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Bill Hargreaves Fishing Tourney Father's Day Weekend at GLYC

The Grand Lagoon Yacht Club will host the 49th Annual Hargreaves Fishing Tournament on Father's Day weekend, June 13-16, with a captains' meeting on Thursday, fishing on Friday and Saturday and the awards ceremony on Father's Day. This fishing rodeo is for all ages, and cash prizes are awarded. The event benefits the local Ronald McDonald House. Tickets can be purchased online at billhargreavesfishingrodeo.com. For more info, call 850-607-7569 or email office@grandlagoonyachtclub.com.

The tournament awards the most prizes to junior anglers of any rodeo in Pensacola, which is appropriate, since the underlying theme of the rodeo is children.

Adult registration is \$40, and children 12 and under can fish for free. Tickets can be purchased at billhargreavesfishingrodeo.com or at bait shops. The captains' meeting is Thursday at 6 p.m. at the Grand Lagoon Yacht Club. Rules will be reviewed and hamburgers and hot dogs served.

The rodeo starts at 12:01 a.m. on Friday, with the scales open from 5-8 p.m. that evening. The daily drawing for largest fish caught that day (\$50) will be a 8:30 p.m. The scales are open from 4-8 p.m. on Saturday, with another 8:30 p.m. drawing for largest fish caught that day (\$50).

On Sunday - Father's Day, a fishfry will be held from noon 'til 1:30 p.m., with the awards ceremony set to begin at 2 p.m. Awards will be presented in categories that include King & Queen and Prince & Princess. There will also be door and raffle prizes offered to attendees on Sunday. A silent auction will be held throughout the rodeo with winners announced Sunday.

OBPD to host Meet & Mingle June 13 at Supreme Lending

Police Chief Joe Fierro and the Orange Beach Police Department invite the public to meet and mingle with officers at "Lending and Law Enforcement in Paradise" from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday, June 13 at Supreme Lending in Orange Beach. Light hors d'oeuvres and soft drinks will be provided by Supreme Lending, which is located at 25910 Canal Road.

USA Lawn care & coastal design course starts on June 18

Lawn Care and Landscaping Design in Coastal Alabama is the first summer course offered through Discover! An Institute for Learning in Retirement at the University of South Alabama Gulf Coast Campus. Come learn about lawn care and landscaping specifically designed for our south Baldwin environment.

Instructors are Ellen Huckabay, Baldwin County Coordinator, Auburn University Extension, and Jack Lecroy, Alabama Cooperative Extension System.

The course will include three sessions: Session 1, June 18: Lawn care in a coastal environment; Session 2, June 25: Landscape design in south Baldwin County; Session 3, July 2: Caring for flowering trees and shrubs. Classes are from 1:30 – 3 p.m.

The fee is \$35 for the three-session course, and it is not possible to register for a single class. The USA Gulf Coast Campus is located at 19470 Oak Road West, directly adjacent to the Gulf Shores Cultural Center.

To register, call Emily Wilson at 251-460-7200 or go to the USA Gulf Coast website at southalabama.edu/departments/globalusa/usagc/

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June 8 Swanky Ball benefits Gulf Coast Youth-Reach

Flora-Bama & Mystical Order of Aurora hosting fundraiser at The Port at The Wharf

The Swanky Ball benefiting the Gulf Coast Youth-Reach Foundation will be held on Saturday, June 8 from 7:30-11:30 p.m. at The Port at The Wharf in Orange Beach. Tickets for the fundraiser, which features music from The Tip Tops, are \$60 per person and include an all inclusive premium bar and heavy hors d'ouvres. Reserved tables of 10 are available for \$800 per table. Dress is Creative Black Tie, and tickets are availableat eventbrite or by calling Eva Keesee at 251-979-4278 or emailing evakeesee@gmail.com.

A live auction at the vent will also benfit Youth-Reach Gulf Coast, which operates a fullservice, Christ-centered residential program for troubled, at-risk and delinquent young men between the ages of 18 and 21 on an 81-acre campus in rural Summerdale.

The program is designed to remold the values and turn around the lives of at-risk young men, ages 18-22. The program was founded in 1984 by current Executive Director Curt Williams, who describes Youth-Reach as, "A hospital for today's damaged and discarded

Set in the structure of a balanced family and home life, Youth-Reach concentrates on developing character, responsibility and a strong work ethic. Facilitated by experienced, trained and respected counselors, Youth-Reach is a long-term program intended to heal past wounds and restore families.

Residents and their families are never charged for the services offered and since change doesn't occur automatically within a prescribed period of time, there are no limits on how long a resident can stay in the pro-

From a Biblical perspective, the staff addresses the central issues that lead today's youth to harmful actions such as drug addiction, promiscuity, rage and violence. Underneath rebellion and defiance is a need for healing, security, acceptance and discipline. The program is designed to remold values, turn around lives, and lead these guys to a

transformational relationship with Jesus. Pictured: Big fun at 2017 Ball.



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Kaleidoscope Summer Fine Arts Camp June 24-28 at First Presbyterian

National and regional teachers, musicians, visual artists and dancers will all come together to create another unique and fun experience at this year's Kaleidoscope Summer Fine Arts Camp on June 24 - June 28.

Sponsored by the Gulf Coast Arts Alliance and the First Pres-



byterian Church of Gulf Shores, the camp is designed to not only showcase the talents of performing and exhibiting artists, but also to share the journeys which led to their careers in the fine arts arena. Students are able to select class preference for hands-on workshops, while all will enjoy several live professional performances throughout the week, featuring pianist Kayla Dowling, UA SummerTide Theatre cast, storyteller Elizabeth Vander Kamp, violinist Kedra Kinney and more!

Daily hands-on classes, taught by professional artists and instructors, will include a choice of several Visual Art, Dance, Writing, Music and Drama/Theater classes. New to Kaleidoscope this year will be dance teacher Amy Geiger. Ms. Geiger is a graduate of The Hartford Conservatory in Hartford, Connecticut, where she earned her diploma in Dance Pedagogy. While studying at the Conservatory, Amy was a member of several dance companies, including the Kathryn Kollar Dance Company, Synergy Dance Company, and Christopher Lee Productions.

Upon graduation from the Hartford Conservatory, Amy moved to Alabama where she started teaching at the Eastern Shore Dance Academy. During her time at ESDA, she became the first Daphne High School Dance Team Coach. After several years of teaching, and then marriage, Amy opened her own dance studio, Gulf Coast Dance Connection, Inc., in Elberta, Alabama, where she teaches Ballet, Tap, Jazz, Hip Hop, Lyrical, and Acrobatics.

To register for the camp online, visit gulfcoastartsalliance.com, stop by the GCAA Gallery on E. 24th Ave. in Gulf Shores (across from Acme Oyster House), or the First Presbyterian Church on E. 21st Ave. Tuition for the entire week is \$115 per student (\$100 additional siblings); both partial and full scholarships are available. Call 251-978-8130 for more and/or scholarship information.

Pictured: Hartford Conservatory graduate Amy Geiger will instruct this year's Kaleidoscope dance classes; last year's acrylics class.

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Orange Beach, USA Health announce emergency medicine partnership

Health and the City of Orange Beach are bringing a new and progressive care concept to the region through a partnership for emergency medicine serv-

Beginning in July, resident physicians in the USA Health Department of Emergency Medicine will team with paramedics at the Orange Beach Fire Department. This effort will expand the breadth of health care knowledge and experience at emergency scenes while helping the emergency medicine residents gain a deeper understanding of what occurs, from the initial alert when the call to 911 is dispatched all the way to the emergency department via transport.

"This partnership between the city and USA Health is a trailblazing effort that will provide high-quality, second-to-none emergency patient care for residents and visitors in Orange Beach," Orange Beach Mayor Tony Kennon said. "While no one asks for a medical emergency, it will be comforting to know that when someone calls 911 in Orange Beach there is a good possibility they will have an emergency medicine physician resident responding with our highly trained EMTs."

John Marymont, M.D., vice president for medical affairs and dean of the College of Medicine, said the partnership typifies how USA Health is working to transform medicine in the Upper Gulf Coast Region.

"We are bringing new ideas and new practices to the area to provide even better care to the people we serve," Dr. Marymont said. "We are honored to be able to join the City of Orange Beach in this endeavor to enhance emergency care."

In their second year, residents will join the Orange Beach Fire Department crews on a rotational basis, responding to 911 calls within the city that will provide a higher level of knowledge and care to the community. Additionally, an attending physician from USA Health will be available at all times, further enhancing the care that will be provided to citizens. Orange Beach paramedics will have the ability to work with University Hospital and Children's & Women's Hospital to enhance their clinical skills and through on-scene clinical decision making they will be able to apply that training to future incidents when the resident physician may not be present.

"This training allows our residents to gain a deeper understanding of what their EMS colleagues undertake at the scene of an emergency," said Edward Panacek, M.D., chair of the USA Department of Medicine. "Through this training, the residents will be able to envision what is occurring at the scene and the complexity of the situation. Ultimately, this should enhance the care to the people who need it."

Orange Beach Fire Chief Justin Pearce said the city is fortunate to have this new relationship with USA Health.

"It brings a new level of healthcare to our community that few others have been able to achieve," Chief Pearce said. "This initiative was born through the collaboration of Dr. Paul Henning and Dr. Stephanie

Pearce on how the two entities could best work together and provide opportunities that would serve the interests of EMS, future physicians and our community. I am grateful for their work and interest in educating such a large cross section of health care professionals in our region. The opportunity to help train future emergency physicians while increasing our department's medical knowledge and service to Orange Beach is truly exciting and groundbreaking."

Dr. Henning will serve as the medical director for the Orange Beach EMS program.

USA Health established a new emergency medicine residency program, starting this summer, to begin to overcome a severe shortage of trained emergency physicians in the state. Panacek notes that Alabama ranks 49th in states in terms of the number of board-certified emergency physicians per capita. The new program calls for six new residents each year in the three-year program and will increase the number of new emergency physicians training in the state by 60 percent.

"One of our roles is serving as a resource throughout our region," said Owen Bailey, chief executive officer for USA Health. "We felt that having a formal affiliation agreement with Orange Beach was a significant demonstration of our desire to join with our community partner to provide much needed high-quality care to the people of our region not only today, but in the future through the training of the next generation of care providers."

Orange Beach Fire Department began transporting emergency medical patients on May 28, 2019 to provide a high level of emergency medical care to the citizens and visitors. With the Orange Beach City Council's support, the department purchased two state-of-the-art ambulances, plus equipment, and fully staffs the transport units with paramedics and advanced EMTs 24 hours daily. In 2018, the Orange Beach Fire Department responded to over 3,000 incidents for the first time in its history with a minimum daily staffing of 17 firefighters. The department currently has 57 full-time firefighters on staff, 37 of which are also paramedics.

"Investing in our public safety, specifically the medical response staffing and the equipment, has been a top priority for the City of Orange Beach for many years," Orange Beach City Administrator Ken Grimes said. "The majority (88 percent) of our Fire Department personnel are now Advanced EMTs or higher and we are proud to provide to our citizens and guests the best care possible. This partnership with USA Health is another step in the right direction as we serve a population of over 100,000 in the peak summer weeks as tourists come to Alabama's beaches. Orange Beach wants to be a model of how to serve and respond as we 'protect paradise."

"As healthcare providers we all must look at innovative ways to continue to strengthen the care delivered in this region," said Daniel McKinney, chief executive officer for South Baldwin Regional Medical Center.

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Gulf Shores to provide free sunscreen at public beaches

AL Blue Cross will place dispensers at 10 beach access points

The City of Gulf Shores is excited to partner with Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama to provide free sunscreen at Gulf Shores' public beaches and community parks in order to protect the health of its residents and visitors.

Beginning in early summer, 10 sunscreen dispensers will be installed at public beach accesses as part of Phase I of the project. Phase II of the project plans to include installing dispensers at interior parks and City sports complexes.

"We are thrilled to partner with Blue Cross and Blue Shield to bring this new health initiative to our public beaches," Recreation & Cultural Affairs Director Grant Brown said. "With the heightened risk of increased sun exposure which ultimately can lead to skin cancer, the City's primary concern was finding a way to protect our resident and visitors from these life-threatening effects. This initiative will provide free access to sunscreen to those who forget or are unable to purchase sunscreen."

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama has insured Alabamians for over 82 years. Blue Cross offers coverage plans to corporations, individuals and the senior market. For more information regarding Blue Cross and Blue Shield, visit AlabamaBlue.com. For more info, email gbrown@gulfshoresal.gov or call 251-968-1848.

Pictured: Grant Brown, City of Gulf Shores, Shelby DeBlieux, Mayor Robert Craft, Will Lyles and Clay Walden, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Alabama.



BAYSIDE BAPTIST SUPPORTS ELBERTA SCHOOLS: Bayside Baptist Church, Lillian, provided Teachers and Staff at Elberta High School and Elberta Elementary School cookies and delivered them on Wednesday, May 15. These gifts were to honor about 160 teachers and staff, for Teacher / Staff Appreciation Day, to include Administration, teachers, office staff, cafeteria workers, custodians, SROs, and bus drivers!! The cookies were packaged with a note recognizing the teachers and staff for all they do for the students. It takes a lot of dedication and hard work to educate young people. Bayside Baptist is committed to keeping the students and staff in our prayers for the coming year. Pictured: Left to right: Sharon Davis, Elberta Elementary School Secretary, Crystal Gregg, Rochelle Brooks, Tom Harris, Barbara Harris.

53rd Annual Orange Beach Fire Department BBQ June 8

Ladies Auxiliary selling desserts inside & outside Fire Station No. 1

The 53rd Annual Orange Beach Fire Department BBQ will take place Saturday, June 8 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. - or until the 'Que runs out - at Fire Station No. 1, behind City Hall. (The original location was the Community Center but had to be moved due to planned construction at the Recreation Center.)

The fire department will be selling over 4,000 pounds of pork, as follows: Whole butts for \$40; 5 lb. bag of chopped pork for \$40; 1 lb. bag of chopped pork for \$8

Additionally this year, the department will also have a buffet line set up for those who would like to stay and eat. The buffet line will be set up between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. with chopped pork, potato salad, and baked beans. One trip through the line will cost \$8. There will no carry-out plates allowed; it will be eatin only. Tea and water will be available.

The Ladies Auxiliary will be selling desserts inside and outside the station. The desserts will include whole cakes, banana pudding and all kinds of other homemade goodies.

The money raised will help provide funds for the Orange Beach Fire Department's public education program and other fire and life safety equipment.

For more information, call 251-981-6166.

BBQ started as annual Orange Beach Home Demonstration Club picnic

Editor's Note: Orange Beach native Margaret Childress Long is Orange Beach's Honorary Historian and author the book, The Best Place to Be The Story of Orange Beach, published in 2006. In 2016, she and co-author Michael D. Shipler also published a second book: Orange Beach, Alabama, A Pictorial History using the hundreds of pictures of old Orange Beach that were not in The Best Place To Be. Both books are available at St. Charles Place in Orange Beach's Wal-Mart Shopping Center.

By Margaret Long

The annual Community Picnic was started as a project of the Home Demonstration Club which my mother, Dorothy Childress, Ella Callaway and others started in 1951. The Club purchased the land for the Community Center from Edna Walker White in 1959. The dream came true when the Orange Beach Community Center was built in 1972 (remodeled in 2000).

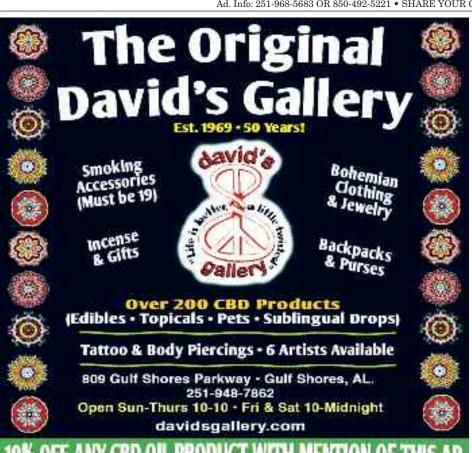
The Club disbanded on July 27, 1965. The annual Picnic that they established turned into the Annual Barbecue and has continued ever since. It is always held on the second Saturday of June.

Roy Blalock, father of Pete and Tem, headed up the Annual Barbecue for years.

My daddy would donate cabbage for the slaw every year. His farm was where my son, Wes Moore, has the gator park, Alligator Alley. The Fire Dept took it over after we became a city. It gets bigger every year.

