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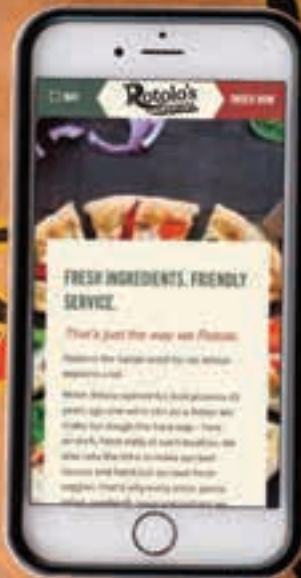




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### American Legion Post 44 to honor Coasties on Aug. 3

Gulf Shores American Legion Post 44 will honor the Coast Guard with a special birthday tribute on Friday, August 3 at 7:30 p.m. Post 44 is providing a free ribeye steak dinner to its members that are Coast Guard veterans. The U.S. Coast Guard celebrates their 227th birthday on August 4.

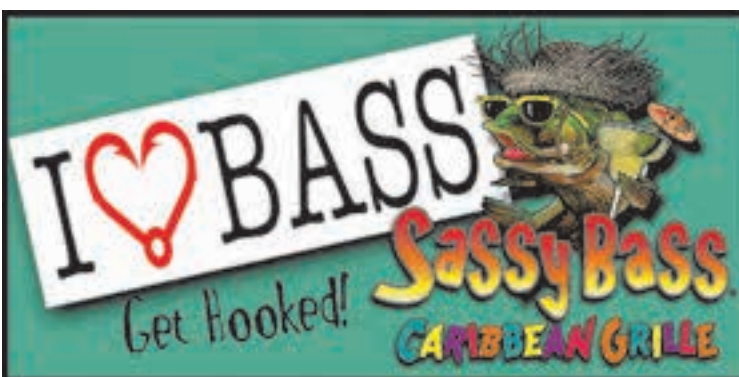
The Coast Guard, formed when the first Congress authorized the construction of ten vessels to enforce tariff and trade laws and to prevent smuggling, is one of the oldest organizations of the federal government and, until the Navy Department was established in 1798, they served as the nation's only armed force afloat.

Today, the Coast Guard performs a multitude of missions for our nation, especially in the Gulf Coast area. They patrol the coastline and inland water ways for our safety and security. The men and women of the Coast Guard are typically called Coasties. They also serve as first responders and perform humanitarian services to people in distress or impacted by natural and man-made disasters whether at sea or ashore. In times of war, or at the direction of the President, the Coast Guard serves as part of the Navy Department.

The American Legion is the largest wartime veterans service organization in the United States. It was formed in 1919 at the end of WWI. Members are veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces, to include the reserve and National Guard, that served during wartime. These veterans are "still serving America."

Post 44 is located at 6781 Hwy. 59. For more info, call 251-948-6119.

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### Gene Stallings to speak at Sept. 6 United Way kick-off

The 2018 United Way of Baldwin County Campaign Kick-Off Luncheon will feature legendary football coach Gene Stallings. The event will be held on Thursday, September 6 at the Daphne Civic Center. The VIP meet and greet is at 11 a.m., and the luncheon follows at 11:30 a.m. Stallings' 1992 Alabama team completed a 13-0 season with a win in the Sugar Bowl over Miami and was named the consensus national champion. Sponsorship tables and individual tickets are still available but going fast. Call 251-943-2110 or visit [unitedway-bc.org](http://unitedway-bc.org) for more info.

### OBPD seeks participants for 2018 Citizens' Police Academy

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

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

A number of topics will be presented and include the following: Patrol Operations; Narcotics; Investigations; K9/Crisis Negotiations

Police Records/Dispatch; Officer Training Program; Traffic / DUI Enforcement; School Resource Officer Program; Marine Division Intelligence Division.

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

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

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### Tribute to Elvis Presley Aug. 12 at Gulf Shores American Legion

Elvis Presley, will be honored on Sunday, August 12 at Gulf Shores American Legion Post 44 with a special musical tribute from 6-9 p.m. Roger Beasley with the Music Man and Company will sing Elvis' hottest hits and provide some background about The King's life. Along with the special musical tribute, the post is also serving a meal of Elvis' favorites from 5-7 p.m. Arrive early for desired seating. No reserve seating is permitted. American Legion Post 44 is located at 6781 Gulf Shores Pkwy. in Gulf Shores. The public is always welcome. This is a non-smoking environment. More info: 251-948-6119.

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## Anchored Beach Fest Aug. 18 at Orange Beach Event Center

Local churches, businesses, and nonprofits will come together once again to celebrate community and worship among friends at the Anchored Beach Fest on Saturday, August 18 at the Orange Beach Event Center.

Doors to the Event Center will open at 3 p.m. with the Anchored Beach Fest running from 4 to 8 p.m. In addition to food, fun and fellowship, the family-friendly event, hosted by Orange Beach United Methodist Church, will include worship music by Noah Cleveland and Joshua Aaron and guest speakers Travis Crim and

Clayton Jennings. There will also be retail vendors and nonprofit resource information.

For information on being a vendor, setting up a nonprofit display, sponsoring or volunteering, e-mail [anchoredbeachfest@gmail.com](mailto:anchoredbeachfest@gmail.com) or visit the Anchored Beach Fest Facebook page at [facebook.com/anchoredbeach.fest](https://facebook.com/anchoredbeach.fest). The O.B. Event Center is located at 4671 Wharf Pkwy.

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### Frank Brown International Songwriters Festival unveils 2018 poster Local marine life artist Alan Woolford again submits winning artwork

The Frank Brown International Foundation for Music has unveiled the official artwork for the 2018 Frank Brown Songwriters Festival. The poster was created once again this year by local marine life artist Alan Woolford, a Pensacola native whose work is naturally influenced by his lifelong passion for fishing, surfing and diving along the beautiful Emerald Coast.

"I've been very blessed to have lived and loved my entire life in this area and Perdido Key is my home. I love living here," Woolford said. "My job as a marine artist is to share the Key's magnificent beauty with locals and visitors alike, while drawing awareness to the importance of coastal conservation of our delicate seashore and its habitat."

Alan has been creating artwork for special events, fishing tournaments and marine oriented retailers since 1983. His work has appeared in Marlin magazine, Florida Sportsman, North Carolina Sportsman and Coastal Fishing magazines. Alan's customers come from the Gulf and Atlantic coasts, the Florida Keys, the Caribbean Islands, Central and South America, the Great Lakes, and Australia.

He works in traditional fine art media such as oils and watercolors, along with digital media on an iMac computer using Adobe Photoshop and Adobe Illustrator. While his specialty is marine art, he occasionally ventures into architectural renderings, portraits and boat wraps.

"I am very proud to once again be chosen as the official artist of the festival," he said. "Our community is lucky to have such an entertaining and educational event every November."

"Last year, Alan introduced us to our sea turtle friend on a surfboard, strumming his guitar. This year Alan has him more relaxed, in a hammock on the beach, still strumming his guitar," said fest director Andy Haynes. "I'm confident people will also love this year's version. It represents the fun, whimsical nature of the festival and addresses the ecological side of things as well."

The FBISF will feature more than 200 nationally acclaimed songwriters in venues along the Florida / Alabama Gulf Coast from November 8-18. For more info, visit fbisf.com or call 850-492-7664.



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### G.S. Church of Christ hosts Aug. 11 Free Market

The Gulf Shores Church of Christ will sponsor a free market on Saturday, Aug. 11 from 8 a.m. until noon in the church gymnasium. In addition to a free clothing giveaway for those in need (infant, youth and adult), the church will also have benevolence boxes of food and school uniforms (first come, first serve) available for distribution. The church is located at 2414 West 1st Street in Gulf Shores. For more info, contact Ray Reynolds, Pulpit Minister at Gulf Shores Church of Christ at 251-923-8951.

### Back to School Beach Bash is Aug. 16 in Gulf Shores

The City of Gulf Shores will host its annual Back to School Beach Bash at 6 p.m. on Thursday, August 16 at the west end of the Gulf Shores Public Beach. The Back to School Beach Bash will feature music, campfires and all of the makings for s'mores. These family-friendly events started in 2010 and have quickly become the perfect recipe for families of all ages who are looking for a little free fun and excitement.

"Families are encouraged to bring their blankets, chairs, friends and family to join the fun and relax on the beautiful, white sand of the Gulf Shores Public Beach," said Programs and Events Manager Brigitte Reynolds. "This event is free and open to the public." For more information about the Back to School Beach Bash, contact the Special Events Division at 251-968-1172.

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

The City of Orange Beach - Relay for Life Team will host the final of its popular Full Moon Paddles. on Aug. 26. The paddles have become the number one fund raising effort for the Orange Beach Team. The events are held at the Wind & Water Learning Center, located at 26267 Canal Road, behind the Orange Beach Public Library. Prior to participants leaving to experience the night time paddle, area restaurants cater the dinner on the grounds for everyone to enjoy and area musicians donate their time to entertain.

After enjoying the food, entertainment and meeting new friends everyone heads out onto the water in kayaks, canoes and sometimes a paddle board or two. Headlights and PFD's are required and participants provide their own kayaks or canoes. Luna's will be the food sponsor for the Aug. 26 paddle.

Registration is \$20 per person and everyone must be pre-registered. Online registration will be available at [ventbrite.com](http://ventbrite.com). Printed registration forms will be available at [orangebeachal.gov](http://orangebeachal.gov) and at all recreation facilities in Orange Beach. All monies raised benefit the American Cancer Society - Relay for Life effort. For more information on how you can be a part contact Relay Team Captain Jeanne Fitzgibbons at 251-981-1524 or [jfritz@orangebeachal.gov](mailto:jfritz@orangebeachal.gov).

### Mystical Order of Mirams Taste of Islands is Nov. 30

The Mystical Order of Mirams have announced that the 12th Annual Taste of the Islands will be held on Friday, November 30 at 6:30 p.m. at The Orange Beach Event Center at the Wharf. This year our culinary extravaganza will host over 30 restaurants from Gulf Shores, Orange Beach and surrounding areas. The all-inclusive holiday gala will consist of food samplings, cocktails, musical entertainment and a silent auction. Watch for more information coming soon.



### Womenless Beauty Pageant Aug. 8 at Flora-Bama

Baldwin County men will have an opportunity to get in touch with their feminine side for a good cause during the WomanLess Beauty Pageant at the Flora-Bama Lounge on August 8 from 6-9 p.m.

The event is a fundraiser for Relay For Life of Coastal South Baldwin and is being coordinated by Theresa Enfinger of the Columbia Southern and Amy Hicks of the Flora-Bama on behalf of their company Relay For Life teams.

Contestants will compete in swim suit, evening wear and talent competitions, and audience members will vote for the winners by purchasing tickets for \$1 each (25 for \$20). Big Earl (Jack Robertson) will be the master of ceremonies. Contest participants can enter for \$20 at [2018womenlesspageant.eventbrite.com](http://2018womenlesspageant.eventbrite.com).

The Relay For Life of Coastal South Baldwin will be held on Saturday, Sept. 29 from 2-10 p.m. at Heritage Park in Foley and include food trucks, live music, speakers, lots of children's activities, luminaries and a survivor's walk.

"We usually do this at the Relay For Life event, but we decided to change it up a little bit and get more people involved," Enfinger said. "This is going to be really fun." **Pictured:** Competitors at a past Relay For Life Womanless Beauty Pageant.

### 'Bama announces plans to increase traffic flow at State Line

It is a fact. The Flora-Bama and the two beach front communities it borders will continue to see an increased amount of vehicular traffic.

With that in mind, The Flora-Bama Lounge, Package, and Oyster Bar has been working over the past two years on designs and improvements to its properties that will provide for better ingress/egress of traffic, more parking spaces, and a newly designed crosswalk.

Working closely with the Dept. of Transportation in each state and Orange Beach, the Flora-Bama has put together a master plan that is complementary to the Perdido Key Master Plan.

It will include much needed roadway improvements and a new crosswalk. The improvements will reduce traffic congestion and improve safety. Work will begin later this year and be completed by the spring of 2019.

The improvements include:

- Re-Striping of the roadway to provide turn lanes into the Flora-Bama properties.
- Increased signage related to pedestrian crossing ahead. Signage on the Alabama side has al-

ready been installed.

- Reduced access points into/out of the Flora-Bama properties.
- A new crosswalk, with the second crosswalk at the caution light removed to limit pedestrian crossings to one location.
- Increased parking of over 150 spaces at Flora-Bama.
- Improved and increased lighting on roadway.
- Increased presence of crossing guards/deputies to direct traffic at peak times.

"We will remain proactive on any solutions to traffic and safety concerns that we can affect. Perdido Key and Orange Beach continue to see an increased amount of vehicular traffic as more visitors discover the unique beauty of the area," the Flora-Bama ownership group stated in a press release. "As one of the largest employers in the area and the anchor for the arts and music culture of the Gulf Coast, The Flora-Bama recognizes our responsibility to be a harmonious part of the neighborhood, and we again take this obligation seriously."



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# Early Snapper season closure due to more anglers, bigger fish

Motivation to catch snapper likely came from dire situation that snapper anglers faced in the spring

By David Rainer

AL Dept. of Conservation and Natural Resources

Honestly, I'm not surprised that Alabama saltwater anglers caught so many red snapper in six-plus weeks that the private recreational season had to close earlier than planned.

Thankfully, the Alabama Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo (ADSFR), with its Red Snapper Jackpot, managed to squeeze in its final day of competition before the season ended Sunday, July 22. The season for the charter-for-hire boats fishing the rodeo ended at midnight on July 21.

**"On the weekend of June 9, there were more people snapper fishing than I have seen in my 21 years with Marine Resources, including on rodeo weekend."**

"The unbridled enthusiasm anglers exhibited for snapper fishing this year surpassed anything I've witnessed in my 26 years of covering the outdoors in Alabama," Alabama Marine Resources Director Scott Bannon said, adding that the angler effort surprised everyone.

"On the weekend of June 9, there were more people snapper fishing than I have seen in my 21 years with Marine Resources, including on rodeo weekend," he said. "The effort was tremendous. Our Chief of Enforcement, Jason Downey, was on patrol, and he said there were 200 boats surrounding him on the Bridge Rubble.

"The number of people who went fishing this year has been phenomenal. And it's

good that people had the opportunity to fish."

The motivation to catch snapper likely came from the dire situation that snapper anglers faced in the spring. Without some kind of relief from NOAA Fisheries, the possibility of even a short snapper season looked grim.

Instead, the five Gulf states came together to request an exempted fishing permit (EFP) that would allow each state to set its season under an approved system that allowed each state to catch a certain quota of snapper.

The Alabama Marine Resources Division's mandatory Red Snapper Reporting System, better known as Snapper Check, allows Marine Resources officials to monitor the harvest on a near real-time basis, one of the reasons NOAA Fisheries approved the EFP for the 2018 and 2019 seasons.

Marine Resources based its proposed 47-day season on the data gathered from last year's snapper season. That data included daily catch rate, size of the fish and the amount of angler effort (man-days fishing for snapper).

When the 2018 season was set, Bannon repeatedly used the word "potential" when discussing the length of the season. It could be longer or shorter, depending on the daily catch rate and weather.

The weather turned out to be a factor, but not because it was bad. It was so good that anglers only had a couple of days with rough seas during the 28 days of the private recreational season.

