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Commemoration of Battle & Siege of Fort Morgan Aug. 3

A commemoration of the Battle of Mobile Bay and siege of Fort Morgan is scheduled from 9 a.m. 'til 3 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 3 at Fort Morgan Historic Site, located at 110 Hwy. 180 in Gulf Shores.

This one day living history event will remember the sacrifices of the United States Armed Forces and Confederate States Armed Forces during this pivotal naval battle and siege. Uniformed interpreters will bring the fort to life through demonstration of period drills on the fort's parade ground as well as artillery demonstration at the water battery. Special talks given by the site historians will provide insight into the events that transpired as well as introduce topics little written about in books.

For more info, call 251-540-5257 or visit fort-morgan.org. Admission: Adults \$7; Students & Seniors (65+) \$5; Children (ages 6-12) \$4.

The Battle of Mobile Bay is one of the iconic confrontations of the American Civil War at sea. During the three-day event, the fort's museum will feature rarely exhibited artifacts from three of the fleet of ships engaged during the battle; the USS Tecumseh, USS Philippi, and the CSS Gaines.

The USS Tecumseh, an ironclad ship widely thought to be unsinkable, sank during the Battle of Mobile Bay when she struck a mine called torpedoes during the war. The ship capsized and rests upside down northwest of Fort Morgan.

Union Admiral David Farragut, lashed to the rigging of his ship, saw his fleet pulling back after Tecumseh went under. That's when Farragut yelled out his now famous order, paraphrased as, "Damn the torpedoes, full speed ahead."

The USS Philippi was set afire by Confederate artillery and destroyed while following Admiral David Farragut's fleet into Mobile Bay. The CSS Gaines was heavily damaged during the Battle of Mobile Bay and as she took on water became grounded within 500 yards of Fort Morgan. Overlooking Mobile Bay, Fort Morgan went on to contribute during the Spanish-American War, World War I and World War II.



Jane Austin Summer Tea Aug. 17 at Swift-Coles Home

The Copper Kettle and the South Baldwin Community Theatre will host The Jane Austin 1813 Sumertime Tea at 12:30 p.m. on Aug. 17 at the historic Bon Secour museum.

Reservations are \$30 per person and available at The Copper Kettle in Foley or by calling Join251-949-5550.

the event will feature tea & scones by The Copper Kettle Tea Bar, parlor music by Katy Herndon, tours of the home, and visits from some interesting guests from Pride & Prejudice. The Swift-Coles campus is located at 17424 Swift Coles Ln. in Bon Secour.

Bon Secour's St. Peter's hosts August 1 fish-fry

St. Peter's Episcopal Church will host an old fashioned fish-fry on the first Thursday of August, September and October at its beautiful campus in Bon Secour from 5-7 p.m. The next feast is August 1. 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 stpeters-bonsecour.diocgc.com.



Weeks Bay Foundation Pelican Paddle Aug. 3

The Weeks Bay Foundation will host the 7th annual Pelican Paddle, a canoe, kayak, and paddle board race, on Saturday, August 3, on beautiful Weeks Bay.

Pelican Paddle is a fun, family-oriented, 3.5-mile race that's open to all ages and skill levels. Plus, there's a seven-mile pro option for the serious paddlers, and a non-competitive Eco-tour of Weeks Bay that includes a guided paddle to a Bald Eagle nest. New this year are Master Class divisions (ages 60 and above) for both Men's and Women's Solo Kayak.

Race divisions are: Men's Kayak, Men's Kayak Master Class, Women's Kayak, Women's Kayak Master Class, Junior Kayak, Pro Kayak, Men's Stand Up Paddle Board, Women's Stand Up Paddle Board, Tandem Craft, and Non-Traditional (single canoes, pedal kayaks, etc.). The race begins at 9 a.m., and the Eco-tour begins shortly after the racers take off.

Advance registration is \$30 per paddler or \$70 per family. Day-of-race registration is \$35 per paddler and \$85 per family. A family can include up to two adults and up to four minors under age 18. All registrants (21 and over) will receive drink tickets for two complimentary Serda Brewing beers.

Loaner gear, provided by Fairhope Boat Company, will also be available, free of charge, but must be reserved in advance. Participants interested in borrowing gear must call the Foundation at 251-990-5004 before registering for the race to ensure boats are available. For more information and to register for race or Eco-tour, call 251-990-5004, or register online at weeksbay.org/events/pelican-paddle/. Advance registration will close August 2, at 4 p.m. Race-day registration and event check-in begins at 7:30 a.m., August. 3.

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Funny Bones

By George Ridder



I got fired from my job as a taxi driver.
It turns out my customers didn't like it when I tried to go the extra mile.

Two friends were chatting.
"I've just bought a pig!" said the

first.
"But where will you keep it?" asked the second. "Your yard's much too small for a pig!"
"I'm going to keep it under my bed," replied the first.
"But what about the smell?"
"He'll soon get used to that."

At the cocktail party, one woman said to another, "Aren't you wearing your wedding ring on the wrong finger?"

The other replied, "It makes sense. After all I married the wrong man."

Two guys go into a pub. There is a swing band playing the old song "Yes, we have no bananas".
Guy 1: I love this song!
Guy 2: Yes. I think it's written by Mozart.

Guy 1: Of course it's not. They didn't make swing music in Mozart's time.

Guy 2: Yes they did!
Guy 1: You're stupid! They didn't even have bananas back then.

Guy 2: I know, that's the name of the song!

Two ladies are walking to their local County Fair, when it starts to rain. One says to the other, "Put your umbrella up,

it's raining."
"I can't," says the other, "it's got holes in it."
"Holes in it?" the first lady asks. "Why did you bring it with you?"
The response, "I didn't think it would rain."

A music store was robbed last week.
Thieves made away with the lute.

A secretary walked into her boss's office and said, "I'm afraid I've got some bad news for you."

"Why do you always have to give me bad news?" he complained. "Tell me some good news for once."

"Alright," said the secretary. "You're not sterile."

What do you call a hen who counts her own eggs?
A mathemachicken.

