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## AROUND TOWN

### 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, a buffet 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.

### 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 (including Fairhope) 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](http://AlabamaCoastalCleanup.com) or call (251) 928-9792. or go to Facebook.



### 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 come here JR Owen & Thom Oglesby play music for fans of waltz, foxtrot, swing, rumba and cha-cha. Admission is \$10 - cash or check. BYOB and snacks. Ice and cups are provided. Committee Chair is Denise Blanda who has helped host the Pat Crumby Summer Holiday Dances for several years. For more information, please contact Ms. Blanda 251-370-7186. **Pictured:** Area dancers celebrated July 4th at the Pat Crumby Dance. Attendees were encouraged to show their colors by wearing red-white & blue.



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## AROUND TOWN



### Gulf Shores Goes Pink on Oct. 1

Gulf Shores will "Go Pink" on Oct. 1 from 5-7 p.m. at the Gulf Shores Fire Station at 1921 West First St., as Gulf Shores Fire & Rescue will turn on the grills for a free community gathering to kick off Gulf Shores Goes Pink. The event is free and donations will be accepted for the Guardians of the Ribbon Pink Heals of Lower Alabama. GFWC South Baldwin Woman's Club is the co-sponsor. For more info, call 251-597-9120 or 985-290-1111.

The Pink Heals started in 2007 to help people battling cancer with a focus on women and what they mean to us in our daily lives. Since that time the program has evolved to be the driving force of change in the way this country is raising funds by taking the theme of Pink Fire Trucks and Pink Police Cars to serve the community by putting people first instead of causes. Pink Heals funds raised in our communities, counties and states remains there, giving organizers the option to either put it towards research or deliver one hundred percent of the money generated by fundraisers to the people that need it the most.

Everyone is and can be involved. This is also about bringing a community together to show love and hope for the women, their caregivers, and their families.

The Lower Alabama Chapter makes surprise visits when requested by a family. The local fire department will put on the pink fire fighting gear and with flashing lights visit the home of the patient.

While there, they will present something money cannot buy, a Pinky the Bear in pink fire fighter gear. Pinky is for the honored cancer patient or the caregiver as a symbol of strength and hope. It is something to "hold on to" in tough times.

**Pictured:** SBWC members, GS Fire & Rescue & volunteers will join together for the Gulf Shores Goes Pink kick-off on Oct. 1.

### 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.diocge.com](http://stpetersbonsecour.diocge.com).

### Free bird & butterfly walks at Bon Secour Wildlife Refuge

Grab some binoculars and join the staff at Bon Secour Wildlife Refuge in Gulf Shores for some bird watching! No experience is necessary and all skill levels are welcome. With migration upon us, the refuge is filling up with a rainbow of feathers.

This is a perfect time to add some birds to

your list! These walks are free to the public and start at 8 a.m. on the scheduled days. Each walk is limited to 15 people. Reservations are required.

• **Bird Walk schedule:** Monday, September 17; Saturday, September 22; Tuesday, October 9.

Bon Secour National Wildlife Refuge will also be conducting guided Butterfly tours. The tours start at 9:30 a.m. on the designated days and are free to the public and reservations are required. Beginner and experienced lepidopterists, young and old, are welcome to come out and enjoy the beauty of butterflies. The tours are limited to 12 people per tour and each tour will consist of a 2 hour round trip walk down one of the refuge trails. At least 24 hours notice for cancellations, binoculars are helpful but not required to enjoy the tours. Restroom facilities are available at the refuge office and Pine Beach Trail.

• **Monarch Butterfly Walk Schedule:** Thursday, September 20; Thursday, September 27; Thursday, October 4; Thursday, October 11; Thursday, October 18; Thursday, October 25; Thursday, November 1.

For more info about the bird or butterfly watching tours or to sign-up for a tour, contact the Refuge Office, Monday - Friday, 9: a.m. - 2 p.m. at (251) 540-7720.



### SBCT presents "The Miracle Worker" Sept. 14-23

South Baldwin Community Theatre will present The Miracle Worker Sept. 8-17, with performances at 7:30 p.m. on September 14, 15, 21 & 22, and at 2 p.m. on September 16 & 23. Tickets are available at [sbct.biz](http://sbct.biz).

Directed by Cynthia Mayo, with a talented local cast, The Miracle Worker tells the story of Helen Keller, a bright, strong, energetic child, but left both blind and deaf in the wake of an illness as a baby. Her heartbroken mother Kate is Helen's best protector, while her half-brother James wants to send Helen to an institution, and her father, Arthur Keller, a former Captain in the Confederate Army, is worried for the safety of their new baby. Enter Annie Sullivan, a lively and stubborn Yankee girl, barely out of school herself, with the experience of childhood blindness — now cured, after numerous operations. Driven by the demons of her traumatic past, Annie, the unlikely Miracle Worker, fights to reach Helen and bring light to the darkness of her mind.

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

**Pictured:** (l to r) Meg Reed, Chandler Collins, Jessica Jackson and Mackenzie Mayo during rehearsals.

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### 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 will provide tunes.

The American Legion is the largest wartime veterans service organization in the United States. American Legion Post 99 is located at 2101 S McKenzie St. in Foley. For more info, call 251-943-3114.

#### PATRIOT DAY SPECIAL TRIBUTE SEPT. 9

Gulf Shores American Legion Post 44 will observe Patriot Day and National Day of Service and Remembrance with a special tribute on Sunday, September 9 at 4 p.m. All veterans, first responders, their families and the community are invited to this special tribute. The service will begin with a fire service tradition that dates to the mid-1800s. Long before radios, pagers or fire alarms, daily announcements were sent from headquarters to firehouses by a system of bell commands and telegraph. When a firefighter died in the line of duty, headquarters would transmit five bell strikes, repeated in four series. This custom has continued through the years to this day. It is a form of rendering final honors to departed comrades. In the fire service this is known as

On Sept. 11, 2001, more than 3,000 innocent men, women and children lost their lives that day, when four hijacked airliners were used as weapons of mass destruction.

#### POW/MIA RECOGNITION DAY SEPT. 21

You Are Not Forgotten—that's the central phrase behind POW/MIA Recognition Day, a day to honor the sacrifices made by America's prisoners of war, those who are still missing in action and their families. Gulf Shores American Legion Post 44 will conduct a special tribute on Friday, September 21 at 7 p.m.. All local veterans, their families and the community are invited to this special tribute.

The point of POW/MIA Recognition Day is to ensure that Americans remember to stand behind those who serve and to make sure we do everything we can to account for those who have never returned. According to the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA), 82,368 Americans are still considered missing, including 72,934 from World War II; 7,704 from the Korean War; 1,598 from Vietnam; 126 from the Cold War; and six from the Gulf Wars and other conflicts.

"This program serves as our dedication to keep this cause in the forefront of the minds of all Americans," said Donna K. Stacey, Past State commander of The American Legion and member of Post 44. "Although forensic science has improved significantly over the recent decades, time and the mortality of battle-site witnesses and surviving relatives add to the challenge to ensure we have a full accounting and repatriation of remains of our fallen U.S. service members lost in war."

#### HONORING THE AIR FORCE ON SEPT. 18

The U.S. Air Force, the youngest branch of the military, celebrates their 71st birthday on September 18. Gulf Shores American Legion Post 44 will honor the Air Force with a special tribute on Friday, September 14, 2018 at 7:00 PM. All Air Force veterans and the public are invited to celebrate. Air Force veterans that are current members of Post 44 will receive a free ribeye steak dinner from 5-7 p.m. The meal is \$13 for all other patrons. Although the U.S. military purchased its first aircraft in 1909, it wasn't until 1947 that the Air Force became a separate and independent military service organization.



### Bulls on the Beach 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 [www.florabama.com/tickets](http://www.florabama.com/tickets) or in the Flora-Bama Gift Shop from Sept. 3-8.

For more information, contact Marketing Director, Jenifer Parnell at [jenifer@florabama.com](mailto:jenifer@florabama.com) or Event Coordinator, Jessica Langston at [jessica@florabama.com](mailto:jessica@florabama.com) or visit [florabama.com/bulls-on-the-beach](http://florabama.com/bulls-on-the-beach) or [facebook.com/florabama](https://www.facebook.com/florabama).



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# Gulf State Park Lodge projected opening is Nov. 1

Living campus, interpretive center, new trails will be a game-changer for 6,125-acre park

By David Rainer

AL Dept. of Conservation and Natural Resources

Gary Ellis was adjusting to retirement when a call from the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (ADCNR) promptly changed his plans. Instead of a life of leisure, Ellis soon found himself embarking on one of the most fascinating challenges of his career. "I'm flattered to be asked to lend my talents on what I believe will be a historic project for the state of Alabama," Ellis said.

**Gulf State Park will be an international benchmark for environmental and economic sustainability demonstrating best practices for outdoor recreation, education, and hospitable accommodations.**

Ellis, who retired in 2016 from Compass Media, a company he founded 1986, was hired as the Director of Community Relations and Administration at Gulf State Park. His challenge is to support the implementation of the Gulf State Park mission statement: ~Gulf State Park will be an international benchmark for environmental and economic sustainability demonstrating best practices for outdoor recreation, education, and hospitable accommodations.~

This nearly 5-year vision is nearing completion with an extensive revival of a new lodge and state-of-the-art facilities that are scheduled to open later this year.

"This is not just a premium hotel on the beach,"

Ellis said. "The entire entity of Gulf State Park – including The Lodge, Living Campus, the Interpretive Center, the new trails and improvements – will be a game-changer for the state. We all can recall the reputation enhancements that occurred when the Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail was built. That was a game-changer. It changed a lot of perceptions about Alabamians and what we're about. Mercedes was another game-changer in what people believed and expected about our state.

"I believe Gulf State Park will rank in those categories as enhancing the image of Alabama and further communicating what wonderful resources we have. I'm excited to see that. The new lodge should draw not only from Alabama but all over the United States. We'll also be appealing to international visitation. The work and strategic thinking that have gone into this will put us in a different playing field other than just a resort hotel on the beach. This is much bigger when you bundle all of this together and you think about the magnitude of the experiences available."

The official name of the hotel and conference center is The Lodge at Gulf State Park, a Hilton Hotel. Obviously, Hilton will handle The Lodge booking. Valor Hospitality was hired to open the hotel and manage the new park enhancements, the Interpretive Center and Learning Campus. Ellis' role is connecting the surrounding communities and Gulf State Park together with the new lodge and enhancements as well as managing the other facets of the 6,125-acre park.

"I just had lunch with the general manager and regional director for Valor Hospitality," Ellis said. "They are moving along quite rapidly. It's a full-court press right now. We are projecting an opening for November 1.

"We've been getting a lot of interest and a lot of good feedback that people are excited to replace the old lodge and bring on the fresh new opportunity for leisure travelers as well as the meeting and convention travelers."

When Hurricane Ivan destroyed the old lodge and convention center in 2004, the Alabama Gulf Coast was left lacking facilities large enough to host any sizeable conventions or conferences. Ellis said Alabama soon should get a great deal of that business back.

"During the time we didn't have a lodge, we had the campground, cabins and cottages," he said. "Those were our only accommodations. What we were missing out on was that conference and convention business that had gone elsewhere. And it was not elsewhere in Alabama. We lost a tremendous amount of business to northwest Florida, places like Sandestin and that area."

"I don't think anybody was comfortable with Alabama state associations meeting out of state, so this gives them an opportunity to keep their money at home and invest it in our own neighborhoods. A lot of the state associations rotate locations around the state. We just didn't have the accommodations for the scale and size of those meetings, but now we will."