Pictured: (left) Rebecca Davis and Mary Hayes were summer residents of Cotton Bayou and members of the Home Demonstration Club. (Right) Dorothy Childress, Margaret's mother, was very involved with the Orange Beach BBQ and was president and founder of the Home Demonstration Club. The club was formed to raise funds for the purchase of land for a community center. The Orange Beach Community Center, site of the BBQ, is still a vibrant part of the Pleasure Island community. (From The Story of Orange Beach, Alabama - The Best Place To Be)





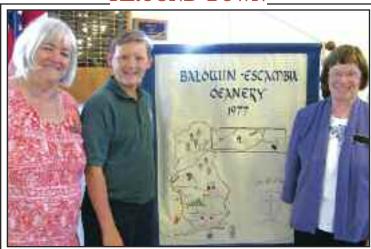






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AROUND TOWN



Austin Gontarski honored for work with backpack program

Austin Gontarski, a 7th grade student at St. Patrick Catholic School in Robertsdale has collected \$9,000 from area businesses to provide food for the Catholic Social Services (CSS) of Baldwin County Backpack Program.

Austin spoke about his experiences at the recent quarterly meeting of The Baldwin-Escambia Deanery of the Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women in Lillian.

The backpacks are given to area schools to distribute to boys and girls in struggling families who might not have sufficient food to get them through the weekend. In the three years he has been working on the project, he has collected more than \$18,000 in cash and food donations.

Austin walked into CSS one day in 2017 and asked Director Phyllis Beam if there was anything he could do to help. She explained the backpack program to him and he took it from there.

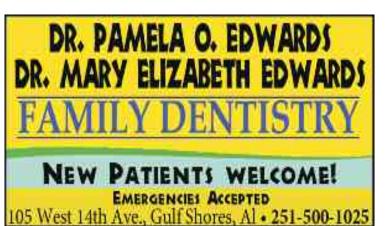
In speaking about one of her star students, St. Patrick Principal Sr. Margaret Harte said the school teaches students to "be God's light to the world."

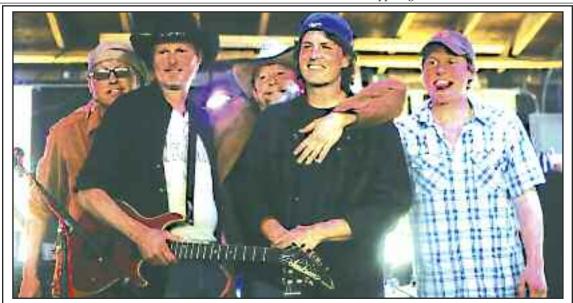
"I feel confident in our future when we produce children like Austin," says Sr. Margaret. She praised Austin's parents, Greg and Jennifer Gontarski, saying, "Values begin at home."

Austin plans to enjoy the summer and return to school in the fall to get back in backpack mode. Since this will be his last year at St. Patrick, he will continue to help his younger friends to continue the program.

After graduation in 2020, Austin will move on to St. Michael Catholic High School in Fairhope, where his parents, teachers and friends at CSS predict he will be a dedicated leader.

Pictured: Austin Gontarski with Catholic Social Services of Baldwin County Director Phyllis Beam and St. Patrick Catholic School Principal Sr. Margaret Harte.





Newbury Syndicate Reunion Concert slated June 9

By Fran Thompson

The Newbury Syndicate, a popular Perdido Key based band formed in 2011 and led by namesake Chris Newbury, will play a reunion concert on Sunday, June 9 at 6 p.m. at The Point Restaurant on Innerarity Point.

The band, which also includes Preston Stanfill, Mike Locklin, Buzz Kiefer, Jonathon Newton and Mel Knapp, released a self titled album in 2014 and held down a multi-year residency at the Flora-Bama. This will be the first time in two plus years that the original band will play together.

"That's the last time we played together with Buzz anyway, and it's not the same without him," Newbury said. "But it's kind of cool that we don't play together that often because it makes it more special when we do."

The Newbury Syndicate built a huge local following mostly because they are great musicians and Newbury is an amazing vocalist. But their appeal was also due to their eclectic set list, which included country standards, lots of originals, Van Halen rockers, Temptations' Motown tunes and the best of Muscle Shoals R&B.

"I think we put on a good show," Newbury said. "Our goal was always to play songs that the blue hairs and snowbirds would enjoy while also appealing to the 21 year olds. I think we did that.

"We were not going to get up there and just do a bread and butter 'Sweet Home Alabama" set," Newbury added. "We picked songs that were hard to play, songs that we had to rehearse. And that's the reason we picked them - because they were hard to play. We did not get up there all willynilly. We wanted our sets to be unique, and we looked for that in our songs.'

Presented by the Frank Brown Songwriters Festival and coordinated by Cynthia Adams, the reunion show will be staged on the east end of the Point Courtyard to allow for more capacity and more dancing space, according to Adams.

"Trying to get everybody's schedule to coordinate so we could do this was a bit like herding cats, but this is a band that people always ask about," Adams said.

"I always say there are three kinds of music: good music, bad music and music that makes girls dance," Newbury said. "Our crowd is a little older. So I don't know how much dancing there will be."

Tickets to the reunion show are \$15 per person and available at eventbrite.com or at the gate. There will be art vendors in the courtyard and food available during the concert. Patrons are encouraged to bring beach chairs.

Dennis Boyce, Jackie Bennett & James Daniel have all donated paintings for a raffle that will benefit Gulf Coast Musician's Medical Fund (Gcmmf.org).

The Newbury Syndicate released a self titled album in 2014 that was funded by \$10K in donations from fans, a fact that both humbles and amazes Newbury.

"This is a community that supports original music, and (Frank Brown Songwriters Fest founder Joe Gilchrist) Joe deserves a lot of credit for that," Newbury said. "Joe trained the whole community to appreciate original music. It's always the locals at our shows who tell people to shut up and listen when out of town people are getting loud."

Newbury said it was that appreciation for original music that attracted his father, legendary songwriter Mickey Newbury to our white sands. It is also why he came to visit and stayed.

"I am always aware that (fans of my dad) are there when we play. Of course, my dad has something to do with it, and that is a good thing. But it's not like I was able to look at it as a meal ticket. He liked playing here because of the local support for original music. That was why this area meant so much to him, and it all comes back to Joe. This is not something that happens organically. It has to be cultured."

The late Mickey Newbury was inducted into the Nashville Songwriters' Hall of Fame in 1980. His songs were covered by hundreds of artists, including Tom Jones, Elvis Presley, Kenny Rogers, Andy Williams and Eddy Arnold.

The Point is located at 14340 Innerarity Point Rd. For more info, call 850-492-3577.

_AROUND TOWN

Denim & Diamonds June 14 in Foley

Denim & Diamonds, a Benefit for Alzheimer's Awareness, will be held from 6-9 p.m. at the Foley Civic Center, located at 407 E Laurel Ave.

Presented by The Gulf Coast Elks Lodge, the annual event will feature live music by Voodoo Gumbo, food by Fresh Eye Event Planning, a cash bar & live auction. This casual affair has helped raise over \$20,000 for the Alabama Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association. Tickets are available through EventBrite and will also be available at the door for \$25 per person For more info, call 251-971-2782.

G.S. Camp Inside Out June 17-21 at Bodenhamer

The City of Gulf Shores is excited to host Camp Inside Out on June 17-21 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Bodenhamer Recreation Center. Camp Inside Out is open to children ages 9 to 12 years old.

The overall goal of the camp is to teach children to build healthy minds and bodies from the "Inside Out." Children will be encouraged to get off the couch and get active with daily exercise and fun outdoor games and activities. The camp will consist of field trips to local parks and playgrounds, geocaching, hiking, sports, crafts, swimming and much more.

The cost to attend Camp Inside Out is \$100. Children may register at the Bodenhamer Recreation Center, Cultural Center or online at gulfshoresal.gov or call 251-968-9824.

"This will give us an opportunity to teach and encourage them to eat healthy and build strong bodies. It will also give the children an opportunity to discover new hobbies and interests to keep them living an active, healthy lifestyle," said Nicole Ard, Rec. Manager.

Boating Knowledge & Safety Class June 29 at Lillian Recreation Park

The Perdido Bay Power Squadron is offering its Boating Knowledge and Safety Class on Saturday, June 29 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Lillian Recreation Park, located at 33914 Widell Avenue in Lillian.

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

Purchasing and reviewing the student manual prior to the class is recommended. Register and buy the student manual at Blue Water Ship's Store in Foley. Materials may also be obtained on class day at the Lillian Recreation Park. Make checks out to Perdido Bay Power Squadron. For additional information, call Richard Carson at (251) 980-1536.

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

The cost is \$50 for student materials and lunch. Student materials include a student manual, graduation certificate, and copies of federal and state rules. Two persons in the same household may share a single book. For those sharing a book, there is an \$8 charge for the additional lunch.

World Oceans Day event June 7 on Perdido Key

A World Oceans Day event will be held on Perdido Key from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Friday, June 7 at the West Use Area of Perdido Key State Park. It will be an entertaining and educational day at the beach for all ages, and admission is free!

Attractions include the Discovery
Depot interactive touch tank and other
exhibits from the Navarre Beach Marine Science Station, such as on reefs,
lionfish awareness, and marine debris
– qualified educators will help interest
children in learning more about science and the environment.

Florida State Park/Americorps personnel will address sea turtle nesting, beach mice and exotic plants while Audubon representatives will provide information on shore birds.

A likely visit will be made by Monty – a rescued screech owl under the care of the Northwest Florida Wildlife Sanctuary. The Emerald Coast Kite Flyers and sand sculpture artist David Robertson will also participate, and Robertson will instruct and help with a sand sculpture contest. New this year will be ocean-related student art on display from Helen Caro Elementary School.

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AROUND TOWN

County Commission to set date for vote on toll road

24 mile route would connect Foley Beach Express to I-65

By Fran Thompson

Baldwin County voters will get to decide if they want to create a toll road and bridge authority with jurisdiction over a 24-mile stretch of highway that would connect the exiting Beach Express to Interstate 65 northeast of Bay Minette.

The Alabama State Legislature recently agreed to a Senate amendment to allow for the creation of a bridge authority to oversee the proposed toll road.

The proposed toll road

The Baldwin County Commission now will set a date for the vote. If approved, the Authority will then set toll rates to pay for the estimated \$200 million project.

The extension would be a county road, making it ineligible for funds from the increase in state gas taxes recently approved by

voters.

The plan for the Foley Beach Express, which opened for business in 2000, was always to connect first to I-10 and then to I-65. Baldwin County and developer Tim James built the first stretch of the Foley Beach Express & Briddge in 2000 as a joint public-private partnership. Baldwin County paid for the highway from Foley to the Intracoastal Waterway, and James' company built the bridge. Drivers currently pay a toll to cross the canal on the Express.

Baldwin County could use funds from the Deepwater Horizon RESTORE Act - around \$11 million - to purchase land for the highway, if voters approve forming a bridge authority, which would have the power of eminent domain.

Ballot initiatives for a county toll road and bridge authority and one for municipality bridge authority, specifically Orange Beach,

failed by a 52 to 48 percent vote in 2016.

Dedication for G.S. Garden Club Blue Star Memorial June 12

Marker at Gulf Shores Welcome Center will honor our veterans

The Gulf Shores Garden Club will dedicate a Blue Star Memorial at the Gulf Shores Welcome Center on Hwy. 59 on Wednesday, June 12 at 10 a.m. The club is sponsoring the memorial as part of its ongoing effort to recognize veterans in a highly visible way. The Blue Star Memorial program is an ongoing National Garden Club project in which local garden clubs place a marker in a prominent location on America's highways, byways, cemeteries and other civic locations.

In 1945 the National Garden Club started the program, using the iconic Blue Star that was seen on banners and flags in the homes of those who served during WW II. This program is still active and is a fitting tribute to our Armed Forces. The program now covers all 50 states with more than 1,000 memorials across the USA

The GSGC meets the first Wednesday of each month at 9:45 a.m. Sept. thru May at the Gulf Shores Activity Center. Guests and new members are always welcome. In addition to sharing their love of plants and gardening, club members assist with many community projects, including the Gulf Shores Christmas Parade, the Alabama Coastal Clean Up and the Gulf Shores Beautification Committee.

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Construction begins on new gym at Orange Beach Rec Center

A new, multi-purpose gymnasium at the Orange Beach Recreation Center is taking shape, as construction has begun on the building adjacent to the Rec Center's existing gym. A bid was awarded to Highland Wake Construction for \$1.2 million for construction of a new gymnasium at the at Canal Rd. and Wilson B lvd. Weather permitting, construction is expected to be complete by the start of basketball season in November. City Administrator Ken Grimes said the new gym dimensions will be slightly bigger than the current gym allowing for multiple small courts for the younger basketball leagues. Improvements to the entire complex, including new paint and a roof for the existing recreation center are also planned.

Fall youth sports registration continues through July in G.S.

The Gulf Shores Recreation Department will hold registration for youth football, soccer and cheerleading through July. Youth football is open to ages 7-12. Cheerleading is open to children ages 6-12. Youth soccer is open to ages 4-14. The age control date for all sports is August 1, 2019.

Registration fees for all fall leagues are \$70 for members, \$80 for non-members and \$90 for non-members and non-residents. There is a \$10 discount if you register your child by June 30. Players may register at the Bodenhamer Recreation Center, the Cultural Center or online at gulfshoresal.gov/recreationregistration. Info: 251-968-1421 or visit gulfshoresal.gov/sports.



Am. Post 99 hosts June 29 fundraiser for Sonny Weeks

American Legion Post 99 in Foley will host a fund raiser on Saturday, June 29 beginning at 4 p.m. for Foley resident Sonny Weeks (pictured). Sonny was was diagnosed with Stage 4 bone cancer and is currently unable to work while he is undergoing radiation treatments. Spaghetti dinners complete with salad and dessert will besold for \$10 per plate.

"We need community support to help this family through some difficult times," said Post 99's Chris Carver. The fundraiser will also include a rum basket raffle and live music from Crossfire beginning at 6:30 p.m. Post 99 is located at 2101 S. McKenzie St. (Hwy. 59) in Foley. For more info, call 251-943-3114.



OBPD'S MIKE STOCKWELL AMONG THOSE HONORED DURING BROTHERHOOD RIDE: A group of first responders recently finished a five day, 450-mile trek in honor of fallen colleagues at Orange Beach Fire Station No. 1, behind City Hall. Orange Beach Fire Rescue Assistant Chief of Training Kevin Lanford was part of the Gulf Coast Brotherhood Ride's support team, riding along with the group in a truck with medical and bicycle supplies. Among the 12 fallen first responders honored was Orange Beach Police Officer Michael Stockwell, who died in a car accident in September of 2013 on the Foley Beach Express on his way home from work. He was one of three Alabama first responders honored in the first Gulf Coast Brotherhood Ride. Lanford was driving a support vehicle provided by Orange Beach during the five-day, 450-mile ride from Eunice, Louisiana, to Orange Beach. The two other Alabama officers honored were Justin Billa of the Mobile Police Dept. and Sergeant Charles Mitchum of the Loxley Police Dept. **Pictured:** The Gulf Coast Brotherhood Ride crew enjoyed a nice meal provided by Acme Oyster House Gulf Shores following the 450 mile ride from Louisiana.



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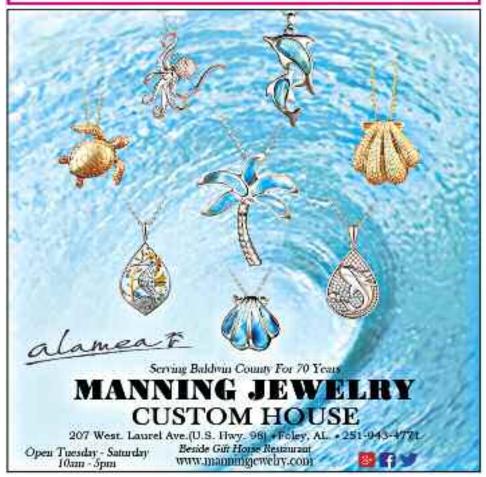
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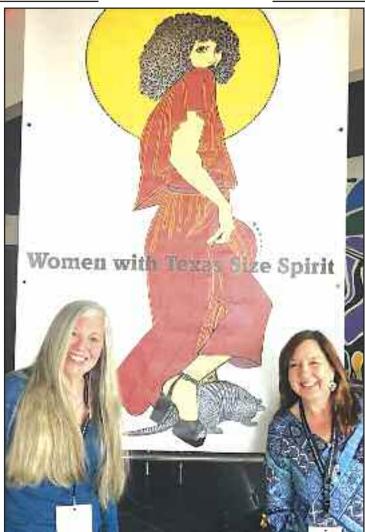
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Joe Billups & Karen Havill book signing June 8 at Artworks

Artworks artists of the month Jo Billups and Karen Harvill will host a book signing at Artworks Studio & Gallery, located in Perdido Key's Villagio Shopping Centre (13700 Perdido Key Dr.), on Saturday, June 8 from 2-6 p.m.

As evidenced in their illustrated children's books, including We've Got The Power and The Humpback Whale & The Little Girl, Jo and Karen have a passion for protecting our environment which they share through music and storytelling. There are six books in the ABC's of Ecology series and they have recorded two CDs of music.