Me: I'm very sorry, but my dog ate my homework.
Computer Science Professor: Your dog ate your coding assignment?
Me: Well, it took him a couple bytes.

On a recent flight from New York to Seattle an elderly lady stands up and shouts, "Is there a doctor here?"
A nice, serious guy approaches her quickly and tells her, "I am. What is the problem?"
She replies, "Do you want to meet my daughter?"

Seeing his shares plummet on a black morning during the recession, the boss called to his secretary, "Get my broker, Miss Wilks!"
"Certainly, sir. Stock or pawn?"

I started a new job as a security guard last night.
Before my boss left he told me I had to make sure I watched the office all night.
I am now up to season 2 already but I don't know what it has to do with security.

My friend couldn't afford to pay his high water bill. So I sent him a "Get 'Well' Soon" card.

- Why do they report power outages on TV?
- What should you do when you see an endangered animal that is eating an endangered plant?

Camper: "Look at that bunch of cows."
Farmer: "Not bunch, herd."
Camper: "Heard what?"
Farmer: "Of cows."
Camper: "Sure I've heard of cows."
Farmer: "No, I mean a cow herd."
Camper: "So what if they heard? I have no secrets from cows!"

Did you hear about the big power outage last week that hit New York City's Theater District?
It was a real show stopper!

Cop: You know how fast you were going?
Guy: Sorry officer, I was just trying to catch up with traffic.
Cop: What traffic? The road is empty.
Guy: Yea, that's how far behind I am.

Ed Lemm shares some jokes from the Catskill comics of Vaudeville days...
• I just got back from a pleasure trip. I took my mother-in-law to the airport.
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Gulf Shores hopes to have control tower at airport by 2021

Gulf Shores officials have filed the necessary paperwork seeking permission to build a control tower at Jack Edwards Airport, following the (FFA) Federal Aviation Administration's lifting of a 10-year moratorium on new control towers at U.S. airports. The tower will help the city develop future passenger service at Jack Edwards. Mobile, Pensacola and Destin are currently the closest airports to Gulf Shores with towers.

Gulf Shores authorized a contract for \$500,000 for engineering and design for a new tower in March. The plan is to complete FAA review and design in October and begin construction in 2020. The anticipated completion date is January of 2021, according to Jack Edwards Airport Authority Manager Scott Fuller.

Earlier this month, U.S. Senator Richard Shelby announced that 20 local airports throughout Alabama would receive more than \$25.9 million in Federal Aviation Administration grants, including a discretionary grant to Jack Edwards Airport of \$232,066.

"Jack Edwards National Airport is a vital part of Gulf Shores, Orange Beach and the surrounding communities, and this grant will enable valuable safety improvements that will yield benefits to area travelers for years to come," said Congressman Bradley Byrne. "This grant award is a part of the FAA's FY19 Airport Improvement Program (AIP). With this discretionary grant, Jack Edwards National Airport will receive a total of \$403,470 to rehabilitate taxiway lighting."

"The FAA was looking for an airport volunteer to try out their new site selection review process. So, we volunteered and they are expediting our process. We should be ready for bid about the time we are approved," Fuller said.

"The Tower will control the airspace above the airport and out to three miles in every direction. This will provide some semblance of control as our traffic at times resembles an airshow with aircraft going in all directions at all times," he added.

The tower will also reduce peak hour operations by increasing the distance between aircraft in the pattern and the number of takeoffs and landings for proper separation distances. The tower will not allow for multiple use of multiple runways at the same time, which will reduce operational numbers somewhat, and aircraft will be required to report in and be given instructions on procedures and be alerted to other aircraft positions.

"This currently is a significant reason for the over 25,000 radio transmissions per month being made between pilots trying to locate each other," Fuller said. "Some companies will not allow their executives to fly into uncontrolled airports."

Orange Beach City Councilman Jerry Johnson, who is also a member of the Gulf Shores Airport Authority Board, said the Authority Board has been pushing for a control tower at Jack Edwards for many years.

"If it wasn't for Richard Shelby appropriating funds and the Authority pushing it to the level that it was we don't feel like the program would have ever been given the funds," he said.

"What we are going to be doing is bringing a hopper type carrier where you can fly from here to Nashville, here to Atlanta, here to maybe Houston or Dallas. It won't be a commercial carrier coming it. We're not that big. But we probably will have some that will be interested in providing those type services."

Pictured: Rendering of the control tower planned to go up at Jack Edwards Airport.



Sirens of the Sea are working together for Sept. 20 Fall Ball

Melissa McClure (left) and Shelia Stephens (right) are pictured putting their heads together to plan a fabulous tailgating style dinner for the annual Sirens of the Sea Mardi Gras Krewe Fall Ball. This year's event is entitled Fall Ball & Beads. The fall ball will be held on Friday, September 20 from 6-10:30 p.m. at the Event Center in the Wharf. Put on your favorite football themed clothing and your dancing shoes, and come join the Siren sisters for an evening geared toward our favorite sport, football.

Tickets are available from Siren members. Entrance is \$50, which includes your chance to win \$5000 at the drawdown, delicious dinner, live music by Jesse Duncan, two types of raffles as well as a silent auction. Drinks will be available for purchase. One raffle offers the following prizes: Expedia Cruise Travel gift certificate (\$500); or Adventure charter (\$500); or a one-night stay at Perdido Beach Resort with dinner for 2 at Voyagers (\$300). Raffle tickets for these prizes cost \$2 each, and are now available from all Siren members.

Proceeds from this year's Fall Ball will be used to support charities selected by President Susan Giannini and Emblem Connie Conlon: Expect Excellence, a City of Orange Beach After School Program; the Orange Beach Police Department K-9 Unit, for dog body armor; Daybreak Respite Senior Care in Gulf Shores; Gail Pond scholarship for a high school senior; and Mardi Gras activities.



Jane Lee Foley Art Center reception is Aug. 8

The Foley Art Center staff will host a reception for featured member Jane Lee on Thursday, August 8 from 5-7 p.m. Jane will present her latest Coastal Creations work during the event at the FAC's gallery at 211 N McKenzie St. (Hwy. 59). For more info, visit Foleyartcenter.com or call 251-943-4381.

