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## COASTAL CHRISTMAS

### Three businesses collect for Toys For Tots on Perdido Key

The Perdido Key Chamber of Commerce, Perdido Key Sports Bar, and Perdido Key Souvenirs and More, are collection points for this year's Toys For Tots campaign on Perdido Key. Drop off any new unwrapped toys at those locations up until Christmas week. The Chamber is located at 15500 Perdido Key Dr.; Perdido Key Sports Bar is at 13283 Perdido Key Dr.; and Perdido Key Souvenirs and More is located at 13700 Perdido Key Dr. (10% discount to toy donors).

Toys for Tots began as a Los Angeles charitable effort in 1947 by a group of local Marine reservists placing collection bins outside movie theaters.

### Magic Christmas in Lights thru Dec. 31 at Bellingrath

Magic Christmas in Lights at Bellingrath Gardens and Home presents its 23rd season of Magic Christmas in Lights on Nov. 23. A dazzling nighttime display with more than 1,100 set pieces, 3 million lights and 15 scenes, the 2018 light show includes dramatic enhancements to the Emerald Forest on the Great Lawn, among other improvements. Hours are 5 to 9 p.m. nightly through Dec. 31 (closed Christmas Day). Details: [bellingrath.org](http://bellingrath.org) or 251-973-2217.

Bellingrath Gardens and Home is a 65-acre garden and estate that was the home of Walter and Bessie Bellingrath.

### Christmas Market Dec. 22 at Fisher's at O.B. Marina

Enjoy shopping with artists, merchants and other local producers of fresh products for gifts created from love during the Dec. 22 Christmas Market & Photos with Santa hosted by Fisher's at Orange Beach Marina from noon - 5 p.m. Other family, friendly activities include free hot chocolate, cookies and Christmas galore.

Fisher's is located at 27075 Marina Rd. in Orange Beach. For more info, call 251-981-7305 or facebook.



### 4 p.m., 5:30 p.m. & 7 p.m. services Christmas Eve at Flora-Bama Church

The Church at the Flora-Bama this Christmas Eve: The Flora-Bama Church, the immensely popular Christian non-denominational religious gathering Sundays at the Flora-Bama, will celebrate Christmas with three family-friendly Christmas Eve services on the Flora-Bama tent stage on Monday, December 24 at 4 p.m., 5:30 p.m. & 7 p.m. This year will include kids singing and snow machines! While there are no services on Christmas Day, the Flora-Bama also welcomes all who wish to join them in good cheer to a Christmas potluck beginning at 1 p.m. on Christmas day. Everyone is welcome at Central's Flora-Bama Church every Sunday at 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.

### Reelin' In the New Year Bash at The Wharf

Reelin' In The New Year & Kids Confetti Drop is the title of the New Year's Eve street party at The Wharf. The bash is one of the best events of the year with activities for the whole family, including live music, fireworks, a midnight Marlin Drop, a mechanical bull, and a surf simulator. A Kids Confetti Drop has been added for earlier in the day so your little ones can celebrate before their bedtime!

Kids Confetti Drop activities will include trampoline jumpee, mechanical bull, rock climbing wall, surf simulator, face painting, and more. Prices for certain activities range from \$5 to \$10. The event will take place from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., with the confetti drop at noon.

Live music includes DJ Ramsey from 5-7pm, Kyle Daigle from 7-9pm, and Wes Loper Band from 9-midnight.

Midnight also brings fireworks and our famous Marlin Drop! Main Street is the best viewing spot for all the action.

#### Other Holiday Activities 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. 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.



### Wales West Arctic Express open through Christmas Eve

Enjoy a steam train ride to the North Pole and visit Santa Claus with your whole family this holiday season at Wales West in Summerville nightly from 4-9 p.m. through Christmas Eve. Wales West is located at 13670 Smiley St. For more info, visit [waleswest.com](http://waleswest.com) or call 251-232-2322 or 888-569-5337.



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## COASTAL CHRISTMAS



### City Rhythm Band Christmas 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.

### Naughty & nice welcome at Bama's Christmas potluck

Whether you've been naughty or nice, Christmas is a time for family and friends to gather and celebrate. The Flora-Bama wants you on the line to eat, drink, and be merry for it's traditional potluck dinner from 1 -3 p.m. The turkey and ham will be prepared and ready to go. The Bama staff encourages patrons to bring a covered dish to share, because that's what Christmas is all about. Live music will be playing throughout the bar to bring Christmas cheer.

The Flora-Bama is located at 17401 Perdido Key Dr. on Perdido Key. For more info, call (850) 492-0611.

### New Year's Eve street party slated in downtown Fairhope

The City of Fairhope will again be hosting their annual New Year's Eve Celebration in the streets of downtown Fairhope. Residents and visitors are invited to bring their families and ring in the New Year with the band Fly-By-Radio. The band will begin playing at 8:30 p.m. at the corner of Fairhope Avenue and Church Street. Other entertainment will include face painting, a DJ, fireworks and a ball drop at midnight.

Many downtown restaurants will be open for those who wish to eat in downtown and then just hangout until midnight. For additional information, call 929-1466.

Tents will be set-up along Fairhope Avenue and Church Street for groups to have their own private parties.

### NYE at Perdido Beach Resort features Pyrotechnico, live band

Treat yourself to an incomparable New Year's Eve experience at Perdido Beach Resort in Orange Beach. PBR offers revelers a memorable evening featuring a world-class culinary experience in either the Grand Ballroom or Voyagers, with the hottest music, lights, and tastes on the Gulf Coast! and performances by top entertainment acts.

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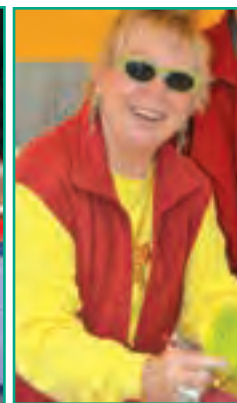
The Mixed Nuts, a 10-piece band from New Orleans, will play classic rock with a touch of soul reflective of the band's Louisiana roots. The Mixed Nuts have shared the stage with The Temptations, Bret Michaels, and Kelly Clarkson - as well as served as a backing band for The Drifters, Allen Toussaint, and legendary Cyndi Lauper! The band celebrates its TWENTY year anniversary in 2018 and, in the words of The Head Nut In Charge, "...we're just getting started." Party responsibly and stay the night with two impressive packages to choose from. For more info, visit [perdidobeachresort.com](http://perdidobeachresort.com) or call 251-981-9811 for more info on PBR holiday options.



### LuLu's Noon Year's Eve gets the party started

As always, families and children will be the focus during the 12th annual Noon Year's Eve party on Monday, Dec. 31 at LuLu's at Homeport Marina in Gulf Shores. Starting at 10 a.m., children will ring out the year in exciting style with a sandcastle building contest, face painting, a petting zoo, and arts and crafts and live music.

At noon, a beach ball will drop and Noon Year's Eve is celebrated with kid-friendly fireworks (huge bubblewrap!). Noon Year's Eve ends at 3 p.m. Admission is free, and LuLu's kitchen will be open throughout the festivities. Lucy Buffett's LuLu's is located under the Intracoastal Waterway Bridge at 200 E. 25th Ave. (Info: [lulubuffett.com](http://lulubuffett.com) or 251-967-lulu. **Pictured:** Noon Year's Eve 2017.





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### K-KIDS CANDY CANE & CHRISTMAS ORNAMENT FUNDRAISER:

Gulf Shores Elementary School K-Kids Club conducted an ornament and candy cane fundraiser before Christmas break to raise money for the K-Kids Club who does many service projects for their school and our community. The K-Kids Club raised more than \$100 for their Club. The K-Kids Club completed eight service projects during their first semester this school year, and made a positive impact at their school and in our community. **Pictured:** Ana Bathrick, Jeb Bathrick, Parker Pennington, Spencer Kizer, Shayla Nguyen, Amanda Larenas, Allie Lawson, and Abigale Farmer.

### O.B. Helping Hands Ministries to deliver Christmas dinners

Orange Beach Helping Hands Ministries will deliver Christmas dinners to more than 300 people on Christmas Day and Host Christmas Dinner and fellowship from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Orange Beach Community Center located at 24235 Canal Road. Steve Hanich, with his wife Vivian, and son Michael have organized the event for the past ten years, with the support from sponsors such as Swift Supply, Publix and volunteers from the First Baptist Church Gulf Shores;

Hanich said volunteers deliver full meals to the jails in Orange Beach and Gulf Shores, local police departments, Foley Express toll Booth, Fire Departments, workers at local convenience stores, movie theaters, and anybody else they think would appreciate the kindness. In addition 200 people are expected to enjoy Christmas Dinner at the OB Community Center. "We get a lot of people who do not have family in the area and we get a lot of Snowbirds, who don't really don't have anyplace to go. They enjoy being around others and the fellowship. We look forward to welcoming anybody who wants to join us," he said. For more info, call 251-408-1322 or 251-408-1255.



### Sounds Of Christmas Dec. 20 At First Presbyterian

The First Presbyterian Church of Gulf Shores extends a warm welcome to all to the upcoming Chancel Choir performance of "The Sounds of Christmas" on Thurs. evening, Dec. 20 at 6:30 p.m. The 31st annual presentation of this concert features a wide array of music, including everything from sacred to jazzy gospel. Solo performers this year will include Kayla Dowling, piano; Della Grigsby, cello; Elisa Lyle, flute; Cristina Meyer, soprano; Lauren Gonsoulin, soprano; Steve Pearce, tenor and Barbara While, organ.

Directed by Minister of Music Pam Winstead, the concert is free and a nursery will be provided. On Christmas Eve, the Candlelight Service will take place at 5:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary and will include special selections from the Chancel Choir. For more info, visit [firstpresbyterianchurchgulfshores.org](http://firstpresbyterianchurchgulfshores.org) or call 251-978-8130.



## 35th New Year's Day Polar Bear Dip at The Flora-Bama

At the crack of noon, neither rain, sleet, too much NYE or bitter cold will prevent more than 1000 mostly costumed crazies from jumping into the Gulf of Mexico for the Annual New Year's Day Polar Bear Dip on the Alabama/Florida state line. This is the 35th year the Flora-Bama has hosted its dip, and an all day celebration with live music and bowl games on 24 big screen TV's will follow. For more information call 251-980-5118 or 850-492-3048 or visit [flora-bama.com](http://flora-bama.com) or facebook. A traditional feast of black-eyed peas, cornbread, ham and a draft beer or soda pop goes to all dippers.