"Without the EFP, there may not have been a federal fishing season," Bannon said. "The individual state seasons could have consumed all of the total allowable catch."

Based on the 2017 daily harvest rate of red snapper, Bannon said Marine Resources considered a 50-day season, but reduced it to 47 days because they anticipated a "little bit" of increased effort to catch Alabama's quota of 984,291 pounds of red snapper.

Bannon said when the snapper harvest numbers for June were published, he knew the season would have to be closed before Labor Day.

With the unparalleled artificial reef habitat off the Alabama coast and good weather, anglers of all skill levels were able to enjoy great snapper fishing. Huge red snapper were posted on social media every day during the season.

Last year, the data indicated an average of 1,770 anglers fished for snapper per day. In 2018, preliminary data showed that the average anglers per day was much higher than in 2017. The increased number of anglers, along with an increase in size of the fish being landed, resulted in higher daily landings for the 2018 season.

"We don't like working with pounds," Bannon said.

"We've seen with the evolution of the snapper seasons that with larger fish you obviously reach the total allowable catch quicker. The product of our management efforts in the Alabama reef zone is the increased abundance and size of fish being caught."

Bannon said the downside of the 2018 season is anglers have not fully embraced the benefits of reporting their catches through Snapper Check. He said the 2018 reporting rate is between 35 and 36 percent, up from last year's 30 percent, but still disappointingly low.

"I still feel that people don't fully understand how much better data we could get if we have a higher compliance rate with Snapper Check," he said. "Real numbers make a difference in the landings estimate. With the state programs, we can maintain greater awareness on the fishing effort and landings allowing us to maximize the days of fishing."



"The purpose of the EFP is to show that states can manage their fishery to a quota, and that we would manage it effectively to prevent overfishing and set seasons that work for our anglers and are guaranteed a certain amount of fish. If you just open a federal season, it's a free-for-all across the Gulf. If the weather was bad, we lose those days while others are fishing."

The weather was so good that one charter-for-hire captain told Bannon that he had never been able to fish the entire month of June before this year.

"The positives we see are, one, we had an allocation higher than what we caught last year. And, two, we saw an increase in the number of people who were able to fish," Bannon said. "We opened for a season we thought would benefit the largest number of people, and the data shows a lot of people went fishing."

Dr. Sean Powers, head of Marine Sciences at the University of South Alabama and one of the ADSFR judges last weekend, said the good news is the red snapper fishery in the Gulf of Mexico continues to get better.

"About five years ago, the Gulf Council removed the overfishing (catch rate too high) status from red snapper," Powers said. "Just recently, the Council removed the overfished status. Based on the numbers in the stock we are not in an overfished status, meaning the biomass is no longer below the threshold we think jeopardizes the stock. Although we want to rebuild the stocks a little further, it is no longer overfished."

"That means the seasons and bag limits will stay relatively constant for a while. The (computer) models show an increase in the number of fish over the next couple of years. The stock is very healthy right now, especially off Alabama. Every year we seem to get good recruitment (juvenile fish entering the fishery), and those recruits have that artificial reef habitat. Plus, there is a lot of natural habitat in the deeper water that acts as a reserve, because people don't have to go that far to catch their limit of snapper."

Bannon said if the red snapper fishery continues to be managed by the states it will reduce the chances that overfishing will become a problem again.

"The takeaway is we had 28 days of incredible red snapper fishing that a tremendous number of people took advantage of," Bannon said. "And we have shown that the states can responsibly manage the red snapper fishery. The sustainable management of this red snapper season will go a long way to ensuring continued and expanded state control of this fishery."

"But folks need to know there are a lot of other fish in the Gulf to catch now that red snapper season is closed. You can catch beeliners (vermillion snapper), king mackerel and Spanish mackerel, and the triggerfish and amberjack seasons open back up the first of August."

**Pictured:** (David Rainer) The abundance of red snapper continues to increase in Alabama's artificial reef zones.





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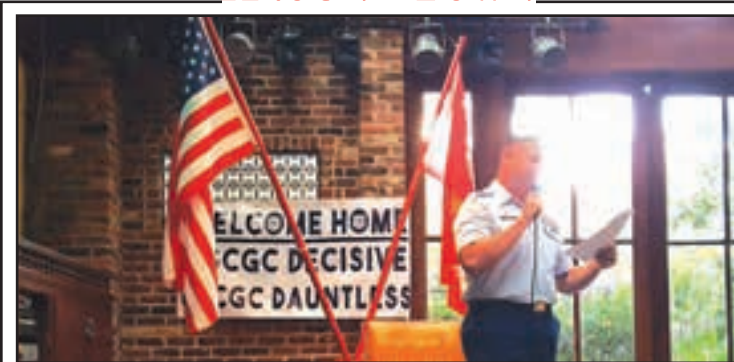
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**USCG & MARINE HEROES AMONG US IN PENSACOLA:** Two seagoing Coast Guard sailors spoke at the most recent Heroes Among Us series in downtown Pensacola. CDR Ben Keffer, Commanding officer, CGC Cypress, a 255-foot buoy tender - the largest naval vessel homeported in Pensacola, and Senior Boatswain's Mate Marco Cowley shared career highlights across the spectrum of USCG Operations from drug interdiction to hurricane rescue and recovery. A status report of the two 210-foot Coast Guard Cutters now homeported in Pensacola was also provided. Any Coastie wishing to be next year's speaker can contact Walt Viglienza (viglie@aol.com). Heroes Among Us, sponsored by the Marine League, is held at the Veterans Memorial Park/Wall South on the last Thursday of month through October at 6 p.m. by the Marine Bell Tower (or at Rosie O'Grady in case of rain).

## The Lion King Jr. opens Aug. 3 at SBCT

### Six run production part of Young Artists Series

Tickets are on sale now for the South Baldwin Community Theatre's six run production of Disney's The Lion King Jr. Shows are scheduled August 3, 4, 10 & 11 @ 7:30 p.m. and August 5 & 12 (Sunday) @ 2 p.m. To purchase online, go to sbct.biz.

An SBCT Young Artist production, the play has captivated the imagination of audiences around the world as a one-of-a-kind musical of the African savannah. See Simba, Rafiki and an unforgettable cast of characters come to life on stage, as they journey from Pride Rock to the jungle . . . and back again, in this inspiring, coming-of-age tale. Presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International, the play is directed by Jan Hinnen. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$9.95 for children. Tickets are also available at the theatre box office (2022 W. 2nd St. in Gulf Shores the week of the show and at the door. Call 251-968-6721 for more info.



**KIWANIS CLUB OF BIG LAGOON DONATION:** The Kiwanis Club of Big Lagoon was invited to present its check live on WEAR TV for the hugely successful "Cram the Van" United Way fundraiser. For more info, visit Big Lagoon.portal-buzz.com.

## St. Peter's in Bon Secour

### monthly fish-fry is Aug. 2

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. The next feast is August 2, and fish-frys are also scheduled on Sept. 6 and Oct. 4. Fried fish plates include sides of hushpuppies, baked beans, coleslaw, potato salad and dessert - all for \$10. Eat in or take out. St. Peter's is located on the corner of County roads 10 and 49 at 6270 County Road 10 in Bon Secour. For more info, call 251-949-6254 or visit stpetersbonsecour.diocgc.com.

## Cornhole Tourney slated

### Aug. 5 at Ole River Grill

Kick the season off right and bring your team to the state line for the Flora-Bama Ole River Grill Cornhole & Tailgating Tournament slated August 5 beginning at noon. Entru fe is \$10 per team. Prizes and buy-in jackpots to the top three teams. Register at the event or by emailing Charlie@Florabama.com. This is a 21 and over tourney. Ole River Grill is located directly across from the Flora-Bama at the Al/Fl state line.

## Local airports receive

### transportation grants

Airports servicing Gulf Shores and Foley were among the eight Southwest Alabama airports receiving recent grants from the federal Department of Transportation. Jack Edwards National Airport in Gulf Shores was awarded \$150,000 for runway safety improvements. Foley Municipal Airport was awarded \$259,149 to construct a taxiway. Mobile Regional Airport earned the largest grant, \$1.1 million to improve airport drainage and its update airport mast.



## Commemoration of Battle & Siege of Fort Morgan Aug. 4

A commemoration of the Battle of Mobile Bay and siege of Fort Morgan is scheduled from 8:30 a.m. 'til 4:30 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 4 at Fort Morgan Historic Site, located at 110 Hwy. 180 in Gulf Shores.

This one day living history event will remember the sacrifices of the United States Armed Forces and Confederate States Armed Forces during this pivotal naval battle and siege. Uniformed interpreters will bring the fort to life through demonstration of period drills on the fort's parade ground as well as artillery demonstration at the water battery. Special talks given by the site historians will provide insight into the events that transpired as well as introduce topics little written about in books.

For more info, call 251-540-5257 or visit fort-morgan.org.

The Battle of Mobile Bay is one of the iconic confrontations of the American Civil War at sea. During the three-day event, the fort's museum will feature rarely exhibited artifacts from three of the fleet of ships engaged during the battle; the USS Tecumseh, USS Philippi, and the CSS Gaines.

The USS Tecumseh, an ironclad ship widely thought to be unsinkable, sank during the Battle of Mobile Bay when she struck a mine called torpedoes during the war. The ship capsized and rests upside down northwest of Fort Morgan.

Union Admiral David Farragut, lashed to the rigging of his ship, saw his fleet pulling back after Tecumseh went under. That's when Farragut yelled out his now famous order, paraphrased as, "Damn the torpedoes, full speed ahead."

The USS Philippi was set afire by Confederate artillery and destroyed while following Admiral David Farragut's fleet into Mobile Bay. The CSS Gaines was heavily damaged during the Battle of Mobile Bay and as she took on water became grounded within 500 yards of Fort Morgan. Overlooking Mobile Bay, Fort Morgan went on to contribute during the Spanish-American War, World War I and World War II.

## Battle of Fort Morgan Schedule

- 09:00 AM - Presentation of Arms and Inspection (inside the Fort)
- 10:00 AM - Cannon Firing (beside Museum)
- 10:15 AM - Presentation on Battle of Mobile Bay (inside Fort)
- 11:00 AM - Small Arms Demonstration (in Fort)
- 12:00 PM - Cannon firing (beside Museum)
- 01:00 PM - Small arms demonstration (in Fort)
- 02:00 PM - Cannon firing (beside Museum)
- 02:15 - Presentation on Battle of Mobile Bay (inside Fort)
- 03:00 PM - Small Arms demonstration (in Fort)
- 04:00 PM - Cannon firing (beside Museum)
- 04:30 PM - Event Ends



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## ORANGE BEACH CITY COUNCIL

# Fiber optic internet effort comes up short, but is far from over

Committee chair says it came down to residents having past bad experiences with CenturyLink

By John Mullen

The effort to get CenturyLink to provide fiber optic internet connections to Orange Beach residents may have fallen short but the effort is far from over.

Councilman Jerry Johnson, chair of the city's Telecommunications and Technology Committee said and other members of the panel are already working on another provider in the drive for fiber optic.

"We're not giving up on bringing fiber internet to the residents of this city,"

"We're at the cusp. I think we can make it happen and we're going to keep on until we can find the right fit."

Johnson said. "We don't consider this a failure it's just one of the setbacks that you go through and we will continue to we find a solution."

Orange Beach partnered with CenturyLink on the effort beginning in August of 2017. The city put up a good-faith amount of \$1 million to let the company know it was serious about the effort.

"It's not putting \$1 million into the project, it's just a good-faith initiative to say the city is with them for the entire project," Johnson said at the time.

CenturyLink came up with a threshold of having 1,000 people sign up with quotas for certain neighborhoods and pay \$25 for a reservation with a deadline of July 31.

"We had somebody working fulltime for the last several months going to condos and door to door and just trying to get one neighborhood to the threshold to where we could start installing would be some momentum," Johnson said. "We could not get one neighborhood even close."

It came down residents who had past bad experiences with CenturyLink, Johnson said.

"The product itself is good and most of the residents agreed with that," Johnson said. "But CenturyLink's reputation, they don't trust CenturyLink and they really don't have any confidence it will be delivered as they said. When you have a company like that it's hard to move forward. The Telecommunications Committee has agreed."

Johnson said the city worked hard and held up its end of the agreement.

Orange Beach, Alabama logo. "Orange Beach's part of that partnership, we exceeded," Johnson said. "We did everything we possibly could do. CenturyLink really didn't bring anything to the table once they agreed to do that we never saw 'em. And there's just a lot of issues there."

The next move, Johnson said, is moving forward with another company that is willing to look at partnering with the city on fiber internet.

"The good news is there's another company in Tuscaloosa that is very interested in something simi-

lar," he said. "So we'll be talking to them in September to see what they're bringing to the table."

And, if that's not the solution Johnson said he and the committee will look for other options.

"We're not giving up on bringing fiber internet to the residents of this city," he said. "We don't consider this a failure it's just one of the setbacks that you go through and we will continue to we find a solution. We're at the cusp. I think we can make it happen and we're going to keep on until we can find the right fit."

Johnson said CenturyLink will start mailing checks to the people who signed up in August and that the company accepted the fact people didn't have confidence in the company.

"CenturyLink knows we want the \$25 reservation fee refunded as soon as possible," he said. "You should be getting checks in the mail from them. They agreed and they didn't argue with our thinking and the residents' comments."

During the work session the council discussed:

- Giving eminent domain to Al Lutke who owns the property directly west of the newly acquired Goodwyn property. He is requesting a 30-foot right-of-way through the property which is north of Burklowski Lane and west of Roscoe Road.

- A resolution to award a bid for the city's debris monitoring, disaster management, and recovery services contract. Bids will be opened on July 19.

- A resolution to award a bid for a drone for the police department. Bids will be opened on July 26.



**HUNTER EDUCATION IN OB:** Hunter Education Coordinator Daniel Musselwhite and Instructor Chris Litton wrapped up another summer session of hunter education in Orange Beach. The City also sponsored a Junior Marksmanship Program for children (8 to 15) which featured clay shooting followed by shooting rifles and archery. Attendees of the Hunter Education class were also treated to a visit by Melissa Vinson of the OB Wildlife Center and Izzy the Otter. **Pictured:** Litton, Vinson, Musselwhite.

## Update on Roadwork: Pardon our progress

Following is a rundown of upcoming road improvement projects as of 7/20/18:

- **Canal Rd.:** The additional westbound lane, added between Hwy. 161 and The Wharf, has made a substantial difference in moving traffic off the island; Work on the additional eastbound lane between William Silvers Parkway and Hwy. 161 will begin this fall with the relocation of utilities. Work will pause for the 2019 summer season, with road construction expected to begin in the fall of 2019.

- **Hwy. 161 Turn:** As part of the widening project, the intersection of Hwy. 161 and Canal Road will be realigned with removal of the Thumb Thumb and its adjacent businesses on the southwest corner to provide a curve instead of a 90-degree turn to facilitate smooth traffic flow to the beach. Work is expected to be finished in 2020.

- **Bridge:** The proposed Wolf Bay Bridge would also link into this intersection. Final plans for the bridge project have yet to be finalized, but the bridge, with funding already in place, is also expected to be completed by the end of 2020.

- **East Canal Road** will be widened to three lanes from Hwy. 161 to Wilson Blvd. and a traffic circle will be added just east of the public library complex.