Lee and her husband moved to Orange Beach from Slidell, Louisiana about 10 years ago. "At the time I was caring for my husband who had sustained a spinal cord injury from an on the job accident in 1999," she said. "We lived in Orange Beach together for five years until he passed away."

"After being a full time caregiver for 15 years, I didn't know what to do with my time," she added. "I started doing different arts and crafts and eventually began doing coastal art. Last year's Foley Art Center's Annual Trim a Tree was my first public sale event, but I've learned a lot, found new self-confidence and thoroughly enjoy my artsy life."



THIS COULD HAVE BEEN PREVENTED: The Orange Beach Wildlife Center and Management Program received a July 17 report about an entangled great blue heron. Interns responded to the call and, after capturing the blue heron, noticed the heron's legs were wrapped together with fishing line, limiting the heron's movement. The legs were untangled at the scene and the heron was transferred to the center for further examination where more line and a hook in the wing was discovered. The hook was removed and fluids were given, however it was too little too late and the emaciated heron passed within an hour of arrival. The heron starved to death because it was unable to hunt with its legs wrapped together. "Please use the monofilament recycling stations. This could have been prevented," the OBWC reported on its facebook page.

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1st Annual Vampire 7's Sand Rugby Tourney Aug. 10 on Flora-Bama Beach

Social event is fundraiser for Leukemia Society, will include blood drive

By Fran Thompson

Rugby is most definitely a social sport. Opponents line up and shake hands after every match before convening to a location of the home team's choosing for a party and a few adult beverages.

The Flora-Bama is, in addition to live music, also all about social intercourse and adult beverages.

So holding the 1st Annual Vampire 7's Sand Rugby Tournament on the Flora-Bama Beach is a perfect fit.

“The more bodies we can get there, the more blood we can get donated and the better the result. Alex has been a big help. He is all for it.”

The Aug. 10 tourney will include four teams playing round-robin matches beginning at 10 a.m.

Also a fundraiser for the Leukemia Society, the tourney will include a blood drive (thus, the name). Each team of 12 players and most of the teams' followers will donate blood following their last game.

“Yes. It is barefoot beach rugby behind the Flora-Bama. What's not to like about that,” said tourney director Dale Wood.

Dale Wood organized the tourney with help from his twin brother, Dean Wood, to honor Alex Sharland, president of the Deep South

Rugby Referees Assn. and a good friend. They said it was their way of honoring a refereeing mentor.

Sharland, who is currently going through treatments for leukemia, is also recovering from heart surgery and prostate cancer.

His treatments are ongoing. Yet he still referees rugby on the weekends. He returned to work as a college professor this spring after taking just one semester off. “I am doing OK - all things considered. Every day above the grass is a good day,” he said with a laugh.

“I'm not in pain of any sort. I ran this morning and I refereed three games last Saturday. There are people that have it a lot worse than me,” he added.

“People say I have a good attitude. But there is no use to get overwhelmed and start writing a last will and testament. I say ‘ride the wave while you can.’ I began treatment for leukemia a year ago and the next thing I know they were giving me 48 hours to live.”

Certainly, the fact that Sharland is in top physical shape is helping him through some very aggressive treatment.

“They said it was touch and go and I obviously touched, because I didn't go,” he said.

“My friends held a blood drive for me at the Flora-Bama when I was going through my (throat) cancer treatment,” Dale Wood said. “I went to see Alex in the hospital and he was looking very, very ill. I thought, ‘I need to do something for my friend.’ This is what I came up with.”

Dale Wood said he wanted to recruit as many of his friends as possible to participate in the blood drive. Including a rugby tourney would obviously attract more players/blood donors. The tourney also presents an ad-

ditional fundraising opportunity for sponsors to support the Leukemia Society.

“The more bodies we can get there, the more blood we can get donated and the better the result,” he said. “Alex has been a big help. He is all for it.”

Sharland, 50, has been a force as an organizer, referee and Battleship Old Boy player since moving to Mobile from Ft. Lauderdale to take a job as a professor of marketing and international business at the University of South Alabama in 2008. He ran tourneys with as many as 50 teams while he was in Ft. Lauderdale. He said he is very much looking forward to refereeing games and setting brackets for this tourney.

Throughout the Deep South rugby fraternity, Dean and Dale Wood are known simply as The Twins. Both are confirmed rugby lifers. They do not live together now, but they did share space on White St. in Fairhope for more than 17 years.

Now 60, they started playing rugby in Hammond in 1978, after their biology professor at SLU said he would give them A's if they joined the team.

“He was also the rugby coach,” Dean Wood said. “We were bad at first, but we developed.”

The twins have played together in various cities in the Southeast over the past 40 years, including New Orleans, Jackson and Chattanooga, where they earned co-MVP awards. They still play some Old Boys rugby with Battleship and are certified to referee games, which they do most weekends.

“I went in for surgeries on my shoulder, elbow and bicep in the past year, and I was thinking that probably signaled the end,” Dean Wood said. “My main thing will be to referee down there, but I might jump into a game for three minutes just for kicks.”

Battleship Rugby will send two teams. Gulfport and the Battleship Old Boys will also field sides.

The format will be based on Rugby 7's, which debuted as a medal sport at the 2016 Summer Olympics (Fuji won the men's and Australia the women's gold medals). The round-robin matches will consist of two seven minute halves.

The Battleship Old Boys, known as The Silverbacks, will be led by captain Keg Roberts.

Another rugby lifer, Roberts started playing the sport while at Spring Hill College in 1974. He said his first experience with the game was playing in a 64 team Mardi Gras tourney in muddy conditions near the Hammond airport on a cold February weekend.

“We ran around in the muck, and it was awesome,” he said. “After going through something like that, you either run like hell the other way or you're hooked for life. I'm glad to say I was hooked.”

Roberts, who played on the Battleship 1992 National Division II Championship team, said The Silverbacks will have a strong rooting section and plenty of players to choose from.

“I don't expect that we will be competitive, but the team is shaping up,” he said. “We will have about 25 guys there. I assume the field is going to be pretty small. Maybe if we can get in five man mauls, we might have a chance.”