**Pictured:** Big fun at Polar Bear Dip 2018.






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## COASTAL CHRISTMAS



### Snook Youth Club tree decorators judged best in Foley contest

A tree decorated by the Snook Youth Club was judged best among the many beautiful trees decorated by local churches, schools, businesses and civic groups as part of the City of Foley's Christmas Celebration. The trees will also be on display at Heritage Park through the holidays.

Foley Intermediate School was the second place tree and the Gulf Shores Garden Club took the third place ribbon. Southern Chevrolet and Home Boss Inspection earned honorable mention awards.

"We had a record number of trees and I believe they were the most beautiful ever," said event coordinator Beverly Manley. "The judges were hard pressed to choose winners as all the entries were wonderful."

"They were a beautiful addition to our Christmas in the Park event last weekend. We received so many comments about how beautiful the trees were this year. It was an honor to have so many participate," she added.

The Snook Youth Club tree decorating team included (pictured) Aubrey and Emery Cosson, Cherriez and Chris Gardner, Jakarri and Komora Garrett, Alex Gonzalez, Vodney and Vaniyah Cleveland, Hayden and Kelson Hunt, Destiny and Brandon Kemp, Taylor Leff, Autumn Stillwell, Koehn Thomas, Shannon James, Anica Blackmon, Tobias Evans and Patrice Tiggs.



## Kiwanis Polar Bear Dip Jan. 1 at Gulf Shores Public Beach

By Taylor Means

The 8th Annual Polar Bear Dip will take place on New Year's Day at high noon at the Gulf Shores Main Public Beach (at The Hangout: 101 E. Beach Blvd). Take the Plunge into the Gulf of Mexico for this uniquely coastal, family-friendly event presented by the Kiwanis Club of Gulf Shores in partnership with The Hangout, The City of Gulf Shores, and the Alabama Law Enforcement Torch Run.

Dress up in a wacky outfit or just show up and be a part of this uniquely coastal event. The party starts at 11 AM with beachfront entertainment by DJ Chuck-E-Chill. Enjoy the beach bonfire, games, and entertainment as we countdown to take the DIP at high noon, followed by a New Year's Day party at the Hangout, featuring LIVE entertainment, free chili & hot chocolate for all who take the plunge, and all of the college football games. The event is totally free! Polar Bear Dip souvenir T-shirts (\$15) and koozies (\$3) will be available and donations are encouraged with 100% of the proceeds benefit the Gulf Shores Kiwanis Club and Alabama Special Olympics," said Kiwanis Club of Gulf Shores President Matt Grant.

"We are excited to once again partner with the Hangout and the City of Gulf Shores to host the 8th Annual Polar Bear Dip. This event gets bigger every year. In 2017, it was sunny and 74 degrees and we had over 1000 participants. Last year, it was overcast and 35 degrees yet we still had the largest crowd ever," he added. "Rain, shine, hot, or cold, there is no better way to bring in the new year than by taking a dip into the gulf from our beautiful Alabama beach! The event is totally free with all donations going to local charity. We invite all of our locals, snowbirds, and visitors to come out, enjoy the festivities, and bring in 2019 Gulf Coast style."



### Lights shows, cookie decorating, story time & more at OWA

Join OWA in celebrating the sights and sounds of Christmas. From photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus, dancing fountains and Christmas tree light shows, to cookie decorating and story time with Santa's Elves, don't miss out on the holiday fun this Christmas season at OWA in Foley. Events in Downtown OWA are free and open to the public. Some of the events located in The Park at OWA require park admission to enjoy. More info: visitowa.com

- Grab that perfect Christmas photo with Santa in Downtown OWA this year. Santa Claus will be in Downtown OWA on Saturdays and Sundays through December 23, next to Wahlburgers. Drop by between 2-4pm and 5-7pm to grab your pictures with Santa. Mrs. Claus will also be inside to greet all of Santa's guests.

- Don't miss the Christmas light shows every night in admission-free Downtown OWA. The 36-foot tall Christmas tree will put on a mesmerizing light show to holiday music every night at 7pm, 8pm and 9pm on the hour. And, nestled in the center of OWA's 14-acre lake is the staple of Downtown OWA; its dazzling fountain. Enjoy a dancing light show choreographed to holiday music every night for free at 7:30pm and 8:30 pm.

- Join Santa & Mrs. Claus for a cookie decorating adventure! This special event includes 2 cookies for decorating with icing and candy, plus an ice cold glass of milk! Pricing: \$5.99 online, \$6.99 In-Person Day of. Park admission required to attend. Dates: Saturday and Sunday throughout December.

- Join the mischievous Elves and create your own holiday crafts to commemorate your visit to The Park. Or try your hand at writing a letter to Santa Claus himself. The Elves will be there along your crafting journey to help you create the memory. Dates are Dec. 22-23 from noon 'til 2 p.m. Free with paid Park admission

- Throughout December, Santa's elves will be in Parkside Gift Shop in The Park at OWA for story time. Santa's jolly elves will be reading four (4) different classic holiday stories each day: 'Twas the Night Before Christmas, Frosty the Snowman, The Poky Little Puppy's First Christmas, and Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer. Admission will not be required to enter The Park gates to visit Parkside Gift Shop. Guests can shop their holiday gift collections before, during and after story time (visitowa.com for dates and times).

- Enjoy some one-on-one time with Santa and Mrs. Claus this Christmas season with a VIP Pancake Brunch inside The Park at OWA! This delicious event is fun for all ages. Grab our Pancake Brunch add-on online for just \$8.99 on Dec. 22 at 1 pm. General admission Park ticket required to attend.



A special thanks to the City of Orange Beach -Expect Excellence student actors for an outstanding performance of Hansel & Gretel! Thank you to the over 100 family and community members that came out to support these children.



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## Coastal Ballet's Kingdom of Sweets Gala a new holiday tradition at Coastal Arts Center

### Madame Rio of Coastal Ballet opened her first Baldwin studio in Orange Beach 20 years ago

**By Fran Thompson**

It is fitting that the initial Kingdom of Sweets Gala, a fundraiser held earlier this month for Rio Cordy's Coastal Ballet Company, was presented to a welcoming community in Orange Beach.

The Coastal Art Center of Orange Beach is located less than a mile from where Madame Rio first established a teaching academy in South Baldwin County 20 years ago.

Currently located in Foley, Madame Rio has been putting young ballet students on stage by producing The Nutcracker at her academy every Christmas season since then, with appearances this year in Foley, Bon Secour and Gulf Shores, in addition to the gala at the Coastal Arts Center of Orange Beach.

"This is my 20th year, and we are as busy as we've ever been," she said. "I pursue this very hard in support of all (dance) schools. We are happy to teach good training where children learn good things. From etiquette to how to move, to self esteem. All the while helping them build healthy bodies.

"Orange Beach gave me my start when I moved here," Madame Rio added. "This community has always been a very special place. Everybody here has been so supportive of me."

Coastal Academy's first footprint in Orange Beach was in borrowed space at (current Orange Beach Mayor)

Tony Kennon's physical fitness business imprint at the Medical Arts Building on Orange Beach Blvd.

"She had no place to set up her academy and I wanted my daughter (Bailey) in ballet," Mayor Kennon said. "We moved the equipment and laid down some linoleum over the floor so the kids could move around, and Rio held ballet classes there two nights a week."

The mayor added that he still sees Madame Rio's influence on Bailey in regards to how to be gracious and poised when she is on stage.

Bailey has represented Baldwin County in Miss Alabama pageants and regularly sings and plays music for audiences all over the state.

Another of Madame Rio's Pleasure Island students, Lauren Bradford, was named Miss Alabama's Outstanding Teen 2017 and was named winner of the 2019 Miss Auburn University Scholarship Pageant.

"I have taught hundreds of students, some of them who are still with me," Madame Rio said. "Lauren and Bailey have both done so much fabulous pageant work. Others have gone to New York for auditions or continued to dance in college. Some have danced professionally. I grow them up."

Madame Rio added that she was very thankful to Desiree Blackwell (CAC director) and her staff for their hospitality. The gala is already on the CAC schedule for 2019.

Next for the ballerina/teacher who trained at the Royal Academy of Dance in London is a collaboration with classical guitarist Peter Fletcher on a production incorporating original music and interpretative dancing that will debut this February. She is also planning to produce a brand new ballet at her academy.

Madame Rio spent time at Juilliard and was a soloist with The Miami Ballet and The Alabama Ballet. She still performs, but Madame Rio's passion is teaching. (She owned two schools of dance while in Birmingham.) She still works with students of all ages who love dancing to classical ballet and jazz.

"I am so happy that I get to do what I love to do," she said. "I'm driven and inspired by those little children. They allow me to look at the world through their eyes. And it is a world that is very colorful and full of vitality."

Madame Rio Cordy's dedication to her students is evident, as is her desire to create for her students a dance experience that develops mind, body and spirit.

The end result is hopefully a deep love of dance, music, art, and learning, in addition to joyful memories that last a lifetime.

"I am in good heath. I still feel creative and I still love to dance," Madame Rio said. "I get to surround myself with great people. I am always getting big hugs from beautiful children that are so honest and true. What could be better than that? I am blessed."

**Pictured:** The 2018 Kingdom of Sweets Gala featured performances from Samantha Scheler, Sonja Davenport, and Karla McMillian and the unveiling of the 2019 Coastal Ballet Nutcracker by artist Tommy Vogel.







