loss and judgement/language impairment. It is a permanent and progressive disease. It is very common among the elderly. Alzheimer's is the most common form of Dementia. It is progressive, irreversible and leads to death.
- The cycle of Alzheimer's is roughly 12 years, depending on when it is diagnosed. 12 years would be an early diagnosis and most diagnoses come about the 8th year. The cycle is the length of time from diagnosis to death. It is now possible to diagnose Alzheimer's even earlier than 12 years but a diagnosis would seldom be requested because the symptoms at that point are relatively mild and are similar to normal age related memory loss. Early onset Alzheimer's, which might occur in a person's 50's, generally moves 'faster' than later cases.
- The odds of a healthy woman at age 65 developing Alzheimer's is 1 in 6. For a man, it is 1 in 11. The risk of Dementia doubles every 5 years between 65 and 95 years of age. Alzheimer's in women progresses at a faster rate than in men.
- Early detection of Alzheimer's is thought to be possible by measuring a person's sense of smell and/or through a vision test. Both are still in the study phase.
- Chronic Traumatic Encephalopathy (CTE) is getting a lot of press these days because of the number of football players in the NFL who have suffered from the disease. Over 95% of those who died "early" and had their brain donated to research, suffered from CTE. The symptoms of CTE are almost identical to those of someone with Alzheimer's and many people with CTE are diagnosed with Alzheimer's. Both are diseases where Beta Amyloid Plaque builds up in the brain and eventually 'short circuits' the wiring of the brain. Today, CTE can only be determined by an autopsy since a brain scan cannot differentiate it from Alzheimer's. CTE is caused by repetitive hits to the head. They do not have to be severe blows but it is the multiple blows over years that cause the condition.

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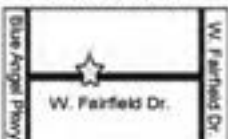
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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Little Pink Houses of Hope returns to Isle Aug. 18-25 Volunteers needed for annual retreat for breast cancer patients

Little Pink Houses of Hope, a non-profit that provides free week long beach retreats for breast cancer patients and their families, will return to Pleasure Island for the fifth time Aug. 18-25.

"We believe a cancer diagnosis not only affects the patient but the entire family. This week offers the families time to relax, reconnect and rejuvenate during their journey," said coordinator Robi Jones. "Little Pink provides all the lodging, meals and activities for the families. The only expense the family has is transportation costs."

The non-profit is in need of volunteers, meals, grocery gift cards, and special items for the families. For more info, go to littlepink.org or contact Jones at robi@littlepink.org or 251-716-1790.

"We are excited to partner with the Orange Beach community in providing this support for these families," Jones said.

WAYS TO HELP

- Join Team Pink, a group of caring individuals who create a memorable week for breast cancer families. Network with local community to help secure in kind donations for retreat. Help create an exciting retreat schedule. Collect gift cards or special items for the families. Support families during the retreat week.
- Help During Retreat Week. Gather your friends, co-workers, or a community group and put together a lunch for these special Little Pink families! Are you crafty and creative? Help create table decorations or a special gift! Do you know the area like the back of your hand? Spend an afternoon with your friends putting together welcome baskets of "all things about your community."



MIRANDA LAMBERT'S MUTTNATION FOUNDATION AT WHARF:

Miranda Lambert chose to work alongside the Baldwin County Humane Society during her tour stop earlier this month at The Wharf Amphitheater. Volunteers collected many supplies through the Fill the Little Red Wagon donation drive while hanging out at Shades, as the retailer invited volunteers and staff to spend all day with them showing off adoptable puppies. Frios set up outside Shades and donated a portion of their delicious popsicle sales to the animals. On Saturday, August 18, the BCHS will conduct its Clear the Shelter Adoption Event from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at Petsense in Foley (located across the street from the Walmart on Hwy 59). For more info about BCHS, visit BaldwinHumane.org.



- **Karaoke:** 8; Snapper's; Orange Beach.
- **Open Mixed Doubles Tennis:** 7:15 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., (In-

nerarity Point) Pensacola.

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

SAT, AUG 18

- **Flora-Bama Possible Probables:** 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
- **Soul Food Junkies:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- **Rhonda Hart:** 7; Fin & Fork; Orange

Beach.

- **Gringo Fife:** 11 a.m.; Tacky Jack's, Orange Beach.
- **Hippie Jim Duo:** 6; Tacky Jack's, Orange Beach.
- **The Defrosters:** 8; International Blues Challenge, Seville Quarter, Pensacola.
- **John Henry Karaoke:** 9; The Office, Foley.
- **Kristi Dees & Bad Juju:** 7; Hub Stacey's at the Point; Innerarity Point.
- **The Defrosters:** 1 p.m.; The Tides Best

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Western Poolside, Orange Beach.

• **The Chillbillies:** 6:30; Big Beach Brewing Company, Gulf Shores.

• **Southern Star:** 6:30; American Legion Post 44; Foley.

• **Johnny Barbato:** 5; Pirates Cove, Josephine.

• **Alvarado Road Show:** 5; LuLu Buffett's Rest. at Homeport Marina, Gulf Shores.

• **Al & Cathy:** 6; CoastAL; Restaurant, Gulf Shores.

• **JoJo Press:** 10; CoastAL; Restaurant, Gulf Shores.

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

• **James Hayden Band:** 9; Our Cigar Bar, Orange Beach.

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

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

• **Karaoke:** 7; Live Bait Tiki Bar, Orange Beach.

• **Karaoke By Kelly:** 9; Island Time Daquari Bar, The Wharf, Orange Beach.

• **Karaoke:** 8; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.

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

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

• **Baldwin County Genealogical Society:** 10 a.m.; public invited; Foley Library; 319 East Laurel Ave.

• **Optimist Club of Perdido Bay:** breakfast every Saturday at 7 a.m. at the Lillian Community Club

Pat Crumby Labor Day Dance Sept. 3 in Loxley

The last Pat Crumby Summer Holiday Dance for 2018 will be on Labor Day, September 3 from 2-5 p.m. at the Loxley Civic Center. Cost is \$10 per person for the BYOB event, and dancers & listeners are welcome to attend. For more info, call 251-623-9183.

Local well-known entertainers, Roger & Elaine Beasley will perform music from the 50s, 60s & 70s for fans of waltz, foxtrot, swing, rumba and cha-cha.

Pictured: Area dancers celebrated July 4th while dancing at the Loxley Civic Center during this popular annual Pat Crumby Holiday Dance. Attendees were encouraged to show their colors by wearing red-white & blue. The event was hosted by Denise Blanda, Roy Walker & Rose Reid.



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greased 9x13 pan. Sprinkle morsels on top; place in 200

degree oven for 5 min., or until morsels soften. Spread

softened morsels until blended to form a frosting. Cool,

cut into bars. **Enjoy!**



Run/Walk For Prostate Cancer Awareness Sept. 8 at Ole River Grill

The Flora~Bama Ole River Grill will be host the 5th Annual 5.8k Run/Walk for Prostate Cancer Awareness On September 8. The run starts at the 7:30 a.m. out in front of The Flora~Bama Ole River Grill and runs West on Perdido Beach Blvd. to the Perdido Pass Bridge and back. The event is to raise awareness to protect the men in our lives and donate to the Prostate Cancer Foundation (PCF), the leading philanthropic organization funding and accelerating research globally.

Participants can register at active.com. The entry fees are \$30 until 4 a.m. on Sept 8 and \$35 on race day. Register by Aug. 25 to be sure you receive a T-shirt. Registered participants receive free burgers & beer for the post-race at the Flora~Bama River Grill. There will be chance drawings post-race. For more information please visit simonsaysrun.org or email gin@simonsaysrun.org.

The theme is Hero up and Support your Supermen and participants are asked to come dressed as a hero.

The event raised \$7,500 for the PFC last year and has raised \$25,260 in the past four years.



