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AROUND TOWN

Area Mardi Gras Parade Schedule

Saturday, February 2

1 p.m. - Krewe de la Dauphine (**Dauphin Island**)

Saturday, February 9

1 p.m. - Dauphin Island People's Parade (**Dauphin Island**)

Friday, February 22

6:45 p.m. - Apollo's Mystic Ladies (**Daphne**)

Saturday, February 23

3 pm. - Mystic Mutts of Revelry (**Fairhope**)

6 p.m. - Mystics of Pleasure, **Orange Beach**

6:30 p.m. - Knights of Ecor Rouge (**Fairhope**)

Friday, March 1

6 p.m. - Mystical Order of Mirams (**Orange Beach**)

6:45 p.m. - Maids of Jubilee (**Fairhope**)

Saturday, March 2

11 a.m. - Foley parade (**Foley**)

2 p.m. - Krewe of Mullet Mates (**Mullet Point**)

2 p.m. - Grand Mardi Gras Parade, downtown **Pensacola**

6 p.m. - Mystics of Pleasure (**Orange Beach**)

6:45 p.m. - The Shadow Barons (**Daphne**)

Sunday, March 3 (Joe Cain Day)

2:29 p.m. - Loyal Order of the Fire Truck (**Daphne**)

1 p.m. - Krewe of Wrecks Parade, **Pensacola Beach**

2 p.m. - Krewe of the Royal Riff-Raff, **Josephine**

4 p.m. - Krewe du Cirque (**Foley, OWA**)

Monday, March 4 (Lundi Gras)

4 p.m. - Kid & Pet Parade, The Wharf, **Orange Beach**

6 p.m. - Evening Float Parade, The Wharf, **Orange Beach**

6:45 p.m. - Order of Mystic Magnolias (**Fairhope**)

Tuesday, March 5 (Fat Tuesday)

10 a.m. - Gulf Shores Parade (**Gulf Shores**)

2 p.m. - Orange Beach Parade (**Orange Beach**)

5:05 p.m. - LuLu's Boat Parade, Wharf to LuLu's, **Pleasure Isle**



Mirams seek parade participants

Let the Good Times Roll with the Mystical Order of Mirams Mardi Gras Parade on Friday, March 1 6:30 p.m. on the Orange Beach route. Organizations looking for something fun to do during the Mardi Gras season can help the Mirams give back to the community that does so much for all of us. Email Julia at Mutang JuJu@hotmail.com for more info. There is no registration fee.

Free E-Cycling/Shred Day Jan. 19 at GSP

The Annual E-Cycling and Shred Day, sponsored by the cities of Orange Beach and Gulf Shores and the Coastal Alabama Business Chamber will be held from 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday, January 19 at the Gulf State Park Pavilion parking lot.

In the event of rain, a tent will be setup to drive under. Be sure to start saving electronic items you wish to recycle and start gathering any documents you want to shred to make this collection a great success. There is no fee to drop off items to shred or recycle thanks to the sponsorships.

PBPS Boating Safety class Feb. 2 in Lillian

Perdido Bay Power Squadron is offering its Boating Knowledge and Safety Class on Saturday, February 2 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Lillian Recreation Park, 33914 Widell Ave., in Lillian. For additional information, call Richard Carson at (251) 980-1536.

Certified instructors from the Perdido Bay Power Squadron provide instruction as a courtesy to advance recreational boating knowledge. The course includes information on getting started, what is needed, required and recommended safety equipment, boating rules to live by, navigation chart overview, and related topics.

The cost is \$50 for student materials and lunch.

Student materials include a student manual, graduation certificate, and copies of federal and state rules. Two persons in the same household may share a single book. For those sharing a book, there is an \$8 charge for the additional lunch.

Classes are limited to 16 students. Minimum age is 12, and an adult must accompany anyone under 16. Walk-ins are welcome if space is available. Successful completion of the course meets the basic boating knowledge requirements of most states and territories. Education on Alabama boating law is included in the course and comprehension assessed as part of the course final examination.

Register and buy the student manual at Blue Water Ship's Store in Foley.

Materials may also be obtained on class day at the Lillian Recreation Park.



Taste of St. Peter's Jan. 26 in Bon Secour

St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Bon Secour, will host a Southern Gulf Coast Cooking event, the Taste of St. Peter's, on Saturday, Jan. 26 from 11 a.m. 'til 1 p.m. It is a wonderful opportunity for the larger community to gather and sample some true southern Gulf Coast cooking in the picturesque town of Bon Secour.

The menu features favorites such as the church's award winning shrimp jambalaya, cold chicken salad on French bread, bread pudding and cole slaw.

Bayou Cora Farms will be providing its spinach, sausage & feta cheese grits and the world famous Lima Beans w. Andouille Sausage from the Tin Top Restaurant are also on the menu.

All proceeds from the event will be used for the church's various outreach programs. Don't miss the bake sale with lots of homemade goodies. Admission is \$10 per person. For more info, call 251-949-6254. St. Peter's Episcopal Church is located at 6270 Bon Secour Hwy. (at the corner of County Rd. 10 & County Rd. 49 in historic Bon Secour).

1,000 runners expected for Jan. 27 Big Beach Marathon

4th annual event start & finish is at Gulf Shores Public Beach

Gulf Shores' fourth annual Big Beach Marathon will be held Sunday, January 27 starting at 8 a.m. at the newly renovated Public Beach in front of The Hang Out. More than 1000 runners representing 44 States, Canada, Poland and Brazil are expected to participate. Local favorite singer songwriter Lisa Christian will sing our National Anthem.

Boasting a flat and fast certified Boston Marathon Qualifier course, the marathon reveals beautiful scenery as it runs through the paved trail system of our Gulf State Park before crossing the Beach Blvd. pedestrian bridge and finishing the last 1.2 miles on Beach Blvd. with great views of the Gulf of Mexico at the finish. Local professional photographer Shelley Patterson of C-Shelz Photography will be at the finish line to capture the moment as each runner crosses. To register or for more information about the Full, Half or Relay Marathon, visit bigbeachmarathon.com.

The Run the Beach three-race half marathon series begins with The Big Beach Half Marathon on Jan. 27 followed by the Sea Turtle Half Marathon Feb. 16 and the Kaiser Realty by Wyndham Vacation Rentals Coastal Half Marathon Nov. 30.

Jan. 26 Packet Pick-Up Includes Expo

On Saturday January 26 from 1-8 p.m., The Lodge at Gulf State Park will host the Big Beach Marathon Expo and Packet Pick Up. Along with 30 Exhibitors, Mitch Rencher and his tropical steel drum music will be featured and Gulf Shores High School Cheerleaders will be there to meet and greet the runners. There will also be some very special surprise "visitors" from Big Beach Marathon's charity Partner, Alabama Gulf Coast Zoo.

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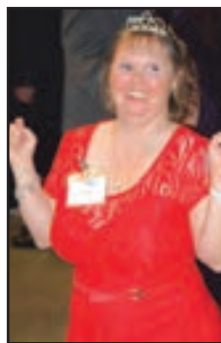


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AROUND TOWN



Buddies still needed for people with special needs event

Jan. 22 is final training session for Night to Shine Prom volunteers

The final scheduled volunteer training session for February's Perdido Bay United Methodist Church Tim Tebow Foundation Night To Shine Prom is Tuesday, Jan 22 from 6-7 p.m. at the PBUMC Community Center. New volunteers are asked to submit a background form.

"We are looking forward to another amazing Night to Shine and we could not do it without our Buddies," said event chair Lori Gerritsen.

The Night To Shine Prom Friday will be held February 8 at the PBUMC Community Center on Innerarity Point. The event provides an unforgettable prom night experience, centered on God's love, for people with special needs, ages 14 and older.

The worldwide movement takes place in all 50 states and 15 countries around the world, and PBUMC is one of more than 450 churches around the world that will host this amazing event. The event requires around 300 volunteers, and each of them must be trained. Around 30 volunteers are still needed at PBUMC.

The church utilizes donations from its thrift store, the Redemption Store, to provide gowns, shoes, accessories, and suits to guests, who are invited to come and pick out complimentary attire prior to the event. Seamstresses are available to provide any alterations needed.

For more sponsorship, volunteer or event info, contact event co-chair Gerritsen at 972-834-7799 or Lorigerritsen@gmail.com, visit pbumcnts.com or go to facebook.

Every guest of Night to Shine receives the royal treatment, including hair and makeup stations, shoe shining areas, limousine rides, corsages and boutonnieres. Guests enter the building on a red carpet complete with a warm welcome from a friendly crowd and paparazzi. Once inside, guests enjoy a catered dinner, prom favors.

"Best of all, each honored guest is crowned a king or queen of the prom," said Erik Dellenback, executive director of the Tim Tebow Foundation.

Pictured: Fun at the 2018 Night to Shine Prom at PBUMC.

Friends of Foley Library Book Sale Feb. 8-9 at Civic Center

The Friends of the Foley Library Book Sale will be held Feb. 8-9 at the Foley Civic Center, located at 319 E. Laurel Ave. in downtown Foley. All of the proceeds help fund the Foley Public Library. Hours on Friday, Feb. 8 are 9 a.m. 'til 5 p.m. and the sale is open from 9 a.m. 'til noon on Feb. 9 for a Saturday Special - \$5 for a Tanger Bag full of books.

The event includes a preview sale and wine & cheese party for Friends of the Library Members Only on Thursday, February 7 from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Patrons can join the Friends (\$15 for families and \$10 for single memberships) at the preview party. For more info, call 251-943-7665 or visit foleylibrary.org.



Knight hosts free women's self defense seminar Jan. 20

Tim Knight, (pictured) who runs a Gulf Coast Jujutsu out of Gulf Shores Crossfit, will host a free women's self-defense seminar from 9-10 a.m. on Sunday, Jan. 20 at Wheel's Yoshukai Karate Academy, located at 314 E 21st Ave. in Gulf Shores.

"We will have several of our instructors present and we are offering this seminar both as a public service and to demonstrate the program to our ranked instructors who have not seen it and want to learn to teach it in their areas," Knight said.

The camp is for teens and up and participants will not be taking any falls but rather will be shown some of the effective, easily remembered self defense techniques. Participants will then practice on volunteers. "Senior students of ours who don't mind," Knight said.

For more info, call Knight at 251-923-6945.



Pirates of Lost Treasure invasion start of Perdido Mardi Gras Feb. 9 flotilla on Ole River ends with party at Flora-Bama

By Jimmie Sue Walters

We are kicking off Perdido Key's carnival season with the Pirates of Lost Treasure's 25th anniversary Mardi Gras themed flotilla on Feb. 9 beginning from Holiday Harbor Marina at 10:45 a.m. Blasting the Booty is the theme, and the flotilla will feature extravagantly decorated boats with many creative themes. There are three categories of prizes: Most Spirited Crew, Most Original Theme, and Best Decorated. Each will receive a \$100 prize.

We would like to recognize Danny Henderson, fellow Pirate and the first ever captain of the Pirates' Flotilla in 1994. We also want to celebrate Mullet Wrapper owner and flotilla sponsor Fran Thompson and original owner of The Point, David Lively, who both were the original judges. Ms. Lillian Walsh of Lillian's Pizza was also a judge. Rest in Peace sweet lady.

The pillage will begin at 10:45 a.m. at Holiday Harbor Marina. Immediately, we bombard Sunset Grille with lots of booty and continue east to the Oyster Bar, turn back west to the Perdido Bay Seafood docks, parading on to Galvez Landing, then head down Ole River storming the docks, raid the beaches at the Flora-Bama docks, pillage the Ole River Bar and celebrate the Victory Party at Flora-Bama.

Registration: \$25.00 per vessel. Public welcome to enter their vessel. Contact Barry Swift - (850)426-9242 or Jimmie Sue Walters - (850)525-1975 for more info. Captain's Meeting & Social: Friday, Feb. 8th at Sunset Grille at Holiday Harbor Marina, 6:30 p.m. We strongly recommend all captains attend this meeting, crew welcome, too.

Parade Viewing and Special Flotilla Promotions:

Spectators have various vantage points to view the parade: Sunset Grille at Holiday Harbor Marina. The grille will open at 9 a.m. and feature \$4 Bloody Mary's and \$3 Mimosas and Poinsettias; The Oyster Bar will open at 10:30 a.m. and feature a 25% discount on food and beverages. Call ahead to make reservations for the deck tables - (850)492-5600; Hub Stacey's at The Point will open at 7 a.m. for breakfast and offering \$3 Mimosas and Bloody Mary. You can watch the parade at Galvez Landing.

We celebrate the support of our locals and the visiting snowbirds. Thanks in advance for coming out to your docks along the ICW and Ole River. We guarantee a fun time.

Victory Party:

Please join us for our Victory Party at the Flora Bama dome stage around 1:30ish. Johnny B and Lucky Doggs will be serving up some Cajun zydeco and the krewe will have lots of booty to share. Red Beans n Rice will be available for purchase for \$5.00. Awards will be announced at 2:30 p.m. There will be a 50/50 drawing and a "Grog" Treasure Chest Raffle.

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AROUND TOWN



Tickets on sale for March 14 Foley Woman's Club Mad Hatters

In The Garden is the theme for the annual Foley Woman's Club's Mad Hatters' event is March 14 at the Foley Civic Center beginning at 11:30 a.m. Doors will open at 10 a.m. for bidding on silent auction items and purchasing raffle and Pot of Gold tickets.

Prizes will be awarded to the "Most Creative Theme," the "Craziest" and "Most Glamorous" hats.

A catered lunch will be served at noon with entertainment and a fashion show to follow. All proceeds go to groups that help women and children in Baldwin County.

Tickets are \$30 and can be purchased by contacting Chris Anglin at 251/943-3443 or Kelly Barrett at 251/609-9778, foleywomanclub@gmail.com. All of the event profits go to women and children services in Baldwin County.

Pictured: Members of the Foley Woman's Club received a generous donation from the Rikard Foundation donated by Jennie and Frank Rikard. Every year since 2006, the Rikard's have made the first donation to the Club's Mad Hatters' event. Above are Chris Anglin and Kelly Barrett with Jennie Rikard presenting the generous check.

GSUMC concerts include Jan. 21 Elvis Gospel Show

Three on a String will be the entertainment on Friday, January 18 at 7 p.m. for the Gulf Shores United Methodist Church's popular winter concert season in the church sanctuary. Additional



shows include the (pictured) Elvis Gospel Show on Monday, January 21, Monroe Crossing on Friday, January

25, and Cody and Friends Jr. on Saturday, January 26.

Tickets are available from 9 a.m. to noon at Thee Coffee Shop in the GSUMC South Plaza Campus and also on Tuesdays in the GSUMC auditorium at Snowbird Coffee.

All shows are at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10 per person with the exception of the Elvis Gospel Show with tickets at \$15 per person. For more info, call 251-968-2411 or visit gulfshoresumc.org.

Gulf Shores Fit Fair & Wellness Open House Jan. 18 at Bodenhamer

The 7th Annual Community Fit Fair and Wellness Open House returns to the David L. Bodenhamer Recreation Center and Cultural Center – Studio Fit on Friday, January 18 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Fit Fair will be specifically located at the Bodenhamer Center, while the Open House will include both the Bodenhamer and Cultural Centers. This event is free and open to the public. You do not have to be a member of the fitness centers to attend this event.