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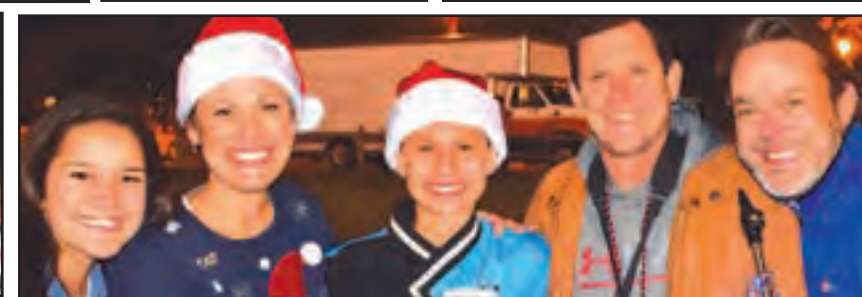
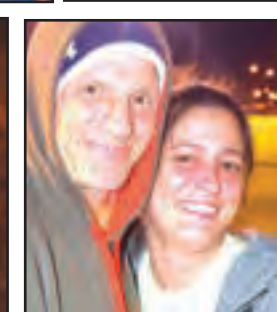


## GULF SHORES SNOWBALL DROP, PARADE, HOLIDAY CELEBRATION





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### Hangout hosts family NYE Sunset Celebration

The Hangout will host a family friendly New Year's Eve Sunset Celebration on Dec. 31 from 3-4:30 p.m. at its Gulf Shores Public Beach location. Festivities include cookie decorating, games, kids' crafts and lots of surprises. For more info about the event and dinner specials offered during the party, visit [thehangout.com](http://thehangout.com).

### Kelly Poole & The Swingset set for Pirates Cove NYE

Kelly Poole & The Swingset will bring its original old school blues and swing to Arnica Bay during the Pirates Cove New Year's Eve celebration at the unique Josephine bistro. Festivities start around 8 p.m. Pirates Cove is located at 6664 Co. Rd 95. More info: 251-987-1224.



### MAGIC CHRISTMAS IN LIGHTS CONTINUES AT BELLINGRATH: T

Magic Christmas in Lights, one of the nation's best holiday light shows, is open nightly through Dec. 31, 2018, at Bellingrath Gardens and Home. The dazzling nighttime display features 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 show is open, rain or shine, from 5 to 9 p.m.

Magic Christmas in Lights has become a must-see tradition for visitors from the Gulf Coast region and beyond. Attendance has nearly doubled since 2000, rising from 35,309 that year to 69,000 in 2017. Families enjoy strolling the grounds together, taking holiday photos, drinking cocoa on Live Oak Plaza and visiting Santa Claus in the Magnolia Café. Many of our guests do not realize that Magic Christmas in Lights is a made-in-Alabama attraction. Each year, the set pieces for the holiday lights are designed and handmade on site by members of Bellingrath's staff. Three of our employees work full-time all year on the light display.

The Bellingrath Home, completed in 1935, is also open for nightly tours and decorated in full holiday finery. The Gift Shop is fully stocked for the season, and guests may also have their photos taken with Santa Claus in the Magnolia Café each night through Dec. 23. The Magnolia Café has extended hours from 4 to 8 p.m. during the season; menus are posted on the website, [bellingrath.org](http://bellingrath.org). (The Gardens are closed on Christmas and New Year's Days.)

Military Mondays are back! Military personnel and their immediate relatives will receive a 15 percent discount off regular Gardens admission on each Monday of the Magic Christmas in Lights season.

For details about Magic Christmas in Lights, or to order tickets, visit [bellingrath.org](http://bellingrath.org).

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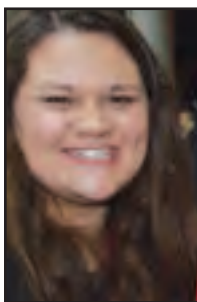
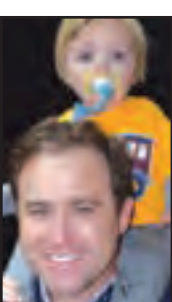


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Bacon apple butter.....	6
Crispy duck skin, toast points	

<b>Entrées</b>	
Raines Farm Wagyu Flat Iron.....	24
Crispy potatoes, bacon, carrots, charred onion	
Crawfish tasso crusted Snapper.....	28
Parsnip purée, fingerling potato, Cajun beurre blanc	

<b>New Year's Bubbles</b>	
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Grilled Gem Lettuce.....	10
Florida rock shrimp, radish, remoulade	
Roasting Champagne "Greenish G. L." (Bibb) 1/4.....	5.00
Jumbo Lump Crab Cake.....	18
whipped avocado, pickled corn and cucumber	
Champagne-Montrachet Reserve Cuvée (Burgundy) 1/4.....	5.00
Venison Carpaccio.....	20
baby turnip, radish, mustard frill, ghost pepper carlar,	
satsuma aioli	
Roast Christmas Armoué (Bibb) 1/4.....	5.00
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fingerling potato and wild mushroom hash,	
roasted shallot butter	
Buiga Léger de Herve "Tradition, Grand R." (Bibb) 1/4.....	5.00
Grilled Yellowfin Tuna.....	34
ginger black rice, snow peas, cherry tomatoes,	
mustard frill	
Catsey-Chambertin "Belle Lignée" (Burgundy) 1/4.....	5.00
Stuffed Quail.....	20
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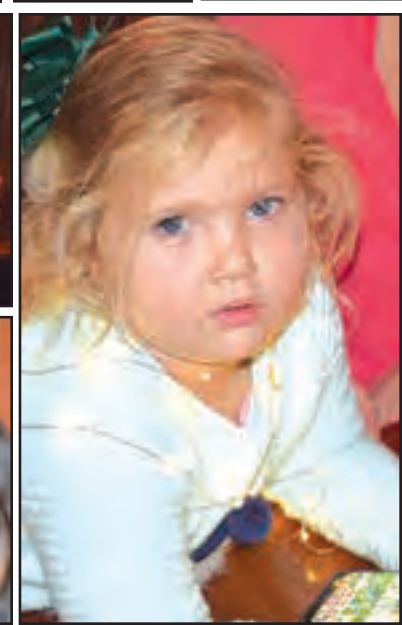
The season's celebrations include Magic Christmas in Lights at Bellingrath Gardens and Home, a classical Christmas concert, events at the Gulf State Park, ice skating, an arts and crafts show, the lighted boat parade and much more.

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### Bushwacker drops at 8 p.m. at Tacky Jacks G.S.

Tacky Jack's Gulf Shores will host its Annual New Year's Eve Bushwacker Drop for those wanting an earlier celebration to bring in 2019. The party starts at 6 p.m., with live music from The Barstool Surfers. Bushwacker and balloon prize drops are scheduled at 8 p.m. Cost is \$50 per couple, including a heavy hors d'oeuvre buffet, party favors, \$6 bushwackers and \$2 wine. P reservations to (251) 948-8881. The restaurant is located on the Intracoastal Waterway at 240 E 24th Ave. in Gulf Shores.

### Music on three stages at Flora-Bama NYE party

The Flora-Bama NYE party starts at 7 p.m. and includes a dinner buffet from 6-11 p.m., and a breakfast buffet from midnight - 2 a.m. Guests will also receive party favors, a souvenir huggie, champagne for a toast and the live music for which the Flora-Bama is famous for on three stages. Advance tickets are available at Florabama.com and in the gift shop for \$40. Tickets are an additional \$10 at the door for 18-20 year olds.

Musical entertainment will include The Big Earl (Jack Robertson) Show, JoJo Pres, River Dan Band and the Justin Jeannosome Band. The Flora Bama Lounge, Oyster Bar & Grill is located on the Gulf of Mexico at the Alabama-Florida state line. Info: 850-492-0611 or flora-bama.com.



**SEEN FINN?** Rebecca Chapman at liquidlife.com shares a picture of the company's winter intern, Finn, catching up on the news. Finn posts a blog each week that shows what mischief and fun he's having while here in Paradise. (liquidlifevacationrentals.com).



**FRIENDS O.B. LIBRARY CHRISTMAS LITERARY PUB CRAWL:** Friends of the Orange Beach Library members (above) hosted their inaugural Christmas Literary Libations Pub Crawl. Hors d'oeuvres were served at Blue Water BBQ, Ginny Lane and Villagio's at The Wharf. The event combined book and poetry readings with the fun of a pub crawl. The next two Friends events are its January book sale and February Trivia Night. Details to follow.



### SBLC TUTOR APPRECIATION HOLIDAY LUNCHEON:

Executive Director Tammy Vaughn and Adult Literacy Coordinator Allison Smith hosted a tutor appreciation holiday luncheon for the volunteers that the South Baldwin Literacy Council depends on to help the non-profit provide literacy instruction to help people in our community make a better life for themselves and their families. The SBLC is located at 21441 Hwy. 98 in Foley. For more info, call 251-943-7323 or visit southbaldwinliteracycouncil.com.



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# Gulf Shores passes \$70 million budget

## Capital improvements total \$22.5 million, include beach parking & streetscapes

By John Mullen

Gulf Shores passed its budget for 2019 at the Nov. 26 council meeting and it projects more than \$70.5 million in the overall budget for revenues with expenses set at \$70.2 million.

In the General Fund budget for 2019 – the main operating budget for city services – comes in at \$43.5 million for revenues with \$42.8 million in expenses.

“We have a constantly improving, dynamic city budget,” Finance Director Cindy King told the council during a Nov. 19 work session. “We continue to hone in and focus on the Vision 2025 core values. The bulk of those are directed at continuing to improve transportation, education, health care and ensuring the city’s beaches are safe and inviting.”

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- Cindy King

of Community and Planning Development, one building and environmental inspector 1 and one traffic technician.”

The grant is from the Department of Homeland Security and stands Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER). During the three years of the grant, the city will provide 25 percent of the cost to hire six firemen the first two years and 65 percent in the third year. After the third year, the city completely takes over the pay and benefits for the new firemen. The total cost to the city will be about \$394,500 and the federal share will be about \$640,000.

“Fire and rescue, we’re seeing more and more increase in calls coming out of Station 4 which is the

Oyster Bay station,” City Administrator Steve Griffin said. The council voted to buy the station from the Oyster Bay Volunteer Fire Department in October for about \$190,000.

Griffin said the new planning department position is needed to help marshal making and updating future plans and improvements in the city.

“Planning and zoning when we adopted our Vision plan in 2014 and have done two-year updates to the strategic plan and added a land-use plan,” Griffin said. “We just finished the land-use plan and we’re in the process of doing the transportation plan. We wanted to pull all those plans together and have a full-time person to do that work and basically take on the responsibility of long-range planning, updates to our zoning ordinances and community redevelopment opportunities down at the beach area and in the Waterway district.”