A New Orleans native, Author Jo Billups is an environmental educator who uses music and storytelling as an integral part of her work with children. She spent many years as a music teacher at the Montessori School of Pensacola where she developed the ABC's of Ecology educational program with Karen Harvill. Jo currently lives in South Alabama.

Karen Harvill, a freelance illustrator, is also a wildlife artist and musician who lives on the Mississippi Gulf Coast. Her intense love for nature and concern for a healthy environment have fueled her collaboration with Jo Billups to form the ABC's Of Ecology book and music series. Karen has illustrated all six books in the ABC's of Ecology series. She and Joe share a passion for the planet and a love of nature that has taken them across the country to inspire children to work together for the good of the planet.

For more details about happenings contact Talis at 850-261-9617 or go to facebook.

Doc's ARC Hot Trot June 15 at LuLu's

Registration is now open for the 37th Annual Doc's Hot Trot for ARC 5K Run/Walk and 1 Mile Run presented by the Robertsdale Rotary Club and LuLu's Gulf Shores on Saturday, June 15 at 7:30 a.m. at Lucy Buffett's LuLu's Retaurant in Gulf Shores. Packet pickup is Friday, June 14, from 3-6 p.m. at LuLu's. Day of race registration and packet pick-up begins at 6 a.m. Info: robertsdalerotary.com or lulubuffett.com.

Register online at Active.com or pick up a registration form in LuLu's Gift Shop. Stay and enjoy the post race festivities that will include food, beverages, live music and fun at LuLu's.

All net proceeds are donated to the ARC of Baldwin County. Course is flat, quick & certified! Race may be delayed by rain. Awards will be given for various age groups and divisions.

Ft. Morgan evening tours every Tuesday

Historians and Fort Morgan Historic Site staff dressed in period uniform will provide historical insights on various periods of Fort Morgan's History every Tuesday evening through July from 6-8 p.m. at the Ft. Morgan Historic Site, located at the west end of Ft.Morgan Rd. (Hwy. 180), 23 miles west of Hwy. 59 in Gulf Shores. The address is 110 Alabama Hwy 180. Cost is \$10 per person.

Historical Interpreters portray soldiers that occupied this fort from various periods and tell about the lives of the soldiers during the fort's most active years. demonstrations of small arms drills will occur throughout the evening as well as the firing of one of the fort's artillery pieces at the conclusion of the tour.

More info: 251-540-7127 or fort-morgan.org or heathertassin@fort-morgan.org.



Legends In Concert opens at new OWA Theater

Experience Music Memories of Bruno, Reba, Whitney, Rod & Garth live

Legends in Concert kicks off its all-new location and residency with an incomparable cast of music legends at OWA in Foley beginning Friday, June 7. The longest-running show in Las Vegas will bring audiences to their feet with performances paying tribute to Bruno Mars, Reba McEntire, Elvis Presley, Whitney Houston, Rod Stewart and Garth Brooks, at the newly constructed OWA Theater. The show will feature not only the world's greatest tribute artists, but also dancers, back-up vocalists, a live band, magnificent costumes, elaborate theatrical sets, a full array of incredible special effects, and much more.

Legends in Concert will perform Tuesday through Saturday at 7:30 p.m. with additional matinee shows available at 4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Adult tickets are 34.95 (+taxes/fees) and Child (ages 4-12) tickets start at \$17.95 (+taxes/fees). Legends in Concert also offers discounted Military tickets for \$27.95 (+taxes/fees). VIP balcony section and preferred seating will also be available.

For more than three decades, Legends in Concert has proudly entertained more than 30 million fans worldwide. To purchase tickets, visit LegendInConcert.com/OWA or the Legends Theater Box Office at OWA or by call 251-369-6100.

"Partnering with a world-class show like Legends in Concert, creates another great opportunity for guests to enjoy a memorable night out at OWA," stated Cody Williamson, President/CEO of Creek Indian Enterprises Development Authority. "We will continue investing in exciting entertainment elements not only for our destination, but to encourage year around appeal of the Gulf Coasts for both visitors and locals alike."

Audiences will "Treasure" the sensational tribute to Bruno Mars, portrayed by Isaiah, and "Turn On the Radio" with Corrie Sachs' tribute to the music catalog of Reba McEntire. Witness the return of the King, Elvis Presley, portrayed by the "Hunk of Burning Love" Victor Trevino and experience the voice of a generation, with Jazmine's powerhouse tribute to Whitney Houston. Rod Stewart is "Forever Young" with Rob Caudill's rockin' tribute to 'Rod the Mod' while "The Thunder Rolls" in Shawn Gerhard's stunning recreation of Garth Brooks.

"Building on our show's over three and a half decades of success, we are thrilled to unveil our legendary production to another fastgrowing, family-friendly destination, and entertain guests visiting Coastal Alabama for many years to come," said Brian Brigner, chief operating officer of On Stage Enterprises, producers of Legends. "The theater looks fantastic and possesses technical capabilities that are absolutely going to Wow audiences."

Since its debut in 1983, Legends in Concert has earned countless entertainment industry awards including "Show of the Year," "Entertainers of the Year," "Grand Slam," and the prestigious "Show of Shows" awarded by the International Press Association and was most recently awarded the 2018 "Casino Production Show of the Year."

















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City throws surprise retirement party for OBFD Chief Pearce

Firefighters, friends, family and city officials recently threw a surprise retirement party for Orange Beach Fire Dept. Chief Justin Pearce who will step down from his position this month.



Chief Pearce will be moving with his wife Dr. Stephanie Pearce and their son Hayden (pictured) to Colorado, where Dr. Pearce will be starting a fellowship for pediatric orthopedics.

"We're sad to see him leave but wish them the best," Mayor Tony Kennon said. "He has helped lift the department to new levels and the community is so much better for it."

Chief Pearce started his firefighting career in Orange Beach at the age of 15 as a volunteer cadet and then became full time in 1997. From

there he went into fire prevention then was promoted to lieutenant, followed by captain and battalion chief. After the resignation of Chief Shane Phillips 2017, Pearce agreed to serve as interim chief and then chief in February 2018.

Chief Pearce credited all of the Orange Beach firefighters, leadership and staff for making the department what it is. "You guys are what makes this department work," he said. "And thank you to Mickey Robinson, the first fire chief. He took a chance on hiring me and I don't know if I ever lived up to his expectations but I try to every day."

"You became chief during a very tough time for us and through your strength and through your determination and your skill, we all recovered and we are stronger and better for it," City Council Chairman Pro-tem Annette Mitchell said.

City Administrator Ken Grimes added that Chief Pearce has proven his integrity and strengths during his tenure.



ONO LADIES CLUB HONORS JENSEN BYRD: Honoring Jensen Daniel Byrd and his spirit for giving to others, the foundation was established in 2010 to bring hope to parents and children dealing with childhood cancer right here in our local communities. JHG Foundation helps provide financial relief for expenses that medical insurance doesn't cover. The Ono Ladies Club Boutique donated \$500 to help with this effort. Pictured: Mariah Fulda, President, Ono Ladies Club and Melissa Byrd, President, JHG Foundation.

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Optimist Women Fashion Lunch July 27 at Lillian Com. Center

The women of the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay will host the annual Luncheon/Fashion Show on Saturday, July 27 in the Lillian Community Club.

The event will feature the latest in fashions, prizes and homemade dishes provided by the members and their friends.

Cato's in Foley will provide the women's fashions. Polo Ralph Lauren Factory Store in Tanger Outlet Mall will dress the men.

Tickets are \$12 each and may be purchased from your favorite Optimist or contact Liz Whitehurst, 251-609-0995, or Sally McKinney, 251-961-2620. Doors will open at noon, with the lunch following at 12:30 p.m. Some tickets will be available at the door, but it is suggested that they be purchased in advance to avoid disappointment.

Proceeds from the event help to provide a variety of programs and special events for local children, including scholarships, essay and oratorical contests, and Christmas and Easter parties for children. In addition, members of the club visit the schools weekly to provide math tutoring, mentoring and to read to kindergarten and first grade students.

Pictured: Caroline Mack was one of the models in last year's Fashion Show hosted by the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay. This year's event will be held on Saturday, July 27 in Lillian Community Club.

Finding Old-Time Fiddlers & Tunes topic of June 8 Foley lecture

Joyce Cauthen will bring stories and songs of old-time Alabama to those attending the June 8 Baldwin County Genealogical Society at the Foley Public Library (319 E. Laurel Ave.) at 10 a.m.

Way Down in Alabam': Finding Old-Time Fiddlers & Tunes is the topic of the presentation. In her talk for the Baldwin County Genealogical Society, Cauthen will profile fiddlers from across the state, share their stories, and describe the communities in which they played. She and he husband Jim will perform a tune they learned from each one. Joyce Cauthen is a member of the Road Scholar program and appears with the support of the Alabama Humanities Foundation.

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. More info: baldwingenealogy.org.



Four Unplugged & their fans (4-Heads) roll into Bama June 6-8

Party band Four Unplugged and their faithful followers, the Fourheads, are back at the Flora-Bama Lounge June 6-8. The tradition started almost 23 years ago and has grown bigger and better every year.

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Despite the name, Four Unplugged now has six members and they are plugged in, but it all started with a vacation stop at the Flora-Bama by founding members, Ricky and Jan Windhorst. As they spent the day watching George Ridder and Lonie Ferguson on the old patio and the Diving Ducks inside, they were inspired to form Four Unplugged.

But after the first two years, all that changed – except the name. Crowds got larger and fans wanted to dance. Bass, sax and drums were added. And eventually the hand turned into the musical machine it is today.

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"I like to say we call it Four Unplugged because we can't count, but the truth is that when we started adding more people and instruments the name was so well known and respected that we couldn't change it," said founding member Ricky Windhorst.

For those wanting a taste of the start-up sound, the original four-piece lineup will reunite for an acoustic show on June 6 starting at 6 p.m. on the tent stage. Past band mates, Rick Samson and Dave Lemoine, will join Rick and Jan, with other guests expected to sit in. Like last year, this promises to be a special beginning to an amazing weekend.

The full band will play outside on June 7 at 10:30 p.m. and June 8 at 6 p.m. Opening for Four Unplugged on Friday will be Ricky's old friend, Johnny Barbato and the Lucky Doggs. Saturday Four Unplugged will be followed by the Get Sideways Band.

Four Unplugged generally starts with a set list, but that usually goes off the tracks depending on the crowd after just a few songs. The group looks at each show as a new adventure and their job is to get the most out of it for the crowd and the band.

In fact, the band's enthusiastic followers put on a show all their own all weekend. The Fourheads are the real party and the band is very appreciative of their support.

The band is not afraid to tackle any and all genres of music, and with a song list of several hundred songs they aspire to play two separate four-hour shows barely repeating a song.

"Our local fans see us all the time so we keep adding to and changing the set lists. We love having such a large and diverse list of songs to choose from. We've worked up a ton of new songs and plan on bringing back favorites from the band's 23-year history," Windhorst said. "All I know is get ready.

"It's such a special place to play," he added. "I know everyone says that. I've seen interviews with Kenny Chesney and other artists who say the same thing. I think it's a blend of the vibe, the crowd, the history and the venue. Party music, the beach and the Flora~Bama, it just doesn't get any better!"

The group consists of Louisiana Music Hall of Fame members Ricky and Jan Windhorst on vocals and keyboards respectively (Jan also sings). Randy Bidleman is on drums, with Kenny Schneider on guitars and vocals, Jimmy Belew is on saxophone, and newest member Craig Courtney handles the bass guitar and vocals.



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By George Ridder



Daughter: " I don't like the boy you found for me... his teeth are not in order and he looks ugly when he smiles."

Mother: "Don't worry about that. He will not be smiling after he marries you."

A bald man had a real hangup about his lack of hair. He had tried all types of treatment, but without success. Then one day he passed a barber's shop with a sign in the window that read: "Bald Men. Your Problems Solved Instantly. You Too Can Have a Head of Hair Like Mine For Five Hundred Dollars."

And beneath the sign was a photo of the barber with his flowing mane of hair. So the bald man went into the shop and asked the bartender, "Can you guarantee that for \$500 my hair will instantly look like yours?"

"Certainly," said the barber. "It will take no more than a few seconds for us to look exactly

"Okay then," said the bald man, handing over the money. "Let's go for it."

The barber took the money and shaved his own hair off.

"Look at this mess!" roared an angry customer at a local cafe, pointing to his squashed dough-

"It's just as you ordered it, sir," the waitress replied meekly.

"What do you mean?" barked the customer.

"You told me to bring you coffee and a doughnut and step on

What does the world's top dentist get?

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A husband and wife went to the fairgrounds. The wife wanted to go on the Ferris wheel, but the husband wasn't comfortable with that. So the wife went on the ride by herself.

The wheel went round and round and suddenly the wife was thrown out and landed in a heap at her husband's feet.

"Are you hurt?" he asked.

"Of course I'm hurt!" she replied. "Three times around and you didn't wave once.

A good piece of chocolate has about 200 calories. As I enjoy two servings per night and a few more on weekends, I consume 3.500 calories of chocolate in a week, which equals to one pound of weight per week.

Therefore, in the last three and a half years, I have had a chocolate caloric intake of about 180 pounds. I only weigh 165 pounds, so without chocolate, I would have wasted away to nothing about three months

I owe my life to chocolate!

"Did you give the prisoner the third degree?" the police captain asked the detective.

"Yeah, we browbeat him pretty good," nodded the other. "Asked him every question and made every threat we could think of."

"And did you get a confession?" asked the sergeant.

"Not exactly," explained the officer. "All he'd say was, 'Yes dear' and he'd doze off."

A New York attorney representing a wealthy art collector called his client and said to him, "Paul, I have some good news and I have some bad news."

The art collector replied, "I've had an awful day; let's hear the good news first."

The attorney said, "Well, I met with your wife today, and she informed me that she invested \$5,000 in two pictures that she

thinks will bring a minimum of \$15-20 million. I think she could be right."

"Well done! My wife is a brilliant businesswoman! You've iust made my day. Now I know I can handle the bad news. What is it?"

The attorney replied, "The pictures are of you with your secre-

Billy decided it was time to buy a new house, so he decided to sell his old house and put the matter in a real estate agent's hands.

The agent wrote up a sales blurb for the house that made wonderful reading. After Bill read it, he turned to the agent and asked, "Does my house have everything your ad says it does?"

The agent said, "It certainly does. Why do you ask?"

Bill replied, "Cancel the sale. It's exactly what I'm looking for!"

A wife told her husband that he put football before their marriage.

"That's not true," he said. "After all, this is our fourth season together."

Q: Why do bicycles fall over? A: Because they're two-tired!

Teacher: "You are the only one in the entire class who makes so many mistakes in the homework assignment."

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GULF SHORES CITY COUNCIL

Gulf Shores Life Guards rescue 32 from surf Memorial weekend

Pleasure Island's agencies among the few with advanced certifications

By John Mullen

Gulf Shores Deputy Fire Chief Keith Martin said when Melvin Shepard was hired to head up the Beach Safety Division, he was charged with raising the standards of lifeguard crews.

"When this code X was issued, we had five of our lifeguards that were off duty enjoying a day at the beach jump in and assist without having to be asked to do it. They just did it because it was the right thing to do."

"We were able to have Melvin come in and help us achieve a goal," Martin said. "The goal we had set for them was to become an advanced agency."

During the May 28 council meeting Shepard said that goal has been achieved. Sadly, the announcement came a day after 21-year-old Edwin Perez drowned trying to save his cousin, family members said. The cousin survived.

Shepard said crews ended a busy weekend rescuing 32 people from the Gulf with 20 of those coming at the main beach at Gulf Place.

"This weekend alone we estimated about 160,000 on the beaches of Gulf Shores,"

Shepard said. "They conducted 4,000 personal contacts and over 2,000 lectures where they spoke to families about the danger of rip currents and surf conditions. We had 35 major medical calls on the beach, 31 missing children, and five missing adults."

So far this year Gulf Shores crews have had a total of 72 rescues.

"A rescue is defined as someone who should have drowned or would have drowned if a lifeguard was not there to remove them from the water," Shepard said. "That's not somebody that's out on a float in the water and we just assist them back to the beach."

The new designation for Gulf Shores makes it one of only 54 in the country out of 154 lifeguard agencies and only one of four, including Orange Beach, on the northern Gulf Coast. Destin and Pensacola also have advanced certifications.

"What that represents is the additional training all the lifeguards must have," Shepard said. "It's 48 hours of additional medical training in lieu of CPR and first aid. Those are required. We currently have five licensed paramedics, three advanced EMTs, two basic EMTs and two other of our lifeguards have signed up to take basic EMT courses this summer.

"Two of the beach trucks have advanced life support equipment and cardiac drugs so we can run any life support call out on the beach without having to call the fire department. We will call them when we need their help as we did on Sunday with an incident."