The Fit Fair and Wellness Open House will feature the area's top health and wellness professionals. Attendees can participate in wellness screenings, chair massages, free food, view exhibits and speak directly with health professionals to learn more about how to improve their overall well-being. The community is invited to visit both facilities, workout and enjoy classes at no cost for the day. In addition, there will be free aerobic classes held in the gymnasium for anyone interested.

Class times are as follows:

7:30 a.m. – Strength + Conditioning; 8:30 a.m. – Step Aerobics
9:00 a.m. – Floating Fitness Demo (this class is located at the Indoor Pool); 9:30 a.m. – Strength + Conditioning; 10:30 a.m. – Zumba; 11:30 a.m. – Barre; 12:00 p.m. – Tabata.

"The City of Gulf Shores Recreation Department is excited to work in collaboration with the area's leading health professionals to administer this event for our community," Recreation Manager Nicole Ard said. "The Community Fit Fair and Wellness Open House is a great opportunity for members AND non-members to explore our fitness centers, try a new aerobics class, meet our staff, be introduced to some wonderful healthy foods, and talk to local professionals about how you can improve your health... all for FREE!"

Lifesouth will be on site during the event hosting an Emergency Need Blood Drive. The goal for the blood drive is to get 17 donations, which will help save up to 51 lives in our community. All donors will receive a recognition item and a free cholesterol screening. Donors must be 16 or older and present a driver's license.

More info: gulfshoresal.gov/fitfair or 251-968-1420.

City Rhythm Big Band Dance Jan. 26 at Loxley Civic Center

The City Rhythm Big Band has scheduled a dance on Saturday, Jan. 26 at the Loxley Civic Center from 7-10 p.m. Tickets are \$10 per person. Ice, cups and water will be available at the BYOB event. For more info, call 251-554-5497.

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 more information, visit cityrhythmbb.com or call 251-554-5497. The Loxley Civic Center is located at 4198 Municipal Park Dr. Dances are also scheduled on February 23, March 23, April 27 and May 11.

Coin & Currency Jewelry Show Jan. 19-20 at Foley Civic Center

The South Baldwin Numismatic Assn. Golf Coast Coin & Currency Jewelry Show will be held January 19-20 at the Foley Civic Center. Hours are 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. on Saturday and 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. on Sunday. Admission and parking are free. Dealers will be on site to appraise gold and silver, and lots of old coins will be for sale. Food and refreshments will be available. For more info, visit foleycoinshows.com or call 251-597-7796 or 251-269-3089. The Foley Civic Center is located at 407 E. Laurel Ave. (Hwy. 98), just east of Hwy. 59.



JWC receives Ann Reese Grote Scholarshp Fund donation

The Pleasure Island Junior Woman's Club received a donation to be applied towards the annual Ann Reese Grote Memorial Scholarship Fund that the club distributes each year. Several of Ann Reese's family friends donated towards the fund. The scholarship is awarded annually to a Gulf Shores High School senior who exemplifies the true meaning of a servant leader and someone who is engaging in their community and always looks to make a difference.

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RUNNING CLUB.....1/16, 1/23 & 1/30: 5:30pm

TRIVIA & BLUEWATER BBQ.....1/21 & 1/28: 7pm

LIVE MUSIC.....Poarch Ninjas, 1/18: 5:30-8:30pm

LIVE MUSIC.....Phil and Foster, 1/19: 6:30-9:30pm

LIVE MUSIC.....Pale Moon Rising Duo, 1/20: 2-5pm

LIVE MUSIC...Ed David Anderson, 1/25: 5:30-8:30pm

LIVE MUSIC.....Sugarcane Jane, 1/26: 3:30-6:30pm

LIVE MUSIC.....Brent Burns, 1/27: 1:30-4:30pm

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AROUND TOWN

Don Schlitz plays at 'Bama on Feb. 7

The Flora-Bama, in conjunction with the Frank Brown International Songwriters Festival, will present an evening with megahit songwriter Don Schlitz on Thursday, February 7 at 6 p.m. in the Flora-Bama Main Room. Tickets are \$20 at the door (first come - first serve) for the Country Music Hall of Fame inductee.

Schlitz has amassed 24 number one songs, two Grammys, and three CMA Songs of the Year and more than 50 hits during his amazing career.

He was inducted into the Songwriters Hall of Fame in New York in 2012 with Bob Segar, Gordon Lightfoot, Jim Steinman, Tom Jones and Harvey Schmidt.

He played the 2017 Frank Brown International Songwriters Festival just days after being inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame with Alan Jackson and Jerry Reed.

His hit songs include "The Gambler," "On the Other Hand," "One Promise Too Late," "40 Hour Week," "Houston Solution," "I Feel Lucky,"

"When You Say Nothing at All," "Forever and

Ever, Amen," and "He Thinks He'll Keep Her."

One of the first performers at The Bluebird Café, Schlitz and friends Thom Schuyler, J. Fred Knobloch, and Paul Overstreet, originated the now-ubiquitous songwriter "in the round" format in 1985. He continues to regularly perform his hits and new material at The Bluebird, interspersed with his wry wit and unique comic timing.



G.S. United Methodist Church Marketplace Bazaar Jan. 26

By Sandra Guy

The United Methodist Women (UMW) of Gulf Shores United Methodist Church will sponsor their annual Marketplace Bazaar on Saturday, Jan. 26 from 9 a.m. -2 p.m. in the church auditorium located in Building B, 1720 Gulf Shores Parkway in the old Winn Dixie Shopping Center.

The Marketplace Bazaar includes a bake sale, frozen casseroles, a decorator's corner, a silent auction, used book sale, a boutique, arts and crafts, and much more. Lunch will be served from 11 am - 2 pm in the auditorium and will consist of a local favorite, Lavone Hinesley's chicken sausage gumbo, rice, garlic bread, homemade dessert, and beverage. Lunch tickets are \$10 per person and can be purchased in advance from 9 am-noon Monday through Friday at Thee Coffee Shop located next to the church auditorium, before and after Sunday church services in the church sanctuary lobby, and before Wednesday services in the church auditorium. Tickets will be available the day of the bazaar for purchase.

The UMW is also pre-selling one quart gumbo only tickets for \$12. Only 100 of these tickets are available for purchase.

Proceeds from the Marketplace Bazaar benefit local and foreign missions supported by The United Methodist Women. Some of the local organizations which we support are McKemie Place, Mary's Shelter, The Light-house, Upper Room Living Prayer Center, Christian Service Center, Under His Wings, Youth Outreach, and Kairos. For more information, visit gulfshoresumc.org or call the church office at 251-968-2411.

L.A. Beach Writers host free Jan. 19 writing seminar at O.B. Library

The L.A. Beach Writers Association will host a writing seminar presented by Linda Busby Parker on Saturday, January 19 at the Orange Beach Public Library. Ms. Parker will focus on improving creative writing skills using concrete examples to help writers of all levels. While the seminar is free, space is limited. So if you want to attend, please send an email to either Nancy Dickhute (dickhute@creighton.edu) or Kim Shackelford (kshackel12@gmail.com) with your name and phone number.

Linda Busby Parker is the author of two novels: Seven Laurels and Oliver's Song. Seven Laurels won the James Jones First Novel Award and the Langum Prize for Historical Fiction. Linda teaches creative writing in programs at the University of South Alabama and Middle Tennessee State University.

Kiwanis Take Stock in Children Golf March 23 at Perdido Bay

The Kiwanis Club of Big Lagoon will host The Take Stock In Children Scholarship Golf Tournament on Saturday, March 23 at Perdido Bay Golf Club in Pensacola. Tee Time for this Tournament at 12:00 PM. Cash prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. Cost is \$320 per team or \$80 per golfer and includes golf, cart(s) and lunch, in addition to lots of other amenities. Registration begins at 10:30 a.m., with lunch, the ball drop and a putting contest to follow before the noon shotgun start. Early registration is open now at Golf.KiwanisClubofBigLagoon.com. For more info, call Craig at 850-867-5873, or Email KiwanisCraig@gmail.com. Funds raised at this Tournament will fund Scholarships in partnership with Take Stock in Children Foundation. To learn more go to golf.KiwanisClubofBigLagoon.com or TakeStockInChildren.org.

Off-Bottom Culture Of Oysters forum slated Feb. 19 in Fairhope

The Local Food Production Initiative presents the Off-Bottom Culture Of Oysters Forum on Tuesday, February 19 at the Fairhope Unitarian Fellowship, located at 1150 Fairhope Ave. in Fairhope. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m., with presentations beginning at 7 p.m.

At least ten oyster farms now dot the Alabama shoreline of Mobile Bay and Mississippi Sound. How did they come to be?

Dr. Bill Walton, Director of the Auburn University Shellfish lab at the Dauphin Island Sea Lab, will speak. His research on oysters has led to a new off-bottom oyster production industry. Dr. Chuck Wilson, former Director of the LSU Sea Grant program and

owner of Navy Cove Oysters, LLC of Fort Morgan, will also speak. Theirs is a success story of research transformed into commercial reality.

A \$5 donation at the door is suggested. For more information please go to: www.fairhopelocalfood.org or Local Food Production Initiative on Facebook. You may also contact Mike Healy (healymj14@gmail.com) at 251-504-1173 or Marilyn Mannhard (marilyn-mannhard@gmail.com) at 251-978-9442 for info.

Princess Tea Party Feb. 9 at G.S. Adult Activity Center

The City of Gulf Shores will host the first Princess Tea Party on Saturday, February 9 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Adult Activity Center. The event will feature a tea bar, dessert scones, princess crafts and a crown station. Tea and scones will be provided by Copper Kettle Tea Bar. Princess costumes are encouraged. Cost is \$10 for one parent and one child. Each additional child is \$5. Registrations can be made at the Bodenhamer Recreation Center and the Cultural Center or online at gulfshoresal.gov. For more info, call 251-968-9818.

Family Fun Day Feb. 2 at Gulf State Park

The staff at Gulf State Park will host a Family Fun Day at its spanking new Gulf Interpretive Center (located adjacent to the Beach Pavilion) on Feb. 2 from 10 a.m. 'til 2 p.m.

Kelly Reetz, park naturalist, will host this family-friendly event. Stations will be set up for families to learn about binoculars, birding, fishing. There will also be live animals, a bicycle obstacle course and crafts. For more info, call 251-948-7275.

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Funny Bones

By George Ridder



Q: Why did the can crusher quit his job?
A: Because it was soda pressing.
.....
A cop pulls over a carload of nuns.
Cop: "Sister, this is a 65 MPH highway -- why are you going so slow?"

Sister: "Sir, I saw a lot of signs that said 22, not 65."
Cop: "Oh sister, that's not the speed limit, that's the name of the highway you're on!"
Sister: "Oh! Silly me! Thanks for letting me know. I'll be more careful."
At this point the cop looks in the backseat where the other nuns are shaking and trembling.
Cop: "Excuse me, Sister, what's wrong with your friends back there? They're shaking something terrible."
Sister: "Oh, we just got off of highway 119."

.....
Why don't skeletons ever get mad?
Nothing gets under their skin.
.....
What do cows put in their coffee?
Calf-n-calf!

.....
Golfer: "This is the worst course I've ever played on."
Caddy: "This isn't the golf course. We left that an hour ago."

.....
Golfer: "That can't be my ball, it's too old."
Caddy: "It's been a long time since we teed off, sir."
.....
• The nicest thing about the future is . . . that it always starts tomorrow.
• Money will buy a fine dog, but

only kindness will make him wag his tail.
• If you don't have a sense of humor, you probably don't have any sense at all.
• A good time to keep your mouth shut is when you're in deep water.
• How come it takes so little time for a child who is afraid of the dark to become a teenager who wants to stay out all night?
Business conventions are important. . .because they demonstrate how many people a company can operate without.
• Why is it that at class reunions you feel younger than everyone else looks?
• Scratch a cat and you will have a permanent job.
• There are no new sins; the old ones just get more public.

.....
An elderly lady came to see a young male doctor with her husband. After the consultation was finished, the elderly man suddenly asked the doctor for a piece of paper and a pen.
Although a strange request, he complied, and the man quickly wrote something, then handed the folded piece of paper to the doctor. He told him to read it as soon as they had left.
The doctor thought that the man perhaps had an embarrassing medical complaint he didn't want to talk about in front of his wife,

so the doctor didn't hesitate in obeying the request. Once the couple had left the room, the doctor sat down and read the piece of paper.
Its contents were thus: "Your fly is undone."
.....
The person sitting next to me on a flight was a woman. Ever the charmer, I used one of my pick-up lines on her. I asked, "Does the airline charge you extra for sitting next to good-looking men?"
"Yes," she replied, "but I wasn't willing to pay."

.....
The 10 worst things to say to a cop who pulls ou over...
10. Your so-called "speed limits" mean nothing to me flatfoot. I live my life one quarter-mile at a time.
9. You again? I thought I lost you at that last red light.
8. Aren't you going to strip search me, big boy?
7. I am not the droid you're looking for. You don't need to see my papers.
6. Darn! My radar detector must be broken again.
5. You better hurry up with that ticket. Dunkin' Donuts closes in 15 minutes.
4. You're not going to search my trunk are you?
3. How about you watch my friend Ben Franklin while I get

my registration?
2. Sorry I was speeding officer, but your daughter said she had to be home by eleven.
1. Hey Barney! How are things in Mayberry?
.....
New Year's Diet for Stress...
Breakfast:
1/2 grapefruit
1 slice whole wheat toast
8 oz. skim milk
Lunch:
4 oz. lean broiled chicken breast
1 cup steamed spinach
1 cup herb tea
1 Oreo cookie
Mid-Afternoon Snack:
The rest of Oreos in the package
2 pints Rocky Road ice cream,
nuts, cherries and whipped cream
1 jar hot fudge sauce
Dinner:
2 loaves garlic bread
4 cans or 1 large pitcher Coke
1 large sausage, mushroom and cheese pizza
3 Snickers bars
Late Evening News:
Entire frozen Sara Lee cheesecake
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stuff you wish you could say at work...
- I'm trying to imagine you with a personality.
- A cubicle is just a padded cell without a door.

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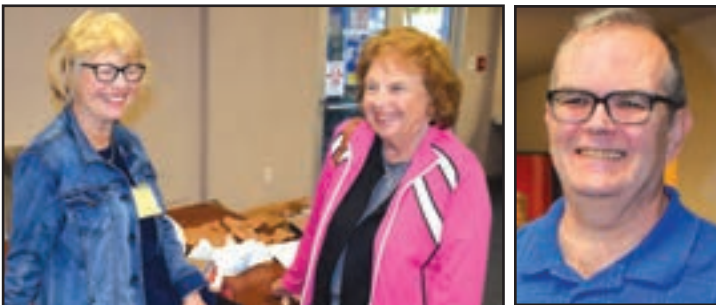
AROUND TOWN



Friends of Orange Beach Library Trivia Night Feb. 16

The Friends of the Orange Beach Library will host "Snowbird Trivia" Saturday, February 16 at the Orange Beach Event Center. Doors open at 5 p.m. and play begins at 6 p.m. The event, popular with Snowbirds and Locals, features eight themed rounds of ten questions each, a pick-a-pot drawing, Heads and Tails contest, table decoration theme contest, and winning trivia table award. Popular local songwriter & entertainer, Brent Burns, will be emceeding the event. All monies raised last year were donated to the Orange Beach Public Library, the Gulf Shores Public Library, the South Baldwin Literacy Council, the Orange Beach Arts Center, and the Baldwin Pops. Registration forms are available at the Orange Beach and Gulf Shores libraries. Cost is \$120 for a team of eight players. For more info, call Larry and Sharon Ramirez at 251-975-1258 and leave a message.