Capital improvements for the city in the 2019 budget total \$22.5 million. Some of the highlights of those are \$800,000 for street resurfacing, \$15,000 for the dog park expansion, \$1.4 million for Business and Aviation Park development, \$500,000 for the Fort Morgan Trail phase three, Coastal Gateway Boulevard improvements of \$6.6 million, walking district parking and streetscapes for \$2.7 million and Gulf Place phase three \$2.6 million.

“The 2019 budget also includes 2 percent for a wage index assessment and merit increases of 1.5 percent for above average to 2.5 percent for the highest performers based on their annual performance reviews,” King said.

King said the city has been working for years to build up a reserve and has nearly \$30 million which is 70 percent of the General Fund budget.

“That’s unheard of, really,” Mayor Robert Craft said. “Orange Beach is like us and they have the opportunity to do something similar but most cities have nowhere close to that. A lot of cities don’t have the exposure we have to natural occurrences and events that can cause us to need that money.”

King also announced the Finance Department has received more awards for its budget process.

“The city has won for the past eight years since 2011 the distinguished budget presentation award from the Government Finance Officers Association or the GFOA,” King said. “The city has worked very hard to prepare the budget book and each year we go back and look over what the GFOA has recommended and the departments have done a great job of linking their departments’ goals and outcomes to the council’s Vision 2025 key strategies and priorities.”

The council adopted the Vision 2025 Plan for Sustainability in 2014 and sets out goals for the city in the areas of better health care, education, Waterway Village District, Gulf State Park Lodge restoration and improvements in the Gulf Beach District.

**Also, during the meeting, the council:**

- Issued public assembly permits for the Zydeco Crawfish Festival in the Waterway Village District and the associated 5K and one-mile runs which will kick off at 8 a.m. This year’s event is set for April 20.
- Issued a public assembly for the Bloody Mary 5K run at Tacky Jacks on Aug. 31, also in the Waterway Village District and same course as the Zydeco race.
- Passed an ordinance giving a nonexclusive franchise to mobile containers company Bin There Dump That to provide collection and disposal of construction and demolition debris in the City.



Gulf Shores City Council approved a public assembly permit for the Zydeco Crawfish Festival in the Waterway Village District and the associated 5K Run on April 20, 2019.



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<b>27</b> Main Room 1:00 J Hawkins Duo 5:00 Not the Real Band, But the Real Deal 9:15 Mario Mena Duo Deck Stage 5:30 Dueling Pianos 10:00 JoJo Pres Tent Stage 1:00-4:00 Bingo	<b>28</b> Main Room 2:00 Lea Anne Creswell Duo 6:00 Flip Flop Brothers 10:15 Smokey & Bob Deck Stage 1:00 Sean Gasaway 5:30 Hung Jury 10:00 Yellowhammer Tent Stage 1:00-4:00 Bingo 6:00 Famous Nameless 10:30 Mario Mena Band	<b>29</b> Main Room 2:00 J Hawkins Duo 6:00 Sean Gasaway Duo 10:15 Justin Jeansonne Duo Deck Stage 1:00 Al & Cathy 5:30 The Magic Johnsons 10:00 Bruce Smelley with JoJo Pres Tent Stage 10:00 am JoJo Pres 2:00 Rhonda Hart Duo 6:00 Cat Rhoades and the Truth 10:00 Brian Hill Band	<b>30</b> Main Room 1:30 Songs of Rusty McHugh with Jason Justice 4:00 Perdido Brothers 8:30 Bruce Smelley Deck Stage 11:00 Sean Gasaway 1:00 Justin Jeansonne Duo 5:30 Lucky Doggs 10:00 Red Clay Strays Tent Stage 9:00 & 11:00 Church Services 2:00 Grey Sky Morning 6:00 Lee Yankie & the Hellz Yeah 10:30 Oliver's Twist	<b>31</b> Main Room 2:00 Petty & Pace 7:00 Scott Koehn & Electric Dawg 11:00 JoJo Pres Deck Stage 11:30 J Hawkins Trio 200 Rebecca Barry & Busi 7:00 Big Earl Show 11:00 River Dan Band Tent Stage 2:00 Hung Jury 7:00 Justin Jeansonne Band 11:00 Spunk Monkees Ole River Grill 8:00 Ja' Rhythm	<b>1</b> Main Room 2:00 T-Bone Montgomery 6:00 Perdido Brothers 10:15 Bruce Smelley Duo Deck Stage 11:00 Al & Cathy 3:00 Ja' Rhythm Tent Stage 9:00 Lucky Doggs 2:00 Red Clay Strays	<b>2</b> Main Room 3:00 Neil Dover 7:00 Rhonda Hart Duo Top Deck 7:00 Tim Roberts Tent Stage 11:00 Top Hat & Jackie 1:00 Welcome Wednesday

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### WED, DEC 19

- **Christmas Calendar:** Please turn to pages 6-28.
- **Flora-Bama Possible Probables:** 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
- **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.
- **Swing Dancing:** 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 Jack's, 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.
- **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-



## Advance tickets for Feb. 6 floral seminar on sale Gulf Shores Garden Club fundraiser always sells out

Advance tickets are now on sale for the Gulf Shores Garden Club's 28th Annual Floral Seminar on Wednesday, February 6, 2019 at the Erie Meyer Civic Center in Gulf Shores. The (pictured) team of Brantley Snipes, a landscape architect, and mother Peggy Snipes, a floral designer, will present "A Continuous Palette of Garden Color." Doors open at 9:15 a.m. The program starts at 10:00 a.m.

Immensely popular, the seminar always sells out. Tickets are \$20 (advance purchase only.) Entry includes lunch and raffles for exciting door prizes.

Tickets are available at The Thomas Norton Public Library (221 West 19th Ave.) in Gulf Shores or by contacting Charlotte Higgins at 205-410-3190 or c.s.higgins@gmail.com or Mindy Jones at Island Enclosures 251-968-9777, islandenclosures@gulftel.com

Groups of 10 or more can request reserved seating. The deadline to purchase and reserve tickets by mail is January 4.

Diane Urban is the chair and Charlotte Higgins is the co-chair for this event. Proceeds benefit the Gulf Shores Garden Club Scholarship Fund, local non-profits and other local horticultural and community projects.

Brantley Snipes is from the Mississippi Delta Region and works on projects for clients throughout Northwest MS and the Southeast and preservation projects for Main Street Greenwood. With an interest in landscape architecture from the age of 9, Brantley earned her bachelor's degree in Horticultural Science from Auburn University.

Brantley then headed to North Carolina State University to pursue a Master's degree of Landscape Architecture in order to enhance her understanding at the design process. Brantley was introduced to the world and works of historic preservation and learned how landscape architecture can be utilized to shape and aid in preservation projects.

Brantley graduated in 2011 with a dual master's degree in landscape Architecture and horticultural science. She was inducted into the Sigma Lambda Alpha Honor Society while at NCSU.

Today, Brantley is not only a licensed Landscape Architect, but the lead designer, owner and project manager for Brantley Snipes Landscape Design and the Executive Director of Main Street Greenwood, Inc. She has been named to the Greenwood Commonwealth's Top 30 under 40. Brantley is a member of the Mississippi Association of Landscape Architects (ASLA), the Greenwood Rotary Club and the Greenwood Garden Club.

Originally from Georgia, Peggy Snipes has lived in the Delta for over 20 years. With a degree in Art Education from Auburn University, Peggy taught art until the birth of her two daughters, Brantley and Maggie.

Peggy launched her business, The Apron String in 1982, which started out with a focus on wedding cakes and then added floral design to the enterprise. Today, the Apron String specializes in floral design and catering for events throughout the Delta.

Peggy enjoys gardening (as seen by her exquisite backyard and newly remodeled front yard), competitive estate selling, and being a wonderful mother and wife. She can be found most weekends at the family's property in Carroll County.

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### Earlybird vendor rates for Feb. 7 Lifestyles EXPO

Early bird vendor registration is now open for the 27th Annual Alabama Lifestyles EXPO, scheduled from 8 a.m. 'til 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 7 at Caribe Resort in Orange Beach.

Registration is \$240 through Jan. 15, and \$260 after Jan. 15. Full refunds will be granted though Jan. 15, 2019, in the case of unforeseen circumstances, and EXPO Exhibitors receive a complimentary listing on the EXPO website (16,000 unique visitors) and a monthly newsletter sent to the Alabama Snowbird Club, a list culled from Expo attendees.

The free event annually attracts around 3,000 mostly Snowbird attendees, and exhibitor slots often are filled before the event.

"At the current rate of exhibitor registrations, we may run out of exhibitor space," said EXPO coordinator Bill Meadows. "We suggest registering now and making a payment later.

"If you have never participated in an effort to attract winter visitors take note that, they will visit communities traveling through and from the Gulf Coast," Meadows added.

"They also take mini-trips. Last year, I met a couple who stayed 28 days in a north Alabama city and visited surrounding areas. Winter visitors are great candidates for relocation. In 2016, a United Van Lines survey showed that Alabama had a 6.4% gain in people moving to Alabama for retirement."

For more registration information, log on to AlabamaAdvantage.com or call 205-222-2862 or email info@AlabamaAdvantage.com.

### Sonora Masonic Lodge serving fried chicken on Jan. 5

Sonora Masonic Lodge #635 F&AM will hold its 2018 annual fried chicken dinner fundraisers on January 5, February 2 and March 2 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. The lodge is located at 202 E. Jackson Street in Summerdale. Adult plates will be \$9 and a child's plate will be \$5. The dinners will include chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, cole slaw, green beans and complimentary tea and dessert for dine-in guests. Proceeds generated from the fundraiser will be used for lodge expenditures. Delivery available on orders of 10 or more. For more information, contact Dean Mott at 251-423-7604 or visit the lodge Facebook page.

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, DEC 20

• **Christmas Calendar:** Please turn to pages 6-28.

• **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.

• **Jesse Duncan:** 6; Fin & Fork, Orange Beach.

• **Open Mic:** 7; Snapper's; Orange Beach.

• **Glow Yoga in the Taproom:** 5:30 p.m.; Big Beach Brewing Company; Gulf Shores.

• **Foley Garden Club:** 3rd Thursday of month, Sept through May at Foley Public Library, second floor meeting room at 12:30 p.m. except when club has field trips; Info: Linda Ford, 251-972-871.

• **Tim Roberts:** 6:30; The Tin Top; Bon

Secour.

• **LA South:** 6; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.

