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Magnolia Springs Community Assn. Madrigal Dinner Dec. 14-15

The second Madrigal Dinner produced by the Magnolia Springs Community Association is December 14 - 15 beginning at 6 p.m. This fun and entertaining fund-raising event takes place in our century-old Community Hall. Guests of King Henry and Queen Isabelle will be transported to England in 1475 to enjoy a five-course meal, humorous skits, Wassail toasting and holiday music by Madrigal Singers and guests. Tickets are \$50 per person and may be purchased by calling Judith Miller at 251-233-1182. Seating is limited, so call today to avoid disappointment. Dinner guests may also bring their own wine; a corkage fee of \$5 will be charged.

This year's menu is a hearty and delicious five-course meal consisting of a table cheeseboard, mixed green salad with vinaigrette dressing, French onion soup, beef tenderloin served with roasted potatoes and green beans, rolls, and a delicious dessert of Cherries Jubilee.

The play is directed by Judith Miller. The cast includes: Court Jester, Nick Shields; King Henry, Ted Johnston; Queen Isabella, Gayle Guthrie; Lord & Lady Fumbleton, Frank & Leila Martin; Lord & Lady Canterbury, David & Nora Johnson; Bard of Galway, Ronnie Miller; Lady Donna, Donna Johnston; Lady Diva, Diva Lynch; Lady Penny Whistle, Ann Bowers; Friar Lawrence Xavier, Rev. Eric Zubbler; Town Crier/Royal Taster, Paul Kaplerchuk; Keyboard, Sir John Hobbs; Harpist, Donna Johnston; Guitarist, Sharon Bertschi.

Friends O.B. Library Christmas Literary Pub Crawl Dec. 12

This Christmas Season, as a way of promoting the Friends of the Orange Beach Library and the outstanding library it supports, the group is hosting its inaugural Christmas Literary Libations Pub Crawl on Dec. 12 at the Wharf in Orange Beach beginning at 4 p.m. The event combines various types of readings (e.g. poetry) with the fun and frolic of a pub crawl. Hor d'oeuvres will be provided at all three locations.

The fun starts at Blue Water BBQ at 4 p.m. where Frank Kelso will read from his vast amount of Western material.

"We will then move to Ginny Lane for poetry with Steve Gillis, and finally end at Villagio's for a mix of Poetry from local published authors. We will move between locations about every 45 minutes. Stay and have dinner with us at Villagio's after the event completes," said David Lee of Friends. More info: davidtlee107@gmail.com.

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.[]

Gulf Shores registering kids for Santa phone calls

The City of Gulf Shores invites parents to register children for a special message from Santa. Celebrate the holiday season with a free personalized phone call from Santa guaranteed to amaze your child! Registration for Phone Calls from Santa will be open until Friday, December 7. Santa will make phone calls on December 13-14 from 5 to 7 p.m. Phone calls will be made two times to reach your child at the requested day and time. If a child is unavailable, Santa will leave a voice message.

You may register for Phone Calls from Santa online at gulfshoresal.gov/recreation-registration or in person at the Bodenhamer Recreation Center or Cultural Center.

Christmas Through The Ages Dec. 8 at Ft. Gaines

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

Experience an 1861 Christmas with the Confederate garrison during this living history event for the whole family. Admission for those 13 and over is \$8. Children 5-12 will be admitted for \$4, and children 4 and under are admitted free. For more info, call 251-861-6992 or visit dauphinisland.org.

A letter home from James M. Williams with the 21st Alabama Infantry Volunteers stationed at Fort Gaines in 1861 provides the blueprint for this event.



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.



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Foley United Methodist Pancakes w. Santa Dec. 8

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



Optimist Club's Lillian Christmas Parade is Dec. 8

Santa Claus has confirmed his visit to Lillian, Alabama for the annual Lillian Christmas Parade on Saturday, Dec. 8 sponsored by the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay. The parade participants will step out from the Community Club on Widell St. at 1 p.m. and travel the usual route, US Hwy. 98 east to CR99, north to Barclay Avenue, west to Santa Piedro Street and south back to the Community Club. After the parade the Elberta High School Band will perform in the Community Club. Santa will also join the Optimists when they host the annual Breakfast with Santa at 8:30 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 15 in the Lillian Community Club.

Pictured: Yogi Bear joined the Gulf Coast Dancers when they participate in the 2017 Annual Lillian Christmas Parade.

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Magic Christmas in Lights thru Dec. 31 at Bellingrath

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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 or 251-973-2217.

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

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

The Coastal Alabama Business Chamber 7th Annual Merry Market will be held Dec. 7-8 at the Orange Beach Event Center. Over 50 vendors will be on hand selling apparel, arts and crafts,



toys, homemade goods, and more. Solly's World Famous Tex-Mex will also be set up outside of the Event Center on both days for those who wish to grab a bite to eat in between their shopping.

"Merry Market is a great place to find gifts for people of all ages," said Vicki Stillings, Senior VP of Advancement & Special Projects for the Coastal Alabama Business Chamber. Admission is free. Merry Market will run from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 7 and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 8.

For information on Coastal Christmas events, visit alabamacoastalchristmas.com.



First Baptist Miracles in a Manger open to public 'til Dec. 16

By Connie Kirkland

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

Sounds of Christmas Dec. 20 at First Presbyterian of G.S.

The First Presbyterian Church of Gulf Shores Chancel Choir will present the "Sounds of Christmas" on Thursday evening, Dec. 20 at 6:30 p.m. The church is located at 309 E. 21st Ave. in Gulf Shores. For more information, call 251-968-7720.



Swift-Coles Historic Home Christmas Open House Dec. 8

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

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Baldwin Pops free holiday concert Dec. 10 in Foley

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

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

Conductor Dr. Jason Rinehart will lead the band in presenting a festive concert that includes Jingle Bells, arranged by Jay Dawson; Suite from the Nutcracker by Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky, arranged by James Curnow; Christmas on Broadway, arranged by John Higgins and White Christmas by Irving Berlin, arranged by John Moss. More info: baldwinpopsband.com, Facebook or 251-987-5757.

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 or 251-967-lulu).

Coastal Art Center Lights Up The Arts on Dec. 13

The Coastal Arts Center of Orange Beach will hold Light Up the Arts from 5-7 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 13. The annual event features fine art, hot chocolate and cookies, the Jingle Mingle Jewelry Show and a festive music performance by the Gulf Shores High School Choir. Experience hot glass and cool clay demonstrations by The Hot Shop and The Clay Studio. The Coastal Art Center is located at 26389 Canal Rd. More info: coastalartscenter.com, 251-981-ARTS (2787).



Silverhill Christmas Parade slated Dec. 7

The 2017 Town of Silverhill Christmas Parade will be held on Friday, Dec. 7 at 6:30 p.m. The parade line-up will be in front of Silverhill Elementary School on 4th Ave. beginning at 6 p.m. For parade info, call 251-945-5198. The history of Silverhill began in 1896 when the Svea Land Company of Chicago decides to establish a Swedish farming colony.

Downtown Pensacola Christmas Parade Dec. 8

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

Summerdale Christmas Dec. 8 at Pioneer Park

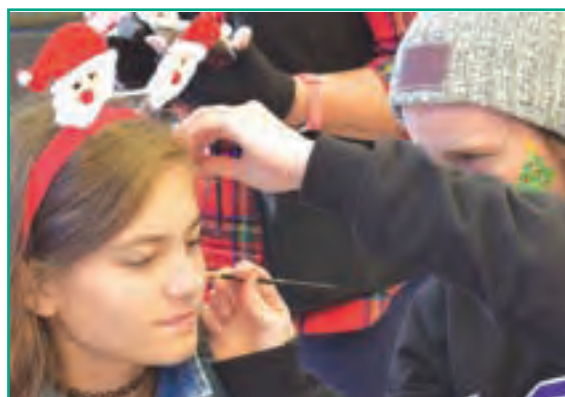
The Summerdale Christmas Parade participants will meet at 4:30 p.m. at Pioneer Park on Saturday, Dec. 8 for the town's annual parade. The parade begins on 4th street, and will travel Broadway, NW 4th, Broadway, and ends at Pioneer Park, where everyone can visit with Santa and enjoy refreshments.

For more info, visit summerdaleal.com.



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

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



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

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

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

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

Foley Christmas Parade & Let It Snow Dec. 8

Christmas in the Park, Christmas tree lighting is Dec. 7

Foley's Heritage Park comes alive with twinkling lights and sounds of Christmas, as the park becomes a winter wonderland in preparation for Foley's annual Christmas celebrations.

Festivities begin at 6 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 7 with Foley's Annual Christmas in the Park, which includes the lighting of the city Christmas tree, holiday songs, and a visit with Santa, complete with elves.

"Christmas in the Park is a special holiday celebration where our local community and visitors alike come together to enjoy the season in our beautiful, decorated park," said Beverly Manley, event planner with the city of Foley. Thousands of lights bring the Christmas spirit to Heritage Park and to the city of Foley. Local businesses, churches and civic groups cleverly decorate live trees to create a "Christmas Tree Lane".

"The mayor lights the official Christmas tree, local groups sing Christmas carols and the Foley Caboose Club provides free train rides around the park for children of all ages to enjoy. Folks can stroll through a miniature Christmas Village and Christmas Tree Lane, while enjoying free treats and sipping hot cocoa," Manley said. Santa will arrive with bells and whistles to visit with each boy and girl in his magical workshop on the pavilion.

On Saturday, Dec. 8, the annual Christmas parade is sponsored by the Foley Kiwanis Club. The parade begins at 10 a.m. and leaves from the Armory on Violet Ave., proceeds south on Ala. 59 west on Verbena Ave., north on S. Oak Street and east on U.S. 98, ending at the intersection of Ala. 59 (McKenzie Street) and U.S. 98 (Laurel Ave.).

As the parade ends, the snow begins... so you can count on another "snowy" day in Heritage Park on Saturday, Dec. 8. Foley's annual Let It Snow event begins at 11 a.m. "The snow is created from tons of ice that is crushed into fine pieces and blown over supervised areas for the children to enjoy," said Manley. There are two separate areas for playing in the snow – one for the younger children and one for the older children. Don't forget your mittens.

"Let It Snow" is a free event sponsored by the City of Foley and involves much more than snow. Entertainment includes music, a Foley High School Band Concert, a sneak preview of "The Nutcracker", a children's art village, food vendors, balloon creations, the famous "Whoville Hair Salon" and inflatable bounce houses. "The gazebo in Heritage Park is an excellent backdrop for special Christmas photos with family and friends," Manley said. Santa will make a special appearance from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Visit foley.org for more details.



G.S. Snowball Drop, Parade, Holiday Celebration Dec. 7

By Hanna Dean

The City of Gulf Shores will host a Snowball Drop on Friday, December 7, following the Annual Lighted Christmas Parade at Johnnie Sims Park.

The Snowball Drop is a man-made blizzard as 4,000 ping pong balls will be dropped from above by Santa. Winning snowballs will have a number that correlates with a prize supplied by our generous sponsors.