Pictured: Friends of O.B. Library assisting customers at the group's recent book sale.



Effort being made to find funds for South Baldwin animal shelter

Ideally the shelter would partner with Auburn Veterinary Referral Center and its students

By John Mullen

A trap, neuter, return program for feral cats in Orange Beach has blossomed into a regional effort to find funding for a new South Baldwin animal shelter, with representatives from Orange Beach, Gulf Shores and Foley are meeting to come up with ideas about how to make that happen.

"There is a serious initiative underway for an all-inclusive animal campus to serve the tri-city area of Foley, Gulf Shores and Orange Beach," read a post in the The Orange Beach Animal Care & Control Facebook page urging followers to contact their local government officials in support of the plan.

Tom Conerly, Orange Beach's animal control officer and volunteer for the OBACCP, said the group is seeking a top-notch shelter and hopes to work with staff and students at Auburn's new educational building on the Foley Beach Express and Gateway Boulevard, formerly County Rd. 8.

"The proposed multi-phase, state-of-the-art campus would be centrally located in close proximity to the new Auburn Veterinary Referral Center," Conerly said. "It would include a true open-admit animal shelter, a centralized stray-hold facility for the three municipalities, overflow stray-hold and sheltering for the South Baldwin County area, a pre-constructed and designated pet evacuation center, an animal clinic and surgery suite to support the campus and the community cat TNR programs in the area, and other companion animal related support facilities."

Gayle McMillan, a volunteer with the Gulf Shores Animal Care and Control Program, said ideally the shelter would partner with the Auburn facility and its students.

"We have been in touch with Auburn to work in conjunction with us so that their techs and those in training can actually have a hands-on opportunity at the shelter," McMillan said. "There's some places where tech students actually live on campus so there might be an opportunity there

with dormitory space for the Auburn students to come live with the animals."

Another part of the shelter program would take in animals whose owners die or are no longer able to take care of them.

"To keep old people from having to have their pets euthanized we'd like to offer them a retirement type of attitude for pets," McMillan said. "So, it's really kind of a modern concept that we'd like to build on gradually. We'll start small but have the physical space to expand as this idea gets fully developed."

"We're meeting on the 16th of January to try to determine where the money for the project will come from," McMillan added. "That seems to be the only obstacle. Everybody that Tom and I have contacted, everybody's on board, everyone has a humane attitude toward animals and they realize that this impacts the quality of life if we have dead or roaming animals. We haven't encountered any opposition."

Gulf Shores City Administrator Steve Griffin said the shelter recently taken over by the county in Summerdale is overflowing and another facility is needed.

"The animal shelter the county operates now is often at capacity and needs more room for animals," Griffin said. "As we're growing down here we're seeing more local regional needs in South Baldwin County. That's what's been talked about. We just met yesterday and looked at a shelter in Escambia County."

GSACCP President Tobi Waters said the Gulf Shores program got a boost and advice from Orange Beach when it wanted to start its own program in August. Both city councils provided seed money to buy traps and other supplies. Both groups are donation driven and staffed by volunteers.

Since September of 2017, Orange Beach has captured and released about 150 cats. Since starting in October Gulf Shores has neutered 32 cats, two dogs and adopted out 13 cats.

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GULF SHORES CITY COUNCIL

Six story mixed-use development approved for Surf Style building at Public Beach

By John Mullen

City officials are excited that a new development planned for the main beachfront could be the beginnings of a walking district with retail and rental units. The current Surf Style directly west of the Hangout will be torn down and replaced with a six-story building.

"This creates a retail development on the ground floor that's adjacent to the street and really visually is very appealing," Councilman Jason Dyken said. "With that retail space it gives an activation to the street that I think will set the stage for a walking district down there that will be active and enjoyable to see along with what we've done with the public beachfront and the sidewalks."

Councilman Philip Harris said the building will be constructed with expensive waterproof technology so it doesn't have to be raised above the flood plain.

It is a technique to make a building water tight to floods, therefore reducing the required minimum FEMA Flood Zone building height requirement so a building can be constructed at grade level," City Planner Andy Bauer said.

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Beach road has been a busy place in Gulf Shores for more than a year with new medians, traffic signals, sidewalks and bicycle lanes being developed. The Alabama Department of Transportation also plans to resurface State Route 182 from Gulf State Park to West Lagoon this year.

Gulf Shores recently completed refurbishing the Gulf Place beachfront from West Second Street to East First Street in the same area. Work is currently underway on a previously undeveloped lot owned by the city east of the Phoenix All-Suites Hotel. Parking, restrooms, a boardwalk, a police substation and other amenities are planned there with a completion date this spring.

Just across the street to the northwest site work is already underway for an \$85 million Embassy Suites hotel which will have 229 rooms, meeting spaces, retail shops and a rooftop pool and bar overlooking Gulf Place.

The new development for the Surf Style location (pictured) was approved in January of 2018 with a zoning setback variance allowing the new building's footprint to cover 95 percent of the lot. Hangout developer Shaul Zislin asked for and received a conditional use permit for a remote parking lot across the street and to the east of the planned building at the Jan. 14 council meeting.

"I know there have been several variances along the way but in the end, we've got a much better project and a much lower height than what's allowed in there," Harris said.

ment for about \$181,000.

On the new Surf Style building, Zislin said construction is expected to start this year. Hangout Hospitality, which owns three restaurants in Gulf Shores and one in Orange Beach, is also planning on renovating the former Blond John's skateboard shop into Big Blue Pizza. Zislin said there are no definite plans on when they will start. The pizza place also already has approval to use the remote parking lot across the street. Bauer said the lot exceeds the number of spaces required for the condos and the pizza place.

"There will be no parking on their site because they are basically developing their entire piece of property they own which is why the off-site parking being built across the street is important and required to make this project work," Mayor Robert Craft said. "It is a great addition to our community and we have encouraged this to go forward."

Surf Style will have a 10,000-square-foot retail space on the ground floor of the new building and 12 condominiums on floors two through four. Bauer nine of the condos will have three bedrooms and three will have four bedrooms. The top two floors will contain amenities including a rooftop pool and garden and meeting spaces.

Command Unit

Police Chief Edward Delmore said his department has outgrown its current command trailer and with the number of outdoor events hosted by the city he needs a larger and more versatile unit.

"In 2012 we recognized that we needed some type of command post vehicle and we were able to obtain and use a 20-foot tow behind trailer that served us adequately for a period of time," Delmore told the council. "We've outgrown that vehicle and have been searching for a replacement that would be more self-contained, larger and more appropriate for the many events that we host and operate for in the city."

After an exhaustive search, Delmore said one for sale was located in Conroe, Texas, for about \$195,000. He said the price was negotiated down to \$181,000 which includes a new floor in the vehicle and some rearranging of dispatch stations inside.

"The really good news about this particular vehicle is we can purchase this with accumulated federal asset forfeiture funds that we have on hand," Delmore said. "It will not come out of the general fund."

We'll get many, many years of good service out of this."

Delmore said the department will keep the trailer and turn it over for use by the dive and special response teams.

In other business the council:

- Agreed to pay Christie Strategy Group \$10,000 per quarter in 2019, plus expenses, for lobbying services in Montgomery.
- Ratified an agreement with Resicum International which will move its headquarters to Jack Edwards National Airport. The company will operate out of the Gulf Air Center but plans to build a 22,000-square-foot facility at the airport. Resicum will pay the city 2 percent of gross revenues provided at or on the airport. Resicum is an aerospace company that works on military aircraft.
- Ratified an agreement with Magniflight for aircraft flight instruction sales at Jack Edwards National Airport. In return, Magniflight will pay the city 2 percent of its gross revenues from flight lessons and one-tenth of a percent of gross revenues from aircraft sales.
- Ratified an agreement with Intensive Air Care Charter Air for air ambulance and air charter services at Jack Edwards National Airport.
- Issued a conditional use permit it Veterinarians Adam and Niesje Langston to put an animal hospital in an existing building at 6642 State Route 59. Adam Langston is the head veterinarian at the Alabama Gulf Coast Zoo and this property backs up to the property where the new zoo is being built.
- Agreed to accept four roads in Martyn Woods Phase II subdivision and rights-of-way improvements.
- Adopted a memorandum of understanding with the CoachSafely Foundation to provide all athletic personnel with an annual injury prevention course as required by a new state law passed in 2018.
- Issued an assembly permit for the Big Beach Marathon from 6 a.m.-4 p.m. on Jan. 27. Most of the race is on the Backcountry Trail system and but it will start and end at the Hangout.
- Issued two assembly permits to the Gulf Coast Arts Alliance, one for the Ballyhoo Festival on Oct. 10 in the Waterway Village District and six art markets throughout 2019 at the Gulf Shores First Presbyterian Church and Waterway Village District.
- OK'd a liquor license transfer from One Club Gulf Shores to BAR 45.



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"We are very excited about how we can have this beautiful facility & still protect our environment."

By David Rainer

The fanfare that accompanied the official opening of The Lodge at Gulf State Park was unprecedented, a fact affirmed by a pair of experts in the field of lodging and hospitality.

With Governor Kay Ivey headlining a long list of dignitaries at the grand opening in October and her return for her inaugural celebration two months later, the buzz surrounding the facility located only steps from the white-sand beaches of the Gulf of Mexico has not abated.

"I asked the head gentleman from Valor Hospitality and the head gentlemen of Hilton Hotels if they had ever been to a ribbon-cutting where there was this much passion, love and energy behind a project," said Malone, Gulf Coast Convention and Visitors Bureau CEO. "They both said never, ever have they seen anything like this."

"I grew up in Gulf Shores. We went to the State Park a lot growing up. So, we were really excited about the completion. I think it's going to be great for Alabama," said Jon Hand, CEO of Electric Cities of Alabama, a group that represents municipally owned utilities that serve about 1 million customers in Alabama.

"To my knowledge, we were the first group to sign a contract with the resort," added Hand. "And, we were the first to sign a multi-year contract. Whenever we can do business in Alabama, we like to do so. Our 35th anniversary will be our first conference at The Lodge."

The Lodge accommodate up to 1,000 people for conferences and conventions with a 350-room hotel that includes 20 suites. The beach-view ballroom is 12,160 square feet

with an adjacent 7,500-square-foot outdoor terrace. Several other smaller meeting and conference rooms are available. A Gulf-front infinity pool will have a pool bar and grill. Meanwhile, a Gulf-front restaurant features terrace seating and a private dining room that will serve house-prepared dishes sourced from regional suppliers, including fresh Alabama Gulf Seafood.

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

"We are caretakers of this creation," said Chris Blankenship, Commissioner of the Alabama Department of Conservation. "The sustainable construction and the environmentally friendly management of The Lodge show how serious we are about that responsibility. We are very excited about how we can have this beautiful facility and still protect our environment."

Most of the dignitaries who spoke at the Lodge's grand opening ceremony were able to share memories of cherished family time spent at previous versions of the Gulf State Park Lodge.

"Did you see the suite with the separate room with bunk beds and a TV?" AL Congressman Byrne asked. "I wish they had had those when we used to stay at the park when my children were small. We definitely would have taken advantage of that."

State Representative Steve McMil-



lan said there were numerous hurdles that had to be overcome to rebuild the lodge after Hurricane Ivan destroyed it in 2004.

"It's better than I ever envisioned that it might be. And one thing most people don't realize is that we came within three days of having to shut down construction while we waited on a court ruling," Rep. McMillan said. "The judge finally ruled in our favor, and here we are today. I never had any idea we would have anything like this. It's just unbelievable."

The resort facilities at Gulf State Park will factor into the economic well-being of the rest of the Alabama State Parks System, said Alabama Speaker of the House Mac McCutcheon.

"When we came for a tour of the construction site, we walked out on the dunes, and I remember my children being there on the edge of the water when they were very, very little. Deb and I made a trip down here, and we stayed at the lodge that was here at the time. That was the first time my children got to feel the sand between their toes and feel the waves wash up on them. We built sandcastles. That was the first time for children who were raised in red land cotton fields to see what it was like to stand on the side of the Gulf of Mexico. That's a great mem-

ory."

Governor Ivey echoed the sentiment that the opening of The Lodge has been a study in perseverance.

"There's just no more beautiful place than Alabama's Gulf Coast with the white sand and sparkling waters. That's why I made it my mission to protect this part of the state and grow it," said Governor Ivey. "In 2004, Hurricane Ivan came through and damaged parts of our great state. It also destroyed a very special spot on the Gulf Coast – the lodge. However, in the resilient spirit of Alabama, we find a way to make good out of a bad situation."

"This will be a centerpiece for this area but also for the great state of Alabama. We're located on the doorstep of the Gulf, and this will be a way to show a piece of Alabama to the world."

Ivey said The Lodge's partners, Valor Hospitality and Hilton Hotels, will help make The Lodge at Gulf State Park a world-class destination.

"There is so much to love about this state," Governor Ivey said. "In this area, it's our beautiful natural resources, especially our people. I really want to thank the locals in this area, who year-round, continually welcome visitors to our great state."

Governor Ivey said that more than

20 years ago Mercedes became the game-changer for our automotive industry, and she expects the same impact from The Lodge at Gulf State Park.

"Gulf State Park will be a world-class place to visit, and it will be the crown jewel of tourism," said Governor Ivey, who presented Gulf State Park Project Manager Tye Warren with a certificate of commendation.

After he was presented with the certificate from Governor Ivey, Warren's young daughter jumped into his arms at the grand opening.

"As I hold my daughter, I will tell you there have been a lot of people who helped raise this place," Warren said. "Thursday night, I listened to Valor Hospitality's CEO talk to 200 employees, and the feelings I had were closure and complete comfort in what this is going to be. And I hope when my daughter marries that I have the same feeling on that day. I feel great about where this is going."

"People from around the world will want to come experience what we have in Alabama," Gov. Ivey said. "I look forward to continued growth in the tourism industry."

Pictured: Alabama Governor Kay Ivey joins numerous dignitaries to cut the ribbon to officially open The Lodge at Gulf State Park.

Gov. Kay Ivey's Inauguration Party At Gulf State Park Lodge





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Gulf State Park named Alabama Attraction of the Year

It promises to be a special year for Gulf State Park and its brand new lodge.

Recently named Attraction of the Year by the Alabama Tourism Department, The Lodge at Gulf State Park, a Hilton Hotel, opened in November 2018 and just last weekend hosted Governor Kay Ivey's Gulf Coast Inaugural Celebration featuring country music star Neal McCoy. Conservation Commissioner

Chris Blankenship says the Attraction of the Year designation is a high honor. "One reason the Alabama Tourism Department made this designation is the environmental sustainability the park is embracing," Blankenship said. "Restored sand dunes, a rainwater recycling system and lighting favorable to wildlife are just some of the things that make the park ecofriendly."