The Lodge will accommodate up to 1,000 people for conferences and conventions with a 350-room hotel that includes 20 suites. The beach-view ballroom is 12,160 square feet with an adjacent 7,500-square-foot outdoor terrace, and several other smaller meeting and conference rooms are available. A Gulf-front pool will have a pool bar and grill, while a Gulf-front restaurant will have terrace seating and a private dining room that will serve house-prepared dishes sourced from regional suppliers, including fresh Alabama Gulf Seafood.

Obviously, a 350-room hotel is not large enough to house a 1,000-person convention, but Ellis said that was by design so that the hotels and condominiums in the surrounding communities would benefit from the overflow.

The Lodge, Interpretive Center and Learning Campus are being constructed under LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) protocols. The Interpretive Center is pursuing certification under the Living Building Challenge, a designation currently afforded to only 16 buildings in the world.

"The thing so unique about Gulf State Park is it's being built on a smaller footprint than previously existed," Ellis said. "They are using every environmental standard possible from design and construction work but also from the operation perspective, such as some of the principles they are using for recycling water.

"One thing I found intriguing is the day I went by the construction site where they were busting sheetrock,

grinding it up to be trucked to farms in middle Baldwin County to be used as lime supplement. This practice not only minimizes waste, but also makes use of reclaimed materials. Not only is it following LEED principles, it's also doing something the Alabama Gulf Coast has never seen before."

Ellis said the new facilities will benefit the Alabama Gulf Coast economy during the traditional so-called "shoulder seasons" that fall outside the normal summer-time peak usage.

"This will help us with our seasonality challenges," he said. "For about 75 days out of the year, we're doing really well; everybody's happy. But that leaves a lot of other months that we need to balance out our seasonality and build towards a year-round economy. We should appeal to the niche environmental groups that travel, young couples and individual travelers. A lot of them like to travel in the spring and fall.

"The new and improved Gulf State Park and all its entities will hopefully help smooth out those ebbs and flows in business."

Ellis said The Lodge is designed to meet the needs of families on vacation, corporate travelers and convention delegates, with a soft opening planned for sometime in November. Hilton will start accepting reservations "on or after" January 1, 2019. Visit [mygulfstategpark.com](http://mygulfstategpark.com) for more information about other opportunities at the park.

With its 3 miles of sugar-sand beaches, Gulf State Park was recently recognized as the 2018 Attraction of the Year by the Alabama Tourism Department.

"Gulf State Park is one of the jewels of our entire Parks system," said Conservation Commissioner Chris Blankenship. "We're honored to receive the award from Alabama Tourism, and we expect next year will be even better with the opening of the The Lodge at Gulf State Park."

"When you consider the Space and Rocket Center, Bellingrath Gardens and the USS Alabama Battleship, The Civil Rights Institute, we are thrilled to be recognized, and the timing is great," Ellis added.

State Parks Director Greg Lein pointed out that Gulf State Park was inducted into the TripAdvisor Hall of Fame for receiving such awards for five consecutive years."

With the new facilities coming online soon, Ellis finds it difficult to subdue his excitement.

"There's nothing but a bright future ahead of us with many wonderful things coming," he said. "It's a great honor for the staff here. Bundled together, we have some incredible experiences that we can deliver – from nature, hiking and biking and great beaches all the way to luxury lodging, honeymoons and weddings as well as regional and national conferences.

"This is something Alabama will be very, very proud of."

**Pictured:** The Gulf State Park's new conference center offers a spectacular view of the Gulf of Mexico. The Lodge's 350-room hotel offers easy access to the white-sand beaches of the Gulf. Visitors to the new facilities can lounge on the beach or swim in the Gulf.



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## AROUND TOWN

### GCAA Art Market Sept. 8 in Waterway Village

By Joanna Almond

Join friends and neighbors on 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.



### Sirens of the Sea Football Tailgating Drawdown Sept. 21

Event will include music from Stormy, hefty \$5K grand prize

By Angela Martin

The Band Stormy (pictured) will play for the upcoming Sirens of the Sea Drawdown. From Baton Rouge, they are equipped with guitars, keyboard and horns as well as versatile vocals. Their extensive song list will carry you through decades of your favorite music.

Sirens of the Sea, a local women's Mardi Gras Krewe, are hosting their upcoming Fall Fundraiser, the 2nd Annual "Football Tailgating" Drawdown. It is going to be held at the Orange Beach Event Center at The Wharf on Friday, September 21 starting at 6:00 p.m. The event promises to be a fun filled night. Food will be catered by Down South BBQ.

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. Come out and join us for the biggest island 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 (CARE HOUSE). 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.



### Does Gulf Shores have a generous police dept. or what?

Many thanks to the Gulf Shores Police Department for their generous donation of school supplies to Gulf Shores Elementary School! The community, including GSPD employees' families, contributed these items, which will be put to good use by our students.

### Fraternal Eagles host Sept. 29 shrimp boil to fight Alzheimer's

The Coastal Alabama Fraternal Order of Eagles, located at 3849 Hwy. 59, Suite 6, in Gulf Shores will host its annual shrimp boil to raise funds in the fight against Alzheimer's Disease on Saturday, September 29 from 2-6 p.m. The Eagles are offering all-you-can-eat shrimp and sides for \$20 at the door or \$18 in advance tickets, which are available at the club. Beverages will be available. All proceeds will benefit the FOE Alzheimer's & Neurological Fund. Shrimp generously provided by Billy's Seafood. Join your friends and eat shrimp to help end Alzheimer's. For more info call 251-971-4549 from noon to 6 p.m. daily.

### Orange Beach Community potlucks start again Sept. 3

The Monthly Community Potluck returns Monday, Sept. 3 at the Orange Beach Community Center. Doors open at 6 p.m. and dinner starts at 6:30. Everyone is invited; just bring a dish or dessert to share. On Sept. 3, Mike O'Rourke will lead a discussion and demonstration on streaming video.

The monthly potlucks are held on the first Monday of each month, September through May. The Orange Beach Community Center is at 27235 Canal Road.

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## ORANGE BEACH CITY COUNCIL

# O.B.'s burgeoning population is taxing city resources

By John Mullen

It's a fact of life that Orange Beach is growing in leaps and bounds with new homes sprouting in formerly empty lots all over East Orange Beach. Combine that with several subdivisions building houses or permitted for houses, two townhouse developments underway and two condo towers under construction and two more approved it is beginning to stretch city services.

"It's grown and we're busting out at the seams," Councilman Jeff Silvers said.

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ation center complex," Silvers said. "We have met with some architects and different firms and we're going to use a couple of those firms to come up with a comprehensive plan for that whole rec center, swim center. We'll have some exciting plans to show people real soon."

But that's not the only area where the burgeoning population is taxing city resources, Mayor Tony Kennon said.

"With our growth, we've outgrown our city services to a great degree and we've got to get caught up," Kennon said.

"We'll have to build two new fire stations, expand the police station. We have a very long list of improvements."

With recreation center complex, City Administrator Ken Grimes said the pressing needs there are another gym and larger play areas for children particularly those in Camp Sunshine.

"The top priority is an additional gymnasium with a full-size court," Grimes said. "And Camp Sunshine is in a building that is not near big enough because we've been renting a portable for a few years."

He said the city has been looking at changes there for years and the new Orange Beach middle and high school plans had a big impact on starting a new recreation plan.

"Now that the school board is obviously moving forward with seventh and eighth grade and on the high school at a different location that freed us up to say what do we want the rec complex to

be," Grimes said. "Once we got the school project underway, we started talking about the recreation complex."

Grimes said the city is going to study having a splash pad on the campus as well as a walking path around the perimeter, among other amenities.

The first step, Grimes said, is finding the right design team. There are about three candidates currently working on presentations. Those plans could include a total redo or just some refurbishing of current facilities or even relocation.

"Anything is subject to relocated, renovated or expanded and the reason is we want to keep all those activities close together," Grimes said. "But we don't know if we have enough property to make that happen without something going away."

Orange Beach started out with nine teams and has narrowed it down to three, Lathan and Associates from Hoover, David Architects in Birmingham and Sted McCollough in Orange Beach. Grimes said local contractors would likely end up getting sub-contracts on parts of the project.

On the new fire stations, Grimes said the city would like to replace the modular buildings at The Wharf that housed the former sales office. Station 1 behind City Hall would be expanded to house the resident firefighters and build bays to allow drive-through access for trucks. Orange Beach is also looking at remodeling or rebuilding the fire administration building to the south of Station 1. Grimes said it was the former police department and is not a good set up for fire administration.

On the police side, Grimes said the police department part of the Justice Center is inadequate to house the number of officers the city now employs. The city plans to study how to expand it or build annex buildings on surrounding property the city owns.

Plans are in the works to move the Coastal Resources office to a new facility at the old Walker Marina site east of Sportsman Marina.

In January, the council announced two firms would be hired to design and get the permitting settled to improve the boat basin with some covered slips, seawall, boat ramp and an office and storage building. The cost of this initial project at the property will be about \$1.5 million, Coastal Resources Director Phillip West said.

Orange Beach is also studying plans to have a research center on the property for universities to use for marine studies.

To that end, West said, Auburn is going through the RESTORE Act process trying to secure about \$9 million to build a 20,000- to 25,000-square foot research facility on the property.

During the regular session the council:

- Gave final approval of a planned unit development by Brett Robinson to build Phoenix Gulf Towers on the Gulf at the west end of town. It'll contain 192 units combined in two 26-story towers.
- Approved a pair of special events retail liquor license application for Event Concessions, Inc., for "The Wharf Uncorked Wine and Culinary Event" for events on Sept. 13 and Sept. 15.

- Passed a resolution authorizing land transfer and easements with the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. When the city's new wastewater treatment was built it was accidentally built on a Gulf State Park parcel next to a city parcel. The city and the park basically swapped the parcels.
- Passed a resolution authorizing the removal of a sailboat stuck on the beach

in the western part of the city. It was actually removed on Aug. 20 after having been stranded on the beach for about a month.

During the work session the council also discussed:

- A resolution awarding the bid for equipment and installation of a Fire Break Force Main. Bids will be opened on Aug. 30
- A resolution awarding the bid for a new sign for the Coastal Arts Center at Orange Beach. Bids will be opened on Aug. 30
- A resolution awarding the bid for Sportsplex fencing. Bids will be opened on Aug. 30
- A resolution to correct a scrivener's error in an agreement with the Alabama Department of Transportation for the State to transfer a portion of Highway 180 (Canal Road) to the city.
- A resolution declaring city property surplus and to be sold on govdeals.com. Included are three cars, a pickup truck, two jet skis and a variety of other items including two refrigerators.
- Setting a public hearing for the Gulf Stream planned unit development. The developer seeks to change the exterior to vinyl veneer.



OBPD promotes Cpl. Brian Kincaid, Sgt. Jeremy Mote and Sgt. Bryan Johnson

Orange Beach Police Chief Joe Fierro announced promotions for Cpl. Brian Kincaid, Sgt. Jeremy Mote and Sgt. Bryan Johnson during the City Council meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 21.

Chief Fierro said **Cpl. Kincaid** served with the U.S. Marine Corps for six years, earned a bachelor of science degree from Auburn University, worked for two years as a corrections officer in Tuscaloosa County before working for 10 years at the Northport Police Department. At Northport PD, Cpl. Kincaid served as a firearms instructor, investigator and patrol officer.

"He relocated down here to Orange Beach in 2016 with his wife Emily and his daughter, and now they have two daughters," Chief Fierro said. "He was promoted to corporal in July of this year and as you can see he brings a lot of experience with him. He is part of our leadership team."