Prizes total at nearly \$2,000 and range from gift cards, gift baskets, day passes, apparel and other merchandise. The grand prize is \$500 Visa gift card!

Prior to the Snowball Drop, the Lighted Christmas Parade will begin at Gulf Shores Public Beach at 6:30 p.m. Floats will make their way along Highway 59 from the beach to Sims Park, where the Holiday Celebration will commence.

This event is free. For more info, call 251-968-1171 or visit gulfshoresal.gov/special-events.

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

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

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

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City Rhythm Big Band Dance Dec. 22 in Loxley

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

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

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

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



Santa will "drop into" Flora-Bama Dec. 8

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

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

Christmas activities galore at The wharf

• **Ice Skating Rink:** Grab a pair of skates and glide, spin, or fall into the season. Nov. 16 - Jan. 13, Regular hours: Monday-Sunday 10 a.m. - 10 p.m. November 26 - December 18: Mon-Fri: 4 - 10 p.m., Sat-Sun: 10 a.m. - 10 p.m.; January 1 - 13: Mon-Fri: 4 - 10 p.m., Sat-Sun: 10 a.m. - 10 p.m. Cost: \$10 for skating includes skate rental; \$13 for skating and Ferris wheel; \$80 for frequent skater pass; \$3 for a pair of socks. (Closed on Christmas & Thanksgiving). Location: The front parking lot next to Sand Dollar and the Fire Station.

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

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

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

• **Small Business Saturday:** Shop smart. Shop local. With an abundance of home-grown retailers and restaurants, The

Wharf is the premier stop along your shopping route to purchase regional goods, products, and services for the holidays. Come out Saturday, November 24th during extended business hours from 10am - 9pm.

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

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

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

• **Happy Howlidays Kids & Pet Parade:** The inaugural Happy Howlidays Kid and Pet Parade at The Wharf is the pawfect occasion to put the whole family into the festive spirit. Strut down Main Street with your pup, pig, or parrot dressed in full spirit-of-the-season wear. Scheduled on Sunday, December 9, the parade begins at 2 p.m. and admission is free.

• **Kids Confetti Drop:** Mechanical bull, rockwall, bouncy house, surf simulator, trampoline jumpee (\$5), Face painting (\$5,\$7,\$10), camel rides (\$5), fire truck, poodle shows beginning at 11 a.m., confetti drop at noon, and more.

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- More info: waleswestlightrailway.heartlandticket.com
- Who: Families, Children of all ages
- When: November 23 through December 24; Open Friday – Sunday, 4:00-9:00 p.m.; Starting December 12, open nightly, 4:00-9:00 p.m.
- Where: Wales West, 13670 Smiley Street, Silverhill, Alabama 36576

Pictured: Holiday fun at the 20127 Arctic Express.



Holiday Popcorn & Movie Dec. 12 at Cultural Center

The Gulf Shores Recreation Department will host Popcorn and a Movie on Wednesday, Dec. 12 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Cultural Center Auditorium, located at 19470 Oak Road West. Christmas Vacation will begin promptly at 6:30 p.m. This is a free event open to all residents and visitors. Christmas cookies, popcorn and hot chocolate will be provided. Register online at gulfshoresal.gov/recreation-registration or in person at the Bodenhamer Recreation Center or Cultural Center.

Christmas in Nature Dec. 15 at Graham Creek

Christmas in Nature Observe and Explore Day. will be held on Dec. 15 at 10:30 a.m. at the Graham Creek Nature Preserve Interpretive Center in Foley. The free event is provided by the City of Foley for children 10 and under. There will be stories about winter wildlife and several nature based crafts. Children will also be offered hot chocolate and snacks to enjoy. Santa will take time out of his busy schedule to visit with children and staff will offer to take pictures that can be emailed. The 500 acre preserve is located on Wolf Bay Dr., just off County Rd. 12. Info: grahamcreekpreserve.org or (251) 923-4267.

Fairhope Christmas Parade scheduled Dec. 7

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



Optimists host free breakfast with Santa Dec. 15 in Lillian

Santa Claus will meet and greet boys and girls, infant to age eight, at the annual Breakfast with Santa at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 15 in the Lillian Community Club. After the famous free Optimist Club breakfast for the children and their families, Santa will visit with them and present them with gifts. Family members are welcome to take pictures of their children while they visit with the Jolly Old Elf.

This will be the third Christmas-sponsored program hosted by the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay. The members organize the Annual Lillian Christmas Parade and provide transportation for Santa Claus to visit special needs classes in Foley and Elberta Schools. He also distributes gifts to all the boys and girls, based on secret tips from their teachers so the gifts would be appropriate for age and abilities.

Meetings are held at 8 a.m. every Saturday. They include breakfast and programs of interest to the community, including the Alabama Bicentennial commemoration. All are invited to attend. A guest breakfast is free. The monthly Business After Hours is held for those who may not be able to attend the weekly meetings. It is also a social time to get to know each other.

The Optimist Club of Perdido Bay is dedicated to serving children in the Lillian-Elberta area. More than 30 programs are provided, including reading to kindergarten and first grade classes.

Pictured: Hayden Suttle visited with Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus at the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay annual Breakfast with Santa.

Coastal Ballet presents Nutcracker Dec. 9 at Erie Meyer Performance also scheduled at O.B.'s Dec. 6 Kingdom of Sweets Gala

The Foley based Coastal Ballet Academy will bring its annual production of the Nutcracker to Gulf Shores for a Dec. 9 performance at 2 p.m. at the Erie Meyer Civic Center. The highly acclaimed academy be part of the Coastal Arts Center of Orange Beach's Kingdom of Sweets Gala on Dec. 6 at 6 p.m. and the Dec. 8 Swift-Coles Historic Home Open House in Bon Secour.

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

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

The Erie H. Meyer Civic Center located at 1930 West 2nd Street in Gulf Shores. The Coastal Arts Center of Orange Beach is located at 26389 Canal Rd. Swift-Coles Historic Home is located at 17424 Swift Coles Ln. in Bon Secour.

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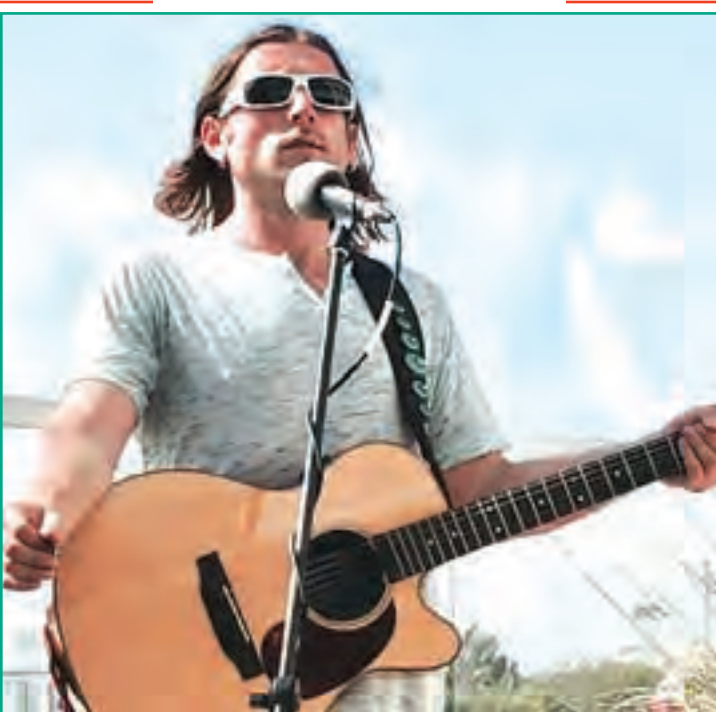
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Breakfast With Santa Dec. 15 at Erie Meyer

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

Mobile Symphony Youth Orchestra in Foley on Dec. 7

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

Registration for CSC Christmas Cheer open until Dec. 13

By Mary Ann Bousquet

Jesus always cared so deeply for our little ones, so it's only natural that the Christian Service Center sponsors the Children's Christmas Cheer program for local families that will need help in providing a Christmas for their children. This program is sponsored by our area churches, clubs, businesses, and of course, our generous community members. Intake Workers will see clients for Christmas Cheer from noon til 2 p.m. on weekdays from Dec. 3 through 13. Our office is located at 317 Dolphin Ave. in Gulf Shores. The Center will provide presents for kids through high school.

Family Promise of Baldwin Co. Chocolate Affair Dec. 6

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

The Pirates of Lost Treasure seek Secret Santa sponsors

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

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

Stromquist said the recipients are mostly referred to the program by Southwest Escambia County churches and schools. "We also hear about kids by word of mouth about the program," he said. For more Pirates of Lost Treasure Secret Santa info, call Stromquist at 850-324-3679.

Brett/Robinson Charity Rummage Sale Dec. 8

All items must go at 11th annual Canal Rd. event

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

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

Visits with Santa, trivia, putt-putt at OneClub's Dec 7 party

One Club Gulf Shores will welcome a special guest to its community Christmas party on Dec. 7 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Evening highlights include "The Night Before Christmas" Story Telling with Santa & Mrs. Claus at 6:30 p.m. and live music with the (pictured) Adam Tyler Brown Duo beginning at 7 p.m. Other activities include Christmas trivia, a putt-putt contest and Holiday food & drink specials. The special guest, Santa Claus, will be available for photo ops all during the party. OneClub Gulf Shores is located at 4000 Gulf Shores Pkwy. For more info, call 251-206-5689.

One Club will host a second holiday party on Dec. 14 with live music from the Hollard Band. That party will include festive fare & drinks and an ugly sweater contest. There is no cover charge, and rsvps can be made to rsvp@oneclubgulfshores.com.



Breakfast with Santa Dec. 8 at Tacky Jacks Gulf Shores

Breakfast with Santa at Tacky Jacks Gulf Shores will be held on Saturday, Dec. 8 from 8 - 11 a.m. Located at 240 E. 24th Ave. on the Intracoastal Waterway, the event promises to be a holly jolly good time with good ol' St. Nick. Breakfast with Santa includes a buffet and photo. Cos is \$5 for kids 12 & under and \$10 for adults. For more info, call 251-948-8881 or visit tackyjacks.com.

