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AROUND TOWN



Gulf Coast Hot Air Balloon Fest May 3-4 at Foley Sports Complex

The Gulf Coast Hot Air Balloon Festival will be held at the Foley Sports Complex on May 3 from 2-10 p.m. and May 4 from 9 a.m. - 10 p.m. The free fest kicks off with a May 2 Balloon Glow at Tanger Outlet Center from 6-8 p.m. The Foley Soccer Complex is located at 998 W. Section St. Fest info: (251) 943-5590 or gulfcoastballoonfestival.com.

Presented by Tanger Outlets, fest attendees will welcome more than 30 hot air balloonists from across the country, and the floating works of art will grace the skies of South Baldwin County on Friday and Saturday morning. Plus, pilots will light up the evening skies at the nightly balloon glows Friday and Saturday.

Guests enjoy free, fun entertainment featuring something for every member of your family. Spread out your blanket, grab an ice cold drink and enjoy a variety of live music daily, from country to rock and roll. Be sure to catch one of the many shows by the Disc Connected K-9 World Famous Frisbee Dog Show. Toss after toss you will be amazed as man's best friend defies gravity catching their prized flying saucers. And don't forget about the Carnival!

Grab a cone of homemade ice cream or delicious BBQ plate as you shop through an eclectic array of local crafters, artisans, and retailers. Many crafters provide onsite demonstrations. Find a one of kind piece of art, or grab a souvenir to commemorate your visit.

Pictured: The Defrosters, a band started by drummer Andy Toth in Alaska back in 2005 and now based on Pleasure Island, will bring their unique "southern soul" inspired sound to the festival Saturday at 11:30 a.m. The band also includes Mike Johnson on guitar and Bob Renke on bass.

Festival Schedule

May 2

6-8 p.m. - Balloon Glow at Tanger Outlets

May 3

2:00 pm - 10:00 pm - Carnival open to public
2:00 pm - 9:00 pm - Food vendors, arts and craft & retail vendors open
2:30 pm, 4:30 pm, 7:00 pm - Disconnected K9 Dog Show
5:00 pm - Dusk - Interactive Hot Air Balloon Display
5:00 pm - Opening Ceremonies followed by Miles Flat Band
7:30 pm - Tethered Rides, Balloon Glow and Mass Ascension begin
8:00 pm - Doctor Zarr's Amazing Funk Monster

May 4

9:00 am - 10:00 pm - Carnival open to public
9:00 am - 9:00 pm - Food vendors, arts and craft & retail vendors open
9:30 am - 11:00 am - Christina Christian
10:00 am, 1:30 pm, 4:30 pm, 7:00 pm - Disconnected K9 Dog Show
11:30 am - 1:30 pm - The Defrosters
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm - Elvis Remembered
5:00 pm - 7:00 pm - Yeah Probably
5:00 pm - Dusk - Interactive Hot Air Balloon Display
7:30 pm - Tethered Rides, Balloon Glow, Mass Ascension begin
8:00 pm - 10:00 pm - Werewolf the Legendary 80s Cover Band

Musicians For Autism April 28 at Sassy Bass in O.B.

The annual Musicians For Autism Festival will have a special vibe this year, as the Autism Society of Alabama is having their annual conference the day after the April 28 event at Sassy Bass Caribbean Grille, located at Happy Harbor Marina (27212 Marina Rd.) in Orange Beach. Hours are from 11 a.m. 'til 8 p.m. for the family friendly event, and money raised will go directly to the Autism Society of Alabama and its programs that promote awareness and acceptance of Autism Spectrum Disorders along the Gulf Coast and throughout the state.

The fundraiser includes live music from eight acts, a silent auction, raffles and family activities.

Sassy Bass will donate 50 percent of all food entree sales in support and musicians are donating their time for the cause.

Silent auction items include parasailing and dolphin cruise trips, ski rentals, coolers, zero gravity chairs, autographed musical instruments and gift cards and passes to local restaurants and attractions.

Bands already committed to playing the event include Scott Koehn, Lisa Christian & Conga Dave, The Funky Lampshades, The Chillbillies, the Barstool Surfers, The Bitter End Band, Coconut Radio and the McCarthy-Plane Band. April is Autism Awareness month.



Music Schedule

11:00 - Scott Koehn

12:00 - Lisa Christian
& Conga Dave

1:00- Funky Lampshades

2:00 - Coconut Radio

3:00- McCarthy-Plane Band

4:00 - Bitter End Band (pictured)

5:30 - The Chillbillies

BBQ, Crawfish & zydeco

April 28 in Robertsdale

The 5th Annual Gulf Coast Crawfish & BBQ Festival will be held on Sunday, April 28 on the grounds behind the Knights of Columbus Hall at St. Patrick School in Robertsdale (23070 Hwy. 59) from 1 p.m. - 6 p.m.



Grammy winners Terrance Simien and the Zydeco Experience will perform at the event, and the \$35 per person cover charge (children under 2 free) includes all you can eat crawfish and fixins, BBQ, cold slaw, baked beans, jambalya, crawfish pasta, adult beverages, soda and desserts. Festivities also include a silent auction, raffles, door prizes and children's activities, as well as the always popular crawfish races.

Tickets are sold by advance sale only. For ticket info, call Kathy Dupre at 251-543-6859 or Catholic Social Services at 251-947-2384 or visit eventbrite.com for ticket info. All funds raised will benefit Baldwin County Catholic Social Services.

Pictured: Terrance Simien and the Zydeco Experience has been shattering the myths about what indigenous Zydeco roots music is - and is not. For 35 years, two-time Grammy award

winning artist Terrance Simien, an 8th generation Louisiana Creole, has been celebrated as one of the most respected and accomplished artists in American roots music. He and his band mates have performed over 8500 concerts in 45 countries, including 33 consecutive slots at the New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival.

Brown to speak at May 2

Chamber Prayer Breakfast

The 15th Annual South Baldwin Chamber of Commerce Prayer Breakfast will be held at the Baldwin EMC Training Center located at 19600



Highway 59 in Sumnerdale on May 2. Breakfast is served at 6:30 a.m., and the program begins at 7 a.m. The guest speaker will be Evangelist RV Brown (pictured). Tickets are \$25 each and on sale now at the SBCC office or by calling 947-2626.

RV accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior November of 1977. In 1988 the Lord called RV into full time Evangelism and gave him the vision to found Outreach To America's Youth, Inc. RV travels throughout the world sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ with all people.

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AROUND TOWN



35th Silverhill Heritage Day Fest April 27

5K, parade, arts & crafts, music, historical tours planned

By Cindy Salter Schulze

The 35th Annual Silverhill Heritage Day Festival is scheduled April 27 in the historic town's downtown area (Hwy. 104 & Hwy. 55). The festival will kick off with a 5K Race hosted by Christian Faith Assembly Church at 8 a.m. Opening Ceremonies will begin at 9 a.m.. The parade will start at 10 a.m. and festival fun will continue until 4 p.m.

This year we have several food trucks including Los Tacos, Kona Ice, Chicken and Waffle Bar, The Whacked-out Weiner and Buster's BBQ. We also have over 50 arts and crafts vendors.

A nice play area will be set up for kids to enjoy with all activities in the kid's area presented free of charge.

Live performances will begin around 11 a.m. from This Side of 49, John Hart Band and 7th Green. Bus tours will be offered every hour for those interested in touring our historical buildings.



Big Lagoon Kiwanians cook pancake breakfast April 27

The Kiwanis Club of Big Lagoon will host a pancake breakfast and bake sale on Saturday, March 27 from 8 – 11 a.m. at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, located at 10650 Gulf Beach Highway in Pensacola. Cost for a full breakfast including sausage, milk, juice and coffee is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children under 12.

Free Girls Night Out is April 30 at The Wharf

Good friends take care of you. Great friends take ya shopping! Get the gals together for a much-needed girl's night at The Wharf in Orange Beach, complete with exclusive deals, food, beverages, and prizes aplenty. The event is on April 30 from 5-8 p.m., and check-in is at Kilwins (Suite F113). Admission is free, and donations accepted for Baldwin County Child Advocacy Center. Plus, for every lady that registers during the event The Wharf will donate \$1 to the charity.

Potluck & open house May 5 at Lillian's St. Joseph's Hall

After many months of assessment, bidding, fund raising and repairs on the St. Joseph Catholic Church parish hall in Lillian, Immaculate Mary Hall is once again open for fun, food and frolic. To celebrate this accomplishment, the parishioners will host a pot luck luncheon at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, May 5, the feast of St. Joseph the Worker. In conjunction with the event, parishioners are selling raffle tickets for \$25 each. The prizes are \$500, \$250 and \$100. Tickets may be purchased from any parishioner or visit the church office between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

The hall is available to rent. Contact the church office for details, 251-962-3649.



Fish River Rats Reunion May 4 at LuLu's

Leavins play first of restaurant's 20th anniversary events

Calling all Fish River Rats. Come by LuLu's on Saturday, May 4 at 11 a.m. for a River Rat Reunion - LuLu's 20th Anniversary Party. The Leavin Brothers will be playing live on the Crazy Sista Boat stage from 12-3 p.m. so pull up a chair and enjoy the show.

There will also be a \$250 Gift Card Raffle, Giveaways, Birthday Cake and more.

LuLu's is bringing back the Creola Blackened Grouper Sandwich with Fried Green Tomatoes from the original LuLu's Sunset Grill Menu for this day only, get it while it lasts. And a nod to the old way of doing things, River Rats & Friends will get free L.A. Caviar. Pictured: The Fairhope based Leavin Brothers provided the musical beat on the party barge that transported all that could be salvaged from LuLu's old location under the Hwy. 98 bridge at Weeks Bay to its current location under the Hwy. 59 bridge at the Intracoastal Waterway 20 years ago. Led by brothers Charles Davis and Evans Davis, the band plays a style of music described as rockin' country with sibling harmonies entrenched in "good clean fun."

Auburn Club Scholarship Banquet April 30 at O.B. Event Center

The Baldwin County Auburn Club Scholarship Banquet will be held at the Event Center at the Wharf in Orange Beach on Tuesday, April 30. It is the mission of the Baldwin County Auburn Club to foster the Auburn Spirit. We feel that the best way to do this is by helping our local students achieve their dream obtaining an Auburn education. The Club gives a full scholarship to a top student in Baldwin County and seven one thousand dollar scholarships to one student from each Baldwin County high school.

A silent auction will be held in conjunction with the banquet. All proceeds will go to the scholarship fund. This event is our largest fundraiser for these scholarships. This year's guest speaker is Coach Kevin Steele, the defensive coordinator at Auburn. Aubie will also appear.

The Scholarship banquet will be catered by Street's Seafood Restaurant. Tickets are available for purchase by sending a check made out to Baldwin County Auburn Club c/o Diane Sellers, 8597 Pine Run, Daphne, AL. 36527 or you may purchase online at auboom19.eventbrite.com. Fees will apply. You can pick up your tickets at the Will Call table on the night of the event. Ticket prices are adults \$35, children \$15 (children under 4 are free), family table of eight \$280, and corporate table of eight \$400. The doors at the Event Center will open at 5:30 pm with dinner being served at 6:00 pm. Info: 251-623-2350. War Eagle!

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AROUND TOWN



"A night of elegant fare and dancing"

Friends of the Arts Grand Event May 3 at Coastal Art Center

Experience a night of elegant fare and dancing to The All Star Band at the Grand Event on Friday, May 3 at the Coastal Arts Center of Orange Beach. Friends of the Arts is organizing the fundraiser, with all proceeds going toward the advancement of fine art opportunities on the Alabama Gulf Coast. Hours are 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. The Coastal Arts Center is located at 26389 Canal Rd. Dress is cocktail attire.

Tickets are \$75 and may be purchased online at eventbrite.com or by cash or check at the Coastal Arts Center. Billed as "A night of elegant fare and dancing," the party will be catered by Alabama Coastal Catering. Expect unique silent auction offerings and a live artist providing original artwork for auction.

For more information, visit friendsoftheartsinc.org or call (251) 981-ARTS (2787).

47th Art in the Park May 11-12 in Foley

The 47th Annual Art in the Park will be held May 11-12 from 9a.m. to 5 p.m. in John B. Foley Park, located at the intersection of Highways 59 and 98 in historic Downtown Foley.

Sponsored by Foley Art Center, Art in the Park is a competitive juried fine arts show for artists across the southeast and has grown to attract thousands of attendees. Over 100 artists showcase their talents while providing unique, hand crafted cultural experiences and shopping opportunities.

Art in the Park proceeds fund everything from college scholarships for local students to bringing well known art exhibits to the community. This is a free outdoor event in a beautiful setting. Bring your mother, or someone else's mother, and stroll through the picturesque park as you enjoy the sites from one of Alabama's Top Ten Events for May.

Discover one of a kind creations in mediums such as pen & ink, oil, watercolor, pottery, stained glass, wood, porcelain, fused glass, hand woven textiles, jewelry, handmade children's clothing and more.

Be sure to bring the littlest members of the family so they can enjoy the free, hands-on children's area offering a variety of fun artistic activities and face painting.

Visit the youth art display and marvel at original works in a many different mediums created by local budding artists. The art is made by students from elementary to high school age, and it is truly a remarkable display.

For more info, visit foleyartcenter.com or call 251-943-4381.



Race to the Top of Tower May 4 at Turquoise Place

Spectrum Resorts and the Law Enforcement Torch Run® for Special Olympics will host the 8th Annual Race to the Top of the Tower at Turquoise Place on Saturday, May 4 at 9 a.m. Come out and test your fitness level with our local heroes and compete for a three-night stay at Turquoise Place and for the bragging rights to the Top of the Tower Champion title.

Local and regional fire-fighters, police, EMS, military personnel and the general public to participate in this 31-floor stairwell race where all proceeds benefit the Special Olympics of Alabama.

Another component of this fundraiser is a Lazy River Duck Race benefitting the Miracle League of Coastal Alabama.

Visit Racetothetop.TurquoisePlace.com to register for the race or to purchase a \$5 duck for the Lazy River Duck Race. Registration for the Race to the Top is \$30 per person with discounts given for first responders and early online registrations. All participants are invited to enjoy a post-race celebration.

Forever Foley: Our Legacy April 27 at Foley Civic Center

Forever Foley: Our Legacy, an event celebrating the history of Foley, will be held on Saturday, April 27th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Foley Civic Center located at 407 E Laurel Ave.



There will be work and projects on display from all the feeder pattern schools including Foley Elementary, Swift Elementary, Magnolia Elementary, Foley Intermediate, Foley Middle and Foley High School. Come celebrate the history and culture of the city as described by its young people. There will be artwork and projects on display along with performances by the FHS Choir, Band and Robotics teams. The Quilter's Club and the Antique Tractor Club will have displays and there will be various other presentations. Walking tours through Heritage Park are also part of the event, which is funded through the Alabama Bicentennial Schools Grant initiative.

CCA Beach Party April 26 at Orange Beach Event Center

The Lower Alabama Chapter of Coastal Conservation Association Alabama (CCA) will hold its 20th annual Lower Alabama CCA Beach Party from 6-10 p.m. on April 26 at the Orange Beach Event Center at The Wharf.



The party includes live and silent auctions, a raffle, dinner by Villagio, and live music by Wes Loper. Pre-sale tickets are \$110 per couple and \$75 for a single. Limited tickets are available at the door for \$125 per couple and \$85 for singles. Each ticket includes a one-year CCA membership, dinner, and drinks.

Sponsorship opportunities are available. Contact Lower Alabama Chapter President Ryan Long at r.long@highlandgroup.org or 251-478-3474. Info is also online at ccaalabama.org.

CCA Alabama was founded in 1982 and is the second oldest CCA state chapter in the organization. With eight chapters in the state, CCA Alabama now has over 2,000 members who work to conserve marine resources for future generations of Alabamians to enjoy. It has been instrumental in achieving numerous accomplishments in protecting and rebuilding marine resources in Alabama.

The Pied Piper of Hamelin will open May 3 at SBCT

The South Baldwin Community Theatre in Gulf Shores will present performances of The Pied Piper of Hamelin at 7:30 p.m. on May 3, 4, 10 and 11, and at 2 p.m. on May 5 and 12.

Admission is \$15 for adults and \$9.95 for students. South Baldwin Community Theater is located at 2022 West 2nd St. in Gulf Shores. For more info or to buy tickets, visit sbct.biz or call 251-968-6721. The play, the first of two SBCT Young Artist Series productions this year, is directed by (pictured) Sharon Watson.



Rats are taking over Hamelin, eating everything in sight and frightening the citizens! Nobody, including the greedy mayor, knows what to do. Even Duchess Dingaling is at her wit's end. Rattytatty, the pest control officer, admits defeat. Who should turn up but an odd young gentleman who calls himself the Pied Piper? In return for getting rid of the pests, he sets a fee of one thousand guilders. The town agrees. True to his claim, the Piper disposes of the cheese nibblers. However, the townsfolk claim they are too poor to pay. In retaliation, the Pied Piper leads the children from the town and hides them within a magic mountain. The townsfolk search for the mysterious musician. The slap-happy characters range from a silly Dancing Tutor to Old Widow Whiskers.

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Fish will fly from the 'Bama April 26-28 (full schedule on pages 32-33)

By Fran Thompson

Flora-Bama's April 26-28 Mullet Toss weekend - officially The Interstate Mullet Toss & Gulf Coast's Greatest Beach Party - starts with the sold out Mullet Swing Golf Classic at Perdido Bay Golf Club on April 24 and continues through the weekend.