- **Median improvements:** The next phase of the ALDOT median improvement and U-turn project on Perdido Beach Boulevard will begin between the Cotton Bayou Public Beach Access and Perdido

Beach Resort this fall. At present, that will be the last phase of the median improvements.

## Fall Expect Excellence registration opens

Registration is underway for the City of Orange Beach's Expect Excellence After School Program, an after-school opportunity for third to 12th graders to train and excel in athletics, academics, and the arts. It is available for virtual and homeschool students in Orange Beach. The program is held on Monday through Friday from 3 to 6 p.m. at the Rec Center, and is free to Orange Beach residents.

Register online or at the the Rec Center. Students need to have their own transportation to the Rec Center after school if they will not be walking over from Orange Beach Elementary School. This is not simply after-school child care. Students will be required to participate at their highest level and strive for growth. More info: 251-981-7836 or email expectexcellence@orangebeachal.gov.

The weekly program includes the following:

- **Academics:** Homework Lab, Robotics/Coding, Individual Tutoring and Minecraft Guild.

- **Arts:** Theater Arts, Individual Music Lessons (Voice, Guitar and Piano), The Art of Living (Etiquette and Life Skills), Visual Arts and Graphic Design.

- **Athletics:** Speed, Strength and Agility; Volleyball (male and female); Softball; Basketball, Martial Arts, Soccer, Baseball and Flag Football.



## GULF SHORES CITY COUNCIL

# Regency Rd. residents voice concerns over 206 unit complex

## Developer followed guidelines to gain planning board approval

By John Mullen

Residents in the Regency Road area of downtown Gulf Shores hope to hear from the city council on Monday what action it can take to answer concerns about a proposed 206-unit apartment complex planned for the neighborhood.

“What can be done to prohibit a high-density apartment complex in our quiet neighborhood,” resident Pete Sims asked at a recent council meeting. “We want to keep our small town small. To me this development is stepping in the opposite direction from that. I think you feel some of our pain.”

“Not only is this project in the plans there is also another project in the plans to the rear of my home that is also 40-something parking spaces and 19 to 21 townhome apartments.”

Mayor Robert Craft said he and other city staff will meet with attorneys to see what action, if any, the city can take to alleviate the residents’ concerns.

“This is a legal situation and we’ve been discussing this and we don’t have an answer yet,” Craft told a room crowded with concerned residents. “Hopefully as early as next week we should have some legal understanding of what we legally can do. We’re bound by law of what we can and can’t do.”

The developer, City Planner Andy Bauer said, followed all the guidelines of the zoning on the parcel and was given approval by the planning commission in June. Because there were no rezoning or variances requested a city council vote is not required for the project to move ahead.

Chief among residents’ concerns is the possibility of the apartment containing short-term rentals. According to zoning ordinance, short-term rentals are allowed in the beach overlay district, commercial districts and multi-family complexes like condominiums or apartments.

Bauer said there are currently no business licenses on file with the city for short-term rentals in any of the city’s apartment complexes. City officials have also said the developer has assured them short-term rentals are not a part of his plan.

Even if that concern is removed residents are also worried that adding 206 units on Regency Road would cause a traffic nightmare. West of

the proposed Regency Place there are 90-plus units in Regency Club Condos, to the south is The Enclave with 123 units, Palmetto subdivision to the north has 16 houses and The Ridge to the east has nearly 50 units.

“My main concern on this project is I saw where there is something like 300 parking spaces allotted in this complex,” Palmetto resident Timothy Ingram said. “As it stands right now it’s 35 on Regency Road. I can stand in my driveway and watch cars come by there doing 50 mph. They use Regency Road as a cut through to get to Fort Morgan Road every day. Now we’re going to add 300 more cars on Regency Road.”

Other residents say they are not against developing the empty lot but believe the four-story complex would overwhelm the neighborhood.

“I don’t believe anybody in this room would be against townhomes or condominiums over there we just don’t need that many apartments,” resident Tim Claiborne said. “We’d really like for it to remain individual ownership.”

Magnolia Circle resident Dave Evans said more development is already approved for another complex on 1.2 acres to the north of his neighborhood.

“Not only is this project in the plans there is

also another project in the plans to the rear of my home that is also 40-something parking spaces and 19 to 21 townhome apartments,” Evans said.

Sims said he believes the council and mayor have the clout to either halt the project or win concessions for a smaller development.

“We feel the council is the executive and legislative branch of our city government and if you so desired I feel you could use your discretion to take action in the best interest of the community and its citizens,” Sims said. “I still feel like this is a political decision that our city leaders can take care of. Building an apartment complex and adding 5 percent to the population of Gulf Shores, to our small town, I don’t think is what the city wants or the city needs.”

Craft said he hopes to have answers for the residents at the next city council meeting Monday.

“I always try to work through this in the best interests of everybody as long as we all understand we limitations legally we are facing,” Craft said. “We’re entertaining this and doing it again and again because we care. The more we know the better we can do.”

“We are meeting back here Aug. 6 and I’m hoping we have some type of response from our attorneys on what we can do and a definitive answer to you on what we are going to do,” he added.

**Pictured:** An architectural rendering of Regency Place, a proposed 206-unit apartment complex that has drawn protests from residents





# Still trying to figure out how to get his gator in the house

## 13 ft., 667 lb. monster was largest of the year in Southwest Zone

**By David Rainer**  
**Al. Dept. of Conser. & Nat. Resources**  
 With the 2018 Alabama alligator seasons underway, Rodney Young is now faced with a dilemma.

His problem is how to get the monster gator he and his team bagged last year into his house. Young tagged a 13-foot gator

that registered 667 pounds on the scale last year in the Southwest Zone, the largest gator of the year. Young decided to have a full-body mount made and plans to put it in his home in Stapleton when the taxidermist is finished later this year.

"I'm going to put him in my man cave over the garage," he said. "I'm hoping it'll go up the staircase. If not, I'm going to have to get a crane or lift of some kind and put him through the window. I haven't figured that out yet."

Young and his team faced a similar situation last August

during their gator hunt in the Mobile-Tensaw Delta. Young admits they were lucky to find a big gator because they hadn't done any scouting.

"We were just rolling the dice, running up and down the rivers," Young said. "We saw a bunch of 10-footers. This was my first hunt. I was out with

some buddies of mine who had been on several hunts through the years. We'd see one and my buddy Gary Goins would say, 'Nah, ain't big enough.'"

About 2 a.m., the team was running up the Tensaw River when one of the crew shined a light on the

bank and spotted a big gator in a man cave of his own.

"All we could see was the tip of his nose and his eyes," Young said. "But we knew right then it was a good one. We were probably 100 yards away, but we knew we were onto something."

"He was in what looked like a

little cove. The way the willows were, it created a little pocket and trees had grown over the top. We were having to cast sideways. We'd hit limbs and trees, and the gator would go down. That happened four times. We'd fool with him, and he'd go down. We'd back out in the river and watch for him. About 30 minutes later, he'd pop back up."

Then the big gator made a fatal mistake. He abandoned his cove.

"We were setting up to watch him again when one of the guys yelled, 'He's running,'" Young said. "He was tired of us fooling with him, and he came out into the river. We spun around and got two lines in him. That was an hour-and-a-half into the process. Of course, then the fight was on. He'd go down. We tried to keep two lines on him with treble hooks. He'd spin and pop one off. Then we'd get another one in him."

After the team finally got the gator under the boat, Young donned a pair of gloves and grabbed the large line with a snatch hook. Young hooked the gator but it didn't come up right away.

"When he finally got to the surface, his head came completely out of the water," he said. "That's the first time we got a good look at him, and we

realized we had a monster."

The team finally wore the big gator down and secured him to the side of the boat at 5 a.m. Young dispatched the gator with one shot.

"At that point, we were as worn out as he was," Young said.

Then Young's team was faced with another dilemma. They were in Goins' Blazer Bay boat because of motor problems on their boat that was designated for gator hunting, and Goins didn't want the gator messing up his almost-new boat.

"He told us, 'We can take the Blazer Bay, but we're not putting that gator in the boat,'" Young said. "We said, okay we'll tie him off. Bear in mind, we shot that gator at 5 o'clock. We realized we would never make it back to the weigh station before it closed if we had to go back to the launch and then drive to the Causeway."

"Gary was sitting there with

his head in his hands. Finally, he said, 'The heck with it. Put him in the boat.' We didn't bat an eye. We weren't going to give him a chance to change his mind, so we started pulling the gator in the boat. It took all five of us to get him in the boat. Then four of us had to go to the bow of the boat to get the boat up on plane. But we got to the weigh station in time."

Although Young has applied for a tag this year, he said he knows the point system implemented in 2014 will put him at the bottom of the list for 2018.

"I figure it'll take another two or three years to get another tag. It took me seven years to get the first one," he said.

**Pictured:** Rodney Young shows off his 13-foot alligator taken last year in the Mobile-Tensaw Delta. Young to help from, left to right, Gary Goins, Brad Goins, Tommy Antoine and Ashley Wilson to subdue the 667-pound gator.

## Points system for alligator tags is working as expected

Chris Nix, Alabama Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries' Alligator Program Coordinator, said a preference points system was implemented for the 2014 alligator season, and it is working as expected. For each year an applicant fails to draw a tag, the points are cubed with a point added for the current year.

"If you have applied since 2014 and haven't been drawn, you will have 65 points now," Nix said. "It's not guaranteed, but those people are highly likely to get drawn now. The longer the point system is in place, the quicker the turnover for people who haven't gotten a tag."

To ensure that new applicants had a shot at a tag, Nix said that 85 percent of the tags are filled with applicants with preference points and the remaining 15 percent are allocated to those with no points. Once a person is drawn, the preference points are zeroed out. Preference points are also lost if the person fails to apply for a tag.

The 2018 alligator season parameters are the same as last year with 260 total tags statewide – 150 in the Southwest Zone, 50 in the West Central Zone, 40 in the Southeast Zone and 20 in the Lake Eufaula Zone. Hunting is from sunset to sunrise.

Season dates for the Southwest Zone and the West Central Zone are sunset on August 9 until sunrise on August 12 and sunset on August 16 until sunrise on August 19. The Southwest Zone includes private and public waters in Baldwin and Mobile counties and private and public waters in Washington, Clarke and Monroe counties that lie east of U.S. Highway 43 and south of U.S. Highway 84.

Nix said between 60 and 70 percent of the tags are filled annually, but it's not because of a lack of alligators, especially in the Southwest Zone.

"We could have a 100-percent success rate in the Southwest Zone every year," he said. "People pass up gators they wish they had tagged. It's just like deer hunting. Most people don't shoot the first buck that walks into the field. People usually don't take the first alligator they see."

"But to each his own. We had a couple that brought in two 4-footers last year, and they were as happy as could be."







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## AROUND TOWN



## Sissy Flanigan “swims for the gold” at at Special Olympic Games in Seattle

By Sally McKinney

In May, Sissy Flanigan’s friends and family were chanting, “Go, Sissy! Swim for the Gold!” And she did. As a member of the Alabama Summer Special Olympics team, Sissy won three medals, one of each kind, a bronze, a silver and a gold at the 2018 Special Olympics USA Games held in Seattle.

The Weyerhaeuser King County Aquatic Center in Tacoma where the swim events were held was awash with Olympic hopefuls, ready to swim for the gold. It was Sissy’s team that took the top prize in the 4x25M Relay. Sissy represented Baldwin County; Leslie Thomas, Colbert/Lauderdale, Brandi Nuians, Shelby County and Amanda Roberts, Tuscaloosa.

Sissy has been swimming with the Gulf Shores Starfish Special Olympics Swim Team for about 16 years, stacking up at least 50 medals. In July in Washington, in addition to the gold medal, she added a Silver medal for the 50M Freestyle and a Bronze for the 50M Backstroke competition.

“It was awesome,” said the Special Olympian. Other than winning the medals, Sissy says the best part was having her family there to cheer her to victory. Leaving from Birmingham, her sister, Bridget and her two children, Eli and Dottie, accompanied Sissy’s Mom, Judie.



Her sister Sarah and her three children, Libby, Lucy and Cooper, arrived from Tallahassee and as a surprise, her brother, Drew and his wife, Christy, flew in to witness the first qualifying race.

In addition, Sissy made some new friends, especially her three roommates at Willow Hall on the University of Washington Seattle campus.

The excitement began when the Alabama representatives left on a Southwest charter on June 30, arriving in time for the opening ceremony on July 1. For Sissy, there were some open times and days, so she and her family took advantage of the special sites of northwest Washington, Seattle and Tacoma. They visited the Space Needle, enjoyed a picnic and fireworks at the Lake Union Park and attended a Mariners/Angels game at Safeco Field.

There was also a Healthy Athlete program where volunteer doctors and dentists provided examinations for the participants, checking eyes, ears, teeth and feet.

Guiding the Alabama Olympians on their quests for the Gold were Skylar Cooley, Therapeutics Coordinator, Decatur Parks and Recreation; John Huling, Opelika Parks and Recreation, Manager of Sports Plex and Brain Hutton, Aquatics/Senior Citizen Director, City of Talladega.

## Sirens of Sea Tailgating Drawdown September 21 at O.B. Event Center

Sirens of the Sea, a local women’s Mardi Gras Krewe, is in full swing this summer working on their upcoming Annual Fall Fundraiser, The 2nd Annual Football Tailgating Drawdown. Last year’s theme was so well received that they are bringing it back. It is going to be held at the Orange Beach Event Center at The Wharf on September 21 starting at 6 p.m. The event promises to be a fun filled night. The Grand Prize is a hefty \$5000.

Raffle items this year, soon to be announced, will appeal to a wide audience. Raffle tickets are only \$2. The Silent Auction will have a wide array of valuable items to bid on. The band STORMY from Louisiana will light up the night with horns, keyboard and vocals. Food will be catered by Down South BBQ.

Everyone is invited to come out and join the tailgate party, wear their favorite NCAA College or NFL Pro Football team fanfare. Sirens of the Sea support our local communities throughout the year. A portion of the proceeds support several selected local charities, previously including Baldwin County Child Advocacy Center (CARE HOUSE). Their Annual Sirens Scholarship Fund is awarded to a local high school senior for col-

lege tuition. Tickets are \$50 and will be on sale soon. For more information or tickets contact Linda Pacatte at 251-402-2218 or Judy Hamby 270-887-9691 or any Siren member.

## Orange Beach Police Dept. hosts Aug. 7 Kids Night Out at Waterfront Park

The Orange Beach Police Department will hold its annual Kids’ Night Out from 5-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, August 7, at Waterfront Park. The free event is held each year in conjunction with National Night Out.

Children will need to wear swim clothes and bring a towel for a fun time and lots of activities. There will be wet and dry inflatables. Hot dogs, popcorn, chips and drinks will be provided. This year there will be a fire truck sprinkler, police equipment on display and animals from the Alabama Gulf Coast Zoo. Children 13 and younger are invited and must be accompanied by their parent or legal guardian.

Sponsors and volunteers include Publix, Alabama Gulf Coast Zoo, The Wharf, Orange Beach Presbyterian Church, Orange Beach Garden Club, Orange Beach United Methodist Church, Aaron’s Lock Service and Rouses.

For more information, contact School Resource Officer Lowery at clowery@orangebeachal.gov.