The park's 600,000-plus annual visitors have access to an array of recreational opportunities throughout the park's 6,150 acres. Other lodging available includes 11 cottages, 20 cabins and 500 campsites.

In addition to direct access to more than 2 miles of pristine beach, the GSP guest experience includes 28 miles of hiking and biking trails, a nature center, programs about local wildlife, a saltwater fishing pier and a new interpretive center.

Gary Ellis, Director of Community Relations and Administration at GSP, said The Lodge opening is not the end of improvements at Gulf State Park. A Learning Campus is currently under construction and will open later this year.

"The park's many different habitats, such as forest, wetlands, dunes, freshwater and saltwater provide a unique opportunity to provide more educational programs," he said. "The Learning Campus will



host camps and retreats, educational conferences and workshops for all types of groups. Longer term, plans are underway to expand trails and group camping sites."

Gulf State Park consistently receives high reviews on the visitor experience website TripAdvisor.com. Because the park received Certificate of Excellence ratings five years in a row, it was awarded Hall of Fame recognition in 2018.



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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Vendor slots still available for Feb. 7 Lifestyles EXPO

Event is showcase for all things Alabama & Baldwin

Vendor registrations are still available for the 27th Annual Alabama Lifestyles EXPO, scheduled from 8 a.m. 'til 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 7 at Caribe Resort in Orange Beach. Registration is \$260 for the free event annually attracts more than 3,000, mostly Snowbird attendees. Exhibitor slots often are filled before the event.

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

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

Expo attendees can drop passengers off at any one of the three exhibit hall entrances.

The exhibitors represent companies that provide products and services that will improve your quality of life and make your trip to the Gulf Coast more enjoyable. Attendees will have an opportunity to win door prizes, receive free health screenings and collect numerous giveaways. The extensive range of services and information offered also includes sampling from restaurants and hands-on exhibits of all kinds.

The event attracts Snowbird visitors and locals who wish to learn more about what Alabama has to offer in a spacious and beautiful setting. Exhibitors represent companies that provide products and services that make trips to the Gulf Coast more enjoyable. The EXPO is most popular with Snowbirds, but it offers something of interest for all ages.

EXPO Exhibitors receive a complimentary website link on the AlabamaAdvantage.com website (20,800 unique visitors), and exhibitors' websites are promoted in a newsletter sent to 2,500 email addresses, a list culled from Expo attendees.

The "We've found that our snowbirds love to take mini-trips. Last year, I met a couple who stayed 28 days in a north Alabama city and visited surrounding areas. Winter visitors are great candidates for relocation. In 2017, a United Van Lines survey showed that Alabama had a 8.6 % gain in people moving to Alabama for retirement."

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

WED, JAN 16

- **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.
- **Brent Burns:** 4; Fin & Fork, Orange Beach.
- **Danny Grady:** 3:30-5:30 p.m.; Papa Rocco's, Gulf Shores.
- **Big Beach Running Club:** 5:30 p.m.; Big Beach Brewery in Gulf Shores; all levels welcome.
- **Swing Dancing:** 7, American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.
- **Bingo Night:** 6; Tacky Jack's, Orange Beach.
- **Open Mic:** 6; Tacky Jack's, Gulf Shores.
- **Karaoke w. Aaron Phillips:** 6; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- **Rodger Plemons:** 5; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.
- **Karaoke w. Cindy & Mary:** 5; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- **John Joiner & Friends:** 7; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
- **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 2 p.m.; Island Time Daquari Bar; The Wharf, Orange Beach.
- **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 7; Pappa Rocco's, Gulf Shores.
- **Family Night Dinner & Activities:** 5:45 p.m.; Saint Andrew by the Sea, 17263 Fort Morgan Rd., Gulf Shores; 678-361-2762.
- **Open Mixed Doubles Tennis:** 7:15 a.m.; all levels welcome; Gulf Shores Tennis Center; corner of West 19th Ave. and West 2nd St.
- **Veteran's Bingo:** 10 a.m. -2 p.m.; American Legion Post 99, Foley.
- **Trivia Night:** 6:30 p.m.; The Gulf Coast Elks Lodge 2789, Foley; 251-550-1060.
- **Prayer Shawl Ministry:** Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Activities Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
- **South Alabama Senior Travelers:** 9 a.m.; Foley Senior Center; visitors welcome; 251-928-4494.
- **Orange Beach Friends of the Library:** 10; Library meeting room; 978-4106.
- **Food Ministry For Hungry Families:** noon-1 p.m.; Grace Lutheran Church, corner of West 23rd Ave. and West 4th St. in Gulf Shores; 251-968-5991.
- **Bread Ministry:** 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.; Orange Beach United Methodist Church Brook's Center.
- **Food Bank:** 9 - 11 a.m every Wednesday, Perdido Bay Baptist Church, 12600

Sorrento Rd. Pensacola; call for eligibility requirements at (850) 492-2604.

- **Gulf Shores Woman's Club:** 11 a.m.; Palmer Room at Craft Farms; all interested women invited to attend; 251-980-5722.
- **Perdido Key Rotary Club:** 7:30 a.m.; every Wednesday at Triggers. 850.492.8335.
- **Gulf Shores Lions Club:** noon; 2nd & 4th Wednesday; noon; Gulf Shores Adult Activity Center, 300 E. 16th Avenue; 251-968-2823.
- **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, JAN 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.
- **Jesse Duncan:** 6; Fin & Fork, Orange Beach.
- **Orange Beach Library Lecture Series:** 6 p.m.; Orange Beach Library; Author Robert Buckley, "The Saga of Martin Shannon."
- **Rhonda Hart:** 6; Fin & Fork, Orange Beach.
- **Open Mic:** 7; Snapper's; Orange Beach.
- **Edward David Anderson:** 5; Island Time Daquari Bar; The Wharf, Orange Beach.
- **Glow Yoga in the Taproom:** 5:30 p.m.; Big Beach Brewing Company; Gulf Shores.
- **Foley Garden Club:** 3rd Thursday of month, Sept through May at Foley Public Library, second floor meeting room at 12:30 p.m. except when club has field trips; Info: Linda Ford, 251-972-871.
- **Tim Roberts:** 6:30; The Tin Top; Bon Secour.



ONO LADIES CLUB PRESENTS CHECK TO ALL ABOUT DOGS: The Ono Island Ladies Club recently presented a check in the amount of \$250.00 to All About Dogs Coastal Rescue. All About Dogs Coastal Rescue" is a nonprofit 501(c)3 Rescue and Adoption Organization established October 2011. It is a volunteer group of dedicated animal lovers committed to rescue, rehabilitate and find homes for abused and abandoned dogs in South Baldwin County Alabama. Our efforts in taking dogs into our program will help reduce the number of healthy dogs euthanized at local shelters. All dogs placed in their care are given appropriate and needed medical treatment, temperament evaluation and socialization in preparation for adoption. All dogs are fully vaccinated, spayed or neutered, heartworm tested and treated prior to adoption. Potential adopters are interviewed for a proper match before approval for adoption. **Pictured** (from left to right): Mariah Fulda, Vice President - Ono Ladies Club, Beverly Hicks, Director and Laurie Callihan, Volunteer from All About Dogs Representatives.

Free chair yoga classes at Southwest Branch (Perdido) Library

If you've always wanted to try yoga, you can ease into the practice with a Gentle Chair Yoga class at the Southwest Branch Library on Gulf Beach Highway in Pensacola. This style of yoga truly "meets you where you are," no matter how stiff or inflexible you may be.

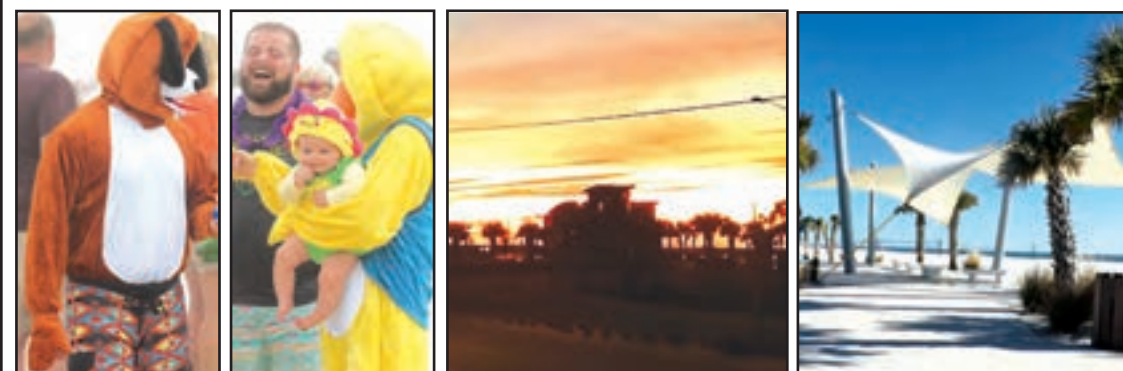
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Classes will be offered at 10:05a.m. every first Wednesday in February (6th), March (6th) and April (3rd) 2019. Class is sponsored by the Friends of the Southwest Branch Library. There is no charge for these classes, however, donations of new or gently used books are always welcomed.

Chair Yoga class Location: Southwest Branch Library, 12248 Gulf Beach Highway, Pensacola, Florida. For more information: Call (423) 598-6776.



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- **Scott Koehn:** 5:30; Pleasure Island Tiki Bar, Orange Beach.
- **The Macs:** 6; Hub Stacey's at the Point; Innerarity Point.
- **Karaoke:** 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- **John Lee Sanders:** 6; Voyagers Restaurant at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **John Brust:** 6; The Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke:** 6; Tacky Jack's, Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke:** 8; Tacky Jack's, Ft. Morgan.
- **Smokey & Mark:** 7; Papa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **Danny Grady:** 2-5 p.m.; Fraternal Order of Eagles 4549, Gulf Shores.
- **Bridge:** noon; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- **8 Ball APA:** 7:30; The Office, Foley.
- **Rotary Club of Gulf Shores/Orange Beach:** noon; Gulf Shores Golf Club; visiting Rotarians and guests invited; 251-968-2000.
- **Gulf Shores United Methodist Church Bread Ministry:** 9-10; every Thursday; room 103 on the south campus, next to Crossroad; 251-968-2411.
- **Adult Bible Study:** 10 a.m.; Gulf Shores Presbyterian Church; all welcome; (251) 968-7720.
- **Orange Beach Bridge Club:** Tue. & Thur at noon; Orange Beach Senior Center; visitors and new members welcomed even without a partner; 251-981-3440.
- **Gulf Shores Library Pre-school (3-5) Story Time:** 10:30 a.m.; 251-968-1176.
- **AA:** Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

FRI, JAN 18

- **Flora-Bama Possible Probables:** 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
- **Flora-Bama Bingo:** free; 1-4 p.m.; great prizes, family friendly; 17401 Perdido Key Dr., Perdido Key.
- **Rib Eye Dinner to help Veterans and Families:** 5 p.m.; music & dancing at 7 p.m.; American Legion Post 44; Gulf Shores.
- **Rhonda Hart:** 5; Fin & Fork, Orange Beach.
- **Danny Grady:** 3:30-5:30 p.m.; Papa Rocco's, Gulf Shores.
- **The Porch Ninjas:** 5:30; Big Beach Brewery; Gulf Shores.
- **Touch of Class:** 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **Open Juke Box:** 7; The Office, Foley.
- **John Lee Sanders:** 6; The Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **Sandra Kaye & The Legend Band:** 7:30; Live Bait, Orange Beach.
- **Platinum Premier:** 7; Hub Stacey's at the Point;

Innerarity Point.

- **Open Mic Karaoke w. John Henry:** 5; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- **DJ-Karaoke:** 9; The Jellyfish, Perdido Key.
- **Open Jam:** 8; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.
- **Karaoke:** 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke:** 8; Snapper's; Orange Beach.
- **Johnny Counterfit Show:** 2:30 & 4:30; Alabama Gulf Coast Music Hall, 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., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
- **AA:** 7 p.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

SAT, JAN 19

- **Flora-Bama Possible Probables:** 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
- **Rhonda Hart:** 5; Fin & Fork, Orange Beach.
- **Jazzman David Jones:** 11 a.m.; Playa; Orange Beach.
- **The Defrosters:** 2 p.m.; The Flying Harpoon 2, Orange Beach.
- **John Brust:** 6; Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **LA South Band:** 7; The Office, Foley.
- **Touch of Class:** 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **Phil & Foster Duo:** 6:30; Big Beach Brewery; Gulf Shores.
- **Karaoke By Kelly:** 9; Island Time Daquari Bar, The Wharf, Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke:** 8; Tacky Jack's, Ft. Morgan.
- **Karaoke:** 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- **Open Jam:** 8; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.
- **Beyond The Break:** 7; Hub Stacey's at the Point; Innerarity Point.
- **Sandra Kaye & The Legend Band:** 7:30; Live Bait, Orange Beach.
- **Brandon Styles Impressions & Magic Show:** 8; OWA Showroom, Foley.
- **The Dakota Band w. Joey Hart:** 7; Alabama Gulf Coast Music Hall, Foley.
- **White Elephant Sale:** RV items, tools, electronics, household, outdoors, books, CDs/DVDs. Bake Sale. Luxury RV Resort. 590 Gulf Shores Pkwy. 8am - 1pm.
- **Baldwin County Genealogical Society:** 10 a.m.;

Annual Josephine Baptist Church ladies event is Feb. 2

"Pigeons Puddes & Precepts" is the theme for the annual Josephine Baptist Church Ladies Conference on Saturday, Feb 2 from 9:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Becky Carpenter from Quitman, TX will be the guest speaker and Bonnie Wooton from Pensacola will be the worship leader. Lunch will be provided by Sweet Southern Scratch. The registration deadline is January 27. Mail the \$20 registration

fee and info to Teresa Denney/JBC, P.O. Box 568, Elberta, AL 36530. Make checks to Josephine Baptist Church/For: Ladies Event. The conference will be held on the church's campus at 6854 County Road 95 in Josephine. For more info, call 251-987-1973 or 251-504-1973 or email denneysbend@gulfnet.com. Sponsorships are available.

Ladies Conference committee members include Julie Adams, Teresa Denney, Brenda Fahey, Sherry Frank, Sandy Gould, JoAnn Lowrenz, Cherryl Hammock, Shelby McRae, Beth Mitchell, Renee Nelson, Michelle Peadon, Miriam Sims, Beth Weed and Dawn Wilbanks.

Pictured: Becky Carpenter f& Bonnie Wooton.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING



CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S CONNECTION: From left, Waynell David, Pam Brassert, Miriam Gebhart, Karen Johnson and Kimberly Jenkins participated in the most recent South Baldwin Christian Women's Connection held at the Gift Horse Restaurant in Foley. Each month the South Baldwin Christian Women's Connection hosts a program and buffet luncheon at the Gift Horse Restaurant. For more info, call Elizabeth at 251-943-7142.