Shepard said lifeguards work nine and a half hour days and man 10 towers from the Gulf State Park pavilion to Little Lagoon Pass. There are also four roving lifeguards riding ATVs.

"What these young men and women do every day is not an easy task," Shepard said. "They are out there dealing with the heat, the stress, the environment of all the people that are on their beaches. When this code X

was issued (May 27) for the missing swimmer, we have five of our lifeguards that were off duty enjoying a day at the beach jump in and assist without having to be asked to do it. They just did it because it was the right thing to do."

15 rescues in Orange Beach

Orange Beach Safety Director Brett Lesinger said spring wasn't busy as normal for the most part for his lifeguard crews but that also changed this weekend.

"This beach season had a slow start for spring break with small crowds and cold water," Lesinger said. "We have seen huge crowds roll onto the beach for special occasions like Memorial Day weekend, Mullet Toss, local concerts, and holidays but not consistent crowds throughout the year though."

He said his crews conducted 15 rescues over the long weekend and all were related to rip currents. There were also eight water assists, 11 medical aid cases, 325 preventive actions, four missing people (all found safe), two transported to the hospital and 996 public contacts. So far in 2019 Orange Beach has had 31 rescues and 46 water assists.

During the May 28 Gulf Shores regular session, the council also:

• Passed Budget Amendment 2 which included \$5.7 million for phase one of the Gulf Shores school system improvements.

• Agreed to an annexation of 42 acres located north of County Road 8, between Grund Lane and Viola Road. The applicant is requesting single-family residential zoning with about 82 lots.

• Approved reappointment of Jessica Sanders and Ken Kichler to the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Com-

• Agreed to annex property is located at 6487 Schoel Lane that is occupied by a single-family house. The applicant indicates the reason for annexing is so his daughters can attend Gulf Shores City Schools.

• Agreed to an annexation request from Mr. and Mrs. David Watts seeking to annex their home located at 19045 Stout Lane. The applicant indicates the reason for annexation is to be a part of the Gulf Shores City School System.

• Agreed to an updated maintenance agreement from the Alabama Department of Transportation for the continued maintenance of the proposed sidewalks and pedestrian crossings that are being installed as part of the Coastal Gateway Boulevard Improvements.

• Amended an ordinance to install four-way stop signs at the intersections of First, Second, Third and Fourth Streets. Residents made the request and after a Public Works study it was agreed the increased traffic and pedestrian presence at the side streets now because of new traffic signals and pedestrian crossings added on beach road. A police department review agreed with the assessment.

Pictured: Gulf Shores lifeguards training to earn advanced certifications. Orange Beach and Gulf Shores are two of only four lifeguard agencies on the northern Gulf Coast that have advanced certifications.







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Patrons are encouraged to come early and bring their lawn chairs or blankets and get comfortable for an afternoon and evening of fun and free entertainment. Live entertainment begins at 6 p.m., followed by a family-friendly movie presented on a large inflatable screen. Admission is always free. Concessions will be available, including delicious desserts from Sweet Rolls.

Heritage Park is located at the intersection of Ala. 59 and U.S. 98 in Foley. Info: 251-943-1300, bmanley@cityoffoley.org or visit visitfolev.org.

O.B. Wildlife Center solicits nature pics for use in its calendar

The Orange Beach Wildlife Calendars is accepting photo in jpeg for for conideration in its 2020 calendar. The entry deadline is June 20 and photos must be of local wildlife. Email sumbissions to mvinson@orangebachal.gov. No more than five entries per person. All proceeds from the calendar, which sells for \$20, benefit the Orange Beach Wildlife Center and aids in furthering their mission of the protection and preservation of wildlife through management, rescue, rehabilitation and education.



CHAMBER RECOGNIZES SBLC ADULT LEARNING COORDINATOR: Allison Smith, coordinator of adult learning at SBLC, received the South Baldwin Awesome Award from the South Baldwin Chamber of Commerce. Allison was nominated for her excellence in customer service and the support and inspiration she provides for the adult learners at SBLC. Allison has also established services for residents in Mary's Shelter, as well as other area organizations. She coordinated SBLC's 2nd Annual Graduation and Awards Ceremony, providing the learners with a wonderful graduation experience. She received balloons, a pin, and a gift card from the Chamber. SBLC is grateful for all of her hard

- WED, JUNE 5
 Flora-Bama Possible Probables: 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
- Flora-Bama Bingo: 1-4 p.m.; Flora-Bama Loung Tent Stage; Perdido Key.
- Art El Fresco 10:45 a.m.; RSVP required, 251-948-8881 or online at tackyjacks.com, includes lunch; Tack Jacks;
- Summertide Theatre presents: Forever Plaid: 8 p.m.; South Baldwin Community Theatre; Gulf Shores.
- Jessie Howell: 6; Tacky Jacks, Orange
- 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.
- Bingo: 10 a.m.; American Legion Post

- Danny Grady: 5; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- Karaoke w. Cindy & Mary: 5; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- Karaoke: 6; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores
- Karaoke: 9; The Undertow; Orange
- Scott Koehn/Flip Flop Bros: 6:30; Flippers, Orange Beach.
- Big Beach Running & Social Club: 5:30 p.m.; Big Beach Brewery in Gulf Shores; lafleetfeet.com.
- Brandon Styles Magic Show: 7; OWA Showroom, Foley
- Family Night Dinner & Activities: 5:45 p.m.; Saint Andrew by the Sea, 17263 Fort Morgan Rd., Gulf Shores; 678-361-
- Open Mixed Doubles Tennis: 7:15 a.m.; all levels welcome; Gulf Shores Tennis Center; corner of West 19th Ave. and West
- 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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- 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 Wednes-
- day, Perdido Bay Baptist Church, 12600 Sorrento Rd. Pensacola; call for eligiblity
- 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 wel-come; 251-968-5683.

• AA: Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship

- Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (In-
- nerarity Point) Pensacola.

 AA: 7:30 p.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
- Bingo: 10 a.m.; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- Steak Night followed by music w. Bruni: 5; American Legion Post 99; Foley.

- THU, JUNE 6
 Flora-Bama Possible Probables: 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama,
- Flora-Bama Bingo: 1-4 p.m.; Flora-Bama Loung Tent Stage; Perdido Key.
- Tacky Jacks Beach Games: 11 a.m.; relay races, challenges, and brain teasers; participants get a free lunch; Tack Jacks; Gulf Shores.
- Summertide Theatre presents: Forever Plaid: 8 p.m.; South Baldwin Community Theatre; Gulf Shores.
- Hootie & The Blowfish w. Barenaked Ladies: 7:30; The Wharf Amphitheater; Orange Beach.
- Open Mic: 7; Snapper's; Orange Beach.

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Bon Secour's St. Peter's hosts June 6 fish-fry

St. Peter's Episcopal Church will host an old fashioned fishfry on the first Thursday of June, August, September and October every month an its beautiful campus in Bon Secour from 5-7 p.m. The next feast is June 6. 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 & County Rd. 49 at 6270 County Road 10 in Bon Secour. For more info, call 251-949-6254 or stpetersbonsecour. diocgc.com.

- **Greg Brown:** 2 p.m.; Sassy Bass Amazin' Grill; Ft. Morgan.
- Brent Burns: 6; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.
- LA South: 6; Hub Stacey's, Innerarity Point.
 Scott Koehn: 5:30; Pleasure Island Tiki
- Bar, Orange Beach.
 Tim Roberts: 6:30; The Tin Top, Bon
- 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.
- DJ/Karaoke with LiL BoB: 8; Island
- Time Daquari; The Wharf; Orange Beach.
 Karaoke: 10; The Undertow; Orange
- Coping Conversations Grief Support Group: 9:30 a.m.; Nix Center, Fairhope, 251-626-5255 or 251-928-2835.
- 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-

- Blind Draw Dart Tourney: 7, American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- Gulf Shores United Methodist Church Bread Ministry: 9-10; every Thursday; room 103 on the south campus, next to Crossroad: 251 968-2411.
- Adult Bible Study: 10 a.m.; Gulf Shores Presbyterian Church; all welcome; (251) 968-7720.
- Gulf Shores Library Pre-school (3-5) Story Time: 10:30 a.m.; 251-968-1176.
- Orange Beach Bridge Club: Tue. & Thur at noon; Orange Beach Senior Center; visitors and new members welcomed even without a partner; 251-981-3440.
- AA: Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
- AA: 7 p.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

FRI, JUNE 7

- Flora-Bama Possible Probables: 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Pordida Koy.
- Flora-Bama Bingo: 1-4 p.m.; Flora-Bama Loung Tent Stage; Perdido Key.
 Oyster Bake Friday: 11 a.m.; music,
- Oyster Bake Friday: 11 a.m.; music corn hole, sand pile, family fun and games; Tack Jacks; Gulf Shores.

- Music & A Movie (Incredibles 2): 4:30-9:30 p.m.; Heritage Park Gazebo; downtown Foley.
- Summertide Theatre presents: Forever Plaid: 8 p.m.; South Baldwin Community Theatre: Gulf Shores.
- Grayson Capps & Corky Hughes: 7; Big Beach Brewing Company; Gulf Shores.
- Beach Brewing Company; Gulf Shores.
 Funky Lampshades: 5; Playa, Orange
- Jimmy Lee Hanniford: 11 a.m.; Tacky Jacks. Gulf Shores.
- Touch Of Class: 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- Grayson Capps & Corky Hughes: 7; Big Beach Brewing Company, Gulf Shores.
- Lefty Collins: 6; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- LA South: 7; Hub Stacey's, Innerarity Point.
 Matt & Candy: 7; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Mor-
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- ange Beach.
- First Friday Fish Fry: 11-1; Foley United Methodist Church Spirit Center, 915 N Pine St., Foley, 251-943-4393.
- Rhonda Hart: 5; Fin & Fork, Orange Beach.
- First Friday Art Walk: 6; Downtown Fairhope.

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

 Open Mic Karaoke: 5; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- Karaoke: 8; Snapper's; Orange Beach.
 Karaoke: 10; The Undertow; Orange
- Open Jam in the Canteen: 8, American
- Legion Post 199; Fairhope.

 Brandon Styles Magic Show 8; OWA
 Showroom Foley
- Open Mixed Doubles Tennis: 7:15 a.m.; all levels welcome; Gulf Shores Tennis Center; corner of West 19th Ave. and West
- **Bingo:** 5:30; Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5659; Elberta.
- Foley Rotary Club: 12:15 p.m.; Gift Horse Restaurant in Foley; foleyrotary @gulftel.com.
- AA: Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
- AA: 7 p.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

SAT, JUNE 8

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

Embassy Suites now set to open in spring of 2022

\$85 million mixed-use development at the corner of West Beach Boulevard and West 1st St.

The Embassy Suites in Gulf Shores, originally scheduled to open in late fall of 2021, has tweaked its timeline and now plans for an opening in the spring of 2022 on the cusp of the coming busy summer season.

So, instead of a July 1 start date the developers asked to begin the project in January of 2020 with hopes of being fully up and running by March of 2022. No ground has been broken on the project that is on the north side of beach road directly across from the city's newly redesigned Gulf Place. The empty lot is directly behind an Alvin's Island beach store and most recently used as a staging area for equipment helped to set up the annual Hangout Music Fest.

Gulf Shores Economic Development Coordinator Blake Phelps said all of the preliminary paperwork has been done and the plans are up for review by the city's planning commission.

"They have completed all site investigations, geotechnical, environmental, survey and all those type things on the site itself," Phelps said. "They are working toward completing construction drawings for our review and for Hilton's approval."

Part of those plans include a 7,800-square-foot ballroom and a total of 11,000 square feet of meeting space the city asked the developers to include adding another conference venue in the city.

The hotel will have 229 rooms, a full-service spa, indoor pool and fitness center. Topping it all will be a 23,000-square-foot rooftop with views of Gulf Place beachfront and It will include a bar open to the pub-

lic and a pool for hotel guests.

"We're going through the site plan review process right now," Phelps said. "They're tracking for the planning commission for June as long as everything

continues moving forward in our internal review and I truly expect that it will."

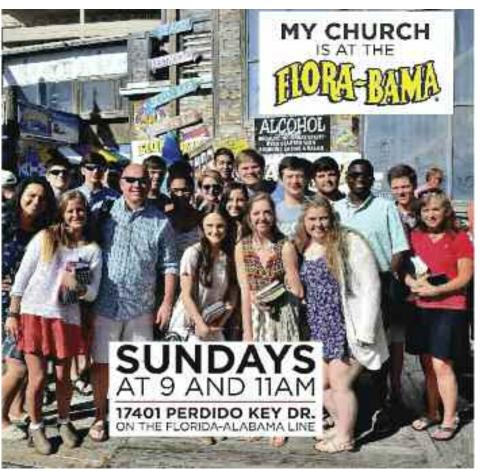
Gulf Shores will give Embassy Suites a tax rebate of 42 percent during the first three years of operation and 35 percent every year following until \$6.5 million is reached. Or the basic cost of adding more than 11,000 square feet of meeting space including a 7,800-square-foot ballroom to the project.

"You always want two or three months of ramp-up time to let your staff get oriented and work through any operational kinks before you really hit the busy, busy part of the season," Phelps said. "But six to eight months of that is not desirable."

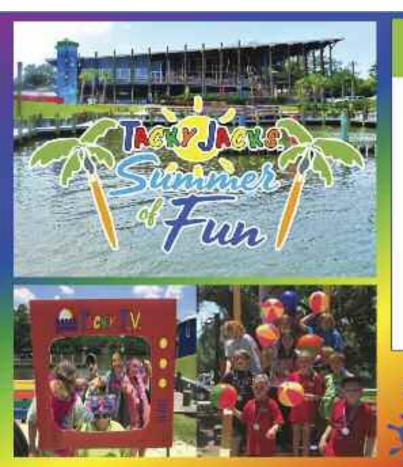
Phelps said a new member was added to the development team and first raised the concerns about opening in the slower part of the tourist season.

"Since the original development agreement was approved back in July the original developers formed a joint venture with a development group called Woodbine Development Corp. out of Dallas," Phelps said. "They came back and suggested we shift those dates."









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OPTIMIST CLUB OF PERDIDO BAY SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS: The Optimist Club of Perdido Bay recently awarded three \$1,000 scholarships to three graduating seniors, Molly MacGregor, Riley Mercado and Cody Williams.

• Molly MacGregor is an Elberta resident and a graduate of Foley High School. She plans to attend Coastal Alabama Community College for two years and then transfer to the University of South Alabama (USA) or the University of Alabama Birmingham (UAB) where she will study for a nursing degree. She currently works at

OWA in the rides management department and will continue there while continuing her educa-

She has been a member of Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA), a national career and technical student organization endorsed by the US Department of Education and Health Science Technology Education Division of the Association for Career and Technical Education (ACTE). Molly has also been a volunteer with the American Red Cross Blood Drive, Penny for Patients and Patient Cancer Awareness.

"In the past four years, Health Science has been my life. In receiving this scholarship, I will be able to follow my dreams of becoming a Nurse, giving me the opportunity to better myself and give back

 Riley Mercado is also a Foley High School graduate. She lives in Lillian. She is currently employed at Burlington Brands.

She is a member of the Foley High School Junior Optimist Club (JOI), several school clubs, marching band, Prom Committee and a Student Representative. Riley has worked with the Key Club Breast Cancer Dinner, JOI Club Trunk or Treat and Key Club UNICEF, raising money for the organization.

"In receiving this scholarship, I will continue my path to the exciting future I began through Advanced Placement courses and service clubs I participated in all four years of high school. I had the joy of participating in clubs like Key Club, Leo Club and many others that were able to shape me into the giving and kind person I am today. I hope that these clubs taught me about how to fall in love with giving and not receiving as I begin my journey at the University of Alabama in Birmingham to pursue a Bachelor of Science degree in

• Cody Williams is a student at Gulf Shores High School and South Baldwin Center for Technology. His interest is automotive and he will be attending Universal Technical Institute in Houston to study Collision Repair. He currently works in Golf Course Maintenance. He has been a member of the NJROTC, climbing to the rank of Petty Officer First Class. He was awarded the Military Excellence medal and ribbon by the American Legion

in his second year. He was also a member of Skills USA and he plays guitar. "I want to exceed so I may improve the lifestyle I've had to live in. Living in a low income, low class home, it made me realize how tough it is to live that kind of life. This made me want to do my best, so I may improve my chances for my future. After the first two years at Gulf Shores, I decided my next two years would be spent in trade school, taking automotive tech. I was chosen to be the Vice President for my automotive class and did my utmost to learn as much as I could during my time in this class, taking my role seriously and making sure to be an example of safety, pro-

fessionalism and maturity in our shop." Pictured: (top) Optimist Club of Perdido Bay (OCPB) Scholarship Chairman Jim Shepherd, Sissy Williams, Cody Williams; (above left) Molly MacGregor and Rile

Mercado.