Path to Peace Christian Gathering Oct. 7 at Foley United Methodist



Path to Peace Christian Witness to Racial Reconciliation, will host a gathering of God's children from black, white and hispanic churches to reflect on the Christian call to reconciliation between races with music, worship and reflection on Oct. 7 from 3:30-5 p.m. at the Spirit Center at Foley United Methodist Church (915 Pine St.). The event is free and open to everyone.

The Path To Peace movement facilitates personal friendships across racial boundaries through engaging community events and activities. For more info, email pathtopeacesouthbaldwinco@gmail.com

Pictured: Representatives from local churches planning the Path to Peace Gathering on Oct. 7.



TIME TRAVEL THROUGH ART ENROLLMENT: The Coastal Art Center in Orange Beach is currently accepting students for its After School and Home School Arts Program Time Travel Through Art. Classes meet for 12 weeks on Tuesdays starting September 4 for students in grades 3-6. Cost is \$150. Students will make interesting and creative works of art each week, including glass works, pottery and sandcastles. Each class will begin with a snack and a brief introduction to an artist, an art genre, or an art form. More info: : 251-981-2787.

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• **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, AUG 19

• **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.

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

• **Kyle Brady:** 11 a.m.; Tacky Jack's, Orange Beach.

• **Porch Ninjas:** 4 p.m.; Big Beach Brewing Company, Gulf Shores.

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

• **Smokey Otis:** 6; CoastAL; Restaurant, Gulf Shores.

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

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

• **Dinner & Dance w. Music Man and Co.:** 5; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.

• **Lisa Zanghi:** 6; The Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.

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

• **Karaoke:** 7; Live Bait Tiki Bar, Orange Beach.

• **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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WHAT'S HAPPENING



Pirates Cove, 'Bama listed among nation's top 21 beach bars

Both Perdido Key's Flora-Bama and Josephine's Pirates Cove were included in a recent Thrillist.com profile of the 21 Best Beach Bars in America. The list included bars from Alaska to Hawaii.

The online magazine described the Flora-Bama (**below**) as an unrefined treasure. "This iconic roadhouse on the sand looks like the result of M.C. Escher's Redneck Period, with staircases, hallways, bars, and music stages all arranged with no apparent order, but still in perfect harmony," it stated. "Bikers, sailors, and snowbirds drink bushwhackers side-by-side with nary a mention of any of their differences."

"Those bushwhackers there, they'll put a hurtin' on ya," the online mag wrote about Pirates Cove (**above**). "Driving to Pirates Cove isn't advisable, both because of the aforementioned hurtin' the drinks put on you. Add in an off-leash dog area and a menu with one of the best burgers in the state, and you've got a must-hit if you're ever on the Alabama coast."



31st Coastal Cleanup Sept. 15 on AL. & FL. Coasts

Coastal Alabama and Perdido Key will both host Coastal Cleanups, on Saturday, September 15 from 8 a.m. until noon.

Residents, visitors, individuals and organizations are invited to "get the trash out of the splash" by picking up trash littering Alabama



and Florida coasts and waterways. Volunteers are needed on foot and on water for Alabama's largest one-day volunteer event.

"Turn The Tide On Trash" is the theme for Perdido Key's participation in the International Coastal Cleanup Day. Volunteers are asked to assemble at 8 a.m. at the Perdido Key State Park West Usage Area to help keep Perdido's granite white beaches clean and beautiful.

The Perdido Key cleanup is co-sponsored by The Perdido Key Assn., The Friends of Pensacola State Parks, and the staff at Perdido Key State Park.

Alabama Coastal Cleanup is supported by the Weeks Bay Foundation, Thompson Engineering, and Alabama Coastal Foundation.

In 2016, over 4,200 volunteers collected close to 36,700 pounds of trash from cleanup sites located from Gulf Shores to Dauphin Island.

Since trash totals were collected at the first Alabama Coastal Cleanup in 1987, more than 800 tons of trash have been collected and disposed of properly thank to more than 80,000 volunteers.

Volunteers are needed at 30 different cleanup sites in Mobile and Baldwin counties. Alabama Coastal Cleanup provides a t-shirt and clean up supplies to participants. For more info, go to AlabamaCoastalCleanup.com or call (251) 928-9792.

- **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.
- **Lisa Zanghi:** 6; The Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **Lee Yankie:** 6; CoastAL; Restaurant, Gulf Shores.
- **Frankie G. & Leann Creswell:** 6:30; Franco's Italian Restaurant; Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke:** 7; Live Bait Tiki Bar, Orange Beach.
- **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 7; Papa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **Bridge:** noon; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- **Bingo:** 6; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- **Open Mixed Doubles Tennis:** 7:15 a.m.; all levels welcome; Gulf Shores Tennis Center; corner of West 19th Ave. and West 2nd St.
- **8 Ball League:** 7:30; The Office, Foley.

- **Celebrate Recovery:** (Christ centered 12 step program); Monday evenings at 6 p.m.; Christian Life Church in Orange Beach; 251-967-4840.
- **Overeaters Anonymous:** 6; Holy Spirit Episcopal Church; Gulf Shores, 616 Ft. Morgan Rd.; 251-709-5907.
- **T.O.P.S. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly):** weigh-in 5:30; meeting 6; First Presbyter-ian 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, AUG 21

- **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.
- **Free Line Dance Lessons With Lori:** 6; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- **Shea White:** 6; CoastAL; Restaurant,



Bulls on the Beach back at Flora-Bama Sept. 7-8

The Flora-Bama Lounge, the world-famous, beachfront roadhouse known for music festivals and the Interstate Mullet Toss, kicks off the fall with Bulls on Beach on Sept. 7-8. This family-fun and high-energy show features cowboys trying to tame more than 2,000 pounds of bucking bull in less than 8 seconds. This invitation only rodeo has professional riders vying for prize money and a chance to compete in the Southeastern Circuit Finals.

Doors open at 6 p.m. and the rodeo runs from 8-9:45 p.m. with plenty of fun for the whole family, including live music, youth cowboys riding bucking ponies, mechanical bull riding and plenty of food and drinks. This event is free for children 6 and younger, \$15 per day or \$20 both days for ages 7-17, \$25 per day or \$40 both days for adults.

Mechanical bull riding takes place before and after the rodeo each night. Also enjoy the Sept. 6 Meet the Cowboys event where fans can get up close to the professional wranglers, including local favorites Cody Harris and Chris "Booger" Brown, both stars of INSP Network's "The Cowboy Way" from 6-9 p.m. across the street, at Flora-Bama's Ole River Grill. Autographs and photos will be from 6-7 p.m., then stick around for dinner and drinks.

A portion of the proceeds will benefit St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, whose mission is to advance cures, and means of prevention, for pediatric catastrophic diseases through research and treatment. Tickets are available now at florabama.com or in the Flora-Bama Gift Shop from Sept. 3-8.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING



\$5K to the winner of Bama's Sept. 1 bikini contest

In addition to live music from rotating bands on three stages and food choices from royal red shrimp to burgers to BBQ, Labor Day weekend at the Flora-Bama will include the grand finale of the Flora-Bama Bikini Contest on Labor Day Saturday, Sept. 1, at 3 p.m. The top three finishers in the Miss Mullet Toss, Miss Memorial Day and Miss Firecracker Bikini Contests will return to compete for the grand prize of \$5000. The Flora-Bama is located on the Gulf of Mexico at the Al-FI state line. For a full listing of the Flora-Bama music line-up and activities turn to pages 32-33.

Beginners' Couch to 5K training starts Aug. 20

Back by popular demand, the Couch to 5K program is a training series for absolute beginners and will get you from the couch to 5K in only 9 weeks! Our goal is to have you ready to jog/run for the target race, the Haunted Hustle on October 19. Training begins on Monday, August 20 - Wednesday, October 17. Classes are held every Monday & Wednesday night from 6-7 p.m.

There is a member and non-member rate for participation. Cost includes the class fee, race entry, t-shirt and a goody bag: \$50 - Full Members & \$60 Non-Members.

Holly Cade, fitness coordinator for the City of Gulf Shores, is your instructor for this course and has the plan to see you through the finish line. Register at the David L. Bodenhamer Center or online at gulfshoresal.gov/recreation-registration.