• **Scott Koehn:** 5:30; Pleasure Island Tiki Bar, Orange Beach.

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

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

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

• **Karaoke:** 6; Tacky Jack's, Orange Beach.

• **Karaoke:** 5:30; Tacky Jack's, Gulf Shores.

• **Karaoke:** 8; Tacky Jack's, Ft. Morgan.

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

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

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

• **Rotary Club of Gulf Shores/Orange Beach:** noon; Gulf Shores Golf Club; visiting Rotarians and guests invited; 251-968-2000.

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

• **Adult Bible Study:** 10 a.m.; Gulf Shores Presbyterian Church; all welcome; (251)

968-7720.

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

• **Gulf Shores Library Pre-school (3-5) Story Time:** 10:30 a.m.; 251-968-1176.

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

### FRI, DEC 21

• **Christmas Calendar:** Please turn to pages 6-28.

• **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.

• **Sugarcane Jane:** 5:30; Big Beach Brewing Company, Gulf Shores.

• **Fish-Fry & Southern Star:** 5:30; Gulf Coast Elks Lodge 2782; Foley.

• **Rib Eye Dinner to help Veterans and Families:** 5 p.m.; music & dancing at 7 p.m.; American Legion Post 44; Gulf Shores.

• **Danny Grady:** 3:30-5:30 p.m.; Papa Rocco's, Gulf Shores.

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING

- **Touch of Class:** 7; Papa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **Matt Bush & Vicki:** 7; The Office, Foley.
- **Rhonda Hart:** 6; Fin & Fork, Orange Beach.
- **Doc Johnson Band:** 7; Bluewater BBQ; Orange Beach.
- **Touch of Class:** 7; Papa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **Ronnie Pressley:** 5; Lucy Buffett's LuLu's, Gulf Shores.
- **Crosstown:** 7; Hub Stacy's; Innerarity Point.
- **John Lee Sanders:** 6; The Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **Sandra Kaye & The Legends:** 8; Lucky Horseshoe, Fairhope.
- **Open Mic Karaoke w. John Henry:** 5; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- **DJ-Karaoke:** 9; The Jellyfish, Perdido Key.
- **Open Jam:** 8; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.
- **Karaoke:** 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke:** 8; Snapper's; Orange Beach.
- **LA South:** 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; foley-rotary@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 22

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING



- **Christmas Calendar:** Please turn to pages 6-28.
- **Flora-Bama Possible Probables:** 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
- **The Chillbillies:** 6:30; Big Beach Brewing Company, Gulf Shores.
- **John Brust:** 6; The Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **Brandon Styles Impressions & Magic Show:** 8; OWA Showroom, Foley.
- **Jazzman David Jones:** 11 a.m.; Playa; Orange Beach.
- **Touch of Class:** 7; Papa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **Neil Dover:** 7; Blue Water BBQ; Orange Beach.
- **Jimmy Lumpkin:** 5; Lucy Buffett's LuLu's, Gulf Shores.
- **Knee Deep Band:** 9; The Office, Foley.
- **Jay Williams:** 7; Hub Stacy's; Innerarity Point.
- **Touch of Class:** 7; Papa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **Rhonda Hart:** 6; Fin & Fork, Orange Beach.
- **Bingo:** 6; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores, open to pubic.

- **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.; 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 23

- **Christmas Calendar:** Please turn to pages 6-28.
- **Central Flora-Bama Church:** Church experiences, 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.; Flora-

**SANDSPUR BAND ENTERTAINS AT SENIOR DAYBREAK:** The seniors at DayBreak Senior Daycare were thrilled to be visited by The Sandspur Band recently. The band performed for over an hour and often the seniors sang along. Everyone had a great time! Shown here after the performance, standing from the left are Tommy Salter, Clarence Bauer, Susie Hewitt, Mel Middlebrooks, Larry Davis. Seated, from the left, are Bill Leutz, Sharon Rogers, Jean Cocker and Mary Ann Leutz. DayBreak Senior Daycare provides a secure, loving environment where individuals suffering from Alzheimer's or other forms of dementia are encouraged to



**FOLEY WOMAN'S CLUB - MERRY & BRIGHT:** All was "Merry and Bright" at the December 3rd meeting of the Foley Woman's Club as members got in the Christmas spirit by playing fun games "The Left/right Christmas Story and the Saran Ball Game. Routine business was short as Mad Hatters' chair Kelly Barrett reviewed plans for the Club's March event. Tickets for the March 14 event which will feature an "In the Garden" theme are on sale now. Members will begin in January gathering raffle and auction items. For more information, contact President Chris Anglin at 943-3443 or see Kelly Barrett at Checkouts. Members were also excited to participate in the Foley annual Christmas parade on December 8. The float was decorated in a Candyland theme and members did indeed THROW CANDY in spite of the rain! **Pictured:** Members at the Gift Horse restaurant luncheon and the club's parade float.



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# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## Newcomers' Toast to the Coast is Jan. 17

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.

## Auditions for Willy Wonka Kids Jan. 10

The City of Orange Beach Expect Excellence Theater Program will hold open auditions on Thursday, January 10th for Roald Dahl's Willy Wonka Kids play.

Auditions for children, third grade and up, and adults will take place from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Orange Beach Recreation Center. Those auditioning need to arrive with a short monologue and song of their choice prepared. No prior theater experience is necessary.

The performance is scheduled to take place on Thursday, May 23

Email jlangston@orangebeachal.gov with questions.

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

• **Jazzman David Jones:** 11 a.m.; Playa; Orange Beach.

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

• **J & J:** 7; Papa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.

• **Mel Knapp:** noon The Tin Top; Bon Secour.

• **Brent Burns:** 5; Lucy Buffett's LuLu's, Gulf Shores.

• **Scott Koehn:** 4; Pleasure Island Tiki Bar, Orange Beach.

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

• **Lisa Christian:** noon; Tacky Jacks, 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, DEC 24

• **Christmas Calendar:** Please turn to pages 6-28.

• **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.

• **Jim Burt:** 5:30; Big Beach Brewing Company, 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.

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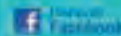
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Pleasure Island has been selected as a top retirement destination in the sixth edition of America's 100 Best Places to Retire, a comprehensive guidebook of the country's most appealing retirement towns. The book, edited and published by the experts at Where to Retire, is available online at [WhereToRetire.com](http://WhereToRetire.com) and Amazon.

Editors and staff spent 11 months researching more than 800 cities. The final selection represents 35 states and includes four Alabama locales: Auburn, Florence/Muscle Shoals, Gulf Shores/Orange Beach and Mobile. Each city profile combines extensive research, local knowledge and in-depth interviews with retirees who made the move (670 retirees, to be exact!).

"This book allows readers to tap into the wisdom of hundreds of relocated retirees, including those who moved to Gulf Shores/Orange Beach, one of our 10 beach-town picks," said Where to Retire Editor Annette Fuller. "This volume will get you dreaming of your retirement and where you might land. But the stories also bring you past wistful dreams and into the realm of real research, including information on weather, taxes, downtown attractions and even the caveats of each city."

The chosen cities vary in size, climate, amenities and lifestyle, and each falls into one of 10 categories that focuses on the city's defining feature, such as beaches, mountains, low costs, four seasons and appealing downtowns.

"This is by far our most popular book, which compiles and updates profiles from our magazine," Fuller said. "It will be your most helpful asset in planning your own post-retirement departure and arrival."



**AN EVERLASTING SMILE:** (l to r) This sweet student with her never-ending smile, Gina Robinette, and Assistant Principal Ashley Clolinger enjoy their daily stroll to Gina's afternoon bus at Gulf Shores Elementary School.

- **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 Point 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, DEC 25

#### Merry Christmas

- **Christmas Potluck at Flora-Bama:** noon til; Flora-Bama Lounge & Oyster Bar, 17401 Perdido Key Dr., Perdido Key; 850-

492-0611.

- **Christmas Dinner Potluck:** noon til; bring a dish if you can; The Office, Foley.
- **Christmas Calendar:** Please turn to pages 6-28.
- **Flora-Bama Possible Probables:** 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
- **Grief Support Group:** For men and women; 6-8 p.m.; Point Church, 13801 Innerarity Point Rd. Info: Shirley Parker at 601-278-6973.
- **Overcomers Outreach:** 7 p.m.; First Baptist Church of Orange Beach; 980-1705.
- **AA:** Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
- **Al-Anon:** Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Activities Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

### WED, DEC 26

- **Christmas Calendar:** Please turn to pages 6-28.
- **Flora-Bama Possible Probables:** 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
- **Flora-Bama Bingo:** free; 1-4 p.m.; great prizes, family friendly; 17401 Perdido Key Dr., Perdido Key.
- **John Brust:** 6; The Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **Danny Grady:** 3:30-5:30 p.m.; Papa Rocco's, Gulf Shores.
- **Justin Jeanssonne:** 6; Fin & Fork, Orange Beach.



**GSUMC SINGERS RETURN FROM CARNEGIE HALL PERFORMANCE:** Following several days of rehearsals in New York City, more than 40 choir members from Gulf Shores United Methodist Church sang last week as part of a chorus of some 250 singers at the famed Carnegie Hall. Two works by well-known composer/arranger Mark Hayes were on the program, Gloria and Hodie Christus Natus Est, both of which will be a portion of the choir's annual Christmas Concert Sunday evening December 16 at 7pm in the church sanctuary. Photos show Lou Plotz and several GSUMC choir members with a sign announcing their arrival in New York City and the large chorus on stage at Carnegie Hall.



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## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### Free, walk-in memory loss testing offered in Jan. & Feb.

By Lucy Douty

If you are worried about your memory loss, there is an organization in South Baldwin County that has been offering free Memory Screenings and Balance Testing since the Fall of 2015. With the help and guidance of the Alzheimer's Foundation of America and the local support of GlenLakes Golf Club, the 60 volunteers who comprise TESTING 1, 2, 3 offer these testing services to anyone who wishes to be tested.

#### Memory Screening Schedule

- **Jan. 18:** Gulf Shores Boardman Center; 310 W. 19th Ave; 8 a.m. - Noon
  - **Feb. 12:** Foley Civic Center, West Laurel Ave.; 9 a.m. - Noon
  - **Feb. 20:** Gulf Shores Cultural Center, Bldg. C; 19470 Oak Rd., CR 6W; Noon - 4 p.m.
  - **Feb. 22:** Orange Beach Senior Cntr., 26251 Canal Rd.; 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
- Sponsor GlenLakes Golf Club is offering discounted golf for \$35 on testing days. Bring up to four more players.