## Cobalt ,Wolf Bay Lodge earn AL Retailer of the Year accolades

Congratulations to Brian and Jodi Harsany of Cobalt The Restaurant and Charlene Haber at Wolf Bay Lodge for earning Alabama Retailer of the Year accolades. Both of the Orange Beach restaurants will win a gold, silver or bronze 2018 Retailer of the Year Award in their respective category, which is based on annual sales, later this year. The program is sponsored by the Alabama Retail Association.

On Facebook, each restaurant expressed heartfelt thanks for the recognition.

Wolf Bay Lodge: “We are overwhelmed with gratitude! Thanks for taking the time to vote for us and leave such wonderful comments during the campaign.”

Cobalt: “We are honored and blessed to be one of the winners of the 2018 Retailer of the Year Awards.”

The Alabama Retailer of the Year and Alabama Centennial Retailer awards will be announced at the Alabama Retail Day Luncheon on Oct. 16 at the Vestavia Country Club in Birmingham. Stacy Brown, founder of Chicken Salad Chick, is scheduled to be the keynote speaker. For more information, visit alabamaretail.org.

Pictured: Cobalt owners Brian and Jodi Harsany pose during their sister restaurant Luna’s Oktoberfest, scheduled on Sept. 30 this year; Charlene Haber with her winning team at the 2017 Hangout Oyster Fest. Wolf Bay won top prizes for favorite restaurant and best booth.





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

**Tuesday, August 7th:** Shea White 6-10pm

**Wednesday, August 8th:**

Sandra Kaye & The Legends 6-10pm

**Thursday, August 9th:** Jonathon Newton 7-11pm

**Friday, August 10th:**

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**Saturday, August 11th:**

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**Sunday, August 12th:** Smoky Otis 6-10pm

**Monday, August 13th:** Shane Watson 6-10pm

**Tuesday, August 14th:** Shea White 6-10pm



# Gulf Shores High School announces 2nd Athletic Hall of Fame class

Gulf Shores High School has released the inductees that it will proudly honor as its 2nd Hall of Fame class.

The nominees were selected under the following criteria:

- Athletes and coaches will be considered as candidates for the Hall of Fame. Others who have made exemplary contributions to Gulf Shores High School's athletic program are eligible for associate status.

- There is a ten year waiting period from the date of graduation before an athlete may be considered. There is no waiting period for coaches.

- Athletic abilities and achievements during the nominee's school career will be the primary considerations. Service to the school and community before and after graduation will also be considered

"We believe the following inductees meet and exceed the nomination criteria and have earned their respective position in the Gulf Shores High School Hall of Fame," said Mark Glassford, the GSHS assistant principal.

There will be a Reception at the GSHS Library honoring the inductees on Friday, August 31 at 4 p.m. The inductees will be introduced and have an opportunity to speak. The public is invited to attend. The class will be inducted before that evening's football game at Micky Miller Stadium vs. Baldwin County. In addition to being presented plaques and certificates at the stadium and honored during the afternoon social, the inductees will have their pictures displayed in the school trophy case.

## Hall of Fame Class

- **Wing Brett** (Volleyball Coach 1999-2011, Track Coach 2009-2011): 385 Career Wins as Head Volleyball Coach; 3A Area Champion 1999, 2000, 2001; 3A South West Region Champion; 4A Area Champion 2003, 2004; 5A Area Champion 2006, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011; 7 Elite 8 Appearances; 2 State Semi Finals; 2003 4A State Runner-up; 2004 Coached South All Star Team (Won in 5 sets); 2007 Coached South All Star Team (Won in 4 sets).

- **Brandon Ellis** (Golf Team 1998-2002): Baldwin County Champion; 3A State Team Championship Golf 2001; 3A State Individual State Champion 2001; 3A State Team Championship Golf 2002; 3A State Individual State Champion 2002; 3A State Team Runner-Up Golf 1999 & 2000; 3 Sectional Tournament Wins 2000, 2001, 2002.

- **Logan Hickman** (Football 2004-2007): 3 year varsity

Starter Gulf Shores High School; All County GSHS 2005, 2006, 2007; Honorable mention All-State 2007; Sack & Tackle Leader GSHS 2006 & 2007; 4 Year Starter at The University of Southern Mississippi Golden Eagles. Senior year won the C-USA Conference Championship; Finished the year with a record of 12-2 being ranked 19th in the nation.

- **Haley Hopkins** (Softball & Volleyball 2004-2008); 6 Year Varsity Softball Player (2003-2008), All County 2004-2008; Mobile Press Register Super 12 Team (2005-2008); 2007 5A State Champion Softball Team; 2007 State Tournament MVP; 2004 & 2006 State Champion Runner-Up; State All-Tournament Team 2004, 2006, 2007; 4 Year Varsity Starter University of South Alabama; 2012 Sunbelt Conference Champion; 2012 1st NCAA playoff appearance.

- **Gary Johnston** (Baseball & Football 2005-2008); 4 Year Starter Varsity Baseball, All County 2006, 2007, 2008; 3 Year Starter Varsity Football, All County 2007, 2008; All State Football 2008, North South All Star Game; 3 Year Starter University of West Alabama; 2012 & 2013 All Gulf South Conference Champions; 2012 & 2013 All Gulf South Conference; 2013 Division II All American.

- **DJ Jones** (Baseball & Football 2003-2007); 4 Year Starter Varsity Baseball, All County 2004-2007; 3 Year Starter Varsity Football, All County 2005-2007; All State Baseball 2005, 2006, 2007; Alabama State Record holder for Career Triples (31); GSHS Record for Batting Avg. (.557) 2006; GSHS Career Home Runs (31), Season Record (16) 2007; 2007 Mobile Press Register Player of the Year; 2007 Alabama North South All Star Team, MVP; 2007 Signed with Auburn University; 2007 11th Round MLB Draft Selection of the Tampa Bay Rays.

- **Donnie Spohn** (Head Baseball Coach 1999-2013), (Assistant Football Coach 1999-2016), (Assistant Athletic Director 2009-2016): 274 Total Wins as Head Baseball Coach, School Record; State Play-Offs 11 of 13 years in Class 3A, 4A, 5A AHSAA; 2003 Class 4A State Runner-up Baseball; 2003 Coach of the Year, Alabama Sports Writer Association; 2003 Coach of the Year, Baldwin County Coaches Association

2016 Baldwin County Coaches Hall of Fame Inductee; 24 former players played baseball in at the Collegiate level and one player drafted.

- **Pat Wilkinson** (Football 2001-2005): 1st player in GSHS history to sign a Division 1 Football Scholarship; 2003 & 2004 back to back 1,000 yards receiving in a season; Caught 20 passes in a game, 2004 State Record 86 receptions, 2004 State Record, 1400 yards, 14 TDs; 2004 A part of the team which one the first region game in school history; All State Football 2003 & 2004; All American Football 2006 & 2007; Currently holds All receiving records at Gulf Shores High School; Wide Receiver Coach GSHS 2012 & 2013.

- **Brandy Rhodes Reeves** (Tennis 2001-2005): 4 Year Varsity Starter on the Tennis Team; 2003 Class 3A State Singles Champion Tennis; 2003 Class 3A State Doubles Champion Tennis; 2005 Senior Class President; Graduate of Auburn University received Bachelor's & Master's Degree in Early Childhood Education; 2012 Published a children's book, Good Morning Sun; 2014 Teacher of the Year, Orange Beach Elementary School

## Hall of Fame Associate Members

- **Danny Martin**: 24 Years with the City of Orange Beach Parks & Rec Superintendent; Assistant Kicking Coach @ GSHS 2000-2007; Developed Youth Sports Programs and Facilities Orange Beach; Initiated Travel Team Baseball Tournaments; Hosted the 1st High School Football Game in Orange Beach; Initiated College Soccer games to The Orange beach Sport plex; Hosted SEC Women's Soccer Championship 2003 to Present; Helped with the formation of the Gulf Shores/Orange Beach Sports Commission.

- **ReRe Machen**: A supporter of GSHS athletics for the past 15 years, ReRe's love for the athletes and the games are unconditional. "The Athletes are the one's with the accomplishments. I have just been there...when our teams went to the state playoffs, when the girls won the state softball championship, when someone needed to talk, when a bus driver need help in direction to an away game, when a coach needed tournament help, when a hot headed parent needed cooling off with my cup of Ice. I'm very protective." There is an annual GSHS award given in her name for the most dedicated multi-sport athlete. "I am thankful for all the students, coaches, parents, officials, and administration for sharing a part of their lives with me. Its all about the kids, though. My kids. I Love them all," she said.

- **Harold Samples** (Associate Member) 1988 1st Full-Time Parks & Rec Director, City of Gulf Shores; Initiated Basketball, Soccer, Swim & Football teams to the City Rec. Program; Facilities such as Bodenhamer Center, Sports Complex, George C. Meyer Tennis Center, Kids Park & Skate Park all developed under his tenure. Also added athletic fields to Simms park & Meyer parks; Under Harold's tenure, the GS Sportsplex hosted AHSAA State Track Meet, AHSAA Southern Region Softball tournament, NAIA Women's softball, USSSA World Series Baseball Tournament; Inducted into the Baldwin County Coaches Hall of Fame 2001.

**Pictured:** The 2017 GSHS Sports Hall of Fame Class was the first in school history (l to r) Wren Aaron, Andrea (Joseph) Holmes, Avery (Berry) Forrest, Al Borchardt "Coach B", Alisha (Hamrick) Stokes, Karen Collins, Tommy Lee, Gulf Coast Athletic Club representative David Lee. Missing: Colbey Cleckler.





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# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## WED, AUG 1

- **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.
- **JJ Mack:** 6; Tacky Jack's, Orange Beach.
- **Adam Holt:** 5; LuLu Buffett's Rest. at Homeport Marina, Gulf Shores.
- **John Lee Sanders:** 6; Voyagers Restaurant at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **Lee Yankee:** 6; CoastAL; Restaurant, Gulf Shores.
- **West Coast Swing Dance:** 7; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.
- **John Brust:** 6; The Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **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; lafleetfeet.com.
- **Family Night Dinner & Activities:** 5:45 p.m.; Saint Andrew by the Sea, 17263 Fort Morgan Rd., Gulf Shores; 678-361-2762.

## THU, AUG 2

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

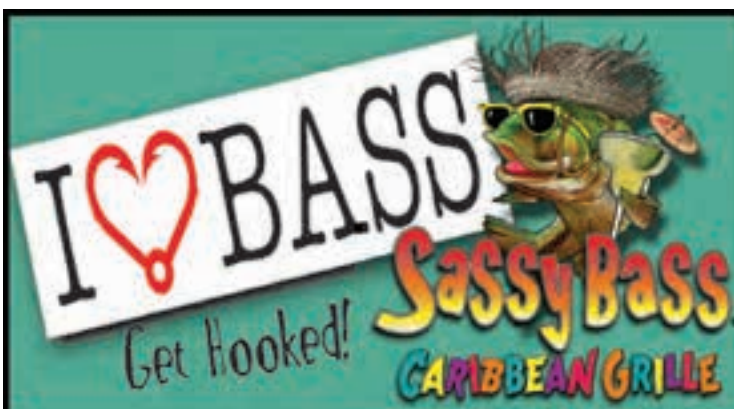
- **Flora-Bama Bingo:** 1-4 p.m.; Flora-Bama Lounge Tent Stage; Perdido Key.
- **St. Peter's of Bon Secour Episcopal Church Fish Fry:** 5-7 p.m.; 6270 Bon Secour Hwy.; 251-949-6254.
- **The Bandwagon Tour with Miranda Lambert And Little Big Town:** 7 p.m.; The Wharf Amphitheater; Orange Beach.
- **Area Two-Fifty One Hazy IPA Tapping:** 11 a.m.; Big Beach Brewing Company, Gulf Shores.
- **Funky Lampshades:** 6; Tacky Jack's, Orange Beach.
- **Paxton Norris:** 6; Hub Stacey's at the Point; Innerarity Point.
- **Jason Able:** 7; CoastAL; Restaurant, Gulf Shores.
- **LeAnn Creswell & Lisa Zanghi:** 6:30; Franco's Italian Restaurant; Orange Beach.
- **Open Mic:** 7; Snapper's; Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke:** 7; Live Bait Tiki Bar, Orange Beach.



**BEAUTIFICATION BOARD PRESENTS AWARD TO SUNLINER:** Members of the City of Gulf Shores Beautification Board presented the Commercial Beautification Board Award to The Sunliner Diner, located one block from the beach on Hwy. 59. The Sunliner Diner's landscape features salt tolerant grasses, colorful perennials, and native plants. **Pictured:** Front Row (Left to Right): Madeline Boles, Bayler Kelly, Tony Craig, Maria Pencheva; Back Row (Left to Right): Rodney Powell, Marlene Joht.



**THE HOOTS PERFORM FOR DAYBREAK SENIOR DAYCARE:** The seniors at DayBreak Senior Daycare were thrilled to be visited by members of the band The Hoots recently. The band performed for over an hour and often the seniors sang along. Everyone had a great time. DayBreak Senior Daycare provides a secure, loving environment where individuals suffering from Alzheimer's or other forms of dementia are encouraged to participate in playing games, craft projects, singing, exercising and social interaction. The senior daycare provides participants' fulltime caregiver with short term relief from the unrelenting demands of care giving by providing time out to grocery shop, attend support groups, or visit friends and family. The program is not designed to provide medical or counseling services but to provide support for the caregivers and their loved ones. Contact Marianne Hawkins at 251-752-1849 (jhmsh@gulftel.com) or Amelia Fletcher at 251-968-2411 (amelia@gulfshoresumc.org) for more info. **Pictured:** After the performance, standing from the left are Greta Good, Bob Carlson, Pierre Geneux, Bland Blankenship, Diane Urban and Barbara DiPierre. Seated, from the left, are Jean Coker, Al Carlson, Tom Moore and Velma Tuttle.



## BUSINESS BRIEFS



**Greg Alexander;**



**Rhett Russell;**



**J. Gary Ellis;**



**Irene Cozad**

**ALEXANDER NAMED NEW CABC PRESIDENT:** After a search of over 100 candidates from all around the nation, the Coastal Alabama Business Chamber (CABC) is excited to announce that Greg Alexander has been selected as the new Chamber President and CEO. Alexander comes here from the Hilton Head Island-Bluffton Chamber of Commerce, where he served as Director of Public Policy and Small Business. Alexander also served as the President and CEO of the Laurens County Chamber of Commerce in Clinton, S.C. During his eight-year tenure as the Chamber President and CEO, Alexander helped grow membership by 20% and events revenue by 600%. Alexander also brings along ten years of service in the United States Army, where he achieved the rank of Captain and led 215 soldiers during Operation Joint Endeavor in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Alexander also holds a Master of Science degree in Management and Leadership from Western Governors University.

Alexander is relocating to the area with his wife and two children and will be joining us at the First Friday Forum event to be held at Lulu's on the morning of Aug. 3. His first official day at the Chamber will be Aug. 16.

