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## AROUND TOWN

### Coastal Half-Marathon, 5K and 1-Mile Fun Run Nov. 24

The 2018 Run the Beach Half-Marathon series concludes with a Thanksgiving weekend tradition – the Kaiser Realty by Wyndham Vacation Rentals Coastal Half-Marathon, 5K and 1-Mile Fun Run – on Saturday, Nov. 24, at the Orange Beach Sportplex (4385 William Silvers Parkway). The 5K race will serve as the Road Runners Club of America (RRCA) Alabama State 5K Championship.

“With cooler temperatures and holiday happenings, Thanksgiving is the perfect time to reconnect with family and friends along Alabama’s beaches,” said Beth Gendler, vice president of the Gulf Shores & Orange Beach Sports Commission. “This is an opportunity to enjoy wellness at any fitness level on the paved, wheelchair-accessible Hugh S. Branyon Backcountry Trail at Gulf State Park.”

Packet pick-up will take place Friday, Nov. 23 at the Orange Beach Event Center at The Wharf, while Saturday’s pre- and post-race activities will happen at the Orange Beach Sportplex. Participants are encouraged to celebrate the season of giving by donated canned goods on-site for the Christian Service Center. To register, visit [Team-Magic.com/Events/122](http://Team-Magic.com/Events/122). Book stays with Kaiser Realty by Wyndham Vacation Rentals at [WyndhamVacationRentals.com/Alabama](http://WyndhamVacationRentals.com/Alabama).

Civic groups or individuals interested in earning \$40 per person per four-hour shift worked for their organizations may volunteer at this event with the Gulf Shores & Orange Beach Tourism Volunteer Incentive Program. For more information, contact Sarah Cooper at [Scooper@GulfShores.com](mailto:Scooper@GulfShores.com). For information on upcoming athletic events, visit [GulfShores.com/Sports](http://GulfShores.com/Sports), or call 1-800-745-SAND.

### Gulf State Park golf course will close for good on Dec. 2.

Due to a saturation of golf courses in the region and the opportunity to provide new nature-based recreational opportunities at Gulf State Park, the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (ALDCNR) officials announced this week that the Gulf State Park’s golf course will close in December.

The course has been losing money for several years and closing the course will allow GSP to save money while opening up that property for other outdoor experiences, according to Chris Blankenship, commissioner of the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

“The decision to close the Gulf State Park course was not made lightly,” he said. “ALDCNR also engaged a third-party that specializes in studying golf courses and developing plans to identify how to make the best use of the facility.” The Gulf State Park Master Plan can be found at [mygulfstatepark.com](http://mygulfstatepark.com).

“There are more than a half-dozen other golf courses in the region, and that saturation means the prognosis for profitability of our course is not good,” said State Parks Director Greg Lein. “We can’t afford to continue operating in the red year after year. That not only negatively impacts Gulf State Park, but our system as a whole.”

The good news, he said, is that several courses in the area have agreed to offer special rates for Gulf State Park’s campground and lodge guests from December 3rd through February 28. For example, Craft Farms in Gulf Shores will offer a play anytime rate of \$46.50, Peninsula Golf Club in Gulf Shores will offer \$51.50 and Rock Creek in Fairhope will offer \$34.83. Each of the three courses will offer an early-bird (before 9 a.m.) rate of \$39, and all will charge \$24 for a nine-hole round after 3 p.m., plus other special rates as well. Park guests will have to present a receipt from the park to qualify for these exclusive rates.

Gulf State Park is considered the “crown jewel” of Alabama’s state parks system.



## Wreaths Across America Ceremony Dec. 15 at Barrancas Big Lagoon Kiwanians accepting donations through Nov. 30

The Kiwanis Club of Big Lagoon is again spearheading the local effort to participate in the Wreaths Across America program to remember and honor our fallen veterans. The club is taking orders for wreaths specifically for Barrancas National Cemetery at NAS Pensacola through Nov. 30.

This year’s Wreaths Across America ceremony and placement of wreaths at Barrancas will be on December 15 beginning at 9 a.m. Wreath sponsorships start at \$15 and payment can be made online with credit card or by check using the downloadable mail-in order form. You may pick up the wreaths or the Kiwanians and their helpers will place it for you. For more information, email [barrancaswreaths@gmail.com](mailto:barrancaswreaths@gmail.com), visit [barrancaswreaths.com](http://barrancaswreaths.com) or call 850-207-1217. The Kiwanis Club of Big Lagoon Foundation Inc. is a 501-C entity.

The Big Lagoon Kiwanis, with help from the Bailey Middle School Builder’s Club and the K-Kids Club, along with several other local area non-profits (**pictured below**), will place the wreaths at veterans’ head stones to honor veter-

ans and provide an excellent opportunity to teach younger generations about the value of their freedoms and the importance of honoring those who sacrificed so much to protect those freedoms.

Approximately 11,000 wreaths will be placed at Barrancas. This is an inspiring sight, but it still leaves many grave sites unadorned.

In 1992, 5,000 wreaths were donated by Morrill Worcester and Worcester WreathCo. Years later, in 2005, an iconic photo of these wreaths in snow (**pictured above**) became a viral sensation. Finally, in 2007, Wreaths Across America is formed as a nonprofit governed by a Board of Directors. Their day-to-day operations are overseen by Executive Director Karen Worcester.

WAA’s mission is carried out by coordinating ceremonies at Arlington, as well as veterans’ cemeteries in all 50 states. The organization has since expanded to include over 1,000 local charity groups that represent more than 800 cemeteries, military memorials, and other locations. In 2008, and each year since, Congress has issued a proclamation officially recognizing “Wreaths Across America Day” each December.





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## COASTAL CHRISTMAS



### Nativities From Around World at First Baptist Church of G.S.

By **Connie Kirkland**

First Baptist Church Gulf Shores invites the Gulf Coast community and visitors to enjoy a time of peace and reflection while visiting our Miracle in a Manger. The exhibit, now in its fifth year, features displays around the world. All the displays have a story to tell of The Gift. The free display is open daily 9 a.m. until 3 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 2 through Sunday Dec. 16. It is our Gift to the community. Two years ago the City of Gulf Shores was mentioned as No. 9 on NewsMax's Top 25 Christmas Destination, and Our article Miracle in a Manger display was mentioned. First Baptist Church is located at 2200 West First Street. For more info call 251-979-7360 or visit fbcgulf.com.

### Foley United Methodist Pancakes w. Santa Dec. 8

The annual Foley United Methodist Women's Christmas Extravaganza Pancakes with Santa will be Saturday, December 8, from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. in the church Spirit Center. For \$5, you can purchase pancakes and sausage, with your choice of drink. Santa will be present for pictures and there will be crafts for kids and a Christmas themed storytime. Profits will support projects of United Methodist Women mission programs. The church is located at 915 N. Pine St.

### Merry Market returns to O.B. Event Center Dec. 7-8

The 7th Annual Merry Market returns to the Orange Beach Event Center at The Wharf Dec. 7-8. The hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 7 and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 8.

Over 70 vendors participate in this two-day event that includes unique gifts, arts & crafts, jewelry, apparel, baked goods, personal items, children's games and books, among many other items. For more information, call Vicki Stillings at 251-968-7215.

### Christmas Parade is Dec. 8, Visit with Santa is Dec. 15 in Lillian

Santa Claus has confirmed his visit to Lillian, Alabama for the annual Lillian Christmas Parade on Saturday, Dec. 8 sponsored by the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay. The parade participants will step out from the Community Club on Widell St. at 1 p.m. and travel the usual route, US Hwy. 98 east to CR99, north to Barclay Avenue, west to Santa Pedro Street and south back to the Community Club.

After the parade the Elberta High School Band will perform in the Community Club. Santa will also join the Optimists when they host the annual Breakfast with Santa at 8:30 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 15 in the Lillian Community Club.

### Dec. 1 Gingerbread Jam for families & businesses

The Gingerbread Jam, a fundraiser for Expect Excellence Culinary Arts Program, will be held beginning at 9 a.m. on Dec. 1 at the Orange Beach Community Center. A gingerbread assembly and decorating competition for families and businesses, funds raised at the event will help with Culinary Camp scholarships for students with financial hardships. The deadline to register is Nov. 28, and the event is open to the public for free viewing from 10 a.m. til 2 p.m. Cookies and hot chocolate will be available for purchase. Enter in either family and business divisions. For more info, call (251) 981-6028.

### Hanzel & Gretel Brunch Theatre Dec. 2 in O.B.

Expect Excellence Theatre Program's production of Dom DeLuise's Hansel and Gretel Brunch Theatre is scheduled on Sunday, Dec. 2 at 1:30 p.m. at the Orange Beach Community Center (27235 Canal Road). Tickets are \$10 and include the performance and a buffet brunch provided by Island Epicurean. Children 6 and younger are admitted free. For more info, call (251) 981-6028.

### Phone calls from Santa registration ends Dec. 7

Phone Calls from Santa Children are invited to experience a memorable moment this Christmas season with a special message from Santa! Celebrate the holiday season with a free personalized phone call from Santa guaranteed to amaze your child! Registration for Phone Calls from Santa will be open until Friday, December 7. Santa will make phone calls on December 13-14 from 5 to 7 p.m. Register at gulfshoresal.gov or in person at the Bodenhamer Center.



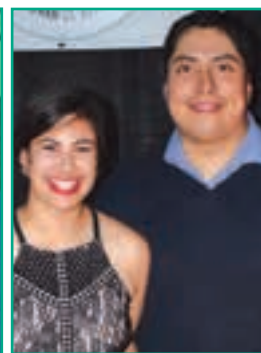
### 12th Annual Taste of the Islands Nov. 30 at O.B. Event Center

By **Brenda Alfred**

Tickets to the 12th Annual Mystical Order of Mirams Taste of the Islands are almost sold out! For only \$60 per person, you can celebrate The holiday season and dance the night away to the 8-piece band Mr. Big & the Rhythm Sisters, enjoy food tastings from over 30 restaurants, your favorite beverages and a beautiful array of silent auction items. The Marines will be on hand to collect Toys for Tots and everyone is asked to bring a girl or boys gift unwrapped or both!

For more information on the Mystical Order of Mirams, and ticket information on this year's Taste of the Islands, visit mirams.info or find us on Facebook!

**Pictured:** Fantastic fun at 2017 Taste of the Islands.





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### Swift-Coles Historic Home Christmas Open House Dec. 8

Swift-Coles Historic Home in Bon Secour presents A Merry Musical Christmas Open House on Saturday Dec 8 from 10 a.m. 'til 3 p.m. Admission is \$15 at the gate and includes an appetizer buffet and music from Melody Duncan (**pictured**) and Sherrie Lynn. Arts & crafts vendors will also be at the event. The home is located at 17424 Swift-Coles Ln. Info: 251-949-5550 or Swift-ColesHistoricHome.com.



### SBCT's A Charlie Brown Christmas opens Dec. 7

South Baldwin Community Theatre presents A Charlie Brown Christmas December 7-9 and Dec. 14-16 with shows scheduled Fridays and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. and Sundays at 2:30 p.m.

The classic animated television special comes to life in this faithful stage adaptation, in which Charlie Brown, Snoopy and the rest of the Peanuts Gang discover the true meaning of Christmas. This production is a Young Artist Series show and produced solely by SBCT Young Artists.

Tickets are available for purchase at the Theatre Box Office during certain hours and at sbct.biz. If you are unable to order online or have questions or questions can email tickets@sbct.biz or call 251-968-6721 and leave a message.

### St. Patrick Aux. Christmas Bazaar Nov. 30-Dec. 1

The St. Patrick's Ladies Auxiliary invites you to its yearly Christmas bazaar on November 30 and December 1. Doors open at 8 a.m. at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, 23035 AL 59 in Robertsdale. These ladies invested their time, money and talents all during the year for the benefit of others.

The bazaar features approximately 130 gift baskets, unique hand crafted items, needlework, pet gifts, yard art, holiday décor, baked goods, and much more. Several items will be available at silent auction. Other items available for purchase include Afghans, scarves and caps and other unique items. Proceeds from sales benefit community charities, St. Patrick's church and school. Get your holiday shopping done early!

### St. Margaret's Christmas Bazaar scheduled Dec. 1

The 56th Annual St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Parish Christmas Bazaar will be held on Dec. 1 from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. Festivities include a bake sale, spaghetti dinners (take out available - \$9 per plate), silent auction, vendors, a 50/50 drawing, Thee Gift Shop (church vestibule & religious items), musical entertainment from St. Benedict's Catholic School Choir and Capt. Lee Lindblom's one Man Band.

Santa Claus and his elves will also be at the bazaar, and tamales, tacos, hot dogs and burgers will also be for sale.

Proceeds benefit St. Benedict Catholic School, Catholic Social Services, Mary's Shelter, Family Promise, homeless programs and other charitable organizations.

St. Benedict's is located at the corner of Hwy. 98 West and Senhumacher Street South in Foley.



### Billy Claus & The LuLuBelles at LuLu's Dec. 8

Enjoy a memorable family Holiday experience at LuLu's Gulf Shores Annual Billy Claus and The LuLuBelles free event on Saturday, December 8 at 1 p.m. Billy Claus is Santa's warm weather-loving brother who lives in the Caribbean but comes this way to help Santa during the Holiday season. The LuLuBelles are Billy's fun version of Santa's elves. Billy will arrive in style at 2 p.m. and visit with the children to hear their wish list to pass on to Santa. Billy and the LuLuBelles will be available for photos with the children. In addition to kid's arts & crafts activities, there will also be a reading of Billy Claus and the Spirit of Christmas children's book written by Lucy Buffett. LuLu's is located in Gulf Shores under the HWY 59 Bridge, next to Homeport Marina. For more Billy Claus information, call (251) 967-5858 or visit LuLuBuffett.com. **Pictured:** Family fun at 2017 LuLu's Billy Claus event.







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## COASTAL CHRISTMAS



### Dec. 8 Lighted Boat Parade leaves LuLu's at 5:30 p.m.

The 33rd Annual Lighted Boat Parade will start from LuLu's at Homeport Marina in Gulf Shores at 5:30 p.m. on Dec. 8. The parade route extends from east on the Intracoastal Waterway past The Wharf and east to Bear Point, south to Ono Island, west to Perdido Pass, and north into Terry Cove. The boats will circle around Terry Cove before proceeding up Ole River to Flora Bama Ole River Grill (across from the Flora-Bama) for a parade ending party t about 8:30 p.m. The parade is sponsored by the Coastal Alabama Business Chamber.



### Downtown Pensacola Christmas Parade Dec. 8

The Annual Downtown Pensacola Christmas Parade will be held on Saturday, Dec. 8 at 5 p.m. on Palafox Street. The parade draws over 50,000 people and has grown to over 80 entries, including more than 50 floats! It is televised live on WKRG-TV5, pays tribute to the Navy's Blue Angels and hosts all five local high school bands.

Each year, the parade organizers use profits of the parade to help local high school band booster organizations. Nearly \$25,000 has been donated to the five area high schools.



### Christmas by the Bay Nov. 29 at The Venue

The Baldwin Humane Society will hosting its 23rd annual Christmas by the Bay event on Thursday, November 29 at The Venue in Fairhope from 6 - 9 p.m. The night will include music, food by Tamara's Downtown, the much anticipated silent auction and the never before seen all doggie production of The Nutcracker. Master of Ceremonies for the evening will be Jim Cox of Southern Napa Fine Wine Store.