We have 10 events planned altogether this winter, which is more than we have ever had. In addition to the snowbird offerings (open to locals as well), we now offer private events. Everyone is thrilled with how the attendees react. They are very pleased with the services we offer so it has really become quite popular.

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Our volunteers are retired nurses, physical therapists, care givers, teachers, etc. and all are trained for and experienced in running our events. Our Steering Committee, which oversees every event, is made up of Debbie Albritton, Lucy Douty, Karen Foster, Paula Long, Carol Rausch, Joan States-Davidson, Sam Strite and Rhonda Vickers.

In addition to holding major events in the Fall (primarily for locals) and in February (primarily for Snowbirds), TESTING 1, 2, 3 will come to any organization which works with seniors and will offer its services. There is never a cost associated with these events and if an organization wants to hold a private event for its residents, members, etc. TESTING 1, 2, 3 will be glad to work with you.

For more information, contact Sam Strite, 251-965-5122 or email him at [samestrite@gmail.com](mailto:samestrite@gmail.com).

- **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 Legion 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



### Gulf Shores close to completing fishing pier/walkway project at Little Lagoon Pass

By John Mullen

Gulf Shores awarded a bid to Asphalt Services for \$150,000 to complete a project to build a new fishing pier and add walkways at Little Lagoon Park on West Beach Boulevard that the city has been working to get going for the past few years.

"Several budgets ago we actually started on this project but given the time and duration it takes now to achieve permitting through the Corps of Engineers and the environmental agencies we have just recently received our Corps permit to proceed with this project," Public Works Director Mark Acreman said. "As soon as it was in hand it went out to bid and we were able to receive several competitive bids to construct a brand-new pier."

The actual bid came in at about \$139,000, Acreman said, and the city is not the only contributor to the project.

"This project is going to be funded by multiple sources one of which primarily is an ACAMP grant that will provide \$50,000 in funding," Acreman said. "There's going to be approximately \$70,000 that will be provided through the General Fund. And we'll have \$30,000 provided through the deferred sidewalk account."

ACAMP stands for Alabama Coastal Area Management Program and it is administered through the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. The sidewalk account is generated by developers and builders who contribute to fund in lieu of building sidewalks with their projects.

"They can give us a dollar amount equitable to the cost of building that sidewalk," Acreman said. "We put that into an account so when we have the opportunity to do a communitywide improvement project we'll draw on those funds."

A new sidewalk will be built along Little Lagoon at the new pier site and will connect eastward to a new cottage development currently underway. It will connect to West Lagoon Avenue as well as West Beach Boulevard, Acreman said.

There will be a 16 by 40 deck with seating. The pier itself will start as a five-foot walkway but widen to eight feet after it clears the wetland area on the shore. It will go out 200 feet into the lagoon.

Asphalt Services did the improvements at the Waterway Village District in 2013, is currently working on resurfacing city roads and doing work in Gulf State Park.

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING

West 2nd St.  
**• Veteran's Bingo:** 10 a.m. -2 p.m.; American Legion Post 99, Foley.  
**• Grief Support Group:** 10 a.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Activities Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola; 850-492-2135  
**• Food Bank:** 9-11 a.m. every Wednesday, Perdido Bay Baptist Church, 12600 Sorrento Rd. Pensacola; call for eligibility requirements at (850) 492-2604.  
**• Bread Ministry:** 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.; Orange Beach United Methodist Church Brook's Center.  
**• Food Ministry For Hungry Families:** noon-1 p.m.; Grace Lutheran Church,

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

### THU, DEC 27

**• Christmas Calendar:** Please turn to pages 6-28.  
**• 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.  
**• Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.  
**• Jesse Duncan:** 6; Fin & Fork, Orange Beach.  
**• Open Mic:** 7; Snapper's; Orange Beach.

**• Scott Koehn:** 5:30; Pleasure Island Tiki Bar; Orange Beach.  
**• Karaoke on our Tiki Bar:** 8; Live Bait, Orange Beach.  
**• John Lee Sanders:** 6; Voyagers Restaurant at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.  
**• Bridge:** noon; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.  
**• John Brust:** 6; Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.  
**• Greg Lyon:** 6; Hub Stacy's; Innerarity Point.  
**• Karaoke:** 5:30; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.  
**• Karaoke:** 8; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.  
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**• Karaoke:** 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.24  
**• Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 8; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.  
**• 8 Ball APA:** 7:30; The Office, Foley.  
**• Bingo:** 10 a.m.; American Legion Post 44, 6781 Gulf Shores Pkwy (AL Hwy 59), Gulf Shores.  
**• Marine Corps League of South Baldwin County:** 6 p.m. on 4th Thursday; The Gulf Bowl, 2881 S. Jupiter St., Foley; current and former Marines and Corpsman welcome.  
**• Rotary Club of Gulf Shores/Orange Beach:** noon; Gulf Shores Golf Club; visiting Rotarians and guests invited; 251-

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING

# Funds will not prevent O.B. schools from seeking excellence

## Lack of agreement in Gulf Shores split affects O.B. students

By John Mullen

As parents split into groups of those with high school students and those with middle school students each group ended up with the same first topic of discussion.

The parents gathered at the Orange Beach Community Center on Dec. 12 to ask questions and raise concerns

"I don't get why there's a spit-ting match going on between the county and the city. There shouldn't be. I don't know who's at fault and I don't care. But it's time for them to get this thing settled and let's move on. Time is ticking away."

- O.B. Mayor Tony Kennon

what teams they can field that's something we really can't answer."

Several parents expressed concerns about athletics and academics as well as campus security. But they didn't necessarily show up in droves at the meeting hosted by the city and the Baldwin County Education Coalition.

"We were sure hoping there'd be a lot more parents here tonight," Mayor Tony Kennon said. "This is very disappointing to be quite honest with you."

Baldwin County first hoped to open the school in the later part of 2019 but

only got one bid from interested contractors. And it was about \$20 million over what the county was expecting to pay. In November the board found a more palatable bid from Sharp, Inc., for \$26 million with a completion date set for August of 2020.

### Things Will Smooth Out In A Year

That development threw a lot of things into flux. It's anticipated there will be a portable village on city property across the street from Orange Beach Elementary School to house seventh through ninth grades. Rising 10th through 12th graders are expected to finish at Gulf Shores.

All of these contingencies are still at the mercy of the final separation agreement between Gulf Shores and the Baldwin County Board of Education. Those talks began 11 months ago. A meeting was scheduled for Dec. 17 and State Superintendent Eric Mackey has said he wants an agreement before the fall term ends which is Dec. 19.

Kennon says the longer the agreement is delayed the more negative impact it will have on students in his city.

### G.S. Dysfunction Affects O.B.

"We, the City of Orange Beach have pretty much stayed out of the negotiations Kennon said. "But now it's dragging on to the point where it's starting to affect us, it's starting to affect our parents and our children. Enough's enough."

"I don't get why there's a spitting match going on between the county and the city. There shouldn't be. I don't know who's at fault and I don't care. But it's time for them to get this thing settled and let's move on. Time is ticking away."

Lacking an agreement means a lot of the questions parents can't be answered right now. Both parties have been ordered not to talk about the negotiations by Mackey. But Kennon wanted to go ahead and gather a list of concerns and questions from parents.

"We're just fielding all their questions, all their thoughts," Kennon said. "Then what we're going to do is

come back and answer the ones we can but at the same time package everything we can and send it to Eddie Tyler so that he can look over it. He's coming back in January with his staff and address those. Hopefully, we'll have a separation agreement by then and he'll be able to address a lot more."

### Tab For Arts Center: \$10 Mil

One thing Kennon made clear was he wants the new school and the existing elementary to compete statewide and the city is willing to spend money to help make that happen. Orange Beach donated the land for the school and is going to spend about \$10 million for a performing arts center on the campus.

"The council has been on board 100 percent on anything from a financial position to spend whatever we need to spend to achieve excellence," Kennon said. "Bottom line is the city, Orange Beach, will have about \$23 million in this school by the time it's over with. We'll have as much as the county has in it."

### City Wants A Say For Its \$23 Mil

In return, Kennon and other city leaders expect to be involved in making county schools in Orange Beach among the best in Alabama.

"I don't think there's anybody in the state doing a 50-50 match on a school," Kennon said. "I expect to be treated differently, I expect them to listen to our community. The school that we're building is a gem for them to show off."

Playing on the city's afterschool Expect Excellence program, Kennon says the wants exactly that in the schools themselves. And Orange Beach willing to help the county make that happen.

### Best In State

"I am not comparing Orange Beach schools to the county," Kennon said. "I'm comparing Orange Beach schools to the best in the state. If we can't be the best in the state then we have underachieved. Because we have the ability, the financial wherewithal to be the best in the state. No one can hold us back."

"We have to as a community expect excellence, hold our kids to it and hold other parents to it. If we don't demand excellence, if we don't demand that we are the best in the state then we're not going to get it."

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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, DEC 28

• **Christmas Calendar:** Please turn to pages 6-28.

• **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.

• **Rib Eye Dinner to help Veterans and Families:** 5 p.m.; music & dancing at 7 p.m.; American Legion Post 44; Gulf Shores.

• **Open Jukebox:** 7; The Office, Foley.

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

• **Request Line:** 5; Lucy Buffett's LuLu's, Gulf Shores.

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

• **The Marlow Boys:** 7; Blue Water BBQ; Orange Beach.

• **John Brust:** 5:30; Gulf Coast Elks Lodge 2782; Foley.

• **Sandra Kaye & The Legends:** 8; Lucky

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*Gourmet Rotisserie Chicken Salad*

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### Butts & Gumbo Jan. 5 at G.S. First Presbyterian

On Saturday, January 5, from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m., the new year kicks off with the third annual Holy Smokes at Gulf Shores Presbyterian Church. Enjoy the new famous Boston Butts & Veggie Gumbo menu. Music entertainment and fellowship will be a big part of the day, with seating available, as well as to-go orders for those on the run.

Other culinary events include:

- The community favorite "Eating Mindfully: A Delicious Vegetarian Experience" prepared by Jennifer Hammonds, taking place on Sat., Jan. 19.
- The Valentine Special on Thurs., Feb. 14.