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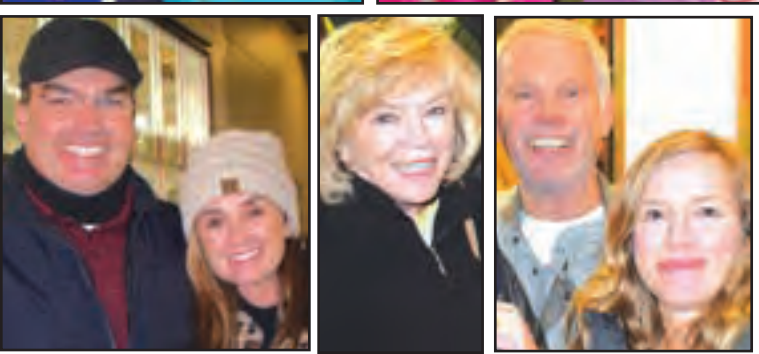
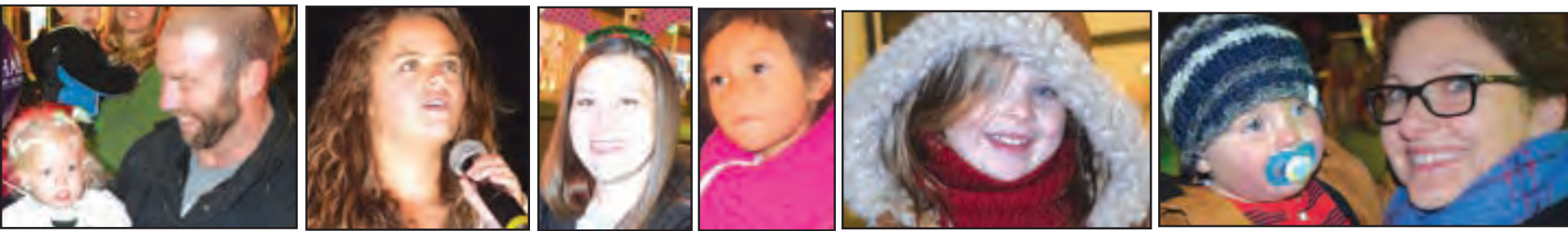
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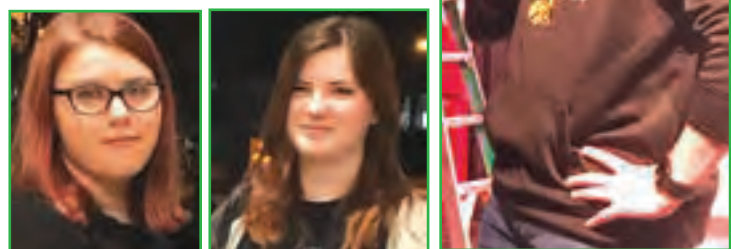
SBCT's A Charlie Brown Christmas opens Dec. 7

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

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

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

Pictured: Putting on a SBCT Young Artists production is a team effort.



Bayside Baptist Christmas Choral Presentation Dec. 16

Bayside Baptist Church, located at 33677 Hwy 98 in Lillian will host its Christmas Choral Presentation on Sunday evening, Dec. 16 at 6 p.m. The evening will feature scripture readings, choral selections and congregational music. Solo presentations of "Mary Did You Know" and "O Holy Night" will be presented to celebrate the Advent and Birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Info: (251) 961-1731.

Office sponsors Pie In Face bartender stocking stuffer

The Office Lounge in Foley is hosting a Pie In The Face For Charity Stocking Stuffer to help struggling families experience the joy of Christmas through Dec. 16.

The Office has hung stockings representing each bartender for patrons to use for donations in their name.

Customers are encouraged to put money in one or more of these stockings. At the end of the event, the bartender who raised the most money will get a pie in the face.

Even better, every person who donates will be entered into a drawing to see who gets the honor of throwing the pie. And as a bonus, if you donate \$50 or more, you'll automatically get the opportunity to throw a pie at the bartender of your choice for instant charitable gratification.

At the end of the event, the bar uses the funds to buy presents and other goodies to brighten the holidays for one to two families in need.

The Office is located at 3828 S McKenzie St. in Foley. For more info, call (251) 943-2210.



Pups & Pizza adoption event Dec. 8 at Lillian's Pizza

Mylo Foundation fundraiser also a drop off for Toys For Tots program

The Gulf Coast based Mylo Foundation, a non-profit animal rescue, will hold Pups & Pizza, a large adoption event and fundraiser at Lillian's Pizza on Perdido Key on Dec 8 from 2-7 p.m. The adoption event will be from 2-4 p.m. Adoptions are \$99 from now through Christmas. All of the dogs are spayed/neutered, fully vaccinated, heartworm negative and on preventatives.

The St. Stire Chamber featuring Shane Smith will start playing at 4 p.m. There will be a silent auction/raffle for gift baskets and gifts and great food. The event will also serve as a collection site for the Marine Toys For Tots program. Donate a toy and earn a chance to win a fabulous raffle prize.

Lillian's Pizzas is located at 14514 Perdido Key Dr. on Perdido Key. For more info, visit facebook, themylofoundation.com or call 850-994-0908.

The Mylo Foundation was formed in 2014 specifically to help the shelter animals no one else wants. This fundraiser will help pay vet bills, provide monthly preventatives and medications, buy food, treats, collars, leashes and toys, pay for training, and supply kennels to all the dogs in the Mylo Foundation. There are currently over 30 dogs available for adoption.



Who is Mylo?

By Patricia Kruger, Director, The Mylo Foundation

Mylo was rescued from the Santa Rosa Shelter. He was just a little puppy then but was still facing death. At that time the shelter used the gas chamber. I was only 12 and was volunteering.

I waited day after day with Mylo for someone, anyone to come help him. No one ever came. Then the day came for him to be killed. I just could not let that happen, so I took him home.

The agreement with my mom was, I had to take care of him. I thought that would be easy, but it wasn't.

For the first couple of days, night after night he would cry. I was just a kid and I was exhausted but I knew I had to take care of him or he would die.

Mylo was with me for 16 years. We did everything together. He was truly my best friend. He died in 1999 of old age.

At the time I really did not know how I could live without seeing him everyday. But slowly I let go and found more "Mylos" who just needed someone willing to sit with them through the first couple of nights and encourage them to let go and trust.

This is why I started The Mylo Foundation.

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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 or call 251-981-9811 for more info on all of PBR's holiday options.



G.S. Garden Club provides Meals on Wheels poinsettias

The Gulf Shores Garden Club has again sponsored poinsettias for recipients of the Christian Service Center Meals on Wheels program. This will be the only gift for Christmas that many of the program's beneficiaries will receive, said program coordinator Dolly Crews. The meals are lovingly prepared by Hazel's Restaurant in Gulf Shores and delivered by CSC volunteers. May the joy of giving be in your hearts. Merry Christmas to all from the Gulf Shores Garden Club.

Pictured: Connie Conlon and Patsy Krider of the Gulf Shores Garden Club.

Nightly light shows at OWA

Enjoy 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. Enjoy a dancing light show choreographed to holiday music every night for free at 7:30pm and 8:30 pm. in the fountain at the center of OWA's 14-acre lake. Info: visitowa.com



FELINE & FIREMEN CALENDAR STOCKING STUFFER: The newly formed Gulf Shores Animal Care and Control Program is selling Feline and Firemen calendars featuring the awesome City of Gulf Shores firemen and some beautiful adoptable kittys for \$15. Calendars will be sold at the Dec. 7-8 Merry Market at Orange Beach Event Center. Volunteers are meeting on Dec. 5 to organize other calendar sales. The program's mission is to improve the lives of animals & people through education, training & humane solutions in Gulf Shores.

Robertsdale Christmas Parade re-scheduled for Dec. 8

The 2018 Robertsdale Christmas Parade and Christmas in the Park, which was rained out on Dec. 1, will instead be held on Saturday, Dec. 8 beginning in the Robertsdale High School Parking Lot at 6:30 p.m. The parade route begins on Fairground Rd., goes north on Hwy. 59 and disperses at Honeybee Park. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be available for pictures in Honeybee Park after the parade. The event is sponsored by the Robertsdale Rotary Club. For more info, call 251-947-2626.



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

At the crack of noon, neither rain, sleet, too much NYE or bitter cold like this year will prevent more than 1,000 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 or facebook. A traditional feast of black-eyed peas, cornbread, greens, ham and a draft beer or soda goes to all



Catholic Services sponsors Christmas Sharing Fund

By Mary Ann Lindsey

Catholic Social Services of Baldwin County is collecting funds to provide food and toys for the less advantaged families and seniors through its annual Christmas sharing program. Last year Catholic Social Services provided toys and gifts to 270 children and provided holiday food boxes for over 750 individuals.

The Christmas Senior Program provided holiday bags for 175 elderly in Baldwin County. This year parents will select three gifts for each child ages birth through 16, and families will receive holiday food the week before Christmas through the Christmas Sharing program. Stocking stuffers and supplies needed to wrap presents will be available to families when they collect the toys and food. Catholic Social Services and other local churches have established a network to facilitate providing food for those in need. Donations of money, toys, food and miscellaneous items are always welcome. Contact Phyllis Beam at 251-947-2293 to make a donation or inquire about services offered.

Pictured: (Above) Shelly Yntema, President of the Robertsdale Garden Club presented a \$200 check to Phyllis Beam, Director of Catholic Social Services. (Below) Cheryl Korte and Phyllis Beam receive CSS donation from St. Joseph Church in Lillian. The congregation donated 30 gifts from bicycle helmets to diapers to Barbie clothes and \$200 in cash to purchase turkeys for the families. Each child whose parents have signed up with Catholic Social Services (CSS) will receive three special gifts.





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Taste of Rouses Dec. 8 at both O.B. & G.S. locations

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In addition, Rouses (pictured) Chef Nino (Neil Thibodaux) will lead cooking classes on Pleasure Island on Dec. 14 at 3 p.m. at the Gulf Shores Rouses and Dec. 15 at 10 a.m. at the Orange Beach location. Each guest will have the opportunity to sample Chef Nino's delicious dishes at the free events.

Foley author Moore signs at Trim-a-Tree on Dec. 9

Local award-winning author Rocky Porch Moore (pictured) will appear at Trim-a-Tree Sunday, December 9 from 2-5 p.m. in Suite 182 at the Tanger Outlet Center. Moore's Southern gothic ghost story, *Clemenceau's Daughters*, won the gold medal for horror at the Florida Authors and Publishers Association President's Book Awards. A Gathering Misery, the sequel to the dark novel, is the 2018 recipient of the FAPA gold medal for horror.

Both books earned 5-Star reviews from Readers' Favorite with *Clemenceau's Daughters* also being recognized with an Honorable Mention for fiction in the prestigious Readers' Favorite International Book Awards. Also available will be It's Farm Market Day, Moore's children's book about a family's adventure in Foley's Heritage Park.

Moore's work has appeared in Alabama Currents magazine, the Alabama Book Festival, Louisiana Book Festival, Decatur Book Festival, and many other book clubs and events throughout the Southeast. She will be a featured speaker at the Amelia Island Book

Festival and also will release her third book in 2019.

Rocky Porch Moore lives in Foley with her husband Russ, two daughters, and a passel of farm animals.