**Sgt. Mote** began his career in Georgia as a dispatcher and then a corrections officer with the Rockdale County Sheriff's Office in Conyers, Georgia for four years, Chief Fierro said.

"He received his police certification in Georgia and for 11 years he served as a deputy," Chief Fierro said. "He is now a sergeant with us, a training coordinator for the department and he has done some instructing for us. He relocated here permanently after we hired him in November 2016. He is now on our SWAT team, and he's a defensive tactics instructor."

**Sgt. Bryan Johnson** began his career in 1996 in Dickson, Tennessee, Chief Fierro said.

"He was a canine handler there, a detective, shift patrol officer and he served two years as the chief," Fierro said. "He moved here in 2011."

Sgt. Johnson worked at the Gulf Shores Police Department before moving over to Orange Beach PD in 2014.

"He earned the rank of corporal in 2017 and we just promoted him to sergeant," Chief Fierro said. "He is our canine coordinator as well."

## GULF SHORES CITY COUNCIL

# City working on habitat plan for 836 acres near Oyster Bay

Planning Commission will then have a special-called regular session meeting to deal with Regency Place

By John Mullen

Two properties near Oyster Bay, a total of 836 acres, in Gulf Shores will someday have amenities to allow the public to explore the natural beauty of these wetlands.

“Our plan is for it to come sort of a nature preserve and to provide some public access for passive recreation,” Environmental/Grants Coordinator Dan Bond told the city council in its Aug. 20 meeting. “Ultimately we’d like to have some nature trails and boardwalks and things in there that the public can get out into and enjoy.”

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four-foot bicycle paths westward on beach road from West Sixth Street to West Lagoon Avenue.

Bond said the preliminary work on the two preserves is still underway and the public access will come later.

“It’s about a yearlong process,” Bond said. “It will involve a lot of field work and there will be public input sessions and community outreach. This plan that we’re working on right now is about the habitat and restoration and management of the natural resources. It will determine endangered species and how we want to best manage the resources that are there. It’s comprehensive management for the properties.”

Bond said the grant is part of the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Gulf Benefit Fund the city received in 2016. The acquisitions cost \$7.6 million, with about \$700,000 for environmental assessments and planning. An additional \$775,000 is available to conduct the restoration work once the management plan is complete.

“It’s mostly wetland and it ranges from pine savannah-type wetlands to intertidal marshes or brackish marshes,” Bond said. “There’s a lot of diversity in the habitat.”

Some of the boots-on-the-ground work has already been done, Bond said with some more still to be completed. The goal of all the work is getting the plan on paper to guide the next phases.

“A few months back we’ve already conducted wetland delineation and some of the wildlife surveys and things,” Bond said. “We’ve already started going a lot of the work. This is the actual creation of the document that we use to guide the management of this

property.”

Over the south side of Little Lagoon, a similar project and a fishing pier are still in preliminary stages. One is to take over a 53-acre parcel at the west end of the lagoon and is to include a boardwalk, fishing pier, bathroom and restrooms, parking and a kayak launch.

The state is supposed to buy the parcel from the Erie Meyer Foundation and turn it over to the city to manage construction of the amenities.

“That’s still going on between the state and property owners,” Bond said. “They still haven’t worked that out yet. We’re still interested in having a part to it and look forward to protecting that property as well.”

A city plan to put a fishing pier at Little Lagoon park east of the pass is on hold waiting for final permitting to come through before the work can begin, Bond said.

### REGENCY PLACE APARTMENTS

The city is planning on having two meetings specifically dealing with the controversial apartments project. One, Planning Director Andy Bauer said, will be a work session where Bauer and staff will make a presentation on their findings.

“Specific to the work session the city staff will prepare and present written recommendations as to the findings and conclusions as required under section 3-3 of the zoning ordinance,” Bauer said. “The work session will include an opportunity on comment on the recommended findings and conclusions by the applicant and the public. No formal action by the Planning Commission will be considered at the work session.”

The Planning Commission will then have a special-called regular session meeting to deal specifically with Regency Place.

“At this point city staff is still working with the Planning Commission to schedule these meetings,” Bauer said. “We will be happy to provide notice to all the

property owners that we can. We have an email list of about 20 residents and anyone who hasn’t signed up previously please sign up.

“The city will not issue any building permit and land disturbance permit on this application until the Planning Commission has taken action on Regency Place.”

### NEW BEACH ROAD SIDEWALKS

When the work on beach road sidewalks for Alabama 182, or beach road, the plan included going from Gulf State Park to West Lagoon Avenue, Public Works Director Mark Acreman said. But the westernmost part, West Sixth Street to West Lagoon, was removed.

“This particular phase would have been included however we were able to get a TAP grant from the DOT that will pay up to \$500,000 toward the sidewalk improvements,” Acreman said.

To take advantage of the grant money the western part of the project was held up to get the Transportation Alternatives Project money. The council awarded a bid on the project for \$409,000 to McElhenney Construction. Acreman said the 2018 city budget provided for \$500,000 for this part of the project but it will now be 80 percent funded by the grant.

Gulf Shores will provide a 20 percent match to receive the grant.

### COASTAL CLEANUP

The council approved an assembly permit for the 31st annual Coastal Cleanup. Gulf Shores will have collection sites at the west end of Gulf Place near the public safety building and at Moe’s Landing on the north side of Little Lagoon. The cleanup is from 8 a.m.-noon and volunteers will be served refreshments including hot dogs at the Gulf Shores locations.

Other South Baldwin collection stations include Boggy Point boat launch and Cotton Bayou Beach Access and Ono Island in Orange Beach, on the Bon Secour River, the Flora-Bama, Pirate’s Cove, Wolf Bay, Weeks Bay and Perdido Beach.

According to the People Against a Littered State website more than 87,000 people have volunteered to help with the cleanup since it began in 1987 and more than 1.6 million pounds have been removed. For more information visit [alabamacoastalcleanup.com/](http://alabamacoastalcleanup.com/).



Oyster Bay - Bon Secour Land Preserve totals 836 acres.

## 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](http://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 more.

Proceeds will benefit Make-A-Wish® Alabama, an organization devoted to granting wishes for children with life-threatening medical conditions. The fest will also include book signings by James Briscione and Brooke Parkhurst, a luxury yacht walk and charity auctions.



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Ellen Huckabay, Baldwin County Coordinator, Auburn University Extension.

**Session 2, Sept. 18: 1:30-3:00 pm**

**LANDSCAPING WITH NATIVE PLANTS.**

Fred Nation, environmental consultant and author of "Where the Wild  
Illicium Grows; Historic Plants of South Alabama and the Central Gulf Coast."

**SESSION 3, SEPT. 25: 1:30-3:00 PM**

**LANDSCAPE DESIGN IN SOUTH BALDWIN COUNTY.**

Wanda and Bobby Brown, Wilsey Nursery.

Fee: \$35 for the three-session course.

Dates/Time: Sept. 11, 18, and 25. 1:30 - 3:00pm.

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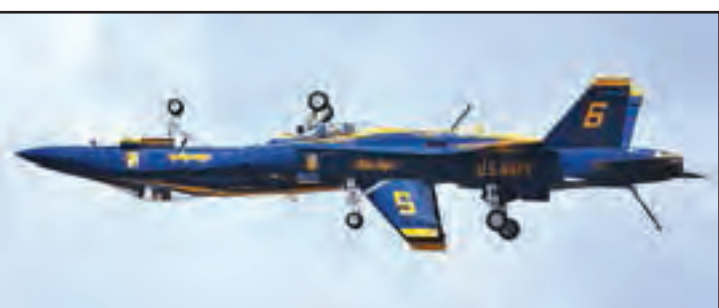
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Wednesday, September 12th: Mel Knapp 5-9pm

## AROUND TOWN



### Sept. 20 lecture will address History of Blue Angels Free lecture slated at South Alabama Gulf Coast Campus

The University of South Alabama Gulf Coast Campus has announced the first lecture of the 2018 Distinguished Lecture Series: The Mission and the 65 Year History of the Blue Angels. The free lecture is scheduled on Thursday, Sept. 20 from 7-8 p.m. at the Gulf Shores Cultural Center, located at 19470 Oak Road West (County Rd. 6) in Gulf Shores. There is no cost, but attendees are asked to register by calling 251-460-7200.

**Pictured:** The Blue Angels practicing at Sherman Field onboard NAS Pensacola.

### Learn about lawn & landscaping design in Coastal Alabama Three class course starts Sept. 11 at Gulf Shores Cultural Center

Lawn and Landscaping Design in Coastal Alabama is the first fall 2018 course offered through Discover! An Institute for Learning in Retirement at the University of South Alabama Gulf Coast Campus. Come learn about lawn care and landscaping specifically designed for our south Baldwin environment. Classes will be held Sept. 11, Sept. 18 and Sept. 25 from 1:30 - 3 p.m. at the Gulf Shores Cultural Center, located at 19470 Oak Road West (County Rd. 6) in Gulf Shores. The fee is \$35 for the three-session course.

- Session 1, Sept. 11: Lawn care in a coastal environment. Ellen Huckabay, Baldwin County Coordinator, Auburn University Extension.
- Session 2, Sept. 18: Landscaping with native plants. Fred Nation, environmental consultant and author of *Where the Wild Illicium Grows*; *Historic Plants of South Alabama* and the *Central Gulf Coast*.
- Session 3, Sept. 25: Landscape design in south Baldwin County. Wanda and Bobby Brown, Wilsey Nursery.

To register, visit [acewebdbsrv.usouthal.edu](http://acewebdbsrv.usouthal.edu) or call (251) 460-7200.



### All About Dogs Rescue Golf Scramble Sept. 21 at Craft Farms

All About Dogs Coastal Rescue will host its 7th Annual Going to the Dogs Golf Scramble to raise funds to support its rescue and adoption efforts on Sept. 21 at Craft Farms Golf Resort. Registration begins at 10:30 a.m., with the shotgun start set for noon.

Golfers can sign up individually (\$100) or as a team (\$400) in men's and women's flights. The fee includes green fees, cart fees, range balls, lunch and prizes.

Special hole-in-one prizes include \$10,000 cash, a set of Callaway irons, a Sharp LCD flat screen TV and roundtrip domestic airfare for Two.

Sponsorships are available. Donations of gift certificates or products for prizes would also be appreciated.

For more player or sponsor info, contact tournament director Tom Bruce at 948-5307 or [tomb Bruce 1943@gmail.com](mailto:tomb Bruce 1943@gmail.com). All About Dogs Coastal Rescue is an all volunteer group of dedicated animal lovers committed to rescue, rehabilitate and find homes for abused and abandoned dogs in South Baldwin County. Its efforts in taking dogs into the program help reduce the number of healthy dogs euthanized at local shelters.

All dogs placed in the non-profit's care are given appropriate and needed medical treatment, temperament evaluation and socialization in preparation for adoption. All dogs are fully vaccinated, spayed or neutered, heartworm tested and treated prior to adoption. Potential adopters are interviewed for a proper match before approval for adoption. It operates solely on donations and fund raising events, and every dollar donated goes directly to provide medical and daily care for our rescue pets.