The Mullet Toss kick-off party is Thursday with a special engagement by "Big Earl" and a BBQ at the Yacht Club (across from the Flora-Bama on Ole River) from 5-9 pm.

Adult fish tossing on the 'Bama beach is from noon to 4 p.m. Friday through Sunday, with the kids' toss at 10 a.m. each day. Finals start each day at 4 p.m. The \$15 per toss fee includes a t-shirt. Proceeds go to local charities.

Cover charge to Flora-Bama begins at 9 a.m. each day from Friday through Sunday. Entry is \$10 per day for 21 and up and \$15 for 13-20 year olds, with 12 & under admitted free. The party is open to all ages until 6 p.m., at which point the vent is for those 21 and up.

Membership cards are good for entry to Flora-Bama for Mullet Toss. Cards are available online or at the door for \$45

and are good for the entire event. The bar will be cash only for bar sales on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, with plenty of ATM's available.

Tens of thousands of folks from throughout the nation & all walks of life will descend upon the crystal white sands of the iconic roadhouse for the three day frenzy of food, fun and frivolity.

Originally conceived as an absurd and fun way to attract tourism dollars during the shoulder season, the 3k-day event is now one of the busiest weekends of the year, contributing over \$10 million to the local economy while raising funds for local youth charities, including

school education and prevention programs from the Community Drug & Alcohol Council. Each year, the event contributes over \$30,000 to local charities, especially youth organizations on both sides of the state line.

The main event consists of folks throwing a mullet, a mystical fish possessing a gizzard & one of the more plentiful and popular local fish, out of a 10-foot circle, from Perdido Key, Florida towards Orange Beach, Alabama.

Overall winners earn bragging rights,

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trophies, and gift certificates to local establishments. Trophies will be awarded 3-deep in 19 total age categories, male & female, for each day of toss.

The Miss Mullet bikini contest will be held under the Tent Stage at 3 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and offer over \$2,000 in cash and prizes each day. The top three finalists both days will qualify for the Grand Miss Flora-Bama Contest and a chance to win \$5,000 Labor Day weekend.

A male hot body contest will be held just prior to the bikini contest each day at 1 p.m.

Since this is the Flora-Bama, patrons will not have to venture far to hear music. More than 50 acts will share five stages.

Performers booked for the weekend include Electric Dawg, Jerry Jacobs Band, Magic Johnsons, Red Clay Strays, Oliver's Twist, Lucky Doggs, Hung Jury, River Dan Band, Whiskey River Band, Ben Jernigan Duo, Albert Simpson & John Kulinich, Perdido Brothers, Bruce Smelley, Jo Jo Pres, Wes Loper, the Famous Nameless and Dueling Pianos (See full music schedule on pages 32-33).

The four Flora-Bama eateries on campus - the Flora-Bama Yacht Club, the Flora-Bama Ole River Grill, The Tipsy Taco and the original Flora-Bama Lounge and Oyster Bar - will feature oysters, shrimp, oysters and Bama Burgers. The guys from the Mudbug Mafia will be serving crawfish all weekend.

Flora-Bama parking lots will be manned by local charities and youth sport groups. Due to heavy congestion, it is recommended that patrons take shuttles, which will be running at \$5 per head non-stop starting 7 a.m. Friday through Sunday. Pick up spots are the Publix parking lot in Orange Beach and the Winn-Dixie lot in Perdido Key. You can also call a taxi or Uber or Lyft.

There actually are rules for flinging mullets. Contestants must select a mullet from the water bucket themselves. No gloves, no sand coating and no loading up a mullet with ballast before flinging allowed.

All competitors must retrieve their own fish and return it to the water bucket. Stepping out of the circle before tossing or tossing the fish out of bounds are other no-nos. Tossers have only one chance to qualify for the finals each day. Those who can manage to throw more than 100 ft. have a good chance of placing.

Tossing techniques are as varied as the contestants themselves. For most, the best strategy is to fold the fish and pretend like you are trying to gun down a runner at the plate from center field.

Longtime competitor Wes Durham said at a past Toss that he likes to give his fish a pre-flight sip of beer. "Food for flight," he called it.

Many Mullet Toss patrons will make condo and hotel reservations for 2020 while in town this year.

"They could come here on July 4th or Memorial Day or Labor Day. But they decide that something we created was going to be their weekend to have a party, and they come back every year," said Flora-Bama co-owner Pat McClellan.

"It's a tradition for a lot of people, and they respect that tradition and respect each other.

"We have less problems with crowds at the Mullet Toss than during the major holiday weekends," he added.

The Interstate Mullet Toss has been written up in the Wall Street Journal and hundreds of other major newspapers around the country. The event was also featured in Sports Illustrated.

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Annual commemoration for Private Rosamond Johnson May 4 Honoring the first Escambia County resident killed in action during the Korean War

The annual commemoration and wreath laying ceremony for Private Rosamond Johnson will take place on Saturday, May 4 at 10 a.m. at Johnson Beach, the Perdido Key area of the Gulf Islands National Seashore named in honor of the Korean War hero.

Private Johnson was the first Escambia County resident killed in action during the Korean War. The event is open to the public and all are encouraged to attend.

Dan Brown, Gulf Islands National Seashore Superintendent will be the keynote speaker. Brown will be joined by members of Private Johnson's family. The sponsoring Perdido Key Chamber has secured the NATTC Color Guard, vocal group, and bugler for the event.

The ceremony, co-sponsored by the Johnson Beach Society and the Florida Black Chamber of Commerce, will conclude with a wreath laying ceremony at the Johnson monument. There is an entrance fee waiver in place for this day for several locations in Private Rosamond Johnson's honor.

Rosamond Johnson enlisted in the U.S. Army at 15, and died in combat two years later on the Korean Peninsula.

While engaged with the enemy, on July 26, 1950, Private Johnson carried two wounded soldiers to safety. He was fatally wounded while attempting to save a third wounded man.

On August 21, 1950, Rosamond was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart for the wounds he sustained while saving his fellow soldiers.

When Private Johnson died in 1950, Pensacola beaches were racially segregated, with areas of Perdido Key regulated for African-Americans. The Sunset Riding Club, which leased the land, declared the beach Rosamond Johnson Beach.

The area became protected as part of Gulf Islands National Seashore in 1971. The name was eventually retained and a monument and wayside honor to Private Johnson and his service to the United States of America was placed near the Johnson Beach Pavilion.

Johnson Beach is located within the Perdido Key Area of Gulf Islands National Seashore. It is open daily from dawn 'til dusk. There is normally an entrance fee for this area.

Pictured: Rosamond Johnson's mother, who was then 101 years old, at the 2017 ceremony with Chamber Chair Allison Davenport; Superintendent Brown unveils the plans to honor Private First Class Johnson.



St. Peter's in Bon Secour hosts May 2 fish-fry

St. Peter's Episcopal Church will host an old fashioned fish-fry on the first Thursday of May, June, August, September and October every month on its beautiful campus in Bon Secour from 5-7 p.m. The next feast is May 2. Fried fish plates includes sides of hushpuppies, baked beans, coleslaw, potato salad and dessert for \$10. Eat in or take out. St. Peter's is located on the corner of County Rd. 10 and County Rd. 49 at 6270 County Road 10 in Bon Secour. For more info, call 251-949-6254 or visit stpetersbonsecour.diocgc.com. Pictured: Church members preparing a feast at one of the 2018 fish-frys.

The Chamber of Commerce will be at Reunion Pointe
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Pirates Cove Wood Boat Fest May 3-5 in Josephine Event at laid back waterfront bistro back after one year hiatus

The Pirates Cove Wood Boat Festival, after a one year hiatus, returns to Pirates Cove Marina (near the south end of Hwy. 95-S) in Josephine for the 21st time with festivities from May 3-5. Hours are from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. both Saturday and Sunday. Admission is \$5 per person per day with children under 12 admitted free.

Wood Boat Fest Music

Friday, May 3
7 p.m. – Big Muddy
Saturday, May 4
11 a.m. – Perdido Brothers
3 p.m. – Johnny Barbato
7 p.m. – Fat Man Squeeze
Sunday, May 5
11 a.m. – Ja Rhythm
3 p.m. – Merge

(and mullet sandwiches if available) to benefit their wonderful charities both days. There will be live music (see schedule) all day Saturday and Sunday.

One of the festival highlights every year is the dirty boat building contest. Contestants will build their boats all day Saturday and finish on Sunday morning. At 1 p.m. on Sunday, the newly built boats will race. Awards for best of show and the boatbuilding contest will be presented afterwards, usually around 3 p.m.

"The people who were responsible for putting this on for many years all retired, and I just got to busy last year to continue doing it," said event coordinator Karl Mueller. "But a lot of people missed having it. So we are doing it again."

Mueller, whose father built the iconic waterfront restaurant and bar, currently owns and operates the bistro with his mother (Eileen) and brother (Paul). The family celebrated its 50th anniversary in business in 2017.

"We came up with the idea one winter evening when we were all sitting around bored to death," Karl Mueller said. "We wanted to have a wood boat show where all boats. People with working wood charter boats really had no place else."

Mueller said the show is more about sharing information and comparing notes about wood boat building than it is competing for top prizes and many friendships among wood boat aficionados started at Pirates Cove.

"It just grew organically," he said. "There are many people that met here that keep in touch over the years. That is one of the best things about it."

For more info, visit piratescoveriffraff.com or call Mueller at 251-228-2074.

Kenny Stabler Tribute May 4 at Flora-Bama

Eli Gold to appear at event to honor Foley High legend by raising Ronald McDonald House funds

A tribute to the late Ken Stabler, NFL Hall of Famer, Foley High grad and longtime champion of the Alabama Gulf Coast and passionate supporter of the charity the tribute will benefit, will be held on Saturday, May 4 from 5-8 p.m. at the Flora-Bama.

Eli Gold, the voice of Alabama football, will make a special appearance. Tickets are \$25 per person, and 100 percent of the proceeds from the event, which will include a silent auction, are earmarked for Ronald McDonald House charities. Sponsorships ranging from \$10,000 to \$500 are available. For info, call Summer Jimmerson at 850-477-

2273, Mary McAleer at 251-694-6873 or visit rmhcmobile.org.

Thanks to Stabler's efforts as chairman of the XOXO Stabler Foundation, \$600,000 was raised for The Ronald McDonald House of Mobile.

Stabler's friends included Flora-Bama owners Joe Gilchrist and John McInnis, and he was a regular at the Lounge on the Line before, during and after his NFL career. He often mentioned in interviews that the iconic bar was the "best watering hole in the country."

Stabler was the first celebrity to ever participate in the Mullet Toss and the man who first brought Jimmy Buffett into the Flora-Bama.

Never one to ask for VIP treatment, Stabler loved people and he appreciated

rather than shied away from attention.

"He tended to sit in the intersection of where most people were. He certainly didn't make an effort to get away from people," Gilchrist said.

"He did so many things to help our community. He used his celebrity to get the Mullet Toss started. He was willing to come out and throw the fish and be a person to help achieve some newsworthiness." Stabler's daughter Alexia, who grew up on Pleasure Island, told Bamainsider.com that she did not realize the impact that her dad had on people until he passed.

"When he passed, the number of letters the family received was staggering," she said. "I didn't realize his impact on people and how far-reaching he was until he was gone. People came out from all corners of the world, all demographics: men, women, young, old. They all reached out to us and it was overwhelming."

A national champion at Alabama, Stabler also quarterbacked the Raiders to victory in the 11th Super Bowl. He was the 1974 NFL Most Valuable Player and was named quarterback for the NFL 1970s All-Decade Team. Stabler was posthumously elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 2016.

But for all of his success on the gridiron, maybe his greatest achievement was giving back through children's charities – specifically the Ronald McDonald House.

Thanks to his efforts while serving as chairman of the XOXO Stabler Foundation, \$600,000 was raised for The Ronald McDonald House of Mobile.

"Foley was blessed to have had him as part of our community," said Foley Mayor John Koniar.

Stabler himself put it perfectly: "I think it's just all about children, anything that will benefit children," he said. "You think about a child who is sick and has to be in the hospital. He's not from the area and has to come, and the whole family has to come. They can't afford to stay in hotels and eat restaurant food and that sort of thing. It's just a great service. And again, it's all about children."



Hometown names street after its 3-sport star & supporter

Kenny Stabler Way extends from Juniper Street into Foley's game changing multi-sports complex, which is fitting since Stabler is among the most accomplished three sport high school athletes ever.

Football

- Stabler led Foley to a 29-1 record during his high school football career (the only loss coming against Vigor).

Basketball

- He averaged an amazing 29 points a game in basketball.

Baseball

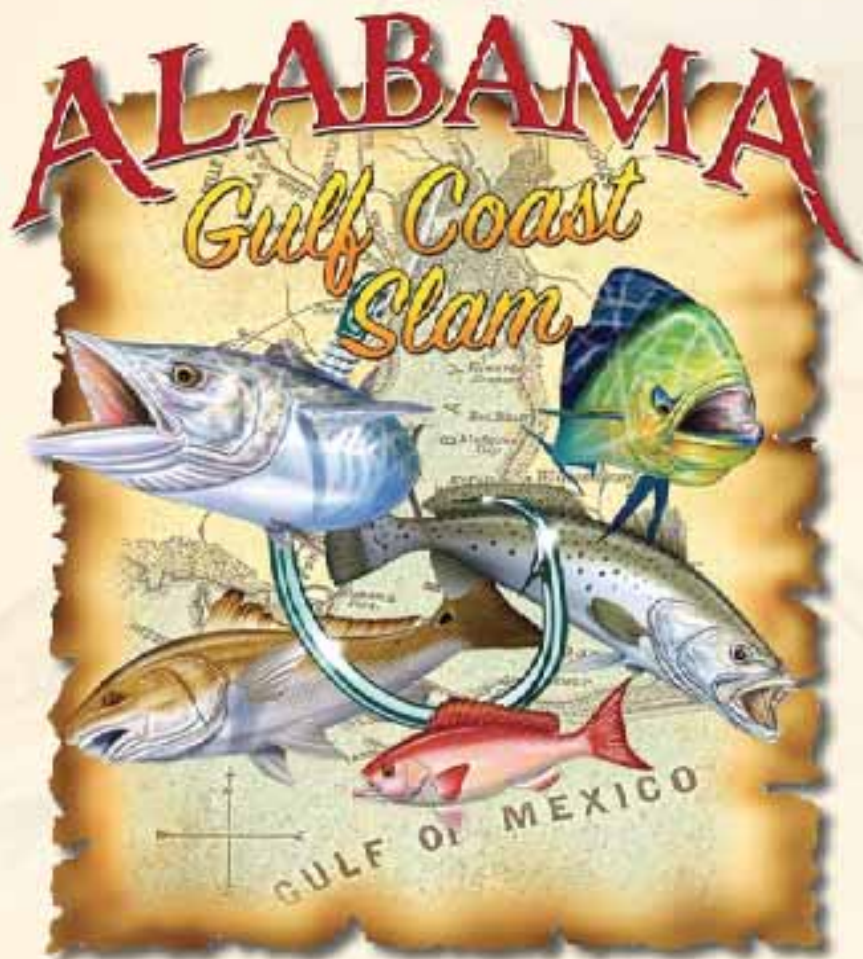
- He received minor-league baseball contract offers from the Astros and Yankees. He won nine games in his senior year, racking up 125 strikeouts and five shutouts on speed alone. The only loss that Don Sutton ever suffered at Tate High School was a 1-0 game to Stabler and Foley, with Stabler striking out 16 and Sutton 14.

The Bear Over Signing Bonus

"When I was 17 the Pittsburgh Pirates offered me \$50,000 to sign. But by then I'd gotten to like football, and I wanted to play for Coach Bryant," Stabler told SI. "If it hadn't been for sports, I wouldn't have gone to college. My dad was a mechanic in a garage up to Foley, and I'd have followed him, I'm sure."

He Was Snake Even Back In Junior High

At was at Foley Junior High that Stabler earned his nickname, The Snake, from Denzil Hollis, his baseball, basketball, track & football coach in junior high. "That was when I gave him the nickname," Danzil told SI. "Back in the eighth or ninth grade. He'd run 200 yards to score from 20 yards out. Skinny as a snake too. Straight up from top to bottom, and when he turned sideways, he weren't no thicker than a airmail letter."



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NCAA BEACH VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIP MAY 3-5 IN GULF SHORES

Gulf Shores High junior Marti McLaurin commits to tourney host UAB

By Ally Dorrough

With the National Collegiate Beach Volleyball Championship May 3-5 at the Gulf Place Public Beach, collegiate student-athletes are vying for the chance to dig their way to Alabama's beaches.

The future players of this growing NCAA sport will be competing simultaneously during the Gulf Coast Region USA Volleyball Beach Fest national qualifier May 4-5.

Hometown standout and University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) verbal commit, Marti McLaurin, shares her beach volleyball journey and the impact of the national championship co-hosted by UAB taking place in Gulf Shores.

"I entered my first volleyball tournament in sixth grade, played indoor for Gulf Shores Middle School and started getting serious in eighth grade when I joined a travel club in Pensacola," McLaurin says. "I played in my first national beach tournament in eighth grade – the first year of the NCAA-sanctioned championship being in Gulf Shores – and developed a true passion for the sport."

McLaurin has been training with Pleasure Island Volleyball Club Beach Elite in coastal Alabama for two years. In 2018, McLaurin and her partner Lauren Quigley (pictured) gained national attention by winning the USA Junior Beach National Championship (16U) and coming in second in the RoxVB National Championship (16U).