**RHETT RUSSELL RECOGNIZED BY U.S.P.T.A.:** The United States Professional Tennis Association recently awarded Orange Beach Tennis Center Coordinator and Foley High School grad Rhett Russell a Level I Certificate of Achievement for earning 11 credits in the Association's 2017 Career Development Program. By participating in the USPTA education and other professional development programs, Russell has helped USPTA maintain the industry's highest standards for tennis-teaching professionals and earn the credibility and respect of the entire tennis industry. USPTA is the world's oldest and largest association of tennis-teaching professionals and coaches. Its purpose is to provide certification to members worldwide after they demonstrate ability in a variety of areas. USPTA also offers continuing-education opportunities for its members on topics such as tennis-teaching and playing, training, sport science, tennis club management, and business and professional development. The Orange Beach Tennis Center is at 4851 Wilson Blvd. For more information, call 251-974-6387 or visit orangebeachal.gov/facilities/tennis-center/about.

**J. GARY ELLIS IS GSP COMMUNITY RELATIONS**

**DIRECTOR:** J. Gary Ellis has been appointed to serve as Director of Community Relations and Administration at Gulf State Park. "The Lodge at Gulf State Park's opening in November gives the state a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to maximize the benefits to the entire Gulf Coast," said ADCNR Commissioner Chris Blankenship. "With an investment of more than \$140 million in Gulf State Park improvements, we felt it was important to bring in an experienced professional to ensure the connection between state park employees, Valor Hospitality and the various community stakeholders is achieved."

Ellis, the founder of hospitality-focused Compass Media, Inc., has a passion for the Gulf Coast. He retired from Compass in 2016, but in his 30 years at the helm he and his team grew the company to a multi-million dollar firm serving hundreds of clients in more than 12 southeastern states.

"I look forward to connecting personal passions for the community and sustainability along the Gulf Coast with my business experience and the many relationships developed over the past 30 years," Ellis said.

A member of the University of Montevallo Board of Trustees, Ellis has been honored as an Alabama Hospitality Hall of Fame inductee and received the Alabama Governor's Tourism Award in 2009. He has worked hand-in-hand with his investment in the health of the community and the environment. He has provided leadership to organizations throughout the southeastern United States, including: co-founder of the Coastal Resiliency Coalition; co-founder and member of the board of directors for the Gulf United Metro Business Organization and Alabama Coastal Foundation board member.

A lifelong resident of Gulf Shores, he and his wife, Sally Kizzire Ellis, have five children. For more information about Gulf State Park, visit mygulfstategpark.com.

**ZUMBA FITNESS WITH IRENE OPEN THIS SEPT.:** Zumba Fitness With Irene will open for classes in September on the campus of the Coastal Ballet Academy in Foley. Instructor Irene Cozad is licensed in five different zumba disciplines and advocates "a shake it at your own pace" approach to exercise. Her motto is "get active with great people at the once party workout for the young at heart." She is offering free classes in September on Mondays at 9 a.m. Beginning on Oct. 1, classes are only \$5 each. Coastal Ballet Academy is located at 3786 South McKenzie St. in Foley. Call 251-752-8323 for more info.



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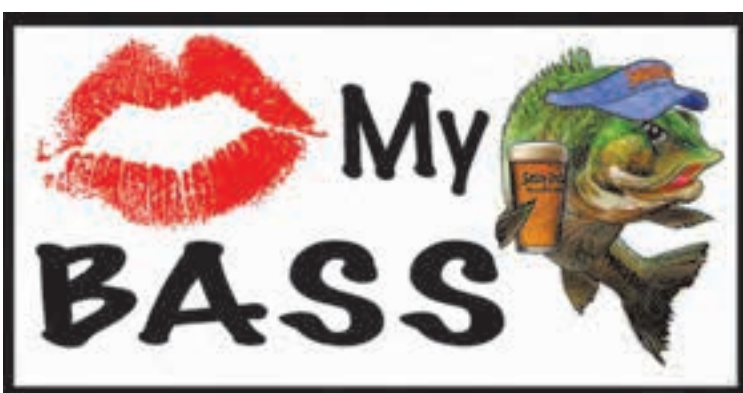


### Marty Haggard's "Tribute To My Dad" Show Aug. 9 in Foley

Marty Haggard (above) will present his Tribute to my Dad Tour at the Foley Civic Center at 7 p.m. on Aug. 9. Tickets are \$25 if purchased in advance and \$30 on day of show at the door. Tickets are available online at [martyhaggardtickets.com](http://martyhaggardtickets.com), by phone at 800-838-3006 or at Gypsy Queen Java in Foley. Doors open at 6 p.m.

During the show, Marty Haggard, the oldest son of the legendary Merle Haggard, will share some of the greatest country music every written and recorded. Marty will share stories of growing up by his dad's side while he was writing and recording these timeless, classic songs. Marty will be accompanied by world-class musicians and the show will also include some of Marty's original songs. Marty has performed country music for 40 years, but his love for his dad and his music has inspired Marty to pay tribute to his dad through stories and songs. If you love real country music, you'll enjoy this show.

Marty will be available after the show to meet, greet and sign autographs at the family friendly event. The Foley Civic Center is located at 407 E Laurel Ave.



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### Bushaw SBCC's Director of Talent Development

Ed Bushaw has joined the staff of the South Baldwin Chamber as Director of Talent Development and Recruitment. Bushaw will lead a talent development program via collaboration with regional, community and educational partners to provide an educated and trained workforce fully prepared to fulfill the needs of local business and industry; as well as establish a recruitment program to bring qualified employees from across all industry segments to South Baldwin County.



Bushaw (pictured) is a seasoned and well-respected executive with extensive experience in staff recruitment, training education,

and employee retention. He moved to Baldwin County in 1994 to chair the Hospitality Administration program at Faulkner State. Ed retired as Director of Program Development and Expansion for Coastal Alabama this past March. Bushaw received his bachelor degree from SUNY Geneseo and his masters from SUNY Oswego. Ed's wife Kristy is an associate broker with ReMax paradise in Orange Beach. They have three children Jacob, Caitlyn and Regan. He can be reached at [ed@southbaldwin-chamber.com](mailto:ed@southbaldwin-chamber.com) or 251-943-1065.

### Bon Secour Wildlife Refuge hosts two free Aug. programs

Bon Secour National Wildlife Refuge will sponsor upcoming events on Aug. 7 and Aug. 18 at 6 p.m. These talks are free to the public but spaces are limited. Reservations are required. Contact the Refuge Office, Monday – Friday, 9 a.m. 'til 2 p.m. at (251) 540-7720 for info.

On Aug. 18, learn how to seine and discover what critters live along the shoreline of Little Lagoon. This is a hands on activity for people of all ages.

On Aug. 7, grab some binoculars and join us for some bird watching! No experience is necessary and all skill levels are welcome.

- **Gulf Shores Garden Club:** 9:30 a.m.; first Wednesday of each month September thru May; Gulf Shores Activity Center; 300 E. 16th Avenue, Gulf Shores; new members and guests always welcome; 251-968-5683.
- **AA:** Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
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- **Open Mic:** 7; Snapper's; Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke:** 7; Live Bait Tiki Bar, Orange Beach.
- **James Hayden Band:** 9; Our Cigar Bar, 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 Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- **Karaoke:** 7; Tacky Jacks, 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;



### Coast Guard Auxiliary Safe Boating Course Aug. 11

Class at O.B. Community Center meets requirement for License

The Alabama South Coast flotilla of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary will conduct a safe boating class Saturday, August 11, at the Orange Beach Community Center. Successful completion of this course meets the educational requirement needed to obtain a boating license in Alabama and other states. Course content includes boating terminology, safe and practical boating procedures, trailer and ramp safety, safety equipment, boating laws, navigation rules, chart reading and basic navigation, docking techniques, line handling, and knot tying. The minimum age for enrollment is 12 years.

The course will be from 8 AM to 5 PM. The fee is \$35 for an individual and \$50 for a couple sharing a course book. Course book, instructional materials, lunch and refreshments provided. Register at [malinmo@yahoo.com](mailto:malinmo@yahoo.com) or call (251) 284-1461. Information is also available on the Coast Guard Auxiliary web site [cgaux.org](http://cgaux.org).

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING

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

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

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

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

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

#### WAYS TO HELP

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



**SOUTH BALD. CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S CONNECTION:** Pictured here are the ladies who attended the recent South Baldwin Christian Women's Connection. The South Baldwin Christian Women's Connection meets monthly in Foley at the Gift Horse Restaurant for a buffet luncheon. This month's program will begin at 11am on August 9. Guest speaker will be Marlane Peachey, more info: 251-943-7142.



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- **Lisa Zanghi:** 4 p.m.; poolside at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
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- **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.org](http://foleyrotary.org).
- **AA:** Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
- **AA:** 7 p.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

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- **Disney's The Lion King Jr.:** 7:30 p.m.; South Baldwin Community Theatre, 2022 W. 2nd St., Gulf Shores, 251-968-6721.



### Madeline Henderson presented Island Spirit Award

The Coastal Alabama Business Chamber recently presented its Island Spirit Award for July 2018 to Madeline Henderson of Doc's Seafood Shack in Orange Beach. The person who nominated Madeline Henderson had this to say about her: "Madeline is a beautiful young woman inside and out and was recently married. She has been a server at Doc's Seafood Shack for 9 years and we all agree that she is most deserving of this Island Spirit Award. She is an amazing server who is always checking on you with a smile even before your meal is served. Her pleasant personality lends to a great dining experience at Doc's every time." The Island Spirit Award has been a tradition since the mid-1980's. **Pictured:** Chamber Ambassadors & Doc's employees with Madeline during the award presentation.

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**PEACE LAB AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN IN GULF SHORES:** The big happening at First Presbyterian Church in Gulf Shores last week was Peace Lab, an evening Vacation Bible School that focused not only on the importance of peace, but also the many ways in which young people can develop skills to promote and live in peace. Through drama skits, music, arts and crafts, games, service projects and science experiments, the youth immersed themselves in a week of fun fellowship and learning. For information on upcoming after school programs at First Pres., call 251-978-8130.



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**FOUR A CHANGE AT HOTEL MAGNOLIA AUG. 31:** Local musical group Four A Change will team up with The Hotel Magnolia and Copper Kettle TeaBar on August 31 to present an evening of music and the fabulous tea and delicious homemade delights at the Copper Kettle TeaBar at the Magnolia Hotel in Foley. Tickets will be \$15 and are available at Hotel Magnolia and the Copper Kettle TeaBar. The schedule is as follows: 6 p.m. - Refreshments made available for purchase from Copper Kettle TeaBar in the foyer of The Hotel Magnolia; 6:30 p.m. - Doors will open upstairs in The Grand Ballroom; 7 p.m. - Four A Change; 7:40 p.m. - Brief intermission downstairs for more delightful treats made available for purchase from Copper Kettle TeaBar; 8 p.m. - Four A Change.



#### Gulf Shores/Orange Beach Rotary Club meets every Thursday Club inviting community to join them for lunch at G.S. Golf Club

The Gulf Shores/Orange Beach Rotary Club members are inviting visitors to join them at a weekly meeting, held at noon at the Gulf Shores Golf Course every Thursday at noon.

"Anyone interested in joining Rotary, please feel free to attend and check us out," said club president Terry Hamann. "We look forward to your visit."

The Gulf Shores/Orange Beach Rotary Club has been in our community since 1983, performing both local and international service.

"We've helped to almost end the dreaded Polio virus throughout the world, assisted a school in Honduras with food for the children everyday for the past four years, and helped our local schools with many needs, including educational software and dictionaries," Hamann said.

The club hosts a yearly lunch for learning fundraiser preparing and selling lunches to local businesses and individuals. Revenue generated supports an impoverished school in Honduras. The club has also supported the Baldwin County Foster and the Adoptive Parent Program.

Recently the club hosted a cookout for local law enforcement officers to thank them for the sacrifices they make everyday.

Rotary International is an international service organization whose stated purpose is to bring together business and professional leaders in order to provide humanitarian services, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and to advance goodwill and peace around the world.

"Please come and join us in 'Doing Good for the World,' giving back is one of the best things you can do," Hamann said.

For more club info, call 251-968-2000. We look forward to your visit.

**Pictured:** Terry Hamann accepts the Rotary Club President's Mallet from outgoing president Joe Phillips.

- **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.
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- **Central Flora-Bama Church:** Church experiences, 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.; Flora-Bama Tent Stage, Perdido Key.
- **J & J:** 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **Unity Church Service:** 9:45 a.m.; The Royal Osyter, Hwy. 59, three blocks from beach in Gulf Shores.
- **Kyle Brady:** 11 a.m.; Tacky Jack's, Orange Beach.
- **Roadside Glorius:** 6; Tacky Jack's, Orange Beach.
- **Spearman Brothers:** 4 p.m.; Big Beach Brewing Company, Gulf Shores.
- **Vicki Bailey Duo:** 5; LuLu Buffett's Rest. at Homeport Marina, Gulf Shores.
- **The Defrosters:** 6 p.m.; The Flying Harpoon 2, Orange Beach
- **Smokey Otis:** 6; CoastAL; Restaurant, Gulf Shores.
- **Turkey Shoot:** sign-up at 11 a.m.; Elberta VFW, Elberta.
- **Rat Pack & Motown w. James Proctor & Kathy Lyons:** 5; Franco's; Orange Beach.
- **Dinner & Dance w. Music Man and Co.:**

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# WHAT'S HAPPENING



**OB POLICE WELCOME PUBLIC TO TACOS WITH THE FIVE-O:** The Orange Beach Police Department recently met with members of the Orange Beach community for lunch at Cactus Cantina. "Tacos with the Five-O" offered citizens the opportunity to get to know members of the police department. Chief of Police Joe Fierro said the event was part of a continuing effort to develop relationships with the public, which began with "Coffee with a Cop" a few years ago. "We transitioned to lunch from coffee after the input we got from the community and we transitioned to this last year," Fierro said. The lunch is provided free by a different restaurant for each event. Restaurants have included Cactus Cantina, Wolf Bay Lodge, Blue Water BBQ Company, FlipDaddy's and GTs on the Bay. "Every time we get together with the community they always have either a good question or a comment that makes us better at what we do," Fierro said. "This gives us the opportunity to receive feedback we wouldn't normally be able to receive." Pictured: The Orange Beach Police Department meet with members of the public at Cactus Cantina; Lieutenant John Simonson poses with Chris Williams.



- 5; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- **Lisa Christian:** 4 p.m.; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- **Music Man & Company:** 5; American Legion Post 44, 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.
- **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, AUG 6

- **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.
- **Brittney Grimes:** 6; CoastAL; Restaurant, Gulf Shores.
- **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.
- **Bingo:** 6; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- **8 Ball APA:** 7:30; The Office, Foley.



**GULF COAST PICKLEBALL LEAGUE BEGAN IN 2017 AS A PILOT PROGRAM:** It was created by Bruce Cuddy from Fairhope, who spent numerous volunteer hours contacting neighboring cities in search of Pickleball players with competitive spirits. He found what he was looking for and it has been wildly victorious and moves into the second half of its inaugural season. The Gulf Coast Pickleball League began play in February 2018 with teams from Daphne, Fairhope, Gulf Breeze, Mobile and Orange Beach all attempting to garner the first Mayor's Cup to be awarded in November. Fairhope was the number one winner of the first season. A Big Congrats to the Fairhope team for all the hard work. With the rapid rise of pickleball sweeping across the United States (it's the fastest growing sport) and particularly the Gulf Coast region, it was a natural that the league came into being. Each team, comprised of four men and four women, play home and away matches against the other teams twice within the season. At first, some players thought the competitive experience might be a little too much. However, once teams started competing, players soon realized the teams were evenly matched and the experience became far greater than the wins or losses. It has already been determined by the captain's, the players and those who come out to support their team that the league has been a huge success and they can't wait for their next match. Best wishes to the Gulf Coast Pickleball League Players and to Bruce Cuddy for his vision of neighboring cities sharing fun and fellowship through Pickleball. If you would like more information about the Gulf Coast Pickleball League or a schedule of the matches you may contact Bruce Cuddy at [brcuddy@yahoo.com](mailto:brcuddy@yahoo.com).