The Venue, located at 105 South Section St. Tickets are \$55 in advance or \$60 at the door. For more info, call 251-928-4585 or visit baldwinhumane.org. Through donations and sponsorships from businesses the Baldwin Humane Society was able to provide support to 3,000 animals in Baldwin County last year alone.



### Foley Christmas Parade & Let It Snow Dec. 8

The 60th Annual Foley Kiwanis Club Christmas Parade and Let It Snow will be held on Saturday, Dec. 8. The parade begins at 10 a.m. at the National Guard Armory on E. Violet Ave., then proceeds south on Ala. 59, before turning west on W. Verbena Ave. The route then turns north on S. Oak Street, then east on U.S. 98, ending at the intersection of Ala. 59 (McKenzie Street) and U.S. 98 (Laurel Ave.).

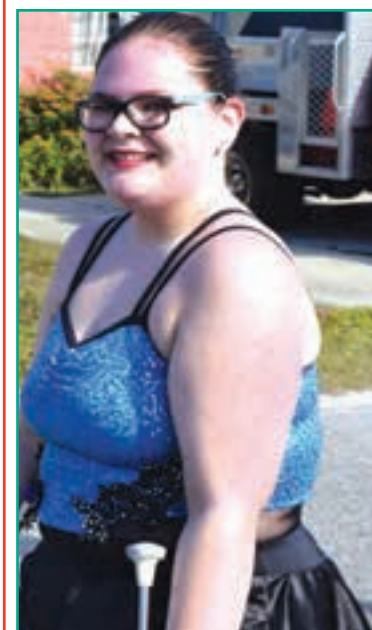
No matter what the official weather prediction is for the day, there will be snow - and lots of it - in Heritage Park following the parade at the 18th Annual Let It Snow celebration from 11 a.m. 'til 2 p.m.

"The snow is created from 40 tons of ice that are ground into tiny shavings and blown into two separate areas for playing in the snow - one for younger children and one for the larger children," said Beverly Manley, event coordinator for the City of Foley.

Let It Snow is a free event sponsored by the city of Foley and involves much more than snow.

Entertainment includes music, a Foley High School Band concert, a sneak preview of The Nutcracker, a children's art village, food vendors, balloon creations, the famous Whoville Hair Salon and inflatable bounce houses. "The gazebo in Heritage Park is an excellent backdrop for special Christmas photos with family and friends," Manley said. Santa will make a special appearance from 1 - 2 p.m. For more information, go to VisitFoley.org or call the city of Foley at 251-943-1300.

**Pictured:** Festivities from 2017 event featuring locals and visitors together enjoying the season in Foley's beautifully decorated Heritage Park.





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## COASTAL CHRISTMAS

### GCAA Christmas Market Dec. 8 at G.S. Presbyterian

The Gulf Coast Art Alliance Christmas Market will be held at First Presbyterian Church of Gulf Shores on Saturday, Dec. 8 from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Give the gift of art this year and stop by to stroll through this indoor/outdoor market and enjoy classic pieces made by local and regional artists. The market will feature handmade ornaments, note cards, jewelry, pottery, wood art, scented candles, paintings and textile art. These items make the perfect gift for anyone on your list! For more info, call 251-455-7458.



### City of Orange Beach Tree Lighting Ceremony Nov. 27 at The Wharf

The City of Orange Beach annual Christmas Tree Lighting on Tuesday, Nov. 27 at 5:30 p.m. at The Wharf. The ceremony will include musical performances, letters to Santa, cookie decorating, hot chocolate, reading of The Christmas Story by the Mayor of Orange Beach and more. Santa will arrive on a firetruck and photos will be available in Marlin Circle. The Holiday SPECTRA Sound & Light Spectacular will conclude the event.

**Pictured:** The Alabama Retail Association has selected The Wharf in Orange Beach as the sixth stop on the Shop Alabama for the Holidays Tour. The event will take place during the Nov. 27 tree lighting at The Wharf. The purpose of the tour is to encourage Alabamians to keep leisure tax dollars local. **Pictured:** Greg Alexander (Coastal Alabama Business Chamber), Penny Hughey (Coastal Alabama Business Chamber), Jim Bibby (The Wharf), Donna Watts (South Baldwin Chamber), Sheena Mizell, Jade Hubbard (The Wharf), Tony Kennon (Mayor of Orange Beach).



### From Sacred Music to Manger Dec. 2 at St. Andrew by the Sea

A local Christmas tradition returns this year, as the annual concert at St. Andrew by the Sea will segue into a live Nativity. Each year, the choirs at St. Andrew, under the direction of Dr. Roger Jones and Joan Hand, share a sacred concert. This year's program will include organ, piano, a bell choir, a children's choir, a youth band, strings, and flute. The concert will be Sunday, December 2, at 4 p.m.

"Our children look forward to the music and animals and telling the story of that holy night."

Immediately following, attendees will find a live Nativity outside with sheep, goats, donkeys, a camel, as well as holiday refreshments for all ages.

"Our children look forward to the music and animals," said Sara Hunter, assistant pastor, "and telling the story of that holy night."

Dr. Jones, a gifted arranger, has been rehearsing with the choirs since September. The evening is free to all. Child care will be provided. For more information, please call the church office at 968-3900.



### City Rhythm Big Band Dance Dec. 22 in Loxley

A new season for City Rhythm Big Band dances at the Loxley Civic Center kicks off with the Dec. 22 Christmas Dance.

"We are excited that fall is finally here and the Band will get back to doing what we do best. - entertaining the folks who love to dance and listen to big band music," said CRBB manager Bill Clark.

The dance is from 7-10 p.m. Tickets are \$10 per person, and snacks will be available at the BYOB event.

The City Rhythm Big Band is an 18 piece big band that plays music from the big band era made famous by such artists as Count Basie, Woody Herman, Glen Miller, Duke Ellington and others. They also play some current favorites. Vocalists Kathy Murchison and Ken Thacker add their touch to the band with beautiful lyrics and awesome voices. Together, the band and vocalists present a wonderful evening of music. For all information, visit [cityrhythmbb.com](http://cityrhythmbb.com) or call Clark at 251-554-5497.

CRBB dances are also scheduled in the Loxley Civic Center on January 26, February 23, March 23, April 27 and May 11.

### Christmas activities galore at The Wharf

• **Ice Skating Rink:** Grab a pair of skates and glide, spin, or fall into the season. Nov. 16 - Jan. 13, Regular hours: Monday-Sunday 10 a.m. - 10 p.m. November 26 - December 18:

Mon-Fri: 4 - 10 p.m., Sat-Sun: 10 a.m. - 10 p.m.; January 1 - 13: Mon-Fri: 4 - 10 p.m., Sat-Sun: 10 a.m. - 10 p.m. Cost: \$10 for skating includes skate rental; \$13 for skating and Ferris wheel; \$80 for frequent skater pass; \$3 for a pair of socks. (Closed on Christmas & Thanksgiving). Location: The front parking lot next to Sand Dollar and the Fire Station.

• **Photos with Santa:** Sit with jolly Claus in Santa's Village and capture the moment forever. From Nov. 16-Dec. 24. Time: Fridays: 3-7 p.m. | Saturdays: 10 a.m.-7 p.m. | Sunday: 12-6 p.m.; Dec. 17 - 22: 10 a.m.-7 p.m. (Mon-Sat, the week before Christmas); Dec. 24: 10 a.m.-2 p.m. (Christmas Eve); Cost: Various price packages available.

• **Horse & Carriage Rides:** Spend an evening under the moon in an enchanted horse-drawn carriage. Trot along through streets and gaze at the lights and decorations with your loved ones. You'll want to have your camera ready for this ride! Across from Ice Skating Rink from 5 - 8 p.m. on Nov. 18, 25 & 30 and Dec. 2, 8, 9, 14, 15 and 16. Cost: \$30 per carriage ride (up to 4 people); \$5 for single rider.

• **Black Friday:** Spend Black Friday (Nov. 23) at The Wharf and check out all the epic steals and deals throughout the shops and restaurants.

• **Small Business Saturday:** Shop smart. Shop local. With an abundance of home-grown retailers and restaurants, The Wharf is the premier stop along your shopping route to purchase regional goods, products, and services for the holidays. Come out Saturday, November 24th during extended business hours from 10am - 9pm.

• **Christmas Tree Lighting:** The annual tree lighting hosted by the City of Orange Beach is the perfect ceremony to inspire the Yuletide spirit. Enjoy special festive musical performances, cookie decorating, letters to Santa, cups of toasty hot chocolate, and much more. Stay and shimmy along with the Holiday SPECTRA Sound & Light Spectacular to conclude the event at Marina Circle on Tuesday, November 27 from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

• **Holiday Sip & Shop:** Shops will be open from noon until 6 pm. Make sure to pick up a deal guide at any retailer on-site and map out your buying itinerary for the Holiday Open House at The Wharf on Sunday, December 2 from noon - 6 p.m.

• **Jingle Jubilee Kids Craft Day:** It will be any budding artist's playground. There will be crafting stations at various stores and restaurants, a Coastal Christmas Art Contest exhibition, and much more. Don't worry about bringing anything - your imagination should be more than enough on Saturday, December 8 from noon - 4 pm. Admission is free.



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# COASTAL CHRISTMAS



## Aurora's White Christmas In The Tropics Dec. 7 at PBR

Step into the Holiday Spirit in Style on Friday, Dec. 7 from 7:30 -11:30 p.m. during Aurora's White Christmas In The Tropics. Rock the Night away with Roxy and the Magic Johnsons during this is holiday event of the season featuring live dance music. Chef Brody of Voyagers is planning the culinary delights which will include a steamship round, mashed potato bar, vegetables and bread pudding in addition to appetizers. Please bring an unwrapped Barbie or Ken Doll or a Barbie Toy to benefit and build the Aurora's tree for a local children's charity. Attire is island elegant - cocktail (ladies are encouraged to wear white, but it is not required). Ties and jackets are welcome, but not required for men. Free valet parking is offered for this is a 21 and over event. Tickets are \$40 plus processing fee and available at [eventbrite.com](http://eventbrite.com). For more info, email [presidentaurora1@gmail.com](mailto:presidentaurora1@gmail.com) or call 251-979-4278. Perdido Beach Resort is located at 27200 Perdido Beach Blvd. in Orange Beach.

**Pictured:** Roxy & The Magic Johnsons are a self described mixture of greens from real country, jazz, blues, pop and improv to rock & reggae. The band includes Smokey Otis on bass guitar, Chicago Bob Ravenscraft on drums, Justin Fobes on guitar and Rhonda Hart on vocals and guitar.

## G.S. Lighted Christmas Parade & Beach Celebration Dec. 7

Gulf Shores will kick off its holiday festivities on Friday, December 7 with the Lighted Christmas Parade. The evening parade will begin at 6:30 p.m. and will feature festive lighted floats as well as appearances from holiday characters and marching bands. Large crowds of spectators looking to bask in the holiday spirit are anticipated along Highway 59 as parade entries make their way from the Gulf Place Public Beach to Sims Park.

The magical atmosphere from the parade will roll continuously into the night as a celebration in Sims Park will kick off immediately following the parade. Families can enjoy pictures with Santa, holiday treats, crafts and a snowball drop. It will be a man-made blizzard as 4,000 ping pong balls will be dropped from above. Winning snowballs will have a number that correlates with a prize supplied by generous sponsors. For more info, call 251-968-1173 or visit [gulfschoresal.gov](http://gulfschoresal.gov).

## Santa will “drop into” The Flora-Bama Dec. 8

Santa Claus has made time in his busy schedule to "drop in" and visit local girls and boys on Saturday, December 8 at the Flora-Bama Lounge & Oyster Bar on Perdido Key. Festivities begin at 11 a.m. with children's activities, free eats and hot drinks. Weather permitting, Santa will parachute in at 12 p.m. Otherwise, he may arrive by fire engine. Bring a nonperishable food item for the local food bank or a new unwrapped toy for Toys for Tots and receive a free beverage. The Flora-Bama is located on Perdido Key at the Alabama-Florida line. For more info, call 850-492-0611 or 251-980-5118 or go to [flora-bama.com](http://flora-bama.com).

Other Christmas festivities at the Lounge on the Line include The Thanksgiving and Christmas Day potluck, which start at 11 a.m. with live music and food served at 1pm and are open to everyone and the 31st Make It To The Line 4-Mile Run/Walk & One Mile Run Roun on Dec. 29 at 10 a.m.

## Wales West Arctic Express opens Nov. 24 in Summerdale

All aboard the Arctic Express at Summerdale's Wales West RV Resort and Light Railway beginning Nov. 23 and continuing every weekend from 4 to 9 p.m. Beginning Dec. 10, Arctic Express is open nightly from 4 to 9 p.m. Admission is \$15 per person, and children 2 and under are admitted free. Group rates, field trips, and parties can be booked in advance. Wales West is located on County Rd. 9 between Fairhope and Silverhill. For information call 888-569-5337 or go to [waleswest.com](http://waleswest.com).

Ride an authentic steam train through a wonderland of lights, snow, and decorations to the North Pole. Visit with Santa in the winter-wonderland barn and receive a free wooden toy. Staff can take your family photo with Santa.



**Coastal Ballet presents Nutcracker Dec. 9 at Erie Meyer**  
Performances also scheduled Dec. 1-2 at Foley Civic Center

The Coastal Ballet Academy will take its annual production of the Nutcracker to surrounding cities following hometown shows on Dec. 1 at 6 p.m. and Dec. 2 at 2 p.m. at the Foley Civic Center.

The highly acclaimed academy be part of the Coastal Arts Center of Orange Beach's Kingdom of Sweets Gala on Dec. 6 at 6 p.m. and the Dec. 8 Swift-Coles Historic Home Open House in Bon Secour. The ballet's final show will be on Dec. 9 at 2 p.m. at the Erie Meyer Civic Center in Gulf Shores.

Become enchanted with Clara as we watch her frolic through her parent's Christmas party. Meet the mysterious Godfather Drosselmeyer. Be amazed as we enter her dream of the Nutcracker and watch as she dances her way to meeting the beautiful Sugar Plum Fairy.

This annual Christmas tradition will include several professional artists, students, and many of the community's younger children reminding us all of the delight's that come during the Christmas season. Under the direction of Madame Rio Cordy Barlow, the Coastal Ballet Academy brings this classic holiday ballet to life.

The Erie H. Meyer Civic Center located at 1930 West 2nd Street in Gulf Shores. The Foley Civic Center is located at 407 E Laurel Ave. The Coastal Arts Center of Orange Beach is located at 26389 Canal Rd. Swift-Coles Historic Home is located at 17424 Swift Coles Ln. in Bon Secour. For more info or to buy tickets for the Nutcracker, visit [coastalballet.org](http://coastalballet.org).

**Pictured:** From left to right: Dan Plante, Andrea Plante, Bella Plante, Sofia Prouty, Lydia Dumas, Blakely Hale, and Artistic Director Rio Cordy (in back)

## OWA's Tree Lighting Nov. 24

Mark your calendars for OWA's 2nd annual Tree Lighting Ceremony in the streets of Downtown OWA on Saturday, Nov. 24 at 7 p.m. The evening's festivities start at 6 p.m. include special guests, performances and children's activities during the free event. Downtown OWA is located at 1501 South OWA Blvd. in Foley. For more info, go to [visitowata.com](http://visitowata.com).