Gulf Shores.

- **Lefty Atkins:** 5; LuLu Buffett's Rest. at Homeport Marina, Gulf Shores.
- **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **Frankie G. On Piano:** 6:30; Franco's Italian Restaurant; Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke:** 7; Live Bait Tiki Bar, Orange Beach.
- **Yoga In The Taproom:** 6; Big Beach Brewing Company; Gulf Shores.
- **Lisa Christian:** 6; Sunset Cork Room, Gulf Shores.
- **Open Mic Karaoke:** 5; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.
- **Open Mic Karaoke w. John Henry:** 5; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- **John Brust:** 6; The Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **Bowling Tourney:** 7; Snapper's; Orange Beach.
- **JW Karaoke:** 6; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.

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

- **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



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WHAT'S HAPPENING

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

Shores.
• Frankie G. On Piano: 6:30; Franco's Italian Restaurant; Orange Beach.
• Adam Holt: 5; LuLu Buffett's Rest. at Homeport Marina, Gulf Shores.
• John Brust: 6; The Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
• John Lee Sanders: 6; Voyagers Restaurant at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
• Brent Burns: 5; Fin & Fork; Orange Beach.
• Sandra Kaye & The Legends: 7:30; CoastAL; Gulf Shores.
• Karaoke: 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
• Karaoke w. Cindy & Mary: 5; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
• West Coast Swing Dance: 7; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.
• Karaoke w. Aaron Phillips: 6; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
• Karaoke: 7; Live Bait Tiki Bar, Orange Beach.
• 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: 7:15 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



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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Gulf State Park earns Attraction of the Year honors

Three miles of white sand beaches siren call to vacationers from around the world

Gulf State Park in Gulf Shores was honored Monday night by the Alabama Tourism Department as the 2018 Attraction of the Year. The three miles of white sand beaches at Gulf State Park act as a siren call to vacationers from around the world, but it is because park staff and volunteers provide so much more through their hospitality, educational opportunities and recreational offerings that the park earned this award.



Recent Gulf State Park improvements include restored and expanded sand dunes, new Interpretive Center and a Learning Campus that will be enjoyed by thousands of visitors each year. The approximately 6,500-acre park is made up of nine ecosystems and features 28 miles of walking and biking trails.

The Lodge at Gulf State Park, set to open in November, is a model of resilient, environmentally friendly coastal development where connectivity to the outdoors is a central focus. Designed to meet LEED Gold and SITES Platinum Certifications, the lodge will have 350 rooms and

40,000 square feet of indoor and outdoor event space. The Lodge at Gulf State Park also features the largest beach view ballroom on the Gulf Coast, accommodating groups of up to 1,000, a Gulf-front pool and Gulf-front restaurant with house-prepared and locally sourced regional specialties.

The naturalists based at the Lodge and Gulf State Park Campground will be available to share information on coastal environments with guests, helping to fulfill the Alabama State Parks System educational goals.

The Alabama Tourism Department lauded Gulf State Park, saying, "The park sets a benchmark of economic and environmental sustainability by demonstrating best practices for outdoor recreation, education and accommodations."

Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Commissioner Chris Blankenship praised Gulf State's staff and many volunteers for being the reason for the honor. "Our employees and dedicated volunteers work incredibly hard to make Gulf State Park the best it can be," he said. "This park is one of the jewels of our entire system and we're honored to receive the award from the Alabama Tourism Department for 2018 and we expect the next year to be even better with the opening of the new Lodge and Conference Center this November."

Alabama State Parks Director Greg Lein, in accepting the honor, pointed out other accolades Gulf State Park received in 2018.

"In recent years, Gulf State Park has been recognized by its customers for its excellent service through certificates awarded by TripAdvisor.com," Lein said. "This year Gulf State Park received three of these awards and was inducted into TripAdvisor's Hall of Fame for receiving such awards over five consecutive years."

"These achievements by staff and volunteers, coupled with the investments in new amenities such as trails, education facilities and the rebuilding of our Lodge at Gulf State Park, have made the park an attractive setting for the recruitment of new business partners like Valor Hospitality and Hilton Hotels and Resorts."

Pictured: Alabama Gov. Kay Ivey and Alabama State Parks Director Greg Lein pose with Attraction of the Year award.

- **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 Adult Activity Center, 300 E. 16th Avenue; 251-968-2823.
- **AA:** Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

THU, AUG 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.

- **Connect to your Coast Fundraiser For The AL Coastal Foundation:** 11am-8pm; Big Beach Brewing Company, Gulf Shores.
- **Open Mic:** 7; Snapper's; Orange Beach.
- **LeAnn Creswell & Lisa Zanghi:** 6:30; Franco's Italian Restaurant; Orange Beach.
- **Hippie Jim:** 6; Tacky Jack's, Orange Beach.
- **Jonathan Newton:** 7; CoastAL; Restaurant, Gulf Shores.
- **John Lee Sanders:** 6; Voyagers Restaurant at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange

Beach.

- **Greg Lyon:** 6; Hub Stacey's at the Point; Innerarity Point.
- **Bridge:** noon; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- **Karaoke:** 7; Live Bait Tiki Bar, Orange Beach.
- **John Brust:** 6; Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke:** 5:30; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- **Karaoke:** 8; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.
- **Karaoke:** 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.24
- **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 8; Pappa



AL Coastal Foundation social Aug. 23 at Big Beach

Join the Alabama Coastal Foundation at Big Beach Brewing in Gulf Shores on



Thursday, August 23 from 11 a.m. - 8 p.m. For each beer sold during the event, \$1 will be

donated to support ACF's important work!

For this event, Big Beach Brewing is naming one of their beers a "Share the Beach Lagerhead" in honor of it being sea turtle nesting season.

"These outreach events are a free, fun, and an easy way for people to learn how they can help protect our precious coastal environment," said ACF Director Mark Berte. "Come by to say hi."

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WHAT'S HAPPENING



Cellist Della Grigsby at Foley Library Sept. 6

By **Melanie J. Schnieders**

Della Grigsby, the cellist with pizzazz, will be returning to the Foley Public Library on Thursday, Sept 6 for a 1 hour performance, 6:30-7:30 p.m. in the upstairs meeting room. Della performed at the library last September and received great reviews from our patrons. We are pleased to announce she is returning for a second year.

Della comes to us from the Pensacola area, but has played internationally. She performed in the Kings Chamber at the Great Pyramid of Giza with 'Interior Time' (new age quartet) and at Festival Interceltique (Lorient, France) with 'Astronique', an astronaut Celtic band. Her most recent international activity took her to Loja, Ecuador where she played in the Symphonica de Loja and taught at the Festival Internacional de Musica.

Della is a fusion cellist. She is classically trained but is one of a relatively small group of cellists around the country who specializes in standards, jazz, and blues, country western, island funk and anything else that tickles her fancy.

Please join us for this truly unique performance with Della Grigsby. Space is limited and reservations are required. Please call 251-943-7665 to reserve a spot. For more information, please visit foleylibrary.org.



Menke Named O.B. Lifeguard Of Year

Johnny Menke has been named the 2018 Orange Beach Surf Rescue Lifeguard of the Year, an award that was voted on by his peers. Orange Beach Safety Division Chief Brett Lesinger is pictured presenting Menke with the award, which was created by glass blower Kerry Parks of the Coastal Art Center.

As of August 5, Orange Beach lifeguards performed 178 rescues in 2018, including 45 in August. Lifeguards are there for the public's protection, but Surf Rescue asks all visitors to please inquire about beach safety before you and your family go out into the Gulf.

Beach flag information is readily available each day by calling our surf/beach condition info line at 251-981-SURF (7873).



Shark fishing days continue Aug 19, 21, 26 & 28 at GSP Pier

The Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources has added August dates for managed shark fishing at the Gulf State Park Saltwater Fishing Pier in Gulf Shores. Shark fishing will be allowed on the south end of the pier – called the octagon – from 7 p.m. until 7 a.m. on August 12, 14, 19, 21, 26 and 28. The s the next morning on the selected Sundays and Tuesdays.