Summerdale Sonora Masonic Lodge serving fried chicken Feb. 2

Sonora Masonic Lodge #635 F&AM will hold its 2019 annual fried chicken dinner fundraisers on February 2 and March 2 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. The lodge is located at 202 E. Jackson Street in Summerdale. Adult plates will be \$9 and a child's plate will be \$5. The dinners will include chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, cole slaw, green beans and complimentary tea and dessert for dine-in guests. Proceeds generated from the fundraiser will be used for lodge expenditures. Delivery available on orders of 10 or more. For more information, contact Dean Mott at 251-423-7604 or visit the lodge Facebook page.

75th Annual South Baldwin Chamber Gala & Auction Jan. 25

Chamber members are invited to join the South Baldwin Chamber of Commerce to celebrate 75 years at the Annual Gala, set for Friday, January 25, 2019 at the Foley Civic Center. The event, presented by Caldwell, Wenzel & Asthana, will be catered by Naman's Catering. The doors will open at 6:00 pm with a silent auction and dinner. A live auction will begin at 7:00 pm and program will begin at 7:30 p.m. Wear your best 1940s attire and swing by in style. Tickets are available at mylocalchamber.net or by calling 251-943-3291.

Perdido Key volunteers needed for Beach Profile program

Volunteers are requested to help with the Shoreline Monitoring Citizen Science Program on Perdido Key as part of research being conducted by the University of New Orleans and Owens Coastal Consultants. The program would extend the work begun in March of 2018 on Dauphin Island.

The project involves taking periodic profiles of several portions of Perdido Key's beaches to determine the "seasonal beach and sediment dynamics" so researchers and officials can be better prepared for oil spills in the future.

The sample frequency, number of sample locations, and project duration are still to be determined, but Dauphin Island volunteers collect data at seven locations two or three times a month. Having 10 or so volunteers would allow a rotation of sample duties.

If interested, please contact Charles Krupnick at charles.krupnick@gmail.com.

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. Program: Two Old Men who regularly play and sing at The Front Porch in Lillian will play and tell their story.
- **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, JAN 20

- **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.
- **Jazzman David Jones:** 11 a.m.; Playa; Orange Beach.
- **The Defrosters:** 2 p.m.; The Flying Har-

poon 2, Orange Beach.

- **Pale Moon Rising:** 2 p.m.; Big Beach Brewery; Gulf Shores.
- **Strickly Isbell:** 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **Mel Knapp:** noon The Tin Top; Bon Secour.
- **Scott Koehn:** 4; Pleasure Island Tiki Bar, Orange Beach.
- **Bingo, Music & Comedy w. Lisa Christian:** 2 p.m.; Tacky Jack's, Gulf Shores.
- **Danny Grady:** 2-5 p.m.; Fraternal Order of Eagles 4549, 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 Stacey's at the Point; Innerarity Point.
- **Blind Draw Dart Tournament:** 5; American Legion Post 99, Foley.
- **9 Ball APA:** 6; The Office, Foley.
- **AA:** 5 p.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

MON, JAN 21

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

Perdido Key.

- **Flora-Bama Bingo:** free; 1-4 p.m.; great prizes, family friendly; 17401 Perdido Key Dr., Perdido Key.
- **Danny Grady:** 3:30-5:30 p.m.; Papa Rocco's, Gulf Shores.
- **Trivia at Big Beach:** 7 p.m.; Big Beach Brewing Company, Gulf Shores.
- **The Dakota Band w. Joey Hart:** 7; Alabama Gulf Coast Music Hall, Foley.
- **Bridge:** noon; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING



SBCT Climbing The Ladder Gala Jan. 25

Enjoy an evening of fun, food and entertainment at SBT's Climbing The Ladder gala event benefiting the new costume department on Friday, Jan. 25 at 6:30 p.m. Help SBCT climb the ladder to success by bidding for delightful items and services, register to vote for costume fashion show, queen, and you might even take home a world-famous Gee's Bend wall-quilt. Donors will receive their name on a beautiful plaque to be displayed permanently at SBCT. Tickets are \$20 each or \$30 per couple. South Baldwin Community Theatre is located at 2022 West 2nd St. in Gulf Shores. For more info, patrons can also visit sbct.biz, email tickets@sbct.biz or call 251-968-6721.

Radio Theatre Festival Feb. 23

The Radio Theatre Festival, scheduled at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, February 23, is a return to the Golden Age of radio, a time when the good guys were good, the bad guys were bad, and the jokes had to be genuinely funny. Local actors will perform these shows live, just as they were performed back in the day. You'll cheer when frontier justice prevails. You'll ride the edge of your seat as the intrigue builds. You'll laugh at a couple who can't go a single night without a fight. Tickets are \$10 per show or \$25 for all three shows. Schedule: Friday, Feb. 22 - The Maltese Falcon at 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, Feb. 23 - Casablanca at 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, Feb. 24 - Key Largo at 2:30 p.m.

Pictured: DeAnn Milly, SBCT's costume mistress and Gee's Bend Quilting Collective Director Mary Ann Pettway with the quilt being raffled at the Jan. 25 Climbing The Ladder Gala. The Gee's Bend community has become famous for its quilts, hand made by generations of Boykin residents. This group of Alabama women has gained national and international acclaim for their work in carrying on the tradition of quilt making. 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, 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.

- **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, JAN 22

- **Flora-Bama Possible Probables:** 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
- **Flora-Bama Bingo:** free; 1-4 p.m.; great prizes, family friendly; 17401 Perdido Key Dr., Perdido Key.
- **Brent Burns:** 4; Fin & Fork, Orange Beach.
- **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 3-6 p.m.; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **Top Hat & Jackie:** 5:30; Hogfish Restaurant; Orange Beach.
- **John Brust:** 6; The Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **Johnny Barbato:** 6; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.
- **Lisa Christian:** 6; Sunset Cork Room, Gulf Shores.
- **Elaine Petty:** 2 p.m.; Island Time Daquari Bar; The Wharf, Orange Beach.
- **Free Line Dance Lessons With Lori:** 6; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- **Karaoke (7-9 p.m.) & Bingo (6 p.m.):** Tacky Jack's, Gulf Shores.
- **Karaoke:** 5; Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5659; Elberta.
- **Open Mic Karaoke:** 5; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.
- **JW Karaoke:** 6; Hub Stacy's At The Point, Innerarity Point.
- **Brandon Styles Impressions & Magic Show:** 7; OWA Showroom, Foley.
- **The Band Cherry Pie:** 7; Alabama Gulf Coast Music Hall, Foley.
- **Bowling Tournery:** 7; Snapper's; Orange

- Beach.
- **NAPA Pool League:** 7:30; The Office, Foley.
- **Bingo:** 10 to 2; Gulf Coast Elks Lodge 2782, Foley; 251-971-2782.
- **South Baldwin Republican Women:** Gift Horse Rest., 11:30 a.m.; 4th Tuesday of Every Month, public invited, Info: 251-978-6178.
- **GriefShare Support Group:** For men and women; 6-8 p.m.; Point Church, 13801 Innerarity Point Rd. Info: Shirley Parker at 601-278-6973.
- **Orange Beach City Council Meeting:** 5 p.m.; City Hall; 980-INFO.
- **Sonora Masonic Lodge:** 7 p.m.; 202 E. Jackson Street in Summerdale; sonora635.com.
- **Orange Beach Bridge Club:** Tue. & Thur at noon; Orange Beach Senior Center; visitors and new members welcomed even without a partner; 251-981-3440.
- **Orange Beach Library Children's Story Time:** 10 a.m.; preschool; 981-2923.
- **Southwest Branch Library Children's Story Time:** 10:30 a.m.; preschool; 12248 Gulf Beach Hwy, Pensacola; (850) 453-7780.
- **Overcomers Outreach:** 7 p.m.; First Baptist Church of Orange Beach; 980-1705.
- **Gulf Shores Kiwanis Club:** Palmer Dining Room at Craft Farms; noon; new members and guests always welcome; 251-981-9999.
- **Kiwanis Club of Big Lagoon:** 7:30 a.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Activities Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Road, Pensacola, 850-867-5873 or 901-734-1066.
- **Kiwanis Club of Foley:** Noon on Tuesdays at Ryan's in Foley; 251-968-6288.
- **AA:** Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
- **Al-Anon:** Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Activities Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

WED, JAN 23

- **Flora-Bama Possible Probables:** 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
- **Flora-Bama Bingo:** free; 1-4 p.m.; great prizes, family friendly; 17401 Perdido Key Dr., Perdido Key.
- **John Brust:** 6; The Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **Brent Burns:** 4; Fin & Fork, Orange Beach.
- **Danny Grady:** 3:30-5:30 p.m.; Papa Rocco's, Gulf Shores.
- **Rodger Plemons:** 5; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Mor-

- gan.
- **Open Mic:** 5:30; Tacky Jack's, Gulf Shores.
- **John Lee Sanders:** 6; Voyagers Restaurant at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **Bingo Night:** 6; Tacky Jack's, Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke:** 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke w. Cindy & Mary:** 5; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- **West Coast Swing Dance:** 7; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.
- **Karaoke w. Aaron Phillips:** 6; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- **John Joiner & Friends:** 7; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
- **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 2 p.m.; Island Time Daquari Bar; The Wharf, Orange Beach.
- **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **Karaoke:** 9; The Office, Foley.
- **Big Beach Running Club:** 5:30 p.m.; Big Beach Brewery in Gulf Shores; all levels welcome.
- **Magnolia Springs Garden Club:** 10; 4th Wed. Oct - May; Magnolia Springs Community Hall; guests & new members are always welcome!
- **Family Night Dinner & Activities:** 5:45 p.m.; Saint Andrew by the Sea, 17263 Fort Morgan Rd., Gulf Shores; 678-361-2762.
- **Open Mixed Doubles Tennis:** 7:15 a.m.; all levels welcome; Gulf Shores Tennis Center; corner of West 19th Ave. and West 2nd St.
- **Veteran's Bingo:** 10 a.m. -2 p.m.; American Legion Post 99, Foley.
- **Grief Support Group:** 10 a.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Activities Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola; 850-492-2135.
- **Food Bank:** 9-11 a.m. every Wednesday, Perdido Bay Baptist Church, 12600 Sorrento Rd. Pensacola; call for eligibility requirements at (850) 492-2604.
- **Bread Ministry:** 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.; Orange Beach United Methodist Church Brook's Center.
- **Food Ministry For Hungry Families:** noon-1 p.m.; Grace Lutheran Church, corner of West 23rd Ave. and West 4th St. in Gulf Shores; 251-968-5991.
- **Perdido Key Rotary Club:** 7:30 a.m.; every Wednesday at Triggers. 850.492.8335.
- **Storytime at Pensacola Southwest Branch Library:** free; infant to 5; 10:30-11; 12238 Old Gulf Beach Hwy; (850)453-7780.



ANCIENT CHINA BOARD GAMES: Orange Beach Elementary 5th grade leaders in Mrs. Para's class work on a culminating activity of creating and constructing a board game to describe Ancient China using their knowledge for game development! Pictured: (l to r) Jake Phillips, Eli Cardwell, Eli Coburn and Steven McNeal; Camryn Johnson, Maria Grace Agundis; Lakin Smith and Kamryn Curtis.

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Booth space is \$30 and is limited to one space per individual. An application for booth space can be picked up at Orange Beach City Hall. Applications with payment can be dropped off at City Hall at 4099 Orange Beach Blvd., or mailed to Angela Bateman, Coordinator, P.O. Box 458, Orange Beach, AL 36561. Make checks payable to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

For questions, email abateman@orangebeachal.gov or call 251-981-6629.

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

THU, JAN 24

• **University of South Alabama Distinguished Lecture Series:** 7 p.m.; Protecting Our Marine Mammals: Manatees, Dolphins, and Whales; Gulf Shores Cultural Center

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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.

• **Orange Beach Library Lecture Series:** 6 p.m.; Orange Beach Library; Donald Miller, "Battle of Vicksburg."

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

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

• **John Lee Sanders:** 6; Voyagers Restau-

rant at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.

• **Danny Grady:** 2 -5 p.m.; Fraternal Order of Eagles 4549, Gulf Shores.

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

• **Edward David Anderson:** 5; Island Time Daquari Bar; The Wharf, Orange Beach.

• **Greg Lyon:** 6; Hub Stacey's at the Point; Innerarity Point.

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

• **Karaoke:** 8; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.

• **Karaoke:** 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.24

• **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 8; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.

• **The Band Cherry Pie:** 7; Alabama Gulf Coast Music Hall, Foley.

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

• **Bingo:** 10 a.m.; American Legion Post 44, 6781 Gulf Shores Pkwy (AL Hwy 59), Gulf Shores.

• **Marine Corps League of South Baldwin County:** 6 p.m. on 4th Thursday; The Gulf Bowl, 2881 S. Jupiter St., Foley; current

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

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

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

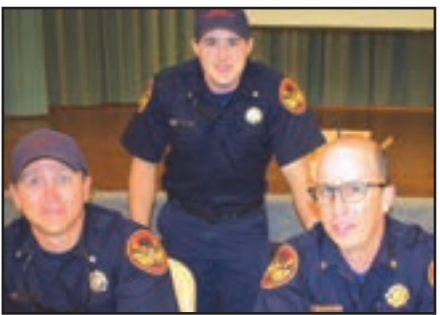
• **South Baldwin Amateur Radio Club:** 7 p.m. 4th Thurs. of every month; Baldwin County Emergency Operations Center, McAuliffe Rd., Robertsdale; 251-943-2953.

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

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

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OBES FIRST GRADERS LEARN FROM OBA WILDLIFE TEAM: The first graders at Orange Beach Elementary enjoyed a presentation by the OBA Wildlife Center team. The students have been studying life in the forest and learning about how communities change and survive. The OBA wildlife center let the students observe and touch animals that they brought to the school. Students learned a variety of facts about snakes, owls, turtles, alligators, roaches, and sea otters. They also learned how to properly interact with the wildlife.



OBES SPELLING CHAMPS: Orange Beach Elementary Spelling Bee Winners are: Dallon Blake, Winner; Maria Agundis, 1st Runner-up; and Hallie Beth Tanner, 2nd Runner-up. The winner will be competing in the District Spelling Bee soon.

Public invited to Badges on Bayou

The public is invited to join Orange Beach Police Chief Joe Fierro and the Orange Beach Police Department for a "Badges on the Bayou" lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesday, January 29 at Tacky Jacks in Orange Beach. Food and refreshments will be provided courtesy of Tacky Jacks, which is located at 27205 Safe Harbor Drive, just off of Marina Rd.

Terry Cove now a no wake zone

The State of Alabama has decided to establish and enforce the no-wake zone in Terry Cove. No date has been determined as to when this will go into effect; however, the Orange Beach Police Department anticipates it will be initiated prior to spring boating season. A no wake zone already exists in adjacent Cotton Bayou and on Ole River west of the Ono Island Bridge.