## Al Coast Eye Clinic Toy Drive

Alabama Coast Eye Clinic in Gulf Shores is partnering with Ecumenical Ministries of South Baldwin to sponsor a toy drive. Bring a new unwrapped toy to the clinic before Dec. 6 and earn a chance to win a pair of sunglasses valued at up to \$200. The drawing will be held on Dec. 6. The clinic is located at 261 Clubhouse Dr. in Gulf Shores. For more info, call 251-968-2020.



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### South Shore Insurance sponsors Great Turkey Drive

South Shore Insurance Agency will sponsor its annual Great Turkey Drive thru Dec. 8. Part of SSIU's commitment to community service, the drive benefits families in need at Christmas. For every \$15 dollars donated during the campaign will put a turkey on the table (plus fixins') for two needy families, as SSIU will match each tax-deductible donation dollar for dollar, or in this case, turkey for turkey.

"Our ambitious goal is to provide a turkey to every family Catholic Social Services, Prodissee Pantry and Ecumenical Ministries currently serves to families or individuals in need, regardless of religious affiliation," said Maria Byrnes of SSIU. "Please consider joining us."

For more info, visit [ssiuw.com/greatturkeydrive](http://ssiuw.com/greatturkeydrive) or call Byrnes at 251-923-4475.

### Christmas in Nature Dec. 15 at Graham Creek

Christmas in Nature Observe and Explore Day. will be held on Dec. 15 at 10:30 a.m. at the Graham Creek Nature Preserve Interpretive Center in Foley. The free event is provided by the City of Foley for children 10 and under.

There will be stories about winter wildlife and several nature based crafts. Children will also be offered hot chocolate and snacks to enjoy. Santa will take time out of his busy schedule to visit with children and staff will offer to take pictures that can be emailed. The 500 acre preserve is located on Wolf Bay Dr., just off County Rd. 12. Info: [grahamcreekpreserve.org](http://grahamcreekpreserve.org) or (251) 923-4267.

### Fairhope Christmas Parade scheduled Dec. 7

Fairhope's Magical Christmas Parade will take to the that city's downtown streets on Friday, Dec. 7 beginning at 7 p.m. at the intersection of Morphy and Section Street. The parade continues down Section to Oak Street and back up Church St. Handicap parking will be available at the Fairhope Civic Center. For additional info, call 251-929-1466.

In addition, Santa will be visiting Fairhope on Dec. 1 and Dec. 8 for Fairhope's Santa Saturdays. Santa will be in front of the Fairhope Museum of History on Section St. from 10:30 a.m. until noon for children to visit. Parents may bring their cameras to take pictures.



### Baldwin Pops Christmas Concerts are Dec. 10 in Foley & Dec. 4 in Gulf Shores

Rinehart will conduct arrangements by Jay Dawson, James Curnow, John Higgins and John Moss

The Baldwin Pops Band, conducted by Dr. Jason Rinehart, will present "A Gulf Coast Christmas" in both Foley and Gulf Shores. Both the Dec. 10 show at The Foley Civic Center and the Dec. 4 show at Gulf Shores Cultural Center Auditorium start at 7 p.m. and are free. The family friendly, festive concerts will include a special visit from Santa plans to drop in for a short visit with the children. Pictures with Santa will be available for \$5 in the lobby during intermission.

A Toys for Tots representative from the U.S Marine Corps Reserve will be available to collect new unwrapped toys for those

who wish to contribute.

Conductor Dr. Jason Rinehart will lead the band in presenting a festive concert that includes Jingle Bells, arranged by Jay Dawson; Suite from the Nutcracker by Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky, arranged by James Curnow; Christmas on Broadway, arranged by John Higgins and White Christmas by Irving Berlin, arranged by John Moss.

A Toys for Tots representative from the U.S Marine Corps Reserve will be collecting new unwrapped toys for those who wish to contribute. More info: [baldwinpops-band.com](http://baldwinpops-band.com), Facebook or 251-987-5757.



### Breakfast With Santa Dec. 15 at Erie Meyer

Children will have one last minute chance to visit with Santa on Saturday, December 15 as Gulf Shores hosts Breakfast with Santa at the Erie H. Meyer Civic Center. Beginning at 8 a.m., families can dive into a wholesome breakfast complete with sausage, bacon, eggs and pancakes before having pictures taken with Santa. Admission is \$5. Children 3 and under free.

### Brett/Robinson Charity Rummage Sale Dec. 8 All items must go at 11th annual Canal Rd. event

Brett/Robinson's 11th Annual Charity Rummage Sale will be held on Saturday, Dec. 8 from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the company's laundry at 25050 Canal Road in Orange Beach. All items must go. Come make a deal from 2:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. on all remaining items. The sale includes items donated by employees, condo owners, friends and people in the Pleasure Island community, including furniture, household goods, home accessories, clothing and toys. Anyone interested in donating, or would like to schedule a time for pick-up of items, please contact Angela Carrel at ext. 17933 or 251-228-0928.

The rummage sale will also include a split-the-pot raffle with tickets selling for \$1 each – come try your luck!



### Hark! A Christmas Concert Dec. 6 at Foley Civic Center

St' Paul's Episcopal Church and The Ecumenical Ministries, Incorporated will be hosting Hark! A Christmas Concert on December 6 at 7 p.m. at the Foley civic Center. Performing will be (pictured) Four A Change with members from the disbanded Coastal Chorale. They will be presenting popular Christmas carols and hymns. Proceeds will benefit the ministries of EMI and St. Paul's. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at St. Paul's Church office, Ecumenical Ministries, It's Just Perfect Floral Shop, Think Outside Furniture, South Baldwin Family Practice, South Baldwin Chamber of Commerce and members of St. Paul's Church in Foley (251-943-2173).



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### CSC Toy Drive fundraiser Dec. 1 at PBR

Georgia vs. Alabama on multiple TVs; tailgate style food on menu



Perdido Beach Resort will be providing tailgate style food and show the SEC Championship game between Alabama and Georgia on multiple screens during the Wildflowers Boutique Annual Christmas fundraiser on Saturday, Dec. 1 from 6 - 11 p.m. at The Perdido Beach Resort Grand Ballroom. The annual event raises funds for the Christian Services Center and their annual toy drive!

Tickets are \$30 per person or \$500 for a sponsorship table. Tickets can be purchased at Wildflowers Boutique in Orange Beach (cash or check made out to The Christian Service Center) or online at [events.ticketprinting.com](http://events.ticketprinting.com). Call 251-981-9453 for more info. Festivities include: Hors D'oeuvres; A Silent Auction; Live Music by Triggerproof; Fashion Show; Dancing; Bubble Bar to celebrate at the end of the night. All proceeds will go to the Christian Services Center.

### Summerdale Christmas Dec. 8 at Pioneer Park

The Summerdale Christmas Parade participants will meet at 4:30 p.m. at Pioneer Park (Center of Town) on Saturday, Dec. 8 for the town's annual parade.

The parade begins on 4th street, and will travel Broadway, NW 4th, Broadway, and ends at Pioneer Park, where everyone can visit with Santa and enjoy refreshments. For more info, visit [summerdaleal.com](http://summerdaleal.com).



### Mobile Symphony Youth Orchestra in Foley on Dec. 7

The Mobile Symphony Youth Orchestra will play a holiday concert on Dec. 7 at 7 p.m. at the Foley Civic Center (407 E Laurel Ave.). This orchestra is the premier training orchestra for young, accomplished musicians along the Gulf Coast and the flagship ensemble of the Mobile Symphony's education programs, which have been the recipient of the Bank of America Award for Excellence in Orchestra Education. A \$5 donation is encouraged. Info: [mobilesymphony.org](http://mobilesymphony.org).

### Robertsdale Christmas in Park & Parade Dec. 1

The 2018 Robertsdale Christmas Parade and Christmas in the Park will be held on Saturday, Dec. 1 beginning in the Robertsdale High School Parking Lot at 6:30 p.m. The parade route begins on Fairground Rd., goes north on Hwy. 59 and disperses at Honeybee Park. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be available for pictures in Honeybee Park after the parade. The event is sponsored by the Robertsdale Rotary Club. For more info, call 251-947-2626.

### Silverhill Christmas Parade slated Dec. 7

The 2017 Town of Silverhill Christmas Parade will be held on Friday, Dec. 7 at 6:30 p.m. The parade line-up will be in front of Silverhill Elementary School on 4th Ave. beginning at 6 p.m. For parade information or an application to participate, call 251-945-5198.

### Holiday in the Park Dec. 1 at Big Lagoon

Holiday in the Park at Big Lagoon State Park will be held on Saturday, December 1 from 5-7 p.m. at the Governor's Pavilion. Park entrance fees are waived for this event, which is a free gift to the community for all of their support over the last year to sponsors Big Lagoon State Park and The Friends of Pensacola State Parks. The event will feature a vibrant light display and free snacks and beverages. Santa will be available for take your own pictures.

For more information, call 850-492-1595. Big Lagoon State Park is located at 12301 Gulf Beach Hwy. in Pensacola, about 1.5 miles east of Perdido Key.

Friends of Pensacola State Parks provides assistance supporting the park and fostering an understanding and appreciation for nature.



### Foley Christmas in Park & tree lighting Dec. 7

Foley's Annual Christmas in the Park will be held on Friday, December 7 from 6 - 8 p.m. in Heritage Park. The event includes the lighting of the city Christmas tree, holiday songs and a visit with Santa, complete with elves.

The mayor lights the official Christmas tree, local groups sing Christmas songs and the Foley Caboose Club provides free train rides on the Ebert Express around the park for children of all ages to enjoy. Folks can stroll through a miniature Christmas Village and Christmas Tree Lane while enjoying free treats and hot cocoa. Go to [visitfoley.org](http://visitfoley.org) for more details. Winners for the Tree Decorating contest will also be announced. Heritage Park is located at 125 E Laurel Ave. Info: 251-943-1200 or [visitfoley.com](http://visitfoley.com).



### Christmas Through The Ages Dec. 8 at Ft. Gaines

The 34th Annual Christmas through the Ages, a living history day for the whole family, is scheduled at Dauphin Island's Fort Gaines on Saturday, December 8 from 9 a.m. 'til 5 p.m.

Experience an 1861 Christmas with the Confederate garrison during this living history weekend for the whole family. A letter home from James M. Williams with the 21st Alabama Infantry Volunteers stationed at Fort Gaines in 1861 provides the blueprint for this event. Enjoy the magic of Christmas with a guided candlelight tour. Join the soldiers from the 1700's through the 1900's and their families as they celebrate a non-commercial Christmas. Visiting children will have the chance to make a seashells ornament and other decorations. Admission for those 13 and over is \$8. Children 5-12 will be admitted for \$4, and children 4 and under are admitted free. For more info, call 251-861-6992 or visit [dauphinisland.org](http://dauphinisland.org).





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## COASTAL CHRISTMAS

### CSC Christmas Cheer registration now open

By Mary Ann Bousquet

Jesus always cared so deeply for our little ones, so it's only natural that the Christian Service Center sponsors the Children's Christmas Cheer program for local families that will need help in providing a Christmas for their children. This program is sponsored by our area churches, clubs, businesses, and of course, our generous community members. Intake Workers will see clients for Christmas Cheer from 12:00 – 2:00 on the following days: Nov. 8, 13, 14, 15, 27, 28, and 29. December dates are weekdays from the 3 through the 13. Our office is located at 317 Dolphin Ave. in Gulf Shores. The Center will provide presents for kids through high school.

### Christmas In Lights starts Nov. 23 at Bellingrath Gardens

Magic Christmas in Lights. Bellingrath Gardens and Home presents the 23rd season of Magic Christmas in Lights beginning the day after Thanksgiving, Friday, Nov. 23. Hours are 5 to 9 p.m. nightly through Dec. 31 (closed Christmas Day). Details: [bellingrath.org](http://bellingrath.org) or 251-973-2217. Tickets are available online at [bellingrath.org](http://bellingrath.org).

Expect a dazzling nighttime display with more than 1,100 set pieces, 3 million lights and 15 scenes, set out in a walking tour throughout the 65-acre Garden estate. The 2018 light show includes dramatic enhancements to the Emerald Forest on the Great Lawn, among other improvements.

### Family Promise Baldwin Chocolate Affair Dec. 6

Family Promise of Baldwin County, a homeless shelter program for families with children, will host its 11th Anniversary Event – The Chocolate Affair on Thursday, Dec. 6 from 6-9 p.m. at the Daphne Civic Center. Tickets are \$30 and sponsorship packages are available. For more info, call 251-947-5641 or visit [familypromisebc.org](http://familypromisebc.org). The event includes live and silent auctions, chef's choices, live music by Roman Street, heavy hors d'oeuvres and desserts galore. Family Promise is a partnership of congregations within Baldwin County helping families with children who are facing homelessness. Together the faith community helps families regain their housing, their independence, and their dignity.

## FOLEY ART CENTER TRIM-A-TREE NOW OPEN AT TANGER OUTLET

### Foley Art Center Trim-A-Tree Preview Party

The Foley Art Center kicked off the 51st Annual Trim-A-Tree, its annual six week holiday fine arts and crafts event, with a preview party (pictured) at its location in Suite #182 in the Tanger Outlet in Foley. Trim-A-Tree features wonderful creations by over 125 artists & craftsmen from throughout the southeast. All vendors are members of the Foley Art Center, who sell their work on consignment. Work must be juried to participate. Trim a Tree continues through Dec. 23. Hours: Monday thru Saturday 10 a.m. - 7 p.m., Sundays 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. For more info, call 251-943-4381 or visit [foleyartcenter.com](http://foleyartcenter.com).

Gifts and Holiday decorative items for sale include ornaments, florals, wood carvings, stained glass, fused glass mosaics, pottery, dolls, driftwood trees, polymer clay sculptures, blown glass, and jewelry. Original art in oils, watercolors, mixed media, prints, photographs, gourds and hand woven textiles will also be on sale. For over fifty years The Foley Art Center has served the Gulf Coast area with programs in local schools, Art Grants to area school Art Departments, and art classes for children and adults.

From the dreams of fifteen local citizens, it has become a vital force in the cultural development of Baldwin County. Trim-A-Tree and the Art Center's Mother's Day weekend Art in the Park in the John B Foley Park are its two primary fundraisers.





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### Rhonda Hart's Barbie (& Ken) Christmas fundraiser Dec. 14 at Bama

Participants are encouraged to dress up like their favorite toys or dolls for a good cause and join Rhonda Hart for her 10th Annual Barbie fundraiser on Friday, December 14 at the Flora-Bama. The party on the state line will start at 5:30 p.m., and guests are asked to bring a toy for distribution to Toys For Tots and Secret Santa. There is no cover charge and prizes will be presented in several categories for both men and women, including Ugliest Boy Barbie.

The Grammy nominated entertainer first organized the party as a way to turn her birthday party into a charity event and it has now become a Christmas tradition. Hart and her friends will be on stage playing music throughout the party.

"Everybody likes dressing up in the outfits, even the guys," Hart said. "It will be fun. It always is fun." Hart, who first came to the Alabama Gulf Coast to play at the Frank Brown International Songwriters Fest, has been singing and performing since she was a small child. She has written award winning songs, toured with and been the opening act with many of country music's best know stars. Her song, "Waiting For The Phone To Ring," charted in the USA and was a No. 1 hit in Europe. She and Deanna Carter earned a Grammy nomination for "Did I Shave My Legs For This" in 1998.