Bayside Baptist Church hosts VBS registration fun June 8

Bayside Baptist Church in Lillian will be having VBS Registration Fun on Saturday, June 8 from 9 a.m. 'til noon. the event will feature popcorn, snow cones, games, and inflatables. Please come and register for VBS, which will be held on Monday, June 17 through Wednesday, June 19 from 8:30 - 11 a.m. The church is located at 33749 Hwy. 98 in Lillian. For more info, call (251) 961-1731.

Two hour Angler Academy offered at Gulf State Park Pier

Gulf State Park has opened an Angler Academy, a beginner's workshop to becoming a saltwater fisherman. Whether you have little or no experience, the experts at Gulf State Park's Nature Center will provide you with the tools and rules of saltwater fishing before casting out into the Gulf from the 1,540-foot pier.

You will learn how to prepare your line and what bait to use to reel in a big catch. Even first-timers can become pros if the fish are biting. All fishing equipment is provided.

A two hour class is \$15 per person and free for children five and under. For available times (maximum number of participants is 10 per class), call 251-948-7275, ext. 92128.

Alabama State Waters opening for shrimping

All Alabama inside waters not permanently closed by law or regulation are now open for shrimp harvesting. This includes Mobile Bay, Bon Secour Bay, Mississippi Sound, Perdido Bay, Arnica Bay, Wolf Bay and Little Lagoon. For more info, visit outdooralabama.com.

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- Hippie Jim: 11 a.m.; Tacky Jacks, Or-

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 Touch Of Class: 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf
- Shelby Brown: 6; Tacky Jacks, Orange
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5:30 Mike Diamond

10:00 Mario

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

David's Gallery celebrates 50 years in Gulf Shores

By Fran Thompson

Carolyn Hall was not selling tie-dye tees and water pipes on premise when David's Gallery opened in 1969, but she has been the driving force behind the business for 41 of the 50 years it has welcomed patrons, first as Sunburst in the Bayou Village Shopping Center, to Gulf Shores.

Now located a few hundred yards closer to the beach on Hwy. 59, David's Gallery is named after Carolyn's former husband and business founder, David Atwood, who left town and the business almost 30 years ago.

Carolyn tried to track David down to return for April's 50th anniversary celebration to no avail. "We couldn't make it happen," she said. "I believe he is somewhere in Colorado. It would have been nice to have him there. Maybe bring him in on a float. We still sell t-shirts that say 'Dave's Not Here 'Mon,' like the old Cheech and Chong

Carolyn opened what was the first yoga center in Alabama upstairs at David's Gallery in the early 1980's. But she was not able to advertise it as such.

"The city would not allow me to put the word yoga on a sign," she said. "They wanted me to call it stretch-n-relax or limbercize. I felt like that would have been prostituting myself. It is based on 3,000 year old principles, but people perceived it as undermining Christian values. It was the same with classes I taught at the Mobile YMCA. I would start every class by saying this is Y-O-G-A. Now churches even offer yoga."

It was six or seven years before Carolyn was finally able to put the word yoga on a sign. "I just went on word-ofmouth,"she said.

Smoking accessories are still a big seller at David's Gallery. And clothing, poster and incense sales add to the bottom line. But more than anything, tourists come in for tattoos and/or piercings during the summer season.

Topping sales over a 12 month period is CBD oil.

"Not many snowbirds get tattoos. But they love CBD oil. It is really popular with them. Even in the summer we are making cookies and brownies with CBD oil every day," Carolyn said. "I don't know if it is going to run its course. But it is really trendy right now. People know that all CBD oil is not the same. We are the only business around that sells it right now. But I expect that in another year it will be in Wal-Mart and Rite-Aid."

Carolyn said she has no plans to retire or sell her longtime business, noting that the Pleasure Island community has evolved since she was prohibited from advertising

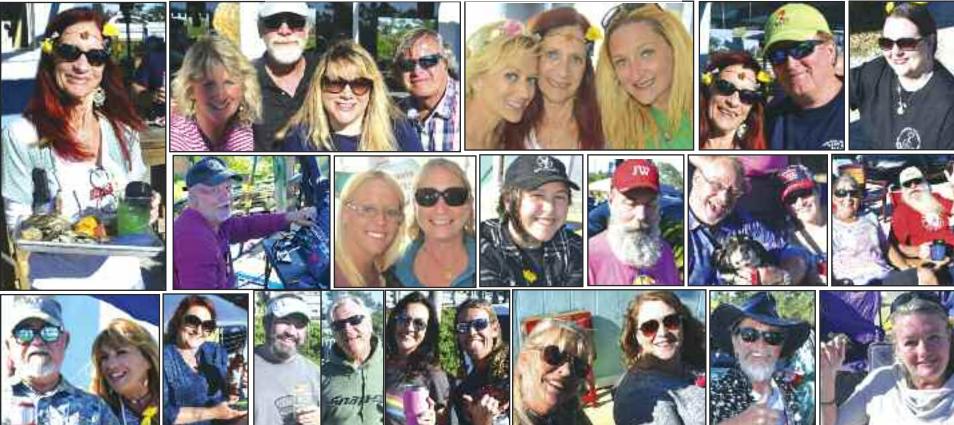
"People in general are a lot more accepting now," she said.

- Steak Night followed by music w. Bruni: 5; American Legion
- Free 2nd Saturday Veterans Breakfast: 8:30-10 a.m.; American Legion Post 44; Gulf Shores.

SUN, JUNE 9

- Central Flora-Bama Church: Church experiences, 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.; Flora-Bama Tent Stage, Perdido Key.
- Unity Church Beach Service: noon; St. Thomas By The Sea Chapel; Orange Beach.
- Flora-Bama Possible Probables: 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
- Summertide Theatre presents: Forever Plaid: 4 p.m.; South Baldwin Community Theatre; Gulf Shores.
- Danny Grady: 2 p.m.; Fraternal Order of Eagles, Gulf Shores • John Lee Sanders: 6; Voyagers Restaurant at Perdido Beach
- Resort: Orange Beach. • Lisa Zanghi: 6; The Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- J & J: 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- The Defrosters: 4 p.m.; The Flying Harpoon 2, Orange Beach
- Beave & Cleave: 11 a.m.; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.
- Robochaux & Les: noon; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.
- Lisa Christian: 4, Tacky Jack's, Gulf Shores. 3 Bean Soup: 4; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- Scott Koehn: 4; Pleasure Island Tiki Bar, Orange Beach.
- David Jones: 11 a.m.; Playa, Orange Beach.
- Queen of Hearts: 7:30; American Legion Post 44, Gulf
- Karaoke: 7; Live Bait Tiki Bar, Orange Beach. John Joiner & Friends: 4; Hub Stacey's at the Point; Innerar
- Gemimen: 5; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- Blind Draw Dart Tournament: 5; American Legion Post 99,
- 9 Ball APA: 6; The Office, Foley.

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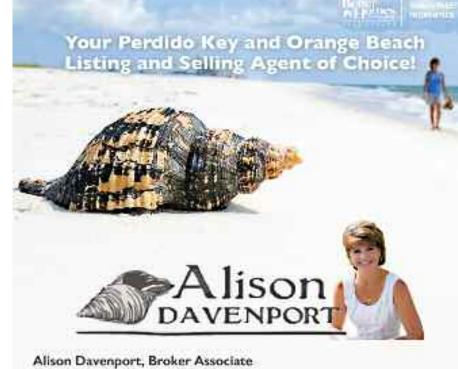
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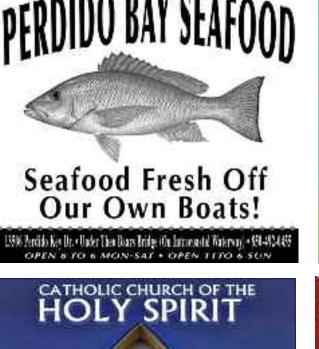
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What's Happening



GSMS POET EMILY STUPICA WILL BE PUBLISHED: Gulf Shores Middle School student, Emily Stupica's poem "Masquerade" has been published in a national poetry contest and will be in the Spring 2019 book Creative Communication: A Celebration of poets. This is a huge honor, as most students are not invited to be published. This publication brings together the best student authors in the United States

• AA: 5 p.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (In-nerarity Point) Pensacola.

MON, JUNE 10

- 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.
- Trivia Night: 7; Big Beach Brewing Company, Gulf Shores.
- Mark Laborde & Smokey Otis: 7 p.m.; Papa Roccos, Gulf Shores.

 • Brandon Black: 6; Tacky Jacks, Orange
- The Defrosters: 7; The Seville Quarter

South Bald. Literacy Council Trivia Night Aug. 9 in Foley

The South Baldwin County Literacy Council will hold its annual trivia night fundraiser at the Foley Civic Center on Aug. 9. Doors open at 5 p.m., and trivia begins at 6:30 p.m. The theme this year is "Your Favorite Book." Supporters are welcome to decorate your table and dress in costumes to represent the book. There will be prizes for best decorated table/costumes. Each table can have up to eight players. Sponsor a table for \$160 by calling 251-943-7323. There will be 10 rounds of trivia, a silent auction, pick-a-pot, a live auction, and "heads or tails" rounds. Bring your own food and drinks for the night of fun.

NW FL Blues Society, Pensacola

- Brandon Styles Magic Show: 7; OWA Showroom, Foley.
- Medicine Man: 6; Hub Stacey's, Innerar-
- Bridge: noon; American Legion Post 44,
- Bingo: 6; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- Open Mixed Doubles Tennis: 7:15 a.m.; all levels welcome; Gulf Shores Tennis Center; corner of West 19th Ave. and
- 8 Ball League: 7:30; The Office, Foley.
 Celebrate Recovery: (Christ centered 12 step program); Monday evenings at 6 p.m.; Christian Life Church in Orange
- Overeaters Anonymous: 6; Holy Spirit Episcopal Church; Gulf Shores, 616 Ft. Morgan Rd.; 251-709-5907. T.O.P.S. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly):

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weigh-in 5:30; meeting 6; First Presbyte-rian Church of Foley; (Berry & Highway

- Grief Share: 6 p.m.; Community Hospice Center, Foley.
- AA: Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
- Ladies AA: 10 a.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

TUE, JUNE 11

- Flora-Bama Possible Probables: 3 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
- Flora-Bama Bingo: free; 1-4 p.m.; great prizes, family friendly; 17401 Perdido Key Dr., Perdido Key.
- Hands on Habitat: 10:45 a.m.; free & family friendly; Tack Jacks; Gulf Shores. is a fun and • Zoo Camp: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.;



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- Brent Burns: 4; Fin & Fork, Orange Beach. • John Brust: 6; The Lobby Bar at Perdido
- Beach Resort; Orange Beach.

 Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde: 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- Elaine Petty: 2 p.m.; Sassy Bass Amazin' Grill; Ft. Morgan.
- Greg Brown: 6; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach. • Ricky Johnson: 4; American Legion Post 99;
- Bowling Tourney: 7; Snapper's; Orange Beach
- Karaoke: 7; American Legion Post 199;
- Free Line Dance Lessons With Lori: 6; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores. • JW Karaoke: 6; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity
- Lisa Christian: 6; Sunset Cork Room, Gulf
- Brandon Styles Variety Show 7; OWA Show-
- room, Foley.
 Kiwanis Club of Big Lagoon: 5 p.m.; social meeting; locations to be determined, 850-867-5873 or 901-734-1066.

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- What's Happening \cdot
 - NAPA Pool League: 7:30; The Office, Foley.
 Bingo: 10 to 2; Gulf Coast Elks Lodge 2782, Foley: 251-971-2782.
 - Orange Beach City Council Meeting: 5 p.m.; City Hall; 980-INFO.\
 - Sonora Masonic Lodge: 7 p.m.; 202 E. Jackson Street in Summerdale; sonora635.com.
 - Orange Beach Bridge Club: Tue. & Thur at noon; Orange Beach Senior Center; visitors and new members welcomed even without a partner; 251-981-3440.
 - Orange Beach Library Children's Story Time: 10 a.m.; preschool; 981-2923.
 - Southwest Branch Library Children's Story Time: 10:30 a.m.; preschool; 12248 Gulf Beach Hwy, Pensacola; (850) 453-7780. • Gulf Shores Kiwanis Club: Palmer Dining
 - Room at Craft Farms; noon; new members
 - and guests always welcome; 251-981-9999.
 Kiwanis Club of Foley: Noon on Tuesdays at Ryan's in Foley; 251-968-6288.
 - AA: Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
 - Al-Anon: Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Activities Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

WED, JUNE 12

- Flora-Bama Possible Probables: 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido
- Flora-Bama Bingo: free; 1-4 p.m.; great prizes, family friendly; 17401 Perdido Key Dr., Perdido Key.
- Art El Fresco 10:45 a.m.; RSVP required, 251-948-8881 or online at tackyjacks.com, includes lunch; Tack Jacks; Gulf Shores
- Summertide Theatre presents: Forever Plaid: 8 p.m.; South Baldwin Community Theatre; Gulf Shores.
- Open Mic Night: 5:30; Tacky Jack's, Gulf
- John Lee Sanders: 6; Voyagers Restaurant at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- John Brust: 6; The Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- Lonesome Mel: 6; Tacky Jacks, Orange
- Brent Burns: 4; Fin & Fork, Orange Beach.
- Swing Dancing: 7, American Legion Post
- Big Beach Running Club: 5:30 p.m.; Big Beach Brewery in Gulf Shores; all levels wel-
- Scott Koehn/Flip Flop Bros: 6:30; Flippers,





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By Carolyn Godfrey

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1 pkg. (16 oz.) bow tie pasta

2 lbs. peeled and deveined cooked shrimp (31-40 per

2 cans (7-1/2 oz. each) marinated quartered artichoke hearts, drained

2 cans (2-1/4 oz. each) sliced ripe olives, drained

2 cups (8 oz.) crumbled feta cheese

8 green onions, sliced

1/2 cup chopped fresh parsley

1/4 cup chopped fresh basil

Dressing:

1/2 cup white wine vinegar

1/2 cup olive oil

1/4 cup lemon juice

2 Tbsp. chopped fresh basil

2 tsp. Dijon mustard

Fresh ground pepper, opt.

Cook pasta according to package directions for al dente. Drain pasta; rinse with cold water and drain well. In a large bowl, combine pasta, shrimp, artichokes, olives, cheese, green onions, parsley and basil. In a small bowl, whisk vinegar, oil, lemon juice, basil, mustard and, if desired, pepper. Pour dressing over pasta mixture; toss to coat. Refrigerate, covered, 2 hours before serving. Yield: 12 servings (1-1/3 cups each)

Enjoy!

Grand Slam weigh-in from 5 - 8 p.m. June 15 at Marlin Circle

June 13-15 is old school tournament weekend at The Wharf Marina in Orange Beach complete with the recreation of an oldschool weigh-in right at Marlin Circle. And the entry fee is low,

yet enough that the winners will still appreciate their checks!

The Orange Beach Grand Slam is a hybrid of the fun, camaraderie and fishing techniques of vintage Gulf Coast big game tournaments combined with and a new exciting format for both sportfishing yachts and center con-

There are sportfish and center console divisions, and the format is trolling only. No live bait allowed.

This is a no-kill billfish tourney that will require strategy to weigh in Tuna, Dolphin and

Wahoo, with bonus points for releasing a billfish. There are also optional jackpots for the largest gamefish and catch and re-

Fishing begins early on Thursday and ends Saturday evening with weigh-in at Marlin Circle from 5-8 p.m. on Saturday.

For more info, visit OrangeBeachGrandSlam.com or call 251-



Songwriters Foundation awards three scholarships

The Frank Brown Foundation for Music recently presented scholarships to college bound seniors Daphne Griffin of Foley High School, Escambia High's Kaitlyn Speegle and Pine Forest High's Gavin McCollum. The scholarship fund was greatly enhanced by proceeds from the November 2018 Perdido Key Chamber of Commerce Golf Tourna-

Over the past several years more than \$20,000 has been awarded to support the education of young people on the Alabama/Florida Gulf

A number of compelling essays were received, and the committee found it extremely difficult to choose the recipients.

In addition to the scholarships, the FBISF Foundation sponsors an In Schools Outreach Program, bringing professional songwriters to students of varying ages.

The progam combines performance and dialog. Presentations include general instruction on the subject, and the instructor addresses the various aspects of songwriting as a ca-

"Our goal is for the student's excitement in songwriting and writing in general to carry on beyond the presentation," said program director Karen E. Reynolds. "Statistics show that programs such as this can benefit the students in a variety of ways, including social skills, self-confidence and self-esteem."

The program is offered at no cost to the schools. Presentations have historically been conducted during the ten days of the annual Frank Brown Songwriters Festival. However, support by the Frank Brown Foundation for Music and others has enabled the program to be extended to a yearround basis.