## Volunteer for Alabama Coastal Bird Stewardship Program

Training classes scheduled Aug. 6 and Aug. 18 at Gulf State Park

Local volunteers are being solicited to participate as monitors for the Alabama Coastal Bird Stewardship Program. The next training sessions are in Gulf Shores on Monday, August 6 and Saturday, August 18, at the Gulf State Park Nature Center (214255 State Park Road 2) from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

The ALCBSP program provides critical protection and monitoring of Alabama's sensitive beach nesting birds in Mobile and Baldwin counties. ALCBSP is implemented by science staff based from the Birmingham Audubon Coastal Programs Office in downtown Mobile and additionally supported by Mobile Bay Audubon Society and other volunteers.

The Program focuses on the Audubon Coastal Bird Survey and continued breeding and overwintering success of the following 11 focal species of concern: Wilson's Plover, Snowy Plover, Piping Plover, American Oystercatcher, Red Knot, Sanderling, Short-billed Dowitcher, Least Tern, Black Skimmer, Reddish Egret and Brown Pelican. ALCBSP compliments the work of similar National Audubon Society initiatives in the Gulf of Mexico including Florida, Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas.

The ALCBSP will help the declining populations of shorebirds and water birds by training volunteers to steward and monitor these targeted species and their habitats at key nesting sites along the coast. During the nesting season, volunteers are also needed to maintain the health and safety of nesting colonies through public outreach and the installation of symbolic fencing at colony locations. Educating beachgoers through print materials and scope-based viewing opportunities is critical to helping the public become more aware of wildlife and habitats in coastal Alabama.

For more info, contact Alabama Coastal Foundation Outreach Coordinator Valerie Longa at 251-990-6002 ([vlonga@joinACF.org](mailto:vlonga@joinACF.org)) or Birmingham Audubon Coastal Programs Coordinator Nicole Love at ([nicolelove@birminghamaudubon.org](mailto:nicolelove@birminghamaudubon.org)) or visit [joinacf.org](http://joinacf.org).

**Pictured:** Short-billed Dowitcher (above) and Least Tern.







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## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### Liberty Church will show I Can Only Imagine Aug. 3

The community is invited to a free movie night at Liberty Church in Foley on Friday, Aug. 3 at 7 p.m. The movie is I Can Only Imagine and proceeds from concessions will help the church purchase shoeboxes for OCC. The church is located at 110 Riviera Dr.

### New fine arts adventure starts Aug. 4 at O.B. Library

On Saturday, August 4, the Orange Beach Public Library will be hosting a new program, "Tales from Yarnia: A Fiber Arts Adventure," presented by Michelle Johnson. The program will be held in the library meeting room from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. In this first installment, cleverly titled "Feeling a Bit Loomy," Michelle will teach patrons how to knit a hat, without ever needing to learn a stitch! This program is open to adults and crafty kids ages 12 and older. Call (251)-981-2923 for more info.

### Huey helicopter rides August 4 in Orange Beach

On Saturday, August 4th, the nonprofit Friends of Army Aviation - Ozark will be providing "Legacy Helicopter Rides" in a vintage Vietnam War-era Bell UH-1 Huey combat helicopter from the helipad, near the Orange Beach Event Center at The Wharf.

The flights will begin at 10 a.m. and last until 5 p.m. Each flight will last 10 minutes and the cost will be \$50 per person. There will be room for up to 10 people on each flight. Each flight will be piloted by a veteran Vietnam War combat pilot. The flights will take off and land from the helipad at Wharf Parkway West.

The public is invited to come out and experience history and take a ride with Friends of Army Aviation - Ozark. For more information, visit [friendsofarmyaviationozark.org](http://friendsofarmyaviationozark.org). The Friends of Army Aviation - Ozark is a nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving the legacy of U.S. Army Aviation through its museum and flyable Vietnam-era aircraft.

### Beginners' Couch to 5K training starts Aug. 20

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

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

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

**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.

**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.  
**Shea White:** 6; CoastAL; Restaurant, Gulf Shores.  
**Light Travelers:** 5; LuLu Buffett's Rest. at Homeport Marina, Gulf Shores.  
**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.  
**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

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING

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:** For men and women; 6-8 p.m.; Point Church, 13801 Innerarity Point Rd. Info: Shirley Parker at 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.

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• **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.

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# WHAT'S HAPPENING



**BEAUTIFICATION BOARD PRESENTS AWARD TO GSUMC:** The Celebration Garden of Gulf Shores United Methodist Church received the City of Gulf Shores Beautification Board Award. The Celebration Garden features flowering plants, shrubs, and small trees that enhance the area of pavers that commemorate the lives of loved ones. **Pictured:** Front Row (left to right): Rev. Jody Krantz, Amelia Fletcher, Sandy Williams, Gary Pitts Back Row (left to right): Rob Neuhoof, Rodney Powell, Marlene Johnt.

## Public safe boating course slated Aug. 4-5 at P-Cola Yacht Club

Pensacola Sail and Power Squadron will present its America's Boating Course Aug. 4-5 at the Pensacola Yacht Club, located at 1897 Cypress St.

The weekend course includes eight hours of instruction & exam from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. each day.

Subjects covered include: Florida Boating Laws, Boat Terms, Boat Handling, Anchoring, Boat Equipment Requirements, Navigation Rules, Aids to Navigation, Adverse Conditions, VHF Radio, Trailing, and Personal Water Craft.

The course meets requirements for Florida Boating Safety Education ID card required to operate a power boat if born after 1/1/1988. There is no registration fee or tuition. Textbooks are \$40 and can be shared.

The squadron is also offering Introduction to Navigation Aug. 11-12 at the same site. Subjects covered include: Chart Characteristics, Plotting on a Chart, The Mariner's Compass, Calculating a Steering Course, Digital Charts using OpenCPN software.

For more class info, email blairchuck@hotmail.com or call 813-731-6327.

## USCG Auxiliary Flotilla 32 in Foley welcomes John Milano

John Milano completed all Basic Qualifications training courses and was officially welcomed as the newest member of Foley's Flotilla 32. Jack Godwin, Flotilla Commander, presented Milano with a US Coast Guard Auxiliary membership certificate on July 19 in Gulf Shores. Flotilla 32 currently has openings for new Vessel Examiners and Program Visitors. Complete training program provided. If you're interested in finding out more, please call Jack Godwin at 251-979-7594.

Members of Flotilla 32 received the Prestigious Award of Flotilla of the Year (2013) above all of the CGA flotillas in the United States presented by Boat US, the largest insurer of marine vessels. Flotilla 32 has their monthly meetings at American Legion Post 44 in Gulf Shores on the third Thursday of each month at 11 a.m.

- **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.
- **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.
- **Trivia Night:** 6:30 p.m.; The Gulf Coast Elks Lodge 2789, Foley; 251-550-1060.
- **Prayer Shawl Ministry:** Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Activities Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
- **Bingo:** 6 p.m.; American Legion Post 240; 8666 Gulf Beach Hwy.; Pensacola.
- **South Alabama Senior Travelers:** 9 a.m.; Foley Senior Center; visitors welcome; 251-928-4494.
- **Orange Beach Friends of the Library:** 10; Library meeting room; 978-4106.



## AL Coastal Foundation social Aug. 23 at Big Beach

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



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

donated to support ACF's important work!

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

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

For more ACF info, call 251-990-6002 or visit joinACF.org

## THU, AUG 9

- **Flora-Bama Possible Probables:** 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
- **Flora-Bama Bingo:** free; 1-4 p.m.; great prizes, family friendly; 17401 Perdido Key Dr., Perdido Key.
- **Open Mic:** 7; Snapper's; Orange Beach.
- **LeAnn Creswell & Lisa Zanghi:** 6:30; Franco's Italian Restaurant; Orange Beach.
- **Young Professionals Networking Social:** 5:30; Big Beach Brewing Company, Gulf Shores.
- **Raising Karma:** 6; Hub Stacey's at the Point; Innerarity Point.
- **Pierce Parker Duo:** 6; Tacky Jack's, Orange Beach.
- **Jonathan Newton:** 7; CoastAL; Restaurant, Gulf Shores.
- **Karaoke:** 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- **Jimmy Lumpkin & Revival:** 5; LuLu Buffett's Rest. at Homeport Marina, Gulf Shores.
- **James Hayden Band:** 9; Our Cigar Bar, Orange Beach.
- **John Lee Sanders:** 6; Voyagers Restaurant at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **John Brust:** 6; The Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke:** 7; Live Bait Tiki Bar, Orange

Beach.

- **Karaoke:** 5:30; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- **Karaoke:** 8; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.
- **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 7; Papa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **Scott Koehn:** 6; Pleasure Island Tiki Bar, Orange Beach.
- **Arts at the Market:** 4-8 p.m.; Coastal Alabama Farmer's & Fishermen's Market, Foley, 2nd Thurs. of each month; great artists & crafters from our area; Info: (251) 229-9885.
- **8 Ball APA:** 7:30; The Office, Foley.
- **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.
- **Adult Bible Study:** 10 a.m.; Gulf Shores Presbyterian Church; all welcome; (251) 968-7720.
- **Orange Beach Bridge Club:** Tue. & Thur at noon; Orange Beach Senior Center; visitors and new members welcomed even without a partner; 251-981-3440.
- **Gulf Shores Library Pre-school (3-5) Story Time:** 10:30 a.m.; 251-968-1176.
- **AA:** Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship



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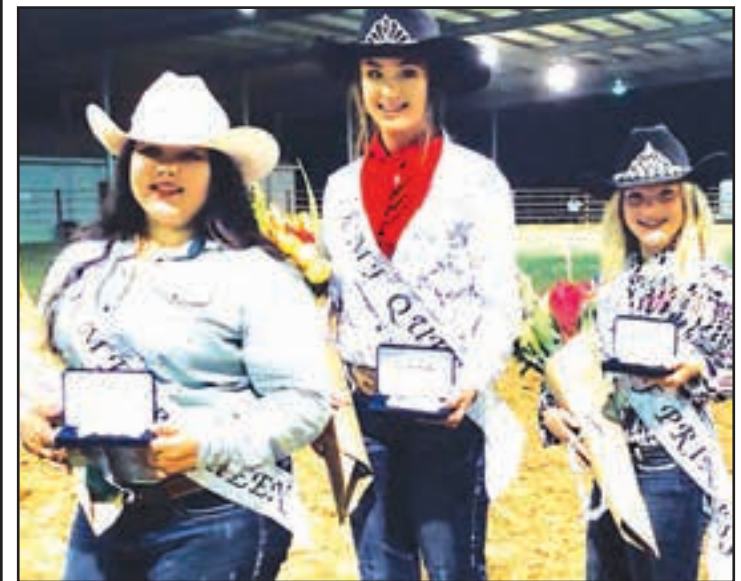
### Jennifer Moore Foundation Rodeo is Aug. 2-4 in Foley

The 2nd Annual Jennifer Claire Moore Foundation Professional Rodeo will be held Aug. 2-4 at the City of Foley Horse Arena (113 East Rosetta Ave.). The rodeo features exciting events such as bull riding, barrel racing, bareback riding, calf roping, team roping, steer wrestling and break away roping.

The Rodeo kicks off each night at 8 p.m. with free children's activities beginning nightly at 6 p.m. Gates open at 5:30 p.m., and horseback rides will be available on Thursday & Friday compliments of Oak Hollow Farms from 7 - 7:45 p.m. Limited \$35 reserved seating includes a seat cushion. There are also \$15 adults and \$8 children (3 - 12) options. Children 2 and under are admitted free. Tickets will be available each night at the gate. Visit [peerhelpers.org](http://peerhelpers.org), follow on Facebook or call 251-971-3633 for info.

All proceeds benefit the Jennifer Claire Moore Foundation, a nonprofit organization that provides training, funding and support to 50 Peer Helper Programs in public and private schools across Baldwin County impacting the lives of children pre-k through 12 grade facing academic or personal struggles. Pre-rodeo festivities in conjunction with the rodeo at the Foley Horse Arena included The Queens' Horsemanship Contest and the crowning of the queens.

**Pictured:** Snook Christian Academy presented their Positive Impact Sponsor check for the rodeo. (l to r) Matt Fetner, JCMF Board Member; Allison Faircloth, Executive Director; Grayson Moore, President; Thad Butts, Principal Snook Christian Academy; Frances Holk-Jones, Co-Founder of the Jennifer Claire Moore Foundation; Carl Jones, JCMF Board Member; and Lindsay Neumann Schumacher, JCMF Board Member; **(Below)** 2018 JCMF Princess is Miss Blakely Woodruff. She is the 12-year old daughter of Josh & Tamara Woodruff of Silverhill, Alabama. Blakely's hobbies include barrel racing, softball and spending time with her family and friends. She attends Central Baldwin Middle and is entering the 8th grade. 2018 JCMF Queen is Miss Lydia Peace. She is the 14-year old daughter of Fred & Juanita Peace of Foley, Alabama. Lydia's hobbies include spending time with her horses and hanging out in the barn. She will be a freshman at Foley High School; 2018 Senior Queen is Miss Kelsi Monroe. She is the 22 year old daughter of Dough & Lynette Monroe of Robertsedale, Alabama. Kelsi enjoys being a cowgirl & a ranch hand and plans to own a training ranch in Texas in the future.



### Come learn about and see Red Planet Aug. 8 in Foley

The Foley Public Library will present A Night With the Red Planet on Wednesday, August 8 at 7:30 p.m. in the library's upstairs meeting room.

David Kriegler (**pictured**), former Physics & Astronomy Instructor for Nebraska University of Omaha is the speaker. He will talk for approximately 20 minutes.



Attendees are then invited to join us in the back parking lot for a viewing of Mars, Saturn, and Venus through a 10 inch telescope.

Mars and the Earth are getting closer every day. This results in Mars getting brighter and larger.

By June 27, Earth, Mars, and the Sun will be in a line. This is called opposition, and from our perspective here on Earth, Mars will be completely lit by the Sun.

On July 31, Mars and the Earth will be at their closest which allows for excellent viewing of Mars through a telescope. While Mars is normally small and dim, this will provide for an opportunity to see it in much more detail.

Seating will be limited for this presentation, please call 251-943-7665 to reserve a seat. For more information on this program, visit [foleylibrary.org](http://foleylibrary.org) or email Melanie at [mschnieders@cityoffoley.org](mailto:mschnieders@cityoffoley.org).

Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

### FRI, AUG 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 Key.
- **Disney's The Lion King Jr.:** 7:30 p.m.; South Baldwin Community Theatre, 2022 W. 2nd St., Gulf Shores, 251-968-6721.
- **The Marlow Boys:** 5; LuLu Buffett's Rest. at Homeport Marina, Gulf Shores.
- **Hippy Jim:** 6; Tacky Jack's, Orange Beach.
- **Bo Grant (of the Platters):** 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **Greg Lyon:** 6; CoastAL; Restaurant, Gulf Shores.
- **Bruce Smelley featuring Jo Jo Pres:** 10; CoastAL; Restaurant, Gulf Shores.
- **Rat Pack & Motown w. James Proctor & Kathy Lyons:** 5; Franco's; Orange Beach.
- **Beyond The Break:** 6; Hub Stacey's at the Point; Innerarity Point.
- **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.

- **People's Friends:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- **Tim Spencer:** noon; poolside at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **John Lee Sanders:** 6; The Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **Sandra Kaye & The Legends:** 8; Lucky Horseshoe, Fairhope.
- **J J Revival:** 7; The Office, Foley.
- **Karaoke:** 7; Live Bait Tiki Bar, Orange Beach.
- **Dueling Pianos:** 9; Live Bait, Orange Beach.
- **James Hayden Band:** 9; Our Cigar Bar, Orange Beach.
- **Open Jam:** 8; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.
- **Karaoke:** 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke:** 8; Snapper's; Orange Beach.
- **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@gulfnet.com](http://foleyrotary@gulfnet.com).



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• **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, AUG 11

• **Flora-Bama Possible Probables:** 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.  
• **Disney's The Lion King Jr.:** 7:30 p.m.; South Baldwin Community Theatre, 2022 W. 2nd St., Gulf Shores, 251-968-6721.  
• **The Defrosters:** 1 p.m.; The Tides Best Western Poolside, Orange Beach  
• **Shaggy J:** 11 a.m.; Tacky Jack's, Orange Beach.  
• **Bo Grant (of the Platters):** 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.

• **Soulfood Junkies:** 6; Tacky Jack's, Orange Beach.  
• **Wyatt Edmondsun:** 6:30; Big Beach Brewing Company, Gulf Shores.  
• **Jay Williams:** 7; Hub Stacey's at the Point; Innerarity Point.  
• **Bruti:** 6:30; American Legion Post 44; Foley.  
• **Tim Roberts:** 6; CoastAL; Restaurant, Gulf Shores.  
• **Lee Yankie:** 5; Pirates Cove, Josephine.  
• **Paw Paw's Medicine Cabinet:** 5; LuLu Buffett's Rest. at Homeport Marina, Gulf Shores.  
• **Foxy Iguanas:** 10; CoastAL; Restaurant, Gulf Shores.  
• **John Brust:** 6; Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.  
• **Three Bean Soup:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.

### Aug. 4 Weeks Bay Foundation Pelican Paddle includes eco-tour

The Weeks Bay Foundation will host the 6th annual Pelican Paddle, a canoe, kayak, and paddle board race, on Saturday, August 4, on beautiful Weeks Bay. Pelican Paddle is a fun, family-oriented, 3.5-mile race that's open to all ages and skill levels. Plus, there's a seven-mile pro option for the serious paddlers, and a non-competitive Eco-tour of Weeks Bay that includes a guided paddle to a Bald Eagle nest.

Race divisions are: Men's Kayak, Women's Kayak, Junior Kayak, Pro Kayak, Men's Stand Up Paddle Board, Women's Stand Up Paddle Board, Tandem Craft, and Non-Traditional (single canoes, pedal kayaks, etc.). The race begins at 9 a.m., and the Eco-tour begins shortly after the racers take off.

Advance registration is \$30 per paddler or \$70 per family. Day-of-race registration is \$35 per paddler and \$85 per family. A family can include up to two adults and up to four minors under age 18. The first 200 people to register will receive a reusable, steel water bottle. All registrants (21 and over) will receive drink tickets for two complimentary Serda Brewing beers.

Loaner gear will also be available on a first-come, first-served basis, but must be reserved in advance. Fairhope Boat Company and 17 Turtles Outfitters are donating canoes and kayaks for the race and Eco-tour, free of charge. Participants interested in borrowing gear must call the Foundation at 251-990-5004 BEFORE registering for the race to ensure boats are available.

For more information and to register for Race or Eco-tour, call 251-990-5004, or register online at [www.weeksbay.org/events](http://www.weeksbay.org/events). Advance registration will close August 3, at 4 p.m. Race-day registration and event check-in begins at 7:30 a.m., Aug. 4.

Weeks Bay Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit and an accredited land trust. The Foundation has been working in coastal Alabama for more than 25 years to protect the water, woods, and wildlife that make this place special.

### GULF SHORES' TRAVELING ROCKS

Gulf Shores Elementary ROCKS is an after-school club where students and teachers paint rocks to hide them for others to find. The rocks have a label on the back, asking the finders to post on the GSES ROCKS Facebook page where their rock was found. Many people post that they will hide the rock again so we can watch it travel around not only the country, but the world, as well! **Pictured:** This cutie found her rock in Macon, Georgia; This rock picture was posted by a man who found it in Black Point, Great Guana Cay, Exumas Bahamas.



### 10th Cool Change Charters fishing trip a huge success

Captain Joe and Cindy Nash of Cool Change Charters in Orange Beach hosted their 10th annual Gulf fishing trip as a fundraiser for the Christian Service Center. All proceeds for the day were given to the Center to assist families in need. It was a great day of fellowship and fishing for red snapper. In addition to Captain Nash hosting the trip, Zekes Marina donated the fuel for the day and J&M Tackle donated the bait. In its 27th year, the Christian Service Center is a "Hand Up" rather than a "Hand Out" agency. Clients are given immediate emergency aid as well as guidance on finding solutions to their problems. The CSC is a 100% volunteer agency funded by the churches of Pleasure Island, various community organizations, including the United Way of Baldwin County, and interested individuals. For more information please call the CSC at 251-968-5256 or visit [cscgs.com](http://cscgs.com).



**KIWANIS CLUB OF GULF SHORES DONATES \$1,000 TO JENNIFER CLAIRE MOORE FOUNDATION:** The Kiwanis Club of Gulf Shores recently donated \$1,000 to the Jennifer Claire Moore Foundation for the 21st Annual JCMF Annual Professional Rodeo. The event will be held on August 2-4 at the City of Foley Horse Arena. The Foundation's primary fundraiser is the Annual Professional Rodeo, an award-winning Professional Cowboy Association event. This event attracts thousands of fans who cheer on professional cowboys and cowgirls from across the South. All proceeds from the 2018 Rodeo benefit local Peer Helper Programs in schools across Baldwin County. The Kiwanis Club of Gulf Shores is the premier service organization in the Pleasure Island area. Since 1985, our group has raised and distributed hundreds of thousands of dollars and had a good time doing it. Our members are key citizens from the Gulf Shores, Orange Beach, and Foley metro that get involved to improve the lives of children in our service area. They meet Tuesdays at noon in the Palmer Dining Room at the Craft Farms Golf Course. For more information please email [andrew@remaxgs.com](mailto:andrew@remaxgs.com). **Pictured:** Luke Roberson, Taylor Means, Bradley Bell, Grayson Moore (JCMF President), Matt Grant, Carl Jones, Andrew Hart, Sharon Wiese, and Bradley Bell.

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING



### Dolphin swimmers compete at Southeastern Long Course Championship Layne Reid, Jack Biggs, Murray Reed represent Gulf Shores

Layne Reid, Jack Biggs, and Murray Reed represented the Gulf Shores Swim Team at the Southeastern Swimming Long Course Championships on July 20-22. The meet was held at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. There were 45 teams with over 1,000 swimmers entered in the meet from the region. The Southeastern Swimming region is Alabama, Tennessee and the Florida Panhandle.

The three Gulf Shores swimmers qualified for this meet by virtue of their results in previous long course meets during this spring and summer season. Reed and Biggs swam in the 10 and Under Boys division at the championship meet. Reid represented the Gulf Shores Dolphins in the 11-12 Boys division.

Reed, age 10, swam in six events and set six new Gulf Shores Swim Team records in the 200, 100, and 50-meter Freestyles, 50 Breaststroke, 100 Breaststroke, and 50-meter Butterfly for his age group. Reed scored 97 points for the team and finished in 3rd place for high point recognition in his age group.

Reed won the 50 and 100-meter Freestyles. He placed 2nd in the 200-meter Freestyle. He also placed 4th and 6th in the Breaststroke races and captured 7th in the 50-meter Butterfly event. He was competing against 45 or more swimmers in his division in each event including his teammate, Biggs.

Biggs, age 9, also competed in six events during the three day swim meet. He set personal best times in five of the events. His highest placing at the meet was 12th in the 50-meter Freestyle, where he lowered his time by 2.56 seconds.

Reid returned to the long course championship meet as an 11 year old. He qualified and swam the 50-meter breaststroke in the 11-12 division. He finished near his qualifying time and gained valuable experience at the next level of competitive swimming.

Meanwhile the entire team is getting ready for the Gulf Coast Area Aquatic League Championship. The City of Gulf Shores hosted the end of season meet at the David L. Bodenhamer Center Pool on July 27-28. Eight teams and over 400 swimmers will be attending the two-day meet. Last year the Gulf Shores Dolphins won the Division II championship at the meet. This year they will move up to Division I and face the Fairhope Sharks and the Eastern Shore Piranhas.

The Gulf Shores Swim Team is operated by the City of Gulf Shores at the David L. Bodenhamer Recreation Center. For additional information about the numerous aquatics programs offered at the Bodenhamer Center by the City of Gulf Shores, contact Head Coach Brook Hopkins, 968-1427.

**Pictured:** (left to right): Layne Reid, Jack Biggs, and Murray Reed.

### Junior Woman's Club Luau Aug. 23 at Bayes

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

- **James Hayden Band:** 9; Our Cigar Bar, Orange Beach.
- **Kelly Poole & The Swingset:** 9; The Office, Foley.
- **Karaoke:** 7; Live Bait Tiki Bar, Orange Beach.
- **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.
- **Karaoke:** 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- **Open Jam:** 8; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.

### SUN, AUG 12

- **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.
- **Disney's The Lion King Jr.:** 2 p.m.; South Baldwin Community Theatre, 2022 W. 2nd St., Gulf Shores, 251-968-6721.
- **Mason Henderson:** 11 a.m.; Tacky Jack's, Orange Beach.
- **Honeyboy & Boots:** 4 p.m.; Big Beach Brewing Company, Gulf Shores.
- **Jerry Gambino:** 6; Tacky Jack's, Orange Beach.
- **J.E.R.I.:** 5; LuLu Buffett's Rest. at Homeport Marina, Gulf Shores.
- **Smokey Otis:** 6; CoastAL; Restaurant,

- Gulf Shores.
- **The Defrosters:** 4 p.m.; The Flying Harpoon, Gulf Shores.
- **Rat Pack & Motown w. James Proctor & Kathy Lyons:** 5; Franco's; Orange Beach.
- **Music Man & Company:** 5; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- **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.
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ican 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, AUG 13

• **Flora-Bama Possible Probables:** 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.  
 • **Flora-Bama Bingo:** free; 1-4 p.m.; great prizes, family friendly; 17401 Perdido Key Dr., Perdido Key.  
 • **Brent Burns:** 5; Fin & Fork, Orange Beach.  
 • **Lisa Zanghi:** 6; The Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.

• **Frankie G. & Leann Creswell:** 6:30; Franco's Italian Restaurant; Orange Beach.  
 • **Guitar Lightning Lee:** 5; LuLu Buffett's Rest. at Homeport Marina, Gulf Shores.  
 • **Trivia Night at Big Beach:** 7; Big Beach Brewing Company; Gulf Shores.  
 • **Shane Watson:** 6; CoastAL; Restaurant, Gulf Shores.  
 • **Mark Laborde & Smokey Otis:** 7 p.m.; Papa Rocco's, Gulf Shores.  
 • **Karaoke:** 7; Live Bait Tiki Bar, Orange Beach.  
 • **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.

### TUE, AUG 14

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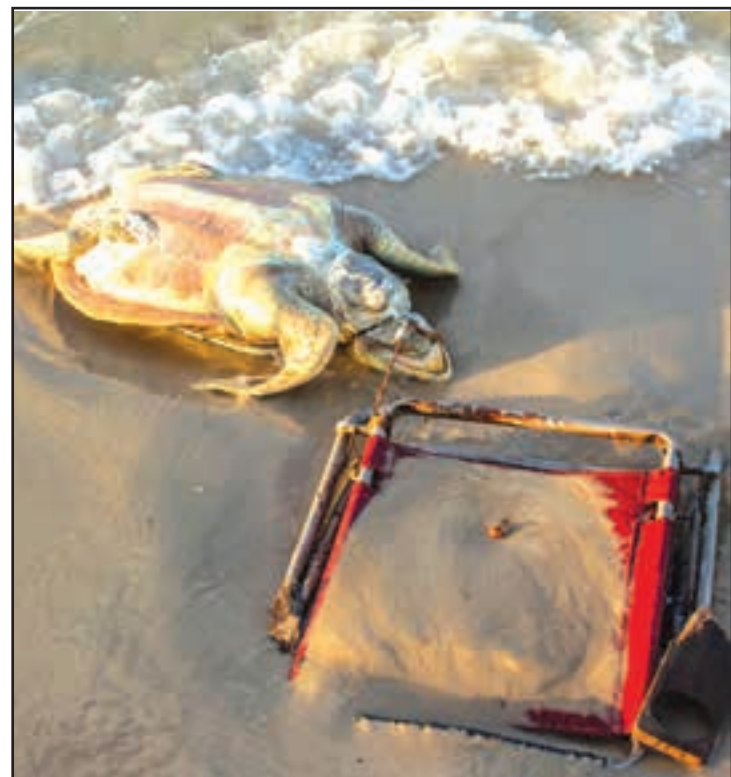


## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### G.S. Lions' Dinner In Dark/Casino Night Sept. 14 at Erie Meyer

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 tickets are \$100 per individual and \$150 per couple. Tickets include live music, entertainment from a magician, a plated dinner, drink tickets & casino games with \$1000 in casino money. For more info, call (251) 709-9524 or (859) 380-0781.

The event is a benefit for Miracle League & Leader Dogs for the Blind.



A Kemp's Ridley sea turtle's tragic death due to marine debris

This is why people are asked to "Leave Only Footprints" and pick up after themselves when they leave the beach. This endangered Kemp's Ridley sea turtle, strangled by a beach chair, was found during morning turtle patrol. Both the story and the disturbing picture posted on the Share the Beach facebook page earlier this month received national news coverage. The Kemp's Ridley turtle washed ashore turned upside down at the Bon Secour National Wildlife Refuge. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration says the sea turtle has been on the endangered species list since 1970. Please be responsible when visiting the beach - you are not the only one who uses it.

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- **Thom Oglesbee:** 6; The Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke w. John Henry:** 5; American Legion Post 99, Foley.
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## END OF THE ROAD SHORT PLAY FEST AT SOUTH BALDWIN COMMUNITY THEATRE

# "It was a resounding success," says festival founder Laura Pfizenmayer

Founder Laura Pfizenmayer was, as usual, ebullient when describing her baby, the End of the Road New Play Festival, which celebrated its fourth birthday at South Baldwin Community Theatre in July.

"It was a resounding success," the Gulf Shores resident said. "You can definitely use that word - resounding. It was the first time we used the outdoor stage for a performance, and it was perfect from the acoustics to the audience to the ice cream sundaes we passed out during intermission.