### Breakfast with Mr. & Mrs. Claus Dec. 1 in Magnolia Springs

Santa & Mrs. Claus will meet the children and hear their Christmas wishes at the Town of Magnolia Springs Community Hall from 8-11 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 1. Cost is \$5 per person including pancakes galore and pictures at the family event. Magnolia Springs Community Hall is located at the corner of Oak St. and County Rd. 49. All proceeds benefit the historic preservation of the town's community hall. For more info, call 251-965-9888.

### Perdido's Pirates of Lost Treasure seek Secret Santa sponsors

The Pirates of Lost Treasure, the Perdido Key based Mardi Gras krewe, is continuing its 20 plus year tradition of raising money for its Secret Santa program to provide a Merry Christmas to needy families. A member of the Pirates of Lost Treasure takes the parent shopping and spends \$100 on each child. Sometimes these are the only gifts these children receive and they often ask for things like shoes and coats. The Pirates usually help around 100 children.

Tax deductible donations can either be dropped off or mailed to The Perdido Key Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Center, or mailed to the Visitor's Center, 15500 Perdido Key Dr., Perdido Key, FL 32507.

Stromquist said the recipients are mostly referred to the program by Southwest Escambia County churches and schools. "We also hear about kids by word of mouth about the program," he said.

For more Pirates of Lost Treasure Secret Santa info, call Stromquist at 850-324-3679.

### Elberta Christmas Parade, tree lighting. Santa visit Dec. 1

The Town of Elberta will celebrate the holidays with a Christmas Parade at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 1. Festivities include the Town Tree Lighting, Santa with Toys, Cookies, Cocoa and Coffee and a Christmas Movie in the Park. Contact Vicky Norris at 251-232-5393 to participate or donate to the event!



### Christmas Celebration Dec. 2 at Baldwin Heritage Museum

Baldwin County Heritage Museum in Elberta will a Christmas Celebration on Sunday, Dec. 2 from 5 - 7 p.m. Enjoy decorations and traditional heritage Christmas time themes from a wide variety of cultures. The BCHM tradition - the Angel Memory Tree lighting - is also part of the event. This tree is filled with tributes in memory or in honor of friends, family and loved ones. For a donation of \$10 each, an Angel will be named and placed on the tree for the one you want to remember or honor. The St. Mark's Lutheran Church Handbell Choir will perform immediately following the tree lighting ceremony. Refreshments will be available from the Copper Kettle Tea Bar. Bring your favorite homemade treats to share. The museum is located at 25521 Hwy. 98. Admission is free. For more info, call 251-986-8375.

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# ALDOT approves funding for third Pleasure Island Bridge across Intracoastal Waterway

By John Mullen

Local officials and business leaders were incredulous that anyone could be opposed to the state's plan to build a third bridge over the Intracoastal Waterway just west of the Foley Beach Express toll bridge.

"We have no other option, it's not coming out of our pocket and it's the best opportunity we'll ever have," Gulf Shores Mayor Robert Craft said. "We cannot let this pass."

"If this doesn't happen I don't know what our options are. We really have no other options that are reasonable and successful. If they expand the toll bridge and people go around it we're going to be right back where we are."

A standing-room-only crowd gathered at the Gulf Shores Activity Center on Nov. 15 to express their views on the project to Alabama Department of Transportation officials and local officials as well. Most in the crowd were in favor of the project but there is also a contingent hoping to shut the project down, even though state funding for the entire project is already in place.

One who was not in favor was State Auditor Jim Zeigler who says he's asked for documents about the project several times since April and has yet to receive a response from ALDOT.

"I have more questions than answers about the proposed additional bridge," Zeigler said. "I hope to solve that with my specific requests for public records. We need to make sure that this \$30 to \$87 million-dollar project is the best use of our limited funds."

One of the most vocal residents against the build has been Joe Emerson who started a Facebook page against the bridge.

"Our traffic problems in and around this area can be vastly improved by one build alone, a project that has been in the conception phase for over a decade," Emerson said of a road through the park. "I recognize we desperately need a cross-island corridor."

Craft says there's no question in his mind this project is the right thing for his city.

"There are folks out there that don't want to see that happen and it is in our best interest and in Orange Beach's best interest," Craft said. "They are supporting this. Whoever is against it is against it for reasons unrelated to what is best for these two communities in my opinion."

"If this doesn't happen I don't know what our options are. We really have no other options that are reasonable and successful. If they expand the toll bridge and people go around it we're going to be

right back where we are."

Southwest Engineer Vince Calametti of ALDOT told the crowd trying to fix Alabama 59 is a much more disruptive and costlier proposition and the new bridge can help alleviate traffic there.

Craft said past and recent studies reveal that 22 percent of the daily traffic heading over the Alabama 59 bridge in Gulf Shores is ultimately headed to Orange Beach, many dodging the Foley Beach Express toll bridge.

"This bridge will be funded by ALDOT because it's cheaper for them to solve the problem on 59 that way than it is to try and fix 59 all the way to Bay Minette," Craft said. "That roadway is overcrowded, too. This allows the shift of a lot of the traffic to the beach express."

Orange Beach Mayor Tony Kennon said plans also include widening Canal Road from Tacky Jacks in Gulf Shores to Alabama 161 in Orange Beach. The only bridge serving that area would be the two-lane toll bridge.

"We're fixing to have four lanes north and south of the bridge and two lanes north and south and that makes no sense," Kennon said. "If there's a barge incident with the bridge, if it takes out the Orange Beach Bridge or the Gulf Shores bridge could y'all imagine the chaos. It's a no brainer."

Gulf Shores City Administrator Steve Griffin said the new bridge helps safety issues with emer-

gency vehicles and would be another hurricane evacuation route.

"We just dodged a bullet with Hurricane Michael and a bridge like this would be critical for evacuation purposes," Griffin said.

Wynell Bell who has a home on Canal Road just east of Sixth Street said she fears her property may be taken if a proposed widening and rerouting of that road takes place.

"If Canal Road east of The Wharf to your proposed new bridge and road is five lane then please explain to me how you can flow traffic from five lanes into two lanes on my section of Canal Road and not have a horrendous bottleneck," Bell said. "Common sense tells me you cannot build a bridge west of the beach express, install roundabouts, pour thousands of more vehicles on Canal Road with no direct route to the beach and hope to solve this problem."

Tina Perrault, who says she lost her home and property to eminent domain for the roadway north of the canal, said she understands new infrastructure will help but it hasn't lessened her plight.

"These people may be here to look after the safety but they're not here to look after you and your home and what you lose," Perrault said. "Today, officially, the state has taken my home and my property away."





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## WHAT'S HAPPENING



**DUGGANS EARN SEASONAL BEAUTIFICATION AWARD:** The City of Gulf Shores Beautification Board presented Richard and Sherry Duggan with the Seasonal Beautification Award for their fall-inspired decorations. Located on West 2nd Street, two fall displays each feature bales of hay with fall flowers, pumpkins, and scarecrow families.



**SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER SHARES BOOK WITH OBES CLASS:** Baldwin County School Board Member, Norma Lynch, visited Ms. Brunick's first grade class at Orange Beach Elementary School and read one of her favorite books to our students! The students had fun talking about the book and sharing their favorite stories with her. They also enjoyed a special treat.



**WITNESSING CHRIST THROUGH LOVE AND SERVICE:** At Saint Benedict Catholic School, Dr. Kathy McCool presents the first awards for "Witnessing Christ Through Love and Service". The slogan represents this year's goals and the criterion for choosing this school year's students of the month. Those who help others, use their time for service, make good choices and model Christ's teachings are chosen. Receiving this award is a great honor. A single student is chosen from each grade level (PK3-8th grade). September's winners (from left to right) Holly Kaiser (PK4) Meaghan Reilly (8), Gracie Whitson (4), Daphne Diaz (5), Mary Kate Frank (1), Dr. Kathy McCool (Principal), Jesse Weeks (2), Santiago Arellano (3), Madeline Taylor (6), Hailey Rockstall (7), Bella Gonzales (K), and Jaylyn Agredano Mendez (PK3).

### 26 mph speed limit set through Gulf State Park

An oddly new speed limit has been set for State Hwy.135 through Gulf State Park.

"We believe the unusual speed limit on the signs will help drivers take note and slow down," said Gulf Shores Chief of Police Ed Delmore. "The new limit of 26 miles an hour emphasizes that something is different." "This route is an entrance to our beautiful Gulf State Park, not just another state road," said Chris Blankenship, Commissioner of the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

With the opening of The Lodge at Gulf State Park, even more traffic is expected to use the 2.138-mile Alabama 135 to get to the park and its new 350-room hotel and conference center. Gulf Shores and parks officials agreed lowering the speed limit in advance of the opening would be beneficial to park guests.

The approximately 6,500-acre Gulf State Park includes three miles of white sand beaches, with restored sand dunes, the Gulf of Mexico's longest fishing pier and 28 miles of walking and biking trails. The park is made up of nine ecosystems.

### WED, NOV 21

- **Flora-Bama Possible Probables:** 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
- **Flora-Bama Bingo:** free; 1-4 p.m.; great prizes, family friendly; 17401 Perdido Key Dr., Perdido Key.
- **Maple Bacon Bourbon Porter Small Batch Tapping:** 4:30 p.m.; Big Beach Brewing Company, Gulf Shores.
- **John Lee Sanders:** 6; Voyagers Restaurant at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **John Brust:** 6; The Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **Justin Jeanson:** 6; Fin & Fork, Orange Beach.
- **Big Beach Running Club:** 5:30 p.m.; Big Beach Brewery in Gulf Shores; all levels welcome.
- **Adam Holt:** 5; LuLu's at Homeport Marina, Gulf Shores.
- **West Coast Swing Dance:** 7; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.
- **Bingo Night:** 6; Tacky Jack's, Orange Beach.
- **Open Mic:** 6; Tacky Jack's, Gulf Shores.
- **Karaoke w. Aaron Phillips:** 6; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- **Rodger Plemons:** 5; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.
- **Karaoke w. Cindy & Mary:** 5; American

Legion Post 99; Foley.

- **John Joiner & Friends:** 7; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
- **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 8; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **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.
- **South Alabama Senior Travelers:** 9 a.m.; Foley Senior Center; visitors welcome; 251-928-4494.
- **Orange Beach Friends of the Library:** 10; Library meeting room; 978-4106.
- **Food Ministry For Hungry Families:** noon-1 p.m.; Grace Lutheran Church, corner of West 23rd Ave. and West 4th St. in Gulf Shores; 251-968-5991.
- **Bread Ministry:** 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.; Orange Beach United Methodist Church Brook's Center.



### Kevin Sutton wins Island Spirit Award

The Coastal Alabama Business Chamber recently presented the Island Spirit Award for October 2018 to Kevin Sutton of the Pink Pony Pub. Kevin's nomination had this to say about him, "Kevin is a Pleasure Island icon! He works hard, is a team player, and always has a big smile on his face, no matter how busy he is. Everybody loves Kevin, both locals and tourists." The Island Spirit Award was designed to give recognition to individuals who make special contributions to the quality of life we enjoy in the Coastal Alabama region. Penny Groux chairs the Island Spirit Committee. More info: islandspiritaward.com.

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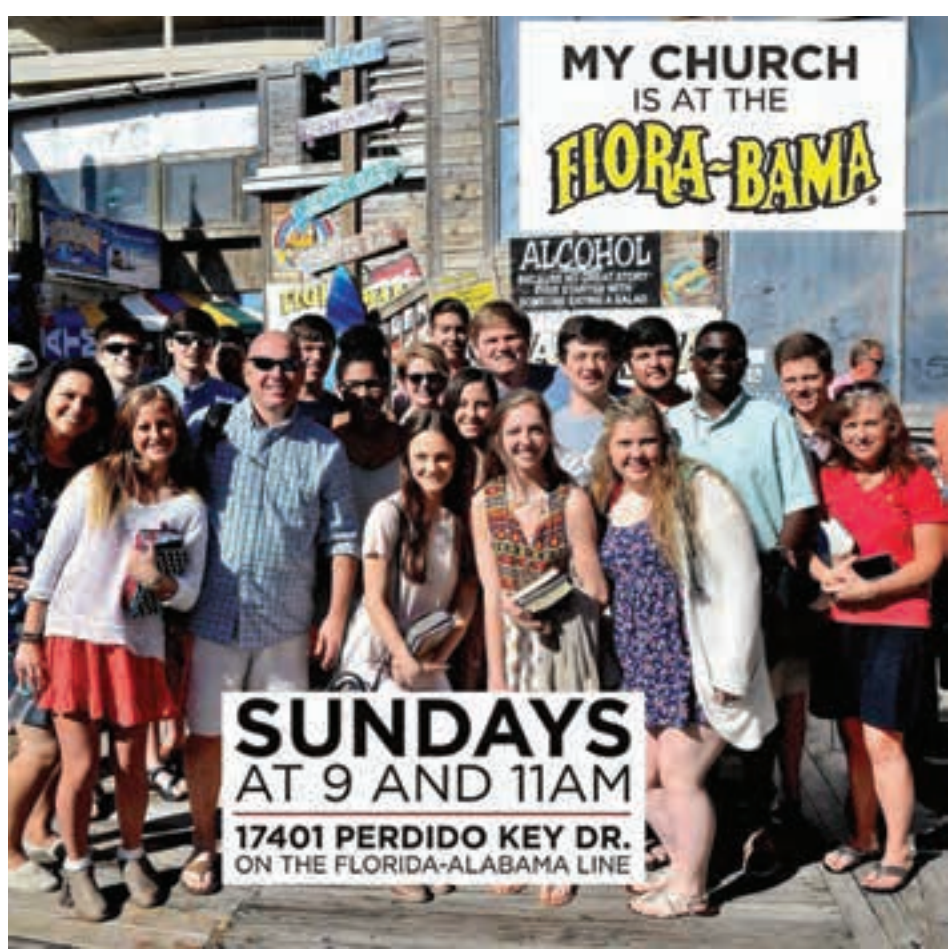


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**BUILDERS CLUB OFFICERS:** The 2018 / 2019 Gulf Shores Middle School Builders Club officers visited with the Kiwanis Club during their weekly meeting at Craft Farms on Tuesday, November 6th. The Officers were able to speak about their current and upcoming service projects and fundraisers which include a school supply drive for the Bay District Schools in Panama City, a candy cane fundraiser to raise money for UNICEF and volunteering at Gulf Shores Elementary's Fall Festival. **Pictured:** Officers are as follows (left to right): Blair Moss (Secretary), Emilie Rattner (President), KK Hoff (Treasurer), Anna Grace Fields (Sergeant at Arms) and Logan Wiese (Vice-President).

- **Food Bank:** 9 - 11 a.m. every Wednesday, Perdido Bay Baptist Church, 12600 Sorrento Rd. Pensacola; call for eligibility requirements at (850) 492-2604.
- **Gulf Shores Woman's Club:** 11 a.m.; Palmer Room at Craft Farms; all interested women invited to attend; 251-980-5722.
- **Perdido Key Rotary Club:** 7:30 a.m.; every Wednesday at Triggers. 850.492.8335.
- **Gulf Shores Lions Club:** noon; 2nd & 4th Wednesday; noon; Gulf Shores Adult Activity Center, 300 E. 16th Avenue; 251-968-2823.
- **Storytime at Pensacola Southwest Branch Library:** free; infant to 5; 10:30-11; 12238 Old Gulf Beach Hwy; (850)453-7780.
- **AA:** Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

### THU, NOV 22 Happy Thanksgiving

- **Free Thanksgiving dinner:** 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores. The public is invited. Donations are appreciated.
- **Flora-Bama Possible Probables:** 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
- **AA:** Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

### FRI, NOV 23

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

Key Dr., Perdido Key.