The octagon will close to routine use 30 minutes prior to these events, and reopen to routine use 30 minutes following them. During the events, the octagon area of the pier will be designated for the exclusive use of participating anglers and their designated assistants. The remainder of the pier will be open to anglers and other pier guests as normal.

The August managed shark-fishing events will allow for 15 anglers per occasion, with no more than one rod and reel per angler in use. Each angler may have one additional assistant, and anglers are encouraged to assist one another while fishing. This allows for a maximum of 30 individuals on the octagon area during each event.

Angler gear shall allow for larger reel sizes, but otherwise remain the same as provided for under existing pier rules, and anglers are required to provide their own gear.

Registration for the shark-fishing events is ongoing and anglers will continue to be selected in the order in which applications are received. To register for participation, visit www.alapark.com/shark-fishing. Applicants will need to provide contact information for notification of selection and will be notified a week or more in advance of the date for which they have been selected. For more info, visit alapark.com.

Pictured: This spinner shark was caught during a previous shark-fishing event. (Photo by David Rainer)



Foley Garden Club meets Sept. 20 at Foley Library

At the recent Foley Garden Club meeting, Melissa McCarty presented a very informative program on Butterfly Milkweed. Join the garden club at the next meeting on September 20, at 12:30 p.m. at the Foley Library.

At the September meeting, members will discuss plans for the fall and winter. For this meeting, only, bring a box lunch and a drink. Refreshments are provided at other meetings by the members.

Pictured: Master Gardener, Melissa McCarty and club president Gayle Floyd.

Rocco's; Gulf Shores.

- **James Hayden Band:** 9; Our Cigar Bar, Orange Beach.
- **8 Ball APA:** 7:30; The Office, Foley.
- **Bingo:** 10 a.m.; American Legion Post 44, 6781 Gulf Shores Pkwy (AL Hwy 59), Gulf Shores.
- **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; 251-968-2000.
- **Gulf Shores United Methodist Church Bread Ministry:** 9-10; every Thursday; room 103 on the south campus, next to Crossroad; 251 968-2411.
- **South Alabama Senior Travelers:** 9 a.m.; Foley Senior Center; visitors welcome; 251-928-4494.
- **South Baldwin Amateur Radio Club:** 7 p.m. 4th Thurs. of every month; Baldwin County Emergency Operations Center, McAuliffe Rd., Robertsdale; 251-943-2953.
- **Bingo:** Bear Point Civic Association on Bay La Launch Rd. in Orange Beach; doors open at 6:30 p.m., games at 7 p.m.; hotdogs, drinks and snacks available; all invited; 981-5734.
- **Orange Beach Bridge Club:** Tue. & Thur at noon; Orange Beach Senior Center; visitors and new members welcomed even without a partner; 251-981-3440.
- **AA:** Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

FRI, AUG 24

- **Flora-Bama Possible Probables:** 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33); Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
- **Flora-Bama Bingo:** free; 1-4 p.m.; great prizes, family friendly; 17401 Perdido Key Dr., Perdido Key.
- **People's Friends:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- **Mike Diamond:** 6; CoastAL; Restaurant, Gulf Shores.
- **David Chastang & The Long Road Home:** 10; CoastAL; Restaurant, Gulf Shores.
- **The Defrosters:** 8; International Blues Challenge, Seville Quarter, Pensacola.
- **Matt Bush with Vickie Bailey 7;** The Office, Foley.



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11TH NEVER FORGET LUNCH AT ORIGINAL OYSTER HOUSE: The Original Oyster House restaurants will honor Mobile and Baldwin County law enforcement, firefighters, paramedics and sheriff officers by offering a free "Never Forget" Lunch at either the Gulf Shores or Mobile Causeway location on Tuesday Sept. 11 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The 11th Annual Never Forget Lunch was established by the Original Oyster House restaurants in honor of the 9/11 First Responders who risked their lives to save, protect and serve and in recognition of all first responders for their service. "Let's never forget the brave men and women that went above and beyond that tragic day in history. Please join us on Sept. 11th anytime between 11 am to 4 pm. Just show your ID or better yet wear your uniform so we may recognize you with a handshake," stated **David Dekle**, co-founder of the Original Oyster House restaurants. In memory of 9/11, LifeSouth Community Blood Centers, a 501(c) 3 non-profit community blood supplier, will also be on hand at the Mobile Causeway location for blood donations. Visit originaloysterhouse.com or call 251-928-2620 for more info. **Pictured:** First responders at the 2017 Never Forget Lunch.

- **Sugarcane Jane:** 6:30; Big Beach Brewing Company, Gulf Shores.
- **Freeway 98:** 6; Hub Stacey's at the Point; Innerarity Point.
- **Mac Walter:** 6; Tacky Jack's, Orange Beach.
- **The Groovinators:** 5; LuLu Buffett's Rest. at Homeport Marina, Gulf Shores.
- **Rhonda Hart:** 6; Fin & Fork; Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke:** 7; Live Bait Tiki Bar, Orange Beach.
- **Rib Eye Dinner to help Veterans and Families:** 5 p.m.; music & dancing at 7 p.m.; American Legion Post 44; Gulf Shores.
- **Sandra Kaye & The Legends:** 8; Lucky Horseshoe, Fairhope.
- **Rat Pack & Motown w. James Proctor & Kathy Lyons:** 5; Franco's; Orange Beach.
- **John Lee Sanders:** 6; Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke w. John Henry:** 5; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- **Karaoke:** 8; Snapper's; Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke:** 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- **James Hayden Band:** 9; Our Cigar Bar, Orange Beach.
- **Open Jam:** 8; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.
- **Open Mixed Doubles Tennis:** 7:15 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, AUG 25

- **Flora-Bama Possible Probables:** 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
- **John Brust:** 6; The Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **Rhonda Hart:** 7; Fin & Fork; Orange Beach.
- **Bill Barrow and the Westside Players:** 5; Pirates Cove, Josephine.
- **Jerry Gambino:** 11 a.m.; Tacky Jack's, Orange Beach.
- **Beave & Cleave:** 6; Tacky Jack's, Orange Beach.
- **Crackerjack Diamonds:** 6:30; Big Beach Brewing Company, Gulf Shores.
- **Southern Star:** 6:30; American Legion Post 44; Foley.
- **Knee Deep Band:** 9; The Office, Foley.
- **The Reunion Band:** 7; Hub Stacey's at the Point; Innerarity Point.
- **The Defrosters:** 1 p.m.; The Tides Best Western Poolside, Orange Beach.
- **Lee Yankie:** 6; CoastAL; Restaurant, Gulf Shores.
- **Yeah Probably:** 5; LuLu Buffett's Rest. at Homeport Marina, Gulf Shores.
- **Ja' Rhythm:** 10; CoastAL; Restaurant, Gulf Shores.
- **Lefty Collins:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- **Brent Burns:** 5; Fin & Fork, Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke:** 7; Live Bait Tiki Bar, Orange Beach.
- **Rat Pack & Motown w. James Proctor**

- **Kathy Lyons:** 5; Franco's; Orange Beach.
- **Bingo:** 6; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores, open to public.
- **Karaoke By Kelly:** 9; Island Time Daquari Bar, The Wharf, 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.

SUN, AUG 26

- **Central Flora-Bama Church:** Church experiences, 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.; Flora-



OPTIMIST CLUB OF PERDIDO BAY LUNCHEON/FASHION SHOW: The members of the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay recently hosted the 10th Annual Luncheon/Fashion Show featuring fashions from Cato in Foley. After a prayer by Dr. Melvin Whitehurst, the event continued with a buffet lunch featuring a variety of dishes supplied by members and friends. Member Carolyn Armstrong sang "Stars Fell on Alabama" before the fashion show began. Models were Rose Adams, Carolyn Armstrong, Jane Foster, Caroline Mack and Lorraine Standish. Music was provided by Julie Adams. Chairman of the event was Liz Whitehurst. In the welcome, Optimist member Sally McKinney informed the guests about the organization whose mission is "Bringing Out the Best in Kids." The Optimist Club donates approximately \$30,000 to local organizations that help children achieve their highest potential. The Optimist Club of Perdido Bay meets at 8 a.m. every Saturday morning in the Lillian Community Club. Each week guest speakers attend to inform members about everything from health tips to fun activities in Baldwin County to dog rescue. Guests are welcome. **Pictured:** The Optimist Club of Perdido Bay hosted the 10th Annual Luncheon/Fashion Show to benefit the children of Baldwin County. The event featured apparel provided by Cato of Foley. Pictured are Cato Manager Patricia Washington, Models Caroline Mack, Lorraine Standish, Rose Adams, Jane Foster, Carolyn Armstrong and fashion narrator Cindy Brill.