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

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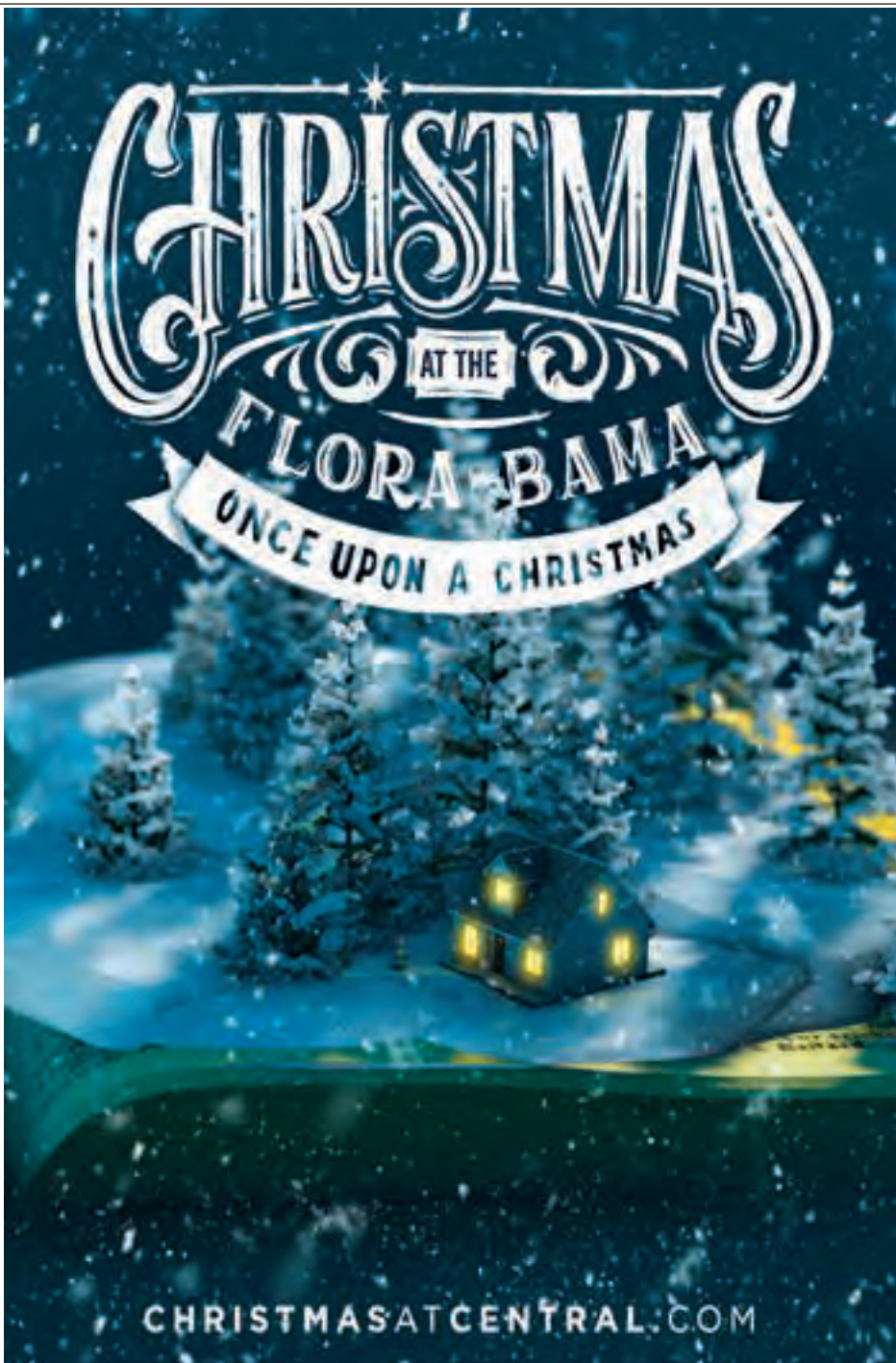
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LIVE MUSIC.....Sicard Hallow, 12/8: 6:30-9:30pm
LIVE MUSIC.....The Funky Lampshades, 12/9: 3:30-6:30pm
CLOSED FOR PRIVATE PARTY.....12/11: 11am-10pm
LIVE MUSIC.....Poarch Ninjas, 12/14: 5:30-8:30pm
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LIVE MUSIC.....Dueling Pianos, 12/15: 3-7pm
LIVE MUSIC.....Crackerjack Diamonds, 12/16: 3:30-6:30pm
LIVE MUSIC.....Sugarcane Jane 12/21: 5:30-8:30pm

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

WED, DEC 5

- **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:** 1-4 p.m.; Flora-Bama Loung Tent Stage; Perdido Key.
- **John Lee Sanders:** 6; Voyagers Restaurant at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **Justin Jeansson:** 6; Fin & Fork, Orange Beach.
- **West Coast Swing Dance:** 7; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.
- **Bingo Night:** 6; Tacky Jack's, Orange Beach.
- **Open Mic:** 5:30; Tacky Jack's, Gulf Shores.
- **John Brust:** 6; The Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **Swing Dancing:** 7; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.
- **Rodger Plemons:** 5; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.
- **John Joiner & Friends:** 7; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
- **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **Karaoke w. Cindy & Mary:** 5; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- **Karaoke w. Aaron Phillips:** 6; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- **Karaoke:** 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- **Big Beach Running & Social Club:** 5:30 p.m.; Big Beach Brewery in Gulf Shores; lafleetfeet.com.
- **Family Night Dinner & Activities:** 5:45 p.m.; Saint Andrew by the Sea, 17263 Fort Morgan Rd., Gulf Shores; 678-361-2762.
- **Open Mixed Doubles Tennis:** 7:15 a.m.; all levels welcome; Gulf Shores Tennis Center; corner of West 19th Ave. and West 2nd St.
- **Veteran's Bingo:** 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; American Legion Post 99, Foley.
- **Prayer Shawl Ministry:** Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Activities Center, 13660 Inner-

arity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

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

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

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

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

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

• **Gulf Shores Garden Club:** 9:30 a.m.; first Wednesday of each month September thru May; Gulf Shores Activity Cen-



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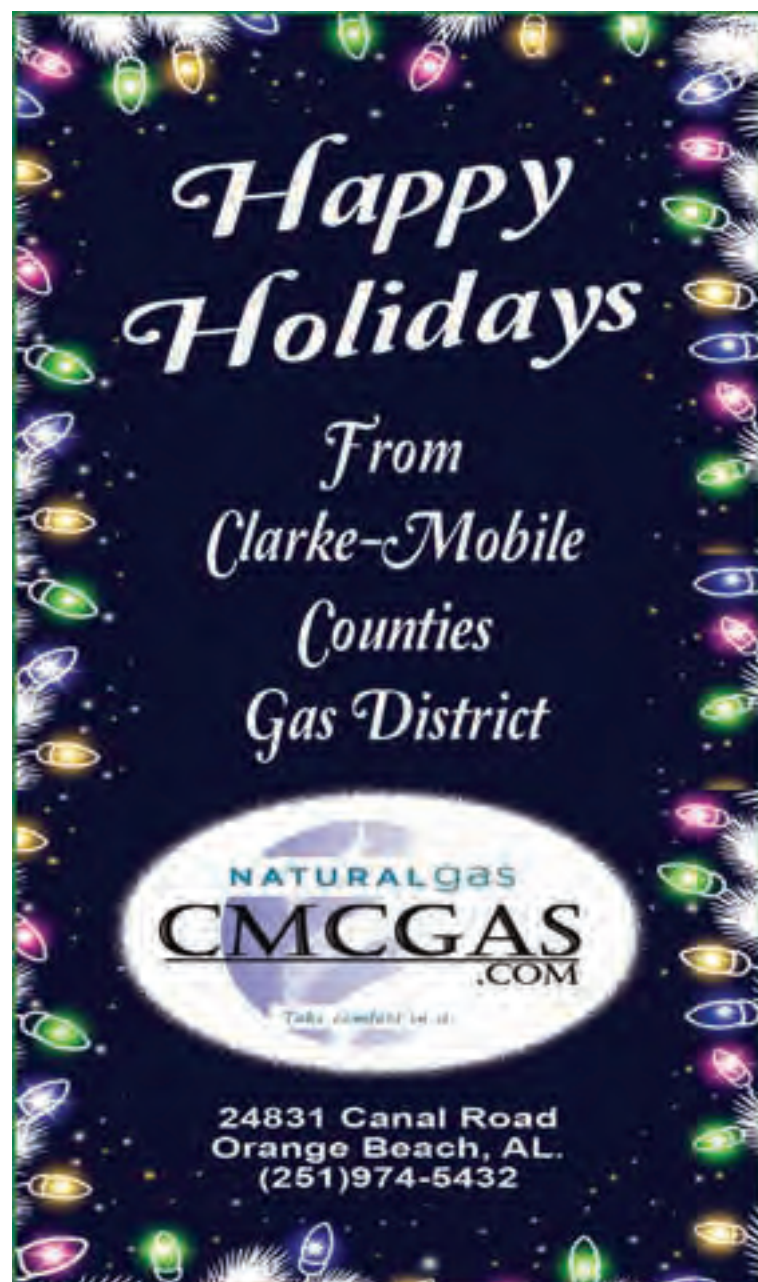
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GSES LEADER IN ME DAY: Gulf Shores Elementary recently hosted their semi-annual Leader in Me Student-Led Conference Day. Many parents and grandparents came to school to be led through their student's Leadership Notebook. We had a fantastic turnout! **Pictured:** GSES Principal Amy Hiller looks on as 5th grader Brandon Nunez shares his Leadership Notebook with her. 2nd grade Aaliyah Bryant shares her notebook with mom, Alyssa Bryant. 3rd grader Lee Marshall was all smiles showing mom, Jennifer Marshall, his notbook.



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WHAT'S HAPPENING



Musician Scott Koehn earns Island Spirit Award

The Coastal Alabama Business Chamber recently presented the Island Spirit Award for November 2018 to local musician-entertainer-songwriter Scott Koehn. Scott's nomination had this to say about him: "Scott's dedication to providing an exemplary experience at the Pleasure Island Tiki Bar each Thursday night makes him most deserving of this award." a performer at the Pleasure Island Tiki Bar. The Island Spirit Award is presented monthly by the Coastal Alabama Business Chamber. Penny Groux chairs the Island Spirit Committee. More info: islandspiritaward.com. Scott plays music every Thursday at Orange Beach's Pleasure Island Tiki Bar from 5:30-8:30 p.m. and every Sunday from 4-8 p.m.

He is also part of the Electric Dawg, a band he formed with Lee Day and Bob Ravenscraft. Electric Dawg plays in the Flora-Bama on Dec 7 at 6 p.m., Dec. 21 at 5:30 p.m. and New Year's Eve at 7 p.m. Scott has also been a mainstay at Flippers in Orange Beach (closed in December) for many years.



ter; 300 E. 16th Avenue, Gulf Shores; new members and guests always welcome; 251-968-5683.

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

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

THU, DEC 6

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

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

• **Karaoke on our Tiki Bar:** 8; Live Bait, Orange Beach.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

• **Karaoke:** 7; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.

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

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

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

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Impact 100 Baldwin recruitment event Dec. 11 at LuLu's

Learn about membership in Impact 100 Baldwin County at a membership recruitment event scheduled at Lucy Buffett's LuLu's (200 East 25th, Gulf Shores) from 5-7 p.m. on Tuesday, December 11. Membership in Impact 100 is open to women 18 or older who make a \$1,000 annual membership contribution, 100 percent of which is returned to the community in grants.