- **Rib Eye Dinner to help Veterans and Families:** 5 p.m.; music & dancing at 7 p.m.; American Legion Post 44; Gulf Shores.
- **Rhonda Hart:** 6; Fin & Fork, Orange Beach.
- **Light Travelers:** 6:30; Big Beach Brewing Company, Gulf Shores.
- **Ronnie Presley:** 5; LuLu's at Homeport Marina, Gulf Shores.
- **Sandra Kaye & The Legends:** 8; Lucky Horseshoe, Fairhope.
- **Club DJs:** 9; Live Bait, Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke on our Tiki Bar:** 8; Live Bait, Orange Beach.
- **John Lee Sanders:** 6; Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke w. John Henry:** 5; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
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## WHAT'S HAPPENING



### Flora-Bama hosts annual Thanksgiving Day potluck

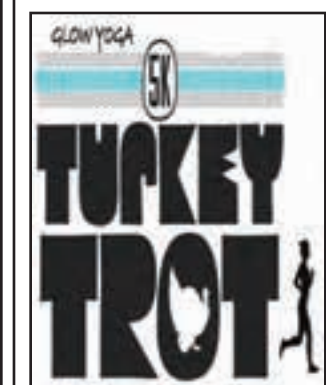
The community is invited to join Flora-Bama Lounge friends and family for the Lounge on the Line's annual Thanksgiving Day potluck beginning at 1 p.m. in the Flora-Bama Tent. Bring a covered dish and get all the turkey and ham your belly can stand for free or pay only \$3 and enjoy a spectacular buffet. The Flora-Bama helps take the stress out of your holiday cooking. So throw those pans out and do it on the line at this wonderful feast. And, of course, just like during the other 364 days of the year, the Flora-Bama's possible-probable musicians will be playing tunes.

### Thanksgiving potluck at Fairhope American Legion open to all

Dining alone this Thanksgiving? Looking for fellowship? Hungry for a Home cooked meal? The American Legion Post 199 Auxiliary and Chauffee Catering are supplying the turkey and hams and members and guests attending are invited to bring their favorite dish to share (or just your appetite) for a good old fashioned Thanksgiving family potluck at Fairhope's American Legion Post 199 beginning at noon. Post 199 is located at 700 S. Mobile St. directly above the bluffs of Mobile Bay. For more info, call (251) 928-9132.

Post 199 is also a collection spot for the U.S Marines Toys for Tots program. There is a collection box by the Stage that needs filling. A new baby doll, or stuffed buddy, hot wheels and crayons or anything else that will make kids smile on Christmas morning are appropriate gifts.

### Glow Yoga Turkey Trot & Stretch on Thanksgiving



Work up your Thanksgiving appetite with a 5K Run and post race stretch at the 3rd Annual Turkey Trot 5K from Glow Yoga on Thursday, November 22 at 8 a.m. "Every year we do down West Beach with optional free yoga stretching at the end of the run, said Glow Yoga owner and instructor Jennifer Guthrie. "It's really fun. We provide snacks, and some people wear costumes." Strollers, kids and dogs are also welcome. More info: 251-968-4569.

Beach.

- **Open Jam:** 8; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.
- **Beyond The Break:** 7; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
- **Open Mixed Doubles Tennis:** 7:15 a.m.; all levels welcome; Gulf Shores Tennis Center; corner of West 19th Ave. and West 2nd St.
- **Bingo:** 5:30; Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5659; Elberta.
- **Alcoholics Anonymous:** noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center; 13660 Innerarity Pt. Rd.; 850-492-3056 or 492-6362.

### SAT, NOV 24

- **Flora-Bama Possible Probables:** 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
- **Kaiser Realty by Wyndham Vacation Rentals Coastal Half Marathon and 5K Run:** 7:30 a.m.; Orange Beach Sportsplex; Orange Beach; 615-460-9927.
- **OWA's Tree Lighting:** 7; 1501 South OWA Blvd. Foley; free.
- **John Brust:** 6; The Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **Request Line:** 5; LuLu's at Homeport Marina, Gulf Shores.
- **Brandon Styles Impressions & Magic Show:** 8; OWA Showroom, Foley.
- **Karaoke on our Tiki Bar:** 8; Live Bait, Orange Beach.
- **Rhonda Hart:** 6; Fin & Fork, Orange Beach.
- **Bingo:** 6; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores, open to pubic.

- **Club DJs:** 9; Live Bait, Orange Beach.
- **Touch of Class:** 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **The Blenders:** 7; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
- **John Brust:** 6; Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke By Kelly:** 9; Island Time Daquari Bar, The Wharf, Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke:** 8; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.
- **Open Jam:** 8; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.
- **Karaoke:** 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- **Optimist Club of Perdido Bay:** breakfast every Saturday at 7 a.m. at the Lillian Community Club in Lillian; (251) 961-2620.
- **AA:** 10 a.m.; Innerarity Bay UMC (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
- **AA:** 7 p.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
- **Ladies AA:** 9 a.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

### SUN, NOV 25

- **Central Flora-Bama Church:** Church experiences, 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.; Flora-Bama Tent Stage, Perdido Key.
- **Unity Church Beach Service:** 9:45 a.m.; The Royal Oyster, Hwy. 59, three blocks from beach in Gulf Shores.
- **Flora-Bama Possible Probables:** 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama,

Perdido Key.

- **David Jones Jazz Brunch:** 11 a.m.; Playa, Orange Beach.
- **Rhonda Hart:** 6; Fin & Fork, Orange Beach.
- **The Bitter End Band:** 3:30; Big Beach Brewing Company, Gulf Shores.
- **Lisa Christian:** noon; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- **Light Travelers:** 5; LuLu's at Homeport Marina, Gulf Shores.
- **Karaoke on our Tiki Bar:** 8; Live Bait, Orange Beach.
- **Music Man & Company:** 5; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- **Lisa Zanghi:** 6; The Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke:** 7; Live Bait Tiki Bar, Orange Beach.
- **John Lee Sanders:** 6; Voyagers Restaurant at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke:** 5; Monthly Birthday Potluck; American Legion Post 99, Foley.
- **John Joiner & Friends:** 4; Hub Stacey's at the Point; Innerarity Point.
- **Blind Draw Dart Tournament:** 5; American Legion Post 99, Foley.
- **9 Ball APA:** 6; The Office, Foley.

### MON, NOV 26

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



### South Bald. Literacy Council holds Poetry Reading Event

The first round of the South Baldwin Literacy Council's round-robin style poetry reading was held Nov. 4 at The Drowsy Poet Coffee Shop in Foley. Local poet Mykel Knight reported this was the first event he had participated in where he had the opportunity to read multiple poems.

"We wanted to provide a platform for poets to read as well as allow our community to experience poetry," said Tammy Vaughn, Executive Director of SBLC. Brian and Stacey Tittle own the Drowsy Poet Coffee Shop, located in the vintage gas station at 218 S. McKenzie St. They plan to host the event with teens in the near future.

**Pictured:** Steven Gillis, poet with Alabama State Poetry Society and SBLC board member.



**GULF SHORES WOMAN'S CLUB TOUR OF HOMES IS FEB. 9:** Mark your calendars for Saturday, February 9, 2019, when five stunning residences in south Baldwin County will be showcased during the Gulf Shores Woman's Club's 42nd annual Tour of Homes. The tour will run from 9:30 AM until 4:00 PM. Two featured homes are in the Ono Island community, one in the Fort Morgan area, one in central Gulf Shores, and one in North Craft Farms. Tickets for the popular yearly event to locals and winter visitors alike will be \$20, and ticket locations will be announced soon. Tickets include entry to the five tour homes, plus raffle tickets and door prizes at each location, with the value of the prizes at least \$300. The 70-member Gulf Shores Woman's Club enters its 70th year of fostering the civic, social and educational betterment of the community. Proceeds from all club events are dedicated to the non-profit organization's community and international service projects. Look for more information in the weeks to come! **Pictured:** Tour of Homes committee members gathered recently to firm up plans for the Gulf Shores Woman's Club 42nd annual Tour of Homes slated for February 9, 2019.

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# WHAT'S HAPPENING

• **NAIA Women's Soccer National Championship:** Orange Beach Sportsplex; (816) 595-8153.

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

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

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

• **Orange Beach Garden Club:** noon, Orange Beach Community Center.

• **Open Mixed Doubles Tennis:** 7:15 a.m.; all levels welcome; Gulf Shores Tennis Center; corner of West 19th Ave. and West 2nd St.

• **Bridge:** noon; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.

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

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

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

• **Celebrate Recovery:** (Christ centered 12 step program); Monday evenings at 6

p.m.; Christian Life Church in Orange Beach; 251-967-4840.

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

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

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

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

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

## TUE, NOV 27

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

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

• **NAIA Women's Soccer National Championship:** Orange Beach Sportsplex; (816) 595-8153.

• **Brian Hill:** 6; Fin & Fork, Orange Beach.

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

• **Kyle Brady:** 5; LuLu's at Homeport Marina, Gulf Shores.

• **Brandon Styles Impressions & Magic Show:** 7; OWA Showroom, Foley.

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

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

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

• **Karaoke/Bingo:** 6; Tacky Jack's, Gulf Shores.

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

• **Open Mic Karaoke:** 5; American Legion

Post 199; Fairhope.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

• **Sonora Masonic Lodge:** 7 p.m.; 202 E. Jackson Street in Summerdale; sonora635.com.

• **Orange Beach Bridge Club:** Tue. & Thur at noon; Orange Beach Senior Center; visitors and new members welcomed

even without a partner; 251-981-3440.

• **Orange Beach Library Children's Story Time:** 10 a.m.; preschool; 981-2923.

• **Southwest Branch Library Children's Story Time:** 10:30 a.m.; preschool; 12248 Gulf Beach Hwy, Pensacola; (850) 453-7780.

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

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

• **Kiwanis Club of Big Lagoon:** 7:30 a.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Activities Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Road, Pensacola, 850-867-5873 or 901-734-1066.

• **Kiwanis Club of Foley:** Noon on Tuesdays at Ryan's in Foley; 251-968-6288.

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

• **Al-Anon:** Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Ac-

## GULF SHORES CITY COUNCIL

# 'Poon fans turn out to support owner's bid for new liquor license

By John Mullen

What Nancy Davis wanted to create was a gathering place with a welcoming embrace for locals, regulars and visitors alike.

"Not just a restaurant," she said.

"Even on Facebook, we had over 2,200 signatures off a petition and they got it in three or four days. The little introduction people would write before signing the petition brought me to tears.

getting behind her in full force, on that same day she became a grandmother for the first time (pictured). (Evella Sue and mom Christina Kourt are doing great, Nancy says.) After recently becoming the sole owner of the Flying Harpoon in Gulf Shores and the Flying Harpoon II in Orange Beach she changed the name of the LLC as well. That requires reapplying for liquor licenses for

both places. The Orange Beach one went through without a hitch.

In Gulf Shores it was rumored that some opposition was being raised in the neighborhood about noise the Flying Harpoon had live music. The city received either letters or emails stating opposition.

Then the Harpoon army flew into action.

"Even on Facebook," Nancy said. "We had over 2,200 signatures off a petition and they got it in three or four days. The little introduction people would write before signing the petition brought me to tears. There were a number of letters written to the city council and the mayor, too."

And, while no opposition showed up to contest the license on Nov. 13 and the council voted 6-0 to approve it, the Harpoon army packed the chamber led by an emotional fan, Melanie Tremaine.

"I've been living here for 15 or 16 years and we've found a home at the Flying Harpoon because it's a place for us locals to go," Tremaine said. "They've been on national TV and brought great exposure to our town that we never would've experienced if it weren't for that little place. And I want it to stay here so we have a place to go."

Ira Allen is retired from the U.S. Army and a single parent. He likes to spend time at the Harpoon with fellow vets to relax and visit.

"I needed a place, too, where I could

just go and socialize and the Flying Harpoon has been that place," Allen said.

Nancy said all the support made her realize she had created the special place she had hoped for when she opened.

"The whole experience was so humbling it brought me to tears more than once," Nancy said. "But it's exactly what I had in mind when I started it. There's that part, too, knowing that I accomplished that goal. That social aspect."

There was an outpouring of love on Facebook posts as people weighed in on their affection for the Harpoon.

"A source of comfort, kindness, connection...nourishment...body and soul... love you, Nancy," Shea Wilson wrote.

"I feel it safe to say this is a home away from home," Faith Morley wrote. "I made lifelong friends there ... family. We must fight to keep this beautiful community together."

While the council gave its unanimous consent, it didn't come without an admonition of sorts from Mayor Robert Craft.

"There are issues here that need to be addressed," Craft said. "You've got to keep the parking on the site. You can't have parking on the right of way and you cannot park on other people's property. That is a limitation that will not restrict this license from being renewed but you will be ticketed and we are having to moni-

tor that. Everyone who visits the place has to know there are rules that have to be followed. Your actions there could change the possibility of this continuing."

Nancy anticipates the Gulf Shores location to be open soon and has taken the down time to deep clean and repaint the walls.

"I'm going to get a little gathering of people together to help me put the pictures and dollar bills back up," she said. "We're pretty much ready we've just got to hang everything back up on the walls."

Orange Beach may take a while and may see some renovations. The kitchen is downstairs and to get food upstairs servers have to use a staircase that is outside.

"The wind and the cold elements affect us," Nancy said. "We'll probably close down in December in Orange Beach. I'm going to put in a dumbwaiter. I'm waiting for estimates so I hope I can afford it. I've wanted one of those since I got this building."





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## WHAT'S HAPPENING

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

### WED, NOV 28

- **Flora-Bama Possible Probables:** 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
- **Flora-Bama Bingo:** free; 1-4 p.m.; great prizes, family friendly; 17401 Perdido Key Dr., Perdido Key.
- **NAIA Women's Soccer National Championship:** Orange Beach Sportsplex; (816) 595-8153.
- **John Brust:** 6; The Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **Adam Holt:** 5; LuLu's at Homeport Marina, Gulf Shores.
- **Justin Jeansonne:** 6; Fin & Fork, Orange Beach.
- **Rodger Plemons:** 5; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.
- **Open Mic:** 5:30; Tacky Jack's, Gulf Shores.
- **John Lee Sanders:** 6; Voyagers Restaurant at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **Bingo Night:** 6; Tacky Jack's, Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke:** 10; The Undertow, Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke w. Cindy & Mary:** 5; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- **West Coast Swing Dance:** 7; American Le-

gion Post 199; Fairhope.

- **Karaoke w. Aaron Phillips:** 6; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- **John Joiner & Friends:** 7; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
- **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 8; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **Karaoke:** 9; The Office, Foley.
- **Big Beach Running Club:** 5:30 p.m.; Big Beach Brewery in Gulf Shores; all levels welcome.
- **Magnolia Springs Garden Club:** 10; 4th Wed. Oct - May; Magnolia Springs Community Hall; guests & new members are always welcome!
- **Family Night Dinner & Activities:** 5:45 p.m.; Saint Andrew by the Sea, 17263 Fort Morgan Rd., Gulf Shores; 678-361-2762.
- **Open Mixed Doubles Tennis:** 7:15 a.m.; all levels welcome; Gulf Shores Tennis Center; corner of West 19th Ave. and West 2nd St.
- **Veteran's Bingo:** 10 a.m. -2 p.m.; American Legion Post 99, Foley.
- **Grief Support Group:** 10 a.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Activities Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola; 850-492-2135
- **Food Bank:** 9-11 a.m every Wednesday, Per-

dido Bay Baptist Church, 12600 Sorrento Rd. Pensacola; call for eligibility requirements at (850) 492-2604.