The City of Gulf Shores and Lulu's sponsored and hosted a youth songwriters showcase at the City of Gulf Shores Cultural Center in 2018, Several hundred students from area schools were treated to the sounds of original songs written and performed by a dozen of their peers. The songs were evaluated and critiqued by a panel of professional songwriters with the winner earning a spot in the 2019 festival.

Pictured: Scholarship recipient Daphne Griffin and FBISF Director Andy Haynes.

Orange Beach.

- Danny Grady: 5; American Legion Post
- Smoke Free Bingo: 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- Karaoke: 6; American Legion Post 44,
- John Joiner & Friends: 6; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
- Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde: 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- Karaoke: 9; The Office, Foley.
- Bingo: 10 a.m.; American Legion Post
- Brandon Styles Magic Show: 7; OWA Showroom, Foley
- Family Night Dinner & Activities: 5:45 p.m.; Saint Andrew by the Sea, 17263 Fort Morgan Rd., Gulf Shores; 678-361-
- Open Mixed Doubles Tennis: 7:15 a.m.; all levels welcome; Gulf Shores Tennis Center; corner of West 19th Ave. and
- West 2nd St.
 Veteran's Bingo: 10 a.m. -2 p.m.; American Legion Post 99, Foley.
- Trivia Night: 6:30 p.m.; The Gulf Coast Elks Lodge 2789, Foley; 251-550-1060.
- Prayer Shawl Ministry: Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Activities Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pen-
- South Alabama Senior Travelers: 9 a..m; Foley Senior Center; visitors welcome; 251-928-4494.
- Orange Beach Friends of the Library: 10; Library meeting room; 978-4106.
- Food Ministry For Hungry Families: noon-1 p.m.; Grace Lutheran Church, corner of West 23rd Ave. and West 4th St. in Gulf Shores; 251-968-5991.
- Bread Ministry: 11 a.m. 1 p.m.; Orange Beach United Methodist Church Brook's Center.
- Food Bank: 9 11 a.m every Wednesday, Perdido Bay Baptist Church, 12600 Sorrento Rd. Pensacola; call for eligiblity requirements at (850) 492-2604.
- Gulf Shores Woman's Club: 11 a.m.; Palmer Room at Craft Farms; all intterested women invited to attend; 251-980-
- Perdido Key Rotary Club: 7:30 a.m.; every Wednesday at Triggers.

• Gulf Shores Lions Club: noon; 2nd & 4th Wednesday; noon; Gulf Shores Adult Activity Center, 300 E. 16th Avenue; 251

• Storytime at Pensacola Southwest Branch Library: free; infant to 5; 10:30-11; 12238 Old Gulf Beach Hwy; (850)453

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

THU, JUNE 13
• Flora-Bama Possible Probables: 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama,

• Flora-Bama Bingo: free; 1-4 p.m.; great prizes, family friendly; 17401 Perdido Key Dr., Perdido Key.
• Tacky Jacks Beach Games: 11 a.m.;

relay races, challenges, and brain teasers; participants get a free lunch; Tack Jacks;

• Summertide Theatre presents: Forever **Plaid:** 8 p.m.; South Baldwin Community Theatre; Gulf Shores.

• Cabaret Dance: 7 p.m.-10 p.m.; Members \$5 Guest \$9; James P. Nix Center, Fairhope 251-928-2835. USSŜA Global Sports Baseball World Se-

ries 1:8 a.m; Orange Beach Sportsplex; (615) 987-8224.

• Greg Brown: 2 p.m.; Sassy Bass Amazin' Grill; Ft. Morgan.

• Neil Dover: 6; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach. Scott Koehn: 5:30; Pleasure Island Tiki

Bar, Orange Beach. Tim Roberts: 6:30; The Tin Top, Bon

Secour. • John Lee Sanders: 6; Voyagers Restau-

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

Beach Resort; Orange Beach. Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde: 7; Papa

Rocco's; Gulf Shores.

Open Mic: 7; Snapper's; Orange Beach.
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WHAT'S HAPPENING



89 years later, Robertsdale Garden Club again has male prez

By Mary Ann Lindsay

The Robertsdale Garden Club formed in the early 1930s after vocational-agriculture teacher Harry Starnes designed a landscaping plan for shrubs and plants at the Robertsdale schools. At the same time, he assisted in the layout and planting of the yard of Grady P. and Bertie Gilbert, whose new home had just been completed at the north edge of Robertsdale.

With new homes being built throughout the town, Starnes' design ideas caught the interest and imagination of many of Robertsdale's women. This was the beginning of the Robertsdale Garden Club.

After 89 years, once again the Robertsdale Garden Club is headed by a gentleman: President Ken Ramey.

Other officers installed at the May 14 meeting were: First Vice President, Mary Frances Boykin; Second Vice President, Jimmie Lou Ramey; Secretary Treasurer, Hilda O'Clair; and Corresponding Secretary, Ramona Wagner. The club is on hiatus until its first meeting for the new year in September. Pictured: Katie Warren, Ken Ramey, Mary Frances Boykin, Jimmie Lou Ramey.

June 8 is Alabama Free Fishing Day for all residents and visitors

On June 8, Alabamians and visitors alike will have the opportunity to fish for free in most public waters including both freshwater and saltwater. Free Fishing Day is part of National Fishing and Boating Week, which runs June 1-9. Free Fishing Day allows residents and non-residents to enjoy the outstanding fishing opportunities Alabama has to offer without having to purchase a fishing license.

Baldwin's SHRM chapter earns top national award

The Society for Human Resource Management recently awarded its Baldwin County chapter the prestigious EXCEL Gold Award for the chapter's accomplishments in 2018.

The EXCEL award aligns individual chapters' and state councils' activities with SHRM's aspirations for the HR profession. The award recognizes major accomplishments, strategic activities, and tactical initiatives that elevate the profession of human resources.

For 2018 the organization had three main goals: meet the needs of the community through outreach and membership, educate the members on local, state and national changes in legislation via newsletter and monthly meetings and contribute to the SHRM Foundation. All goals were met or exceeded including starting a new student chapter with Columbia Southern University.

For more information about Baldwin County Society for Human Resources Management, visit bcshrm.shrm.org.

"So much of SHRM's success in shaping better workplaces is owed to the hard work of our chapters and state councils such as Baldwin County SHRM. Through their courage and leadership, Baldwin County SHRM is driving true, measurable progress toward the healthy, productive, and dynamic workplaces of tomorrow," said Johnny C. Taylor, Jr., SHRM-SCP, president and chief executive officer

- Blind Draw Dart Tourney: 7, American
- Coping Conversations Grief Support Group: 9:30 a.m.; Nix Center, Fairhope, 251-626-5255 or 251-928-2835.
- Arts at the Market: 4-8 p.m.; Coastal Alabama Farmer's & Fishermen's Market. Foley. 2nd Thurs, of each month: great artists & crafters from our area; Info: (251) 229-9885.
- 8 Ball APA: 7:30; The Office, Foley.
- Bridge: noon; American Legion Post 44,

Gulf Shores.

- Rotary Club of Gulf Shores/Orange Beach: noon; Gulf Shores Golf Club; visiting Rotarians and guests invited; 251-
- Gulf Shores United Methodist Church Bread Ministry: 9-10; every Thursday; room 103 on the south campus, next to Crossroad; 251 968-2411.
- Adult Bible Study: 10 a.m.; Gulf Shores Presbyterian Church; all welcome; (251)



SWIM TEAM REPRESENTS GULF SHORES AT DELUNA BEACH GAMES: The Gulf Shores Swim Team was well represented (pictured) at the Deluna Beach Games on April 27 at Pensacola Beach. The swim team had multiple entries in the three open water races contested between Gulf Breeze and Pensacola Beach.

In the Sprint event, a 0.6 mile swim, Jack Biggs was the winner of the 14 and Under Division while finishing 2nd overall. Samantha Smith finished 3rd in the division and 6th overall. Serah Smith was 10th overall in the event. A swim team parent, Maureen Bickham, was 3rd in her age group and 15th overall.

In the 1.2 mile swim, Gulf Shores was led by Ruby Rosnagle who finished 3rd in the 15-18 Division and took 8th overall. Head Coach Brook Hopkins was 2nd in her age group and 12th overall. Assistant Coach James Swarthout was 3rd and 30th overall. Coach Kelsey Neel finished 24th overall in this race. Gulf Shores' alumna, Catherine Taylor, was 17th in the event.

In the longest event of the day, a 2.4 mile swim, Liam Bickham led Gulf Shores with a 2nd place finish in his age group with a time of 1:02:50. He finished in 8th place overall. Kimberly Lee finished 3rd in her age group and 18th overall. Candice Taylor, a team sponsor, was 15th overall and 2nd in her age group.

Gulf Shores Swim Team will return to Pensacola for their next long course meet on June 7-9 at the Tom Lalor Invitational. Meanwhile, Gulf Shores Swim Team is preparing to compete locally in the Gulf Coast Area Aquatics League. Upcoming meets in June for the team include: Fairhope, a relay race only meet, and hosting Foley and Daphne at home. For further information about the swimming programs offered by the city of Gulf Shores, contact Head Coach Brook Hopkins at 251-968-



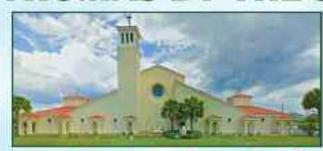


GSES K-KIDS & ANA BATHRICK EARN KIWANIS AWARDS: The K-Kids Club of Gulf Shores Elementary School recently received awards for winning first place in two Kiwanis International contests There were more than 1,400 K-Kids Clubs internationally eligible to participate in the contests. One first place award was a group award for best essay about identifying service needs in their community. The second award was an individual award for best speech for a speech written and video recording submitted by K-Kid Ana Bathrick. The GSES K-Kids Club completed 14 service projects and two fundraisers this school year to benefit their school and community. Pictured: Ana Bathrick, Jeb Bathrick, Lucas Carroll, Abigail Chamblin, Claire Colvin, Annica Farris, Skylar Gant, Cookie Grover, Spencer Kizer, Tucker King, Emma Hall, Caitlynn Mote, Bryce Strickland, Masha Turkic, Taylor Bjorgum, Jorja Carrino, Hayden Cook, KaraGrace Harmon, Portia Hollis, Amanda Larenas, Satchel Kornegay, Amelia Kozyuk, Allie Lawson, Nora Malone, Marlie McCartney, Carson McKee, Vanessa Morales, Madison Nelson, Shayla Nguyen, Ella Godbold, Ray Pepperman, Parker Pennington, Lola Pizzetta, Brooklyn Purvis, Sibylla Ramos, Genesis Rasp, Sadie Sherrill, Davis Stephenson, Chloe Stewart, Kayla Tanner and Bella Traudt. Not pictured are Kylee Griffin and Ella Gilbert; Ana Bathrick, K-Kids Club member at GSES, won first place in a Kiwanis International Best Speech contest about identifying service needs in her community. K-Kids from more than 1,400 K-Kids Clubs internationally we're eligible to participate in the contest.

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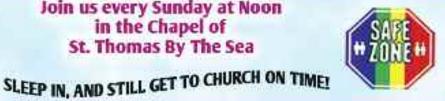




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1,200 youth baseball & softball teams beach bound this summer

Summer 2019 is set to sizzle in Gulf Shores and Orange Beach with athletic events from the sportsplexes to the sand. The United States Specialty Sports Association (USSSA) alone is hosting nine baseball and softball tournaments, bringing more than 1,200 teams to the beach in June and July.

"In 2018, USSSA tournaments generated 48,445 room nights and \$58.54 million in economic impact," said Beth Gendler, vice president of sales for the Gulf Shores & Orange Beach Sports Commission. "With more than 200 additional teams over last year, plus their families and fans heading to the Alabama Gulf Coast in 2019, local businesses should feel the love. We are proud to facilitate these events alongside USSSA and invite each family to play hard at the fields and throughout our beach communities."

SUMMER 2019 SPORTS SCHEDULE

June 7-9: Alabama Soccer Association Summer Camp June 7-9: USA Softball of Alabama National Qualifier June 13-17: USSSA Global Sports Baseball World Series 1 June 15: LuLu's Hot Trot for ARC 5K Run/Walk June 17-22: USSSA Global Sports Baseball World Series 2 June 21-23: USTA Gulf Shores Summer Slam Tennis Tournament June 24-29: USSSA Global Sports Baseball World Series 3 July 1-6: USSSA Global Sports Baseball World Series 4 July 2-6: Dance Grand Nationals

July 4: The SHARK Run

July 6: "Gulf Coast Region Grand Championship" National/Beach Tour Regional Qualifier Championship

July 8-13: USSSA Global Sports Baseball World Series 5

July 9-13: USSSA Recreation Softball World Series

July 14-19: USSSA Softball "C" Fastpitch World Series (National and Gulf Coast Championship)

July 20: 5th Annual Flora-Bama's Gulf Coast Paddle Championship

July 22-27: USSSA Global Sports Baseball World Series 6 July 23-27: USSSA Gulf Coast Summer Championship Aug. 17: Waterville USA Flow Tour National Championship

Sept. 5-7: Bulls on the Beach

Sept. 7: Brett/Robinson Alabama Coastal Triathlon

U.S. News & World Report ranks P-cola 15th "most desirable city"

What's Happening

Among the factors contributing to the U.S. News and World Report's Best Places to Live Ranking is where people want to live. The magazine surveys people throughout the country to determine where residents would live "if given the choice."

According to SurveyMonkey results, Pensacola was No. 15 on that list, with a metro population of 476,702, a medium home price of \$175,000 and a medium average salary of \$41,200. What people found desirable about Pensacola, which finished 37th in the Best Places To Live rankings:

"For access to Florida beaches and a bit more of a southern feel, look no further than this metro area in the Florida Panhandle. While Pensacola may not get the same attention from tourists as the likes of Orlando or Miami, Pensacola still sees plenty of visitors and new residents every year."

U.S. News & World Report's top 25 cities (in order) where people want to live: Honolulu, Colorado Springs, Portland, San Francisco, San Diego. Las Vegas, Seattle, New York City, Austin, Denver, Los Angeles, Fort Myers, Nashville, Phoenix, Pensacola, Asheville, Santa Barbara, California, New Orleans, Winston-Salem, Sarasota, Anchorage, Myrtle Beach, Port St. Lucie, Salinas, California, Spokane.

AD INFO 850-492-5221 251-968-5683 mulletwrapper.com • Orange Beach Bridge Club: Tue. & Thur at noon; Orange Beach Senior Center; visitors and new members welcomed even without a partner; 251-981-3440.

• Gulf Shores Library Pre-school (3-5) Story Time: 10:30 a.m.; 251-968-1176. • AA: Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

FRI, JUNE 14

• Florá-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. • Oyster Bake Friday: 11 a.m.; music,

Oyster Bake Friday: 11 a.m.; music, corn hole, sand pile, family fun and games; Tack Jacks; Gulf Shores.

• USSSA Global Sports Baseball World Series 1: 8 a.m; Orange Beach Sportsplex; (615) 987-8224.

Music & A Movie - E.T. The Extra-Terrestrial: 4:30-9:30 p.m.; Heritage Park Gazebo; downtown Foley.
 Denim & Diamonds a Benefit for

• Denim & Diamonds a Benefit for Alzheimer's Awareness: 6-9 p.m.; Foley Civic Center, 407 E Laurel Ave.; 251-971-2782

• Summertide Theatre presents: Forever Plaid: 8 p.m.; South Baldwin Community Theatre; Gulf Shores.

• Jimmy Lee Hanniford: 11 a.m.; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.

• Gabe Willis: 5; Playa, Orange Beach.

• The Midnight Transaction: 6; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.

J & J: 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
Les Linton: 7; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.

• Jay Williams: 7; Hub Stacey's, Innerarity Point.

T-Bone Montgomery & Mac Walter: 6;
 Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.
 Rhonda Hart: 5; Fin & Fork, Orange

Beach.
• John Lee Sanders: 5; The Lobby Bar at

Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
• Open Jam: 8; American Legion Post

199; Fairhope.
• Karaoke: 10; The Undertow; Orange

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

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

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

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

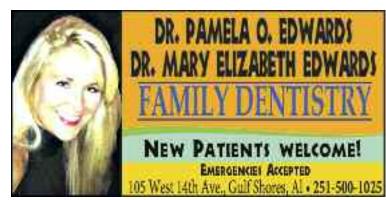


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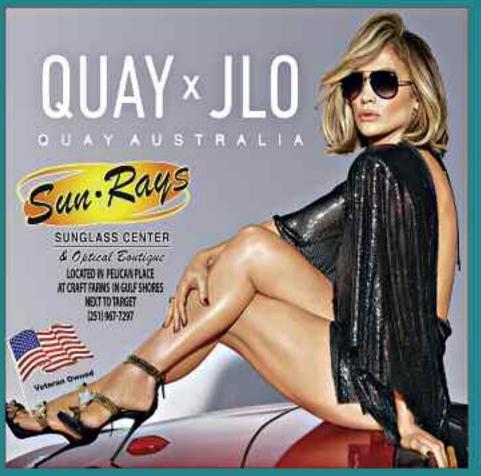
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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Junior Marksmanship Program starts June 15 in Orange Beach

The annual Junior Marksmanship Program starts June 15 in Orange Beach. The free program, conducted in conjunction with the State of Alabama, Department of Conservation, Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries Division, is open to children ages 8 to 15. Younger or older children may attend pending approval. For more information, call Chris Litton at 251-980-5946.