Impact 100 Baldwin County was established in 2008 by a group of women brought together by Irene Meehan, who had read about similar organizations in Cincinnati and Pensacola. That year, 82 members joined and Impact 100 awarded a single grant of \$82,000. In 2017, Impact 100 awarded five grants of \$90,000 each, bringing the total given to non-profits serving Baldwin County to over 2.6 million dollars! In addition, last month, Impact 100 Baldwin selected five Baldwin County nonprofit organizations to receive \$455,000 in grants. Each of the five nonprofits received \$91,000 grants, one in each of Impact's five focus groups. For more info, call Lucy Smith, 251-961-2408 or 719-494-7986.

First Presbyterian Church of Foley; 195 E. Berry Ave.; for all who are grieving; 943-8325.

• **Adult Bible Study:** 10 a.m.; Gulf Shores Presbyterian Church; all welcome; (251) 968-7720.

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

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

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

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

FRI, DEC 7

• **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:** 1-4 p.m.; Flora-

Bama Lounge Tent Stage; Perdido Key.

• **Town of Silverhill Christmas Parade:** 6:30 p.m.; downtown Silverhill.

• **First Friday Art Walk:** 6; Downtown Fairhope.

• **Jimmy Lumpkin:** 5; Lucy Buffett's LuLu's, Gulf Shores.

• **JJ Revival:** 7; The Office, Foley.

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

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

• **Touch of Class:** 7; Papa Roccos; Gulf Shores.

• **Karaoke on our Tiki Bar:** 8; Live Bait, Orange Beach.

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

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

• **Sandra Kaye & The Legends:** 8; Lucky Horseshoe, Fairhope.

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

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

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

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

• **Open Jam in the Canteen w. Roger Fleschman:** 8, American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.

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

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

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

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

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

SAT, DEC 8



ORANGE BEACH FALL UTR TENNIS TOURNEY: The 2018 Orange Beach Fall UTR Tennis Tournament drew 115 players from seven different states to the Orange Beach Tennis Center Nov. 16-18. Local medalists included inalist Ellie Perry of Fairhope in the Davis Cup division; champion Lillie McInnis of Orange Beach in the Fed Cup division; champion Raquel Russell of Orange Beach in the Indian Wells division; champion Blaeze Russell of Orange Beach and finalist Wright Williamson of Fairhope in the Laver Cup division; finalist Will Dotson of Fairhope in the Wimbledon division. Locally based doubles champions included finalist Eric Scott of Elberta in the Black Tip division; champions Missy Black of Orange Beach and finalist Blaeze Russell of Orange Beach in the Lemon Shark division. Fin and Fork catered the event, Saturday, with a delicious lunch of pasta, salad, and chicken sandwiches. Tournament organizer Rhett Russell sends out a special thanks to event's five sponsors: **Matt and Regina Shipp** of Fin and Fork, **Caroline Walters** of Columbia Southern, **Murray and Elizabeth Moss** of Alabama Getaway Vacations and Rentals, **Ron and Lynn Gully** of Liquid Life, and **Lindsay Korff** and **Joy Stehlik** of Springhill Suites at the Wharf. The next Orange Beach tennis tournament will be a USTA Junior Tournament, State Level 3 during the weekend of February 23-24. Among many words of thanks from players' parents, Klint Beckendorf of Madisonville, Louisiana had this to say: "The venue was great, the food was incredible, and the people of Orange Beach were very hospitable. We enjoyed everything about the weekend, and will certainly be back in the future." **Pictured:** (l to r) Wright

AMY MALISKA READS TO GSES STUDENTS: Amy Maliska, the children's librarian at the Thomas Norton Library in Gulf Shores, visited Sara Altmeyer's second grade class recently to share some books on friendship. Mrs. Maliska is a favorite of elementary students with her story-telling skills, her humor and how well she engages children, helping to create life-long readers. **Pictured:** Alyssa Helton and J.P. Meador are all smiles when Mrs. Maliska reads to them.

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- **Flora-Bama Possible Probables:** 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
- **Town of Silverhill Christmas Parade:** 6:30pm.
- **Summerdale Christmas Parade:** 3:30pm.
- **City of Robertsdale Christmas Parade:** 6:30pm
- **Town of Loxley Christmas Parade:** 10 a.m.; downtown Loxley.
- **Adam Holt:** 5; Lucy Buffett's LuLu's, Gulf Shores.
- **Rhonda Hart:** 6; Fin & Fork, Orange Beach.
- **Jazzman David Jones:** 11 a.m.; Playa; Orange Beach.
- **Ryan Balthrop Duo:** 3, American Legion Post 199 Beach Stage; Fairhope.
- **Touch of Class:** 7; Papa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **Open Jukebox:** 9; The Office, Foley.
- **Dakota:** 8; Bluewater BBQ, Orange Beach.
- **Beyond The Break:** 7; Hub Stacy's; Innerarity Point.
- **John Brust:** 6; Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke By Kelly:** 9; Island Time Daquari Bar; The Wharf, Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke:** 8; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.
- **Karaoke:** 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- **Open Jam w. Henry Burt:** 8; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.
- **Baldwin County Genealogical Society:** 10 a.m.; public invited; Foley Library; 319 East Laurel Ave.
- **Optimist Club of Perdido Bay:** breakfast every Saturday at 7 a.m. at the Lillian Community Club in Lillian; (251) 961-2620.
- **AA:** 10 a.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity

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Travis Scott, The Lumineers, Vamire Weekend, Cardi B, Kygo and Khalid will headline the the 2019 edition of the Hangout Festival scheduled May 17-19 at Gulf Shores Public Beach. Travis Scott, Diplo, The 1975, Walk The Moon, Bebe Rexha, Jimmy Eat World, Jungle, and Alison Wonderland are also among the initial acts announced last week.

Tickets are now on sale at the fest website. Regular three-day GA tickets are \$259 and all-inclusive three-day VIP tickets start at \$1,099. The festival will again offer payment plans for GA and VIP purchases, allowing fans to pay for their tickets in four installments.

The lineup for Thursday's Kick-Off Party will be announced later.

Billed as a music vacation, Hangout Fest will bring back all of the immersive experiences that make it unique on the festival circuit. Patrons can swim in the Gulf and relax

in comfort at Hammock Beach, find dog love at the Puppy Kissing Booth, or make your love official, at least for the weekend, at the Wedding Chapel. The tremendously popular full-sized roller rink will also be back this year.

The VIP experience, always the first to sell out at the fest, includes pool-side and jacuzzi-side views of the main stage, and complimentary food, beer, wine and cocktails all weekend.

The Red Clay Strays are this year's locally based presence at the 10th annual event.

The full lineup for the fest includes:

Travis Scott, The Lumineers, Khalid, Vampire Weekend, Cardi B, Kygo, The 1975, Diplo, Hozier, Griz, Walk The Moon, Jimmy Eat World, Judah & The Lion, Bebe Rexha, Alison Wonderland, Jungle, Gorgan City, Quinn XCII, Bishop Briggs, Hippie Sabatoge, Mura Musa Arizona, Sofi Tukker, Sir Sly, Bazzi, Jonas Blue, King Princess, Lauren Daigle, Elohim, Loud Luxury, Bryce Vine, LoveTheBand, The Interrupters, Superorganism, MadeInTwo, FloRa Cash, Two Feet, Jade Bird, Taylor Bennett, Pale Waves, Ravyn Lenae, Gang of Youths, Two Friends, Buddy, Grandson, Shame, Elley Duhe, Moon Boots, Jesse Royal, Morgxn, Slenderbodies, Dr. Fresch, Justin Jay, The Him, The Band Camino, Castlecomer, Easy Life, Spencer Ludwig, The Red Clay Strays.



Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
 • **AA:** 7 p.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
 • **Ladies AA:** 9 a.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Activities Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

SUN, DEC 9

• **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 - 3 blocks from beach in Gulf Shores.
 • **Flora-Bama Possible Probables:** 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
 • **Karaoke:** 5:30; Tacky Jack's, Gulf Shores.
 • **Destiny Brown:** 7; Papa Roccos; Gulf Shores.
 • **Brent Burns:** 5; Lucy Buffett's LuLu's, Gulf Shores.
 • **Jazzman David Jones:** 11 a.m.; Playa; Orange Beach.
 • **Mel Knapp:** noon The Tin Top; Bon Secour.

• **Scott Koehn:** 4; Pleasure Island Tiki Bar, Orange Beach.
 • **Dakota:** 8; Bluewater BBQ, Orange Beach.
 • **Karaoke:** 8; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.
 • **Molly Thomas:** 3, American Legion Post 199 Beach Stage; Fairhope.
 • **Rhonda Hart:** 6; Fin & Fork, Orange Beach.
 • **Lisa Christian:** noon; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
 • **Lisa Zanghi:** 6; The Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
 • **John Lee Sanders:** 6; Voyagers Restaurant at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
 • **Dinner & Dance w. Music Man and Co.:** 5; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
 • **Karaoke:** 7; Live Bait Tiki Bar, Orange Beach.
 • **John Joiner & Friends:** 4; Hub Stacey's at the Point; Innerarity Point.
 • **Blind Draw Dart Tournament:** 5; American Legion Post 99, Foley.
 • **9 Ball APA:** 6; The Office, Foley.
 • **AA:** 5 p.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

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 • **Flora-Bama Possible Probables:** 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
 • **Flora-Bama Bingo:** free; 1-4 p.m.; great prizes, family friendly; 17401 Perdido Key Dr., Perdido Key.
 • **Lisa Zanghi:** 6; The Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
 • **Brent Burns:** 5; LuLu's at Homeport Marina, Gulf Shores.
 • **Trivia & Bluewater BBQ:** 7; Big Beach Brewing Company, Gulf Shores.
 • **Mark Laborde & Smokey Otis:** 7 p.m.; Papa Roccos, Gulf Shores.
 • **Bridge:** noon; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
 • **Bingo:** 6; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
 • **Open Mixed Doubles Tennis:** 7:15 a.m.; all levels welcome; Gulf Shores Tennis Center; corner of West 19th Ave. and West 2nd St.
 • **8 Ball League:** 7:30; The Office, Foley.
 • **Celebrate Recovery:** (Christ centered 12 step program); Monday evenings at 6 p.m.; Christian Life Church in Orange Beach; 251-967-4840.
 • **Overeaters Anonymous:** 6; Holy Spirit

MON, DEC 10



WILLIE NELL EVANS THANKSGIVING TRADITION CONTINUES: For 43 years Lillian resident Willie Nell Evans has provided a Thanksgiving Dinner for special needs men, women and children of Baldwin County. It all started when she brought food to her daughter's class in 1975. Now her family and friends have taken the reins and recently served more than 300 special needs boys and girls, men and women of all ages, their teachers, friends and family members. The meal featured many favorite dishes including stuffing, greens, turkey, ham, potatoes, green beans, gravy, rolls, corn bread, dessert and drinks. Thanks to all who made this special event possible. The list is long and includes the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay, DJ Tony Nelson, the City of Foley, Cassebaum Farm in Lillian, and sponsors Cato's of Foley, Elberta Co-Op and the Methodist Church of Gulf Shores. **Pictured:** A Thanksgiving Turkey (aka Amy Wilborn of Foley High School staff) showed up at the Annual ARC Thanksgiving Dinner to greet the original organizer of the event, Willie Nell Evans; Gulf Shores High School students enjoyed the Annual ARC Thanksgiving Dinner, featuring turkey and all the trimmings.