Thur at noon; Orange Beach Senior Center; visitors and new members welcomed even without a partner; 251-981-3440.
• AA: Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

FRI, JAN 25

• 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.
• Orange Beach Library Lecture Series: 6 p.m.; Orange Beach Library; musician

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 • **JJ Revival Duo:** 7; The Office, Foley.
 • **Rib Eye Dinner to help Veterans and Families:** 5 p.m.; music & dancing at 7 p.m.; American Legion Post 44; Gulf Shores.
 • **Danny Grady:** 3:30-5:30 p.m.; Papa Rocco's, Gulf Shores.
 • **Edward David Anderson:** 5:30; Big Beach Brewery; Gulf Shores.
 • **Kristi Drees & Bad Juju:** 7; Hub Stacey's at the Point; Innerarity Point.
 • **John Brust:** 5:30; Gulf Coast Elks Lodge 2782; Foley.
 • **Sandra Kaye & The Legend Band:** 7:30; Live Bait, Orange Beach.
 • **John Lee Sanders:** 6; Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
 • **Karaoke w. John Henry:** 5; American

Legion Post 99; Foley.
 • **Karaoke:** 8; Snapper's; Orange Beach.
 • **Karaoke:** 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
 • **Open Jam:** 8; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.
 • **Open Mixed Doubles Tennis:** 7:15 a.m.; all levels welcome; Gulf Shores Tennis Center; corner of West 19th Ave. and West 2nd St.
 • **Bingo:** 5:30; Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5659; Elberta.
 • **Alcoholics Anonymous:** noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center; 13660 Innerarity Pt. Rd.; 850-492-3056 or 492-6362.

SAT, JAN 26

• **Flora-Bama Possible Probables:** 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
 • **John Brust:** 6; The Lobby Bar at Per-

dido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
 • **Jazzman David Jones:** 11 a.m.; Playa; Orange Beach.
 • **The Defrosters:** 2 p.m.; The Flying Harpoon 2, Orange Beach.

• **Rhonda Hart:** 5; Fin & Fork, Orange Beach.
 • **Funkhouse:** 9; The Office, Foley.
 • **Bingo:** 6; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores, open to pubic.

• **Sugarcane Jane:** 3:30 p.m.; Big Beach Brewery; Gulf Shores.
 • **John Brust:** 6; Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
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WHAT'S HAPPENING

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

By Lucy Douty

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

Memory Screening Schedule

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

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

Over 93 percent of the people we test have never had a memory test, and, as seniors, they worry their memory is failing. When the vast majority find out their memory loss is normal age related memory loss, they leave much happier than when they came. With our Balance Testing, we show seniors that the loss of balance is not a necessary thing. Unlike memory loss, everyone can improve their balance with simple things you can do at home.

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

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

For more information, contact Sam Strite, 251-965-5122 or email him at samcstrite@gmail.com.

Daquari Bar, The Wharf, Orange Beach.

• **Karaoke:** 8; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.

• **The Blenders:** 7; Hub Stacey's at the Point; Innerarity Point.

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

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

• **Sandra Kaye & The Legend Band:** 7:30; Live Bait. Orange Beach.

• **Brandon Styles Impressions & Magic Show:** 8; OWA Showroom, Foley.

• **Optimist Club of Perdido Bay:** breakfast every Saturday at 7 a.m. at the Lillian Community Club in Lillian; (251) 961-2620. Program: Two Old Men who regularly play and sing at The Front Porch in Lillian will play and tell their story.

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

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

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

SUN, JAN 27

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

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

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

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

• **Brent Burns:** 1:30; Big Beach Brewery; Gulf Shores.

• **The Defrosters:** 2 p.m.; The Flying Harpoon 2, Orange Beach.

• **Destiny Brown:** 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.

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

• **Bingo, Music & Comedy w. Lisa Christian:** 2 p.m.; Tacky Jack's, Gulf Shores.

• **Music Man & Company:** 5; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.

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

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

• **Danny Grady:** 2-5 p.m.; Fraternal Order of Eagles 4549, Gulf Shores.

• **Karaoke:** 5; Monthly Birthday Potluck; American Legion Post 99, Foley.

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

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

MON, JAN 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 Night at Big Beach:** 7; Big Beach Brewing Company; Gulf Shores.

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

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

• **The Dakota Band w. Joey Hart:** 7; Alabama Gulf Coast Music Hall, 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:** 6; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.

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

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

• **Orange Beach Community Center Association Monthly Covered Dish Dinner:** social at 5, dinner at 6:30 p.m.; all winter guests welcome; Canal Road next to the Recreation Center; 251-981-1942.

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

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

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

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

TUE, JAN 29

• **Flora-Bama Possible Probables:** 2 p.m.



A slimey day at OBES

The fifth grade at Orange Beach Elementary School (above) investigated Ocean Cleanup with Slime at the Steven. W. Baker Sea, Sand, and Stars Science and Nature Center recently! They learned about the amount of plastics in our oceans, how to prevent the problem, and investigated ways to clean it up. (Right) Adley Bentley, Caroline Ivey and Ava Hoda



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WHAT'S HAPPENING



PERDIDO ARTIST GALLERY & GIFTS: Judith Sasser's Perdido Artist Gallery and Gifts' grand opening was a great success. Local artists, friends and family came and enjoyed the display of art in multiple forms created by locals. Guests enjoyed refreshments, door prizes and a surprise cake for Judith's mom, who turned 89. Everyone is invited to come and check out the fine art work at the shop located at 566 Segura Ave. in Pensacola (One block off Gulf Beach Hwy. and Sorrento Rd., next to Inside-Out Furniture). Congratulations Judith. We wish you much success in your new business. (By Marianne Irby)



TWO NEW OFFICERS AT OBPD: Orange Beach Police Chief Joe Fierro introduced the newest officers of the department - Officer Michael Dean and Officer Abby Headley - to the City Council during its regular meeting on Jan. 8. Following their introduction, Officers Dean and Headley were sworn in by Orange Beach Municipal Judge Julian B. "Buddy" Brackin. Chief Fierro said Officer Dean is a native of Montgomery and attended the Montgomery Police Academy, where he received his Alabama Peace Officers' Standards and Training Commission (APOST) certification in 2013. "He went on duty with the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office as a patrol officer, as a training officer and also, most recently when we hired him, he was on the burglary task force there. So he is bringing some valuable experience to the police department." Officer Headley received her APOST certification from the Montgomery Police Academy in 2014. "She immediately went into service with the Jackson Police Department here in Alabama," Chief Fierro said. "She's a D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) certified officer, and she had been a patrol officer there throughout her tenure."

Pictured: From left are Asst. Chief Steve Brown, Chief Fierro, Officer Dean, Officer Headley and Judge Brackin.

Author of Stump The Librarian speaks Feb. 5 in Foley

Alan Samry, author of *Stump the Librarian: A Writer's Book of Legs*, will be giving a presentation at the Foley Public Library on Tuesday, February 5, 2019 @ 2 pm in the upstairs meeting room. Alan will discuss his book which is a diverse collection of creative writing that explores his life as a congenital below-knee amputee and a public librarian. Alan's cross-genre writing in creative nonfiction, poetry, essays, satire, scholarship, and experimental writing weaves fascinating mythical, historical, and literary figures into his own absorbing story of being a "born amputee." In the book, with chapters organized as though the reader were exploring a public library, Alan writes about his experiences in an open, insightful, and humorous way. In his search for other leg amputees, Alan finds a new way of seeing himself and the world around him.

Seating is limited so reservations are required. Please call 251-943-7665 to reserve a seat. Visit foleylibrary.org for more info.

Perdido condo assn. sues to prevent public beach access

Seafarer Condos owners are asking the Escambia County Circuit Court to stop Escambia County from opening new public beach access on Perdido Key, according to a Jan. 3 story in the Pensacola News Journal penned by Jim Little.

The Seafarer Owners Association filed a petition asking the court to reverse the Escambia County Board of Adjustment's decision to approve conditional use of property near the condos for a public beach access site. The suit states the County only considered the public access use for the property and not the habitat conservation required for the site.

"They're throwing the kitchen sink at it, but none of it is going to hold any water," Commissioner Jeff Bergosh told the News Journal.

The county bought the land next to the Crab Trap restaurant in 2014 for \$3.1 million, with \$2.3 million funded from a federal grant for habitat conservation for the beach mouse and for public access.

Bergosh told the News Journal he only wants to open the beach property for the residents of Escambia County.

"That's what we voted to do," Bergosh said. "That's what we funded to do, and we've done nothing. And that's been a very comfortable status quo for the residents in that area. They get to enjoy the beach but the rest of us can't. That is going to change."

"The only people that are interested in this staying closed are people that are self-interested. They're interested in maintaining this area as their own private beach."

He conceded that the county has not done what it said it would do in preserving the habitat.

"The only people that are interested in this staying closed are people that are self-interested," Bergosh said. "They're interested in maintaining this area as their own private beach. They don't care about the mouse. That's my opinion. I care about the mouse. I care about the habitat. But I do care about the public access."

Bergosh told the News Journal he believes the property will be open around the Fourth of July.

"We're going to throw a giant party out there the day we open it," Bergosh said. "It's going to be big, and we'll invite the condo owners, too. We'll invite them to come, although I think they'll be pretty upset. They won't want to attend it."

prizes, family friendly; 17401 Perdido Key Dr., Perdido Key.
 • **John Brust:** 6; Perdido Beach Resort Lobby Bar; Orange Beach.
 • **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 3-6 p.m.; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
 • **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 8; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
 • **Brent Burns:** 4; Fin & Fork, Orange Beach.
 • **Elaine Petty:** 2 p.m.; Island Time Daquari Bar; The Wharf, Orange Beach.
 • **Top Hat & Jackie:** 5:30; Hogfish Restaurant; Orange Beach.
 • **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 2 p.m.; Island Time Daquari Bar; The Wharf, Orange Beach.
 • **Karaoke (7-9 p.m.) & Bingo (6 p.m.):** Tacky Jack's, Gulf Shores.
 • **Karaoke:** 5; Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5659; Elberta.
 • **Karaoke:** 7; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.

• **Karaoke w. John Henry:** 5; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
 • **Lisa Christian:** 6; Sunset Cork Room, Gulf Shores.
 • **The Dakota Band w. Joey Hart:** 7; Alabama Gulf Coast Music Hall, Foley.
 • **Free Line Dance Lessons With Lori:** 6; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
 • **Brandon Styles Impressions & Magic Show:** 7; OWA Showroom, Foley.
 • **Open Mic Karaoke:** 5; American Legion Post 99; Fairhope.
 • **JW Karaoke:** 6; Hub Stacy's At The Point, Innerarity Point.
 • **Bowling Tourney:** 7; Snapper's; Orange Beach.
 • **NAPA Pool League:** 7:30; The Office, Foley.
 • **Bingo:** 10 to 2; Gulf Coast Elks Lodge 2782, Foley; 251-971-2782.
 • **GriefShare Support Group:** For men and women; 6-8 p.m.; Point Church, 13801 Innerarity Point Rd. Info: Shirley

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WHAT'S HAPPENING



FOLEY GARDEN CLUB: The Foley Garden Club enjoyed their annual Christmas luncheon at Trattoria Italian Restaurant. Afterwards they celebrated at member, Barbara Struthers' home with a cookie exchange and a game of dirty santa. **Pictured:** seated L to R are Gloria Griggs and Angela Flower. Standing L to R are Kathleen McVey, Barbara Rubino, Eileen Huisman, Gayle Floyd, Donna Burnham, Linda Ford, Sylvia Painter, and Barbara Struthers. Not pictured are Donna Johnston and Carmen San Juan.

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

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

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- **Brent Burns:** 4; Fin & Fork, Orange Beach.
- **John Brust:** 6; The Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke:** 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke w. Aaron Phillips:** 6; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- **John Joiner & Friends:** 7; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
- **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 2 p.m.; Island Time Daquari Bar; The Wharf, Orange Beach.
- **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **Karaoke:** 9; The Office, Foley.
- **The Dakota Band w. Joey Hart:** 7; Alabama Gulf Coast Music Hall, Foley.
- **Big Beach Running Club:** 5:30 p.m.; Big Beach Brewery in Gulf Shores; all levels welcome.
- **Family Night Dinner & Activities:** 5:45 p.m.; Saint Andrew by the Sea, 17263 Fort Morgan Rd., Gulf Shores; 678-361-2762.
- **Open Mixed Doubles Tennis:** 7:15 a.m.; all levels welcome; Gulf Shores Tennis Center; corner of West 19th Ave. and West 2nd St.
- **Veteran's Bingo:** 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.; American Legion Post 99, Foley.
- **Grief Support Group:** 10 a.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Activities Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola; 850-492-2135
- **Food Bank:** 9-11 a.m. every Wednesday, Perdido Bay Baptist Church, 12600 Sorrento Rd. Pensacola; call for eligibility requirements at (850) 492-2604.
- **Bread Ministry:** 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.; Orange Beach United Methodist Church Brook's Center.

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

THU, JAN 31

- **Flora-Bama Possible Probables:** 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
- **Flora-Bama Bingo:** free; 1-4 p.m.; great prizes, family friendly; 17401 Perdido Key Dr., Perdido Key.
- **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **Open Mic:** 7; Snapper's; Orange Beach.
- **Scott Koehn:** 5:30; Pleasure Island Tiki Bar, Orange Beach.
- **John Lee Sanders:** 6; Voyagers Restaurant at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **Bridge:** noon; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- **Edward David Anderson:** 5; Island Time Daquari Bar; The Wharf, Orange Beach.
- **John Brust:** 6; Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **Greg Lyon:** 6; Hub Stacy's; Innerarity Point.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

OBGC Salad Luncheon & Game Day Feb. 20 at Wharf

The Orange Garden Club will host its 32nd Annual Garden Club Game Day and Salad Luncheon on Feb. 20 from 10 a.m. 'til 3 p.m. at The Event Center at The Wharf (4671 Wharf Pkwy.). Doors open at 9:30 a.m. and event hours are 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Tickets are \$25 and a sell-out is expected. Tickets are on sale now at The Emporium at the Rouses Shopping Center in Orange Beach. Call 251-979-5308 for more info.

The theme is "Happy Birthday Alabama - 200 Years of Statehood" for the annual event that is renowned for its expansive buffet of member-made salads and desserts, and the fellowship of a fun day of table games with friends old and new. Coffee and cookies at 10 a.m. will be followed by a fabulous buffett at noon.

Many supporters attend just for lunch and the chance to win door and raffle prizes donated by generous local merchants.

This is the only Garden Club's only fundraising event, with all proceeds benefiting many community programs and organizations including Arbor Day, The Back Country Butterfly Garden, Orange Beach Memorial Cemetery Maintenance, The Orange Beach Community Garden, Christmas For Seniors & Families, The Orange Beach Wildlife Center, Light Up Orange Beach, The O.B. Library Butterfly Garden, Meals on Wheels gifts, the Orange Beach Elementary Junior Gardeners Program, and the OB Police Benevolent Fund.

• **Karaoke:** 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.24

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

• **Bingo:** 10 a.m.; American Legion Post 44, 6781 Gulf Shores Pkwy (AL Hwy 59), Gulf Shores.

• **Marine Corps League of South Baldwin County:** 6 p.m. on 4th Thursday; The Gulf Bowl, 2881 S. Jupiter St., Foley; current and former Marines and Corpsman welcome.