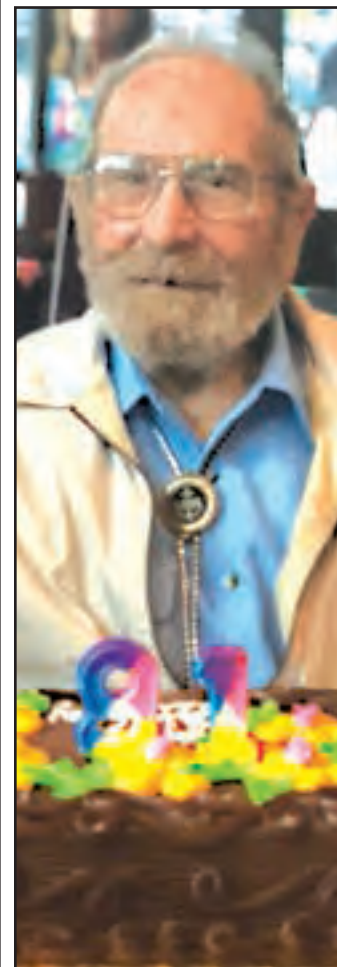


### Southern Wake Series Finale Sept. 15 on Ole River

The Flora-Bama Ole River Grill and Flora-Bama Yacht Club will host the Shred'n the Shores Wakeboard Competition Finale on Ole River between Flora-Bama Ole River Grill and Flora-Bama Yacht Club on Saturday, Sept. 15 beginning at 9 p.m.

World Wake Association sanctioned event, the competition is the culmination of a 5-stop tournament series for wake enthusiasts of all skill levels. There will be drones to project live footage on all TV's downstairs at Ole River Grill so everyone can watch all the action! Vendors will also be located on the Ole River Grill and Yacht Club beach areas on both Friday and Saturday, and Friday evening's registration (6-9 p.m.) at Ole River Grill will feature an epic Wakeboard Rail Jam behind the restaurant on Ole River.

Flora-Bama Ole River Grill is located at 17400 Perdido Key Dr. at the Florida-Alabama state line. For more info, call (228) 990-5786 or visit [flipsideal.com/sws](http://flipsideal.com/sws).



### Happy Birthday Zen Merritt (And Thanks!)

Zen Merritt, a World War II and Korean War veteran, recently celebrated a milestone 91st birthday with family and friends in Orange Beach. Born on Aug. 14, 1927 in Star Valley, WY, Zenith Samuel Merritt was a submariner on the USS Sea Fox and SS-402 during World War II. During the Korean War, the Navy vet served on the Beutel, a destroyer.

A graduate of the University of Wyoming, Zen earned a masters degree in petroleum geology. He and his wife Dinah currently live at the home of their daughter, Cindy Conrad, in Orange Beach. Zen's other children include Clay Conrad of Foley, Dennis Merritt of Chicago and Aline Merritt Myatt of Ohio.

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# O.B. group hopes to expand cat neuter program to include 20 acre shelter for abandoned felines

By John Mullen

The new cat effort of trap, neuter and release has been wildly successful through the Orange Beach Animal Care and Control Program. More than 200 cats have been through the program, neutered and released again. Most those are feral cats who live basically in the wild.

"Since Orange Beach has had so much success with the TNR program – we've altered 215 cats so far," Orange Beach Animal Control Officer Tom

**"We need to get a grassroots group to just sit down and say are we really looking at the right thing, what can we do, how can this happen? And what do we need to do to make it happen if it is the right thing?"**

Conerly said. "There's six in waiting on Canal Road right now so we'll be above 220 just since September."

But the groups' members have a much bigger vision than just a successful TNR program. Board members Conerly, Stephanie Christie, Connie Brown, Denise Beicker, Catherine McInnis, Marcella Jones and others get together often to discuss the next step for animal control not only in Orange Beach but in the south part of Baldwin County, a shelter capable of taking in cats.

"We need about 20 acres or at least 20 acres," Conerly said. "To me, it's ridiculous for this community to be where we don't have a place for cats go. The county shelter won't take cats."

Conerly says five kittens were abandoned at a beachfront condo and the maintenance man didn't know what to do with them. And, the OBACCP had nowhere to shelter them until adoptions could be arranged.

"All of our fosters are full, Canal Road is full already and Magnolia is loaded up as well," Conerly said. "Why are we in that kind of situation in Orange Beach being the kind of community we are in Orange Beach and Gulf Shores? Why are we in that position? We should not be in that position here."

The group is busy getting together a plan to form a nonprofit, hoping to secure that 20 acres and exploring relationships with like-minded animal lovers in south Baldwin County.

"We're trying to get enough people starting a 501(c)3 and try to get enough people down here to say there's enough interest, wealth, resources and band them together and we ought to be able to do something other than just killing them or poison them or whatever," Jones said. "And not just cats but dogs and everything. How do we bring in the right people and what resources and what do they bring to the table."

Many questions remain unanswered as the group searches for a way to make it happen.

"What are we looking for, where do we want it, where's the land for a shelter and that sort of thing," Jones said.

The OBACCP is already helping Gulf Shores start its own TNR effort and looking for partners there to help with the shelter effort.

"We've been helping Gulf Shores start a TNR program," Conerly said. "As part of that we've started the idea of this area shelter/sanctuary or retirement home for pets. There's a lot of excitement over there for the same thing."

They are also excited about the possibilities the Auburn campus will bring with its veterinarian program at County Road 8 and the Foley Beach Express.

"We have a call with the dean of veterinarian medicine for Auburn to talk about their involvement," Conerly said. "Not only with the TNR part, which is a win-win for them because they are un-owned cats, basically, if we can get organized and have a Sunday a month like Operation Catnip in Florida. One Sunday a month they say they're going to have a spay-neuter day they will do 200 or 300 in a day."

And it gives the University of Florida veterinary students practical experience. Conerly hopes a similar relationship can develop with the Auburn campus here.

"We will have the same resources here," Conerly said. "We'll have the vet referral center here by Auburn going in and it should be operational very

soon. They'll have an internal medicine guy that's going to come down to staff it full time. Vet students will come down and rotate on two-week rotations."

Conerly has also been in touch with Dr. Forester over the vet tech program at Coastal Alabama Community College to get that school included and involved in the program.

"All of them could be involved in this shelter/sanctuary that we're talking about as part of their rotation getting their shelter medicine experience which is different than clinic medicine," Conerly said.

Conerly wants to build the "gold standard" of a sanctuary shelter with several components.

"You might have to have to relocate them to a place where they can live out their lives and you have the sanctuary part for that," he said. "You have the shelter for all animals, dogs and cats with full intake, quarantine intake, adoptions. There's a trend out there for retirement homes for pets for people who have to change living spaces or in an end-of-life situation. The pets can be transferred there and either adopted out or live out the rest of it's life in a cage-free environment."

But first things first and bringing people interested in furthering this goal together is the first step.

"We need to get a grassroots group to just sit down and say are we really looking at the right thing, what can we do, how can this happen?" Conerly said. "And what do we need to do to make it happen if it is the right thing?"



**Former Military Colonel Tom Conerly is the man behind Orange Beach's TNR program**

Before September 2017, officials in Orange Beach, Alabama, didn't have a procedure in place for addressing people's concerns about outdoor cats. Today, thanks to one man with a great idea and lots of grit, the city has a thriving Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) program. The Orange Beach Animal Care and Control Program (OBACCP) has spayed or neutered more than 220 cats and kittens and adopted out many more in the past 11 months, and the amazing turnaround is due to the hard work of Tom Conerly, Orange Beach's newest animal control officer.

Conerly, a former military colonel, began his work with TNR in January 2017 — after he and his wife spotted three kittens in their driveway. Three kittens became five, and then nine. Conerly knew something had to be done. Read An Amazing ACO: Tom Conerly Changes City's Approach to Community Cats on Alleycat.org.

Orange Beach Animal Care and Control is a resource for animal advocates and volunteers driving change and accelerating protection for animals in Orange Beach, Ala. For more information about OBACCP, please visit obaccp.org, facebook, Instagram or call 800-829-1040. OBACCP is a community centered non-profit project dedicated to saving the lives of community cats and all animals.



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# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## Civil War Living History Sept. 1 at Bicentennial Park

The 15th Cavalry Baldwin Rangers along with Kilcrease Light Artillery Company will present a Civil War Living History on Saturday, September 1 at the Baldwin County Bicentennial Park located at 51233 State Highway 225 in Stockton. The event has free admission. The gates will open at 8:00 a.m. the event will start at 9:00 a.m. and lasts until 4:00 p.m. Come and see soldiers drilling and firing weapons and cannons, tour the camp and see uniform and equipment demonstrations. Talk with and ask soldiers questions. This is a local reenactment group based out of Bay Minette and Stockton, Alabama and Baker, Florida. The event is meant for everyone in local communities.

For more information, contact the Baldwin County Department of Archives and History at (251) 580-2572.

## 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 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.
- **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

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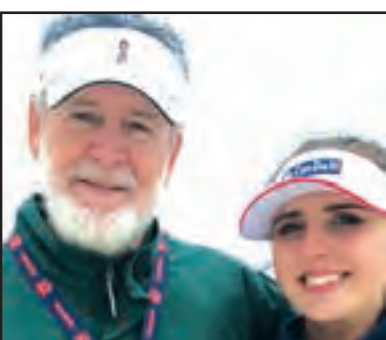
- **Family Night Dinner & Activities:** 5:45 p.m.; Saint Andrew by the Sea, 17263 Fort Morgan Rd., Gulf Shores; 678-361-2762.
- **Open Mixed Doubles Tennis:** 7:15 a.m.; all levels welcome; Gulf Shores Tennis Center; corner of West 19th Ave. and West 2nd St.
- **Veteran's Bingo:** 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.; American 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
- **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 30

- **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.
- **Greg Brown:** 2 p.m.; Sassy Bass Amazon' Grill, Ft. Morgan.
- **John Lee Sanders:** 6; Voyagers Restaurant at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **Jimmy Lee Haniford:** 6; Tacky Jack's, Orange Beach.
- **Jonathan Newton:** 7; CoastAL; Restaurant, Gulf Shores.
- **Gypsy Pearl:** 5; LuLu Buffett's Rest. at Homeport Marina, Gulf Shores.
- **James Adkins:** 6; Hub Stacey's at the Point;



**MARINE SCIENCE ADVENTURES - FIELD TRIP OF A LIFETIME:** Students from Alabama, Georgia and Mississippi, with from 40 – 80 participants at a time( students, teachers and parents), have participated in Marine Science Adventures, a Gulf Shores based hands-on field trip where students observe, discuss and collect specimens in eight different marine ecosystems. Developed by Dr. John Simpson, the adventure includes a tour of historic Fort Morgan with a tour guide giving students an account of Fort Morgan history and a soldier's life during those times. Next stop is the salt water marshes and tidal pools, where the students learn that smelly, dead and decaying plants and animals called detritus are necessary for a healthy marine ecosystem. "What better way to achieve this than walk them through rather than point to the marshes," said Simpson. Students learn the importance of estuaries and why they are called nurseries of the sea. "Students are amazed at the small planktonic specimens we collect," said Simpson." The students stayed at the Gulf Shores Beach Retreat and participate in a beach environmental scavenger hunt and beach sculpture contest after dinner there. From the onset of the trip, student teams compete with each other during field trip and beach activities, and prizes are awarded. Student workbooks and specimen collections are given to the group to take back to the classroom. The students tour alligator Alley before they head back home. "There is no doubt in my mind that after this trip students have a better understanding and appreciation of the marine ecosystems and how important and vital each is to the survival of our oceans," said Simpson. For more info, call Simpson at 251-609-3436 or email jsimpson549@yahoo.com. **Pictured:** Students observing plankton; Dr Simpson and his granddaughter Eva; students in salt water marshes and seining in the Mobile Bay Estuary.