HAVEN VISIT: Gulf Shores Elementary School K-Kids Club members recently visited the Haven Assisted Living Care Center in Gulf Shores to visit with the residents and enjoyed playing cards with them. Pictured: (l to r) Parker Pennington, Davis Stephenson, Olivia Hayes, Ella Gilbert, Kayla Tanner, Lola Pizzetta, Abigale Farmer, Nora Malone, Allie Lawson, Kara Grace Harmon, Brooklyn Purvis and Vanessa Morules; Ella Gilbert, Taylor Bjorgum, Davis Stephenson, Brooklyn Purvis, Marlie McCartney and Vanessa Morules.

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2 8-oz. pkgs. shredded sharp Cheddar cheese
1-oz. pkg. ranch dressing mix
1/4 tsp. hot pepper sauce
10-oz. pkg. chopped pecans
Combine cream cheese, Cheddar cheese, dressing mix and hot pepper sauce; form into a ball. Roll ball in chopped pecans to cover. Refrigerate over night before serving. Makes 12 servings. Enjoy!
Note: For gifts...just roll into 6 small balls, wrap individually and give with some crackers.

Enjoy.

Dr. Geoff Lipscomb speaks Dec. 16 at Bayside Baptist

Local physician, Dr. Geoff Lipscomb will be speaking at Bayside Baptist Church on Sunday December 16 at 10:30 am. Dr. Lipscomb has traveled on several occasions with the International Mission Board on medical missions to Thailand, India, Kenya and numerous other countries, working with local missionaries there. While working and volunteering his medical services, he has experienced the joy of witnessing many locals accept Christ. On one trip to Thailand, approximately 120 people were led to the Lord. All are welcome. Bayside Baptist is located at 33677 US Hwy 98 in Lillian. For more info, call 251-256-0226.

Newcomers Club 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.

World Wars Exhibit open thru Dec. 16 at BCHM

The sixth annual WWI & WWII - Memories of Baldwin County exhibit will be on display at the Baldwin County Heritage Museum (BCHM) on Hwy. 98 in Elberta thru Dec. 16. Admission is free and the Museum is open from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Wednesday thru Saturday. The Exhibit is endorsed by the Alabama Bicentennial Commission and is sponsored by BCHM.

The Exhibit features the role Baldwin County played in World War II with the Navy's Outer Landing Fields (OLF), the training for the secret mission of Operation Ivory Soap, and the POW Camps in our county. Storyboards feature the military service of citizens from Baldwin County.

Russian songsters at GSUMC Dec. 9

A musical treat is once again in store for area residents. ChoRuss, a professionally conservatory-trained quartet from Russia, will be in concert at Gulf Shores United Methodist Church sanctuary on Sunday evening December 9 at 7pm. There is no charge for the concert, however a love offering will be taken. Reserved seating will be available for concert season sponsors.

This is the third ChoRuss visit to the US and to Gulf Shores, singing to rave reviews here as well as in a number of other US churches. Their repertoire spans a wide variety of traditional Russian Orthodox Christian melodies as well as classical, folk music and Christmas songs.

ChoRuss has toured extensively through Europe as well as the US, recently completing a successful fall tour of the Netherlands. The group was established in 2012 and their artistic director, Dmitri Petrov, has worked with a number of outstanding Russian conductors. All ChoRuss members are professional singers and teachers at the St. Petersburg Russian conservatory. An interesting side note about the group is that their CD can now be found on the International Space Station. For further details, contact the GSUMC office at 251-968-2411 or visit gulfshoresumc.org.

Episcopal Church; Gulf Shores, 616 Ft. Morgan Rd.; 251-709-5907.

TUE, DEC 11

- **Christmas Calendar:** Please turn to pages 6-28.
- **Flora-Bama Possible Probables:** 3 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
- **Flora-Bama Bingo:** free; 1-4 p.m.; great prizes, family friendly; 17401 Perdido Key Dr., Perdido Key.
- **Brian Hill:** 6; Fin & Fork, Orange Beach.
- **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **Karaoke/Bingo:** 6; Tacky Jack's, Gulf Shores.
- **Karaoke w. John Henry:** 5; American Legion Post 99, Foley.
- **Johnny Barbato:** 6; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.
- **Bowling Tourney:** 7; Snapper's; Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke:** 7; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.
- **Free Line Dance Lessons With Lori:** 6; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- **JW Karaoke:** 6; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
- **Lisa Christian:** 6; Sunset Cork Room, Gulf Shores.
- **Kiwanis Club of Big Lagoon:** 5 p.m.; social meeting; locations to be determined, 850-867-5873 or 901-734-1066.
- **GriefShare Support Group:** Resumes 9/25; For men and women; 6-8 p.m.; Point Church, 13801 Innerarity Point Rd. Info: Shirley Parker at 601-278-6973,

- **NAPA Pool League:** 7:30; The Office, Foley.
- **Bingo:** 10 to 2; Gulf Coast Elks Lodge 2782, Foley; 251-971-2782.
- **Orange Beach City Council Meeting:** 5 p.m.; City Hall; 980-INFO.\
- **Orange Beach Bridge Club:** Tue. & Thur at noon; Orange Beach Senior Center; visitors and new members welcomed even without a partner; 251-981-3440.
- **Orange Beach Library Children's Story Time:** 10 a.m.; preschool; 981-2923.
- **Southwest Branch Library Children's Story Time:** 10:30 a.m.; preschool; 12248 Gulf Beach Hwy, Pensacola; (850) 453-7780.
- **Gulf Shores Kiwanis Club:** Palmer Dining Room at Craft Farms; noon; new members and guests always welcome; 251-981-9999.
- **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 12

- **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.
- **Justin Jeansonne:** 6; Fin & Fork, Orange Beach.
- **Open Mic Night:** 5:30; Tacky Jack's,

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COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE: The New Mt. Marriah Missionary Baptist Church was full to capacity when the congregation hosted the Annual Community Thanksgiving Service. The event was organized by the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay. **Pictured:** From left are Pastor Tom Harris, Bayside Baptist Church; Rev. Calvin Bartl, Eternal Life Christian and Missionary Alliance Church; Rev. Dean Conkel, Lillian Fellowship; Bishop Booker T. Washington, Divine Revelation Deliverance Church; Marvin Showers, Mt. Marriah Choir Director; Rev. Mark McDonald, Vicar Episcopal Church of the Advent; Rev. Josh Thompson, First Baptist Church of Lillian; Dr. Melvin Whitehurst; Rev. Daniel Randall, Lillian United Methodist Church; President Jeff Keener, Optimist Club of Perdido Bay and Larry Washington.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING



South Baldwin Community Theatre raffling quilt to raise funds Gee's Bend collectible to be displayed & raffled at January event

The Gee's Bend community has become famous for its quilts, hand made by generations of its Boykin residents. This group of Alabama women has gained national and international acclaim for their work in carrying on the tradition of quilt making.

To benefit its new SBCT costume department, South Baldwin Community Theatre is proud to offer the opportunity to own an authentic piece of this Alabama history!

The theatre is selling a quilt made by Gee's Bend Quilting Collective director, Mary Ann Pettway, (above). A fundraising gala will be held in January, where the quilt titled "Climbing the Ladder" will be displayed and sold. For more info on the event and the Gee's Bend quilt, visit sbct.biz.

Dozens of quilts, featuring the distinctive, bold, and sophisticated quilting style based on tradition American quilts, but with geometric simplicity, have toured America's most important art museums, including Corcoran Gallery of Art in Washington, the Whitney Museum of America Art in New York and the museum of Fine Arts in Houston. Newsweek, NPR, PBS, Art in America, CBS News Sunday Morning, and Martha Stewart Living are among the TV shows that have featured this Alabama treasure.

Publications, such as House and Garden and Oprah's O magazine are among the hundreds of print and broadcast media organizations that have celebrated the quilts and history of this unique town. In August of 2006, a series of ten US postage stamps were dedicated to the Quilters. Each stamp in this collection contained the image of a Gee's Ben Quilt.

Pictured: DeAnn Milly, SBCT's costume mistress and Gee's Bend Quilting Collective Director Mary Ann Pettway with the quilt being raffled.

Gulf Shores.

- **John Lee Sanders:** 6; Voyagers Restaurant at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **Swing Dancing:** 7, American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.
- **John Brust:** 6; The Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **Big Beach Running Club:** 5:30 p.m.; Big Beach Brewery in Gulf Shores; all levels welcome.
- **Bingo Night:** 6; Tacky Jack's, Orange Beach.
- **Rodger Plemons:** 5; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.
- **Karaoke w. Cindy & Mary:** 5; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- **Smokey Free Bingo:** 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- **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.
- **FBISF Songwriters:** 5; LuLu's at Homeport Marina, Gulf Shores.
- **Karaoke:** 9; The Office, Foley.
- **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 wel-

come; 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; 251-968-2823.
- **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 13

- **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.
- **Greg Lyon:** 6; Hub Stacy's; Innerarity

Point.