- **Bread Ministry:** 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.; Orange Beach United Methodist Church Brook's Center.
- **Food Ministry For Hungry Families:** noon-1 p.m.; Grace Lutheran Church, corner of West 23rd Ave. and West 4th St. in Gulf Shores; 251-968-5991.
- **Perdido Key Rotary Club:** 7:30 a.m.; every Wednesday at Triggers. 850.492.8335.
- **Storytime at Pensacola Southwest Branch Library:** free; infant to 5; 10:30-11; 12238 Old Gulf Beach Hwy; (850)453-7780.
- **Gulf Shores Lions Club:** noon; 2nd & 4th Wednesday; noon; Gulf Shores Adult Activity Center, 300 E. 16th Avenue; 251-968-2823.
- **AA:** Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

### THU, NOV 29

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

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING



### Dave Roever to speak at The Island Church on Nov. 25

Christian Life the Island Church will be hosting special guest Dave Roever on Sunday, November 25 during both 8:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. services. The church is located at 25550 Canal Rd. in Orange Beach (251-967-4840).

Dave (pictured) is a hero of the faith, called to ministry as a teen, and a decorated Vietnam veteran of solid character. At the height of the Vietnam War, he joined the U. S. Navy and served as a river boat gunner in the elite Brown Water Black Beret -- until tragedy occurred. His survival and ensuing life with his faithful wife at his side are miraculous. A superb multi-generational speaker, Dave Roever travels the globe, sharing his gripping testimony with engaging humor, imparting hope in the face of seemingly insurmountable obstacles, and delivering the Word of God with convincing power. God uses Dave's ministry in churches, crusades, youth and men's conventions, and in the "marketplace" -- in public schools, business conventions and with the U. S. military world-wide, including war zones such as Kosovo, Iraq, and Afghanistan. Mr. Roever and team reach out to the people of Vietnam via multiple projects. Since 2007, at the organization's Eagles Summit Ranch facilities in Westcliffe, Colorado, and in Junction, Texas, and at other excellent facilities, Dave Roever and his team help to restore hope, provide keys for success, and train today's wounded warriors to have meaningful futures or for Christian ministry, through Operation Warrior RECONNECT.

Dave and wife Brenda have a son and daughter and four grandchildren. He has won the Purple Heart & other service medals and was named The Outstanding Civilian Service Medal, by the US Department of the Army in April of 2012 (More info: DaveRoever.org).

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- **NAIA Women's Soccer National Championship:** Orange Beach Sportsplex; (816) 595-8153.
- **Coconut Radio:** 2 p.m.; Sassy Bass Amazin' Grill, Ft. Morgan.
- **John Lee Sanders:** 6; Voyagers Restaurant at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **John Brust:** 6; The Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **Jesse Duncan:** 6; Fin & Fork, Orange Beach.

- **Lee Yankie:** 5; LuLu's at Homeport Marina, Gulf Shores.
- **LA South:** 7; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
- **Open Mic:** 7; Snapper's; Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke:** 7; Live Bait Tiki Bar, Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke:** 5:30; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- **Karaoke:** 8; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.
- **Karaoke:** 6; Tacky Jack's, Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke:** 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 7; Pappa

Rocco's; Gulf Shores.

- **8 Ball APA:** 7:30; The Office, Foley.
- **Bingo:** 10 a.m.; American Legion Post 44, 6781 Gulf Shores Pkwy (AL Hwy 59), Gulf Shores.
- **Marine Corps League of South Baldwin County:** 6 p.m. on 4th Thursday; The Gulf Bowl, 2881 S. Jupiter St., Foley; current and former Marines and Corpsman welcome.
- **Rotary Club of Gulf Shores/Orange Beach:** noon; Gulf Shores Golf Club; visiting Rotarians and guests invited; 251-



**IMPACT 100 GRANT RECIPIENTS SELECTED:** At its Annual Meeting held at the Daphne Civic Center on November 1, Impact 100 Baldwin County selected five Baldwin County nonprofit organizations to receive \$455,000 in grants. Each of the five nonprofits received \$91,000 grants, one in each of Impact's five focus groups: Arts and Culture; Education; Environment, Preservation and Recreation; Family; and Health and Wellness. The five organizations were selected from a very competitive group of applicants and vetted by a comprehensive review process by Impact members, including site visits and in-depth discussions about each of the projects. The five 2018 grant award winners were announced. This year's grantees are: Baldwin County Youth Orchestra - Project: **Baldwin Strings Academy** - This grant will pay for additional string instruments that will allow for the expansion of the Baldwin County Youth Orchestra after-school strings program. Children in elementary schools in Elberta, Foley and Summerdale will now have access to this musical enrichment. A brand-new program for middle school students in Robertsedale is included in this project. Grant funds will also be used to cover instructor fees at all schools. **Fairhope Point Clear Rotary Youth Programs, Inc.** - Creating a Healthier Academic Environment - This grant will be used to restore, enhance and improve the Rotary Youth club gymnasium, which houses a library, tech classroom and teen room. The enhancements will help them meet current safety standards, be energy efficient and made usable for the needs of children pre-K through high school, as well as the community. **The Miracle League of Coastal Alabama** - All Inclusive Recreational Park. This grant will provide special playground equipment for the new all-inclusive park in Summerdale designed to enable persons with special needs to play side-by-side with their family and friends. The special equipment being purchased will include a sensory/music station, a "ZipKrooz" zip line with a chair, spinners, a wheelchair glider and swing set, ramps and more. **Light of the City/Volunteers of America** - Light the Way Family Initiative. Grant funds will provide for improvements and upgrades to the former Douglasville High School Campus, including construction of a 24' x 24' event and community gathering pavilion, resurfacing the gymnasium floor, creation of a 1/10-mile walking track, and the development of a community garden area. **Big Fish Ministries** - Facilitating Change, Championing Freedom, Fostering Hope. This grant will expand Big Fish Ministries' residential treatment program to include women, allowing them to purchase the property currently housing the men's program and convert it to a much-needed women's facility.

Since its inception, Impact 100 Baldwin County has awarded 32 grants, totaling over \$3 million to nonprofit organizations serving Baldwin County. Pictured: Reps from Miracle League, Fairhope Rotary and Big Fish Ministries accept their grants from Impact 100 members. (Jenni Guerry Photography)



**K-KID TROOP LETTERS:** (Above) Gulf Shores Elementary School K-Kids have been writing thank you letters to troops overseas. The K-Kids service project was part of a larger effort sponsored by Nash FM 94.7 based in Nashville, TN to collect 100,000 thank you letters to troops overseas during the month of November. The Coastal Alabama Business Chamber partnered with the K-Kids Club and mailed 113 letters to Nash FM 94.7. Mrs. Kim Pennington, 6th grade teacher, learned of the project because her son, Parker, is a K-Kids Club member, and her students all wrote letters as part of the K-Kids service project. **Pictured:** Allie Lawson and Lola Pizzetta; Taylor Bjorgum and Brooklyn Purvis.

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING



**I TURNED MY TURKEY INTO....** Mrs. Lynn's kindergarten class at Orange Beach Elementary School completed "I turned my turkey into a ...." project at home and shared them with the class. Some of the turkeys turned into a snowman, gum-ball machine, mouse, Santa Claus and a box of popcorn! Happy Thanksgiving everyone!



**STUDYING WATER AT OBES:** Fifth Graders at Orange Beach Elementary are studying the Earth's water. Freshwater can be hard to find sometimes. Rain helps replenish aquifers, but how do we make it rain? Mrs. Ellsworth's class took a closer look at the stages of the water cycle and the best scenario to make water condense. **Pictured:** Myles Payne, Lanna Winfield, Kamryn Curtis, and Kingston Duncan.



### Voices of Mobile perform at both Christian Life The Island Church Dec. 2 services

Christian Life the Island Church in Orange Beach will host Voices of Mobile in concert on Sunday, December 2 during its 8:30 a.m. and 10 a.m. services. The public is welcome to attend. For more info, call Lisa at 251.967.4840. The church is located at 25550 Canal Rd.

The highly acclaimed vocal ensemble has performed in Cuba, China, Philippines, Israel, Jordan, France, Germany, Cayman Islands, the Bahamas and across America. Ministry opportunities have included The Pentagon, Carnegie Hall in NYC, Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris, The White House, Brooklyn Tabernacle in NY, Southern Baptist Convention. Sharing the stage with Dr. Condoleezza Rice, Tim Tebow, Dr. Ben Carson and President George Bush have been exciting opportunities.

### Newcomers' Club Toast to the Coast Jan. 27 in O.B.

The South Baldwin Newcomers Club will host its Toast to the Coast-Roaring 20's Party on Jan. 17 from 6-10 p.m. at Orange Beach Event Center. Festivities include a live band, dancing, dinner, beer and wine, silent auction and a cork pull raffle (everyone wins).

Tickets are \$50 per person and all proceeds are returned to the community as donations to local charitable organizations. Contact Jeannetta Bell at netterbell@gmail.com or 702-499-9385 for tickets.



**WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?** Gulf Shores Elementary School kindergartners in Mrs. Lacey Clanton's class, Carter Armknecht, Stone Boyd, Grayson Roney and Grant Shoemaker, are all smiles on the way to lunch!

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• **Gulf Shores United Methodist Church Bread Ministry:** 9-10; every Thursday; room 103 on the south campus, next to Crossroad; 251 968-2411.

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

• **South Baldwin Amateur Radio Club:** 7 p.m. 4th Thurs. of every month; Baldwin County Emergency Operations Center, McAuliffe Rd., Robertsdale; 251-943-2953.

• **Bingo:** Bear Point Civic Association on Bay La Launch Rd. in Orange Beach; doors open at 6:30 p.m., games at 7 p.m.; hotdogs, drinks and snacks available; all invited; 981-5734.

• **Orange Beach Bridge Club:** Tue. & Thur at noon; Orange Beach Senior Center; visitors and new members welcomed even without a partner; 251-981-3440.

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

### FRI, NOV 30

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

• **Flora-Bama Bingo:** 1-4 p.m.; Flora-Bama Lounge Tent Stage; Perdido Key.

• **12th annual Taste of the Islands:** 6 p.m.; Orange Beach Event Center at The Wharf; Orange Beach, (251) 979-0359.

• **NAIA Women's Soccer National Championship:** Orange Beach Sportsplex; (816) 595-8153.

• **Grayson Capps & Corky Hughes:** 7 p.m.; Big Beach Brewing Company, Gulf Shores.

• **Rib Eye Dinner to help Veterans and Families:** 5 p.m.; music & dancing at 7

p.m.; American Legion Post 44; Gulf Shores.

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

• **Bo Grant (formerly of The Platters):** 7; Papa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.

• **Rhonda Hart:** 6; Fin & Fork, Orange Beach.

• **Grayson Capps & Corky Hughes:** 6:30 p.m.; Big Beach Brewing Company, Gulf Shores.

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

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

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

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

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

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

• **Crosstown:** 7; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.

• **Open Mixed Doubles Tennis:** 7:15 a.m.; all levels welcome; Gulf Shores Tennis Center; corner of West 19th Ave. and West 2nd St.

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

• **Foley Rotary Club:** 12:15 p.m.; Gift Horse Restaurant in Foley; foleyrotary@gulfnet.com.

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

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

### SAT, DEC 1

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



**JIMMY LEE FITTS SCORES SKINS GAME ACE:** Jimmie Lee Fitts of Orange Beach won \$250 for a hole-in-one on Hole 3, sponsored by Cox Pools, at the Orange Beach Golf Center's November Skins Game. The next monthly Par Three Skins Game will be held on Sunday, December 2nd, with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. Registration starts at noon. The public is welcome. Each player places \$5 to a pot for Skins and \$2 in a pot for closest-to-the-pin on a designated hole. There are additional costs for non-members. For more info, call 251-981-GOLF(4653). **Pictured:** Michael Lovett of Cox Pools in Orange Beach presented Fitts with the check for \$250 on Wednesday, November 11th at the Golf Center, and Mayor Tony Kennon congratulated Fitts on his win.

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 1/4 cup milk  
 1-1/3 cups crushed saltines  
 In a saucepan over medium heat, bring vegetables and water to a boil. Reduce heat; cover and simmer for 5-6 min. or until tender; drain. In a saucepan over medium heat, saute the onion in 1 Tbsp. butter until tender. Add soup and milk; stir until smooth. Add cracker crumbs and cooked vegetables; mix well. Spoon into a greased 8-in. square baking dish. Dot with remaining butter. Bake, uncovered, at 350 degrees for 25-30 min. or until golden. Yield: 6-8 servings.  
**Enjoy!**

### Winter Invitational Dec. 8-9 at GlenLakes

Foley's GlenLakes Golf Club will host its annual Winter 2-Player Invitational Dec. 8-9. The entry fee is \$100 per team and play starts at 8:30 a.m. both days in Championship, Net & Couples flights. Players must have handicap or verification. Cart fee is not included. Entry deadline is Dec. 5 and play is limited to 60 teams. For more info, call David Musial, PGA General Manager, GlenLakes Golf Club, 251-955-1220-X4 or email musialgolf@yahoo.com. GlenLakes Golf Club is located at 9530 Clubhouse Drive in Foley.

### Battle at the Beach Pickleball Tourney draws 167 players

The First Annual Battle at the Beach Pickleball Tournament drew 167 players from all over the country to the George C Meyer Tennis Center in Gulf Shores to play men's, women's and mixed divisions.

"I've had so many compliments of how impressed everyone was with how we ran our tournament," said local pickleball ambassador Eddie McDonald, who organized the event. "Everyone involved had a great experience. The facilities were great and with the help of volunteers, everything ran smooth."

Skill and age group level medals were awarded and many of the participants took advantage of the social held at Tacky Jacks - Gulf Shores.

"We cannot wait until next year" McDonald said. "This was so well received. There is no telling how many participants we will have next year."

The next local pickleball tournament is slated Feb. 12-14 at the Foley Event Center. "Many of our visitors have already stated that they will be participating in that one as well," McDonald said.

Perdido Key.

- **GCAA Art Market:** 10 a.m.; Waterway Village; Gulf Shores.
- **Robertsdale Christmas Parade & Christmas in the Park:** 6:30 p.m.; downtown Robertsdale.
- **Rhonda Hart:** 6; Fin & Fork, Orange Beach.
- **Chillbillies:** 9; Plow; Fairhope.
- **Karaoke on our Tiki Bar:** 8; Live Bait, Orange Beach.
- **LA South:** 7; Hub Stacy's; Innerarity Point.
- **Club DJs:** 9; Live Bait, Orange Beach.
- **John Brust:** 6; Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **Lisa Zanghi:** 6; Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke By Kelly:** 9; Island Time Daquari Bar, The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke:** 8; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.
- **Open Jam:** 8; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.
- **Karaoke:** 10; The Undertow; Orange

Beach.