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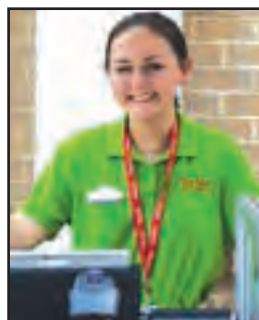
## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### Stan Mahoney Youth Inshore Fishing Tournament Oct. 20

Wolf Bay Watershed Watch hosts its annual Stan Mahoney Youth Fishing Tournament on October 20 from 6 a.m. 'til noon at Barber Marina in Elberta. Tourney fishing is allowed on all inshore waterways within Baldwin County.

Divisions include 3- 8 Years; 9-13 Years; and 14-18 Years. There is also a competitive High School Team Division, recognizing 7th thru 12th grades. Youth contestants must be accompanied by an adult (fishing license required for all adults). Of course, sharks and stingrays are not included in the tournament and should not be boated.

Public fishing areas within the tournament boundaries include the Josephine fishing pier at the county park on Roberts Bayou, the fishing pier under Hwy. 59 Bridge an along Canal Rd. in Gulf Shores. Entr fee for both youth and school divisions is \$25 per person, including a t-shirt. Entry forms and registration fees accepted at [wolfbaywatch.org](http://wolfbaywatch.org). Registration forms can also found at [rivierautilities.com](http://rivierautilities.com).



**OWA Hosts First Responders Community Safety Day:** Downtown OWA in Foley, along with 13 local and state public safety departments, recently hosted a Community Safety Day. Highlights included Baldwin County EMA's tornado machine, Lower Alabama Search and Rescue's rappelling demonstrations, Foley Fire Department's Smokehouse, Foley Police Department's K-9 unit, and everyone's favorite fire-preventing bear with the Forestry Commission. In addition to providing multiple live demonstrations and hands-on experiences, participating first raced down the streets in fun-filled Jumbo Tricycle Races starting at 5pm. Specific times for live demonstrations, activities and Park discounts can be found at [VisitOWA.com/Community-Safety](http://VisitOWA.com/Community-Safety). For more info about the event and OWA, go to [VisitOWA.com](http://VisitOWA.com).



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- **Open Mic:** 7; Snapper's; Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke:** 7; Live Bait Tiki Bar, Orange Beach.
- **LeAnn Creswell & Lisa Zanghi:** 6:30; Franco's Italian Restaurant; Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke:** 5:30; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- **Karaoke:** 8; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.
- **Karaoke:** 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **Scott Koehn:** 6; Pleasure Island Tiki 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.
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### Auditions for Coastal Ballet's Nutcracker Sept. 8

Auditions for the Coastal Ballet Academy production of the Nutcracker will be held on September 8 at Coastal Ballet Academy in Foley at 10 a.m. Actors and dancers are needed and auditions are open to dancers from all area schools.

Choreographed and presented by Madame Rio Cordy, artistic director of Coastal Ballet and the former ballet mistress for the Alabama School of Fine Arts, the production has open roles for actors and musicians in dancing and non-dancing roles.

Performances are scheduled Dec. 1-2 at the Foley Civic Center and December 9 at the Erie Meyer Civic Center in Gulf Shores.

Coast Ballet Academy is located at 3786 S. McKenzie St. in Foley, AL. Dancers should arrive prepared to dance. For more information, contact Madame Rio at 251-979-9851, Facebook at Coastal Ballet Academy or visit [coastalballet.org](http://coastalballet.org).

**Pictured:** Little brother supports big sister as she shops for pointe shoes. Koen Cornwell and Kyra Rose Cornwell will both perform together in this premier production of The Nutcracker.



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### FRI, AUG 31

- **Flora-Bama Possible Probables:** 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
- **Flora-Bama Bingo:** 1-4 p.m.; Flora-Bama Lounge Tent Stage; Perdido Key.
- **Crosstown:** 7; Hub Stacey's at the Point; Innerarity Point.
- **Jason Justice:** 6; CoastAL; Restaurant, Gulf

Shores.

- **JJ Revival Duo:** 7; The Office, Foley.
- **The Red Clay Strays:** 6:30; Big Beach Brewing Company, Gulf Shores.
- **Shaggy J:** 6; Tacky Jack's, Orange Beach.
- **Albert Simpson:** 5; LuLu Buffett's Rest. at Homeport Marina, Gulf Shores.
- **Mario Mena Band:** 10; CoastAL; Restaurant, Gulf Shores.
- **Rhonda Hart:** 6; Fin & Fork; 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.

- **John Lee Sanders:** 6; The Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke:** 7; Live Bait Tiki Bar, Orange Beach.
- **Rat Pack & Motown w. James Proctor & Kathy Lyons:** 5; Franco's; Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke:** 8; Snapper's; Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke:** 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
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## WHAT'S HAPPENING

- **Open Mic Karaoke w. John Henry:** 5; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- **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., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
- **AA:** 7 p.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

### SAT, SEPT 1

- **Flora-Bama Possible Probables:** 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages

- 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
- **Rat Pack & Motown w. James Proctor & Kathy Lyons:** 5; Franco's; Orange Beach.
- **Miss Flora-Bama Bikini Contest Finals:** 3 p.m.; Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
- **49th Annual 2016 MBGFC Labor Day Invitational:** Orange Beach Marina, Marina Rd.; Weigh-In Scales open 5-9 p.m.
- **Hippy Jim:** 11 a.m.; Tacky Jack's, Orange Beach.
- **Beave & Cleave:** 6; Tacky Jack's, Orange Beach.
- **Chauncy Crandell:** 5; Lulu's, Gulf Shores.
- **Big Muddy:** 5; Pirates Cove, Josephine.
- **Lisa Zanghi:** 6; Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **Jim Parnell:** 4; Big Beach Brewing Company, Gulf Shores.
- **Whyte Caps:** 7; Hub Stacy's; Innerarity Point.



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## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### COOKIN' WITH CAROLYN

By CAROLYN GODFREY

#### Meatloaf

- 1 large egg, lightly beaten
- 1/3 cup evaporated milk
- 2 Tbsp. Worcestershire sauce
- 3/4 cup quick-cooking oats
- 1/4 cup chopped onion
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1/2 tsp. sage
- 1/8 tsp. pepper
- 1-1/2 pounds ground beef
- 1/4 cup ketchup

In a large bowl, combine the egg, milk, Worcestershire sauce, oats, onion, salt, sage and pepper. Crumble beef over mixture and mix well. Press into an ungreased 8x4-in. loaf pan. Bake, uncovered at 350 degrees for 1-1/4 hours; drain. Spread ketchup over meat loaf. Bake 10 min. longer or until meat is no longer pink and a thermometer reads 160 degrees. Let stand for 10 min. before slicing.

**Enjoy!!**

#### 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](mailto:pathtopeacesouthbaldwinco@gmail.com).

#### 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](http://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](http://simonsaysrun.org) or email [gin@simonsaysrun.org](mailto: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.

- **Jason Able Project:** 9; The Office, Foley.
- **Rhonda Hart:** 7; Fin & Fork; Orange Beach.
- **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, SEPT 2

- **Flora-Bama Possible Probables:** 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
- **Central Flora-Bama Church:** Church experiences, 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.; Flora-Bama Tent Stage, Perdido Key.
- **Unity Church Service:** 9:45 a.m.; The Royal Osyter, Hwy. 59, three blocks from beach in Gulf Shores.
- **Labor Day Street Party:** 5-9 p.m.; The Wharf, 4830 Main St., Orange Beach, (251) 224-1000.
- **Cadillac Attack:** 5; Lulu's, Gulf Shores.
- **49th Annual 2016 MBGFC Labor Day Invitational:** Orange Beach Marina, Marina Rd.; Weigh-In Scales open 5-9 p.m.
- **Turkey Shoot:** sign-up at 11 a.m.; Elberta VFW, Elberta.
- **Jerry Gambino Duo:** 11 a.m.; Tacky Jack's, Orange Beach.
- **Dinner & Dance w. Music Man and Co.:** 5; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- **Acoustic Catfish:** 6:30; Big Beach Brewing Company, Gulf Shores.
- **Lisa Christian:** 4 p.m.; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- **John Joiner & Friends:** 4; Hub Stacey's at the Point; Innerarity Point.
- **John Lee Sanders:** 6; Voyagers Restaurant at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **Lisa Zanghi:** 6; The Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.



**O.B. GOES ALL OUT TO WELCOME ROADS OF HOPE ORPHANS:** Orange Beach business owners took Southern hospitality to a whole new level this month, stepping up to provide 10 orphans visiting the U.S., with Roads of Hope, a reason to smile. Captain Jeremy Perry and the crew of the **Sunny Lady** gave the group a free dolphin cruise. Lane and Ginny Gilbert hosted the group for lunch at **Ginny Lane** at The Wharf. Gelato ice cream followed lunch, courtesy of **Southern Grind**. Then it was free rides on **The Wharf's** Ferris wheel and some miniature golf. Later in the week, the 10 orphans, who range in age from 6 to 15, visited **Alligator Alley** in Summerdale thanks to owner Wes Moore. Orange Beach Logistics Coordinator Chris Litton contacted the local businesses and they jumped at the opportunity to help. "These kids come from an absolute hole in the ground. It's just horrible, horrible conditions, and they got to live like kings for a day here in Orange Beach," Litton said. To help Roads of Hope, individuals can donate to the cause, sponsor an orphan or host an orphan. For more information, visit [roadsofhope.org](http://roadsofhope.org). **Pictured:** Taking the wheel w. Capt. Perry on the Sunny Lady.



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## WHAT'S HAPPENING

- **Karaoke:** 7; Live Bait Tiki Bar, Orange Beach.
- **Open Mic Karaoke:** 6; American Legion Post 99, Foley.
- **9 Ball APA:** 6; The Office, Foley.
- **Blind Draw Dart Tournament:** 5; American Legion Post 99, Foley.
- **AA:** 5 p.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

### MON, SEPT 3

- **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.
- **Frankie G & LeaAnn Creswell:** 6:30; Franco's Italian Restaurant; Orange Beach.
- **Trivia Night at Big Beach:** 7; Big Beach Brewing Company; Gulf Shores.
- **Lisa Zanghi:** 6; The Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **Brent Burns:** 5; Fin & Fork, Orange Beach.
- **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

### Public Safe Boating Course starts Sept. 18 in P-Cola

Pensacola Sail and Power Squadron will present America's Boating Course beginning Sept. 18 in room 3205 at Pensacola State College - Warrington Campus, located at 5555 W Highway 98 in Pensacola. The course runs for four nights - Sept. 18, 20, 25 and 27 from 6-8:30 p.m. and includes eight hours of instruction plus an exam.

Subjects covered include: Florida Boating Laws, Boat Terms, Boat Handling, Anchoring, Boat Equipment Requirements, Navigation Rules, Aids to Navigation, Adverse Conditions, VHF Radio, Trailering, and Personal Water Craft. In addition, questions will be addressed about boating in local waters. The course meets requirements for Florida Boating Safety Education ID card that is required to operate a power boat for those born after 1/1/1988.

There is no registration fee or tuition. The textbook is \$40, and two students may share course materials. All participants are welcome.

For more info, contact Chuck Blair, Chair of the Local Board for Public Boating at [psps.me](mailto:psps.me), [blairchuck@hotmail.com](mailto:blairchuck@hotmail.com) or 813-731-6327. To register online, go to [usps.org](http://usps.org).



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# WHAT'S HAPPENING

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- **Bingo:** 6; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- **8 Ball APA:** 7:30; The Office, Foley.
- **Overeaters Anonymous:** 6; Holy Spirit Episcopal Church; Gulf Shores, 616 Ft. Morgan Rd.; 251-709-5907.
- **Orange Beach Community Center Association Monthly Covered Dish Dinner:** social at 5, dinner at 6:30 p.m.; all winter guests welcome; Canal Road next to the Recreation Center; 251-981-1942.