- **Touch of Class:** 7; Papa Roccos; Gulf Shores.
- **Karaoke:** 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- **Scott Koehn:** 5:30; Pleasure Island Tiki Bar, Orange Beach.
- **John Lee Sanders:** 6; Voyagers Restaurant at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **Tim Roberts:** 6:30; The Tin Top; Bon Secour.
- **John Brust:** 6; The Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke:** 6; Tacky Jack's, Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke:** 5:30; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- **Karaoke:** 8; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.
- **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 7; Papa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **Arts at the Market:** 4-8 p.m.; Coastal Alabama Farmer's & Fishermen's Market, Foley, 2nd Thurs. of each month; great artists & crafters from our area; Info: (251) 229-9885.
- **8 Ball APA:** 7:30; The Office, Foley.
- **Bridge:** noon; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- **Rotary Club of Gulf Shores/Orange Beach:** noon; Gulf Shores Golf Club; visiting Rotarians and guests invited; 251-968-2000.
- **Gulf Shores United Methodist Church Bread Ministry:** 9-10; every Thursday; room 103 on the south campus, next to Crossroad; 251 968-2411.
- **Adult Bible Study:** 10 a.m.; Gulf Shores Presbyterian Church; all welcome; (251) 968-7720.
- **Orange Beach Bridge Club:** Tue. & Thur at noon; Orange Beach Senior Center; visitors and new members welcomed even without a partner; 251-981-3440.
- **Gulf Shores Library Pre-school (3-5) Story Time:** 10:30 a.m.; 251-968-1176.
- **AA:** Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (In-



GSMS Cheerleaders Perform at University of Alabama

The GSMS Cheerleaders were invited to participate at the 2018 University of Alabama UCA Spirit Day. It was a phenomenal opportunity to visit a place of higher learning and showcase the talent of our school's cheerleading squad. The girls performed a halftime dance in front of approximately 100,000 football fans. **Pictured:** Top Row: Coach Kristin Weaver, Natalie Daniel, Jordyn Buckmaster, Kaleigh Davis, Siddah Weihing, and Coach Megan Michaelson; Bottom Row: Natalee Cerne, Nevaeh Williams, Addison Reddick, and Kambrie Rowe. (not pictured: Kaitlyn Hoff)

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WHAT'S HAPPENING



ORANGE BEACH GARDEN CLUB YARDS OF THE MONTH: The Orange Beach Garden Club has chosen the 5098 Washington Blvd. (above) home of Joe and Glenda Langham for November's Residential yard of the Month. With November, beautiful mum's signal that Thanksgiving and cool temperatures are on their way to the beach. The Langhams have stunning displays of yellow mum's in their flower beds. The OBGC has selected the Coastal Arts Center for its November Yard of the Month. Thank you to the Coastal Arts Center for creating such a fantastic place to stroll and enjoy the outdoors. They have brought their talent outside through this beautiful landscaping. Pictured below with just one of the spectacular creative features are Brandi Thomley (left), Director Desiree Blackwell (center) and Amy DiMarco (right).



SONORA LODGE BUILDS TROPHY CASE FOR SUMMERDALE SCHOOL: Randy Smith, Worshipful Master of Sonora Masonic Lodge No. 635 in Summerdale recently crafted a hand-made wooden trophy case for the Summerdale School. The case near the inside entrance of the school's gymnasium and will house many of the trophies and memorabilia. The lodge donated funds to the Summerdale School's Booster Club in order for the club to pay for the supplies needed to build the case. "We are very grateful to Sonora Lodge," said Booster Club President Blake Garrison. **Pictured:** Members of Sonora Lodge posing in front of the hand crafted trophy case they donated to the school. Picture # 2: (l-r) Worshipful Master Randy Smith presents Summerdale School Booster Club President Blake Garrison with the keys to the trophy case.

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FRI, DEC 14

- **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.
- **Fish-Fry & John Brust:** 5:30; Gulf Coast Elks Lodge 2782; Foley.
- **J.E.R.I.:** 5; Lucy Buffett's LuLu's, Gulf Shores.
- **Rhonda Hart:** 6; Fin & Fork, Orange Beach.
- **LA Rex:** 7; The Office, Foley.
- **Bo Grant (formerly of The Platters):** 7; Papa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.



WAY TO GO JON PATRICK:

This second grader at Gulf Shores Elementary School, Jon Patrick Meador, won the bookmark contest for his age group this summer at the Gulf Shores City Library. Along with his awesome bookmark being given out to patrons at the library, he also won an art box! Great job, J.P.!

- **Kristi Dees Bad JuJu:** 7; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
- **Rib Eye Dinner to help Veterans and Families:** 5 p.m.; music & dancing at 7 p.m.; American Legion Post 44; Gulf Shores.
- **John Lee Sanders:** 6; The Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **Sandra Kaye & The Legends:** 8; Lucky Horseshoe, Fairhope.
- **Open Jam:** 8; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.
- **Karaoke:** 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.


- **Karaoke:** 8; Snapper's; Orange Beach.
- **Open Mic Karaoke w. John Henry:** 5; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- **Open Mixed Doubles Tennis:** 7:15 a.m.; all levels welcome; Gulf Shores Tennis Center; corner of West 19th Ave. and West 2nd St.
- **Bingo:** 5:30; Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5659; Elberta.
- **Foley Rotary Club:** 12:15 p.m.; Gift Horse Restaurant in Foley; foleyrotary@gulfnet.com.
- **AA:** Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (In-

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Tickets for Kenny Chesney Wharf show on sale Dec. 7

David Lee Murphy, Caroline Jones also on the April 27 bill

Kenny Chesney is coming to The Wharf Amphitheater with special guests David Lee Murphy and Caroline Jones on Saturday, April 27. Tickets go on sale Friday, December 7, 2018 at 10 a.m. at kennychesney.com or at the Wharf Box Office.

After playing 19 major stadium concerts, breaking 11 records and playing to over 1.3 million members of No Shoes Nation, Kenny Chesney decided to scale things back, head to where the fans are and create a more intimate concert experience. Though known for his high impact shows, Songs for the Saints 2019 Tour is going to being all the energy, all the intensity and all the songs to 19 select markets, with tickets for all on sale on the same day, Dec. 7.

"I wanted to bring the music to the people, knowing how many members of No Shoes Nation travel to see our stadium shows," the man the Los Angeles Times hailed "The People's Superstar" said of his 2019 tour. "To me, making the rooms a little smaller, coming to where the fans live, we're changing the dynamic – and I think it's going to be pretty cool. It's a lot of people's hometowns, and that's always awesome energy."

Joining the songwriter/superstar on Songs for the Saints 2019 Tour is good friend and hard country icon David Lee Murphy. Murphy's feel good faith in the universe "Everything's Gonna Be Alright" became his second and Chesney's 29th No. 1 – and scored the pair the 2018 CMA Award for Musical Event of the Year.

With "Better Boat," Chesney's duet with Mindy Smith from the deeply personal Son for the Saints climbing the charts, the 8-time Entertainer of the Year is turning his attention back to the fans, the music and the road. Profiled in The New York Times in early November for his intersective approach to music through sports, the man from East Tennessee believes in the power of music to heal people wherever they are.

"One thing people who've been coming to see us know is that every night, I tell people, 'Whatever your problems are, I want you to leave them out there... and for one night, I want you to forget about it, and have the time of your life,'" he explains. "It's not that we don't have serious songs, or heart-break songs, but I want people to feel what they need to feel, sing as loud as they can and have the kind of night everybody needs to feel the best part of being alive."



Earlier this year, The New York Times further recognized that power, offering, "Everything country learned from arena rock is in the mix...the music gives him heroic, wide-open spaces," while the Cleveland Plain Dealer offered, "Chesney makes you feel better, better about yourself, better about life," and Variety noted, "Country Music's only true long-term stadium act."

"To me, songs are personal. That is until you play them for others. Now when I hear the audience singing along on "Noise," or "Get Along," or "American Kids," it's their song every bit as much as it's mine. They throw so much light and heart on everything, even a sad one like "Anything But Mine," the songs shine. So for us, getting out there and hearing these songs again just reminds us how powerful they are. And getting to take them to some places we've missed, playing some rooms where we can really see all the faces? That's really awesome, too."

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

SAT, DEC 15

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

• **Opera "La Traviata by Giuseppe Verdi:** 11:55 a.m.; in high definition from The Metropolitan Opera; Cobb Pinnacle 14; Gulf Shores.

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

• **Firkin Holiday Party w. 5 Small Batch Tappings:** 3 p.m.; Big Beach Brewing Company, Gulf Shores.

• **Dueling Pianos:** 3 p.m.; Big Beach Brewing Company, Gulf Shores.

• **JoJo Press:** 9; The Office, Foley.

• **Gypsy Pearl:** 5; Lucy Buffett's LuLu's, Gulf Shores.

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

• **LA South:** 7; Bluewater BBQ; Orange Beach.

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

• **Southern Star:** 6:30.; American Legion Post 99; Foley.

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

• **Karaoke on our Tiki Bar:** 8; Live Bait, Orange Beach.

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

• **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.

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

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

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

• **Optimist Club of Perdido Bay:** breakfast every Saturday at 7 a.m. at the Lillian Community Club in Lillian; (251) 961-2620.

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

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

• **Ladies AA:** 9 a.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Activities Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

SUN, DEC 16

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

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

• **Unity Church Beach Service:** 9:45 a.m.; The Royal Oyster, Hwy. 59 - 3 blocks from beach in Gulf Shores.

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

• **Stocking Stuffer / Pie in the face for Charity:** See your favorite bartender get a pie in the face for charity; The Office, Foley.

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

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

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

• **Tim Roberts:** 7; Papa Rocco'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.

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

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

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

• **John Joiner & Friends:** 4; Hub Stacy's at the Point; Innerarity Point.

• **Blind Draw Dart Tournament:** 5; American Legion Post 99, Foley.

• **9 Ball APA:** 6; The Office, Foley.

• **AA:** 5 p.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship



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WHAT'S HAPPENING

BCBE accepts new bid for Orange Beach Middle/High School

Parents can attend Dec. 12 public meeting to ask questions, hear details

By Fran Thompson

As expected, after adjusting the timeline for completion of the project, the Baldwin County Board of Education was able to find contractors willing to bid for the new Orange Beach Middle/High School, and unanimously approved a construction contract with Sharp, Inc for just over \$26 million at its November 16 meeting.

The BCBE extended the timeline for completed construction until June 1, 2020.

The school will be built on land donated by Orange Beach adjacent to the Orange Beach Sportsplex. The bid process was initially delayed

after the lone bid for the project came in almost \$20 million over expected cost projections last month.

Thrash Contractors' \$42.7 million bid was so far removed from the school system's estimate for the project that the School Board had little choice but to unanimously vote to table the issue earlier in November.

Orange Beach Mayor Tony Kennon has scheduled a public meeting to answer questions about the transition to the new school at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 12 at the Orange Beach Community Center. All parents are highly encouraged to attend. Child-care will be provided.

"At this time we are looking to create a portable village, for lack of a better term, located at the elementary school and recreation center property housing 7th thru 9th grades for the school year 2019/2020," said Mayor Kennon.

The tight construction timeline in a tight labor market, especially with the Florida Panhandle rebuilding after Hurricane Michael, and a unique architectural design led to the lone high bid during the first go around.

"This is a building that will serve generations of students, so we will go through the

process in a methodical manner," said BCSD Superintendent Eddie Tyler.

The independent school system in Gulf Shores starts in August of 2019. The city has already appointed a school board and hired a superintendent.

"(Gulf Shores) Mayor Craft has reached out and said he will help in any way he could," Kennon said.

"The 2019-2020 school year will be a year of change and anticipation for what's coming. But it will be an excellent academic year because Baldwin County has incredible teachers who will be there for our students - wherever the classroom," said O.B. school board member Norma Hoots Lynch said. "Let's celebrate this for our students, staff, city, and county! I can't wait to ring the bell."

The 700 seat Orange Beach Performing Arts Center, which the city is committed to building, will be bid separately.

Tyler said the plan for the new Orange Beach school is to use the second floor for middle school students and the first floor for high school students. Each will have its own principal.

Covering 130,000 square feet, the school will include 28 classrooms, two special needs classrooms, two middle school science labs, four high school science labs, a competition gym seating 736, a band room for 100 students, a choral room, a families and consumers sciences lab, a drivers education lab, an indoor dining cafeteria seating 300 and an outside pavilion/dining area seating 300.