"Marti is a dedicated athlete, and UAB will love her coachability, drive and energy that she brings to every workout, practice and game," said Eddie Henry, Beach Elite coach.

Beach Elite director Shawn Weaver shares the excitement for McLaurin and the sport's growth in coastal Alabama.

"PIVC Beach Elite has been very successful in prior years with helping players reach the next level with athletes playing at Mercer University beach program and Spring Hill College beach program," Weaver said. "This year, we have five athletes committed to a beach program at the college level. We are very proud of Marti and all her accomplishments. We can't wait to see her play here locally one day as a UAB beach player."

McLaurin verbally committed to play beach volleyball at UAB in February.

"Our home state is so important to us and Marti represents a commitment from us to Alabama," said Kyra Iannone, UAB head coach. "We are so proud that our school has been hosting the National Championship in Gulf Shores since before beach volleyball was an official NCAA sport, and for the next four years. This shows the commitment that UAB has to the future and success of beach volleyball as an Olympic sport, an NCAA sport and a local sport."

McLaurin says her purpose comes from above and within, not for the glory of playing on a big stage. As she moves towards a collegiate career, McLaurin focuses her spare time on coaching 10 to 12-year-old girls for indoor and beach volleyball and being active in her church.

"When I start something, I go all out," McLaurin says. "My faith and family play a huge role in my life, and I strive to do everything in God's name to inspire others to pursue their passions for the right reasons."



Road to the Championship

The NCAA Division I Women's Beach Volleyball Committee will conduct team selections on April 28, selecting the top three teams from the East Region and the top three teams from the West Region, with the remaining two teams in the field of eight selected at-large from across the country among the 69 NCAA member institutions that sponsor 1,000 Beach Volleyball student-athletes across the country.

The final eight teams will compete in a double elimination tournament. The first and second rounds are on Friday, May 3, with winning teams advancing in the championship bracket and losing teams moving to the elimination bracket. The first round of the elimination bracket will also be conducted Friday, May 3, with winning teams advancing in the elimination bracket and losing teams being eliminated from the tournament.

On Saturday, May 4 the second and third round of the elimination bracket will be conducted with winning teams advancing in the elimination bracket and losing teams being eliminated from the tournament.

The third round match of the championship bracket follows with winning team advancing to the national championship match and the losing team moving to the elimination bracket.

On Sunday, May 5 the final match of the elimination bracket will be conducted with winning championship match will then be conducted on Sunday, May 5.

National Rankings

(Through April 22)

1. UCLA - 28-1
2. Southern California - 24-4
3. Florida State - 28-5
4. LSU - 29-6
5. Hawai'i - 24-7
6. Pepperdine - 20-9
7. Stetson - 29-8
8. Cal Poly - 21-10
9. Florida Int. - 17-11
10. California - 19-7
11. Loyola Marymount - 27-11
12. Long Beach State - 18-9
13. Arizona - 24-4
14. Grand Canyon - 20-11
15. eorgia State - 24-12
16. South Carolina - 20-11
17. Florida Atlantic - 13-15
18. TCU - 18-16
19. Saint Mary's - 20-9
20. Stanford - 10-16

Others Receiving Votes: College of Charleston, Arizona State, Florida Gulf Coast, Tampa, Washington, Boise State, Louisiana-Monroe, North Florida, Tulane

Schedule

Brackets will be chosen and streamed live on NCAA.com on Sunday, April 28 at 6 p.m. The final schedule will also be posted then. All Starting times are subject to change. There will be a minimum of 10 minutes between matches and matches will not begin before the time listed.

Thursday, May 2

11:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. - Box Office open
11:30 a.m. - Gates open to the public
12:15 - 1:15 p.m. - All Team Auto-graph Session
1 - 2:10 p.m. - Open Team Practice
2:15 - 3:25 p.m. - Open Team Practice
3:30 - 4:40 p.m. - Open Team Practice
3:30 - 4:40 p.m. - Open Team Practice
4:45 - 5:55 p.m. - Open Team Practice
4:45 - 5:55 p.m. - Open Team Practice

Friday, May 3

7 a.m. - 6 p.m. - Box Office open
8 a.m. - Gates open
First Round
9 a.m. - Match 1

10 a.m. (approx.) - Match 2
11 a.m. (approx.) - Match 3
Noon (approx.) - Match 4
Elimination Bracket - First Round
1 p.m. (approx.) - Match 5
2 p.m. (approx.) - Match 6
Second Round
3 p.m. (approx.) - Match 7
4 p.m. (approx.) - Match 8

Saturday, May 4

7 a.m. - Box Office open
Noon - Gates open
Elimination Bracket - Second Round
1 p.m. - Match 9
2:10 p.m. - Match 10
Third Round
3 p.m. (approx.) - Match 11
Elimination Bracket - Third Round
4 p.m. (approx.) - Match 12

Sunday, May 5

7 a.m. - Box Office open
9 a.m. - Gates open
Elimination Bracket - Final
9:30 a.m. - Match 13
1 p.m. - Championship Match

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NCAA BEACH VOLLEYBALL CHAMPIONSHIP MAY 3-5 IN GULF SHORES

Gulf Shores will host event at least through 2022

Thanks to a collaborative local effort, the National Collegiate Beach Volleyball Championships will be held at Gulf Shores Public Beach through 2022.

Gulf Shores & Orange Beach Sports Commission, the University of Alabama at Birmingham and the City of Gulf Shores are official hosts and driving forces be-



Future Tourney Dates:

2020: May 1-3

2021: May 7-9

2022: May 6-8

Past Tourney Champs

2018: UCLA (above) (Florida State)

2017: Southern Cal (Pepperdine) 2016:
Southern Cal (Florida State)

hind Gulf Shores' unprecedented leap into the national spotlight.

But before the inaugural NCAA-sanctioned championship was held at Gulf Shores Public Beach in 2016, Shaul Zislin, owner of the Hangout, stepped up by having the foresight, and more importantly providing sponsor funds to bring collegiate "sand volleyball" to Gulf Shores for its national championship beginning back in 2012.

In addition to his sponsorship, Zislin established relationships with coaches who were the backbone of the American Volleyball Coaches Association, enabling Pleasure Island to show off its legendary hospitality before the sport moved from an NCAA "emerging sport" to its current sanctioned status.

"This is an amazing chain of events that have ended up with us being in the position to have a major NCAA national championship here for a long period of time," Gulf Shores Mayor Robert Craft said. "It is a signature event for showing off who we are and what we do."

Full coverage from all five courts will be aired live by ESPN's family of networks. The championship match will air on the main ESPN network Sunday, May 5.

Between matches, fans can enjoy activities such as autograph sessions with all eight participating teams and a championship fan zone with official championship merchandise, a social media tent, and courts for cornhole and giant jenga. An area near court #3 has been designated the games area, complete with buckets and shovels available for building sand castles.

Tickets

The National Collegiate Beach Volleyball Championship is hosted by Gulf Shores & Orange Beach Sports Commission, The City of Gulf Shores and UAB. Weekend passes are \$50 for general admission, \$80 for Courtside and \$225 for NCAA Experience. Day passes are \$20 for general admission and \$30 for Courtside. All tickets are available online through eventbrite at ncaa.com or at the gate.

NCAA Experience all-session passes are available for \$225 and include the comfort of a covered, elevated platform looking directly onto the three championship courts, complimentary snacks, water and access to a full-service, cash bar. Reserved shaded, beachside seating is located just outside of the covered area for viewing the championship courts. Courtside seating on all courts is on a first come-first serve basis.

Courtside seating is \$30 for day passes and \$80 for a weekend pass. Admission to all matches played on either Friday, Saturday or Championship Sunday. Courtside Seating on any given court is based on availability and is first come, first served. Teared seating is available on courts 1-3 and chair beach chair seating on courts 4-5.

General admission day passes are \$20 daily and \$50 for the weekend. Tickets include admission to all matches played on Friday, Saturday or Championship Sunday. Bleacher seating based on availability or bring your own beach towel.



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May 7 public meeting will showcase proposed Canal Rd. Corridor Study

The City of Gulf Shores will host a public meeting to discuss major traffic flow changes proposed in the Canal Road Corridor Study on Tuesday, May 7 at the Gulf Shores Activity Center, located at 260 Clubhouse Dr. The meeting will be from 5:30-7 p.m., and its purpose is to provide the public an opportunity to participate in the development of the proposed project.

A brief presentation will be given at 6 p.m. After the presentation, representatives from the City of Gulf Shores will be available at displays to discuss the proposed project and answer any questions. Comment sheets will also be made available for those who would like to submit written statements.

The purpose of the Canal Road Corridor Study is to improve connectivity and provide transportation corridor that will better accommodate the existing and projected east-west traffic volumes through the study area.

For more info, call Volkert's Jason Goffinet at 251-342-1070.



Lodging tax hike to help city improve West Lagoon Ave.

By John Mullen

Public Works Director Mark Acreman says its been a goal of Gulf Shores to make considerable improvements to West Lagoon Avenue, a road that branches off of State Route 182 just west of the Pier 33 Grocery.

"Unfortunately, we've just never had the capital funding to be able to undertake a project of this size as it relates to transportation as it would have utilized our entire multiple years' worth of resurfacing money," Acreman said.

But the approximately \$1.5 million project has finally been set in motion with the city council's approval April 22 of about \$130,000 to Fabre Engineering & Surveying to provide surveying, design and inspection services for massive upgrades to road. All thanks to the 2 percent added to the city lodging tax and earmarked for transportation improvements.

"This is an over two-mile roadway and something we've had a lot of interest in over years from the citizens to undertake," Acreman said. "Because of the 2 percent lodging tax, which will be the funding source, we are able to undertake this project."

The roadway there is now pretty narrow but the city has a 100-foot right of way to widen it and provide five-foot bike lanes as well as an eight-foot multi-use trail on the south side of West Lagoon Avenue.

"This will be improving West Lagoon Avenue and connecting those improvements to our recently completed Little Lagoon parking lot, pier and multi-use trail including resurfacing the entire West Lagoon roadway," Acreman said.

As part of Faber's project, the company will see if a roundabout at the intersection of State Route 182 and West Lagoon Avenue would help traffic in that area.

"This would be something to kind of slow down the traffic and make the transition from a five-lane highway to a two-lane beach road as well as bring West Lagoon Avenue into that intersection," Acreman said. "It's a little

cumbersome today. We've improved it with our sidewalk work but it still could be improved further."

Nearby utilities and the possibility of having to move them may be detriments to having a roundabout at the intersection.

"We're going to see if taking on this type of project is feasible and if we can do it because of utility conflicts, costs and the ability of the DOT to allow this work to move forward," Acreman said. "It's a very unique situation. I can't think of another location in the city where we have two roads coming together at this angle."

In other business, the council also:

- Accepted proposal from Week's Bay Foundation for the creation of two distinct conservation easements on the

Leary and Erie Hall Meyer properties acquired by the City in 2017 as part of the NFWF-funded Bon Secour/Oyster Bay Wetland Acquisition Project. The total cost for this work is \$74,950 and will be 100 percent reimbursed through the NFWF Grant.

- Received a copy of the Gulf Shores Police Department's annual report from Chief Ed Delmore. The report is also available on the city's website.

- Granted a franchise license to the new owners of Modern Limousine which plans to operate one vehicle with one driver.

- Accepted the annexation of three properties on County Road 6 who are interested in being a part of the city because of the formation of the city school system, city documents said. The parcels are at 16800 Nelson Lane owned by James and Mary Nelson, 4518 County Road 6 owned by Nelson Holdings and 4211 Alton Street listed as being owned by Rebecca Semone.



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May 3rd

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WED, APRIL 24

- 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.
- Open Mic: 5; Tacky Jack's, Gulf Shores.
- Adam Holt: 5; LuLu's at Homeport Marina, Gulf Shores.
- John Lee Sanders: 6; Voyagers Restaurant at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.

- Midnight Shepherds: 6; The Hangout, Gulf Shores.
- Brent Burns: 4; Fin & Fork, 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.
- Scott Koehn/Flip Flop Bros: 6:30; Flip-flops, 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: 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.

ORANGE BEACH CITY COUNCIL

Canal Rd. widening project proceeding on schedule

By John Mullen

State officials say about half of the work moving utilities to make way for a fifth lane on Canal Road is completed and they are hoping to let the project out for bidding soon.

"We're plugging along with the utility relocation out there on Canal," Assistant Southwest Region Engineer Brian Aaron said. "I'd say we're roughly 50 percent complete on that so we're going to continue to work through that over the next few months."

Aaron said the Alabama Department of Transportation expects to have a bid letting on the widening project ready by June and looks to start construction as soon as the busy summer season subsides. He estimates it will take a year to complete the project.

"That's kind of by design because we really didn't want to hop out there in the busy summer season," Aaron said. "What we anticipate is we would start construction basically right after summer."

At first relocating power poles along the route was thought to be a big problem – and expense – but Aaron says the widening project will work around those.

"Most of the electricity is actually staying," Aaron said. "There's only a couple of large transmission poles that have to be moved out of the way. Each one of those poles are like \$200,000 apiece to move. It was going to be \$20 million to move all those poles. We actually went and got a design waiver so the poles are staying except for just a few of them."

Most of the utility relocation that is occurring is gas or fiber. The relocation of sewer and waterlines will be part of the road construction project, Aaron said.

A major change in the plans was caused by the coming reality of a Wolf Bay Bridge which will connect on the north side of the Canal Road and Alabama 161 intersection. How that intersection will be designed and developed is a separate project from the simple adding of a fifth lane.

"There's two projects down there and two phases and phase one is the actual five lane," Aaron said. "Phase two is improvement to that intersection."

"When we looked at that about three years ago Wolf Bay Bridge (rendering pictured) was on again, off again," Aaron said. "We just had to kind of make a decision based on the fact that Wolf Bay wasn't moving forward."

Part of that design included doing away with the Tom Thumb and other stores in the corner strip mall. Two southbound, free-flowing turn lanes were going to take out the businesses. The inevitability of the new bridge's impact on the intersection saved the stores there.

"Over the last month or month and a half, we've had discussions with the city," Aaron said. "They are moving forward on Wolf Bay with permitting. They are commit-

ted to moving forward on that job.

"What it forced us to do was really step back and say once Wolf Bay connects about five years from now, what does that do to this intersection with what we've planned with the Tom Thumb? And it doesn't work so we've stepped back and said we don't need to buy this right of way and we need to stop this acquisition."

State officials don't have a plan yet for intersection but one option on the table is a southern bypass along a right of way from the front of Big Mike's Steakhouse on Canal Road to south of McDonald's on Alabama 161.

"We're going to have to look at several alternatives," Aaron said. "We're basically going to have to start from scratch as regards to the NEPA process. We're going to have to evaluate alternatives which could include that bypass to the south."

NEPA is the National Environmental Policy Act and there is some potential wetland encroachment along that bypass route that could slow up the project.

"There are so much wetlands it would delay us finishing by years," Orange Beach Mayor Tony Kennon said in July. "It could be as much as seven years to get that done."

Whatever the outcome, Aaron said, the intersection will be a big improvement over what's in place now.

"I think it's going to be better for traffic and to try and

get rid of that nasty intersection that's always a bottleneck or a problem," Aaron said. "We'll get two lanes free flowing south onto 161 down to the beach road and help facilitate that movement of traffic."

Gulf Shores Bridge

Aaron says he believes the southern half of the project which includes the proposed Gulf Shores bridge over the Intracoastal Waterway (just west of The Wharf) will also go out for bid in June.

"We're on target to let that one in June as well," Aaron said. "The Corps permit as well as the Coast Guard permit, we're just waiting on those permits. Hopefully those will get issued in that time frame."

The second part of the project from the Foley Beach Express to Cotton Creek Drive is being held up by a redesign of the intersection of the express and the new road.

"It will be two lettings," Aaron said. "The first project that will be letting in June will be from Cotton Creek Drive or County Road 4 south and that includes the bridge over the canal. The next project we're probably looking at a September letting and it would be between the Beach Express and Cotton Creek Drive. We still have the latest change from the public meeting where we made the decision to go with the roundabout option. There were some additional right-of-way parcels we had to go acquire. We're currently in a right-of-way phase for that northern section."



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WHAT'S HAPPENING



- 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, APRIL 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.
- Music at Meyer Park featuring Jamell Richardson: 6 p.m.; Meyer Park; Gulf

- Shores.
- John Lee Sanders: 6; Voyagers Restaurant at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- Ronnie Presley: 5; LuLu's at Homeport Marina, Gulf Shores.
- Midnight Shepherds: 6; The Hangout, Gulf Shores.
- John Brust: 6; Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- Les Linton: 6; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.
- Tim Roberts: 6:30; Tin Top Restaurant; Bon Secour.
- DJ/Karaoke with LiL BoB: 8; Island Time Daquari; The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- Transit Soul: 5:30 p.m.; Big Beach Brewing Co.; Gulf Shores.
- Open Mic: 7; Snapper's; Orange Beach.
- Scott Koehn: 5:30; Pleasure Island Tiki Bar; Orange Beach.

- Bridge: noon; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- Karaoke: 6; Tacky Jacks; Gulf Shores.
- Karaoke: 7; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.
- Karaoke: 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.24
- Magic Johnsons: 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- 8 Ball APA: 7:30; The Office, Foley.
- Bingo: 10 a.m.; American Legion Post 44, 6781 Gulf Shores Pkwy (AL Hwy 59), Gulf Shores.
- Marine Corps League of South Baldwin County: 6 p.m. on 4th Thursday; The Gulf Bowl, 2881 S. Jupiter St., Foley; current and former Marines and Corpsman welcome.
- Rotary Club of Gulf Shores/Orange Beach: noon; Gulf Shores Golf Club; visiting Rotarians and guests invited; 251-968-2000.