- **T.O.P.S. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly):** weigh-in 5:30; meeting 6; First Presbyterian Church of Foley; (Berry & Highway 59).
- **AA:** Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
- **AA:** 7 p.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
- **Ladies AA:** 10 a.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

## TUE, SEPT 4

- **Flora-Bama Possible Probables:** 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
- **Flora-Bama Bingo:** 1-4 p.m.; Flora-Bama Loung Tent Stage; Perdido Key.
- **Frankie G On Piano:** 6:30; Franco's Italian Restaurant; Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- **Free Line Dance Lessons With Lori:** 6; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.



## Avant Garde military krewe plans Sept. 12 Aloha Party

By Elaine Ciardello

The Avant Garde Military Mardi Gras Krewe starts its 36th year with an Aloha Party at the Grand Lagoon Yacht Club on September 12, 2018. Social hour starts at 6:00 P.M., dinner at 7:00 P.M. with music by South Coast DJ. Reservations are due by September 5th to Patricia Veal, Chairman at 850-698-5199 or pmv@cox.net. Our reigning King and Queen John and Marcia Sebold will greet members and guests. The Christmas Party this year will be held at the Pensacola Yacht Club on December 19th. Traditional parties in the new year include the Mardi Gras Ball at the Pensacola Yacht Club on February 15, 2019; the Parade Party on March 2, 2019 in conjunction with the Downtown Mardi Gras Parade and a membership meeting in the May/June timeframe. Membership includes active and retired members of the military and supporters of the military community. Membership dues support the functions throughout the year, so admission is free to members. Membership information may be obtained by calling Elaine Ciardello at 850-382-8009.

**Pictured:** Left to right, Prince Bill Clark; Queen Marcia Sebold; King John Sebold; and Princess Patty Veal; (below) Membership Party 2018.



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## WHAT'S HAPPENING

• **Light Travelers:** 5; Lulu's, Gulf Shores.  
 • **Karaoke:** 7; Live Bait Tiki Bar, Orange Beach.  
 • **John Brust:** 6; The Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.  
 • **Lisa Christian:** 6; Sunset Cork Room, Gulf Shores.  
 • **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 8; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.  
 • **JW Karaoke:** 6; Hub Stacy's At The Point, Innerarity Point.  
 • **NAPA Pool League:** 7:30; The Office, Foley.  
 • **Karaoke:** 7; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.  
 • **Karaoke:** 5; Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5659; Elberta.  
 • **Open Mic Karaoke w. John Henry:** 5; American Legion Post 99; Foley.  
 • **Bowling Tourney:** 7; Snapper's; Orange Beach.  
 • **Orange Beach City Council Meeting:** 5 p.m.; City Hall; 980-INFO.  
 • **Bingo:** 10 to 2; Gulf Coast Elks Lodge 2782, Foley: 251-971-2782.  
 • **GriefShare Support Group:** Resumes 9/27; For men and women; 6-8 p.m.; Point Church, 13801 Innerarity Point Rd. Info: Shirley Johnson Parker, 601-278-6973  
 • **Orange Beach Bridge Club:** Tue. & Thur at noon; Orange Beach Senior Center; visitors and new members welcomed even without a partner; 251-981-3440.

• **Orange Beach Library Children's Story Time:** 10 a.m.; preschool; 981-2923.  
 • **Southwest Branch Library Children's Story Time:** 10:30 a.m.; preschool; 12248 Gulf Beach Hwy, Pensacola; (850) 453-7780.  
 • **Gulf Shores Kiwanis Club:** Palmer Dining Room at Craft Farms; noon; new members and guests always welcome; 251-981-9999.  
 • **Kiwanis Club of Big Lagoon:** 7:30 a.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Activities Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Road, Pensacola, 850-867-5873 or 901-734-1066.  
 • **Kiwanis Club of Foley:** Noon on Tuesdays at Ryan's in Foley; 251-968-6288.  
 • **AA:** Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.  
 • **AA:** 7 p.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.  
 • **Al-Anon:** Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Activities Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

### WED, SEPT 5

• **Flora-Bama Possible Probables:** 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.  
 • **Frankie G. On Piano:** 6:30; Franco's Italian Restaurant; Orange Beach.

• **John Lee Sanders:** 6; Voyagers Restaurant at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.  
 • **West Coast Swing Dance:** 7; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.  
 • **John Brust:** 6; The Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.  
 • **Adam Holt:** 5; Lulu's, Gulf Shores.  
 • **John Joiner & Friends:** 7; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.  
 • **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 7; Pappa

Rocco's; Gulf Shores.  
 • **Sandra Kaye & The Legends:** 7:30; CoastAL; Gulf Shores.  
 • **Open Mic:** 5:30; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.  
 • **Karaoke w. Cindy & Mary:** 5; American Legion Post 99; Foley.  
 • **Karaoke w. Aaron Phillips:** 6; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.  
 • **Karaoke:** 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.  
 • **Karaoke:** 7; Live Bait Tiki Bar, Orange Beach.



• **Big Beach Running & Social Club:** 5:30 p.m.; Big Beach Brewery in Gulf Shores; laffetfeet.com.  
 • **Family Night Dinner & Activities:** 5:45 p.m.;

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**GULF SHORES WOMAN'S CLUB GEARS UP FOR 70TH YEAR:** The Gulf Shores Woman's Club is gearing up for its 70th year, planning events and projects to meet the club's goals to foster the civic, social and educational betterment of the community. All net proceeds from club activities are dedicated to the non-profit organization's community and international service projects. Members of the executive committee and other committee members met recently to begin planning for the first signature event of the upcoming year, the annual Fashion Show on Thursday, October 4, at the Craft Farms clubhouse. The theme is "All that Jazz." Fashion ensembles will be presented accompanied by jazz standards such as "Puttin' On the Ritz," and "The Way You Look Tonight." Festivities also include a superb lunch, celebrity waiters, raffles and a silent auction.

### 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.



**MARY'S GARDEN DEDICATED:** Family and friends of Terry and Bob Barnett gathered at St. Thomas-by-the-Sea Catholic Church in Orange Beach on the feast of the Assumption of Mary to dedicate Mary's Garden. The garden and the statue of the Blessed Mother with the baby Jesus were donated by the Barnetts in memory of their son, Mike, who passed away in November 2016. The serene garden is near the entrance to Cusack Hall, the parish center. **Pictured:** Bob Barnett, Davis Dugger, Jr., Guy

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.

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

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

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

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

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

• **Storytime at Pensacola Southwest Branch Library:** free; infant to 5; 10:30-11; 1-2238 Old Gulf Beach Hwy; (850)453-7780.

• **Gulf Shores Garden Club:** 9:30 a.m.; first Wednesday of each month September thru May; Gulf Shores Activity Center; 300 E. 16th Avenue, Gulf Shores; new members and guests al-

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## John Popper of Blues Traveler plays at Flora-Bama Aug. 31

One of the most highly regarded harmonica players in the world, John Popper (pictured) of Blues Traveler, will be playing at the Flora-Bama on Friday, Aug. 31 as a special guest of the Mobile based band, Yellowhammer.

The show starts at 10:30 p.m. in the tent stage and only standard door cover charges will apply at the door. The Flora-Bama is located on the Gulf of Mexico at the state line. More info: florabama.com.

Blues Traveler first hit the charts with 1994's Four and the single "Run-Around." He has released 12 albums with the band in addition to his solo work. He has also written an autobiography, "Suck and Blow: And Other Stories I'm Not Supposed to Tell."

## Cellist Della Grigsby at Foley Library Sept. 6

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. 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. Space is limited and reservations are required. Please call 251-943-7665 to reserve a spot. More info: foleylibrary.org.

## Robertsdale Gardeners meet September 11 at G.P. Thames

Members and guests of the Robertsdale Garden Club met at Mama Lou's in Robertsdale, on Tuesday, August 14, 2018 to plan programs and field trips for the coming year. The group decided on three field trips: October, Five Rivers Delta Resource Center; March, Boo for You Bamboo Gardens, Pensacola, FL; and April, Weeks Bay Pitcher Plant Bog. Programs for the year include: "Cannabis: Effective, Legal Uses," "Air Plants - No Mess, No Fuss," "Cahaba Lily," and "Flower Arranging." There will also be a plant exchange and installation of new officers.

The first meeting in September will be "Flower Arranging" presented by Katie Warren. This program precedes the participation by club members in the Baldwin County Fair on September 22. The theme for the flower show is "Fairies and Flowers"--an extension of the February 2017 meeting which provided instructions on how to create a fairy garden. Guests are always welcome. The club provides the opportunity to learn about gardening with the bonus of fellowship and fun. The September meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 11, at the G. P. Thames Adult Activity Center in Robertsdale. Call 251-609-0674 for additional information. (Submitted by: Mary Ann Lindsay)

## 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.



## Batman Day returns to Foley Library on Sept. 15

By Melanie Schnieders

Batman Day is returning to the Foley Public Library on Saturday on September 15 from 1 - 3 p.m. to celebrate the Dark Knight with us by coming in your favorite Batman (or Villain) costume. Have your photo made with our Batman standee downstairs. Then join us for more Batman photo opportunities as well as Batman snacks, and a showing of The Batman, animated series, season 1, in our upstairs meeting room.

Photo opportunities will be available along with consent forms for the library to post the photos. Prizes will also be awarded throughout the 3 hour event via drawings between the episodes. Free puzzle sheets, coloring sheets, and bookmarks will be available for all who attend.

Please join us at the Foley Public Library as we once again celebrate all things "Batman." Feel free to check out our library's our website, www.foleylibrary.org, or look for Foley Public Library on Facebook. You may also contact the library at 251-943-7665 or email Melanie at mschnieders@cityoffoley.org for further information.

**Pictured:** Library Aides, Nancy Nall and Alan Corley.

ways welcome; 251-968-5683.

• **AA:** Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.  
• **AA:** 7:30 p.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola. \

## THU, SEPT 6

• **Flora-Bama Possible Probables:** 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.  
• **Flora-Bama Bingo:** 1-4 p.m.; Flora-Bama Lounge Tent Stage; Perdido Key.  
• **St. Peter's of Bon Secour Episcopal Church Fish Fry:** 5-7 p.m.; 6270 Bon Secour Hwy.; 251-949-6254.  
• **LeAnn Creswell & Lisa Zanghi:** 6:30; Franco's Italian Restaurant; Orange Beach.  
• **Small Batch Tapping:** 6:30; Big Beach Brewing Company, Gulf Shores.  
• **Brandon Blackburn:** 6:30; Tacky Jack's, Orange Beach.  
• **L.A. South:** 6; Hub Stacy's; Innerarity Point.  
• **Jimmy Lumpkin:** 5; Lulu's, Gulf Shores.  
• **Open Mic:** 7; Snapper's; 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.  
• **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.  
• **Karaoke:** 5:30; Tacky Jack's, Gulf Shores.  
• **Karaoke:** 7; Tacky Jack's, Ft. Morgan.  
• **Karaoke:** 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.  
• **8 Ball APA:** 7:30; The Office, Foley.  
• **Bridge:** noon; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.