- **Optimist Club of Perdido Bay:** Breakfast every Saturday at 7 a.m. at the Lillian Community Club in Lillian; (251) 961-2620.
- **AA:** 10 a.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
- **AA:** 7 p.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
- **Ladies AA:** 9 a.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

### SUN, DEC 2

- **Flora-Bama Possible Probables:** 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
- **Central Flora-Bama Church:** Church experiences, 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.; Flora-Bama Tent Stage, Perdido Key.
- **Unity Church Service:** 9:45 a.m.; The Royal Osyter, Hwy. 59, three blocks from



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**ORANGE BEACH WELCOMES NEW FIREFIGHTERS:** After three months of training, 24 written tests and over 70 skills evaluations, the Orange Beach Fire Department Firefighter I/II Recruit School Class of 2018 graduated on November 14. The 13 individuals, ranging in age from 18 to 50, took to the stage at the Orange Beach Event Center as recruits and stepped down as sworn firefighters, with six representing Orange Beach Fire Rescue, five with Prichard Fire Department, one with Atmore Fire Department and one with Gulf Shores Fire Rescue. The class fulfilled all of the requirements set forth by the Alabama Fire College and Personnel Standards Commission. The ceremony included the badge pinning by the graduates' family members and loved ones; a certificate ceremony led by Assistant Chief of Training Kevin Lanford; and the oath of office given by Orange Beach Fire Chief Justin Pearce. City Administrator Ken Grimes welcomed the Class of 2018 and retired Tuscaloosa Fire Chief A.J. Martin gave the graduation address. Also in attendance was Foley Fire Chief Joey Darby, who serves as vice chairman of the Alabama Fire College. **Pictured:** The graduates include the following: Cole Akerman, Beau Cecchi, Cole Fincher, Hunter Gunn, David Guy William Holder, Peter Kreamer, Brett Lesinger Brett Long, Kevin McCormick, Daniel Nicholson, Owen Shivers, Scott Smothers. A special academic award was earned by Brett Lesinger and a leadership award was earned by Scott Smothers.



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beach in Gulf Shores.

- **Turkey Shoot:** sign-up at 11 a.m.; Elberta VFW, Elberta.
- **Rhonda Hart:** 6; Fin & Fork, Orange Beach.
- **Dinner & Dance w. Music Man and Co.:** 5; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- **Bell & The Bull:** 3 p.m.; Big Beach Brewing Company, Gulf Shores.
- **Lisa Christian:** noon.; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- **John Joiner & Friends:** 4; Hub Stacey's at the Point; Innerarity Point.
- **John Lee Sanders:** 6; Voyagers Restaurant at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **Lisa Zanghi:** 6; The Lobby Bar at Per-

dido 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, DEC 3

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

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

- **Lisa Zanghi:** 6; The Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **Brent Burns:** 5; Lulu's at Homeport Marina, Gulf Shores.
- **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 7; Pappa Rocco's; 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.
- **Trivia & Bluewater BBQ:** 7; Big Beach Brewing Company, Gulf Shores.
- **Bridge:** noon; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- **Bingo:** 6; American Legion Post 44,

Gulf Shores.

- **8 Ball APA:** 7:30; The Office, Foley.
- **Overeaters Anonymous:** 6; Holy Spirit Episcopal Church; Gulf Shores, 616 Ft. Morgan Rd.; 251-709-5907.
- **Orange Beach Community Center Association Monthly Covered Dish Dinner:** social at 5, dinner at 6:30 p.m.; all winter guests welcome; Canal Road next to the Recreation Center; 251-981-1942.
- **T.O.P.S. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly):** weigh-in 5:30; meeting 6; First Presbyterian Church of Foley; (Berry & Highway 59).
- **AA:** Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

- **AA:** 7 p.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
- **Ladies AA:** 10 a.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

### TUE, DEC 4

- **Flora-Bama Possible Probables:** 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
- **Flora-Bama Bingo:** 1-4 p.m.; Flora-Bama Lounge Tent Stage; Perdido Key.
- **Free Line Dance Lessons With Lori:** 6; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- **John Brust:** 6; The Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.



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### NAIA Women's Soccer National Championship starts Nov. 26 in O.B.

Teaming Up for Character is a central theme for all National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) sports, showcasing the core values of integrity, responsibility, sportsmanship and servant leadership. As the top NAIA teams head to the Orange Beach Sportsplex for the Women's Soccer National Championship presented by The Wharf Nov. 26 to Dec. 1, student-athletes will live out this character-focused program by collecting toys for the Christian Service Center.

Daily championship passes are \$10 for adults, and tournament passes are \$30 for adults. Children 10 and under will be admitted free, and passes can be purchased at the gate. For information on upcoming athletic events along Alabama's Gulf Coast, visit [GulfShores.com/Sports](http://GulfShores.com/Sports), or call 1-800-745-SAND.

"Character-driven initiatives set the NAIA apart as each staff member, coach and student-athlete comes together to touch our beach communities in an authentic way," said Beth Gendler, vice president of sales for the Gulf Shores & Orange Beach Sports Commission. "We ask residents to come out and cheer on these incredible student-athletes throughout the championship and to take part in the toy drive impacting local children."

The Sports Commission encourages Gulf Shores and Orange Beach residents to team up with the NAIA by donating items such as new toys for local children of all ages in need at the Gulf Shores Welcome Center (3459 Gulf Shores Parkway) through Nov. 29. The welcome center is open each day from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Additionally, teams will hold a soccer clinic at Gulf Shores Middle School during P.E. Nov. 26-27 to teach the core values of its Teaming Up for Character program. For more information, contact Sarah Cooper at [SCooper@GulfShores.com](mailto:SCooper@GulfShores.com).



**O.B. POLICE & FIREFIGHTER AWARDS:** More than 100 people turned out for the November Community Potluck and annual Orange Beach police and firefighter awards ceremony on Monday, Nov. 5th at the Community Center. Orange Beach Police Chief Joe Fierro announced Sgt. Jeremy Mote as the 2018 Officer of the Year and Animal Control Officer Tom Conerly as the Police Department's 2018 Employee of the Year. Due to SWAT team leader training in Birmingham, Sgt. Mote could not attend the ceremony but his wife, Carla and their children accepted the award on his behalf. On the Fire Department's side, Chief Justin Pearce awarded the 2018 Firefighter of the Year to Battalion Chief Jeff Smith. Battalion Chief Smith's brother Joby Smith, Emergency Management Division Chief in Hurricane Michael-battered Bay County, Florida, was a surprise attendee. "I'd first like to thank the council and mayor for coming and the Orange Beach Community Center Association for hosting this tonight. We appreciate it," said Police Chief Joe Fierro. "Just a little something on how we chose the officer and we also have a non-sworn, in what we're calling the civilian of the year award. We have within the police department an employee advisory committee; we decided to go to quarterly awards for each position and from those we chose our annual recipient."

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING



**ONO ISLAND LADIES CLUB DONATIONS:** The Ono Island Ladies Club recently presented checks in the amount of \$750 to Under His Wings, \$750 to Jensen's Heart of Gold Foundation and \$1,000 to the Orange Beach Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary. Under His Wings is a Christian home of hope for girls. The mission of Under His Wings is to provide a loving Christian home for at-risk teenage girls, connect them to who they are in the eyes of God and equip them with life skills essential to wholeness. The Orange Beach Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary is dedicated to serving the community and citizens of Orange Beach through both charitable and volunteer work. As a group and as individuals, they shall do their best to preserve the responsible service to the community. This contribution will be used to fund the Girls and Boys Christmas Program. Jensen's Heart of Gold was created to assist in the emotional and financial cost of having a child with cancer. From diagnosis to treatment protocols, cancer brings about a whirlwind of change that no parent is ever ready for. With limited resources dedicated to support, awareness and advocacy for local families, Jensen's Heart of Gold Foundation was founded to bring hope for parents and children right here in our community. **Pictured:** Lawanna Sharpless, Jessica Ryan, Director of Under His Wings, Dianne McElroy, OBFDLA Vice President, Donna Veline and Mary Mullings, Linda Pacatte, OBFDLA President; Betina Justice and Melissa Byrd, President of Jensen's Heart of Gold.



### D'vora Power Author Read slated Dec 6 at Foley Library

D'vora Power, author of *Now Is Your Time*, will be doing an Author Read on Thursday, Dec 6 at 6:15 p.m. at the Foley Public Library. D'vora's book deals with her near death experience on Christmas Day in 2013.

D'vora (pictured) did a well received reading of this same book back in February. Her gentle voice is spellbinding as she recounts the events that led to this very personal experience.

Seating is limited so reservations are required. Please call 251-943-7665 to reserve a spot. More info: [foleylibrary.org](http://foleylibrary.org), or Facebook page or Instagram.

- **Brian Hill:** 6; Fin & Fork, Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke/Bingo:** 6; Tacky Jack's, Gulf Shores.
- **Lisa Christian:** 6; Sunset Cork Room, Gulf Shores.
- **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **JW Karaoke:** 6; Hub Stacy's At The Point, Innerarity Point.
- **NAPA Pool League:** 7:30; The Office, Foley.
- **Karaoke:** 7; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.
- **Karaoke:** 5; Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5659; Elberta.
- **Open Mic Karaoke w. John Henry:** 5; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- **Bereaved Parents of Baldwin County:** 7 p.m.; for parents, and grandparents who have had a child, or grandchild die; First Presbyterian Church of Gulf Shores; 251-223-7270.
- **Bowling Tourney:** 7; Snapper's; Orange Beach.
- **Orange Beach City Council Meeting:** 5 p.m.; City Hall; 980-INFO.
- **Bingo:** 10 to 2; Gulf Coast Elks Lodge 2782, Foley; 251-971-2782.
- **GriefShare Support Group:** Resumes 9/27; For men and women; 6-8 p.m.; Point Church, 13801 Innerarity Point Rd. Info: Shirley Johnson Parker, 601-278-6973
- **Orange Beach Bridge Club:** Tue. &

- Thur at noon; Orange Beach Senior Center; visitors and new members welcomed even without a partner; 251-981-3440.
- **Orange Beach Library Children's Story Time:** 10 a.m.; preschool; 981-2923.
- **Southwest Branch Library Children's Story Time:** 10:30 a.m.; preschool; 12248 Gulf Beach Hwy, Pensacola; (850) 453-7780.
- **Gulf Shores Kiwanis Club:** Palmer Dining Room at Craft Farms; noon; new members and guests always welcome; 251-981-9999.
- **Kiwanis Club of Big Lagoon:** 7:30 a.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Activities Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Road, Pensacola, 850-867-5873 or 901-734-1066.
- **Kiwanis Club of Foley:** Noon on Tuesdays at Ryan's in Foley; 251-968-6288.
- **AA:** Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
- **AA:** 7 p.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
- **Al-Anon:** Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Activities Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

### WED, DEC 5

- **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-



**PRESCRIBED FIRES THIS MONTH AT GSP:** Prescribed burns are planned at Gulf State Park as part of a forest management plan associated with longleaf pine restoration, fuel reduction and invasive species control through November in the Eagle Loop section of the park near Lake Shelby, weather permitting. Every effort is being made to ensure safety and proper smoke management during this burn. However, park guests staying in the lakeside cabins can expect to experience some smoke from the fire. During the active burn period, access to the Eagle Loop area will be limited to only lakeside cabin guests and visitors utilizing the golf course. Additionally, sections of State Park Road (Alabama Highway 135) will be closed during active burn times. Prescribed fire is an effective way to reduce wildfire risk, reduce fuel loads, enhance wildlife habitat and maintain a healthy forest ecosystem. This is especially important in the south Alabama coastal region due to vegetation type and a longer growing season. For more info, visit [outdooralabama.com](http://outdooralabama.com).



**GSMS TURBO DOLPHINS PLACE FIRST IN HUNTSVILLE:** Congratulations to the Gulf Shores Middle School Turbo Dolphins for placing first in the Toyota Classica competition in Huntsville! The Turbo Dolphins are also in 1st place in the Greenpower Grand Prix after the first two races. Students built their Greenpower USA F24 electric car in Coach Prince's makerspace class. The Turbo Dolphins are: John Tuberville, Owen McCann, Danthan Butt, Gracie Littleton, Wyndy Hathcock, Andrew Williams, Brent Rehr, Messiah McCollum, Lucy Karolinski, Ulrich Ramos, Braxton Akins, and Coach Prince.

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- Bama Lounge Tent Stage; Perdido Key.
- **John Lee Sanders:** 6; Voyagers Restaurant at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **Justin Jeansonne:** 6; Fin & Fork, Orange Beach.
- **West Coast Swing Dance:** 7; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.
- **Bingo Night:** 6; Tacky Jack's, Orange Beach.
- **Open Mic:** 5:30; Tacky Jack's, Gulf Shores.
- **John Brust:** 6; The Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **Rodger Plemons:** 5; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.
- **John Joiner & Friends:** 7; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
- **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 7; Pappa Rocco's; 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.
- **Big Beach Running & Social Club:** 5:30 p.m.; Big Beach Brewery in Gulf Shores; lafleetfeet.com.
- **Family Night Dinner & Activities:** 5:45 p.m.; Saint Andrew by the Sea, 17263 Fort Morgan Rd., Gulf Shores; 678-361-2762.
- **Open Mixed Doubles Tennis:** 7:15 a.m.; all levels welcome; Gulf Shores Tennis Center; corner of West 19th Ave. and West 2nd St.
- **Veteran's Bingo:** 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; American Legion Post 99, Foley.
- **Prayer Shawl Ministry:** Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Activities Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
- **Food Ministry For Hungry Families:** noon-1 p.m.; Grace Lutheran Church, corner of West 23rd Ave. and West 4th St. in Gulf Shores; 251-968-5991.
- **Bread Ministry:** 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.; Orange Beach United Methodist Church Brook's Center.


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




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### THU, DEC 6

- **Flora-Bama Possible Probables:** 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
- **Flora-Bama Bingo:** 1-4 p.m.; Flora-Bama Loung Tent Stage; Perdido Key.
- **Open Mic:** 7; Snapper's; Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke on our Tiki Bar:** 8; Live Bait, Orange Beach.
- **LA South:** 6; Hub Stacy's; Innerarity Point.
- **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.

### ONGOING EVENTS

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- **The Susan N. McCollough Gallery/Studio:** 350 Cypress Bend Blvd. (at the McCollough Institute in Gulf Shores); 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday; admission free; weekends with appointments; 251-967-7677.