Regardless of the results on the field, Roberts is certain he and his fellow Old Boys will have a memorable day at the Flora-Bama.

“We are going to show up and donate blood, hang around and drink bushwhackers. and support Alex,” he said. “That's really what this is about, being with some good friends.”

Sharland will return from presenting a paper in Trinidad late on the evening before the tourney, grab a few hours of sleep in Mobile and head along the coast to the Flora-Bama on his motorcycle in the morning.

“I am just going to carry on,” he said. “There is not point letting it get on top of you.”

“The fact that we are even having this tourney is due to Dale's diligence,” he added. “Between sponsorships and entry fees, he is raising a lot of money.”

Sharland will be presented a lifetime achievement award from the Battleship Rugby Club during the tourney.

Dale Wood was honored with that award 10 years ago for continuing to give back to the sport he loves following his own bout with cancer.

“Give Blood. Play Rugby” is our slogan,” he said. “This is a social event. That is our mind set going in. We want everybody to come and give blood if they can, whether they are rugby players or not.”

Pictured: (L to R) identical twins Dean and Dale Wood are 40 year rugby lifers. They still travel to referee games or tournaments most weekends.



ALDOT: Toll only option for Mobile River Bridge

No toll booths, BP funds or Bankhead tunnel closure

With many rumors and misinformation circulating, the Alabama Dept. of Transportation has posted the below accurate information regarding the Mobile River Bridge and Bayway project.

Concern: There shouldn't be a toll
Without a toll the project won't happen. If the project doesn't happen, drivers will sit in congestion more regularly – and will be more likely to be late to work, pick up the kids, class, and appointments.

Not building the project also means the cost of the project will grow due to rising construction costs – so we will be in a worse situation down the road. With a toll, those who use the alignment pay for it. A free route will be maintained for those who do not want to pay a toll; the free route includes the Causeway, Bankhead Tunnel and the Cochrane-Africatown USA Bridge.

Concern: Tolling is double-taxing
A toll is a user fee, not a tax. If a driver does not use the facility, he or she does not pay for it. Drivers only pay a toll when they choose to drive on a toll road because it provides a higher level of convenience, reliability, or safety. Toll customers also pay their share of local, state, and federal taxes through the purchase of fuel. Money generated through gas taxes help fund non-tolled roads that are open to everyone.

Concern: Gas tax should pay for project
The gas tax won't be in full effect until October 2021. Then, it is estimated to bring in around \$320 million annually for statewide projects. If the state set aside \$100 million of those annual funds and earmarked them for the Mobile River Bridge and Bayway project, it would take 21 years before we could break ground. Given inflation, the cost of the project would increase significantly. Moreover, there is currently a multi-billion dollar backlog of existing road and bridge needs that will consume and even exceed the new state revenue from the Rebuild Alabama Act.

Concern: ALDOT refused federal funds

With the exception of the INFRA Grant award announced on July 25, 2019, ALDOT has never been offered federal funding for this project. With reference to the GOMESA funding, those funds are for projects and activities for the purposes of coastal protection, including conservation, coastal restoration, hurricane protection, and infrastructure directly affected by coastal wetland losses. Those funds are not for building roads and ALDOT has no control over how those funds are allocated and distrib-

uted. GOMESA funds was committed to the Mobile bridge project, the funds would not be sufficient to eliminate tolls.

Concern: BP Money can be used
Under the RESTORE Act, Alabama is receiving approximately \$370 million to be administered by the Alabama Gulf Coast Recovery Council for projects in Mobile and Baldwin Counties that are focused on ecosystem restoration, economic development, and tourism protection. To date, Alabama has received a total of \$97 million in RESTORE Act funds. In addition, Alabama will receive approximately \$21 million per year from 2019 through 2031. Even if the entirety of the remaining estimated \$250 million were allocated to the Mobile River Bridge and Bayway Project, the funds would not be sufficient to eliminate tolls. Furthermore, it would mean that no other eligible and needed local projects could be funded with RESTORE Act funds.

Concern: Tolls will cause traffic jams
There will be NO TOLL BOOTHS. The proposed Mobile River Bridge and Bayway project feature all-electronic tolling. Drivers will maintain safe speeds as they pass under gantries that are equipped with cameras to capture license plates or read transponders.

Concern: ALDOT will close tunnel
Bankhead Tunnel will remain open. ALDOT has committed to maintaining a free route across the Mobile River and Mobile Bay. The free route consists of the Bankhead Tunnel, the Cochrane-Africatown USA Bridge, and the Causeway. ALDOT has no plans to remove the Bankhead Tunnel. ALDOT regularly inspects the Bankhead Tunnel and maintains the tunnel to ensure its sustainability. Closure of the Bankhead Tunnel is not in any of ALDOT's short-term or long-term transportation plans.

Concern: No more Causeway
The Causeway will remain open to traffic as it currently exists today. ALDOT will implement an access management plan on the Causeway to help with congestion, which is expected to occur with or without the Mobile River Bridge and Bayway Project. As stated above, ALDOT has committed to maintaining a free route across the Mobile River and Mobile Bay, and the Causeway is an integral component of the free route.

Concern: Tolls Will Start Soon
ALDOT has repeatedly stated that toll collection will not start until the project is complete and all lanes on the new bridges are open to traffic which is anticipated to be 2025.