• **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.  
• **Grief Support Group:** noon-1:30 p.m.; First Presbyterian Church of Foley; 195 E. Berry Ave.; for all who are grieving; 943-8325.  
• **Adult Bible Study:** 10 a.m.; Gulf Shores Presbyterian Church; all welcome; (251) 968-7720.  
• **Gulf Shores Library Pre-school (3-5) Story Time:** 10:30 a.m.; 251-968-1176.  
• **Orange Beach Bridge Club:** Tue. & Thur at noon; Orange Beach Senior Center; visitors and new members welcomed even without a partner; 251-981-3440.  
• **AA:** Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.  
• **AA:** 7 p.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

## FRI, SEPT 7

• **Flora-Bama Possible Probables:** 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.  
• **Flora-Bama Bingo:** 1-4 p.m.; Flora-Bama Lounge Tent Stage; Perdido Key.  
• **Bulls on the Beach at the Flora-Bama:** fun starts at 6 p.m.; rodeo at 8 p.m.; 17401 Perdido Key Dr., Perdido Key; (850) 492-0611.  
• **ig Lagoon Fall Concert Series #1 with Cliff Eberhardt and Louise Mosrie:** 6 p.m.; Big Lagoon State Park Amphitheater.  
• **First Friday Art Walk:** 6; Downtown Fairhope.  
• **Rib Eye Dinner to help Veterans and Families:** 5 p.m.; music & dancing at 7 p.m.; American Legion Post 44; Gulf Shores.  
• **Three Bean Soup:** 6 p.m.; Tacky Jack's, Gulf Shores.  
• **Wintervals:** 6:30; Big Beach Brewing Company, Gulf Shores.  
• **Gringo Fife:** 6; Tacky Jack's, Orange Beach.  
• **JJ Revival Duo:** 7; The Office, Foley.  
• **Sandra Kaye & The Legends:** 8; Lucky Horseshoe, Fairhope.  
• **Platinum Premier:** 7; Hub Stacy's; Innerarity Point.  
• **Rhonda Hart:** 6; Fin & Fork; Orange Beach.  
• **Rat Pack & Motown w. James Proctor & Kathy Lyons:** 5; Franco's; Orange Beach.  
• **John Lee Sanders:** 6; The Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.  
• **Karaoke w. John Henry:** 5; American Legion Post 99; Foley.  
• **Karaoke:** 8; Snapper's; Orange Beach.  
• **Karaoke:** 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.  
• **Open Jam:** 8; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.  
• **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@gulfnet.com.  
• **AA:** Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.  
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## SAT, SEPT 8

• **Flora-Bama Possible Probables:** 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.  
• **Bulls on the Beach at the Flora-Bama:** fun starts at 6 p.m.; rodeo at 8 p.m.; 17401 Perdido Key Dr., Perdido Key; (850) 492-0611.  
• **Waterway Village Art Market:** 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.; Waterway Village, 116 E. 21st Ave., Gulf Shores, 251-948-2627, Perdido Key.



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## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### 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@ya.hoo.com.

### Line Dancing classes offered Mondays at First Presbyterian

If you have ever wanted to learn to Line Dance, here is your chance. An Introduction to Line Dancing class will begin at the First Presbyterian Church in Gulf Shores on Monday, Sept. 10 and run through Nov 12. The class is from 5:00 pm to 5:45 pm at a cost of \$3 per person, per class. During this 10 week period, instructor Jackie Clair will teach new steps and dances each week to showcase how these steps are used. Besides Country music, dancers will be exposed to the different rhythms of Pop, Latin, Rock n Roll and the Waltz. Jackie began teaching line dancing classes while snow birding here several years ago, before making Foley her new home. She currently teaches a year-round class of higher level dancers, also at the church. To reserve your spot, please contact Jackie by call or text at 517-740-5460. The church is located at 309 E. 21st Avenue in Gulf Shores.

### Big Lagoon Kiwanians sponsor Wreaths at Barrancas Cemetary

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

- **27th Annual Sand, Sea and Spirit Wellness Retreat:** Orange Beach, sandseaspirit.com.
- **Brett Robinson Alabama Coastal Triathlon:** 8 a.m.; Gulf Shores Main Public Beach (Gulf Place), (615) 460-9927.
- **Matt & Candy:** 6; Papa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **Bill Barrow & The Westside Players:** 5; Pirates Cove, Josephine.
- **Mac Walter Duo:** 11 a.m.; Tacky Jack's, Orange Beach.
- **Gringo Five:** 6; Tacky Jack's, Orange Beach.
- **John Henry Karaoke:** 9; The Office, Foley.
- **Bruti:** 6:30; American Legion Post 44; Foley.
- **Lee Yankie:** 5; Lulu's, Gulf Shores.
- **John Brust:** 6; Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **Rhonda Hart:** 7; Fin & Fork; Orange Beach.
- **Beyond The Break:** 7; Hub Stacy's; Innerarity Point.
- **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 in Lillian; (251) 961-2620.
- **AA:** 10 a.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
- **AA:** 7 p.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
- **Ladies AA:** 9 a.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Activities Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

### SUN, SEPT 9

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

- **Unity Church Beach Service:** 9:45 a.m.; The Royal Oyster, Hwy. 59 - 3 blocks from beach in Gulf Shores.
- **Flora-Bama Possible Probables:** 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
- **Damian Lamb Duo:** 11 a.m.; Tacky Jack's, Orange Beach.
- **Destiny Brown:** 6; Papa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **Music Man & Company:** 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.
- **Dinner & Dance w. Music Man and Co.:** 5; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- **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.
- **9 Ball APA:** 6; The Office, Foley.
- **AA:** 5 p.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

### MON, SEPT 10

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



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### Chan West is Gulf Shores Garden Club's Sept. 5 speaker

Self taught local botanist Chan West (pictured) will be the guest speaker for the Gulf Shores Garden Club's inaugural meeting of its season on Sept. 5 at the Gulf Shores Adult Activity Center. Social time starts at 9 a.m., with the meeting commencing at 10 a.m. Guests and new members are always welcome. For more club info, call 968-5683, visit gulfshoresgardenclub.org or go to facebook.

Born and raised in Mobile, Chan was six weeks old when she first came to the property that she has since made her permanent residence, spending her childhood summers and weekends in this wonderful spot.

Following college (math major) and graduate school (physics), she married Hugh West, and raised four children as the wife of a career Army officer. She has lived near water in Wilmington, NC, Panama, Hawaii. She spent two and a half years in Guatemala and four years in Panama, learning Spanish while there.

Chan and her husband built a home adjacent to her mother's home at the beach in 1982. Six weeks after retirement, Hugh had his first surgery for cancer and spent the next seven years battling it. During that period one of Chan's recreations was to become a self-taught botanist specializing in beach plants.

After her husband's death, Chan and three friends started a wildflower club that took field trips around Baldwin County to learn about tress and plants. She also became active in the Little Lagoon Preservation Society, the Ft. Morgan Civic Association, and the Christian Service Center. Active in Holy Spirit Episcopal Church, she has used her Spanish language skills on many medical and construction missions to Latin America.

### Perdido Bay Baptist Community Fest is Oct. 13

Perdido Bay Baptist Church will host a Community Fest & Craft Show on Saturday, Oct. 13 from 10 a.m. 'til 4 p.m. on the church campus, located at 12600 Sorrento Rd. in Pensacola.

The event will include 40 Vendors with custom crafts, one-of-a-kind items and artwork, a fish fry, a bake sale and live music.

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING



**Treasures of the Isle End Of Summer Party:** The Treasures of the Isle Mardi Gras Krewe celebrated the end of summer with a beach party and Barbeque at the home of Queen Allyson Walters at her Perdido Key home on the Gulf of Mexico. King Bubba Ray co-hosted the event for the fun loving krewe of 70 members. The krewe has a busy fall and winter social calendar that includes its annual festive halloween and Christmas parties and its February 2019 Mardi Gras Ball. The TOI ball is known for special fun, festive and elegant decorations, which creates a party mood for all who attend. The Treasures of the Isles will also have floats in the Gulf Shores and Orange Beach Fat Tuesday Mardi Gras Parades on March 5.



Key.

- **Line Dancing Classes:** 5-5:45 p.m.; \$3 per person, 309 E. 21st Ave.; 517-740-5460.
- **Brent Burns:** 5; Lulu's, 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.
- **Trivia Night at Big Beach:** 7; Big Beach Brewing Company; Gulf Shores.
- **Mark Laborde & Smokey Otis:** 7 p.m.; 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 Presbyterian Church of Foley; (Berry & Highway 59).
- **AA:** Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
- **Ladies AA:** 10 a.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.



**Brain Break At GSES:** These Gulf Shores Elementary School 2nd graders are enjoying being back at school for several reasons, including "Brain Break" time with their friends! **Pictured:** L to r: 2nd graders Nicholas Chiseev, Manuela Martins and Nicholas Buzilan.



**Meeting For 'Smoes:** Long-time teacher friends and teammates, Vicki Miller and Kelly Wallace, found each other at the S'Mores on the Shores Beach Bash recently. Mrs. Wallace is enjoying her recent retirement! Many thanks and much admiration to Mrs. Wallace for her 26+ years of teaching GSES students!

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### TUE, SEPT 11

- **Flora-Bama Possible Probables:** 3 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
- **Flora-Bama Bingo:** free; 1-4 p.m.; great prizes, family friendly; 17401 Perdido Key Dr., Perdido Key.
- **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **Frankie G. On Piano:** 6:30; Franco's Italian Restaurant; Orange Beach.
- **Lefty Collins:** 5; Lulu's, Gulf Shores.
- **Thom Oglesbee:** 6; The Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke w. John Henry:** 5; American Legion Post 99, Foley.
- **Bowling Tourney:** 7; Snapper's; Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke:** 7; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.
- **Free Line Dance Lessons With Lori:** 6; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- **JW Karaoke:** 6; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
- **Lisa Christian:** 6; Sunset Cork Room, Gulf Shores.

- **Karaoke:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- **Kiwanis Club of Big Lagoon:** 5 p.m.; social meeting; locations to be determined, 850-867-5873 or 901-734-1066.
- **GriefShare Support Group:** Resumes 9/25; For men and women; 6-8 p.m.; Point Church, 13801 Innerarity Point Rd. Info: Shirley Parker at 601-278-6973.
- **NAPA Pool League:** 7:30; The Office, Foley.
- **Bingo:** 10 to 2; Gulf Coast Elks Lodge 2782, Foley; 251-971-2782.
- **Orange Beach City Council Meeting:** 5 p.m.; City Hall; 980-INFO.\
- **Sonora Masonic Lodge:** 7 p.m.; 202 E. Jackson Street in Summerdale; sonora635.com.
- **Orange Beach Bridge Club:** Tue. & Thur at noon; Orange Beach Senior Center; visitors and new members welcomed even without a partner; 251-981-3440.
- **Orange Beach Library Children's Story Time:** 10 a.m.; preschool; 981-2923.
- **Southwest Branch Library Children's Story Time:** 10:30 a.m.; preschool; 12248 Gulf Beach Hwy, Pensacola; (850) 453-7780.
- **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, SEPT 12

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### Big Lagoon State Park Cncert Series kicks off on September 7

The Big Lagoon State Park Fall Concert Series will kick off with a performance from Cliff Eberhardt and Louise Mosrie on September 7 at 6 p.m. at the park amphitheater. The series is being held in conjunction with Sunshine State Concessions on the First Friday of September, October and November. Tickets may be purchased online at squareup.com or at the event. Tickets are \$18 for one person, and \$30 per couple, plus park entry fees.