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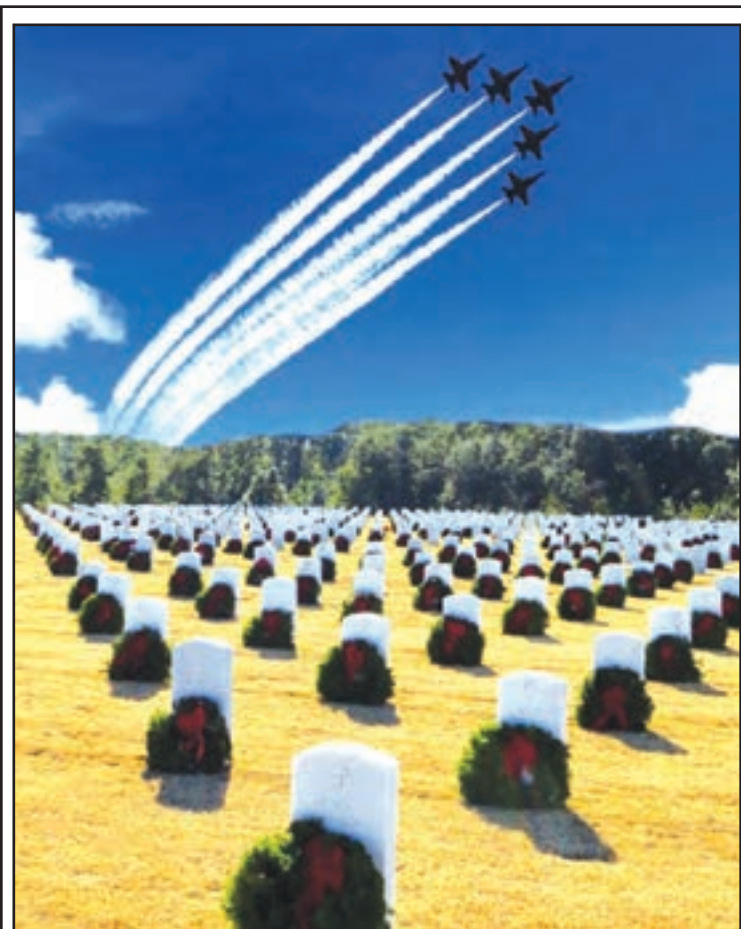
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Big Lagoon Kiwanians accepting sponsors for Wreaths Across America

The Kiwanis Club of Big Lagoon is well into the planning for its annual Wreaths Across America program, part of a nationwide charity that delivers wreaths to all 50 states. Big Lagoon Kiwanians solicit memorial wreath sponsorships specifically for Barrancas National Cemetery onboard NAS in Pensacola and will place the wreaths on veterans' headstones in December on National Remembrance Day. Every year, the club organizes the distribution of over 12,000 wreaths with the help of volunteers, including youth groups.

The goal is to not only to honor the brave men and women who have fought for our country but also to teach young people about the sacrifices veterans have made throughout history. The Barrancas Cemetery is the resting place for a variety of troops, including 251 African-American soldiers who fought for the Union during the Civil War.

For more info, call (850) 207-1217.



Bama Tent Stage, Perdido Key.

- **Unity Church Beach Service:** 9:45 a.m.; The Royal Oyster, Hwy. 59, three blocks from beach in Gulf Shores.
- **Flora-Bama Possible Probables:** 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
- **Mary Alice Perez:** 4; Big Beach Brewing Company, Gulf Shores.
- **Three Bean Soup:** 5; LuLu Buffett's Rest. at Homeport Marina, Gulf Shores.
- **Smokey Otis:** 6; CoastAL; Restaurant, Gulf Shores.
- **Lisa Christian:** 4 p.m.; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- **Rat Pack & Motown w. James Proctor & Kathy Lyons:** 5; Franco's; Orange Beach.
- **Music Man & Company:** 5; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- **Dinner & Dance w. Music Man and Co.:** 5; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- **Lisa Zanghi:** 6; The Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke:** 7; Live Bait Tiki Bar, Orange Beach.

- **John Lee Sanders:** 6; Voyagers Restaurant at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke:** 5; Monthly Birthday Potluck; American Legion Post 99, Foley.
- **John Joiner & Friends:** 4; Hub Stacey's at the Point; Innerarity Point.
- **Blind Draw Dart Tournament:** 5; American Legion Post 99, Foley.
- **9 Ball APA:** 6; The Office, Foley.

MON, AUG 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.
- **Trivia at Big Beach:** 7 p.m.; Big Beach Brewing Company, Gulf Shores.
- **Brittney Grimes:** 6; CoastAL; Restaurant, Gulf Shores.
- **Lisa Zanghi:** 6; The Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **Frankie G. & LeAnn Creswell:** 6:30; Franco's Italian Restaurant; Orange Beach.

Beach.

- **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **Karaoke:** 7; Live Bait Tiki Bar, Orange Beach.
- **Open Mixed Doubles Tennis:** 7:15 a.m.; all levels welcome; Gulf Shores Tennis Center; corner of West 19th Ave. and West 2nd St.
- **Bridge:** noon; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- **Bingo:** 6; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores, open to public.
- **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

Powerlifting Classic II Sept. 8 at Orange Beach Event Center

The Alabama Gulf Coast Powerlifting Classic II returns to Orange Beach on Saturday, Sept. 8, for a competition limited to 60 lifters beginning at 9 a.m. at the Orange Beach Event Center (4671 Wharf Pkwy.). Events include full power, bench only, deadlift only and Categories are Raw, Classic Raw and Single Ply.

The Classic is a qualifier for 2018 Drug Tested IPL World Powerlifting, Benchpress, Deadlift Championship scheduled Nov 8-11 in Las Vegas. For more info, contact meet director Charlie Lyons at (205) 292-8059 or Charlielyons37@yahoo.com.

Pleasure Isle Junior Woman's Club Membership Luau Aug. 23 at Bayes

The Pleasure Island Junior Woman's Club will host its 2018 Membership Luau on Thursday, Aug. 23 from 6-8 p.m. at Bayes Southern Bar and Grill, located at the Wharf (4673 West Wharf Parkway) in Orange Beach. Join the club membership for its free, annual, ladies only, membership luau. Come out and enjoy dinner, drinks, and a little live music. Club members will share how they work to serve the community, and how you can also become a part of the club. (Hawaiian attire optional). More info: pleasureislandjwc@gmail.com or pleasureislandjwc.com

OBPD seeks participants for 2018 Citizens' Police Academy

The Orange Beach Police Department is seeking participants for its 2018 Citizens' Police Academy to be held Sept. 11 to Oct. 23. The classes are free and will be held each Tuesday evening from 6 to 8 p.m.

The academy is designed to provide the Orange Beach community with an overview of the department's operations and the increased level of understanding and cooperation between the community and officers.

A number of topics will be presented and include the following: Patrol Operations; Narcotics; Investigations; K9/Crisis Negotiations Police Records/Dispatch; Officer Training Program; Traffic / DUI Enforcement; School Resource Officer Program; Marine Division Intelligence Division.

Classes will be held at the Orange Beach Police Department, 4480 Orange Beach Blvd. Anyone interested in participating must be at least 18 years of age and a background check will be completed on applicants prior to acceptance.

Applications may be obtained at the Orange Beach Police Department front desk or by contacting Cpl. Joey Brown at 251-923-5805. Applications must be turned in by Friday, August 24.