- On the visual arts scene, The Gulf Coast Arts Alliance Art Markets will take place on Jan. 12 and Feb. 9.
- Other adult classes and activities happening to help stay warm on weekdays this winter include art classes: "Praying in Color/Zentangle" and "Art 101: Facing the Blank Page without Fear!", with instructor Carol Edington; Line Dancing classes for adults with Jackie Clair (various levels); "Sewflakes", Island Quilters, "BrainSharp: Creating More Pathways in Your Brain!", led by Kayla Dowling, Chair Yoga with Jennifer Hammonds.
- Also slated is an intriguing seminar series for adults, focusing on the latest research encompassing many facets of retirement life (factual, fun, forward-thinking and informative).

### Foley's SBRMC receives top grade again for patient safety

South Baldwin Regional Medical Center was awarded an 'A' from The Leapfrog Group's Fall 2018 Hospital Safety Grade. The designation recognizes South Baldwin Regional Medical Center's efforts in protecting patients from harm and meeting the highest safety standards in the United States. The Safety Grade assigns grades to hospitals across the country based on their performance in preventing medical errors, infections and other harms among patients in their care.

"We are honored and proud to receive an 'A' grade for patient safety for a 5th time in a row," said Daniel McKinney, CEO of South Baldwin Regional Medical Center.

Horseshoe, Fairhope.

- **Club DJ's:** 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.
- **Karaoke:** 8; Snapper's; Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke:** 10; The Undertow; Orange 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, DEC 29

- **Christmas Calendar:** Please turn to pages 6-28.

- **Flora-Bama Possible Probables:** 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
- **Funkhouse Fever Trio:** 9; The Office, Foley.
- **Rhonda Hart:** 7; Fin & Fork; Orange Beach.
- **Jazzman David Jones:** 11 a.m.; Playa; Orange Beach.
- **LA South:** 7; Hub Stacy's; Innerarity Point.
- **John Kueler:** 5; Lucy Buffett's LuLu's, Gulf Shores.
- **The Red Clay Strays:** 7; Blue Water BBQ; Orange Beach.
- **Brandon Styles Impressions & Magic Show:** 8; OWA Showroom, Foley.
- **John Henry Karaoke:** 9; The Office, Foley.
- **John Brust:** 6; Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort; 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 Lil-

lian 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 30

- **Christmas Calendar:** Please turn to pages 6-28.
- **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.
- **The Alabama Blues Crusade:** 6:30; Big Beach Brewing Company, Gulf Shores.
- **Brent Burns:** 5; Lulu's at Homeport Marina, Gulf Shores.

- **Jazzman David Jones:** 11 a.m.; Playa; Orange Beach.
- **Mel Knapp:** noon The Tin Top; Bon Secour.
- **Tim Roberts:** 7; Papa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **The Gat Band:** 7; Blue Water BBQ; Orange Beach.
- **Scott Koehn:** 4; Pleasure Island Tiki Bar; Orange Beach.
- **Smokey Otis:** 5; Coastal Restaurant, Gulf Shores.
- **Lisa Zanghi:** 6; The Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **Lisa Christian:** noon, Tacky Jack's, Gulf Shores.
- **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.
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## WHAT'S HAPPENING

# COOKIN' WITH CAROLYN

By CAROLYN GODFREY

If you have any eggnog left over from the holidays, you may want to try this recipe.

### Sweet Potato Pie

Pastry for single-crust pie

1 Tbsp. granulated sugar

3/4 tsp. cinnamon (divided)

2 Tbsp. butter, melted

3/4 cup eggnog

1 egg

1 Tbsp. brandy or eggnog

1/2 cup sugar

1/2 cup brown sugar, packed

1/2 tsp. vanilla

2 cups cooked, mashed sweet potatoes

Prepare pastry as directed. Combine the 1 Tbsp. granulated sugar and 1/4 teaspoon of the cinnamon; sprinkle in pastry shell. Bake in a 400 degree oven for 5 minutes. Remove to wire rack. Reduce oven temperature to 350 degrees.

With electric mixer, beat butter, the 3/4 cup eggnog, egg, brandy or eggnog, remaining sugars, remaining cinnamon, and vanilla into potatoes; pour into pastry.

Bake for 50 minutes or until a knife inserted near the center comes out clean. Cool. Cover; chill to store. If desired, serve with whipped cream and sprinkle with nutmeg. Makes 10 servings.

Enjoy!

- **Holiday Calendar:** Please turn to pages 6-28.
- **Flora-Bama New Year's Eve Party:** 7 p.m. 'til; live music on 3 stages (Sched. on pages 32-33); Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
- **Edward David Anderson on NYE at Big Beach:** 9; Big Beach Brewing Company; Gulf Shores.
- **New Year's Eve Party & Marlin Drop:** 6 p.m. 'til; The Wharf, Orange Beach.
- **New Year's Eve Sunset Celebration:** 3-4:30 p.m.; lots of family fun; The Hangout, Gulf Shores Public Beach.
- **Early New Year's Eve Party w. 8 p.m. Bushwacker Drop:** Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- **Danny Grady:** 3:30-5:30 p.m.; Papa Rocco's, Gulf Shores.
- **Smokey Otis Band & NYE Party:** 7; Papa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **Noon Year's Eve at LuLu's:** noon - 3 p.m.; LuLu's at Homeport Marina; 200 East 25th Ave., Gulf Shores, safe fireworks, face painting, clowns, games & crafts, countdown to noon; 251-967-5858.
- **Downtown Fairhope New Year's Eve Celebration:** 8:30 p.m. - 12:30 a.m.; streets of downtown Fairhope; face painting, a DJ, fireworks and a ball drop at midnight; 251-929-1466.
- **Papa Rocco's New Year's Eve Party:** 8 p.m. 'til; no cover; Smokey Otis Band; party favors; champagne; Papa Rocco's, 101 West 6th Street, Gulf Shores, 251-948-7262.
- **Perdido Beach Resort New Years Eve Dinner & Party:** 6:30 p.m.; Pyrotechnic show by Pyrotechnic, Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach.
- **Early New Year's Eve Party:** 4-9 p.m.; finger food & music; The Office, Foley.
- **New Year's Locals Night w. champagne countdown & James Proctor:** 6; Franco's Italian Restaurant, Orange Beach.
- **Kelly Poole & The Swingset NYE Party:** 7 p.m. 'til; Pirates Cove, Josephine.
- **New Year's Eve Party:** 7; Oldies with John Henry and Rob; Gulf Coast Elks Lodge 2782; Foley.
- **NYE with The Chillbillies & The Legend Band:** 9:30 p.m.; Live Bait, Orange Beach.
- **Phil & Stan:** 9; Blue Water BBQ; Orange Beach.
- **Open Mixed Doubles Tennis:** 7:15 a.m.; all levels welcome; Gulf Shores Tennis Center;

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### Run For Shep 5K Jan. 26 in Daphne

Local charity, Shephard's Flock, will host their Annual Run for Shep 5K & Fun Run on Saturday, January 26 in front of Daphne City Hall. The 5K racers take their marks at 9 a.m. and will enjoy a fun, 3.1 mile course that will take them through the neighborhoods of beautiful Old Towne Daphne. To register or for more info, visit [hephardsflock.com](http://hephardsflock.com) or call (904) 616-4979.

Online registration for the race will close at 4 a.m. on January 25, but walk-up registration will be open at 7 a.m. on race day. You may also visit the Bounds Family YMCA between 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. on January 25 to register in person. Fees will vary depending on date registered. A special award will be given to the male and female best dressed superhero! Following the races, Shephard's Flock will be hosting a "No Mo Chemo Party" for all local children who have fought and won the battle with cancer over the past year. Registered participants may choose to run or walk either the 5K or half-mile fun run and participate in the "No Mo Chemo Party". All proceeds from the race benefit local families who have been affected by childhood cancer.

### TUE, JAN 1

- **Flora-Bama Polar Bear Dip:** noon; Perdido Key at Al-Fl. State Line.
- **Gulf Shores Polar Bear Dip:** noon; Gulf Shores Public Beach.
- **Flora-Bama Possible Probables:** 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, 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.
- **Johnny Barbato:** 6; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.
- **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.

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**LIVE MUSIC** Jim Burt, 12/24: 6:30-9:30pm

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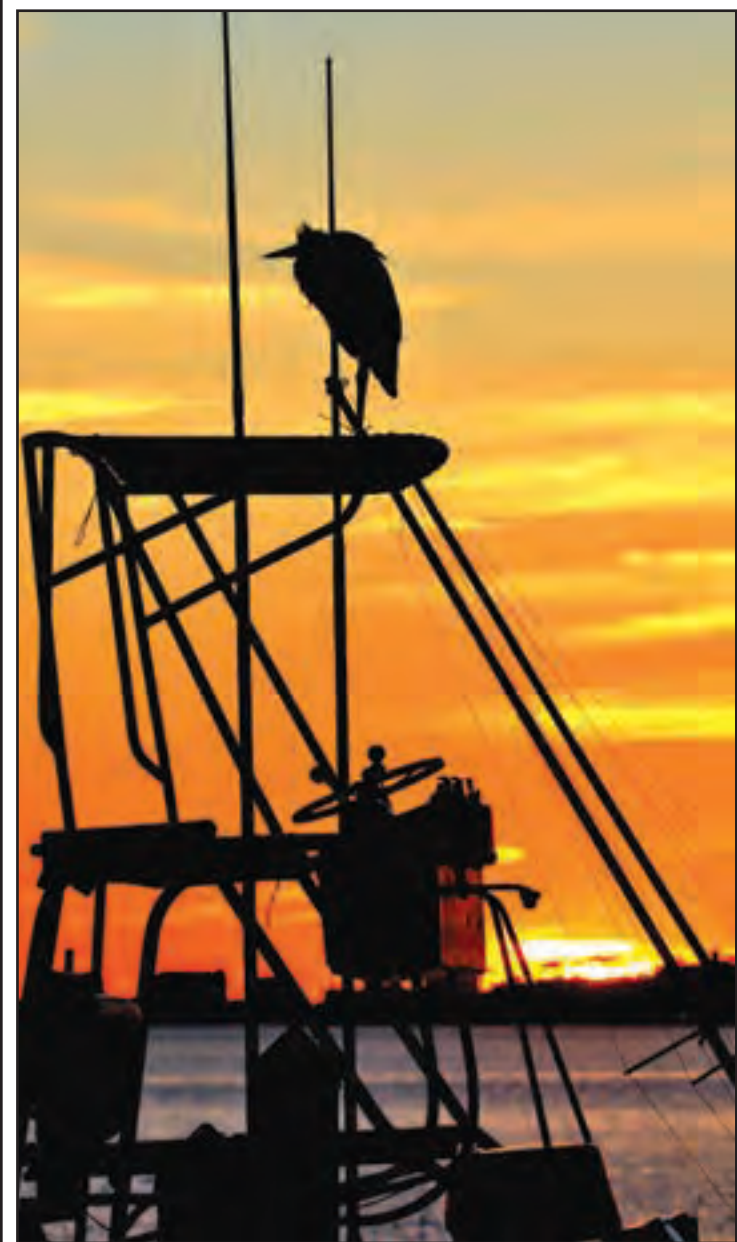


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## PICTURES OF THE WEEK



"Some incredibly beautiful skies lately," writes Cathy Deal of Innerarity Point. "Here are a couple I liked: Galvez Landing after sunset with the stillness of the Intracoastal Waterway; Heron keeping watch at sunset at Holiday Harbor."