ORANGE BEACH GARDEN CLUB YARDS OF MONTH: The Orange Beach Garden Club has found a wonderful Residential Yard of the Month for April at 27174 Palmetto Drive. The owners, John and Cynthia McKay, have a front yard that is beautifully maintained, but it gets even better in the back, where we find a pond and beds full of plant and flower treasures. The McKays propagate most of their own landscape plants from seeds and cuttings. The Orange Beach complex the Adult Center & the Orange Beach Library is the club's commercial yard of the month. Shown below are the Landscape Dept., including Amy Schoetzow, Elise Coppedge, Tammy Facey, Dena Kollin, Yancy Reynolds, Jeff Johnson, Stacey Sleep, Roe Abbate, Duke Prim, Rachel Bobo (Circulation Clerk from O.B. Library and Carolyn Vines (Senior Program Coordinator at the Adult Center). Thank you Orange Beach Landscaping Dept. you make the whole grounds beautiful all year at the Adult Center & Library who have the pulse of our community. Offering not only beautiful landscapes, but many things for visitors that come to our area and our local residents within their doors. Job well done.

Pictured Above: Cynthia McKay and Garden Club member Paula Revis.



Final Saturday walking tour through downtown Foley is April 27

The final free guided tour of downtown Foley this spring will be April 27 at 10 a.m. The tour begins at the Foley Welcome Center, located at the corner of Highway 59 and US 98, in the heart of the city. Wear comfortable walking shoes and join local historians for a one hour tour that highlights Foley's historic buildings. Some 28 towns across Alabama will be on display during Saturday mornings in April as part of the Alabama Tourism Department's April Walking Tours. Call 251-943-1200 for more details.



30 PLAYERS COMPETE IN AL PECK CENTURY DOUBLES: The 2019 Al Peck Century Doubles Tennis Tournament was held March 16 at the Orange Beach Tennis Center with 30 players participating in the one-day event. The following players advanced to the finals: Men's 6.5 - Randy Ranft of Orange Beach / Barry Fields of Tuscaloosa (1st Place); Chris Logel of Orange Beach / Ken Straubinger of Orange Beach (2nd Place). Men's 7.0 plus - Kent Seavey of Orange Beach / Milton Fleming of Gadsden (1st Place); Linwood Lloyd of Orange Beach / Jim Turbyfill of Foley (2nd Place). Ladies 6.5: Diane Harrison of Orange Beach / Becky Jones of Orange Beach (1st Place); Laurie Green of Orange Beach / Jody Barbour of Orange Beach (2nd Place). Ladies 7.0 plus: Barbara Smith of Gadsden / Angie Hunt of Orange Beach (1st Place); Tina Wilson of Orange Beach / Sher Miller of Orange Beach (2nd Place). Both doubles partner's ages must equal 100 or more. Players who added up to 125 were granted 1 point each game. The team of Nelson/Simon was granted 2 points each game since their ages added up to 153. Ten game pro sets were played in the round-robin format. Special thanks to the Gulf Shores & Orange Beach Tourism bureau for its contributions. The next Orange Beach tennis event will be the 2019 Spring UTR Adult/Junior tournament on April 5-7, which will include both singles and doubles. Ginny Gilbert of Villaggio Grille, Mark Tampary of Brett/Robinson Real Estate, and Tim McInnis of McInnis Construction LLE are the sponsors. Info: myutr.com. Pictured: Event winners & finalists.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

- Gulf Shores United Methodist Church Bread Ministry: 9-10; every Thursday; room 103 on the south campus, next to Crossroad; 251-968-2411.
- South Alabama Senior Travelers: 9 a.m.; Foley Senior Center; visitors welcome; 251-928-4494.
- South Baldwin Amateur Radio Club: 7 p.m. 4th Thurs. of every month; Baldwin County Emergency Operations Center; McAuliffe Rd., Robertsdale; 251-943-2953.
- Bingo: Bear Point Civic Association on Bay La Launch Rd. in Orange Beach; doors open at 6:30 p.m.; games at 7 p.m.; hotdogs, drinks and snacks available; all invited; 981-5734.

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

FRI, APRIL 26

- Interstate Mullet Toss and Gulf Coast's Greatest Beach Party: First fish tossed at noon; Flora-Bama; (850) 492-0611.
- 10th Annual Bama Coast Cruisin: 9 a.m. til; The Wharf, Orange Beach.
- 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.
- Touch of Class: 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- Kyle Brady: 5; LuLu's at Homeport Marina, Gulf Shores.
- BuzzOut: 7; The Hangout, Gulf Shores.
- Charlie Wilson: 7; Tacky Jacks; Ft. Morgan.
- Rhonda Hart: 5; Fin & Fork, Orange Beach.
- Scott Koehn: 6; Playa; Orange Beach.

- Damian Lamb: 6; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.
- Jesse Black: 5; Tacky Jack's, Gulf Shores.
- John Lee Sanders: 6; Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- Southern Culprits: 9; Island Time Daquari; The Wharf; 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, APRIL 27

- Interstate Mullet Toss and Gulf Coast's Greatest Beach Party: First fish tossed at noon; Flora-Bama; (850) 492-0611.
- Historic Downtown Foley Walking Tours: 10 a.m.; Foley Welcome Center, 104 McKenzie St.
- Forever Foley Our Legacy: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.; Foley Civic Center.
- 10th Annual Bama Coast Cruisin: 9 a.m. til; The Wharf, Orange Beach.
- City Rhythm Big Band: 7; Loxley Civic Center; 4198 Municipal Park Dr.
- Flora-Bama Possible Probables: 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
- Kenny Chesney w. Special Guests: 8; The Wharf Amphitheater; Orange Beach.
- Platinum Premier Band: 6; SanBar Courtyard; Orange Beach.
- Bruti: 6:30; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- 550 Express: 7; The Hangout, Gulf



ORANGE BEACH FESTIVAL OF ART AWARD WINNERS: The Orange Beach Festival of Art, held in March at the city's Waterfront Park, featured amazing talent, including Best of Show: Christina Smith; 3D: Paula Marksbury-1st; Michael Young-2nd; Don McCoy-3rd. 2D: Wayne Gao-1st; George Jones-2nd; Michael Fagan-3rd. Judges Award: Craig McMillan, Sam Collins, Teresa Merriman. Exhibitors' Choice: Tara Gifford. Mayor's Choice: Chris Hartsfield. Kids' Choice: Mitch Landry. Congratulations to all.



POP TABS FOR CHARITY: GFWC Gulf Shores Woman's Club 1st Vice President Faye Cook delivered over 20 pounds of Pop Tabs to the Ronald McDonald House of Mobile.



GSHS NIGHT OF THE ARTS: Gulf Shores High School PTO recently held its 18th Annual Night of the Arts at GSUMC's Auditorium. Art work by students was displayed in the lobby. The PTO awarded a total of \$625 to the art students and talent show winners. The talent show consisted of two categories - Miscellaneous and Solo Singers. First and second place winners were recognized in both categories. The contestant or group with the most points was "crowned" the overall winner. First place in the Miscellaneous Category was awarded to the Dirty River Hippies Band. The band members were Garrett Ard, CJ Slack and Luke Lawson. They performed "Lady Madonna" by The Beatles. Second place was awarded to Megan and Sean Kirby, a sister and brother duo. They performed "Wanted Dead or Alive" by Bon Jovi. In the Solo Singers category, Caitlin Sommerville was awarded first place. She sang an original song entitled "I'm Still Falling for You". Second place was awarded to Emily Isbell, who sang "To Make You Feel My Love" by Bob Dylan. The overall winners were Aneliese Eddy and Macie Robinson AKA The Marimbros. They performed The Adventure Zone Medley on the marimbas. The art students were honored in five different categories. In Photography: 1st Place - Jessica Stevens; 2nd Place - Olivia Callahan; 3rd Place - Rebecca Hennis; Honorable Mention - Anna Koonce; Honorable Mention - Aelin Roman; In Pencil / Marker / Charcoal: 1st Place - Lilliana Betz; 2nd Place - Erin Miller; 3rd Place - Jacob Gibbons; Honorable Mention - Lilliana Betz; Honorable Mention - Molly Griffin; In Painting: First Place - Lilliana Betz; Second Place - Samantha Higgins; Third Place - Guilia DeSouza; Honorable Mention - Molly Griffin; Honorable Mention - Jacob Gibbons; In Mixed Media: First Place - Guilia DeSouza; Second Place - Trinity Forrest; Third Place - Guilia DeSouza; Honorable Mention - Trinity Telarico; In Digital Art; First Place - Carmon Dyken; Second Place - Rebecca Hennis; Third Place - Addison Bullard; Honorable Mention - Rebecca Hennis; Congratulations to all of our talented Gulf Shores High School students. Pictured: Emily Isbell, Caitlin Sommerville, Sean Kirby, Megan Kirby, Aneliese Eddy, Macie Robinson, Luke Lawson, Garrett Ard and CJ Slack.



Orange Beach Kindergarten trip to Foley Train Museum

Mrs. Lynn, Ms. Cahn, and Ms. Hollis' Kindergarten classes at Orange Beach Elementary School enjoyed a trip to the Foley Train museum recently to learn about transportation of long ago. They also had their annual Easter egg hunt and spring picnic. Show above is Ms. Hollis' class.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING



Red Clay Strays play Weeks Bay Foundation May 4 Bald Eagle Bash

The Weeks Bay Foundation presents its 10th annual Bald Eagle Bash – Party for Preservation on Saturday, May 4 from 4 - 7 p.m. at Tonsmeire / Weeks Bay Resource Center, located on Highway 98 under the Fish River Bridge overlooking Weeks Bay. Tickets are \$45 in advance or \$50 at the gate. Entry is free for children 10 and under. Free parking is available at the Weeks Bay Reserve Safe Harbor site, with BRATS shuttles providing transportation to the event. Beverages are included in the price of admission. Visit baldeaglebash.com or call 251-990-5004 for more info.

Tickets are available at BaldEagleBash, Page and Palette in Fairhope, Serda's Coffee in Daphne and Mobile, Red Beard's Outfitter, and Serda Brewing in Mobile. Advance tickets are also

being sold at the Weeks Bay Reserve Visitors Center and Weeks Bay Foundation office until 2 p.m. on May 3.

This "taste of Weeks Bay" brings more than a dozen area restaurants together to create dishes based on delicious Gulf shrimp. From fried shrimp, to stuffed shrimp, to shrimp and grits, shrimp ceviche, and jalapeno shrimp sliders, each chef prepares a signature dish that is sure to delight all participants.

This year's music will be provided by Red Clay Strays. From the far reaches of rural south Alabama, The Red Clay Strays claim their unique sound with a humble confidence that can only come from their upbringing. This band, on stage and off, reminds you of southern music's heyday and gives you hope that it may not have lost its way after all.

Growing up listening to gospel along with artists such as Waylon Jennings, The Eagles, and the Allman Brothers, their wide range of influences create a combined style of the country music and southern rock we've all been waiting for. Lead singer Brandon Coleman (pictured), with vocals that bring to mind young Elvis, is the heart of their high energy show along with Drew Nix on rhythm guitar, Zach Rischel on lead, Andrew Bishop on bass and John Hall on drums.

In addition to the seafood and music, several area restaurants will be serving delectable desserts, while local brewer Fairhope Brewing will introduce a signature beer just for "The Bash."

"The Bald Eagle Bash is a great family-friendly event that showcases local seafood and local musical talent in a setting that cannot be beat," said Ellis Allen, Weeks Bay Foundation Board Chairman. "Many attendees come by boat and families fish off the pier while everybody enjoys the food, the music and the sunset."

The Weeks Bay Foundation is a conservation land trust that has since 1990 preserved more than 7,000 acres of wetlands and environmentally sensitive property in Baldwin and Mobile counties.



Ultimate Frisbee D1 & DIII Regionals April 27 in Foley

The USA Ultimate Frisbee Southeast College Regionals at the Foley Sportsplex on Saturday, April 27 beginning at 8 a.m. The tourney will include D1 and DIII men's and women's college ultimate frisbee teams from around the southeast must qualify to attend the USA Ultimate Southeast College Regionals in Foley.

Shores.

- Touch of Class: 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- The Favorites Band: 7; Alabama Gulf Coast Music Hall, Foley.
- Ryan Balthrop & Karl Langley: 6; Playa; Orange Beach.
- Tangerine Station: 5; Pirates Cove, Josephine.
- Rhonda Hart: 5; Fin & Fork, Orange Beach.
- Hippy Jim: 11; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.
- Westside Players: 5; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.
- Jimmy Lee Hanniford: 11 a.m.; Tacky Jack's, Gulf Shores.
- Lefty Collins: 5; Tacky Jack's, Gulf Shores.
- City Rhythm Big Band: 7; Loxley Civic Center, 4198 Municipal Park Dr., Loxley.
- John Brust: 6; Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- Magic Johnsons: 9; Island Time Daquari; The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- Karaoke: 7; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.
- Open Jam: 8; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.
- Karaoke: 10; The Undertow; 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, APRIL 28

- Interstate Mullet Toss and Gulf Coast's Greatest Beach Party: First fish tossed at

- noon; Flora-Bama; (850) 492-0611.
- Annual Autism Fundraiser: all day; Sassy Bass Caribbean Grill, Orange Beach.
- Central Flora-Bama Church: Church experiences, 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.; Flora-Bama Tent Stage, Perdido Key.
- Unity Church Beach Service: 9:45 a.m.; The Royal Oyster, Hwy. 59, three blocks from beach in Gulf Shores.
- Flora-Bama Possible Probables: 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
- The Defrosters: 4 p.m.; The Flying Harpoon 2, Orange Beach
- Touch of Class: 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- Brittany Grimes: 11 a.m.; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.
- Light Travelers: 5; LuLu's at Homeport Marina, Gulf Shores.
- Rhonda Hart and Justin Fobes: 5; Island Time Daquari; The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- Scott Koehn: 4; Pleasure Island Tiki Bar; Orange Beach.
- John Lee Sanders: 6; Voyagers Restaurant at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- Lisa Zanghi: 6; The Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- Lisa Christian: 4; Tacky Jack's, Gulf Shores.
- Jazzman David Jones: 11 a.m.; Playa, Orange Beach.
- Music Man & Company: 5; American Legion Post 44, 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, APRIL 29

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



Kaleidoscope Summer Fine Arts Camp June 24-28 in Gulf Shores

The 2019 annual Kaleidoscope Summer Fine Arts Camp will take place the week of June 24-28 at the First Presbyterian Church in Gulf Shores. Sponsored by the Gulf Coast Arts Alliance and the church, the camp will feature hands-on classes in several realms of the visual arts, music, theatre, creative writing and storytelling, dance and more. Each camp day ends with a performance presented by regional professional artists and musicians. For more info. and to register, call 251-978-8130 or visit gulfcoastartsalliance.com.

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WHAT IS A MULLET TOSS?

A Mullet Toss consists of individuals on the beach throwing a mullet, from a 10-foot circle in Alabama across the state line into Florida. Not to mention a great excuse to throw a weekend long party, with lots of fun activities, great music and food! This year's event will feature local celebrities tossing out a few fish at 4 pm, each day (Friday, Saturday & Sunday).

WHY TOSS A MULLET?

A contribution for each fish flung will go to Local Youth Charities, including local school education and prevention program from the Community Drug & Alcohol Council, Inc. (CDAC) which offers programs, community support and collaboration to address drug and alcohol abuse, tobacco, mental health issues and violence — both in the home and on our streets. Each year, with your help, we raise and contribute over \$20,000 to local charities, especially youth organizations.

WHEN DOES THE ACTUAL TOSSING OF THE MULLET BEGIN?

10:00 a.m. Friday, Saturday & Sunday with the Children's Toss. Adult Toss starts at High Noon Friday, Saturday & Sunday

WHAT ARE THE RULES FOR TOSSING A MULLET?

Toss one whole mullet (approximately 1 lb.) across the Florida/ Alabama state line from a 10' circle down a designated alley.

\$15.00 Entry Fee and receive our Interstate Mullet Toss T-Shirt. Submit registration form at the beach.

If your category is not marked, you will not be eligible for the finals.

NO gloves or sand on mullet allowed. Mullet will be picked out of the water bucket.

After you throw, retrieve your mullet and toss it back into the bucket. - THANK YOU!