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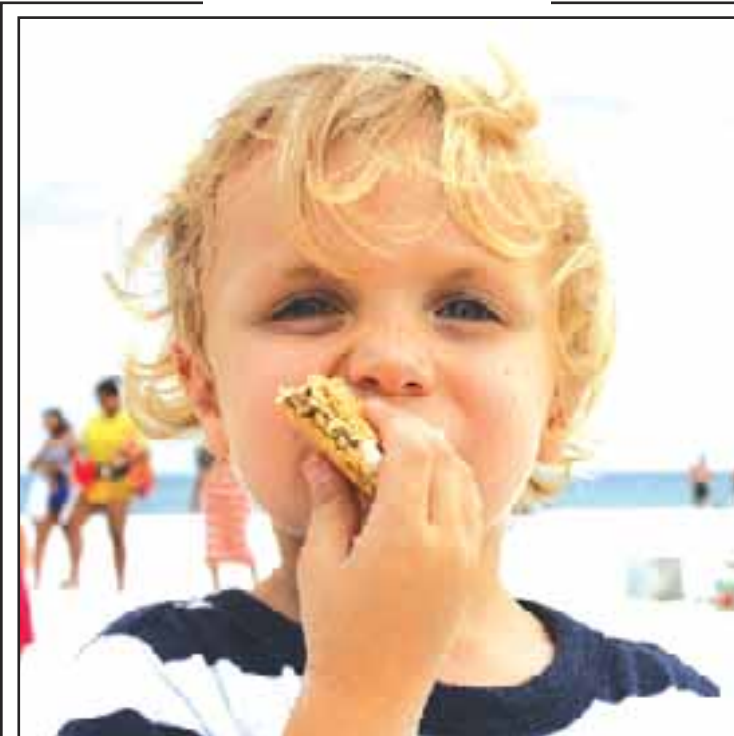


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AROUND TOWN



S'mores on the Shore Aug. 8 at Gulf Shores Public Beach

ampfires, music and s'mores. A good combination. The City of Gulf Shores hosts S'mores on the Shore on Thursday, August 8. The fun will begin at 6 p.m. at Gulf Place Public Beach. This family-friendly event started in 2010 and has become the perfect recipe for families of all ages who are looking for a little free fun and excitement just before the start of another school year.

Families are encouraged to bring their blankets, chairs, friends and family and relax on the beautiful, white sand of the Gulf Shores Public Beach. For more information about S'mores on the Shore, contact the Special Events Division at 251-968-1172 or visit gulfshoresal.gov.

Revolutionary War in Baldwin topic of Aug. 10 Foley lecture

The Revolutionary War in Baldwin County - Gulf Coast Ties to Independence is the topic of the August 10 Baldwin County Genealogical Society meeting at 10 a.m. at Foley Public Library, 319 E. Laurel Ave.



As Alabama celebrates its bicentennial as a state, the BCGS will be looking back decades earlier to its role in the War for Independence. Guest presenter Jeanette Bornholt will introduce some of the state's earliest settlers and describe the effects of the Revolution in Baldwin County.

Jeanette is a native of Elberta. She serves as the Genealogy and Alabama History Division Head for the Foley Public Library. Her past presentations included Leg-ends and Mysteries of Baldwin County and World War II POW Camps in South Alabama.

The presentation is part of the program at the society's monthly meeting. 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.

For more info, visit baldwingenealogy.org or facebook.

My Friend Margie Malec

By Mary Ann Lindsay

After returning from vacation, I learned my dear friend, Margie Malec, had passed. I could not shed a tear, because after visiting her in the hospital and Robertsdale Health Care Center, she wondered aloud why it was taking so long for her to pass.

Margie and I had been friends for many years and often expressed our love for each other. She was the Election Inspector and poll worker in Summerdale for over 20 years. Everyone knew Margie. She ran a tight ship and adhered to all election rules and regulations. When she stepped down from the Inspector position, she stayed on as a poll worker and helped wherever she was needed.

Margie was a Republican and I am a Democrat. We had many interesting conversations over the years. I always admired her positive outlook on life and her zest to live the best life she could. Margie was devoted to volunteerism and won an award for her many years of service. She was also a world traveler.

Some of the lessons I learned from Margie were about life: Enjoy every day; discipline in all aspects of her life - body, mind and soul; Keep up with community events, participate in government; and be happy. All great lessons from a great lady.

I will miss your bright eyes and cheery smile. So glad you made it to heaven, my friend! Job well done on earth!

Gulf Shores Lions Club Casino Night Sept. 14

The Gulf Shores Lions Club will present Casino Night & Dinner in the Dark on Saturday, September 14th at the Erie Meyer Civic Center in Gulf Shores. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the event is from 7-11 p.m. Tickets are \$75 per individual and \$125 per couple. Tickets include music, a steak & shrimp dinner, drinks & casino games with \$5000 in casino money for each guest. For more info, call (251) 709-9524 or (859) 380-0781. Proceeds from the event will benefit Miracle League of Coastal Alabama, Leader Dogs for the Blind and Dolphin Foundation for Education and Arts in the Gulf Shores City Schools. Lions Club International's motto is "We Serve." Specifically, the club seeks to raise awareness of diabetes, preserve sight, and serve those who have already lost or never had sight.



Coast Guard Auxiliary Safe Boating Course Aug. 3 in O.B. Passing course meets AL educational requirement for boating license

The Alabama South Coast flotilla of the U. S. Coast Guard Auxiliary will conduct a safe boating class Saturday, August 3, at the Orange Beach Community Center. Successful completion of this course meets the educational requirement needed to obtain a boating license in Alabama and other states. Course topics include practical boating procedures, trailer and ramp safety, safety equipment, boating laws, navigation rules, chart reading and basic navigation, docking techniques, line handling, and fun with knots. The fee is \$35 for an individual and \$50 for a couple sharing a course book. Instructional materials, lunch, and refreshments provided. Register at malinmo@yahoo.com or call (251) 284-1461. Information is also available on the Coast Guard Auxiliary web site cgaux.org under "Take a Boating Safety Class."

Pictured: Orange Beach Marine Police lecturing at a previous safe boating class.





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AROUND TOWN



Kids' Night Out Aug. 6 at O.B. Waterfront Park

The Orange Beach Police Department will hold its annual Kids' Night Out from 5-8 p.m. on Tuesday, August 6, at Waterfront Park. The free event is held each year in conjunction with National Night Out.

Children will need to wear swim clothes and bring a towel for a fun time and lots of activities. There will be wet and dry inflatables. Hot dogs, popcorn, chips and drinks will be provided. There will be police equipment on display and animals from the Alabama Gulf Coast Zoo. Baldwin County Sheriff's Office will have the EZ Child, Child Identification System, on location for any parents who would like to obtain a printed copy of their child's fingerprints and demographic information.

All children are invited and must be accompanied by their parent or legal guardian.