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Anchored Beach Fest Aug. 18 at Orange Beach Event Center

Local churches, businesses, and nonprofits will come together once again to celebrate community and worship among friends at the Anchored Beach Fest on Saturday, August 18 at the Orange Beach Event Center. Doors open at 3 p.m. with the fest running from 4 to 8 p.m. In addition to food, fun and fellowship, the family-friendly event, hosted by Orange Beach United Methodist Church, will include worship music by Noah Cleveland and Joshua Aaron and guest speakers Travis Crim and Clayton Jennings. There will also be retail vendors and nonprofit resource information.

For info, e-mail anchoredbeachfest@gmail.com or visit the Anchored Beach Fest Facebook page at [facebook.com/anchoredbeach.fest](https://www.facebook.com/anchoredbeach.fest). The O.B. Event Center is located at 4671 Wharf Pkwy.



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Bay UMC Activities Center; 13660 Innerarity Pt. Rd.; 850-492-3056 or 492-6362.

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

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

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

TUE, AUG 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.

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

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

• **Bruce Smelley:** 6; CoastAL; Restaurant, Gulf Shores.

• **Brandon White & Stan Foster:** 5; LuLu Buffett's Rest. at Homeport Marina, Gulf Shores.

• **Lisa Christian:** 6; Sunset Cork Room, Gulf Shores.

• **Free Line Dance Lessons With Lori:** 6; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.

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

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

• **Karaoke:** 7; Live Bait Tiki Bar, Orange Beach.

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

• **Open Mic Karaoke:** 5; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.

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

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

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

• **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 Parker at 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 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.

• **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 Tues-

days 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, AUG 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

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SIRENS OF THE SEA FOOTBALL TAILGATING DRAWDOWN SEPT. 21: Sirens of the Sea, a local women's Mardi Gras Krewe, are making great strides in the preparation of their upcoming Fall Fundraiser, the 2nd Annual Football Tailgating Drawdown. Last year's Football Tailgating theme was so well received that they are bringing it back. It is going to be held at the Orange Beach Event Center at The Wharf on Friday, September 21 starting at 6 p.m. The event promises to be a fun filled night. The Grand Prize is a hefty \$5000. The Raffle Items this year are a Hotel and Dining Package at Perdido Beach Resort, Gulf Shores Country Club Golf Package and our Famous Local Restaurant Dining Out Package. Raffle tickets are only \$2. The Silent Auction will have an array of valuable items to bid on that you will not want to miss. The band STORMY from Louisiana will light up the night with horns, keyboard and vocals. Food will be catered by Down South BBQ. Everyone is invited to come out and join the tailgate party, wear their favorite NCAA College or NFL Pro Football team fanfare. Sirens of the Sea support our local communities throughout the year. A portion of the proceeds support several selected local charities, previously including Baldwin County Child Advocacy Center. Their Annual Sirens Scholarship Fund is awarded to a local high school senior for college tuition. Tickets are \$50 and are on sale now. For more information or tickets contact Linda Pacatte at 251-402-2218 or Judy Hamby 270-887-9691 or go to Eventbrite.com/SirensDrawdown. **Pictured** above are Judie Hooper, President and Sirens organizers. (By Angela Martin)



GCAA ART MARKET SLATED SEPT. 8: Join us Saturday, September 8 from 9 AM until 3 PM for the Gulf Coast Arts Alliance Art Market! Food, music, local, and regional original art will be featured in the Waterway Village, Gulf Shores! Spend the day walking around and enjoying the culture of coastal living in the beautiful Alabama. For more information visit GulfCoastArtsAlliance.com, our Facebook page, Gulf Coast Arts Alliance, or visit our gallery 225 E 24th Ave, Gulf Shores. (By Joanna Almond)

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 • **Open Mic:** 5:30; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
 • **Frankie G. On Piano:** 6:30; Franco's Italian Restaurant; Orange Beach.
 • **John Lee Sanders:** 6; Voyagers Restaurant at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
 • **John Brust:** 6; The Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
 • **The Middletons:** 5; LuLu Buffett's Rest. at Homeport Marina, Gulf Shores.
 • **Brent Burns:** 5; Fin & Fork; Orange Beach.
 • **Karaoke:** 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
 • **Karaoke w. Aaron Phillips:** 6; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
 • **John Joiner & Friends:** 7; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
 • **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 7; 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.

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Billy Walker was a larger than life legend from a family of proud fishermen

By Fran Thompson

I have heard many a Billy Walker story during my 29 years putting together the local rag every two weeks. But I never could get Billy to agree to be interviewed for a story, although about five years back he gave me hope that he would consider it and get back to me. It was always going to be a longshot. But it would have been interesting.

The only time I sat down with Billy, who passed away on Aug. 11, was at the Loose Moose (now the Undertow) one weekday afternoon - maybe 20 years ago. Billy was sitting with our mutual friend, Earl Callaway and they invited me to join them. I later told Earl I felt like we were in the presence of the pope or Vito Corleone, as locals among the patrons, one after another, came over to pay respects to a man who was easily the sharpest dresser in the joint.

"In a sense, he was like The Godfather of Orange Beach," said Ken Lambert, the first musician hired to play guitar at the Flora-Bama. A good friend of Billy's since 1978, Lambert prayed with and for Billy and his family 30 minutes before he passed away.

"By the time I got back home, Lois Gale (Billy's wife) had called to say he passed away," Lambert said. "I know that when he went home, he did know Christ as his savior, and that is a comforting thing."

Lambert said Billy and his crew were among the Flora-Bama's first regulars. And he also spent many hours drinking with Billy at Walker Marina.

"I will probably be part of the service and I'm thinking of all the things I don't want to say," Lambert said. "There are so many Billy stories out there about what an outlaw he was, and I know that's all true."

"But in those days, we were all pretty wild. And there were times when we were not welcome drinking guests, even in our own homes. But what I remember most is that he was a big man with a big heart. You did not want him for an enemy. But if he liked you, you could always count on him to be a good friend. I will miss him." Joe Gilchrist, who bought the Flora-Bama from the Tampary family in 1978 and is still part owner of the famous roadhouse (with John McInnis, Cam Price and Pat McLellan) recalls Billy as "one of the great characters of all time." That's high praise, since Gilchrist firmly believes that the characters who frequent the 'Bama are the heart and soul of that unique bistro.

He said he met Billy's mom the first week after he bought the Flora-Bama and she told him she was going to tell Billy to be nice to him.

"Then I meet this very imposing man, and the first thing he asks me is if I have insurance. I said, 'sure I have insurance on the place,' and he said he meant insurance for broken legs. We became great friends. He was a wonderful pal to have on your side."

Gilchrist said he once asked Billy to back him up while he tried to calm down a group of rowdies at the 'Bama if his first plan - buying them all a drink - did not work. He said Billy left and came back wearing a trench coat into which he sewed pockets that held a knife, a pistol and a sawed off shotgun.

"I was standing behind him and just saw him open the coat," Gilchrist said. "End of problem. I know this. It was always good to have Billy as your sponsor."

Billy Walker was the toughest man on an island that was full of them in the 1970's. But I have never heard him referred to as a bully and I've heard numerous stories about him standing up for his friends and fellow Islanders who were not as big and tough.

"If he befriended you, he was warm and kind," said Callaway, a player on Pleasure Island's first youth foot-

ball team.

"There was talk on the school bus about forming a football team on the island, but you had to be 70 lbs. to play," Callaway said. "All the other kids on the bus were teasing me about only being 49 lbs. When I got home, I was all bummed out, and daddy (Ray) asked me what was wrong. I told him about the football team, and daddy said to just call Billy up. I didn't even think to do that. But I did call, and Billy was just as sweet as he could be. He said I could play for him anytime. He didn't care how much I weighed."

Callaway, who eventually would own Billy's boat, The Sea Duster, said even after he joined the Orange Beach charter fleet, Billy looked out for him.