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10:00 Jerry
Jacobs Band
Tent Stage
1:00-4:00 Bingo
6:30 Famous Nameless
11:00 The Chee Weez
Yacht Club
5:00 Big Earl & the
Sexual Biscuits
Ole River Grill
6:00 Brittany Grimes

FRIDAY

26 Main Stage
11:00 Lea Anne
Creswell Trio
2:00 Wes Loper
6:00 Electric Dawg
10:15 Ben Jernigan Trio
Deck Stage
1:00 Tony Ray
Thompson Band
5:30 Big Earl Show
10:00 Jerry Jacobs Band
Tent Stage
2:00 Magic Johnsons
6:00 Red Clay Strays
10:30 Oliver's Twist
Yacht Club
6:00 Jeff Dayton
Ole River Grill
4:00 Tim Roberts
9:00 Brian Hill &
Boe Eden

SATURDAY

27 Main Stage
11:00 Songwriters Round
2:00 Jeff Dayton
6:00 Lucky Doggs
10:15 Bruce Smelley &
Jo Jo Pres
Deck Stage
11:00 Tyler Mac Trio
1:00 Hung Jury
5:30 Big Earl Show
10:00 River Dan Band
Tent Stage
11:00 Brian Hill Band
2:00 Jamell Richardson
6:00 Whiskey River Band
10:30 Mario Mena Band
Yacht Club
1:00 Ben Jernigan Duo
5:00 Brian Hill & Boe Eden
Ole River Grill
4:00 Bruce Smelley
8:00 Tony Ray Thompson

SUNDAY

28 Main Stage
1:30 Just a Little Rusty
6:00 Perdido Brothers
10:15 Albert Simpson
& John Kulinich
Deck Stage
1:00 Al & Cathy
5:30 Whiskey River Band
10:00 Bruce Smelley
& Jo Jo Pres
Tent Stage
11:00 Big Muddy
2:00 Ja' Rhythm
6:00 Big Al & the
Heavyweights
Yacht Club
12:00 Albert Simpson
& John Kulinich
5:00 Jeff Dayton
Ole River Grill
2:00 Bat
6:00 Tony Ray
Thompson

MONDAY

29 Main Stage
2:00 Gove Scrivenor
6:00 Open Mic with
Cathy Pace
10:00 Petty & Pace
Top Deck
8:00 Albert Simpson
& John Kulinich
Tent Stage
1:00-4:00 Bingo

TUESDAY

30 Main Stage
2:00 T-Bone
Montgomery
6:00 Perdido Brothers
10:15 Mario Mena Duo
Top Deck
8:00 Mason
Henderson
Tent Stage
1:00-4:00 Bingo

WEDNESDAY

1 Main Stage
2:00 Neil Dover
6:00 Rhonda Hart Duo
10:15 Tim Roberts Duo
Deck Stage
6:00 Bat
10:00 Mario
Mena Band
Tent Stage
1:00-4:00 Bingo

2 Main Stage
2:00 Bat
6:00 Not the
Real Band But the
Real Deal
10:15 Justin
Jeansonne Duo
Deck Stage
5:30 Dueling Pianos
with Frankie Golden
& Steve Wilkerson
10:00 Red Clay Strays
Tent Stage
1:00-4:00 Bingo
Yacht Club
5:00 Mel Knapp
Ole River Grill
6:00 Christina
Christian

3 Main Stage
2:00 Lea Anne
Creswell Duo
6:00 Scott Koehn Flip
Flop Brothers
10:15 Justin
Jeansonne Duo
Deck Stage
1:00 J Hawkins Duo
5:30 Big Earl Show
10:00 Mississippi
Moonlight
Tent Stage
1:00-4:00 Bingo
6:00 Tyler Mac Trio
10:30 Yeah, Probably
Yacht Club
6:00 Bat
Ole River Grill
4:00 Briattany Grimes
8:00 Zachary Diedrich

4 Main Stage
11:00 J Hawkins Duo
2:00 Sugarcane Jane
6:00 Al & Cathy
10:15 Magic Johnsons
Deck Stage
1:00 Jo Jo Pres
5:30 Big Earl Show
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Tent Stage
11:00 Bids Brews &
Beats
6:00 Ja' Rhythm
10:30 Get Sideways
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8:00 Tim Roberts

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6:00 Perdido Brothers
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5:30 Bruce Smelley
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WHAT'S HAPPENING



Life and Times of Doc Holliday topic of May 11 lecture

The Life and Times of Doc Holliday will be the topic of the featured lecture at the May 11 Baldwin County Genealogical Society meeting on May 11 at 10 a.m. at the Foley Public Library, located at 319 E. Laurel Ave. in Foley.

Crestview dentist Dr. Richard Thomas, an expert on Doc Holliday and a collector of memorabilia connected to him, will speak. Expect an enthusiastic presentation with an opportunity to see pieces from Dr. Thomas' extensive collection.

Meetings are free and open to the public. Following the presentation, guests are invited to join society members for light refreshments and discussion of research tips and brick walls.

A controversial figure of the Old West, Dr. John Henry Holliday - better known as "Doc Holliday" - began his life in Georgia in 1851. He trained as a dentist before heading to the West. He suffered personally and professionally because of tuberculosis, and often supported himself as a gambler and dealer at card tables before the disease claimed his life.

Holliday is perhaps best remembered for a brief moment that made history. He was one of the gunmen at the O.K. Corral shootout in Tombstone, Arizona, on October 26, 1881. The gunfight lasted less than a minute but it's still remembered and frequently re-enacted more than 130 years later.

More info: baldwingenealogy.org or facebook.

Pictured: A large crowd attended the April Baldwin County Genealogical Society meeting.



OPTIMIST CLUB EASTER EGG HUNT: This year's Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay featured a special Bicentennial Egg Hunt entitled recipients to a special plaque. Standing from left are Bicentennial Committee Chairman Price Legg, Lissa Pettis, Bicentennial Committee Member Betty Erwin, and Katie Gaines. Seated are Avery Brown, Walter Mueller, Mr. E. Bunny, Austin Ingram, Annabelle Kennedy, and Jackson Gaines.



TOWSON'S DESIGN TO GRACE SHIRMP FEST POSTER: After going through a selection process of 25 entries, the Annual National Shrimp Festival has announced Robert Towson (pictured) of Pace as the winner of the 2019 poster design contest.



This year marks Towson's third time as the winner of the contest, having previously won in 2014 and 2017. Towson is no stranger to poster design as he has also designed the poster for the 2000 Great Gulf Coast Arts Festival and the 2001 and 2005 Pensacola Jazz Festival. He is currently a board member of the Quayside Gallery in Historic Pensacola and a co-chair for Pensacola's Gallery Night. "The poster has to represent the Shrimp Festival as a whole and incorporate the main themes of music, art, and food," said Festival Chairman Spencer Cade. "Robert does such a great job getting these messages across." Along with his poster being the face of the festival and being featured on various pieces of advertising and merchandise, Towson will also be awarded a cash prize of \$1,000. The 48th Annual National Shrimp Festival will take place in Gulf Shores from Oct. 10-13. More info: myshrimpfest.com.

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• Lisa Zanghi: 6; The Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
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• Jimmy Lumpkin: 5; LuLu's at Homeport Marina, Gulf Shores.
• Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde: 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
• Medicine Man: 6; Hub Stacey's at the Point; Innerarity Point.
• Open Mixed Doubles Tennis: 7:15 a.m.; all levels welcome; Gulf Shores Tennis Center; corner of West 19th Ave. and West 2nd St.
• Bingo: 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.
• Grief Share: 6 p.m.; Community Hospice Center, Foley.
• 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., (In-

Shark fishing by permit most weekends at State Park Pier

The Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources' permitted, managed shark fishing season at the Gulf State Park Pier continues at the south end of the pier - called the octagon - from 7 p.m. Sunday, on most Sundays and Tuesdays through September from 7 p.m. until 7 a.m. the following morning.

The remaining events take place on A complete list of dates is online at alapark.com/shark-fishing. The angler registration process has been improved to provide both primary and alternate selection date options.

The octagon will close to routine use 30 minutes prior to these events and reopen to routine use 30 minutes following them. During the events, the octagon area of the pier will be designated for the exclusive use of the participating shark anglers and their designated assistants. The remainder of the pier will be open to anglers and other pier guests as normal.

The managed shark-fishing events will allow for 15 anglers per occasion, with no more than one rod and reel per angler in use. Each angler may have one assistant. This allows for a maximum of 30 individuals on the octagon area during each event. Anglers are encouraged to assist one another while fishing.



Free seeds available at Magnolia Springs Library

Check out the seeds available to grow and harvest in your garden at the Magnolia Springs Public Library. The only requirement to pick up the new and organic/heirloom seeds is that you have a library card anywhere in Baldwin County. If you fail in your attempts to grow these seeds, you won't be fined. See you at the library! Magnolia Springs Public Library is located at 12440 Magnolia Avenue, Suite 600, in Magnolia Springs. For more info, call 251-965-2305. Call for hours. All are welcome. (By Lucy Douty)

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WHAT'S HAPPENING



April 26-28 Pensacola Crawfish Festival moves to Maritime Park Corey Ledet, Chubby Carrier, Stooges Brass Band among music acts

The 35th annual Pensacola Crawfish Festival will take place Friday, April 26 from 11-11, Saturday, April 27 from 10-11, and Sunday, April 28 from 11-5 at a new location, Community Maritime Park, in downtown Pensacola. Admission is \$6 daily (children 12 and under are free) and free for everyone on Friday, April 26 before 3 p.m. Great food, live entertainment, and fun for all ages awaits.

Schedule:

FRIDAY, APRIL 26TH

5:30 p.m. - Adult Craw. Eating Contest
6:00pm - Corey Ledet (pictured)
8 p.m. - Crawdaddy Contest
8:30pm - Justin Jeansonne

SATURDAY, APRIL 27TH

10 am - Children's Area Opens
1:00pm - Ben Loftin & The Family
3 p.m. - Kids Crawfish Eating Contest
3:30pm - Honey Island Swamp Band
5:30 p.m. - Adult Craw. Eating Contest
6:00pm - Lost Bayou Ramblers
7:30 p.m. - Crawdaddy Contest
8:00pm - Paperchase

SUNDAY, APRIL 28TH

11 am - Children's Area Opens
11:30 a.m. - Kids Craw. Eating Contest
12:00pm - Stooges Brass Band
2 p.m. - Crawdaddy Contest
2:30pm - Chubby Carrier.

Cordova Crawfish Company will boil over 16,000 pounds of crawfish. Other delicious options include Jambalaya, Étouffée, Crab Cakes, Gumbo, Red Beans & Rice, Crawfish Bread, Shrimp, Bloomin' Onions, Chicken Tenders, Funnel Cakes, Ice Cream and more!

An exciting update is the addition of arts and craft vendors. For the first time ever, 30 local artisans and craftsmen will showcase their various talents. The vendor categories vary from paintings to photography, gourmet to jewelry,

home décor to wall art. Take part in the 14th annual Cat Country 98.7 Crawfish Eating Contest. Contestants may participate in the kids, adults, or Crawdaddy divisions. Kids entry is free, adult entry is \$5 and Crawdaddy entry is \$10. Registration starts 30 minutes prior to each competition, and prizes are presented afterwards.

The Children's Area, sponsored by COX, will be open on Saturday (10AM-5PM) and Sunday (11AM-5PM) offering cost-friendly arts and crafts, crowns, games and face painting.

Festival parking is available in the Blue Wahoos Stadium parking lot on a first-come, first-serve basis. Parking will also be available in the large grass lot across W. Main Street and various lots in the downtown area. Handicapped parking will be available Friday through Sunday with permit in the parking lot of Blue Wahoos Stadium.

Pets, coolers and outside food and beverages are not allowed. For more info, call 850-433-6512, visit fiestapensacola.org or facebook.

Bellingrath celebrates Gardens with Evening Stroll on May 9

National Public Gardens Week will be celebrated at Mobile's Bellingrath Gardens during the Evening Garden Stroll from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 9. Enjoy a demonstration on spring floral arrangements and container gardening. Complimentary wine and cheese and samplings of tasty treats will be served. The Gift Shop will be fully stocked with perfect presents for Mother's Day.

For more information, visit bellingrath.org or call 251.973.2217. Bellingrath Gardens and Home is dedicated to the preservation and enhancement of the 65-acre garden and estate home of Walter and Bessie Bellingrath.

nerarity Point) Pensacola.

- Ladies AA: 10 a.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
- Line Dancing Classes: 5-5:45 p.m.; \$3 per person, 309 E. 21st Ave.; 517-740-5460.

TUE, APRIL 30

- 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; Perdido Beach Resort Lobby Bar; Orange Beach.
- Corey Reznor: 5; LuLu's at Homeport Marina, Gulf Shores.
- Brent Burns: 4; Fin & Fork, Orange Beach.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.



GSES K-KIDS COLLECT ITEMS FOR JENSEN'S HEART OF GOLD: Gulf Shores Elementary School K-Kids collected items to donate to Jensen's Heart of Gold, non-profit organization in Gulf Shores to benefit local kids with cancer. The K-Kids donated several boxes of items to make chemo care kits in hopes to bring joy and comfort to local kids with cancer. Pictured in the far back is Melissa Byrd, President and Founder of Jensen's Heart of Gold. K-Kids pictured are: Ana Bathrick, Jeb Bathrick, Lucas Carroll, Abigail Chamblin, Claire Colvin, Annica Farris, Skylar Gant, Cookie Grover, Spencer Kizer, Tucker King, Emma Hall, Masha Turkic, Taylor Bjorgum, Jorja Carrino, Hayden Cook, Ella Gilbert, Ella Godbold, Hayden Guynes, Portia Hollis, Satchel Kornegay, Amelia Kozyuk, Amanda Larenas, Allie Lawson, Nora Malone, Markie McCartney, Carson McKee, Vanessa Morales, Madison Nelson, Ray Pepperman, Parker Pennington, Brooklyn Purvis, Sibylla Ramos, Genesis Rasp, Sadie Sherrill, Davis Stephenson, Chloe Stewart, Kayla Tanner, and Bella Traudt.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Escambia Co. tweaks ordinance for no trespassing signs to protect turtles

Escambia County released a sea turtle protection report about restrictions and guidance for the upcoming sea turtle nesting season that now include specific restrictions for no trespassing signs.

Through the Leave No Trace ordinance, it is illegal to leave personal property on any portion of the sandy gulf beach daily from sunset until sunrise. Additionally, any lawful "No Trespassing" signs on private property must meet regulations outlined in the Florida Statutes and Escambia Ordinances by Wednesday, May 15.

Unlike Pensacola Beach, Perdido Key has privately owned beach areas that end at the mean tide line or the "wet sand" area, which is public property. Landowners of gulf front property on Perdido Key may lawfully post no trespassing signs. However, they must meet the provisions outlined in the Escambia Code of Ordinances.

- No trespassing signs are required to be placed not more than 500 feet apart along, and at each corner of the boundaries of the land.

- Private landowners may install up to 3 single-post signs located at the base of the dune, midpoint of the beach, and at the southern corners of the property.

- Neighboring properties both intent to post their property, then a single-post with back-to-back signs should be utilized

Violations of the Leave No Trace ordinances

for Peredido Key and Pensacola Beach can be reported through the MyEscambia.com or by calling 850-595-1144.

The "leave no trace" ordinance also reminds beachfront residents to turn out lights this spring and summer. May is the beginning of sea turtle nesting season in Florida, with thousands of endangered turtles laying their eggs on Gulf Coast and Atlantic beaches until the season ends October 31.

Light pollution has a negative effect on sea turtles, causing hatchlings to become disoriented and head away from the Gulf of Mexico when they emerge from their nest. It is important not to disturb nesting females or hatchlings by using flashlights, flash photography or lanterns at night. Also close blinds and curtains in beachfront homes when interior lights are on at night.

After a day at the beach, fill any holes in the sand and knock down sand sculptures to remove obstacles blocking sea turtles' nesting activities.

Ⓢ Remain at a distance from nesting sea turtles and properly dispose of trash and discarded fishing gear. Sea turtles can become entangled in old fishing nets and lines or ingest plastic bags and wrappers, mistaking them for jellyfish.

Of course, remove personal belongings from the beach at the end of each day. Items such as Items such as umbrellas, tents, beach toys and chairs can not be left unattended overnight.

WED, MAY 1


- Flora-Bama Possible Probables: 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
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- John Lee Sanders: 6; Voyagers Restaurant at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- John Brust: 6; The Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- Brent Burns: 4; Fin & Fork, Orange Beach.
- West Coast Swing Dance: 7; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.
- John Joiner & Friends: 6; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
- Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde: 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- Karaoke w. Cindy & Mary: 5; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- Karaoke w. Aaron Phillips: 6; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- Karaoke: 9; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- Scott Koehn / Flip Flop Bros: 6:30; Flip-flops, Orange Beach.
- Big Beach Running & Social Club: 5:30 p.m.; Big Beach Brewery in Gulf Shores; lafleetfeet.com.
- Family Night Dinner & Activities: 5:45 p.m.; Saint Andrew by the Sea, 17263 Fort Morgan Rd., Gulf Shores; 678-361-2762.
- Open Mixed Doubles Tennis: 7:15 a.m.; all levels welcome; Gulf Shores Tennis Center; corner of West 19th Ave. and West 2nd St.
- Veteran's Bingo: 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; American Legion Post 99, Foley.
- Prayer Shawl Ministry: Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Activities Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pen-

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- 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.
- Arts & Crafts Sales: 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; Doc's RV Park, Fort Morgan Road, Gulf Shores.
- Bread Ministry: 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.; Orange Beach United Methodist Church Brook's Center.
- Food Bank: 9 - 11 a.m every Wednesday, Perdido Bay Baptist Church, 12600 Sorrento Rd. Pensacola; call for eligibility requirements at (850) 492-2604.
- Perdido Key Rotary Club: 7:30 a.m.; every Wednesday at Triggers. 850.492.8335.
- Storytime at Pensacola Southwest Branch Library: free; infant to 5; 10:30-11; 1-2238 Old Gulf Beach Hwy; (850)453-7780.
- Gulf Shores Garden Club: 10 a.m.; first Wednesday of each month September thru May; Gulf Shores Activity Center; 300 E. 16th Avenue, Gulf Shores; new members and guests always welcome; 251-968-5683.
- AA: Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
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Pork Medallions With Cranberry Sauce

1 pork tenderloin (1 lb.), cut into 1-inch slices
 1/8 tsp. salt
 1/8 tsp. pepper
 1/2 cup whole-berry cranberry sauce
 2 Tbsp. barbecue sauce
 1 Tbsp. water
 2 garlic cloves, minced
 1/2 tsp. Chinese five-spice powder
 Sprinkle pork with salt and pepper. In a large nonstick skillet coated with cooking spray, cook pork in batches over medium heat for 3-5 min. on each side or until juices run clear. Remove and keep warm. Add the cranberry sauce, barbecue sauce, water, garlic and five-spice powder to the skillet. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat; simmer, uncovered, for 1-2 min. or until thickened. Serve with pork. Enjoy!