Sponsors and volunteers include Orange Beach Police Department, Orange Beach Police Department Benevolent Association, Aaron's Lock and Security, Orange Beach Fire Department, Publix, Rouses, Circle K, Orange Beach United Methodist Church, Flamingo's Shaved Ice and The Wharf.

For more information, contact School Resource Officer Cpl. Carter Lowery at clowery@orangebeachal.gov.



Jennifer Claire Moore Foundation 22nd Annual Rodeo Aug. 1-3

The Jennifer Claire Moore Foundation 22nd Annual Rodeo will be held Aug. 1-3 from 5:30-10 p.m. at the Foley Horse Arena, located at 113 E Rosetta Ave. in Foley.

The Foundation's primary fundraiser is the Annual Professional Rodeo, an award-winning Professional Cowboy Association event. This event attracts professional cowboys and cowgirls from across the South. All proceeds from the 2019 Rodeo benefit local Peer Helper Programs in schools across Baldwin County. Tickets will be available each night at the gate.

- 6:00pm Kids Zone Activities included with Rodeo Admission
- Kids Zone activities include face painting, tattoos, bouncy house, inflatable obstacle course and games!
- Horseback Rides Thursday & Friday compliments of Oak Hollow Farms from 7:00 - 7:45pm

Tickets will also be available each night at the gate of the Rodeo.

OBPD Open House, light lunch is Aug. 15

Orange Beach Police Chief Joe Fierro and the Orange Beach Police Department invite the public to an Open House at the police department on Thursday, August 15 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The event will include a meet and greet, tour of the police department, an opportunity to view police vehicles, time enjoy a light lunch and share any concerns. The Orange Beach Police Department is located at 4480 Orange Beach Blvd. (Hwy. 161).



Dick & Phyllis Kaufman score a 7 heart grand slam

Dick and Phyllis Kaufman (pictured) bid and made a 7 heart grand slam on July 16 at the Orange Beach Bridge Club. "Grand slams don't happen every day. We haven't had one at our club in months," said David Batt.

The Club is a social/party bridge club with more than 120 members paying (\$15) yearly and 25 or more paying (\$3) each time they play. The club meets at the Orange Beach Senior Activity Center at 26251 Canal Road. Players should arrive not later than 12 noon on Tuesday and Thursday. Snacks and other supplies are furnished by the club and on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 11:30 all members bring food for a potluck lunch. New members and visitors are welcomed. Come alone or with a partner. Contact Carolyn Vines at 251-981-3440 for more info.



Disney Aladdin Jr. opens Aug. 2 at SBCT Six run production part of Young Artists Series

Tickets go on sale at 10 am. on July 22 for the South Baldwin Community Theatre's six run production of Disney Aladdin Jr. Shows are scheduled August 2, 3, 9 & 10 @ 7:30 p.m. and August 4 & 11 (Sunday) @ 2 p.m. To purchase online, go to sbct.biz.

Disney's Aladdin JR. is based on the 1992 Academy-Award®-winning film and the 2014 hit Broadway show about the "diamond in the rough" street rat who learns that his true worth lies deep within. The story you know and love has been given the royal treatment! Aladdin and his three friends, Babkak, Omar, and Kassim, are down on their luck until Aladdin discovers a magic lamp and the Genie who has the power to grant three wishes. Wanting to earn the respect of the princess, Jasmine, Aladdin embarks on an adventure that will test his will and his moral character.

The play is directed by Jan Hinnen. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$9.95 for children. Tickets are also available beginning July 22 at the theatre box office (2022 W. 2nd St. in Gulf Shores. Call 251-968-6721 for more info.

SBCT Board of Directors host annual meeting Aug. 18

The South Baldwin Community Theatre Board of Directors will host the theatre's annual membership meeting on August 18 at 2:30 p.m. at the theatre. The purpose of the annual meeting is to elect officers and any open board members at large as required by the by-laws. This year there are four open at-large positions. The nominating committee has submitted the following individuals for the 2019/2020 season: President - Mack Mayo; Vice President - Production - Chase Morrisette; Treasurer - Steve Henry; Secretary - Ginger Tuck; Head of House - Paula Dumas; Publicity - Brandi Wittman; Member at Large - Barbara Campbell; Member at Large - Daniel Plante; Member at Large - Ashley Huffmaster; Member at Large - Ellen Henry.

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Larry Strickland releases fact based novel set across from The Flora-Bama

Former Men of Leisure & Jezebel's Chill'n keyboardist is lone remaining Boystowne resident

By Fran Thompson

Larry Strickland's second book, the recently released "Redbeard's Revenge," is being marketed as fiction, but it is obviously based on true characters, including the protagonist, Strick9, Larry's nickname since he was first added to the Flora-Bama possible-probable list back around 1992.

"Well, The protagonist is Strick9, which is my nickname. He lives in Boystowne. He is a honky tonk keyboard player at the Flora-Bama, and he's a private investigator. So, there you have it," Strickland said from a rocking chair in his two room cottage east of the Flora-Bama Yacht Club at the AL/FL line. His crib looks out upon Old River near what used to be Boystowne. He has a raised bed garden outside.

An RV Park mostly for wayward musicians, Boystowne (see pages 54-58) was a mass of maybe a dozen campers, broken down vans, tents and the occasional abandoned 5th wheel located on land then Flora-Bama owner Joe Gilchrist owned across from the famous bistro. Boystowne

even had its own mayor, Dennis Arsenault, Captain D in Strickland's book.

Also, an authority on catching speckled trout (He still has a fishing charter business), Arsenault passed the mayor's gavel to Strickland when he moved away in the early aughts.

"Dennis passed the torch to me," Strickland said. "There was no pay, just headaches from people coming over to complain about this or that. Now I'm the only resident. So, I guess I'm the mayor of myself."

How Strickland came to be Boystowne's lone wolf is a great story in itself.

Hurricane Ivan's northeast quadrant in Sept. of 2004 destroyed Boystowne, the Flora-Bama, the road from Perdido Pass to the Intracoastal Bridge and many homes in Grande Lagoon.

According to Strickland, the wooden porch in front of his camper was still standing after Ivan. When John McInnis III rebuilt the Flora-bama and eventually turned that old Boystowne area into the Flora-Bama Yacht Club, he moved Strickland up to a camper behind the liquor store for four months.