"The captains used to pull into the Gulf Gate Lodge between trips and grab lunch. This was during my rock 'n roll years, and I had long hair," Callaway said. "The other captains were kidding me about my long hair and asking me where my dress was when Billy said that every SOB in the place that doesn't like Earl's hair should put their hands up. Well, of course, none of them would do it."

Margaret Childress Long, Orange Beach's official historian, used to take the school bus from Orange Beach to Foley with Billy. "I was in the first grade, and Eleanor Lauder was the school bus driver. We had a small bus. Did not have enough students for a big bus until '59. Some of the Walker cousins got into a fight in the back of the bus and started hitting each other and I heard someone say, 'I am going to jerk your arm off and beat you with the bloody end of it.' I got off the bus crying and ran up the hill to Brownie and Neil Lauder's home. Brownie called some of the Walker boys' mothers. Years later, I asked Billy if he was the one who said that. He said, 'Well, it probably was me because that was one of my favorite statements.'

"We moved here in '49," Long added. "My brother Foster Childress and James Huff always talked about how helpful Billy was with fishing tips. Billy was a great fisherman and nice to everyone. Just don't make him mad."

Gulf Shores native Joey Ward said on his facebook page that Billy was also his youth football coach, and he often fished with him on The Sea Duster.

"Over the years on the back of that old boat, I heard stories of great men and wild tales. They were stories of Gods. Bear Bryant, Kenny Stabler, Bobby Walker, Butch Frith, Mike Miceli, Niki Nguyen, the Callaways, Jerry Lowe - Coastal Outlaws in their time, bigger than life itself," he stated. "I even got to fish with members of the Alabama football team."

Billy was recruited to Alabama to play football, and like his great friend Kenny Stabler, who graduated from Foley High eight years later, he was a lifelong Tide fan. "He would reach around and hug you and make you feel like everything was going to be alright," said Zana Price, Billy's niece. "I can still picture the Thelma Ann or The Sea Duster coming into the marina - their motors purring. The smell of diesel fuel and fish being cleaned and the salt air. It puts you right back in time."

As Zana notes (right), Billy was born into a fishing family. His father, Rufus, died when he slipped and broke his neck while trying to surf a wave through Perdido Pass on the Sea Duster, a classic black cyprus boat, commissioned in 1935 for Rufus, and built by Daniel Callaway on land near where Orange Beach Baptist Church parishioners now worship.

A historical marker at Perdido Pass states that the Callaways and the Walkers were among the island's first settlers. Lemuel Walker Sr. arrived around 1865,

and his son, Lemuel Jr., moved here to take care of his aging father in the 1890's. The Walkers and the Call ways worked together to develop the region's first community center and established both mail service and the charter fishing industry on the island. Roland Walker Sr. was one of the first fisherman to experiment with artificial reefs and was instrumental in gaining state support for artificial reef construction. Callaways and Walkers dug a ditch through dunes connecting Terry Cove and the Gulf that blew open and created Perdido Pass after the hurricane of September 27, 1906. Maybe a year ago, I was shopping in the Gulf Shores Winn-Dixie when a lady asked me where she could find one of the "In Mullet We Trust" shirts I was wearing, as her husband loved to mullet fish.

The lady introduced herself as Lois Gale Walker, and I told her it was a pleasure to finally meet the main character in my all-time favorite Flora-Bama story. Lois Gale said when she learned the story I referenced was in Kenny Stabler's early 1970's autobiography, she ran around Baldwin County trying to buy up all the copies. Gilchrist even has a name for the story: The Battle at the 'Bama.

As Gilchrist tells it, Billy and Lois Gale were at the Flora-Bama back in the early 1970's when a group of men made comments that Billy found inappropriate. A fight ensued, with all five of the men piling on top of Billy. Seeing her husband in peril, Lois Gale jumped on one man's back. The man's thumb ended up near Billy's mouth, and the commotion that followed allowed Billy to free himself and whip all five of his opponents. Because he won the fight and there was a severed extremity to be accounted for, Billy ended up in court. The judge called Lois Gale to the witness stand to ask her if she saw Billy bite the man's thumb off. "No Sir, but I did see him spit it out," she answered.

Rest In Peace Capt. Billy Walker

By Zana Price

Captain Willard "Billy" Eugene Walker, age 80, passed away at home with hospice care Saturday, August, 11, 2018 surrounded by his devoted wife, Lois Gale Steadham Walker, of 58 years and many loving family members. Billy and Lois Gale were high school sweethearts, he a Foley High star football player and she a cheerleader. They were truly soul mates.

Billy contributed much to the local color of Pleasure Island over the years. Billy Walker's roots ran deep as a third generation Walker fishermen. He was intrical in the development of the Charter Fishing industry development and had a reputation as being the best.

His parents Rufus E. and Emma Willis Walker and brother Rufus "Bo" Walker preceded him in death. Lois Gale and Billy have two children Guy Rufus Walker and Billy Gene. Their grandchildren and great grandchildren both biological and through marriage are numerous. Billy was considered to be a father or grandfather influence to many over the years.

He was larger than life. When he walked into a room, his booming voice and magnetic personality filled that room. Billy was always willing to offer a helping hand to anyone in need. He had a generous heart to go with his big stature. When he gave you a hug or a handshake you knew it was genuine. He is to be cremated and his ashes spread into the Gulf of Mexico. There will be a memorial at a later date to be announced.

Editor's Note: Lois Gayle Walker is Zana Price's daddy's younger sister. Billy Walker walked the aisle with Zana when she married in 1970.

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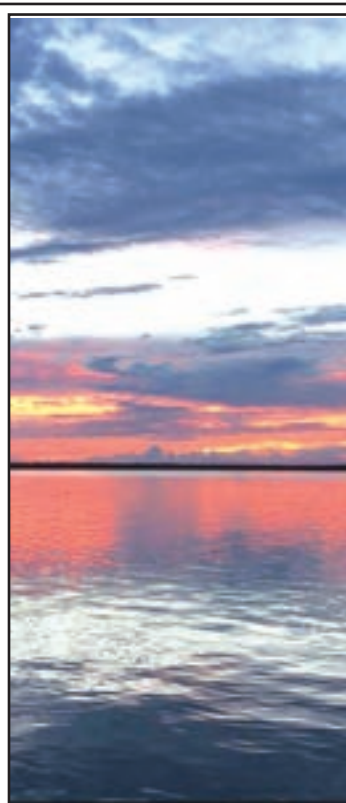
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PICTURES OF THE WEEK



Sunset from Admiral Island from Terry Davis of Tyler, TX.



A sunset caught from a pier in Orange Beach submitted by Ashley Boykin of Keller Williams.



A beautiful sunrise from Dennis Whitney.

PERDIDO KEY & ORANGE BEACH MARKET SNAPSHOT

It's the end of summer in this gorgeous slice of Gulf Coast paradise! Most of us locals were visitors too once upon a time and remember the first time we claimed our stake as property owners. Here is a look at year-to-date activity in Perdido Key and Orange Beach.

Perdido Key — The 166 active listings come in all sizes, shapes and amenities and range in price from \$145K-3.495M. A wide variety of views and locations are available such as gulf-front condominiums and Intra-coastal waterfront homes. Townhome/duplex inventory is extremely limited! The Meridian luxury gulf-front condominiums are expected to break ground in the first quarter of 2019. The 3, 4 and 5BR units will include fitness spaces, covered parking, multiple pools and private elevator lobbies. Pre-construction pricing from \$850K-2.65M is available and roughly one-third of the 81 units are already reserved.

Orange Beach — Out of 479 active listings, 344 are condominiums with direct gulf-front and non-waterfront options ranging in price from \$159K-3.299M. Single-family detached properties represent 105 of the active inventories not located on Ono Island and range from \$242K-1.995M. Positano, a 35-unit gulf-front pre-construction condominium offering in Orange Beach, features five penthouse units and a rooftop pool with hot tub and fire pit. The remaining 30 three-bedroom units offer dual views of the Gulf of Mexico and the Intracoastal Waterway through floor-to-ceiling glass windows.