Al. Conservation Advisory Board meets May 4 at Gulf State Park

The Alabama Conservation Advisory Board (CAB) will hold its second scheduled meeting of 2019 on Saturday, May 4 in the Gulfview Ballroom at The Lodge at Gulf State Park in Gulf Shores.

Registration for those wishing to address the board will be from 8-8:30 a.m. The meeting will begin promptly at 9 a.m. Attendees with printed information they wish to share with CAB members should bring 16 copies of the material.

The CAB assists in formulating policies for the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (ADCNR), examines all rules and regulations, and makes recommendations for their change or amendment. This includes hunting seasons and bag limits.

The board is comprised of 10 members appointed by the Governor for alternating terms of six years. Ben C. Stimpson, Jr., of Mobile and Gary Wolfe of Fairhope are the South Alabama representatives.

For more info, contact Betsy Jones at 334-242-3486 or dcnr.commissioner@dcnr.alabama.gov or visit dooralabama.com.

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 • Brandon Styles Impressions & Magic Show: 7; OWA Showroom, Foley.
 • Open Mic: 7; Snapper's; Orange Beach.
 • Scott Koehn: 5:30; Pleasure Island Tiki Bar, Orange Beach.
 • Tim Roberts: 6:30; The Tin Top, Bon Secour.
 • JJ Mack: 6; Tacky Jack's, Orange Beach.
 • John Lee Sanders: 6; Voyagers Restaurant at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
 • John Brust: 6; The Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
 • Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde: 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
 • LA South: 6; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
 • DJ/Karaoke with LiL BoB: 8; Island Time Daquari; The Wharf; Orange Beach.
 • Karaoke: 6; Tacky Jack's, Orange Beach.
 • Karaoke: 7; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.
 • Karaoke: 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
 • 8 Ball APA: 7:30; The Office, Foley.
 • Bridge: noon; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
 • Rotary Club of Gulf Shores/Orange

Beach: noon; Gulf Shores Golf Club; visiting Rotarians and guests invited; 251-968-2000.
 • Gulf Shores United Methodist Church Bread Ministry: 9-10; every Thursday; room 103 on the south campus, next to Crossroad; 251 968-2411.
 • Grief Support Group: noon-1:30 p.m.; First Presbyterian Church of Foley; 195 E. Berry Ave.; for all who are grieving; 943-8325.
 • Adult Bible Study: 10 a.m.; Gulf Shores Presbyterian Church; all welcome; (251) 968-7720.
 • Gulf Shores Library Pre-school (3-5) Story Time: 10:30 a.m.; 251-968-1176.
 • Orange Beach Bridge Club: Tue. & Thur at noon; Orange Beach Senior Center; visitors and new members welcomed even without a partner; 251-981-3440.
 • AA: Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
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NEWCOMERS CLUB: South Baldwin Newcomers Club hosted a new members luncheon at Cobalt Restaurant to welcome our newest members to the club on April 16. Southbaldwinnewcomers.com.



OBES STUDENT LEADERS SHARE INFO: Orange Beach Elementary School Kindergarten and Fifth Grade leaders in Mrs. Lynn and Mrs. Dore's classes shared their project based learning design with their classmates. The students were researching ponds and pond life. Each group synergized their ideas and new knowledge to prepare their presentation.

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NAIA Track & Field Championships to remain in Gulf Shores thru 2021 This year's meet set for May 23-25 at Blackwell Stadium

The National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) announced on Thursday that the men's and women's outdoor track and field championships will remain in Gulf Shores through 2021. The 2019 championships will take place May 23-25, at the Mickey Miller Blackwell Stadium at Gulf Shores Sportsplex.

"The NAIA is excited to continue our partnership with the Gulf Shores and Orange Beach Sports Commission," said NAIA President and C.E.O. Jim Carr. "They have been an excellent host over the last five years and they continue to set the bar higher every year."

The Gulf Shores and Orange Beach Sports Commission and City of Gulf Shores have hosted the championships for the last five years. The Gulf Shores area saw an economic impact of over \$3,000,000 in 2018, which was a \$70,000 increase from 2017.

"The Gulf Shores & Orange Beach Sports Commission is proud to continue welcoming the NAIA to our beautiful beaches," said Beth Gendler, vice president of sales for the Sports Commission. "The city of Gulf Shores continues to upgrade its track facilities to provide a championship-caliber experience, benefiting student-athletes and spectators as well as our local students. We encourage all student-athletes, families and fans to soak up our coastal charm from the beach to the Backcountry Trail."

The new contract is set for two years with provisions for improvements to the stadium such as a relocated and expanded high jump area as well as necessary repairs to the pole vault and javelin runways. The city will be exploring other improvements to the facility like a scoreboard upgrade and locker room facilities in the coming years.

Pictured: Southern (La.) women's team won its third title with a total of 64 points. The school's first two championship titles were in 1995 and 1997.



GRACE LUTHERAN HELPS CSC: Grace Lutheran Church recently held their Annual Pancake Breakfast and Yard Sale to benefit the Christian Service Center. The event raised \$3,821. The Christian Service Center is a "Hand Up" rather than a "Hand Out" agency. Clients are given immediate emergency aid as well as guidance on finding solutions to their problems. The CSC is a 100% volunteer agency funded by the churches of Pleasure Island, various community organizations, including the United Way of Baldwin County, and interested individuals. For more info, call the CSC at 251-968-5256 or visit cscgs.com. Pictured: Presenting the check to Linda Chappelle (center) are Reverend Hope Knobler (r) and Earl Janssen (l).



2ND GRADERS LEARN ABOUT PLANTS: Gulf Shores Elementary second graders are growing beans, sunflowers and peas as part of the unit on plants. Timmy Abell's song says "first the root grows down, then the plant grows up!" and we are seeing it firsthand! Pictured: Luke Stephenson and Aaliyah Bryant are checking out the long root after Day 5.

5-6-7 A, boys and girls): 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.; Mickey Blackwell Stadium, Gulf Shores.
• NCAA National Collegiate Beach Volleyball Championship: Gulf Shores Public Beach.
• Gulf Coast Hot Air Balloon Festival: 2-10 p.m.; Foley Soccer Complex (998 W. Section St.
• Pied Piper of Hamelin: 7:30; South Baldwin Community Theater; Gulf Shores, 251-968-6721 or sbct.biz
• Wood Boat Festival Pirates Ball: 7 p.m. 'til; music from Big Muddy; Pirates Cove, Josephine.
• Flora-Bama Possible Probables: 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
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• The Defrosters: 6 p.m.; Tacky Jacks 2, Fort Morgan.
• First Friday Art Walk: 6; Downtown Fairhope.
• LA South: 7; Hub Stacy's; Innerarity Point.
• Rib Eye Dinner to help Veterans and Families: 5 p.m.; music & dancing at 7 p.m.; American Legion Post 44; Gulf Shores.
• Karaoke w. John Henry: 5; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
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• 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.
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• Lefty Collins: 6; Playa; Orange Beach.
• Perdido Brothers: 11; Pirates Cove, Josephine.
• Johnny Barbato: 3; Pirates Cove, Josephine.

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Kennedy's Market to be recreated at Holmes Medical Museum Artifacts such as pickle barrells, food displays, old pics needed

If you have ever toured the Holmes Medical Museum, in Foley, you have entered the Museum from the first floor, through what used to be Cook's and then Kennedy's Market.

The Kennedy Family has graciously donated several items from the actual store as a start to the recreation - a Coca-Cola cooler, store register, food scale, stand on fortune telling scale and comic book rack. But the museum is in need of additional grocery store artifacts to help create the grocery store atmosphere. Items such as food containers, pickle barrells, food display stands, etc would be greatly appreciated. Older pictures of the grocery store are also needed.

Anyone willing to donate such items to the Museum, please contact Museum Director Bill Swanson at bswanson@cityoffoley.org or 251-970-1818. All donations will be appreciated, and evaluated as to whether they will fit into the display.

perhaps, some stories about the Museum and what we are trying to accomplish.

"We are looking to work on several projects for the museum in the next year and the year after," Swanson said. "One of our first projects to to recreate an old grocery store display on the first floor of the Museum. We do have several items coming from the Kennedy family, but could use more items."

Applications open 'til April 30 for Gulf Shores schools

By John Mullen

The newly formed Gulf Shores City Schools is now taking applications from students who do not reside in the corporate city limits. Tuition will cost \$1,500 for the first child in a family and \$1,000 for each additional child.

Applications are open through April 30 and for more information visit gsboe.org. It cost \$100 to apply and if the child is accepted that money will go toward the tuition. If a child is not accepted \$50 of the fee will be refunded.



OBES SERVICE PROJECT:
Orange Beach Elementary National Elementary Honor Society did a great job on their recent service project for the Baldwin County Animal Shelter. Kae Price spearheaded this project to collect needed items for animals at the shelter. Thank you to our students school-wide and other donors for their hard work and generosity.



OPTIMIST CLUB OF PERDIDO BAY PRESENTS LAW ENFORCEMENT AWARDS: The Optimist Club of Perdido Bay has awarded the "Deputy Scott Ward Memorial Law Enforcement of the Year Award" to two Baldwin County officers, Orange Beach Sergeant Jeremy Mote and Corporal Andrew Ashton, a member of the Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Division.

Sergeant Jeremy Mote was nominated for Courage and Heroism in the Line of Duty. He observed two swimmers in distress at Perdido Pass and swam with a rescue tube to them. He performed CPR on the rescue boat until more help arrived. Police Chief Joseph F. Fierro said Mote's quick action in assisting the two swimmers is "a credit not only to himself but all law enforcement." Although one of the swimmers later passed away some months later, "Officer Mote's actions provided the family with an opportunity to spend some valuable time with their family member prior to his untimely death," says Chief Fierro.

Corporal Andrew Ashton "has the unique ability to be an absolute advocate for victims, no matter the crime and he always puts their best interest ahead of anything else," says Sergeant Matt Morrison of the Baldwin County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Division. In 2018 Corporal Ashton made 62 arrests on 48 felony7 charges and 14 misdemeanor charges. These cases included sex crimes for both adults and children, robberies, assaults, abuses, attempted murder and murder. Corporal Ashton's award was for his Overall Investigation Performance throughout the year.

Others nominees include Corporal Daniel Rada, Fairhope Police Department; Officer Kyle Hattemar, Loxley Police Department; Sergeant Susan Gross and Sergeant Matthew Morrison, Baldwin County Sheriff's Office; Senior Conservation Enforcement Officer Jeremy Hicks, Department of Conservation, Marine Resources Division. Also, Officer Benjamin Hancock, Gulf Shores Police Department; Officer Michael Smith, Daphne Police Department; Corporal Michelle "Shelly" Oliver, Foley Police Department and Arson Investigator Adam Bowmar, Gulf Shores Fire Department. Pictured: Law "Enforcement Officer of the Year award winners are fifth from left, Orange Beach Police Sergeant Jeremy Mote and sixth is Baldwin County Sheriff Officer of the Year award winner. Other nominees include Corporal Daniel Rada, Fairhope Police Department; Officer Kyle Hattemar, Loxley Police Department; Sergeant Susan Gross and Sergeant Matthew Morrison, Baldwin County Sheriff's Office; Senior Conservation Enforcement Officer Jeremy Hicks, Department of Conservation, Marine Resources Division; Officer Benjamin Hancock, Gulf Shores Police Department; Officer Michael Smith, Daphne Police Department; Corporal Michelle "Shelly" Oliver, Foley Police Department and Arson Investigator Adam Bowmar, Gulf Shores Fire Department.

- Fat Man Squeeze: 7; Pirates Cove, Josephine.
- Jimmy Lee Hanniford: 11 a.m., Tacky Jack's, Gulf Shores.
- Hippy Jim: 11, Tacky Jack's, Orange Beach.
- Mac Walter & TBone Montgomery: 5, Tacky Jack's, Orange Beach.
- Spearman Bowers: 5, Tacky Jack's, Gulf Shores.
- The Defrosters: 11:30 a.m.; Gulf Coast Hot Air Balloon Festival, Foley Soccer Complex.
- John Brust: 6; Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- Rhonda Hart: 5; Fin & Fork, Orange Beach.
- Bo Grant: 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- Karaoke: 8; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.
- Open Jam: 8; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.
- Karaoke: 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- Brandon Styles Impressions & Magic Show: 8; OWA Showroom, Foley.
- Whyte Caps: 7; Hub Stacy's; Innerarity Point.
- Optimist Club of Perdido Bay: Breakfast every Saturday at 8 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, MAY 5

- NCAA National Collegiate Beach Volleyball Championship: Gulf Shores Public Beach.
- Pied Piper of Hamelin: 2:30; South Baldwin Community Theater; Gulf Shores, 251-968-6721 or sbct.biz
- Flora-Bama Possible Probables: 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
- Central Flora-Bama Church: Church experiences, 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.; Flora-Bama Tent Stage, Perdido Key.
- Unity Church Service: 9:45 a.m.; Mikees Restaurant, Gulf Shores.
- Damian Lamb: 11, Tacky Jack's, Orange Beach.
- Greg Brown: noon; The Tin Top, Bon Secour.
- The Defrosters: 4 p.m.; The Flying Harpoon 2, Orange Beach
- Wood Boat Festival: 10 a.m. 'til; Pirates Cove, Josephine.
- Ja Rhythm: 11; Pirates Cove, Josephine.
- Emerge: 3; Pirates Cove, Josephine.
- John Lee Sanders: 6; Voyagers Restaurant at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- Scott Koehn: 4; Pleasure Island Tiki Bar, Orange Beach.
- Lisa Zanghi: 6; The Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- Jazzman David Jones: 11 a.m.; Playa, Orange Beach.
- Turkey Shoot: sign-up at 11 a.m.; Elberta VFW, Elberta.
- Dinner & Dance w. Music Man and Co.: 5; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- John Joiner & Friends: 4; Hub Stacy's at the Point; Innerarity Point.
- Open Mic Karaoke: 6; American Legion Post 99, Foley.
- 9 Ball APA: 6; The Office, Foley.

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Kids invited to participate in Coastal AL. Lemonade Day May 4

With a goal of empowering today's youth to be tomorrow's entrepreneurs, The Coastal Alabama Business Chamber is again sponsoring Lemonade Day Coastal Alabama. This year's event is on May 4.



Lemonade Day is a free, fun, experiential learning program that teaches youth how to start, own and operate their own business – a lemonade stand.

The foremost objective of Lemonade Day is to empower youth to take ownership of their lives and become productive members of society – the business leaders, social advocates, volunteers, and forward thinking citizens of tomorrow. Each child that registers receives a backpack with an Entrepreneur Workbook that teaches them the

lessons of Lemonade Day like creating budgets, setting profit-making goals, serving customers, repaying investors, and giving back to the community. Along the way, they acquire skills in goal-setting, problem solving, and gain self-esteem critical for future success. They keep all the money they make and are encouraged to spend some, save some and share some. For more info, visit lemonadeday.org/coastal-alabama. Pictured: Gulf Shores City Council officially declared May 4th, 2019 Lemonade Day in Coastal Alabama!

- Blind Draw Dart Tournament: 5; American Legion Post 99, Foley.
- AA: 5 p.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

MON, MAY 6

- Flora-Bama Possible Probables: 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
- Flora-Bama Bingo: free; 1-4 p.m.; great prizes, family friendly; 17401 Perdido Key Dr., Perdido Key.
- Lisa Zanghi: 6; The Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde: 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- Open Mixed Doubles Tennis: 7:15 a.m.; all levels welcome; Gulf Shores Tennis Center; corner of West 19th Ave. and West 2nd St.
- Trivia & Bluewater BBQ: 7; Big Beach Brewing Company, Gulf Shores.
- Bridge: noon; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- Bingo: 6; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- 8 Ball APA: 7:30; The Office, Foley.
- Overeaters Anonymous: 6; Holy Spirit Episcopal Church; Gulf Shores, 616 Ft. Morgan Rd.; 251-709-5907.
- Orange Beach Community Center Association Monthly Covered Dish Dinner: social at 5, dinner at 6:30 p.m.; all winter guests welcome; Canal Road next to the Recreation Center; 251-981-1942.
- T.O.P.S. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly): weigh-in 5:30; meeting 6; First Presbyterian Church of Foley; (Berry & Highway 59).

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

TUE, MAY 7

- Flora-Bama Possible Probables: 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
- Flora-Bama Bingo: 1-4 p.m.; Flora-Bama Loung Tent Stage; Perdido Key.
- John Brust: 6; The Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- Lisa Christian: 6; Sunset Cork Room, Gulf Shores.
- Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde: 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- Brent Burns: 4; Fin & Fork, Orange Beach.

- JW Karaoke: 6; Hub Stacy's At The Point, Innerarity Point.
- Brandon Styles Impressions & Magic Show: 7; OWA Showroom, Foley.
- NAPA Pool League: 7:30; The Office, Foley.
- Karaoke: 7; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.
- Karaoke: 5; Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5659; Elberta.
- Open Mic Karaoke w. John Henry: 5; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- Bowling Tourney: 7; Snapper's; Orange Beach.
- Orange Beach City Council Meeting: 5 p.m.; City Hall; 980-INFO.
- Bingo: 10 to 2; Gulf Coast Elks Lodge 2782, Foley; 251-971-2782.
- 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.