"The quality of the plays was also excellent. The playwrights all had a good time and everybody involved is already excited about doing it again next year," she added.

The Daniel Guyton and Colin Thon co-authored play, "My Father's Flag," was selected as the Judge's Choice. Thon is himself a disabled vet, and the writers used three different vets from three different wars to talk about how proud they were to have served.

Marilyn Millstone's "Compos Mentis" was presented the Audience Choice award during a catered closing reception that followed the three show run.

"I would have to say "My Father's Flag" was one

of the highlights," Pfizenmayer said. "It was just a wonderful play. Everybody went wild for it. There was not a dry eye in the house when it was over.

"But all the plays were good," Pfizenmayer added. The festival included submissions from Washington State, Washington D.C. and Atlanta.

"We were also pleased to have a student entry from Gulf Shores High School. We definitely want to include that again next year," Pfizenmayer said. This year's student production was "Witchy Woman" written by Laurent DeShazo and directed by Ali Livingston.

The eight plays selected for the fest were culled from almost 100 entries and performed by local actors. The directors were also local. A stripped down theater approach was implemented, with minimal props and stage production. Plays submitted may not have had prior productions.

The short play format is gaining traction around the nation and Pfizenmayer hopes this kind of event may inspire the community to get involved in local theater.

"We have a wonderful theater here. People have supported this, and that's wonderful," Pfizenmayer said.





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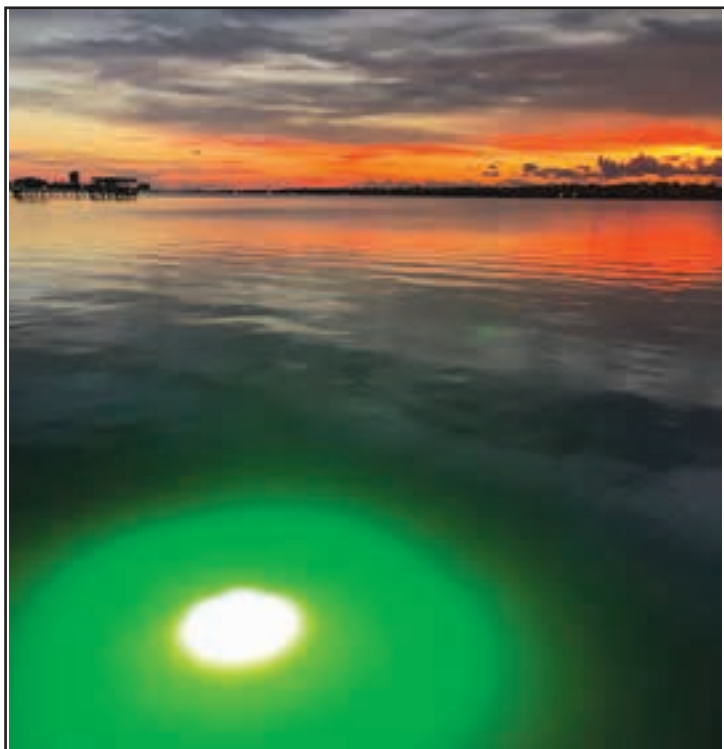
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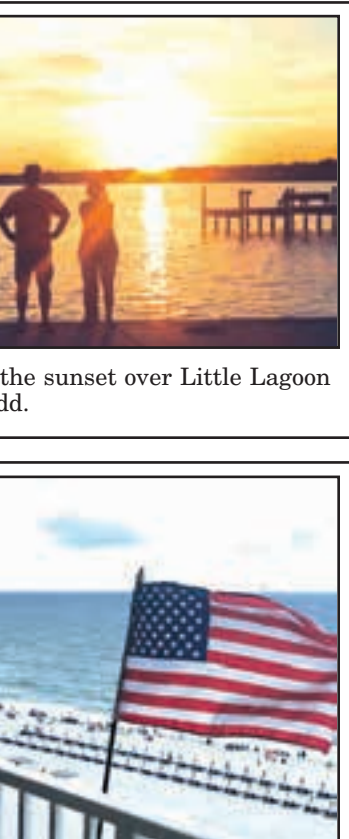
Charles Little of Gulf Shores shares this unique picture of an underwater light coming on at sunset on Little Lagoon.



Betty Willaims shares a great picture of her grandson, Dylan Maxwell, getting ready to chow down at Lillian's Pizza.



"Caught an older couple enjoying the sunset over Little Lagoon after a bike ride," writes Derek Todd.



Cindy Litsinger of Madison MS, shares a picture of Stars & Bars waving in the wind on July 4.

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LIVE MUSIC	Spearmen Brewers, 8/5: 4-7pm
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LIVE MUSIC	Honeyboy & Boots, 8/12: 4-7pm
LIVE MUSIC	Christina Christian, 8/17: 6:30-9:30pm
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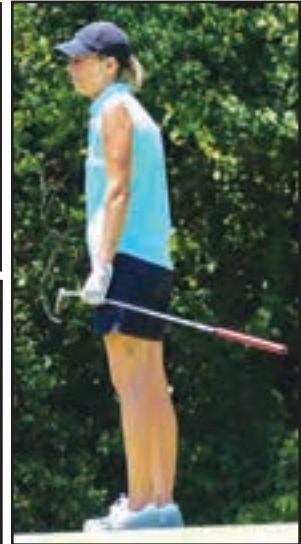
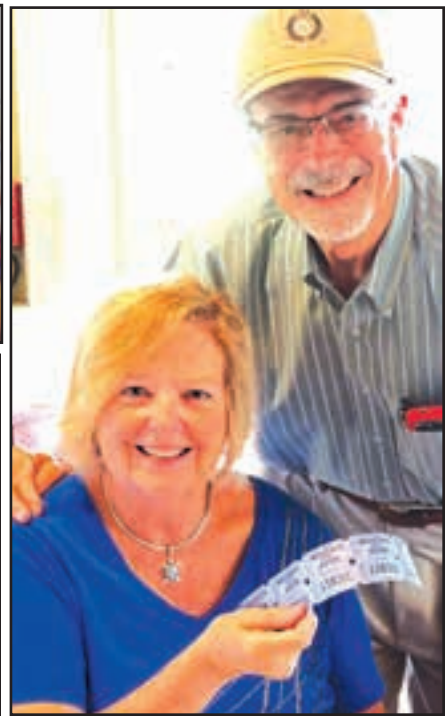
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### Gulf Coast Athletic Club Golf Tournament raises \$9,000

The 16th Annual Gulf Coast Athletic Club Golf Tournament at Craft Farms was a great success with nearly 100 golfers enjoying a fun day of golf festivities while raising \$9000, enough to fully fund the scholarships to be presented this year to deserving Gulf Shores High School senior scholar athletes. Club president David Lee paid special thanks to John McCormick & Fred Dickinson and their committee members for all their hard work. The proceeds also help the club fund much needed athletic equipment. Dickinson. "The club wishes to thank the golfers, the many volunteers, and, especially the great sponsors for making this another successful event," Dickinson said. The GCAC's kick-off meeting will be held in August. For more club info, visit [gcathleticclub.com](http://gcathleticclub.com).

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# Perdido Bay Optimists honor Cpl. Michael Walker, Lt. Stephanie Hollinghead Officers of the Year & Jim Harmon Citizen of the Year

**By Sally McKinney**

Sixteen officers were nominated for Law Enforcement Officer of the Year and two were nominated for Citizen of the Year during this year's Optimist Club of Perdido Bay 25th Annual Respect for Law Day.

Corporal Michael Walker, Baldwin County Sheriff's Department, and Fairhope Lt. Stephanie Hollinghead each received the reward for top officer.

Jim Harmon, Director of the Baldwin County Boys Ranch in Summerdale, received the top citizen honor.

Cpl. Walker and two other deputies arrived at a home near Stockton to interview a suspect in a domestic assault case.

While he was moving to the rear of the house, Cpt. Walker was shot in the face with a shotgun fired by the suspect.

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until back up could arrive. He kept giving orders until he had to stop when he arrived at the hospital for medical attention. "Cpl. Walker's quick thinking and calm reaction averted tragedy in this situation," says Charlie Jones, Baldwin County Chief Deputy Sheriff. "By get-

ting himself and the other deputies out of immediate danger and to positions of safety to await backup, he helped prevent a life-threatening situation from becoming much worse."

Lt. Stephanie Hollinghead was given praise for her continued focus on collecting evidence to help in securing a life sentence for a person who was responsible for the death of his girlfriend.

"Lt. Hollinghead viewed this case as a puzzle that took patience and tenacity," says Chief Assistant District Attorney Teresa G. Heinz, of the 28th Judicial Circuit. During the two and one half years it took to get a "guilty" verdict with a life sentence, DA Heinz says Lt. Hollinghead gave due diligence, dedication and hard work to

achieve the goal.

"This case was not an easy one and in 16 years of prosecution, it will go down in my top five most rewarding

victories," Heinz says.

Baldwin County Chief Deputy Sheriff Jones says there is no doubt the overall success of the Baldwin County Boys Ranch is due to Director Jim Harmon.

"I know of very few individuals who have impacted so many individual lives in this county as



Each year, Optimist Club of Perdido Bay member Bob Wilters appoints a special committee to choose the Law Enforcement Officer of the Year from a list of nominees. The winners this year are Cpl. Michael Walker, Baldwin County Sheriff's Department, second from the right, and Lt. Stephanie Hollinghead of the Fairhope Police Department. Lt. Hollinghead was unable to attend the event held at the Lillian Community Club. Other nominees include Officer Jamie Huffman, Daphne Police Department; Officer Brett Dahlman, Fairhope Police Department; Cpl. Todd Stone, Robertsedale Police Department; Cpl. Robert Gates, Bay Minette Police Department; Investigator Michael Oliver, Foley Police Department; Probation Officer Jody Jaye, Board of Pardons and Parole; Cpl. Andrew Ashton, Baldwin County Sheriff's Department; Deputy Derek Boone and K9 Angie, Baldwin County Sheriff's Department; Officer Daniel McGowin, Gulf Shores Police Department; Conservation Enforcement Officer Kyle Rabren, Alabama Marine Resources Division; School Resource Officer Labron Williams; Foley Police Department; Deputy Justin Correa, Baldwin County Sheriff's Department; Deputy J.R. Herring, Baldwin County Sheriff's Department.

Mr. Harmon," Jones says.

Over the past 20 years Harmon and his wife have assisted in raising more than 100 men. During that time the ranch has grown to a campus of two ranch homes to house the young men as well as a college home for those who are attending local colleges.

Others nominated for Officer of the Year include Officer Jamie Huffman, Daphne Police Department; Officer Brett Dahlman, Fairhope Police Department; Corporal Tedd Stone, Robertsedale Police Department; Cpl. Robert Gates, Bay Minette Police Department; Investigator Michael Oliver, Foley Police Department; Probation Officer Jody Jaye, Board of Pardons and Parole; Cpl. Andrew Ashton, Baldwin County Sheriff's Department.



Jim Harmon, Director of Baldwin County Boys Ranch, was named Citizen of the Year by the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay. With him are some of the residents of the ranch as well as Chief Justice of the Alabama Supreme Court Lyn Stuart.

Also Deputy Derek Boone and K9 Angie, Baldwin County Sheriff's Department; Officer Daniel McGowin, Gulf Shores Police Department; Conservation Enforcement Officer Kyle Rabren, Alabama Marine Resources Division; School Resource Officer Labron Williams, Foley Police Department; Deputy Justin Correa, Baldwin County Sheriff's Department; Deputy J. R. Herring, Baldwin

County Sheriff's Department. Allison Faircloth, Director of the Jennifer Claire Moore Foundation Peer Helpers, was also nominated for Citizen of the Year and was joined at the celebration by many of the Baldwin County schools Peer Helpers.

The club meets at 8 a.m. every Saturday for breakfast, short meeting and program.

For more Optimist club info, call (859) 881-4619.



Chief Justice of the Alabama Supreme Court Lyn Stuart and Baldwin County District Attorney Bob Wilters stand with Citizen of the Year Nominee Allison Faircloth, Director of the Jennifer Claire Moore Foundation Peer Helpers and 11 of the hundreds of Peer Helpers in schools throughout Baldwin County.





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# Funny Bones

By George Ridder



Two friends are talking and one says to the other, "I am so tired of people not understanding what I'm talking about."

His friend asks, "What do you mean?"

I had an appointment with my cardiologist yesterday and on his door

it read 8 to 5.

I left immediately!

Why?

I have to have better odds than that.

A neighbor asked his friend, who was celebrating 50 years of marriage, what the secret was to a long and happy marriage?

His friend replied, "When we were first married, we vowed to go out twice a week no matter how little money we had and we have done so for 50 years."

"Twice a week, you say?"

"Yeah. She goes out on Tuesday and I go out on Friday."

Teacher: "Class, we'll have only half a day of school today morning."

Students: "Yaaayyy!"

Teacher: "We'll have the other half this afternoon."

I said to my wife, "I need to call the doctor today."

"Which doctor?" she asked.

"No, the regular kind."

A man went to his doctor to go over his blood work results. As soon as he entered the doctor's office, the doctor said to him, "I just looked at your results. You are lucky that you come to see me early enough..."

The man became very nervous and asked, "What's wrong with my blood work?"

"Oh nothing! Just that I'll be leaving my office early today," replied the doctor.

A baseball manager who had an ulcer went to see his doctor for a checkup.

"Remember," the doctor said, "don't get excited, don't get mad, and forget about baseball when you're off the field."

Then he added, "By the way, how come you let the pitcher bat yesterday with the tying run on second?" and two men out in the ninth?"

I went to my nearby Pharmacy, straight to the back, where the Pharmacists' high counter is located.

I took out my little brown bottle, along with a teaspoon, and set them up on the counter.

The Pharmacist came over, smiled, and asked if he could help me. I said, "Yes! Could you please taste this for me?"

Seeing a senior citizen, the Pharmacist went along. He took the spoon, put a tiny bit of the liquid on it, put it on his tongue and swilled it around. Then, with a stomach-churning look on his face, he spat it out on the floor and began coughing.

When he was finally finished, I looked him right in the eye and asked, "Now, does that taste sweet to you?"

The Pharmacist, shaking his head back and forth with a venomous look in his eyes yelled, "Heck No!!!"

I said, "Oh, thank God! My doctor told me to have a Pharmacist test my urine for sugar!"

The CEO of a large company was giving advice to a junior executive. "I was young, married and out of work," he lectured. "I took the last nickel I had and bought an apple. I polished it and sold it for a dime. The next day I bought two apples, polished them and sold them for ten cents each."

"I see," said the junior executive. "You kept reinvesting your money and grew a big business."

"No," said the CEO. "Then my wife's father died and left us a fortune."

"Doctor, doctor, you have to help me out!"

"Certainly, not a problem. Which way did you come in?"

A customer walks into a dress shop and ask, "May I try on that dress in the window?"

The salesperson replies, "We prefer you use the dressing rooms."

Why didn't the man report his stolen credit card?

The thief was spending less than his wife.

Three men were sitting on a park bench. The one in the middle was reading a newspaper. The others were pretending to fish. They baited imaginary hooks, cast lines, and reeled in their catch.

A passing policeman stopped to watch the spectacle and asked the man in the middle if he knew the other two.

"Oh yes," he said. "They're my friends."

"In that case," warned the officer, "you'd better get them out of here!"

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