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- **Orange Beach Indian & Sea Museum:** Discover local history including Indian culture and the importance of fishing to the area. Free admission.
- **Baldwin County Heritage Museum:** 25521 Highway 98, Elberta, 10am-3pm, Wednesday-Saturday; free; exhibits that highlight the heritage of the area; 251-986-8375.
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- **Baldwin Museum of Art:** 111 W. Laurel Ave. (Hwy.98) in Foley. Hours: 10am - 4pm. Monday through Friday (251) 970-1818. Admission is free.
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- **Gulf Shores Museum:** Special Exhibit From Sea to Shining Sea: 200 Years of Charting America's Coast. Museum also features a backyard "Grandma's Garden," shrimping and hurricane picture exhibits and gift shop; 244 West 19th Ave., Gulf Shores; 251.968.1473
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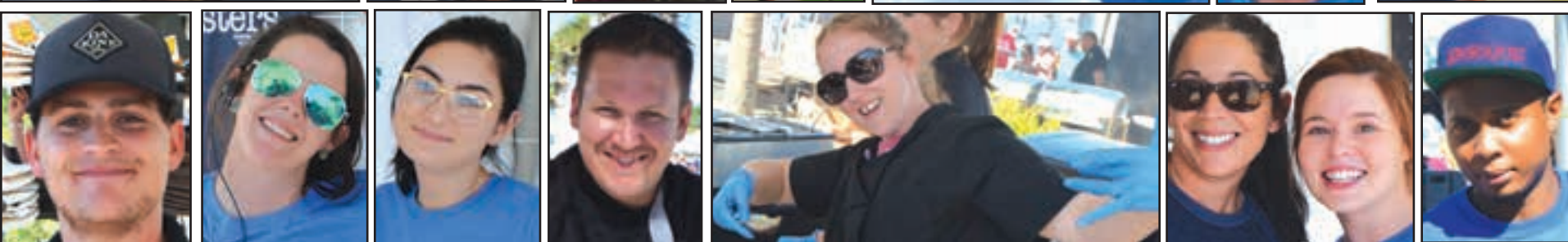
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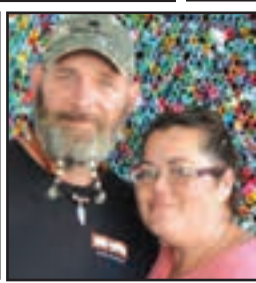
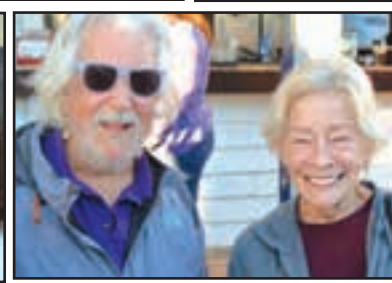
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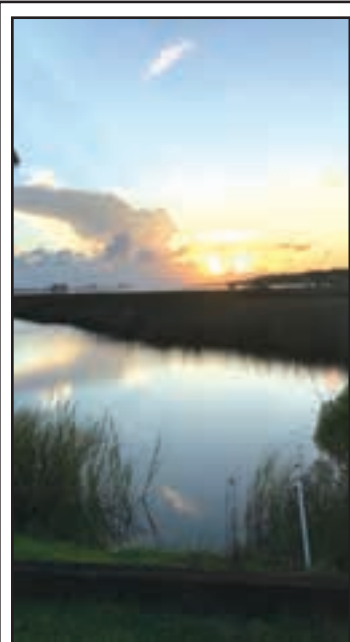
## PICTURES OF THE WEEK



Richard Taylor, Sr. sends proof that the sunrises are also beautiful at Bear Point. Also pictured with their trophies are Richard Taylor Jr., Harris Godwin and Allie Little (with a huge spec caught at The Secret Wharf).



Gerdy Wyatt of Huntsville said she enjoys watching the various bird and their antics when she strolls. Gerdy shares thi perfect reflection along the Gulf in Orange Beach.



Sherry Byrd shares the beauty that is Little Lagoon.



"Sunsets can be more colorful & interesting after the sun sets," writes Cathy Deal. "Nice seeing a few locals at Galvez Landing."



Anna Lawrence sent a picture of this backyard visitor.



Nancy Emery shares a sunset from her Seaspray condo balcony.



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Friday: Chef's Special



# The early bird gets the whiting when it comes to surf fishing

By David Rainer

AL Dept. of Conservation and Natural Resources

The pre-dawn light was sufficient for safe passage from the parking lot over a boardwalk to a beautiful stretch of beach on the Fort Morgan peninsula.

The early arrival guaranteed our party, led by guide Matt Isbell, would get to pick the spot where our surf-fishing adventure would have the best chance of success.

Isbell, better known as the Bama Beach Bum to all his YouTube followers, has developed a niche among fishing guides on the Alabama Gulf Coast. He has tried fishing from boats and piers, but he prefers the sandy beaches and surf where whiting and pompano roam.

The Wetumpka native moved to Gulf Shores for an insurance job, but his surf-fishing success led to a full-time guide business in March of this year.

“The biggest thing I tell people to do is to stagger your baits. Make sure you cover a lot of water and try to locate the zone those fish are running in.”

the point it was taking away from my regular job.”

Isbell decided to see if anyone would pay for his services. He learned there is a growing market for his kind of fishing.

“It kind of snowballed from there and really started picking up,” he said.

Isbell soon found out his guide business appeals to a wide variety of customers.

“Most of my clients are out-of-towners, a lot from the Midwest but from all over the country,” he said. “I’ve had a group from Guam that wanted to fish. They saw me on YouTube. Right now, I’m the only one uploading surf-fishing content to the internet, so that’s how some people find me.

“I get people of all ages and sizes, ethnicities, all the above.”

Isbell’s surf fishing started in earnest six years ago when he moved to the Alabama Gulf Coast.

“When I first started surf fishing, I was just trying to figure out what to do,” he said. “Like a lot of people in Alabama, I grew up bass and crappie fishing. When I came down here, I just tried to figure out the fishing. I fished a lot of different ways – from boats, piers, canals, wherever I could access the water.

“Then I started surf fishing and I fell in love with it. I just enjoyed being on the beach and being able to bring home dinner.”

Isbell has refined his surf-fishing techniques in the last six years. Although he has learned to judge the surf and which areas produce fish, it’s really not a technique that infrequent visitors should tackle. He said learning to read the beach takes time, that most people find it difficult to pick up on the nuances that might lead to better fishing unless a lot of time is

spent on the beach.

“The biggest thing I tell people to do is to stagger your baits,” he said. “Make sure you cover a lot of water and try to locate the zone those fish are running in. Especially when you’re surf fishing, these fish are not hanging in one area like they do on a reef or pier or jetty. The fish in the surf are always moving, looking for food. But they are going to hang in a particular depth. That’s why you stagger your baits to try to find out what depth those fish are favoring. But it can change daily or week to week. You always have to recalibrate to find the fish.

“If you know how to look for cuts, holes and bars in the surf, that can help, but most people have a hard time with it. But anybody can get out there and put baits in different spots and figure it out using that system.”

Isbell said a dedicated surf angler will need a variety of tackle to target the species that happen to inhabit the surf at any given time because different fish come to the beaches at different times.

“What we’re targeting is going to determine what tackle we use,” he said. “But the most popular way is what we are doing, using pompano rigs with bits of shrimp and Fish Bites. We’ll use sand fleas (mole crabs) when they present themselves, and we can scoop them up (look for a sand flea rake at the local tackle shop). We had some really good colonies of sand fleas show up this year. It’s a great bait and it’s free.”

On our trip, Isbell used 10-foot surf rods with 4000- and 5000-series spinning reels spooled with 20-pound-test braided line. Of the five rigs we used during our outing, we had a drop-hook rig with the 2- to 3-ounce weight tied to the bottom on three rods, while the other two were rigged with cut bait hooked below the weight (Carolina rig) to try to catch a redfish or bluefish. He uses 1/0 to 2/0 circle hooks most of the time.

“You don’t have to use 10-foot rods, but you can still fish on rough days,” he said. “You can keep a 3- or 4-ounce lead out. I make my own pompano rigs. You can buy them with two or three drops. I prefer one-drop

rigs. It’s more discreet and easier to manage.”

Isbell said probably his hardest job is teaching clients what to look for to indicate a bite. A rhythmic motion of the rod tip indicates wave action. A steady pull or erratic action means some species of fish is taking the bait.

Although our party, which included Jay Hirschberg and Wayne Carman, was fishing on a neap tide, we managed to reel in bluefish, whiting (sometimes called southern or Gulf kingfish), a rodeo-worthy ladyfish and the ubiquitous hardhead catfish to the beach. Isbell said the heat has caused the pompano to vacate the surf until the weather and water cools.

Cooler weather will also bring another desirable species close to the beach.

“We get a good run of bull redfish in the fall,” Isbell said. “We will use a lot of cut bait. I’m transitioning now to using cut bait on Carolina rigs. If I’m fishing for bull reds, I’ll move up to a 4/0 hook. They will hit pompano rigs, and that’s definitely worth doing because the pompano fishing is only going to improve as the weather cools.

“You can catch whiting all year, but it does get better in the winter. That is the main species we target when it gets cold. Whiting get bigger (pushing 2 pounds) and more plentiful in the winter months. Sometimes in the winter, we’ll get a run of what we call ‘big uglies,’ the big black drum. Those are a lot of fun to catch, too.”

For those who specifically target pompano in the surf, Isbell said the best fishing occurs in the spring.

“March, April and May – those are the three months to catch pompano,” he said. “That’s go time for pompano. You can still catch them in June and July, but it’s definitely better in the spring.”

Isbell said certain conditions provide an opportunity to catch speckled trout in the surf as well.

“We catch trout mainly in the summer months,” he said. “It’s usually after a big rain and fresh water moves the fish out to the beaches, looking for that higher salinity.”

**Pictured:** Jay Hirschberg shows off a keeper whiting, a plentiful species that makes excellent table fare; Matt Isbell casts a piece of shrimp into the surf.







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# Funny Bones

By George Ridder



"Yes, Theo, what is it?" asked the teacher.  
"I don't want to alarm you, Miss Davis, but my dad said if I don't get better grades, someone was going to be in big trouble."

One day a man went to an

auction. While there, he bid on a parrot. He really wanted this bird, so he got caught up in the bidding. He kept on bidding but kept getting outbid, so he bid higher and higher and higher. Finally, after he bid way more than he intended, he won the bid - the parrot was his at last! As he was paying for the parrot, he said to the auctioneer, "I sure hope this parrot can talk. I would hate to have paid this much for it, only to find out that he can't talk!"  
"Don't worry," said the auctioneer. "He can talk. Who do you think kept bidding against you?"

To the irritation of the judge, a man was trying to be excused from jury duty. "Tell me," began the judge, "is there any good reason why you cannot serve as a juror in the trial?"

The man replied, "I don't want to be away from my job that long."  
"Can't they do without you at work?" demanded the judge.  
"Yes," admitted the juror. "But I don't want them to realize it."

Old age is when former classmates are so gray and wrinkled and bald that they don't recog-

nize you.

was driving home from work when I was pulled over for not wearing a seat belt. Three days later, I got the same ticket, at the same stop, from the same cop.

"So, have you learned anything?" asked the cop.

"Yes, I have," I began. "I've learned it's time to find a new way home from work."

The minister was preoccupied with thoughts of how he was going to ask the congregation to come up with more money than they were expecting for repairs to the church building. Therefore, he was annoyed to find that the regular organist was sick and a substitute had been brought in at the last minute. The substitute wanted to know what to play.

"Here's a copy of the service," he said impatiently. "But, you'll have to think of something to play after I make the announcement about the finances."

During the service, the minister paused and said, "Brothers

and Sisters, we are in great difficulty; the roof repairs cost twice as much as we expected and we need \$4,000 more. Any of you who can pledge \$100 or more, please stand up."

At that moment, the substitute organist played "The Star Spangled Banner."

Q. How many programmers does it take to change a light bulb?

A. None. That's a hardware issue.

A woman was arrested for shop lifting. When she went before the judge he asked her, "What did you steal?"

She replied: "A can of peaches." The judge asked her why she had stolen them and she replied that she was hungry.

The judge then asked her how many peaches were in the can. She replied five. The judge then said, "I will give you 5 days in jail."

Before the judge could actually pronounce the punishment the woman's husband spoke up and asked the judge if he could say something.

The judge said, "What is it?"

The husband said, "She also stole a can of peas."

After drinking, men talk unnecessarily, become emotional, drive badly, stop thinking, and fight for nothing

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- If you ate both pasta and antipasto, would you still be hungry?

- If you try to fail, and succeed, which have you done?

- Whose cruel idea was it for the word "Lisp" to have "S" in it?

- Can an atheist get insurance against acts of God?

A man went to see his doctor because he was suffering from a miserable cold. His doctor prescribed some pills, but they didn't help.

On his next visit the doctor gave him a shot, but that didn't do any good, either.

On his third visit the doctor told the man to go home and take a hot bath. As soon as he was finished bathing he was to throw open all the windows and stands in the draft.

"But doc," protested the patient, "if I do that, I'll get pneumonia."

"I know," said his physician, "I can cure pneumonia."



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The Grove is Foley's Premier 55+ Community for Active Lifestyles. New 3Bd/2Ba Manufactured Homes with prices starting in the \$100's or custom build your retirement dream in this beautiful gated community. Enjoy the Clubhouse, Pool, Jacuzzi, Activities. Minutes from b/aches. www.thefoleygrove.com or 251-971-1033.

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### COMMERCIAL PROP

Business - Commercial Property for Sale or Lease in downtown Gulf Shores in Uptown Plaza on East 20th Ave. 1400SF. Nice space, and very nice property for, Office, Retail, or your business. Available now. Text 251-747-0097 Hosteeva Realty

### HIGHWAY 59 FRONTAGE LOT

Hwy. 59 frontage lot; North Side of Foley. 220' frontage. Approx 2 acres. \$1000 per month. No improvements...lot only. 251-269-2156, Hosteeva Realty.

### 16,750 SF WAREHOUSE/SALE/LEASE

16,750 warehouse for sale or lease; South side of Foley. One mile from Owa and Walmart. 1.5 acres included. All paved. 300' OFF OF 59. Buy or Lease for \$4,500 per month. Easy owner financing. 251-747-0097, Hosteeva Realty

### BELLA VISTA

Bella Vista Community; Several lots available from \$29,900 for your new home. Beautiful community. Owner financing with \$1,500 down, 10% interest, no prepayment penalty, and no credit check. Text Alla if you are interested. 251-923-6475, Hosteeva Realty

### PINES OF PERDIDO

Pines of Perdido Estate lot. All utilities are at the street. Nearly 1 acre. Beautiful. Restricted to new construction only. \$39,900. Owner financing available with \$1,000 down, 8% interest. Text 251-269-2156, Hosteeva Realty

### 1 ACRE HOMESITE

1 Acre Homesite. Between Gulf Shores and Foley. Ok for Tiny Home / RV / Mobile Home. Owner financing Available. 251-747-0097, Hosteeva Realty

### LOT NORTH OF GULF SHORES

North of Gulf Shores - Nice Lot; Owner Financing. Very large lot suitable for mobile home, new home, or RV. OK for 2 homes!!! Septic tank included. \$59,900. Seller will finance with \$1000 down, 8% interest. No credit check. Hosteeva Realty, Text 251-422-8718

### RV LOT AT OWA

RV Lot at OWA; Under Construction Now; Resort RV lots For Sale. Directly across from OWA on County Road 20. Owner Financing Available. Hosteeva Realty, Text 251-923-6475.

## FOR RENT

### SENIORS - 1BR

Seniors 1BR for lease in Gulf Shores; Roomy Island Style Cottage apt in downtown Gulf Shores, ON the Intercoastal; Waterway! Near park, restaurants, and churches. Just a few blocks from Acme Oyster House. No dogs, no smoking. ALL utilities included. 55+ older only. Only \$790/mo. Text 251-284-1025.

### GULF SHORES 2BR

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### RV LOT

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### RV LOT BET. G.S. & FOLEY

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### LONG TERM RV LOT

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## MISCELLANEOUS

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### H&R BLOCK INCOME TAX COURSE

H&R Block Income Tax Course begins 10-16-18 in Robertsdale. Qualified graduates may be offered a position in one of our Baldwin County offices. Call 251-943-9190 or email joanne.hamilton@hrblock.com for

more information. If you are an experienced preparer, we'd like to talk to you as well.

### PET GROOMER

Paws in the Sand Inc, is seeking Experienced Pet Groomer/Groomers Apprentice. Must have minimum 6 months bathing/drying experience. Position is an hourly position Monday-Friday. Please fax resume to (251)948-7488, or email to info@pawsinthesand.com

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