OPTIMIST CLUB OF PERDIDO BAY FISHING RODEO: The Optimist Club of Perdido Bay hosted the 20th Annual Fishing Rodeo with dozens of boys and girls vying for record catches. In the Girls Division, Lindsey Sherwin took top honors with the most fish caught, 19, and the largest fish, a 24" catfish. In the Boys Division, Jacob Devers had the most fish for the boys with 25 and Jay Lightsey had the largest fish for the boys with a 23 3/4" catfish. In the 2 to 6 Age Group, McKinley Moore caught six and Anabelle Kennedy caught two. Jayla Evans, in the 7-9 Age Group caught four. First place in the 10-12 Age Group, Kadie Dodge caught eight and Lissa Pettis hooked six. Bailey Helms took second place in the 13-15 Age Group behind Lindsey Sherwin. In the Boys 2-6 Age Group, Tristen Stout caught nine fish and Noah Carroll hooked five. Jay Lightsey, in the 7-9 Age Group hooked 13 fish and Joseph Price caught five. Seth Slavey was second in the 10-12 Age Group with 10 fish, behind winner Jacob Devers. In the 13-15 Age Group Eli Mashernow caught six fish. Thanks to all the Optimist Club members who made this a fun event for boys and girls, parents and grandparents. Special thanks to Jeff Schaff who moves his horses out of the area so the Fishing Rodeo can continue to provide a special time for all.



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Alabama's 50th Anniversary Tour stops at Wharf May 9

By Fran Thompson

Alabama, arguably the most influential country music act since Hank Williams, will mark its 50th anniversary with a tour stop in their home state when the Country Music Hall of Famers return to the Wharf Amphitheater on May 9. The Charlie Daniels Band will open the 7:30 p.m. show.

Ticket prices range from \$25-\$89.50 plus service charges and are available at the Wharf Amphitheater Box Office or through Ticketmaster. The box office is open Monday-Friday from 10 a.m. 'til 4 p.m. and 10 a.m. 'til 10 p.m. on concert days.

Alabama - Randy Owen, Teddy Gentry and Jeff Cook - dominated country music for two decades, crossing over into the pop charts and paving the way for Garth Brooks to make country cool with their rock-fueled stage shows.

"We never thought playing for tips at the Bowery in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, that 50 years later we would still playing arenas, stadiums and festivals," said Owen when announcing the anniversary tour. "Teddy, Jeff and I are humbled at the amount of fans that are coming out to see us. We are finding out that we are playing to three generations of fans who have followed us and our music from day one. The fans are the ones responsible for our continued success on the road and we love them."

With a catalog that includes 43 No. 1 singles and a mind boggling 21 straight No. 1 songs, Alabama will be hard pressed to play all of the tunes that garnered them more than 178 CMA, Grammy and ACM awards, 21 gold, platinum and multiplatinum albums and 75 million records sold.

But you can expect to hear "Can't Keep a Good Man Down," "If You're Going to Play in Texas (You Gotta Have a Fiddle in the Band)," "Tennessee River" and "Dixieland Delight."

"Born Country" and "Down Home" will also bring the band's loyal fans on their feet. Not to mention "Love in the First Degree," "The Closer You Get" and "Old Flame." Any five of those songs would make a fine career for any band, but the boys from Fort Payne are not just any band. They are among the best ever.

Wharf Concert Line-Up

5/09 - Alabama with The Charlie Daniels Band, 7:30pm.
 5/10 - Bryan Adams, 8pm.
 5/25 - Thomas Rhett with Dustin Lynch and Russell Dickerson, 7pm.
 5/26 - Thomas Rhett with Dustin Lynch and Russell Dickerson, 7pm.
 6/06 - Hootie & The Blowfish w. Barenaked Ladies, 7:30pm. SOLD OUT
 6/15 - Dierks Bentley with Jon Pardi, 7pm.
 7/03 - Tedeschi Trucks Band, Blackberry Smoke, Shovels & Rope, 7pm.
 7/05 - Rascal Flatts, 7pm.
 7/19 - Luke Bryan with Cole Swindell, 7pm.
 7/20 - Luke Bryan with Cole Swindell, 7pm.
 8/17 - Little Big Town, 8pm.
 8/20 - Pentatonix with Rachel Platten, 7:30pm.
 8/22 - Brad Paisley, 7pm.
 8/31 - Chris Stapleton, Brent Cobb, Marcus King Band, 7pm. SOLD OUT

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



Fairhope Museum accepts artwork for its collection

The Fairhope Museum of History received a generous donation on April 5 from Barry and Dorothy Stevens. Museum Interim Director Darby Wiik accepted the donation (pictured). The unique crab-shaped piece of artwork was once on temporary loan to the museum as part of a bay boat exhibition in 2015. Originally part of the Jumpin' Jubilee fundraiser 2011, the crab was sponsored by Roberts Brothers Realty and won in a live auction by Don and Ingrid Cheney. The Stevens acquired it in 2016 and wanted to give "Steamer Crab" a home in the museum's permanent collection, property of the City of Fairhope, as the couple is moving back to Michigan. Created by Melissa Smith and Tom Yeager, the crab depicts bay steamers, landings and maps related to the history of Fairhope and Mobile Bay transportation. The museum is located at 24 N Section St. in downtown Fairhope. More info: 251-929-1471.

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Gulf Shores celebrates National Bike Month with three events

The City of Gulf Shores will celebrate National Bike Month during the month of May with the following events: Bike to School Day on May 8, Bike to Work Day on May 17 and Bike to Work Week on May 13-19.

National Bike to School Day will take place on Wednesday, May 8. Gulf Shores Police Department will be assisting with this event. There will be two meeting locations where children can meet to depart for school: Kids Park Playground area (located in Sims Park) and Meyer Park. For students meeting at the Kids Park Playground area, the departure time will be at 7:15 a.m. For students meeting at Meyer Park, the departure time will be at 7:30 a.m. Participating students are expected to arrive to school at 7:45 a.m. There will be a return ride held after school. Participants should wear a helmet.

National Bike to Work Week will take place on May 13-19, and the official Bike to Work Day is Friday, May 17. The public is encouraged to put on their helmets and make their trip to work on their bike during this day and week to celebrate National Bike Month.

"With Gulf Shores being named a Bronze-level Bicycle Friendly Community by the League of American Bicyclists in 2018, these events are essential to maintaining that status within our community," Andy Bauer said. "This is an opportunity for us, the City of Gulf Shores, to further invest in our residents, both adult and children, by promoting a healthy lifestyle as we encourage a more active bicycling community."

National Bike Month, established in 1956, is sponsored by the League of American Bicyclists. This month presents a chance to showcase all of the benefits of bicycling and encourage the public to participate.

For more info, visit gulfshoresal.gov/bikeevents or contact Andy Bauer at 251-968-1151.



BICENTENNIAL MARKERS GOING UP IN LILLIAN: The Lillian Bicentennial Committee invites the community to the dedication of two markers as part of The Alabama Bicentennial celebration. The markers will be unveiled beginning at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 4. The group will meet at the Lillian Boat Launch where the first marker will be dedicated. This marker will tell the history of Perdido Bay and the bridge that connects Alabama with Florida. The group will then move on to Santa Pedro Street in front of the first St. Joseph Catholic Church (pictured) that was originally constructed in 1929 on a lot on Kee Street. It was moved to its present location in 1941. The history of the church and Lillian will be represented on the marker. After this unveiling, the group will move to the Lillian Community Club



Folk duo Friction Farm at Foley Library May 16

Friction Farm, a modern-folk duo comprised of husband and wife Aiden Quinn and Christine Stay, will be giving a performance entitled "Songs Inspired by Books" at the Foley Public Library on Thursday, May 16 at 6:30 pm.

Reservations are required and are now being taken. Call 251-943-7665 to reserve a seat. For more info, go to foleylibrary.org, or Facebook or Instagram.

The duo (pictured) is billed as traveling troubadours who combine storytelling, social commentary, and humor to create songs of everyday life, local heroes, and quirky observations. From ballads to anthems, each song is filled with hope and harmony.

Friction Farm's lyrically rich, harmony-driven songs have earned them spots as Kerrville New Folk Finalists and Falcon Ridge Emerging Artists. They are winners of the South Florida Folk Festival songwriter competition and have performed as official showcase artists at the Southeast, Southwest, and Northeast Regional Folk Alliance Conferences.

Performing internationally and throughout the US, Friction Farm feels at home on the road and on stage. Audiences lean into their stories, laugh at their humor, are inspired to do a little good in the world, and sing along once in a while.



Austin Gontarski addresses Council of Catholic Women St. Patrick's 7th grader raises \$9K for backpack program

Austin Gontarski, a student at St. Patrick Catholic School in Robertsedale will speak at the May 16 meeting of the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women.

A seventh grade student, Austin raised more than \$9,000 for the school backpack program sponsored by Catholic Social Services of Baldwin County. He delivered the food to the Robertsedale office and stopped by after school to pack bags that are distributed to the schools.

Austin will be accompanied by school Principal Sr. Margaret Harte, PBVM and Catholic Social Services Director Phyllis Beam. The quarterly meeting will be held in Immaculate Mary Hall at St. Joseph's Church in Lillian. For information, contact ACCW Deanery President Joyce Gaar at 251-965-7146.

Pictured: Austin Gontarski, a 7th grade student at St. Patrick Catholic School in Robertsedale delivers some of the \$9,000 worth of food to Catholic Social Services of Baldwin County for their school backpack program. (By Sally McKinney)



NEWCOMERS CLUB: South Baldwin Newcomers Club Together Again Group visited Don Stanford's new Alabama Gulf Coast Music Hall in Foley. This group gets together once a month to do something new and different.

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AROUND TOWN

Fraternal Order of Eagles lining up great events

By TK Kipp

The Fraternal Order of Eagles #4549 are lining up some great events for the rest of April and May.

On April 28, we will be doing a crawfish boil. Start the serving of this great food is at 1:30 P.M. and will go until all is gone. The cost is \$10 per plate and we use large plates. We will also be celebrating the birthdays of March and April!

On May 5 the Club will be celebrating Cinco de Mayo with a taco bar and yummy margaritas. Cost is 3 tacos for \$5 and \$3 margaritas! The tacos will be ready by noon!

On Mother's Day, which the Fraternal Order of Eagles is instrumental in starting, all females to enter our doors will be treated to a flower!

Memorial Day, the 27, we have a crew grilling up some burgers and German sausages. Cost to be \$5 but am sure you will get full on them!

Also the Auxiliary is hosting a membership drive special for a limited time where you can join the Auxiliary for 25% of the normal fee. Contact a member or call the Club at 251-971-4549 for more information.

Our address is 3859 Gulf Sores Parkway, Suite 6 and yes we are in a strip mall for now. Come check us out on one of our special days listed or just pop in from noon to 6 p.m. seven days a week. We are open all the time!



Angel Ride 2019 Bikes-Beach-Bands is April 27 at Fairhope Legion

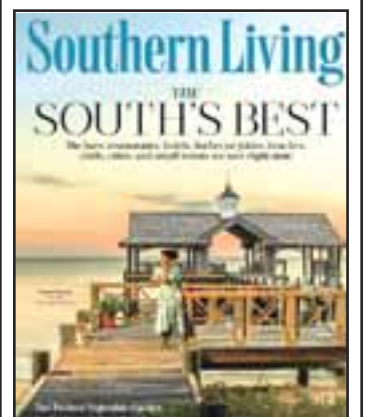
Angel Ride 2019 Bikes Beach Bands will be held on Saturday, April 27 from 10:30 a.m. - 9 p.m. at American Legion Post 199 in Fairhope (700 S Mobile St.).

Registration for the Angel Ride motorcycle scavenger hunt starts at 10:30 a.m. with awards commending at 4 p.m. The grand prize is a cruise for two. But there will be many door prizes. Music starts at 10 a.m. with Cherokee Crow. Wavelength plays at 3 p.m., Cecil Blue at 5 p.m. and Midlife Crisis with Terry Brock (formerly with Kansas, Lynyrd Skynyrd) starts at around 7 p.m.

Brock currently plays with Louisiana LeRoux. The party includes food trucks, Joe's Hamburgers on the Legion grill and specialty vendors. The party is open to the public for free. Riders get your tickets \$35 at angel-ride.org. Tickets include a T-shirt (which can also be purchased separately).

This event raises funds for The Raleigh and Raylee Angel Ride Foundation, which is dedicated to the mission of assisting families of children who have special medical needs. Families who qualify for benefits receive assistance to help pay for costs associated with the care of these children. Applicants are reviewed by a medical panel and may be eligible for benefits once per calendar year. Hundreds of applicants are reviewed annually and this number continues to grow.

Pictured: Wally Richerson of Cherokee Crow; Wally's motto: "Traditional Outlaw Honky Tonk Music Is Life."



Fairhope makes a splash in N.Y. Times, Southern Living

The City of Fairhope received significant positive nationwide press on two fronts in March. Early in the month, the New York Times released "A Southern Town That's Been Holding On To Its Charm, For More Than a Century." From tracing the city's history as an experimental utopian community to lauding the creativity of its citizens and natural beauty, the impressive piece was met with widespread praise by citizens, visitors and fans of Fairhope.

In mid-March, Southern Living unveiled their April 2019 cover (pictured) which features Fairhope. The city is also included in "The South's Best Small Towns 2019," an honor achieved from a combination of Fairhope's natural resources, architecture and charm.

"It's no secret that Fairhope is awesome, and these incredible spotlights the national press is shining on us help showcase this to a much bigger audience," said Fairhope Mayor Karin Wilson. "We are excited to open our

Gulf Coast Invitation featured alumni players returning as coaches

One of the teams participating in this month's Gulf Coast Invitational (GCI) Soccer Tourney, the longest running club tournament in the area, was the Perdido Bay Futbol Club's 05 Girls, coached by Ken Skinner. Skinner has been involved with soccer since he was four years old, playing for the Pensacola Futbol Club and eventually at West Florida High School. He also played in the GCI twice.

"I always remember it as a great local event that brought in lots of good competition. It was always great having that competition travel to you," (pictured above) Skinner said. "Now from a coaching perspective, I've seen the event grow and become more competitive each year. I love being able to see the Academy teams come out and learn in a more competitive environment. This helps the players learn how to develop a competitive drive at a young age where they can learn to compete. I don't have to have my parents travel overnight for the players to experience this at a young age, which is the best!"

Snap Soccer's GCI Site Director, Zack Touchstone, also has a special connection to this tournament. Touchstone has been involved with soccer since he was six years old, playing in both club and high school divisions.

When Touchstone went to college, Snap Soccer Executive Director, John Guidroz, reached out and asked if he wanted to see a different side of the sport, the administrative side.

Back in his playing days, Touchstone remembered GCI being a massive event even then and knew the tourney would be a huge undertaking from a planning perspective. However, Touchstone explained there were things about the tournament, no matter how stressful, he wanted to keep intact.

"The passion for the game," (pictured below) Touchstone said. "Being able to work around the game all these years has been great. "Since my playing days, it has been incredible to see how much soccer has grown over the last 10 years. That makes me excited for the future."



CLAIRE COLVIN'S SMALL TOWN, BIG BOOKS PROJECT: Congratulations to Claire Colvin, a sixth grader at Gulf Shores Elementary School, on completing her 2019 Red Ribbon Service Project! Claire's project, "Small Town, Big Books", may be found near the Bodenhamer Rec Center in Gulf Shores. Stop by and take a book or leave a book - completely free! What a great way to encourage reading in our community!



WEEK OF GIVING FOR L.A. FLEET FEET RUNNERS: It was a week of compassion for the Running Club Members. These runners were honored to make financial donations and support to Alabama Gulf Coast Zoo, Alabama Marine Mammal Stranding Network and (above) Camp Rap-A-Hop, a non-profit organization that brings free fun to children who have or have had a cancer diagnosis. Alabama Marine Mammal Stranding Network is a cooperative regional stranding network partnership that responds to dolphin, manatee and whale strandings. In late 2019, the Alabama Zoo will become "The Little Zoo that Grew" when they move to their new twenty-five-acre home. The Alabama Gulf Coast Zoo opened in June 1989 and relies on admissions, memberships and donations for its funding. Lower Alabama Fleet Feet (L.A.F.F.) Running Club is a social and charitable organization whose mission is to give back to Baldwin County charities.

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SHOW SUPPORT FOR CONSERVATION WITH BOAT REGISTRATION: Boat owners can now help support conservation efforts in Alabama when renewing their boat registration. First made available in 2018, the purchase of a distinctive registration identification sticker for their vessels provides boaters the opportunity to help financially support certain college and university programs as well as state parks, the Forever Wild program and freshwater fisheries conservation in Alabama. The distinctive identification sticker, which is displayed on the bow of the vessel, is similar to the personalized license plate program for motorcycles, cars and trucks. The stickers are 4 1/2 inches by 28 1/4 inches, display the vessel's registration number, and can be issued with a variety of Alabama university and college logos or feature one of three Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (ADCNR) designs including Alabama State Parks, Freshwater Fishing, and the Forever Wild Land Trust. However, unlike the car tag program, the sticker cannot be personalized. The cost of the distinctive identification sticker for boats is \$50 in addition to the regular vessel registration and county issuance fee. For each sticker sold, \$20 is allocated to ADCNR for the operation of Alabama's state parks. When purchasing one of the three ADCNR-themed stickers, that amount increases to \$40 with the additional \$20 being allocated to State Parks, Forever Wild or the ADCNR Fisheries Section, depending on which sticker is purchased. The distinctive identification sticker fee applies each year one is purchased. Available from probate offices throughout the state (either in person or online), the sticker is valid for one year from the date of purchase. Once purchased, the distinctive identification sticker is printed and mailed to the vessel owner usually arriving within one to two weeks. A new sticker will be issued for each year the registration is renewed. For more information about the availability of the distinctive vessel identification stickers, contact your local probate office. In addition to renewing their boat registration, boaters are reminded to always practice safety on the water including wearing a lifejacket. For more safe boating tips, visit safeboatingcampaign.com.