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

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

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

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2 cans (10-3/4 oz. each) condensed cream of chicken soup, undiluted
1 can (7 oz.) white or shoepeg corn, drained
1 tsp. Creole seasoning
1/2 tsp. garlic powder
2 lbs. peeled and deveined cooked small shrimp
3 oz. cream cheese, cubed

In a small skillet, saute onion in butter until tender. In a 5-qt. slow cooker, combine the onion, milk, soups, corn, Creole seasoning and garlic powder. Cover and cook on low for 3 hours. Stir in shrimp and cream cheese. Cook 30 min. longer or until shrimp are heated through and cheese is melted. Stir to blend.

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SNOWBIRD NEWS

Lighthouse Craft Sale Jan. 22

The Lighthouse Snowbird Craft Sale will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 22 from 9-11:30 a.m. Please use center elevator to second floor. Scarves, jewelry, shell art, cork crafts and more. Lighthouse building, 455 East Beach Blvd. in Gulf Shores. For more info, call Carol Ague at 256-337-4028.

Welcome Snowbird Dance Jan. 25

The Frank Calma Welcome Back Snowbirds Dance will be presented by the Elberta Council of the Knights of Columbus on Jan. 25 at The St. Margaret Queen of Scotland Catholic Church located at 601 Laurel Ave. (Hwy. 98 E) in Downtown Foley. Hours are 6-9 p.m. and music will be provided by John Brust, Jim Andrews and Jerry Anderson. The band is longtime favorite for locals and snowbirds.

The event is BYOB – set-ups and light snacks will be furnished. Cost is \$20 per person. Dress is casual. For additional info or tickets, call 251-752-7422. The dance benefits local charities.

“Frank’s dream has certainly been recognized and we thank all who have been involved. The dance began in 2007 at Our Lady of the Gulf Knights of Columbus and continues this year at a new venue,” said Gail Calma Sims. “Frank’s dream has certainly been recognized and we thank all who have been involved. It is a wonderful evening for all!”

Video Series at G.S. Museum

The Gulf Shores Museum will presents a video series, Alabama 200 - The Stories We Tell, on Wednesdays at 10 a.m., with a repeat the following Saturday at 10 a.m. Refreshments will be served. For more info, call (251) 968-1473 or email enix@gulfshoresal.gov. The museum is located at 244 West 19th Ave. in Gulf Shores.

• **Video Series schedule:** January 16 – Journey Proud: Alabama Dialects, South; January 23 – Discovering Alabama: Alabama State Archives; January 30 – Lorna Woods: The Alabama Storyteller and Direct Ancestor of a “Clotilda” survivor, shares her experiences of life growing up in Africatown; February 6 – Claude O’Connor, 2nd mayor of the Town of Gulf Shores. Tells his story of growing up in Mobile and apprenticing under the visionary, George C. Meyer; February 13 – Journey Proud: Blessing of the Fleet, a tradition that began centuries ago in Mediterranean fishing communities, not just a fish story; February 20 – Discovering Alabama: A special episode with Doug Phillips featuring one of the most valued contributors to Discovering Alabama, Dr. E.O. Wilson; February 27 – Fried Green Tomatoes: Features Kathy Bates and Jessica Tandy. Based on the book “Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Café” by Alabama author Fannie Flagg.

BCHM Golf Scramble Feb. 21

By Nancy Durgin

It’s time for the 7th Annual Baldwin County Heritage Museum (BCHM) Golf Scramble. GlenLakes Golf Club at 9 am on Thursday, February 21, will be the place with a shotgun start for the first 144 golfers to register. Golf registration at 8 am includes 18 holes of golf, cart, lunch and prizes for \$60. There will also be a \$10,000 hole-in-one and other Hole Events. Contact Tammy Kinney, P.O. Box 356, Elberta, AL 36530 OR bchm@gulfnet.com OR 251-986-8375. Hole sponsors and raffle donations are appreciated.

BCHM is a non-profit facility dedicated to preserving the heritage of the family and early rural culture of Baldwin County. This is a major fund-raiser for the Museum which is not owned by the County. Museum hours are Wednesday through Saturday 10 am - 3 pm. Admission is free, but donations are welcome. Your participation will be supporting a valuable tool for teaching students of all ages.

Michigan

By Lynn Wilhelm

There are so many activities coming up in the next few weeks that members will have a hard time choosing. Here are some upcoming events that fill up fast; Low Country Boil tickets are now available. It will be held on January 22nd. Cost is \$13 per person. Correct change is appreciated. You can buy tickets at the next meeting or call Jerry Wallace at 231-313-6981. The first Michigan Club luncheon will be held at noon on Thursday, January 31st at the Barefoot Grill in Orange Beach. Cost is \$15 and includes the meal, a non alcoholic drink, taxes and gratuity. Call Walt Salisbury at 231-450-2192 or sign up at the next club meeting.

• Here’s a look at the next two weeks: Wednesday, January 16th, Casino trip to the Hard Rock in Biloxi. Bus leaves the Track at 7:30. Cost is \$15 and includes \$20 free play and a half priced buffet. Call Pat Eppley at 810-334-3508 or email her at paeppley@hotmail.com. The next casino trip will be Monday, February 11th to the IP casino. You can sign up at the next club meeting or by calling Pat. Golf at Perdido Bay. 12:00 shotgun start. Cost is \$42.50. Call Lynn Wilhelm at 251-967-1138. Saturday, January 19, there is a foot golf outing at Glen Lakes beginning at 10:00. There will be a breakfast buffet available beforehand. Cost is \$7.75 + tax for the breakfast buffet, \$10 for footgolf. You may also rent a cart for a nominal charge if you don’t want to walk the entire course. Call Lynn Wilhelm at 251-967-1138. Monday, January 21st - Board meeting at St. Andrews Church on Fort Morgan Road at 10:00

Golf at Quail Creek in Fairhope. This is a 12:00 shotgun. Cost is \$35.00. Call Ken Wilhelm at 251-967-1138. Tuesday, January 22nd - Ladies golf at Glen Lakes 10:00. Call Sue Beach at 231-429-0952 or email her at spbeach260@charter.net. Wednesday, January 23rd - Golf at Soldier’s Creek in Elberta. 12:00 shotgun. Cost is \$45. Call John McIntyre at 989-392-5190. Thursday, January 24th - Michigan Club Meeting at the Erie Meyer Center. Coffee hour starts at 9:00. The meeting starts at 10:00. This meeting is a Food Drive meeting. Please bring canned and non-perishable foods as well as useful household products. Sunday, January 27th - Bon Voyage to the Michigan Club Cruisers. The bus to New Orleans will leave at 8:00 a.m. sharp from the Publix in Orange Beach. It is on the corner of the Beach Highway and 161. Monday, January 28th - Michi-

gan Club Golf at Peninsula. Teatimes begin at 10:00. Cost is \$59. Call Sheri Plumley at 231-690-2686. Tuesday, January 29th - Ladies golf at Glen Lakes. 10:00. Call Sue Beach at 231-429-0952 or email at spbeach260@charter.net.

Welcome Wednesdays at Bama

Welcome Wednesdays potluck lunches are back at the Flora-Bama through March 6. The weekly lunch features live music, followed by drawings for goods, services and merchandise compliments of the Flora-Bama and local businesses. Music begins at 11 a.m. The 1 p.m. buffet is \$3 per person or free for those bringing a side dish. The Flora-Bama is located directly on the Gulf at the Florida-Alabama state line.

Illinois

By Dave DeBlauw

Illinois Snowbird Club Breakfast Meeting was held at G T’s on the Bay and was opened by President Dennis Thorn with 111 people in attendance, of which 8 were new people to the club. After breakfast, Thne speaker was Mr Craig Stephenson, Orange Beach Fire Marshall. He informed us that all the newer bldg’s have sprinkler systems in them making them relatively safe in case of a fire. The next club breakfast is Jan 25th at G T’s on the Bay. Doors open at 7:45. Contact Dale or Carol Collins to make reservations at 815-677-6389 Upcoming club events besides those mentioned in my last message to you are as follows, Casino Bus Trip, contact Lu Douglas at 815-541-9952 with any questions. The bratfest is Feb 9 and is being held at the Orange Beach Community Center. Tickets at the door. Tickets for the Snowbird play will go on sale Jan 21 at 10am. Tickets can be purchased online at sbct.biz or at the South Baldwin Community Theatre.

Wisconsin Synod Lutherans

Wisconsin Synod Lutherans will have local church services with Holy Communion conducted as follows: January 6 & 20, February 3 & 17 at St Jude by the Sea Lutheran Church, 312 E 16th Ave, Gulf Shores. Services will start at 4:00 with Bible class to follow. Make checks payable to Risen Savior Luth Church. For more info contact Evan Dobberfuhl, 715-573-0808 or tpcevan@gmail.com.

Snowbird Coffee

Tuesdays: 1/15, 1/22, 1/29, 2/5, 2/12, 2/19, 2/26; Snowbird Coffee; 9 a.m. at 1720 Gulf Shores Parkway, Building B (Gulf Shores UMC complex) in Gulf Shores. Refreshments, entertainment, speakers & door prizes. Open to the public. No entry fee. Donations are accepted to defray expenses. Direct questions to Mary Rebert at 269-330-3748.

Tickets for Snowbird play on sale Jan. 21

Single performance tickets for Jack of Diamonds, this year’s snowbird production for the South Baldwin Community Theatre, go on sale January 21 at 10 a.m. at the SBCT box office or preferably through the Theater web site at sbct.biz. Opening night is January 31 Performances follow Feb. 1-3, Feb. 7-10 and Feb. 14-17.

There will be no advance sales for single performances or telephone sale with calls to the box office. Patrons can go online now and purchase a three performance package that would include Jack of Diamonds and two other performances at the SBCT. Those patrons have the benefit of selecting their seats in advance and receive a 10 percent discount.


Starting times are Thursday, Friday, Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, February 16 is also a matinee performance.

The Cast: Producer: Larry Rebert; Director: Sonya Urquhart; Gordy Halloran playing the role of Barney Effward; Dennis Bohac as Jack Newman; Steve Heath as Wilf Gunnarson; Eileen Gilding as

Flora Rose; Mary Asman as Blanche; Rose Jordan as Rose Kara Brandwood as Nurse Harper; Pat Hackl as Lawyer. Cate Howell and Bill Swanson also have rolls.

The play revolves around Jack, a former jeweler who made his living buying and selling diamonds on late night TV ads. He lives in a rather luxurious, privately owned retirement home with his fellow residents—the visually challenged techno-wizard Rose, the artistically feted by forgetful Flora, and the narcoleptic beauty Blanche.

Unbeknownst to the four of them, however, the man to whom they’ve entrusted their life savings—a smooth-talking financial adviser named Barney Effward—has been arrested for bilking his clients out of their savings through a Ponzi scheme. Faced with financial ruin, the four suddenly find themselves confronting the author of their miserable fate when Effward is unexpectedly delivered among them—along with several million dollars in diamonds. Pandemonium ensues as the four retirees try to find a way to exact their revenge, recoup their losses, and keep the authorities from discovering their plans.



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SNOWBIRD NEWS

Dulcimer Players wanted

Mt Dulcimer Players w some experience Meet Jan-March, Mon 10-11:30 am, Wed 2:00-3:30, St Andrew by the Sea, 17263 Fort Morgan Rd, Gulf Shores. Questions? Irene 251-201-5717. Free Mt. Dulcimer beginner lessons start Wed Jan 9, 1:00-2:00. St. Andrew by the Sea, 17263 Fort Morgan Rd. Dulcimers available to rent for winter \$20 w \$50 refundable damage waiver. Contact Michelle 317-446-0500.

Iowa

By Fran Gruenhaupt

Iowans and friends wintering in the area are invited to attend the Iowa Breakfast on Wednesday, January 23, 8:30am at Perdido Beach Resort, 27200 East Perdido Beach Boulevard, Orange Beach. Craig Stephenson, Orange Beach Fire Marshall, will speak about condo fire safety. Breakfast is \$10.50 per person with reservations to be made on the website, Iowa Alabamagulfcoastsnowbirds.org (preferred), or by calling Shari DeCook, 641-521-0929 or Sharon Hesselmann, 563-357-2721.

An Iowa club cocktail party will be held Friday, January 18, 5-7PM at the Caribe, Building C, 28103 Perdido Beach Boulevard, Orange Beach. No RSVP is required. Bring a dish to share and your own beverage. Many door prizes will be awarded to attendees. Everyone is welcome. Iowa Snowbird Club Co-Presidents, Jim and Pat Brush and Steve and Chris Hedlund, preside at the Snowbird breakfasts. Ken Grimes, Orange Beach City administrator shared an update of local developments to 195 members at the January 9th breakfast. Future break-

fasts are Wednesdays, January 23 and February 6 with the final regular breakfast to be Tuesday, February 19. Door prizes and a 50/50 drawing are held at each breakfast. On Tuesday, March 5, a season final informal breakfast will be held at Luna's.

Cocktail Parties are scheduled on Fridays, January 18 and February 22, Iowa has a golf group with golf sign-up through the website. Club members may check the website, Iowa-Alabamagulfcoastsnowbirds.org for updates, sign-ups, and a listing of activities available in the Gulf area.

Sweet Harmony Chorus

By Pamula Rustan

Sweet Harmony Chorus, a women's Barbershop chorus, is looking for new members to join us for the 2019 season. Sweet Harmony Chorus is a 4-part acapella harmony chorus that sings in the barbershop style. We sing a variety of songs from the 30's through present day. This year we will have a section featuring the music of the 50's. Rehearsal schedule: Mondays through March 11, 2 - 4 p.m. at Gulf Shores United Methodist Church Choir room, 900 Gulf Shores Pkwy. For more information about joining our chorus or for booking a gig, contact Pamula Rustan, director at 701-260-0670 or e-mail: viewpt@westriv.com or viewpt01@gmail.com or visit sweetharmonychorus.org.

Scheduled performances: erformances: February 12 - Dakota club Breakfast at Luna's; February 21 - Michigan Snowbird Club at Erie Meyer Civic Center; February 23 - Gulf Breese RV Park, 7 pm; March 5 - St. Paul's chapel, Magnolia Springs.

The Dakotas

By Joyce Anderson

The Gulf Shores and Orange Beach, Alabama, based North and South Dakota Snowbird Club meet on the following Tuesday mornings in January, February and March, 2019; meeting on January 8, January 22, February 12, February 26, and March 12. We gather at Luna's Eat & Drink, 25753 Canel Road, Orange Beach, at 8:30 a.m. for breakfast with a short meeting to follow at 9:00 a.m. We also hold several other social events

throughout the winter season including group activities, dinner at local restaurants, etc. While in Gulf Shores we collect food and infant items at our breakfast meetings for the local food pantry and also contribute to a other not for profit fundraisers in the local Baldwin County area.

For more information contact Joyce at 605-351-0274.

Minnesota

By Nancy Poferi

The Minnesota Snowbirds gather each Tuesday for breakfast at GT's On The Bay located on 26189 Canal Rd, Orange Beach. Activities of the breakfast include socializing with fellow Minnesotans, weekly announcements, volunteer opportunities, card/game get-togethers, golf scheduling and prizes, 50/50 raffle, and more. Dates for 2019: Jan 8th - Mar 12th 2019, check the website or FB for changes, if any. New this year : Pre-registration required. Click on "Breakfast Signup" on our website! Doors open 7:30 am; breakfast 8:00 am. Cost: \$10, includes tax and tip. Best breakfast value in town! Cash preferred. No credit cards accepted. We cannot accept bills over \$20. Food donations and/or cash are gratefully accepted at each meeting for the Christian Service Center, the dedicated project of the MN Club.