As required by state law, BCSD already had a back-up plan if there was a delay in construction.

Meeting an August 2019 deadline for construction of the school was always going to be a tight window, Tyler said.

"There's going to be a portable village," Tyler said in September. "It will have to be architected and engineered and the state building commission has to bless it. It will be on the site of Orange Beach Elementary. It's going to be worked where there's not going to be any interaction with the elementary school.

"So there is going to be a village there, maybe 15 portables - something like that. And then we'll transition them to the new high school. I know portables is a bad word sometimes, especially depends on what part of the county you live in, but we're doing this for a purpose."

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

MON, DEC 17

• **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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

• **Celebrate Recovery:** (Christ centered 12 step program); Monday evenings at 6 p.m.; Christian Life Church in Orange Beach; 251-967-4840.

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

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

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

• **Ladies AA:** 10 a.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point

Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

TUE, DEC 18

• **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.

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

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

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

• **Yoga In The Taproom:** 6; Big Beach Brewing Company; Gulf Shores.

• **Johnny Barbato:** 6; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

• **Bereaved Parents of Baldwin County:** 7 p.m.; for parents, and grandparents who have had a child, or grandchild die; First Presbyterian Church of Gulf Shores; 251-



SGA OFFICERS AT GSES: Congratulations to our newly elected Student Government Association (SGA) officers at Gulf Shores Elementary School. **Pictured:** From left to right: President Baylen Byrd, Vice President Claire Colvin, Secretary Connor Adams, and Treasurer Ana Bathrick

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223-7270.

- **Kiwanis Club of Big Lagoon:** 7:30 a.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Activities Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Road, Pensacola, 850-867-5873 or 901-734-1066.
- **GriefShare Support Group:** Resumes 9/25; For men and women; 6-8 p.m.; Point Church, 13801 Innerarity Point Rd. Info: Shirley Johnson, 601-278-6973.
- **NAPA Pool League:** 7:30; The Office, Foley.
- **Bingo:** 10 to 2; Gulf Coast Elks Lodge 2782, Foley; 251-971-2782.
- **Orange Beach City Council Meeting:** 5 p.m.; City Hall; 980-INFO.
- **Sonora Masonic Lodge:** 7 p.m.; 202 E. Jackson Street in Summerdale; sonora635.com.
- **Orange Beach Bridge Club:** Tue. & Thur at noon; Orange Beach Senior Center; visitors and new members welcomed even without a partner; 251-981-3440.
- **Orange Beach Library Children's Story Time:** 10 a.m.; preschool; 981-2923.
- **Southwest Branch Library Children's Story Time:** 10:30 a.m.; preschool; 12248 Gulf Beach Hwy, Pensacola; (850) 453-7780.

- **Gulf Shores Kiwanis Club:** Palmer Dining Room at Craft Farms; noon; new members and guests always welcome; 251-981-9999.
- **Kiwanis Club of Foley:** Noon on Tuesdays at Ryan's in Foley; 251-968-6288.
- **AA:** Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
- **Al-Anon:** Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Activities Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

WED, 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 Jeansonne:** 6; Fin & Fork, Orange Beach.

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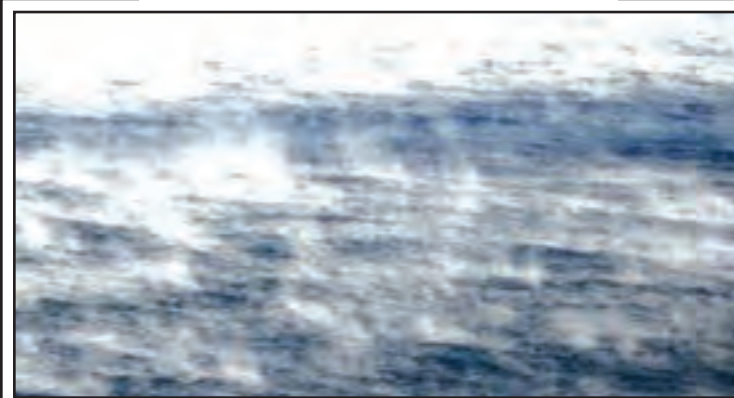
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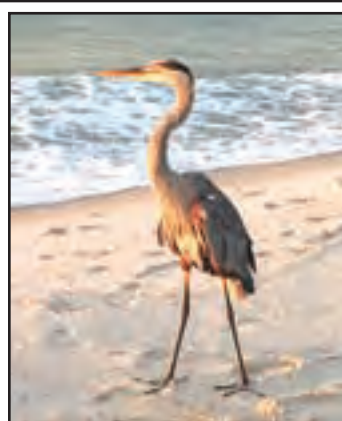
Patricia Rainey shares a pic of a beautiful day enjoying the beach on Perdido Key.



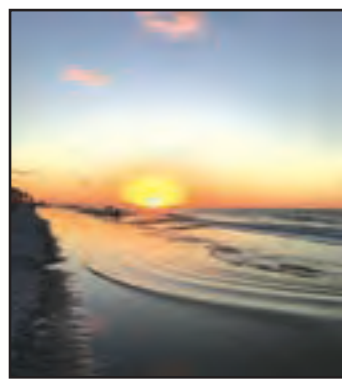
Another spectacular picture courtesy of Dennis Whitney.



"Enjoyed celebrating my husband Dil's Birthday watching the Blue Angels practice at NAS in Pensacola! Awesome!" writes Joy DeBardeleben.



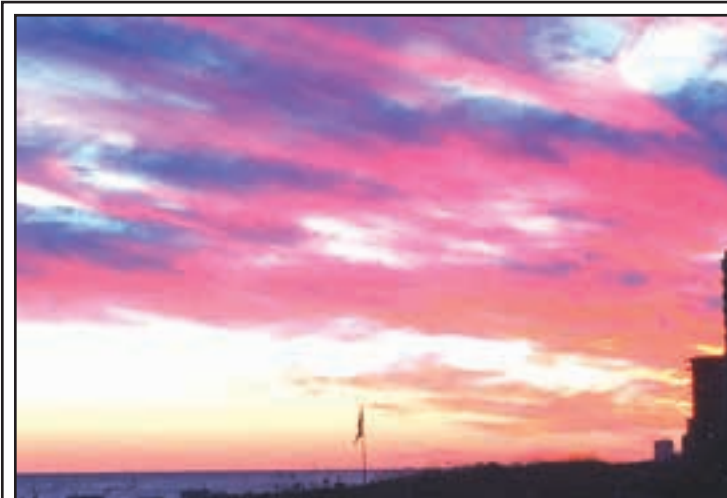
"This beautiful creature we have named Pierre," writes Kelly Maguire. "He is waiting patiently for someone to catch a fish!"



Ken Matthews shares a sunset shot from Gulf Place.



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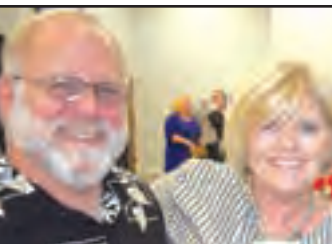
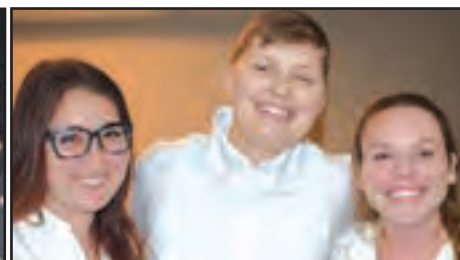
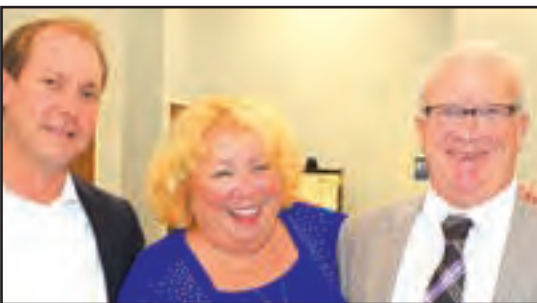


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Funny Bones

By George Ridder



These jokes are award winningly bad...

- Sometimes I like my steak under cooked...But that's rare.
- Why does a room full of married people look so empty?
- Because there's not a single person in it.

- What did the alien say to the garden?
- I got pulled over. The cop asked me why I didn't stop at the stop sign? I answered, "Do you believe everything you read?"

Dear Santa,
For this year I'm requesting a big bank account and a small body.

P.S. Please don't mix them up like you did last year.

One day a man went to an auction. While there, he bid on a parrot. He really wanted this bird, so he got caught up in the bidding. He kept on bidding but kept getting outbid, so he bid higher and higher and higher.

Finally, after he bid way more than he intended, he won the bid - the parrot was his at last!

As he was paying for the parrot, he said to the auctioneer, "I sure hope this parrot can talk. I would hate to have paid this much for it, only to find out that he can't talk!"

"Don't worry," said the auctioneer. "He can talk. Who do you think kept bidding against you?"

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 20 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 to 15 pounds first."

An angry motorist went back to a garage where he had purchased an expensive battery for his car just six months earlier.

"Listen," the motorist grumbled to the owner of the garage.

"When I bought this battery you said it would be the last battery my car would ever need. It died after only six months!"

"Sorry," apologized the garage owner. "I didn't think your car would last six months."

A mathematician wanders back home at 3 a.m. and proceeds to get an earful from his wife.

"You're late!" she yells. "You said you'd be home by 11:45!"

"Actually," the mathematician replies coolly, "I said I'd be home by a quarter of 12."

A confused young man could-

n't decide whether to marry Kathryn or Edith. Even though he tried as hard as he could, he was unable to make up his mind.

This indecision continued until both young women got tired of the situation and left him for good.

Moral of the story: You can't have your Kate and Edith too.

I got a lift to the eleventh floor, and as I got out, the operator said "Have a good day, son."

"Don't call me son," I said.

"You're not my dad."

"No, but I brought you up, didn't I?"

Lou: Hey Joe. I know the score of any professional sports score before it happens.

Joe: No you don't. That's impossible.

Lou: Wanna bet?

Joe: Okay Lou. What's the score of the Patriots vs the Rams game before it happens?

Lou: That's easy. 0-0.

Grandson: "When did you first realize you were getting old, grandpa?"

Grandpa: "When I started having my midnight snack at 9:30 p.m."

Velcro? what a rip off!

Venison for dinner again? Oh deer!

Be kind to your dentist. He has fillings, too.

A man comes up to the owner of a lumberjack business and says, "I need a job and I think I'm pretty good."

The owner replied, "Okay, show me what you can do, chop down that redwood over there." The man said okay and left. Five minutes later he came back and was done.

The owner was shocked and asked, "How did you chop that tree down so fast?"

The man said, "I got a lot of practice in the Sahara."

The owner replied, "You mean the Sahara desert?"

"That's what they call it now," he replied.

I told my boss that three companies were after me and I need a raise.

My boss asked, "What companies?"

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