Three separate dates are available on a first-come, first-served basis, and are limited to 30 participants per event. Each event will be different and the participants will learn new skills at each one. Firearms and ammunition will be provided. Firearms safety is stressed throughout the entire event. The fee is \$10 for each event.

• First Event: Sporting Clays at Range - Saturday, June 15, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

• Second Event: Rifles at Range - Saturday, June 22, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

• Third Event: Archery at Orange Beach Recreation Center - Wednesday, June 26, 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

These events are subject to cancellation due to range availability. The temporary range is located off of Russian Road. From Foley Beach Express take University Lane between Columbia Southern University and Baldwin EMC. Take first left onto Roscoe Road and then first Right onto Russian Road. Follow the signs from there. Archery will be held at the Recreation Center at 4849 Wilson Blvd.

Eye protection, ear protection, snacks, and drinks will be provided. Participants must be picked up at 1 p.m. at the range on June 15 and June 22, and at 3:30 p.m. at the Rec Center on June 26.

Registration forms can be picked up and returned to Orange Beach City Hall. For more information or details contact, Chris Litton at 251-979-0134



SOUTH BALD. CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S CONNECTION: From left, Joanie Moore, Elizabeth Connelly and Marge Monahan participated in the recent South Baldwin Christian Women's Connection held at the Gift Horse Restaurant in Foley. The next luncheon will be Thursday June 13. Info: 251-943-7142 or email at emuddonnelly@gmail.com.



Villagio Grille's Conlon wins Island Spirit Award

The Coastal Alabama Business Chamber recently presented the Island Spirit Award for May to James Conlon Jr. of Villaggio Grille in Orange Beach. James' nomination had this to say about him, "James is the best waiter because he is so friendly, always smiling, and he knows the Villaggio's menu better than anyone. Since 2010, he has been serving as a waiter as well as assisting the team with numerous catering events. He sincerely wants you to have a great experience and enjoy the amazing food at Villaggio."

Ginny and Lane Gilbert, owners of Villaggio Grille, stated, "We love and value James, as well as everyone who works with him. He is very kind, caring, dependable, and the ultimate professional."

The Island Spirit Award was designed to give recognition to individuals who make special contributions to the quality of life we enjoy in the Coastal Alabama region. Leslie Haley chairs the Island Spirit Committee. Anyone can nominate a person they feel provides excellent customer service to our residents and visitors alike. Simply fill out the form online at islandspiritaward.

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

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

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

SAT, JUNE 15

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

• Orange Beach Billfish Classic: The Wharf Marina (4830 Main St., Orange Beach.

• 3rd Annual Corn Festival & Car Show: 9-2; Coastal Alabama Farmers and Fishermans Market; 20733 Miflin Rd., Foley; 251-703-4469.

• Summertide Theatre presents: Forever Plaid: 8 p.m.; South Baldwin Community Theatre; Gulf Shores.

• USSSA Global Sports Baseball World Series 1: 8 a.m; Orange Beach Sportsplex; (615) 987-8224.

• LuLu's Hot Trot for ARC 5K Run/Walk: 7 a.m.; Lucy Buffett's LuLu's; Gulf Shores.

• **Them Again:** 4; Pirates Cove, Josephine.

Cory Reznor: 5; Playa, Orange Beach.
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Townes: 7:30; The Wharf Amphitheater; Orange Beach.

Jan Gallo & The Hangmen: 7; Pappa

• Jan Gallo & The Hangmen: 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.

• **Brown Kid:** 6:30; Big Beach Brewing

Company, Gulf Shores.

• Rhonda Hart: 5; Fin & Fork, Orange Beach.

• Lefty Collins: 6; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.

• JJ Mack: 11 a.m.; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.

• Jerry Gambino Duo: 6; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.

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

• **DJ Lil Bob:** 9; Island Time Daquari; The Wharf; Orange Beach.

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

Karaoke: 7; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.
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Beach.
• Open Jam: 8; American Legion Post

199; Fairhope.

• Brandon Styles Variety Show 8; OWA

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nerarity Point.
• Baldwin County Genealogical Society:

10 a.m.; public invited; Foley Library; 319 East Laurel Ave.

• Optimist Club of Perdido Bay: breakfast every Saturday at 7 a.m. at the Lil-

fast every Saturday at 7 a.m. at the Lillian Community Club in Lillian; (251) 961-2620.

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

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

• Ladies AA: 9 a.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Activities Center, 13660 Innerarity Point

First Friday fish-fry June 7 at Foley United Methodist Church

Foley United Methodist wil host its First Friday Fish-Fry on June 7 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. in the Church Spirit Čenter (915 N. Pine St.). The fundraiser is held the first Friday of every month. Enjoy delicious white fish filets fried to golden perfection, accompanied by cole slaw, baked beans, hush puppies, dessert, and a drink all for a donation of \$8. Patrons can even get orders to-go! No reservation necessary. For more info, call 251-943-4393 or visit foleyumc.org.

Corn Fest & Car Show is June 15 at Foley Farmers Market

The 3rd Annual Corn Festival & Car Show will be held from 9 a.m. 'til 2 p.m. on June 15 at the Coastal Alabama Farmers and Fishermans Market (20733 Miflin Rd.) in Foley. The fest will feature a classic car show, crafts for kids, and a corn eating contest. Admission is free. More info: 251-703-4469 or coastalalabamamarket.com.











ROBERTSDALE HIGH SCHOOL NAVY JROTC CONTINUES MEMORIAL DAY TRADITION: Cadets with Robertsdale High School's Navy JROTC coontinue to inspire patriotism during Memorial Day Weekend by continuing an annual tradition called Operation Patriot59. Thousands of flags, more than five-thousand to be exact, were placed on the front lawn of Robertsdale's campus to commemorate the lives lost in the Vietnam War. Each year organizers pick a different American conflict to memorialize. Each flag represents 10 American casualties with 58,220 fallen military members being remembered this year. Those with the Navy JROTC say they hope "seeing the toll" from this war will impact people in a very significant way. The flags were placed on May 21 and remained on display through Memorial Day.



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Sandy Roots Songwriters Series continues June 18

Kyle Coulahan, Lee Starr, Johnny Barbato, Gerald Smith, Mike Johnson, Lance Dubroc

Perdido Key native Kyle Coulahan, Nashville songwriter Lee Starr, Gulf Coast favorite Johnny Barbato, Original Georgia Quaker Gerald Smith, Mike Johnson of The Defrosters and Louisiana's Lance Dubroc will play original music in the round on Tuesday, June 18 in the courtyard at the Point Restaurant on Innerarity Point beginning at 6 p.m.

The concert is part of Nick Biebricher's Sandy Roots Songwriters Series, a monthly event held the third Tuesday of each month at the Point. Doors open at 5p.m. and shows last approximately three hours. There will be a \$5 cover. An open mic night for local original songwriters follows each showcase. Biebricher said he sponsors the series to give local singer/songwriters the opportunity to showcase their talents with the best singer/songwriters from around the country. More information: Sandyrootsmusic@gmail.com or (251) 284-2443 or sandyrootsproductions.com.

Pictured: Kyle Coulahan is a staff writer at Given Music Publishingwho studied at Jacksonville State, Auburn and Pensacola Catholic High School. He lives in Nashville.

Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

SUN, JUNE 16

- Central Flora-Bama: Church experiences, sunrise (special for Easter) 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.; Flora-Bama Tent Stage, Per-
- dido Key.

 Unity Church Beach Service: noon; St. Thomas By The Sea Chapel; Orange
- Flora-Bama Possible Probables: 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
- Summertide Theatre presents: Forever Plaid: 4 p.m.; South Baldwin Community
- Theatre; Gulf Shores.

 USSSA Global Sports Baseball World Series 1: 8 a.m; Orange Beach Sportsplex;
- Oanny Grady: 2 p.m.; Fraternal Order of Eagles #4549, Gulf Shores.
 The Defrosters: 4 p.m.; The Flying Harpoon 2, Orange Beach
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- Orange Beach Gringo Fife: 6; Tacky Jacks, Orange
- John Lee Sanders: 6; Voyagers Restaurant at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange

- Destiny Brown: 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf
- Greg Brown: noon; The Tin Top, Bon Secour.
- Lisa Zanghi: 6; The Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
 • Lisa Christian: 4, Tacky Jack's, Gulf
- Jazzman David Jones: 11 a.m.; Playa, Orange Beach.
- Scott Koehn: 4; Pleasure Island Tiki Bar, Orange Beach.
- Queen of Hearts: 7:30; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores. • John Joiner & Friends: 4; Hub Stacey's
- at the Point; Innerarity Point. • Gemimen: 5; American Legion Post 99;
- Ricky Johnson: 4; American Legion
- Post 99; Foley.

 Blind Draw Dart Tournament: 5; Amer-
- ican Legion Post 99, Foley.
- 9 Ball APA: 6; The Office, Foley.
 AA: 5 p.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola

MON, JUNE 17

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

- Flora-Bama Bingo: free; 1-4 p.m.; great prizes, family friendly; 17401 Perdido Key Dr., Perdido Key
- USSSA Global Sports Baseball World Series 1: 8 a.m; Orange Beach Sportsplex;
- (615) 987-8224 • Gringo Fife: 6; Tacky Jacks, Orange
- Lisa Zanghi: 6; The Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- Trivia at Big Beach: 7 p.m.; Big Beach Brewing Company, Gulf Shores.
- Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde: 7;
 Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
 Brandon Styles Magic Show: 7; OWA
- Showroom, Foley.
- Chris Beverly: 6; Hub Stacey's, Innerar-
- Open Mixed Doubles Tennis: 7:15 a.m. all levels welcome; Gulf Shores Tennis Center; corner of West 19th Ave. and West 2nd St.

 • 8 Ball League: 7:30; The Office, Foley.
- Grief Share: 6 p.m.; Community Hospice Center, Foley.
- Celebrate Recovery: (Christ centered 12 step program); Monday evenings at 6 p.m.; Christian Life Church in Orange Beach; 251-967-4840.



POP TAB DONATIONS AT GSES: Thank you for all of your Pop Tab donations at Gulf Shores Elementary School. Ms. Nelson, with Ronald McDonald House of Mobile, visited with fifth grade to collect pop tabs this week. These Pop Tabs will be recycled to help pay for costs of running the Ronald McDonald House. What a great way to give back! Save your tabs this summer. We will be collecting again next school year. Pictured (1 to r) are Jamir Alcius, Jazzlynn Ortiz, Mahetsi Lopez, Mrs. Nelson (Ronald McDonald House Representative), Anastazya Ramos, Samantha Adney, and Matthew Pressly.

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COASTAL WILDLIFE & NATIVE PLANTS

By John Marshall

Dragon Flies: Aerial Acrobats

Here on the Gulf Coast we have a great diversity on insects. Some are pests, most are harmless and some are actually beneficial. Among the last group are some of nature's greatest aerial acrobats, the dragonflies. Their aerial movements are the envy of human pilots and aeronautical engineers; their ability to catch flying insect pests on the wing, nothing

Dragonflies, and their smaller cousins the damselflies, belong to the insect order Odonata. Dragonflies are usually larger with heavier bodies than damselflies and are strong, fast fliers. At rest, dragonfly wings are held horizontally and perpendicular to the body, while damselfly wings are

folded back along the body.

The dragonfly's body is divided into three parts: head, thorax and abdomen. The head is the dragonfly's most notable feature, along with its large compound eyes. The eyes are composed of thousands of individual units and are supplemented by three smaller simple eyes. Most of the dragonfly's brains is dedicated to processing visual information and they depend exclusively on eyesight to detect their prey. Another feature of the head are the serrated and prehensile jaws used for seizing prey. Like all insects, they have antennae, but they are small and hard to see on live specimens.

Dragonflies have six legs and two pairs of wings attached to the middle of the body, the thorax. The wings are transparent and supported by a series of veins carrying a blood-like fluid called hemolymph. Dragonfly wings are strong and flexible and can flap independently of each other, allowing them to hover or fly backwards.

The third part of the dragonfly's body is the abdomen, which is flexible and can be curled around another dragonfly during mating. The abdomen is where the reproductive organs are located in both sexes. On females, it is the location of the ovipositor, the organ used to deposit eggs.

Adult dragonflies are designed for life on the wing, especially when it comes to searching for food. Some dragonflies hover above a twig or leaf where the prey is perched and swoop down to snatch it up with its legs. At other times, they catch flying prey right out of the air.

Dragonflies are frequently seen in large swarms that may be migrations. Sometimes, large groups concentrate in a narrow band of habitat, such as the shoreline of a lake or stream. "Hilltopping" is another form of swarming in which large numbers of dragonflies concentrate on hilltops. This behavior is believed to be related to mating.

Dragonflies have a complex life cycle. Tales defend a territory, females ready to mate must first enter that male's territory. This is near a stream, pond or other water body. Freshwater is a critical part of the dragonfly habitat, since the eggs and larvae must develop in an aquatic environ-

During mating, the male grasps the female with his legs and they take off together, mating on the wing. After mating, the female searches for a safe place to deposit her eggs.

Females of some dragonfly species have an ovipositor with saw-like edges that is used to cut a slit into a stem or leaf of an aquatic plant, floating wood or mud at the edge of a body of water. Other species lack the serrated ovipositor and simply deposit their eggs on the surface of the water or on the shoreline. The length of time it takes the eggs to hatch varies with species, time of year and climate, but most dragonfly eggs hatch within a few weeks in North America.

After hatching, the larval forms emerge. These bear little resemblance to the adult form. Larval dragonflies feed on other aquatic insects, worms and even small fish. The larvae come in two basic forms: bottom dwellers and weed dwellers. Bottom dwellers have flat bodies with strong short legs for digging in the mud. Weed dwellers have long streamlined bodies and actively hunt prey among aquatic vegetation.

As the larval dragonfly develops, it molts its exoskeleton, or outer skin, several times. The larval stage lasts from a few months to several years, depending on the species, water temperatures, and food supply. After the larval stage is complete, the dragonfly crawls from the water onto a stem of leaf, attach itself with its legs and go through its final molt, emerging as a winged adult.

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

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

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

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

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'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.

- Hands on Habitat: 10:45 a.m.; free & family friendly; Tack Jacks; Gulf Shores. is a fun and • Zoo Camp: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.; Alabama Gulf Coast Zoo; Gulf Shores.
- Summertide Theatre presents: Forever Plaid: 8 p.m.; South Baldwin Community
- Theatre; Gulf Shores.

 USSSA Global Sports Baseball World Series 2: 8 a.m; Orange Beach Sportsplex; (615) 987-8224
- JJ Mack: 6; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.
- Free Line Dance Lessons With Lori: 6:
- American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.