For information regarding upcoming events, golf tee times, or contact information please log onto the Minnesota Club website: www.mnal.org or the Facebook page @mnalclub.

Snowbird Bridge

Bridge: Snowbridge every Wednesday at 10:30 at The Dinner, \$1.00 donation. Beginners are welcome. Call 251-968-8400. Ask for Mary or Bill.

Snowbird Cribbage

Beginning Friday, January 11, Snowbirds will be gathering to play Cribbage every Friday. Sign up starts at 12:30 pm and play begins at 1 pm at the Gulf Shores American Legion, Post 44, 6781 AL-59. For additional information contact Barbara Beamish at 989-464-8605. The last day of play is March 8th. All Cribbage players are welcome.

Ohio

By Barbara Chandler

• JAN 23 - CLUB BREAKFAST MTG Magnolia Hall at Luna's on Canal Rd, Orange Beach. Arrive between 8am-9am with buffet at 9am and meeting follows. Jim Albright, author of Last Guard Out of Alcatraz will be our speaker.
• JAN 30 - POTLUCK AT PHOENIX 5 24400 Perdido Beach Blvd (Beach Rd 182), Orange Beach. Bring a meat, side or dessert dish. Games will be provided for those who would like to participate. Please sign up for this activity at our January 23rd meeting or call Ruth 740-361-9166.
• FEB 6 - CLUB BREAKFAST MTG Magnolia Hall at Luna's on Canal Rd, Orange Beach. Arrive between 8am-9am with buffet at 9am and meeting follows. Dr Adam Langston, new Director of the Gulf Coast Zoo will be our speaker to give us an update on the construction of the new zoo.
• FEB 8 - CASINO TRIP ON GOOD-TIMES BUS TOURS to Golden Nugget in Biloxi. \$15/person. You will receive \$15 in free play and ½ price buffet. Leaving at 8am from The Track (usually

A Message from the State Snowbird Club Presidents

There are around 15-18,000 snowbirds from northern states who enjoy their winters on the Florida-Alabama Gulf Coast from early winter until late spring. There are 12 of these snowbird states that have been organized to provide a social outlet and to facilitate a relationship with our winter communities: The North and South Dakota, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin. All have regularly scheduled functions that are detailed in the following pages of the Mullet Wrapper, which are enjoyed by approximately 2500 of these snowbirds and friends. Fund raising projects are a big part of their schedule, such as the Brat Fest, Trivia Nite, Low Country Boil, Golf and Bowling, where volunteer snowbirds from all the states work together and help generate thousands of dollars each year that is returned back to the local communities. Other states and Canada have representation at the Gulf during the winter, and some find themselves enjoying social functions with these organized state clubs as well. The Presidents representing these state clubs collectively encourage the large number of non-participating "snowbirds" and "Pelicans" (snowbirds who have relocated permanently to the Gulf Coast) to check out their respective state clubs. All are welcomed and encouraged to check out what is going on with these snowbird functions, regardless of state affiliations. Thank you, and we all look forward to meeting you.

return around 5-6 pm). Please sign up for this activity at our January 23rd meeting or call Ruth 740-361-9166.

- FEB 11 - FISHING REEL SURPRISE out of San Roc Cay. Deep sea fishing experience. \$65 for 6 hours. Bring drinks and sun screen. Please sign up for this activity at our January 23rd meeting or call Ruth 740-361-9166.
- FEB 13- MCGUIRE'S IRISH PUB 600 Gregory St, Pensacola. 11:30am for lunch. Please sign up for this activity at our January 23rd meeting or call Ruth 740-361-9166.
- FEB 19 - BISCUIT KING CAFE 9555 County Rd 24, Fairhope. Noon. Good home cooking. Please sign up at our January 23rd meeting or call Ruth 740-361-9166.
- FEB 20 - CLUB BREAKFAST MTG Magnolia Hall at Luna's on Canal Rd, Orange Beach. Arrive between 8am-9am with buffet at 9am and meeting follows. David Walker, the Reef Maker will be our speaker to give us an update on how the reef making program has positively changed our gulf waters.
- FEB 27 - POTLUCK AT PHOENIX 5 24400 Perdido Beach Blvd (Beach Rd 182), Orange Beach. Bring a side dish or dessert. Fried chicken will be provided.
- MAR 6 - LUNCH AT LUNA'S RESTAURANT Canal Rd., Orange Beach. 11:45am. This will be our Farewell lunch for those of us who are still here. Signup sheet will be available at the February 6th Breakfast meeting.

Men's Snowbird Coffee Club

The Gulf Shores Men's Snowbird Coffee Club will hold their first meeting of the 2019 season on Wednesday, January 2 at 7:30 a.m. All meetings are held at Ginny Lane Bar and Grill at the Wharf in Orange Beach every Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. Membership information is available at these meetings.

The oldest continually active snowbird club has more than 300 members from twenty-six states and three Canadian provinces. Besides raising money for local charities, the club holds golf outings, sponsors casino trips and conducts breakfast meetings for members and spouses. The club also throws horseshoes on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays at noon at Meyer Park in Gulf Shores. Officers for the 2019 season are: Dale Orchard, president, Michigan; Dale Pleimann, vice president, Missouri; Carl Crump, secre-

tary, Missouri and Tom Williams, treasurer, Michigan. Kevin Probst from Alabama will schedule all golf outings.

AARP Tax Help

AARP is coming back to the Orange Beach Adult/Senior Activity Center and is offering free tax preparations on Tuesdays and Fridays, February 1st through April 12th. There's no fee, and AARP membership is not required. Appointments are required and appointment times are 9 a.m., 10 a.m. 11 a.m and noon. Call 251-981-3440 to schedule an appointment. This is NOT limited to those 55 and older. Bring the following items to your appointment, if applicable: W2(s); 1099-Rs (retirement distributions); SSA-1099s (Social Security statements); 1095s (health Insurance Statements); last year's federal and state tax returns. All tax forms are available at irs.gov.

Snowbird Potlucks

For the 23rd consecutive year, the Senior Snowbird potluck will run each Thursday from January 17th to March 28th. The weekly meetings will move to the Orange Beach Community Center of Canal Road. Set-up time will be 11 a.m. and serving time will be at noon. All seniors, visitors and locals alike, are welcome. Attendees should bring a dish that will serve 8 to 10 people. Suggested dishes are set up on a rotating alphabetical schedule. A \$1 registration fee will be collected at the door to cover incidentals. Drinks and table service will be provided. Info: 251-981-6060.

Bratfest is Feb. 9

By Nancy Durgin

Saturday, February 9 is the date for the 21st annual Bob Gilray Memorial Brat Fest. The new location this year is the Orange Beach Community Center, 27235 Canal Road (1.5 miles East of HWY 161). Brats will be sold from 11:00 until gone. The price is \$4 per Johnsonville BRAT with fixings. Coffee, Tea and Soda will be available for sale. There is Indoor Seating and Drive Thru service is also available. This event is sponsored by the 11 Snow Bird Clubs of Coastal Alabama for the benefit of the Fire Departments of Orange Beach, Gulf Shores and Fort Morgan. See you there!

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Servant's Heart: A pickleballer welcomes snowbirds

By Tamara Pace, Orange Beach Pickleball Player

It was do us all well to reacquaint ourselves with the heart of a servant. The one our grandmother, grandfather, mother, father or any family favorite who had/has. That spirit filled life that drew you in like the firefly in darkness. The spark that flitters around you creating a sudden desire to chase or follow. Well friends, we have it here, right here on Pleasure Island. Our Pickleball community has suffice opportunities to serve. One local couple drove selflessly to Tuscaloosa to help start a Pickleball program. Another local couple serve enthusiastically for the community's needs. They are the fore parents and Hall of Famers of Pickleball. Some of our Canadian snowbirds served as fill-ins for the Orange Beach Pickleball League pilot program, as well as teach new drills we still use today. And yet others serve as coordinators keeping the Church of Christ in Gulf Shores open 6 days a week, 6-hour days. There are too many to list. We are filled with this undeniable spirit. Sure, we have a rough spot that we all pitch in to smooth like silk, because WE are like family. We have a place to serve each other and that my Friends makes us better Friends. So, pick a date, pick up a paddle and find that firefly who is eager to share some fun, fitness and fellowship. It is with great pleasure to serve you all with that firefly spirit. Welcome Snowbirds.

Protecting Our Marine Mammals topic of free Jan. 24 USA lecture

Protecting Our Marine Mammals: Manatees, Dolphins & Whales is the topic of a free Jan. 24 lecture at the Gulf Shores Cultural Center. Part of the University of South Alabama Gulf Coast Campus Distinguished Lecture Series, the lecture will start at 7 p.m.

Learn about actions being taken to protect our marine mammals through the Manta Sighting Network and Alabama Marine Mammal Stranding Network, both run by Dr. Ruth Carmichael at the Dauphin Island Sea Lab. Lecturer Dr. Ruth Carmichael is a Senior Marine Scientist at the Dauphin Island Sea Lab and a Professor of Marine Sciences at the University of South Alabama.

There is no cost to attend, but please pre-register by visiting southalabama.edu/gulfcoast or calling 251-460-7200. The USA Gulf Shores Campus is located at 19470 Oak Rd W. (County Rd. 6 West) in Gulf Shores, about a half-mile west of Hwy. 59 and about the same distance east of the Gulf Shores Sports Complex.

The series continues on Feb. 13 with Chandra Wright presenting New Environmental, Educational and Recreational Features of The Lodge and Gulf State Park at 7 p.m. Wright, Director of Environmental and Educational Initiatives for the Lodge, will present updates on all the new exciting things in Gulf State Park. As a result of the Gulf State Park Enhancement project, the new Lodge, Interpretive Center, and Learning Campus are all pursuing some of the highest environmental certifications in the world.

Lectures scheduled weekdays at O.B. & G.S. Welcome Centers

Gulf Shores & Orange Beach Tourism invites winter guests and locals to attend their annual welcome center lecture series most week days in either Gulf Shores or Orange Beach through Feb. 27. Presenters for the series include local artisans such as Tara Gifford from Blue Girl Beading and Maegan Bratton, historians from Fort Morgan Historic Site and Historic Blakeley Park, and nature enthusiasts like Chandra Wright with The Lodge at Gulf State Park. Times and dates vary based on location.

"We are proud to be hosting the lecture series in our welcome centers for another winter season," said Kim Chapman, director of hospitality and information for the CVB. "Our staff enjoys seeing the attendees leaving the lectures with a newfound appreciation and interest in what we have to offer here along the Alabama Gulf Coast." For more in and a lecture schedule, visit GulfShores.com/Plan/Welcome-Centers.

G.S. Woman's Club Tour of Homes Feb. 9

By Sharon Moore

On February 9, the Gulf Shores Woman's Club will showcase five beautiful homes for its 42nd Annual Tour of Homes. These homes will be open from 9:30 to 4:00. The homes are located on Fort Morgan on the Gulf, on Fort Morgan on the Lagoon, in Craft Farms North on a lake, and two on Ono Island on Bayou Saint John.

Tickets may be purchased at \$20 each at the following five retail outlets: Fran's on 59 (8153 Al-59, Foley), Coastal Flowers & Design (1316 Gulf Shores Parkway, Gulf Shores), Beach House Boutique in Pelican Place (3800 Gulf Shores Parkway, Gulf Shores), Wildflowers Boutique (25910 Canal Road, Orange Beach), and Gifted, in San Roc Cay (27267 Perdido Beach Blvd., Orange Beach). For more information or to order tickets, call Judie Flanigan at 251-554-4889.

New York

By Frank Panczyszn

New York will continue the season with a luncheon on Ginny Lane on January 24, February 7 and 21, and March 7. Registration and social time at 11AM, with lunch to begin 1130AM. Order from a special menu, separate checks. \$1 per person will be collected at registration to cover luncheon expenses, amenities, and future donations back to the community. 50-50 raffle will also be used for charitable contributions. A speaker will be scheduled to talk on an appropriate topic. For reservations, please call Frank and Tracy at 585-748-0432, or email nysnowbirds@gmail.com. The club will participate in the various winter snowbird fund raising functions: Brat Fest, Trivia Night, Pancake Breakfast, Baldwin County Heritage Museum Golf, and the Low Country Boil.

Other activities may include Ladies Luncheon, Valentine Brunch, Dinner Dances, Dolphin Cruise, Fishing Trip, a second Casino Trip, etc. Anyone interested in helping with these or other NY Snowbirds social and volunteer activities please email nysnowbirds@gmail.com.

More details and signup opportunities will be provided at their first luncheon in January.



Foley Art Center weekly classes

The Foley Art Center presents Snowbirds, Newcomers & Locals Painting Sessions each Wednesday, from 10 - 11:30 a.m. through April 17. The cost for the instructor-led painting classes is \$7 per class, and classes are held in Studio 217A, located two buildings north of the Foley Art Center at 211 N. McKenzie St. (Hwy. 59). Entrance is from the alley next to the Foley Coffee Shop.

Each Wednesday, participants will tackle a new painting and learn new painting techniques before leaving at the end of the day with a completed painting. Paintings will be led by demonstration using acrylic paint. All supplies are provided. Pre-registration is required. Call 251 943.4381 or email fac-studio217A@gmail.com to register.

Pictured: Creative fun at 2018 painting session.



Wisconsin

By Nancy Durgin

The WI Sno-bird Club met at the Orange Beach Event Center (OBEC) on Wednesday, January 9, 2019 with donuts and coffee before the 9 am meeting began. The Gulf Shores High School JROTC opened our meeting with their presentation of the flags. Tina Green, Program Supervisor with Baldwin County foster children briefly explained the value of and thanked us for the gift cards we contribute for their teen-agers' Christmas gifts. They average 180 children in foster care every year. Then Tony Kennon, Orange Beach mayor, fielded questions from the group about everything going on in the city. We have a book/puzzle exchange and collect Nestle water bottle labels, Boxtops for Education from General Mills cereals and Johnson & Johnson products, empty printer ink cartridges, pop-top rings from soda cans and motel-size toiletries. Cards are played EVERY Friday at the Gulf Shores American Legion Post 44 on Hwy 59 from 8:30 am to noon through March. There are several opportunities for volunteer work and golf and other events for participation. Please contact Kenn at 251-967-2463 OR wissnobirds@yahoo.com with questions, suggestions and RSVPs.

Our schedule: Monday, Jan 21 - Golf Fun Day - Timber Creek - RSVP; Wednesday, Jan 23 - 8:30 am - meeting at OBEC; Wednesday, Jan 30 - 10:30 am with 11:30 am lunch - Potluck at Orange Beach Community Center (OBCC); Wednesday, Feb 6 - 8:30 am - meeting at OBEC; Saturday, Feb 9 - 11 am - BRAT FEST at OBCC benefit Fire Depts.

Pictured: Tina Green; Peyton King, Shaun Karolinski, Gracie Russell-Anders, Cody Chandler, Brandon Parker.

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