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Tuesday: BBQ Meatloaf 2 sides

Wednesday: Chicken & Dumplings 2 Sides

Thursday: Beef Tips over White rice 2 Sides

Friday: Chef's Special



# Flanigans are Special Olympics Family of the Year

The Flanigan Family of Gulf Shores was recently honored as the Special Olympics Family of the Year Award during a November ceremony at Troy University.

The Family of the Year Award is presented to the family that has made a unique and lasting contribution to the lives of individuals with intellectual disabilities through Special Olympics Alabama. Sissy and her whole family attended the National Summer Special Olympics in Seattle.

Judie and Sissy Flanigan, both members of the Gulf Shores Woman's Club, accepted the award on behalf of the family.

As one of 12 swimmers selected to represent her home state, Sissy won a gold medal for 4x25 meter relay, a silver medal in the 50 meter freestyle and a bronze medal in the 50 meter back stroke.

The Flanigans have been significantly and substantially involved in Special Olympics and local aquatics programs for many years.

They epitomize the positive commitment that makes Special Olympics so inspirational. If you look behind the scenes of any Baldwin Area Special Olympics Aquatic activity, you will find

**"To receive this award was not only a family honor but also a Gulf Shores honor. The City has supported the Gulf Shores Starfish Special Olympic Swim Team for 11 years."**

of Gulf Shores has supported the Gulf Shores Starfish Special Olympic Swim Team for 11 years. All the honors we receive at State and National competitions could never be achieved without this great city's support."

Sissy has been swimming with the Gulf Shores Starfish Special Olympics Swim Team for about 16 years, stacking up at least 50 medals.

Other than winning the medals, Sissy said the best part about the Special Olympics experience was having her family there to cheer her to victory. Leaving from Birmingham, her sister, Bridget and her two children, Eli and Dottie, accompanied Sissy's mom, Judie.

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

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

a uniquely talented member of the Flanigan Family doing whatever it takes to provide a fantastic experience for all involved.

"This is so wonderful," said Judith Flanigan (pictured with Sissy). The rest of the family does not live in Baldwin County. But they all came to Seattle.

"To receive this award was not only a family honor but also a Gulf Shores honor," she added. "The City





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## NOAA to increase catch limits for Gulf Red Snapper fishery

By Fran Thompson

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) has proposed a new rule to increase the annual catch limits and annual catch targets for the Red Snapper fishery in the Gulf of Mexico.

Under the proposed rule, the total catch limit for recreational Red Snapper fishing in the Gulf of Mexico would increase from 6.7 million pounds to 7.4 million pounds.

In 2017, Alabama Congressman Bradley Byrne worked with Senator Richard Shelby and other Gulf Coast congressmen to secure a full Red Snapper season for Alabama's recreational fishermen.

Although total catch limits were reached before the end of the season this year, the full 47 day season has already been approved by the National Marine Fisheries Service for 2019.

Through Jan. 3 2019, the NOAA Fisheries is requesting public comment on the proposed rule. Comments may be submitted online or by mail to Peter Hood, Southeast Regional Office, NMFS, 263 13th Avenue South, St. Petersburg, FL 33701.

"This increase shows exactly what those of us on the Gulf Coast have known for years: the health of the Red Snapper fishery is incredibly strong," Byrne said. "These latest numbers will further drive us to continue fighting for greater state control over the Red Snapper fishery and a full and adequate Red Snapper fishing season." s

Byrne said the extended season is huge for our local fishermen and Alabama's coastal communities. Our coastal communities will benefit from increased revenue. It is a win-win situation for coastal Alabama. This is how government should work," Byrne said.

## Early Alabama history topic of Jan. 15 free Foley lecture

Mike Bunn, a member of the Alabama Humanities Foundation's Bicentennial Scholars, will present on early Alabama history on Tuesday, January 15, at 2:00 p.m., at the City of Foley Public Library.

Bunn (pictured) will be presenting "Alabama: From Territory to State" in conjunction with the Sweet Home: Alabama's History in Maps exhibit which will be on display at our library starting in early January into February 2019.

Mike has spoken to dozens of groups,

ranging from civic groups and historical societies to a variety of continuing education programs, across the state and beyond on a variety of historical topics. His Bicentennial-focused presentation, "Alabama: From Territory to State" is a fast-moving and richly illustrated presentation which introduces audiences to Al-



abama's tumultuous founding era.

Mike is a public historian who has spent the entirety of his career researching, writing, and speaking about the Deep South's history and culture. He is author of several books on Alabama, Georgia, and Mississippi history, and a frequent contributor to publications such as Alabama Heritage magazine.

Mike is currently Director of Operations at Historic Blakeley State Park in Spanish Fort, Alabama, a 2,000-acre site within the scenic Mobile-Tensaw Delta preserving the sites of the territorial-era town of Blakeley, the Civil War Battle of Fort Blakeley, and colonial era and Native American occupations.

For more info and to reserve a seat, call 251-943-7665 or visit [foleylibrary.org](http://foleylibrary.org).

## Free electronic recycling, shredding offered Jan. 19 at Gulf State Park

By Fran Thompson

The public will have an opportunity to recycle electronics, shred documents and destroy old computer hard drives for free at the annual community recycling day on Saturday, Jan. 19 at Gulf State Park Pavilion.

The free recycling and shredding will take place from 8 a.m. until noon and is a noo or shine event.

No fees will be charged for the drop off these items to dispose and shred, and a drop-off tent will be erected for drive-thru drop offs in the case of rain.

## Tickets on sale for Hootie, Zac Brown, Jim Gaffigan, Tedeschi-Trucks at Wharf

Tickets for the Zac Brown Band (March 10) Jim Gaffigan (May 11), Hootie and The Blowfish (June 6) and Tedeschi Trucks Band (July 3) are now on those acts' tour stops at the Amphitheater at The Wharf in Orange Beach. The March 9 Luke Combs concert, April 22 Jimmy Buffett show and April 27 Kenny Chesney show at The Wharf are already sold out. Tickets available at Ticketmaster & box office.

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# Funny Bones

By George Ridder



The mother of three unruly youngsters was asked whether or not she'd have children if she had it to do over again. "Sure," she replied, "but not the same ones."

A person who has stopped

growing at both ends and is now growing in the middle.

- Beauty Parlor: A place where women curl up and dye.
- Chickens: The only animals you eat before they are born and after they are dead.
- Committee: A body that keeps minutes and wastes hours.
- Dust: Mud with the juice squeezed out.
- Egotist: Someone who is usually me-deep in conversation.
- Handkerchief: Cold Storage.
- Inflation: Cutting money in half without damaging the paper.
- Mosquito: An insect that makes you like flies better.
- Raisin: A grape that got too much sun.
- Secret: Something you tell to one person at a time.
- Skeleton: A bunch of bones with the person scraped off.
- Toothache: The pain that drives you to extraction.
- Tomorrow: One of the greatest labor saving devices of today.
- Yawn: An honest opinion openly expressed.
- Wrinkles: Something other people have, similar to my character lines.

I 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."

My neighbor, a tailor, has a new job. I asked him how much he enjoyed it. "It's Sew-Sew."

Dad, can you write in the dark?" "I think so. What is it you want me to write?" "Your name on this report card."

What do you call someone who takes care of chickens? A chicken tender!

Q: Why shouldn't you fall in love with a pastry chef? A: He'll dessert you.

A man walks into the psychiatrist's office with a zucchini up his nose, a cucumber in his left ear, and a breadstick in his right ear.

He says, "Doctor, what is wrong with me?" The psychiatrist replies, "You are not eating properly."

A participant in a duel showed up armed with a pencil and paper. He then proceeded to draw his weapon. Little Johnny's mother made the remark that God made eyes to see, ears to hear, noses to smell, and feet to run. "I think God got mixed up," said little Johnny. "Why do you think that?" inquired his mother. "Because it's the other way around, my nose runs and my feet smell."

Sergeant: "Private, I think the enemy soldiers are hiding in the woods. I want you to go in there and flush them out for us." Private: "Yes, sir! But if you see a bunch of guys running out the woods, don't shoot the one in front, sir!"

Why are ghosts banned from the liquor stores? Because they would steal all the BOOS!

Two women were shopping.

When they started to discuss their home lives, one said, "Seems like all my boyfriend and I do anymore is fight. I've been so upset I've lost 10 pounds in two weeks." "Why don't you just leave him then?" asked her friend. "Not yet," the first replied, "I like to lose at least another 10 pounds first."

My doctor was giving me a hard time about my health. To get back on his good side I bought a puppy and named him Five Miles. That way, when I went to see my doctor I could tell him, "I walk five miles every morning!"

Two factory workers are talking. One says, "I can make the boss give me the day off." "And how would you do that?" "Just wait and see." She then hangs upside down from the ceiling. The boss comes in and says, "What are you doing?" "I'm a light bulb." "You've been working so much that you've gone crazy. I think you need to take the day off." The man starts to follow and the boss says, "Where are you going?" "I'm going home, too. I can't work in the dark."

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