"He said as soon as the Yacht Club was up and running, he'd move me back down here," Strickland said. "He didn't have to do that. But he is a man of his word. "There are always rumors going around that the Flora-Bama is going to put another restaurant here and I'm going to have to move out. But John put his arm around me and said I don't ever have to worry about moving anywhere."

Strickland works a few hours a day at the Flora-Bama making sure there is recorded music playing from all three stages when the bars open at 11 a.m. He also sets

up the bingo mics for caller Sam Morgan (who is also writing a book) Monday thru Friday.

"I set up the mics and do whatever else might arise," he said.

Although he clocks only a few hours daily at the 'Bama, Strickland said he tries to work on his writing every day. He also sometimes sets up a table in a Flora-Bama hallway to sell copies of his two books, and his CD with Men of Leisure, a combo he formed with old school 'Bama sax and keyboard man Downtown Larry Brown.

Strickland penned the memoir, "Tales from the Daventport," 15 years ago. He describes it as "revealing," which does not seem to say quite enough about a book full of graphic stories that you just can't make up.

A graduate of Pensacola High (1969), Strickland first played at the Flora-Bama around 1985. Impressed by then majority owner Joe Gilchrist's love for original music and musicianship, he decided to make playing at the beach dive a priority and, eventually, Boystowne his home base.

"I'd never met a bar owner like Joe before - a guy that encouraged us to play original music," he said. "I thought, wow, this guy is incredible. This is where I want to work, and that's what I did, thank God."

Strickland said he rarely even plays keyboards these days and he last played a gig for pay in March of 2018.

"I tell people I'm on sabbatical (from playing music). But what we were doing with Men of Leisure was not what you would call family friendly stuff anyway, and we had no desire to play anything but original music," he said. "Not that there is anything wrong with playing the hits for people. I've done it all my life. But I'm through with it."

Almost upon moving here, Strickland started playing keyboards with one of the Bama's most popular bands

ever, Jezebel's Chill'n.

Trading sets with Rusty McHugh and Mike Fincher, Jezebel's Chill'n would rock out the Flora-Bama every Sunday afternoon. Donna Slater, Cathy Pace and Strickland clicked immediately and it showed in their harmonies.

Strickland said he worked on "Redbeard" daily for a year, but the book was seven years in the making. Flora-Bama based writer Chris Warner provided much guidance as editor and mentor.

"My mantra was to make sure I worked on it every day," Strickland said. "I'm now taking that same mantra for my third book, 'The Weather Cannon.'"

Redbeard's Revenge begins hundreds of years ago when a pirate, Redbeard, sails into a hurricane. His ship sinks entering Perdido Pass, which until a hurricane shifted the sands two miles west (it's true), was located on the site of the present day Flora-Bama.

Redbeard is captured and beheaded before he gets a chance to find his gold, but he puts a curse on the treasure before going under the guillotine. Fishermen and beach strollers start finding coins. Gold fever emerges. People get murdered. Strick-9 investigates.

Just like Boystowne, circa 1993, the book is filled with various musicians, artists, bartenders and vagabonds all looking for treasure buried in the sand beneath the 'Bama.

In addition to Arsenault, Strickland includes characters based on Perdido Key fixtures, such as Bobby Rodriguez (Possum) and a meth addict from Innerarity Point. Lillian's Pizza and Doc's Seafood are also mentioned in the book.

"I didn't have to borrow any money to print my first order of books. I don't have a woman. I don't have a desire to go anywhere. I'm happy right here doing what I do. John (McInnis) told me I'm not going anywhere. So, all I have to worry about is another hurricane," Strickland said.

Pictured: Larry Strickland outside of his two-room cabin on Old River near the Flora-Bama Yacht Club.



FAIRHOPE CITY COUNCIL

Fairhope takes steps to control geese at Public Beach

At the July 8 Fairhope City Council Work Session, a frank and sincere discussion was held concerning the unchecked population of resident Canada Geese on the City's public lands. Several options were offered, and it is the consensus of the Mayor and Council to concentrate on three methodologies to manage the population:

- Preventing Public Feeding – this is a known issue that unfortunately has been purposely overlooked. Law and Code enforcement, is understandably, reluctant to criminalize the feeding of the waterfowl in the parks. It is hard to punish individuals for an act they consider to be helpful to the wildlife and gives them satisfaction and pleasure for the perceived helping of nature. It seems like a nice thing to do, and it's fun to attract them closer and watch their antics, but in the long run it causes more harm than good for both bird and human.

Foods such as bread and popcorn are not ideal for waterfowl, and they can become weaker over time if they rely on these items. Regular feeding by humans causes the waterfowl stay close to their reliable food source. They are less likely to want to migrate as they should. But there are dangers to people as well. Human-dependent birds can

become aggressive, and their population can increase to the point where it causes a strain on the ecosystem. In short, humans should not feed waterfowl. They can and will find their own food and increasing their dependence on people is detrimental to their well-being.

The Mayor has approved a 60-day "Notice" and "Grace" period. During this time, we will publish to our citizens on all available platforms: press, bulletin boards, everbridge, website and social media the reason why feeding of the waterfowl is detrimental and that on September 10, 2019 rigid enforcement would begin. This will require a regular presence of Law and Code.

- Hazing – active and passive: Goose ridding techniques known as hazing are more accurately described as harassment. You're creating a climate that's so unpleasant that the bird simply doesn't want to live there. The hazing/harassment must be continuous and concentrated. The leading active Hazing measure is the use of trained Border Collies used to harass the geese off the property. The use of hazing dogs would be required each time the gaggle becomes too concentrated and/or numerous. Passive hazing involves rapid cycle, high-intensity LED beacons. At night, geese sleep in or near water areas where they feel secure from predators. Placing a unit into these secure areas makes the geese anxious and they will no longer consider the area "safe" and will simply move to another suitable habitat within a few days. If the geese feel insecure in an area at night, they won't be back during the day, either. From experience, we have found the lights have a decaying hazing effect. Public Works will continue to move and place new lights to maintain the maximum effectiveness.