 John Brust: 6; The Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- Funky Lampshades: 2 p.m.; Sassy Bass Amazin' Grill; Ft. Morgan.
- Brent Burns: 4; Fin & Fork, Orange

- Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde: 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- Lisa Christian: 6; Sunset Cork Room, Gulf Shores
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- Bowling Tourney: 7; Snapper's; Orange
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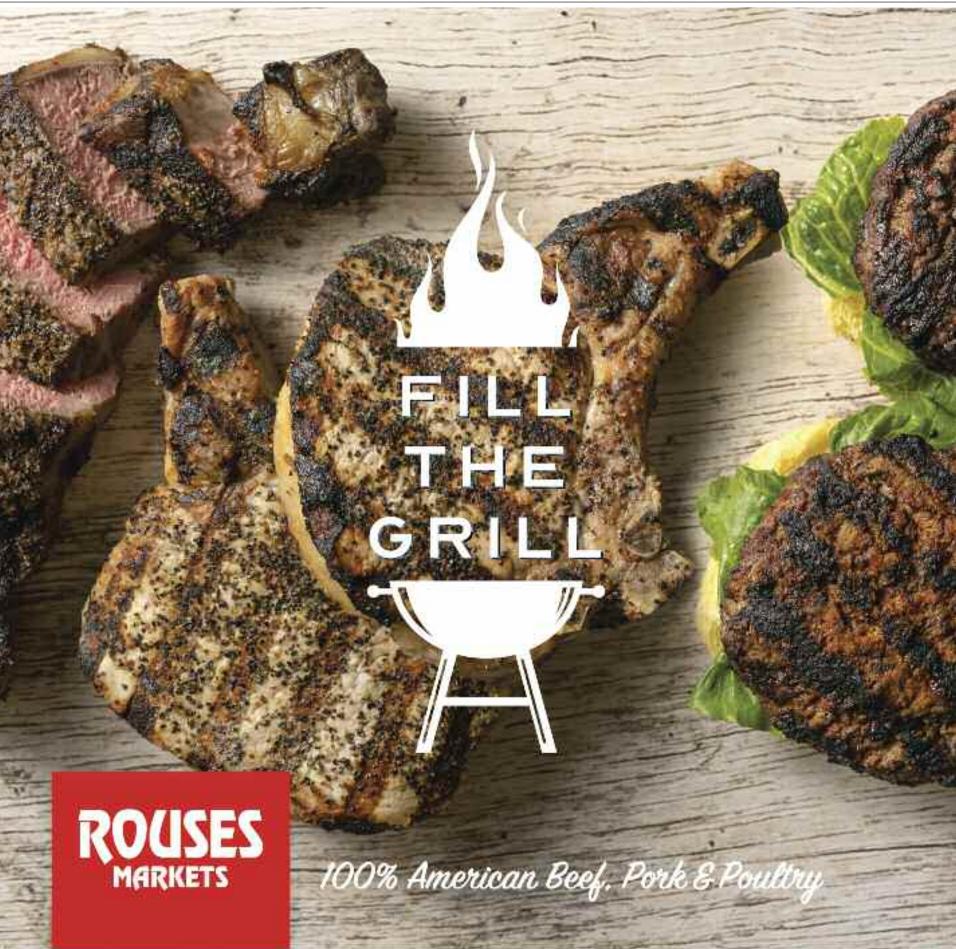
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ORANGE BEACH CITY COUNCIL

O.B. drafts ordinance to set limitations on cell pole installations

By John Mullen

When phone providers start coming to town looking to expand small-cell technology in Orange Beach the city wants to have an ordinance ready for them.

"No carrier is just going to come in there and say I'm going to put the pole here because I have the right to do it because the FCC says so," Councilman Jerry Johnson said. The city council discussed the ordinance during its work session on

"We embrace the technology but we want to have a voice on where that pole's going to be and keeping with the aesthetics of this city." May 21. The city holds dual sessions the first and third Tuesdays of the month starting with a regular session and ending up with the work session. This ordinance will likely be voted on at the next regular session on June 4.

According to the Cellular Telecommunications Industry Association website, "A small cell installation consists of small radio equipment and antennas that can be placed on structures

such as streetlights, the sides of buildings, or poles. They are about the size of a pizza box, and are essential for transmitting data to and from a wireless device."

The key, the website said, is to have them in greater density to take advantage of higher download and connection speeds "because in addition to traditional low-band spectrum, they can transmit data using mid- and high-band spectrum—and those airwaves cannot travel as far."

Johnson, also chairman of the city's Telecommunications Committee, says the technology will be used to support the next generation of technology riding on 5G.

"We embrace small-cell technology," Johnson said. "It is a good technology and it's what's going to bring 5G in our area. Not necessarily in the immediate future but somewhere down the road."

But without an ordinance in place the companies could come in and put the poles for the network where they want and also choose how they look. Getting this ordinance in place before the first carrier decides to come in will give the city some say on where they can be placed and what they'll look like.

"No, you don't have the right to do what you want, here's our ordinance," Johnson said. "If a city has an ordinance in place the carriers cannot override those. But we'll work with you though. We're not going to try to block it, we embrace the technology but we want to have a voice on where that pole's going to be and keeping with the aesthetics of this city."

Community Development Director Kit Alexander says there will be limits on the poles, where they can be placed and the size of the equipment mounted on those poles.

"Basically, the primary components of this ordinance are to limit the height of the poles," Alexander said. "We are going to limit them to 40 feet. That is in line with the limitation on single-family residences. We are going to be setting a minimum spacing amount of 200 feet on each side of the street. All of these poles will have to be 200 feet from poles located on the same side of the street."

As far as looks, Alexander said the poles will have to match similar poles in the areas of town where they are placed.

"We're going to have green decorative poles on 161 and beach boulevard and black elsewhere to match those pretty acorn lights you see in some of our neighborhoods," Alexander said.

During the regular session, the council also:

• Passed an ordinance establishing the annual salary of the mayor, chairman pro-tem, and councilmembers to be paid bi-weekly.

• Approved a liquor license for Coastal Café and for Repicci's Real Italian Ice at Phoenix West II.

- Passed a resolution authorizing the purchase of real property from Charles Baxter for \$135,000. The lot is on Nancy Lane adjacent to several other city-owned parcels in the area including the library and art center. This lot is south of Nancy Lane Townhomes and north of a lot on the corner of Nancy Lane and Canal Road the city bought about three years ago. Baldwin County tax records say it is a 90-foot by 100-foot lot and valued at \$84,600 on Oct. 1, 2018.
- Passed a resolution authorizing an agreement to with the American Red Cross for a licensed training provider for the Orange Beach Aquatics Center.
- Passed a resolution authorizing the execution of a task order with McCollough Architecture to provide architectural services for a Utilities Department Office Building in an amount not to exceed \$46,750.
- Passed a resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute Change Order No. 2 with MD Thomas Construction for the Art Center shoreline stabilization and boardwalk project in an amount not to exceed \$3,137.60.
- During the work session, the council discussed:
 A resolution authorizing a contract with Sawgrass Consulting to provide a master stormwater analysis for the Orange Beach Recreation for
 \$22,500
- A resolution authorizing the execution of a subaward grant agreement with the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (ADCNR) for the Restore Act-funded "Lower Perdido Bay/Perdido Pass Navigation Project Hydrological Modeling and Sediment Budget Study" in an amount not to exceed \$475,000.
- An ordinance amendment to add an exception to the lighting provisions of the 2018 International Swimming Pool and Spa Code.
- Setting a public hearing date for an ordinance amendment to the planned unit development for Caribe East & West with a suggested date of June 18.
- Reminder of a public hearing and first reading on June 4 for an ordinance amendment on the planned unit development at Pandion Ridge for a minor modification.



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O.B. Full Moon Paddle slated June 16

The City of Orange Beach - Relay for Life Team wil host its popular full moon paddles on Sunday, June 16 (with food from Southern Grind) and Sunday, July 14 $\,$ (with food from Cosmo's Restaurant). Registration is \$25 per person for what has become the number one fundraising effort for the Orange Beach Team.

The events are held at the Wind & Water Learning Center at 26267 Canal Road, behind the Orange Beach Public Library. A catered dinner will be served at 6:15

p.m. and area musicians donate their time to entertain. After enjoying the food, entertainment and meeting new friends, everyone heads out onto the water from

Everyone must be pre-registered. Online registration will be available at eventbrite.com or pick one up at any city recreation facility in Orange Beach. Participants must bring their own kayak or canoe, personal flotation device (PFD) and white light. Paddling experience is necessary for this fundraiser as 3 to 5 miles will be covered on Wolf Bay. For more information, call 251-981-1524 or jfitz@orange beachal.gov. All funds raised benefit the American Cancer Society -Relay for Life effort.



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"A quiet night," writes Gwen Foley.



"This is Kita from Colorado enjoying the sunset at Fort Morgan," writes Sherry Byrd.



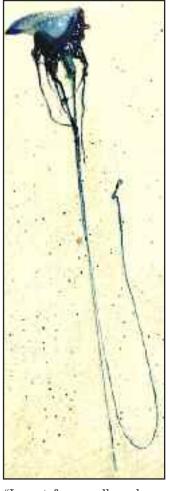
Paul Summerlin's full moon.



Just after sunset in Orange Beach from Donnie Canaan.



"Here's a shot I took from my driveway of the Blues returning home from an air show on Sunday! Seldom see the red color on their jets like this," writes Cathy Deal of Innerarity Point.



"I went for a walk and you just never know what treas-ures one will find," writes Raquel Spiegel. "It was so beautiful. But no touching."



"Kayaking today on Cotton Bayou to Walker, Bird and Robinson Islands was so much fun! And the water so warm. Best day ever," writes Lynn Allan of Mission, British Columbia.



From Grace Williams.



Shannon Randall shares a picture of a backyard visitor.

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Length & bag limits for flounder, specs likely to change

By David Rainer

AL Dept. of Conservation and Natural Resources

The length and bag limits of two of Alabama's most popular inshore fish species will likely change soon after proposals by the Alabama Marine Resources Division were approved last weekend by the Alabama Conservation Advisory Board.

Under the new regulations, spotted seatrout (speckled trout) and southern flounder will have reduced bag lim-

If the flounder spawning is successful, Anson said Marine Resources plans to release 50,000 to 60,000 juvenile flounder annually.

its to deal with concerns that the species are not able to sustain healthy populations.

Speckled trout will go to a slot limit of 15 to 22 inches (total length, TL) with one fish allowed over 22 inches (TL). The previous length limit was 14 inches. The regulation is similar to that for redfish, which has a slot limit of 16 to 26 inches with one fish allowed over 26 inches. The bag limit for speckled trout will also be reduced from 10 fish to six fish.

The flounder population, which appears to be in worse condition than trout, will move from a 10-fish bag limit to five fish, and the minimum size will be increased from 12 inches to 14 inches (TL).

Kevin Anson, Marine Resources' Chief Marine Biologist, said a series of public meetings were held to enlist input from the public about possible changes to the trout and flounder regulations.

"We had some assessments that were conducted independently through the University of South Alabama, and the report indicated that both species are in decline," Anson said. "The spotted seatrout assessment has shown that in the last five to seven years that the breeding stock is not at a sustainable level. The stock is not in critical decline, but we need to make some changes now to ensure it does not get there.

"Southern flounder is under a little more critical designation, according to the assessment results. We recommend the 14-inch minimum size. About 25% of the females will be mature enough to spawn at 12 inches. Just under 50% will be mature between 14 and 15 inches."

The regulations approved by the Board for commercial harvest of flounder will add a daily trip limit of 30 fish per vessel. Speckled trout is designated as a game fish and no commercial harvest is allowed.

Anson said there has been a significant increase in commercial fishing license sales since about the time of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill, and those license numbers remain relatively high. Those licenses are in addition to the commercial gill net license holders that also target flounder commercially.

"So, we are trying to constrain some of that harvest," he said. "We felt that (30-fish trip limit) in addition to the reduction in the recreational bag limit would help curb some of that harvest."

Marine Resources will also implement a closure of both commercial and recreational flounder fishing annually for the month of November during the flounder's spawning run.

Anson also gave the Board an update on Marine Re-

sources' effort to spawn flounder at the Claude Peteet Mariculture Center in Gulf Shores.

"We started collecting brood stock of southern flounder last year," Anson said. "We will be trying to spawn those fish this coming winter, when they normally spawn in the wild. Researchers have found this species of fish takes a long time to acclimate to be able to spawn in a captive situation."

If the flounder spawning is successful, Anson said Marine Resources plans to release between 50,000 and 60,000 juvenile flounder annually.

The Board also approved a request from Marine Resources to implement a Gulf reef fish endorsement to distinguish those anglers who fish for red snapper and other reef fish from saltwater anglers who fish for other species.

The endorsement, which would go into effect for the 2019-2020 license year, would cost \$10 for individual anglers. Charter boat fees would range from \$150-\$250, and commercial vessels would be assessed at \$200 per vessel.

"This will give us better accounting of who is actually going offshore and taking part in the reef fish harvest," Anson said. "Currently, we just have a saltwater license that has no designation as to what type of fishing that person will do with that license. We can contact those who purchase the endorsement and ask questions about their fishing behavior."

Anson said the money raised from the endorsement would be used to replace research funding from federal sources and the Deepwater Horizon oil spill restoration funds that will no longer be available after this year. The funds from the reef fish endorsement can only be used for research and management of reef fish.

"We have been funding some fishery-independent sampling in our offshore reef zones since 2011, utilizing a

variety of sampling gear, including side-scan sonar, ROV (remotely operated vessel), vertical line and bottom longline sampling. That has been conducted through Dr. Sean Powers at the University of South Alabama and Dauphin Island Sea Lab. That has all been funded through federal sources.

"The reef fish endorsement will allow us to continue to support that research, which is providing information directly into the federal stock assessment, which is used to determine the Gulf-wide quota for the red snapper fishery.

"This work also has allowed Alabama to conduct our own population estimate for red snapper of the coast off of the coast of Alabama. This information is critical for state management of the reef fish fishery."

ChrisBlankenship, Commissioner of the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, apprised the Board of the recent approval of Amendment 50 by the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council that will allow state management of the red snapper fishery in 2020 and beyond.

"We're hoping the amendment that Commissioner Blankenship mentioned will provide some additional opportunities for the states to gain more access and ways to manage the fisheries off those states," Anson said. "This (endorsement-funded research) would be an integral part of that program."

Commissioner Blankenship also announced a significant rating achieved by the blue crab industry in Alabama. The Monterey Bay Aquarium Seafood Watch program rates most varieties of seafood consumed in the U.S. The Alabama blue crab received a "good alternatives" rating, which puts it in the same category as Gulf wild shrimp, wild sea scallops and yellowfin tuna.

"Because of the very good management of the crab fishery here, Alabama is going to be the only state in the Gulf and Atlantic whose blue crab trap fishery is going to be considered a good alternative by Monterey Bay," Commissioner Blankenship said.

"I would like to commend the Marine Resources Divi-





AL blue crab sustainability program among best

Dog deer hunting regulation put in place; baiting allowed for feral hogs, white tails

sion for the regulations that were put in place several years ago. The work to allow sustainable harvest has been recognized nationally, and this gives the crab industry in Alabama a leg up on the competition around the country."

In hunting news, Commissioner Blankenship updated the Board on the status of Senate Bill 66, which would allow the taking of white-tailed deer and feral hogs by means of bait if that person purchases a baiting privilege license. That bill passed both the House and Senate and has been signed by Governor Kay Ivey.

Also, the Board recommended a regulation change in dog deer hunting that would allow Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries (WFF) Conservation Enforcement Officers to ticket individual owners of dogs that venture onto neighboring property.

The recommended regulation states that it shall be unlawful for any person who has received a written warning to allow a dog, for the purpose of deer hunting, to enter onto or across or remain on the property of another without written permission.

Matt Weathers, WFF's Chief Enforcement Officer said this encroachment regulation does not affect dogs used to hunt other species, like raccoon, squirrel or rabbit.

"This would be strictly a dog deer hunting regulation," Weathers said. "It is fairly simple. If a landowner or person who has land leased calls us about problems with a dog deer hunting club or dogs showing up on their property, our officer instructs the person who made the call to catch the dog or document in some way who the dog belongs to. The dog has to be collared by regulation. When that happens, our officer comes out and sees if it is a valid complaint.

"If it is provable that this occurred, our

officer contacts the dog's owner. He is given a written warning and told to put in place some practice to keep the dog off this person's property.

"If it happens again, it's the officer's discretion to issue the dog's owner a ticket for violating that regulation."

Weathers said this encroachment regulation is an alternative to putting those clubs in permit counties on probation or taking away land where dog deer hunting is allowed.

"This allows our officers to be very specific to those who are generating the bulk of the complaints, which is a small fraction of the overall dog deer hunters," Weather said.

In addition to the encroachment regulation, the Board placed Talladega and Clay counties on the permit system for dog deer hunting. The Board also passed two regulations that will restrict the movement of live bait fish between water bodies and restrict the possession of silver, bighead and largescale silver carp.

All regulation changes approved by the Board will go through the Administrative Procedures Act process before they go into effect.

Pictured: Under regulations expected to go into effect August 1, the spotted seatrout will move to a slot limit of 15 to 22 inches (TL) with an allowance for one seatrout larger than 22 inches in the daily bag, which was reduced to six fish. The regulation is similar to that for redfish, which has a slot limit of 16 to 26 inches with one fish allowed over 26 inches. The bag limit for speckled trout will also be reduced from 10 fish to six fish. Senate Bill 66 would allow the taking of white-tailed deer and feral hogs by means of bait if that person purchases a baiting privilege license.



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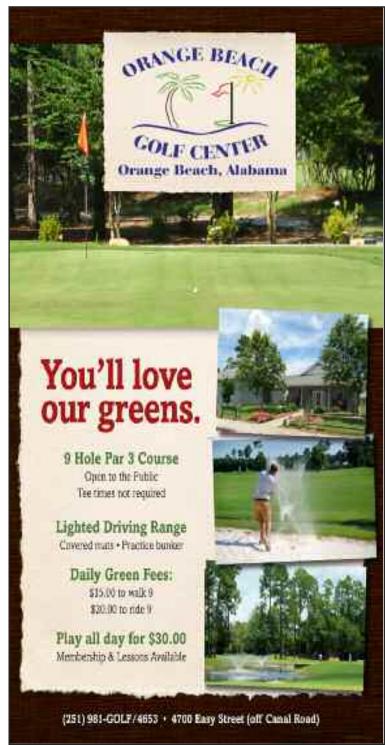
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