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GSMS STUDENTS LIGHT UP BLUE DAY: Gulf Shores Middle School participated in their first annual Light It Up Blue Day. Students prepared for the event by decorating the school, selling t-shirts, and holding a donation drive. They were able to raise a total of \$957 and a ton of awareness for autism! Pictured: Myles Cannon, Ocean Honsvick, Kaden Randol, Jadon Stinnett, John Lumpkin, and Clausen Diehl.

Justin Moore plays Sept. 1 Flora-Bama Beach Concert

Justin Moore will launch The Flora-Bama Sunset Beach Concert Series with a show on Sunday, September 1. The Toast to Summer



starts at 4 p.m. Doors open at 3 p.m. for the kick-off of a series of intimate shows on the beach behind the famed bar.

Tickets begin at \$49.50 and cap at a limited number of VIP tickets for \$89.50, plus taxes and fees (all subject to change). For more information, visit florabama.com.

Moore's album 'Late Nights And Longnecks,' will make its debut on July 26.



HETHERINGTON NAMED GLYC FLEET CAPTAIN: Kells Hetherington was elected to the Board of Directors as the 2019 Fleet Captain of the Grand Lagoon Yacht Club in Pensacola. Kells has been sailing for 35 years and has sailed in the Aleutian Islands and Martha's Vineyard. He will compete with his team in a number of regattas through the Gulf Coast Yachting Association. Kells and his wife Alison Hetherington (pictured) live on Big Lagoon in Pensacola.



KATY'S COOKIES FOR A CAUSE SUPPORTS AUTISM AWARENESS: Katy Henkelmann of Katy's Cookies for a Cause raised \$130 and donated it to the Light It Up Blue Autism Awareness event at Gulf Shores Elementary School. She is pictured here with Splash and her teacher, Ms. Connie Johnston. Katy is a fourth grader at GSES.



BOATS, BUOYS & BADGES: Orange Beach Police Chief Joe Fierro and officers in the OBPD hosted an April Boats, Buoys and Badges event at West Marine on Canal Rd. The social gathering included light refreshments and a raffle/prize offering.

10th Good Life Ride May 11 at Gulf State Park Lodge

The Tenth Annual Good Life Ride, scheduled in Baldwin County on May 11, will partner with The Lodge at Gulf State Park, a world leader in the sustainable tourism movement, to celebrate the event's tenth anniversary. This year's participants will be able to choose from three different route options: a 2, 9, and 19-mile round trip routes from The Lodge. Though the trails are mostly all paved.

Riders can register online at imathlete.com/events. Early bird registration is from April 6-26 for \$25, with a t-shirt included the cost is \$35, and prices increase after.

Registration options after April 5th offer t-shirts as an optional additional purchase. Also, volunteers will be needed for the event. Interested volunteers can contact Valerie Longa via email at vlonga@joinACf.org.

"More people getting out to enjoy our natural resources benefits everyone's health and our local economy," said Mark Berte, the Executive Director of the Alabama Coastal Foundation. "This is family friendly and a great way to treat your mother or friends to a beautiful part of coastal Alabama."

Last year's proceeds contributed to a Bicycle Safety Workshop with Sherriffs from both Baldwin and Mobile counties attending. Previous year's proceeds helped to create four public service announcements.

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PICTURES OF THE WEEK



A bayou sunset from Cathy Deal.



From Paul Summerlin.



From Mary Ferwerda.



Sunset on Perdido Key from Maria Kritz.



Charles Chumley used one of his sand sculptures to predict the winner of the NCAA Men's Basketball Championship.



Alan Rakes, a visitor from Arkansas, shares pictures of a trip to Gulf State Park.



Morning fog over Sea 'n Suds from Cindy Litsinger.

Glass ball photography from Anna Lawrence.

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PICTURES OF THE WEEK



Paul Doyle shares a picture of his daughter testing out a swing he made for her.



From Marcy Gorski.



Gwen Foley: "Sharing the beach."



Industrious squirrels raiding a bird feeder from Neide Hourihan of Orange Beach.



Donnie Canaan shares a sunset from Bon Secour.



This Coyote was just outside our beach house on West Beach Blvd. in Gulf Shores on February 13," writes Nelda Nikirk of Bedford, Indiana.



"Mad sky over Gulf Shores," Lexy Petry of Birmingham.



"Waiting for early morning breakfast @ Pelican Point courtesy of Austin Morris.

Birds and Blues from Cathy Deal.

HAPPY 70TH BIRTHDAY GULF SHORES WOMAN'S CLUB

The Gulf Shores Woman's Club held a special celebration at its April 10 general membership meeting and luncheon at the Craft Farms Country Club to celebrate its 70th anniversary. The club was organized in 1948 and became a part of the Greater Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC) in April 1949. GFWC is the world's oldest non-partisan, non-denominational women's volunteer service organization. President Wilma Trent and First Vice President Faye Cook introduced dignitaries attending the event. Gulf Shores Mayor Robert Craft read and presented a proclamation by the city naming April 2019 as Gulf Shores Woman's Club Month. City Clerk Renee Eberly represented Orange Beach Mayor Tony Kennon by reading and presenting that city's proclamation, also naming April 2019 as Gulf Shores Woman's Club Month. Both proclamations made note of numerous club contributions throughout the past 70 years. Included in those mentioned were the club's major support in the formation of the Gulf Shores Thomas B. Norton Library, assistance in the development and expansion of the Gulf Shores Museum, the publication of the two books *Once Upon an Island - Volumes I and II*, the club's Tour of Homes and Silent Auction/Style Show Luncheon - its two annual fundraising events for local student scholarships and many charity organizations, and its international outreach in providing funds for such organizations as the L.A.M.B. Institute in Honduras. GFWC Second Vice President Suellen Brazil read and presented a letter of congratulations from the federation's president, Mary Ellen Brock. GFWC Alabama State President Christine Steele, GFWC-Alabama South District Director Mary Ann Baltzer, and past presidents of the club also participated in the celebration. A surprise appearance from the club's own 'mascot' Maggie Nolia appeared to delight the attendees with comments on the club's 'splendidly successful efforts over all these 70 years'. Lovely magnolia decorations, a collection of several annual club scrapbooks on display, and a beautiful anniversary cake graced the room as everyone enjoyed all aspects of the event and the delectable meal. The Gulf Shores Woman's Club works toward community improvement through volunteer service in the areas of the arts, conservation, education, home life, international outreach, and public issues. To learn more, contact the club's communications chairman Sharon Moore at 251-923-6240.



Historical marker honoring two major personalities unveiled in Fairhope

The City of Fairhope in concert with the Friends of the Fairhope Museum of History, achieved a milestone in its history with the recent unveiling of a historical marker recognizing two major personalities in Fairhope history.

Nancy Lewis, a widowed ex-Slave sold her homestead in 1895 to the Fairhope Industrial Association. Her acreage was a part of two-hundred acres bought by the Fairhope Founders and Mrs. Lewis having paid taxes on her homestead for many years and proving ownership, became a contributor to the settlement of the Single Tax experiment on the Bluff. She used \$4.58 of that payment to buy forty acres where Thomas Hospital stands today.

Frank Stewart, renowned as "Stewart the Picture Man" photographed a growing Fairhope for a quarter century. He came to Fairhope in 1903 and became popular for creating postcards for tourists and locals. His

pictures documented the day-to-day lives and struggles of moving to this new place some called Utopia.

Fairhope Mayor Karin Wilson hosted the unveiling and introduced Thelma Todd, a descendant of the Young and Lewis families, two of the several that settled in the area before the arrival of the Fairhope Founders. Mrs. Todd led in a heart-warming prayer and read scripture connoting the trying times and the faith of her ancestors. She also expressed the gratitude to the City and the Friends of the Fairhope Museum of History for funding the historical landmark.

Local historian (and recently retired director of the Fairhope Museum of History) Dean Baarrett, told the story of the marker and the honorees' significance.

The Nancy Lewis homestead was located about 400 feet south the site of the marker and Stewart lived and worked about 300 feet west of the marker site.

According to Barrett, the marker had been a work-in-process for over two years. Researching the chain of title for the Lewis property required a study of Baldwin County deeds, Single Tax Corporation land purchases and tax records over the years. T

he Friends of the Fairhope Museum of History funded fabrication of the memorial. Mounting of the marker was arranged and performed by the Fairhope Public Utilities Department. The project is part of Fairhope's participation in the Alabama 200 Bicentennial.

Stewart came to the area in 1903 at the age of 48 years. He was an advocate of the Single Tax experiment and wanted to try farming nearby in Silverhill. He bought forty acres on Pole Cat Creek.

While there, he became interested in photography and captured images on glass plate negatives with a wooden box studio camera.

In 1913, he gave up farming and

moved to 105 South Section Street in Fairhope to pursue photography. He became known for novel postcards using paper that would allow a written message on one side and a Fairhope picture on the other.

After his wife Hattie died in 1934, he sold his business and remained in Fairhope until his death at the age of 87 in 1942.

He had kept his land on Pole Cat Creek and his great-grand niece still lives on that land. Stewart, known widely as the Picture Man, photographed the day-to-day lives and struggles of moving to this place called "Utopia."

The occasion of the placement of the Lewis - Stewart marker had an added charisma for the Lewis - Young family lineage.

Mildred Young and husband Larry Brown drove from Houston, Texas for

the unveiling ceremony. Unknown to them, their married daughter, Tiffany Brown-Dominique, flew from Philadelphia to surprise them.

Shortly before the pomp of the formal unveiling, Tiffany walked across the green of the Coastal College campus and surprised her parents. The surprise arrival of another generation of Lewis's made the day even more special.

Pictured: (L to R) Louie Blaze, President of the Friends of the Fairhope Museum, Bob Glennon, project manager for the marker, Mayor Karin Wilson, Thelma Todd, Descendent of Nancy Lewis and project research contributor and Donnie Barrett, historian and retired director of the Fairhope Museum; Descendants of Nancy Lewis.



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Funny Bones

By George Ridder



Two eskimos were chatting. One said, "Where did your mother come from?"
"Alaska."
"Don't bother, I'll ask her myself!"
.....
I went on a date with a girl who said she loved animals.

I said, "I work with animals every day."
She said, "That's so sweet. What do you do?"
I replied, "I'm a butcher!"
We never went on a second date.
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A 55 year old man who was born on May 5, has been married 5 years, has 5 children, makes \$55,555.55 a year, trusts the number 5.

One day a friend informs the man that a horse named Lucky 5 will be running in the fifth race at the local track that evening. Excitedly, the man withdraws 5,555.00 cash from his bank account, goes to the races and bets on Lucky 5. Sure enough, the horse comes in fifth.

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Two nuns were driving alone out in a rural area. They ran out of gas. Fortunately they could walk to a gas station not far away, where they asked to purchase a can of gasoline.

"I'm sorry, sister," said the attendant, "but all I have for you to carry it in is an old chamberpot." The nuns agreed that this would be fine.

They returned to the car. As they were pouring the gasoline into the tank, a man drove by, stopped his car, and said, "Oh sister, if only I

had your faith."
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What do you call security guards working outside Samsung shops? Guardians of the Galaxy.
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The golfer sliced a ball into a field of chickens, striking one of the hens and killing it instantly. He was understandably upset, and sought out the farmer.

"I'm sorry," he said, "my terrible tee-shot hit one of your hens and killed it. Can I replace the hen?"
"I don't know about that," replied the farmer, mulling it over. "How many eggs a day do you lay?"
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Two deer hunters hired a pilot to take them way back into the forest. After the hunt, the pilot returned and saw that they shot six deer.

"The plane won't carry six deer, you'll have to leave two of them," said the pilot, trying to be friendly.

Unwilling to leave their dead deer, the hunters said "We got six on the plane last year."

The pilot gave in, and just five minutes after takeoff the plane crashed into the forest. Lucky to be alive, one of the hunters said, "Any idea where we are?"

The second hunter said, "Yeah, right about where our plane went down last year."
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A wealthy investor walked into a bank and said to the bank manager, "I would like to speak with Mr. Reginald Jones, who I understand is a tried and trusted employee of yours."

The banker said, "Yes, he certainly was trusted. And he will be tried as soon as we catch him."
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A blackjack dealer and a player with a thirteen count in his hand were debating whether or not it was appropriate to tip the dealer.

The player said: "When I get bad cards, it's not the dealer's fault. Similarly when I get good cards, the dealer isn't responsible. So why should I tip him?"

The dealer countered: "When you eat out, do you tip the waiter?"

"Er, yes."
"Well, he serves you food, and I'm serving you cards, so you should tip me."

"Fair enough," said the player, "but the waiter gives me what I ask for. I'll take an eight."

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I have traveled just about all over the world."
"Wow, you must know geography well?"
"Oh yes, I spent 2 months there!"
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- If you jumped off the bridge in Paris, you'd be in Seine.

- I'm kind of tired of being an amateur crastinator. I'm thinking of turning pro, but I'm going to put that decision off for awhile.
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What do you call a country where everyone has to drive a pink car? A Pink Car-nation!
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In high school, two boys, two friends (one Spanish and one American), were talking about the grades they received in their classes.

American boy: "You got an F in Spanish! How could that happen? Spanish is what you speak at home and stuff."

Spanish boy: "Probably the same way you got an F in English."
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We took the kids to one of those restaurants where the walls are plastered with movie memorabilia. I went to see about reserving a table. When I returned, I found my granddaughter staring at a poster of Superman in a phone booth.

She looked puzzled. "She doesn't know who Superman is?" I asked.

"Worse," my wife replied. "She doesn't know what a phone booth is."

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Impact 100 Baldwin will award a record five \$101,000 grants

Impact 100 Baldwin County will award five \$101,000 grants this year to nonprofits serving Baldwin County. These \$101,000 record-breaking grants will fund programs that are transformative for the recipients and make a difference in the quality of life in Baldwin County. Each year, Impact 100's grants are given in direct relation to the number of members who join or renew their membership in the organization. The more members, the more grant money. Based on the concept of collective giving, each member's \$1,000 donation is pooled to make these high-impact grants, and every dollar of the membership contribution goes directly to the nonprofits. The membership drive, which ended March 31, produced a historic high of over 500 Baldwin County members. Since forming in 2008, this all-volunteer women's philanthropic organization has distributed \$3.1 million in grants to local nonprofits.

"During our membership campaign, we have had the opportunity to meet so many amazing women who share our caring and compassion for our community," said Ann Rumley, President of Impact 100 Baldwin County. "Together, we can continue to create ripples of hope throughout Baldwin County. We are so excited to award five grants of \$101,000 this year!"

Grants are awarded in five areas: arts & culture; education; environment, preservation & recreation; family; and health & wellness. Nonprofits can apply in any of these categories. Impact 100 members volunteer to serve in groups that evaluate the grant applications and select finalists, with the entire membership voting to select the five \$101,000 grant recipients. Nonprofits have until May 7 to submit their Letter of Intent.

May 11 RE/MAX Cornhole Tourney Benefits Children's Miracle Network

RE/MAX of Gulf Shores is hosting its 2nd Annual Cornhole Tournament benefitting The Children's Miracle Network on May 11 beginning at 9 a.m. at Gateway Storage, located at 21371 Coastal Gateway Blvd. (formerly Co Rd 8). Entry fee is \$50 per two person team. For more info, contact Ashley at culture@remaxgs.com or 251-923-1062.

Avante Garde Mardi Gras Krewe hosts Spring Fling party on May 2

Aveant Garde Mardi Gras Krewe will host a May celebration entitled "Spring Fling" at the Pensacola Yacht Club Sailing Center, 1897 Cypress St in Pensacola on May 2 starting at 6 p.m. Reigning King John Sevold and Queen Marcia Sevold will welcome members and guests.

Membership includes active and retired members of the military and supporters of the military community. Admission for Guests at this party is \$20. Reservations should be made by April 29 by calling Jackie Scrimshire at 850-432-5831 or emailing at jascrimp@cox.net.

Next City Rhythm Big Band Dance slated April 27 in Loxley

City Rhythm Big Band dances are scheduled April 27 and May 11 at the Loxley Civic Center from 7-10 p.m. Admission is \$10 per person, and ice and water, cups are furnished, BYOB and BYO snacks. Music will be provided by an 18 piece big band. The next dance is scheduled for May 11. The Loxley Civic Center is located at 4198 Municipal Park Dr.

South Baldwin Medical Group acquires Dr. Pace's Lillian practice

South Baldwin Medical Group has acquired James Pace M.D. Family Practice in Lillian, now re-named South Baldwin Medical Group – Primary Care – Lillian. Dr. Pace has practiced medicine in the area for 32 years and is board certified. He is dedicated to patient care, and his practice philosophy is to "listen to the patient." He offers a variety of procedures and services aside from annual wellness visits that include skin biopsies, diabetic care, joint injections and hypertension treatment. The practice is open Monday-Friday, and accepts same day appointments and walk-ins.

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