Ono Island — Forty-one homes are actively listed on the private gated island and range in price from \$315K-3.79M and include waterfront, non-waterfront, and canal-front properties.

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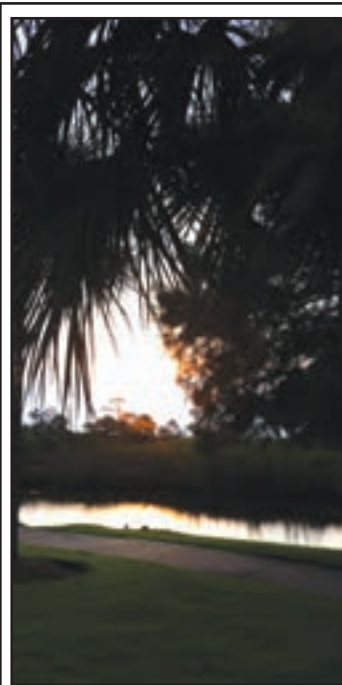
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GULF SHORES SWIM TEAM 2ND AT GCAAL CHAMPIONSHIP

By Hanna Dean

The Gulf Shores Swim Team hosted the end of the season Gulf Coast Area Aquatic League (GCAAL) Championship Swim Meet at the Bodenhamer Center on July 27-28. The 307 swimmers represented eight area teams and competed in 136 events over the two-day meet.

The Gulf Shores Dolphins placed second in the First Division of the league. The final scores in the First Division were 4,098.5 for the Fairhope Area Swim Team, 2,979.5 for the Gulf Shores Dolphins and 2,057 for the Eastern Shores Piranhas. The Foley Sea Lions won the Second Division and Brewton Local Area Swim Team won the Third Division.

Gulf Shores had 67 swimmers compete in the meet with 20 swimmers winning recognition for high point achievements in their age group. High point winners for the Dolphins were: Murray Reed, Nolan Matthews, Ryland Elam, Jack Biggs, Ruby Rosnagle, Joseph Zaurzar and Macy Manni. Gulf Shores had five high point first runner ups. These were: Serah Smith, Liam Silva, Cooper Hopkins, Liam Bickham, and Kimberly Lee. Dolphins winning the second runner-up award include: Bradley Bledsoe, Layne Reid, Emma Lloyd, Nora Malone, Mae Margaret Reed, Gabe Schroeder, Callie Hopkins and Beck Fitzgibbons.

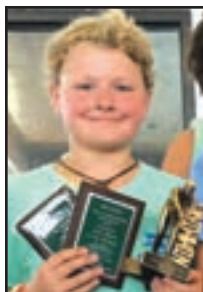
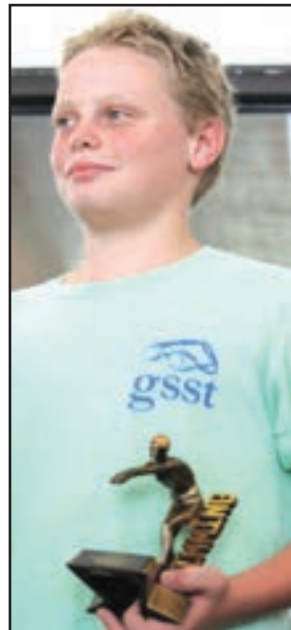
Ten-year-old Murray Reed was named Male Swimmer of the Year at the conclusion of the swim meet. He won all five of his individual events and set new league meet records in four of his races. One record broken of special note was the 100-yard Individual Medley record that had stood since 1980. Murray received plaques for each of his record-setting swims, and his name will be listed as the record holder of the event in the meet programs going forward.

Nine-year-old Jack Biggs set new league records in the 25-yard Breaststroke and the 25 Butterfly. He also won all five of his races. During the meet, Biggs and Reed teamed up with Cooper Hopkins and Henry Brereton to win the 200-yard Freestyle relay and finish second in the 100 Medley relay for the 9-10 boys age group.

The relay events were a great source of points for Gulf Shores at the meet. Of the 22 relay events that were contested, the Dolphins had entries in 21 of the races. Gulf Shores won six relay events and finished in second place in another nine relay events. For the entire meet, Gulf Shores won 44 of the 136 events.

The swim team is taking their end-of-summer break at this time and will resume practice on Sept. 4. That date will begin the fall "swimester" for the team and run through the Christmas break.

For more information about the Gulf Shores Swim Team, contact the Aquatics Director for the City of Gulf Shores Brook Hopkins at 251-968-1427. The Swim Team practices in the afternoons at the Bodenhamer Center in Gulf Shores five days per week.



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Funny Bones

By George Ridder



A woman has the last word in any argument. Anything a man says after that is the beginning of a new argument.

A grasshopper walks into a bar. The bartender laughs and says, "Hey, we have a drink named after you!"

The grasshopper looks at the bartender, with a look of extreme confusion on his face, and says, "You have a drink called Steve?"

I was trying to decide what to do for a talent show I planned to enter. Trusting my mother to help me out, I asked, "For the talent show, what do you think I should do, sing or put on a comedy act?"

"What's the difference?" she asked.

Billy and John were given a toboggan for their birthday. After they had been out playing in the snow, Billy was in tears.

"Now, John," said his father, "I told you to let Billy use the toboggan half the time."

"And I did," said Billy. "I had it going down, and he had it going up."

It's not true that married men live longer than single men. It only seems longer!

The custodian of a church quit. The pastor of the church asked the organist if she would be able also to clean the church sanctuary.

The organist thought before replying, "Do you mean that I know have to mind my keys and pews?"

After a trial had been going on for three days, Harrison, the man accused of committing the crimes, stood up and approached the judge's bench.

"Your Honor, I would like to change my plea from 'innocent' to

'guilty' of the charges."

The judge angrily banged his fist on the desk. "If you're guilty, why didn't you say so in the first place and save this court a lot of time and inconvenience?" he demanded.

Harrison looked up wide-eyed and stated, "Well, when the trial started I thought I was innocent, but that was before I heard all the evidence against me."

A woman called an auto mechanic to inquire when he could work on her car. "I'm not busy now," he replied, "bring it right in."

A short time later the woman pulled into the service bay, stopping her small car perfectly over the wide, deep grease pit.

"Wow!" remarked Wayne. "That's great driving. Your wheels only have a couple of inches to spare on each side of the pit."

She looked blankly at him and asked, "What pit?"

Why does the Norway Navy have bar codes on the side of their ships? So when they come back to port they can Scandinavian.

Morris and his wife Esther went to the state fair every year, and every year Morris would say, "Esther, I'd like to ride in that helicopter".

Esther always replied, "I know Morris, but that helicopter ride is 50 dollars, and 50 dollars is 50 dollars."

One year Esther and Morris went to the fair, and Morris said, "Esther,

I'm 85 years old. If I don't ride that helicopter, I might never get another chance."

Esther replied, "Morris that helicopter is 50 dollars -- and 50 dollars is 50 dollars".

The pilot overheard the couple and said, "Folks I'll make you a deal. I'll take the both of you for a ride. If you can stay quiet for the entire ride and not say a word I won't charge you! But if you say one word, it's 50 dollars."

Morris and Esther agreed and up they went. The pilot did all kinds of fancy maneuvers, but not a word was heard. He did his daredevil tricks over and over again, but still not a word. When they landed, the pilot turned to Morris and said, "By golly, I did everything I could to get you to yell out, but you didn't. I'm impressed!"

Morris replied, "Well, to tell you the truth, I almost said something

when Esther fell out, but you know -- 50 dollars is 50 dollars."

A man arrives at the cinema, goes in to watch the movie and is surprised to see a dog sitting beside its master in the row ahead, intently watching the movie.

It even seemed to be enjoying the movie: wagging its tail in the happy bits, drooping its ears at the sad bits, and hiding its eyes with its paws at the scary bits.

After the movie, the man approaches the dog's owner, "Wow, your dog really seemed to enjoy the movie. I'm amazed!"

"Yes, I can't believe it myself," came the reply. "He hated the book."

Johnathan asked his young son, "Greg, do you think I'm a bad father?"

"My name is Andrew," replied his son.



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