On October 5, Hiroya Tsukamoto, a highly touted singer and guitarist from Japan, will perform. The Nov. 2 line-up will feature Patchouli & Terra Guitarra. **Pictured:** Cliff Eberhardt has recorded nine albums and has produced and arranged seven more for a wide range of artists. He was a staff songwriter for Cherry Lane music and has a song book published by Hal Leonard. After winning top awards at the Kerrville Folk Festival and Telluride Bluegrass Festival, Louise Mosrie's album "Home" debuted at #1 on the Folk DJ charts in January 2010 and went on to be one of the most played albums that year for that chart. Since then she has been touring all over the Eastern seaboard, the South and Texas. She's played at The Bluebird Café in Nashville, Club Passim in Boston, Caffé Lena in NY and was just recently invited to play at The Birchmere in Washington DC. Her newest project, "Lay It Down", a collection of deeply personal songs, is a collaboration with Eberhardt.



**Diving Into Science At OBES:** A 4th grade class from Orange Beach Elementary School dives into a science experiment at the Sea, Sand, and Stars Science and Nature Center. The students were learning about conservation and the effects of human interaction on nature. **Pictured** here are Virginia Law, Emmy Kate Lyn, Eli Haber, and Hays Davis.



- **Open Mic Night:** 5:30; Tacky Jack's, Gulf Shores.
- **John Lee Sanders:** 6; Voyagers Restaurant at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **John Brust:** 6; The Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **Adam Holt:** 5; LuLu Buffett's Rest. at Homeport Marina, Gulf Shores.
- **Big Beach Running Club:** 5:30 p.m.; Big Beach Brewery in Gulf Shores; all levels welcome.
- **Brent Burns:** 5; Fin & Fork; Orange Beach.
- **West Coast Swing Dance:** 7; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.
- **Sandra Kaye & The Legends:** 7:30; CoastAL; Gulf Shores.
- **Frankie G. On Piano:** 6:30; Franco's Italian Restaurant; Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke w. Cindy & Mary:** 5; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- **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.
- **Lisa Zanghi & Scott Koehn:** 6; Flippers, Orange Beach.

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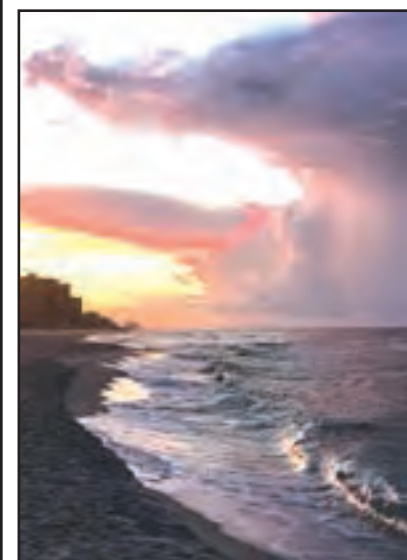
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## PICTURES OF THE WEEK



Cathy Deal shares a sunrise from Gulf Islands National Seashore.



Maggie Slay Warren shares pictures were taken at dawn near Alabama Point. "This is the reward for early morning turtle Patrol," she wrote.



Sunset over OWA from Melissa Kitchens.



From Christi Candler Phillips: "A visit to OWA and a ride on the Alabama Whama proved no matter how big, strong, athletic and tough you are, like Tyler Risby, 17 of Oxford, AL, you can still get scared out of your whits while your family just laughs at you, of course!"



Stormy Day on Perdido Key from Todd Kline.



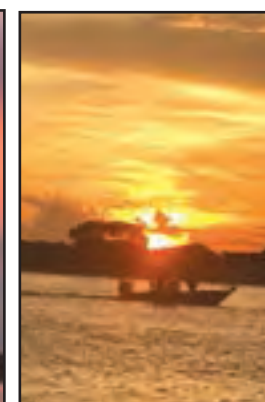
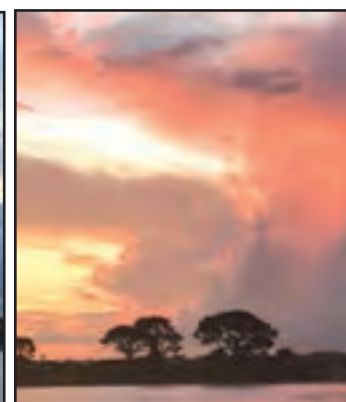
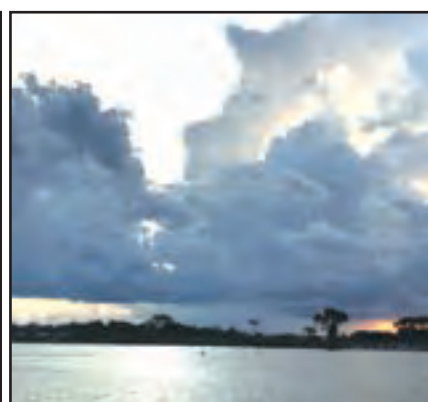
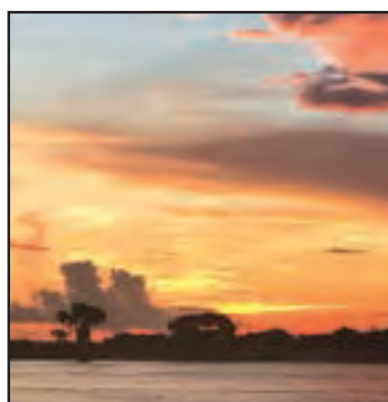
"Flying Low," writes Sherry Bird.

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The view from Boggy Point courtesy of Donnie Canaan.

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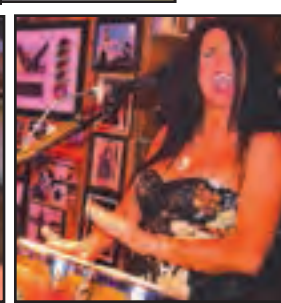
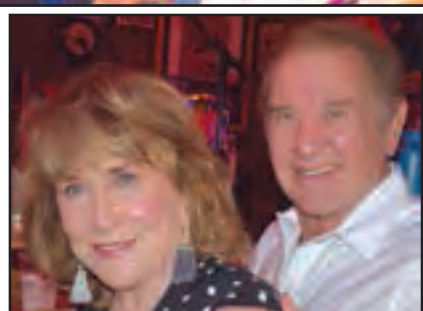


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## HALL OF FAMER DON SCHLITZ FBISF FOUNDATION FOR EDUCATION FUNDRAISER AT 'BAMA

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Country Music Hall of Famer Don Schlitz owned the audience even before he al-luded that Nashville's famed Bluebird Cafe is merely a Flora-Bama wannabe. He took the believers home with the singalong he inspired when launching into "The Gambler" 15 minutes into his 70 minute set at the 'Bama Main Room. Schlitz did not have time to play every one of his 24 number one songs. But he played all three of his CMA Songs of the Year, including "When You Say Nothing at All," and "For-ever and Ever, Amen." The Aug. 1 concert raised funds for the FBISF Foundation UWF Larry Butler Memorial Scholarship, created in 2015 by Peggy Butler in mem-ory of her husband. A Grammy Award-winning songwriter and producer, Butler is a Pensacola native with two Grammy awards. One was for producing, you guessed it, Kenny Rodger's The Gambler.



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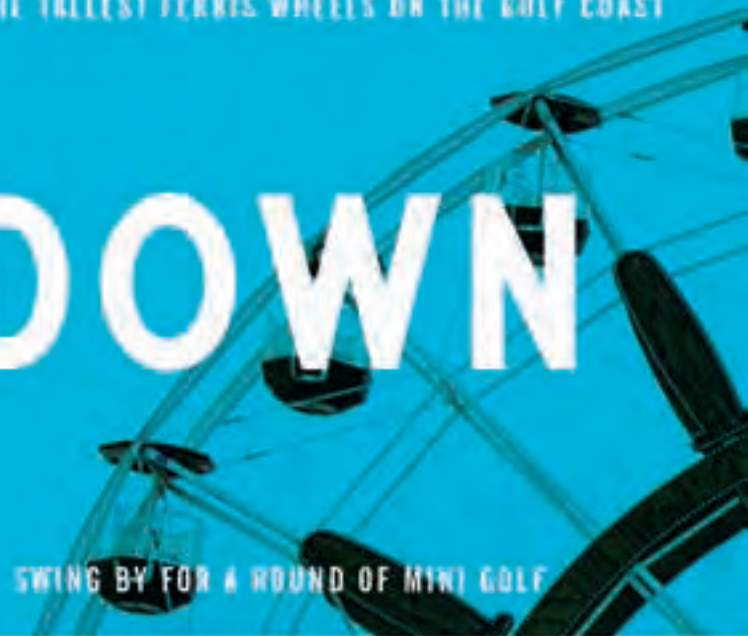
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# Funny Bones

By George Ridder



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A chemist walks into a pharmacy and asks the pharmacist, "Do you have any acetylsalicylic acid?"  
"You mean aspirin?" asked the pharmacist.

"That's it! I can never remember that word."

Two guys find three grenades and they decide to take them to the police station.

One asks, "What if one explodes before we get there?"

The other replies, "We'll lie and say we only found two."

Suppose a sudden storm springs up on your starboard side. What would you do," asks the old salt of a sea captain, testing his new recruit. "Throw out an anchor, sir," says the new sailor.

"And what would you do if another storm sprang up aft?"

"Throw out another anchor, sir," the raw recruit replies.

"Now," says the captain, "a storm springs up forward of the ship. What would you do this time?"

"Throw out another anchor, Captain."

"Hold on, hold on. Where are you getting all these anchors from?"

"From the same place you're getting your storms, sir," replied the new recruit.

While visiting a water show a tourist asked one of the divers, "Why do scuba divers always fall backward off their boats?"

"If they fell forward, they'd still be in the boat," he replied.

Before celebrating a baptism, the deacon approached the young father and said solemnly, "Baptism is

a serious step. Are you sure you're prepared for it?"

"I think so," the man replied. "My wife has made appetizers and we have a caterer coming to provide plenty of cookies and cakes for our guests."

"I don't mean that," the deacon replied. "I mean, are you prepared spiritually?"

"Oh sure," came the reply. "I've got a keg of beer and a case of whiskey."

A Sunday school teacher asked her little children, as they were on the way to church service, "And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?" One little girl replied, "Because people are sleeping."

An Irishman proposed to his girlfriend on Saint Patrick's Day and gave her a ring with a synthetic diamond.

On learning it wasn't real she protested vehemently about his cheapness.

He explained that in honor of Saint Patrick's Day, he picked her a sham-rock.

Q: What is a soprano's favorite drink growing up?

A: High-C!

Father: What you want to be in your life?

Son: A Doctor.

Father: What skills do you have of a doctor?

Son: Horrible handwriting.

"I proposed to my girl friend last night, who just got promoted to a HR position earlier in the day."

"That is cool! What did she say?"

"We will get back to you soon."

A lady in the pet shop ask about buying a gold fish.

The salesperson ask if she needed an aquarium.

Her reply was, "I don't care what sign it is."

A woman walked into a library and wondered whether they had any books about paranoia.

The librarian replied, "They're right behind you."

My Dad bought my Mom a piano for her birthday. A few weeks later, I asked how she was doing with it.

"Oh," said My Dad, "I persuaded her to switch to a clarinet."

"How come?" I asked.

"Well," he answered, "because with a clarinet, she can't sing."

My family was playing a trivia board game one night. When it was my brother-in-law's turn, he rolled the dice and landed on "Science & Nature."

His question was, "If you are in a vacuum and someone calls your name, can you hear it?"

He thought for a moment and then asked, "Is it on or off?"

A mother and son were washing dishes while the father and daughter were watching TV in the family room.

Suddenly, there was a crash of breaking dishes, then complete silence.

The girl looked at her dad and said, "It was Mom."

"How do you know?"

"She didn't say anything."



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