- Mass relocation at time of molt: Unlike other birds which will lose one feather at a time and still be able to fly, geese will lose all their flight feathers (or molt) and not be able to fly during this stage. This eclipse molt leaves the Canada Geese flightless for a three to four-week period. They cannot take flight and leave. During this time Geese are corralled, crated and transported by a Licensed Wildlife Management firm at the City's expense to distant property that has woods, water and natural predators. Permits are required from the State and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for translocation activities. While the flightless waterfowl reside in this appropriate habitat, natural selection occurs due to the existence of predators. This natural process reduces the population before they regain flight and return to their former homes. This process repeated over several years will significantly reduce resident Geese populations.



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GULF SHORES CITY COUNCIL

Staff scrambling to get ready for first day City Schools' bells will ring for first time Aug. 9

At the July 22 City Council meeting, City of Gulf Shores Assistant Public Works Director Noel

"Aug. 9 is the first day of school and it's haunting me. But on Aug. 10 I'm going on vacation."

Hand presented an update on progress of work at the three school campuses as the first day of class looms for the city's new school system.

At the schools, less than two weeks remain before students report to class. This summer about 60

kids attended a Spanish immersion class for a week at the elementary school and about 60 more for an eco-tourism class that was also a week at the middle school.

On the grounds, Hand has been overseeing new loops for splitting up traffic flow between the elementary and middle school and a bus loop that enters on Dolphin and unloads near the middle school soccer field. The new loops are on schedule to be paved and completed before classes start.

"Aug. 9 is the first day of school and it's haunting me,"

Hand said with a laugh. "But on Aug. 10 I'm going on vacation."

Lush landscaping is planned for the campuses and Hand said water from a new well will help defray the costs of watering it to keep it verdant and surviving.

"When you start the irrigation system and you're running the irrigation system then you get \$10,000 worth of bills in that month," Hand said. "We didn't want to have that cost so we wanted to go with a well."

Most water on the island, Hand said, has lots of iron in it and can stain concrete and buildings when used in the irrigation system. The city found an expert to come out and help with that problem.

"The water is able to irrigate all of the massive irrigation system that we are installing," Hand said. "We won't have a huge monthly bill. That was one of the biggest concerns that we had. We love all our landscaping but we knew it was going to be costly to maintain. The well was going to be our magic bullet to not have to pay that water bill."

It's 280 feet into the ground and the iron levels were low in the source that was found, Hand said.

Griffin said the water will also eventually be used in the chillers for the air conditioning units in another move to cut costs.



City looking at 3 options to eliminate Canal Rd. 90 degree turn

By John Mullen

Mayor Robert Craft said progress is being made narrowing down which route the city will pursue to eliminate the 90-degree turn at East Second Street and Canal Road.

The mayor gave updates during a city council meeting on that project as well as progress on getting state approval to build a medical facility on land the city owns west of the airport and just south of Cotton Creek Drive.

Assistant Public Works Director Noel Hand also gave an update on progress of work at the three school campuses as the first day of class looms for the city's brand new school system.

"We have been working diligently on the east side of town and rerouting and any kind of improvements to 180 or Canal Road as that becomes a city street throughout this process,"

Craft said. "We've got money from the Restore Act to improve that roadway and we'll be working on that. We're getting close to coming up with some strategy on what route we take. We've had public input meetings with the community on the east side and we've got a lot of good input and facts from them and we'll get back to them fairly soon."

Gulf Shores is also studying a new roadway on the north side of the Intracoastal Waterway to connect State Route 59 with the new bridge and spur road to the Foley Beach Express the state is planning.

"There are a lot of major transportation projects in place trying to get finalized and get to the point where we can report to you exactly what we're doing on those," Craft said.

City signs Letter of Intent w. SBRMC for freestanding emergency facility

By John Mullen

Gulf Shores recently signed a letter of intent with Community Health Systems and South Baldwin Regional Medical Center to build a freestanding emergency department on the 11 acres adjacent to Jack Edwards Airport.

"We are in the process of working on the lease right now but the LOI its been signed," Mayor Robert Craft said. "Their intent is to apply for a certificate of need by the first of August. So, we're getting close. That will give us the ability to stop ambulances in Gulf Shores and not try to get critical injuries, critical situations all the way to the north side of Foley. That is moving forward and we're very hopeful that we can get finalized and get done. There's a lot to do in addition to that but we do have a letter of intent, we do have a partner that is determined to do this."

The hospital must now apply to the State Health Planning and Development Agency to obtain a certificate of need before construction can start. That process takes about four to six months, City Administrator Steve Griffin said.

Permits approves Polar Bear Dip Beach Bash, surplus item auction

By John Mullen

At the July 22 City of Gulf Shores City Council meeting, Council approved assembly permits for the city's Wild and Wicked Beach Bash Party on Oct. 18 at the Town Green at Gulf Place and the Gulf Shores Kiwanis Club's Polar Bear Dip Jan. 1 at Gulf Place in front of the Hangout.

The city also approved a list of surplus items to be auctioned off on govdeals.com from July 29 through Aug. 12. Included in the lot are six vehicles and a variety of recreation, office and computer equipment.





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ORANGE BEACH CITY COUNCIL

Plans to put boat launch west of Beach Express Bridge is slow going Baldwin County Commissioners close to purchasing land on Canal Rd.

By John Mullen

Mullet Wrapper Staff Writer

Progress is slow but slight progress is being made on the county's effort to put a boat launch on property the county is purchasing on the Intracoastal Waterway just west of the toll bridge.

“Once that happens, the appraisal will be finalized which values the property at a value that is sufficient to move forward with the purchase with public money.”

his job is securing funds to buy the land and build the launch. He expects the state will OK the use of GOMESA money from oil and gas well leases in the Gulf of Mexico.

“Things are moving in the right direction and I have confidence that the governor will announce soon that she is considering this,” Elliott said. “We should have an answer and finalization in the very near future.”

The closing on the property still hasn't happened and attorney Brad Hicks who is representing the county in the sale said at a July 18 Baldwin County Road and Bridge Meeting. The county agreed to pay \$7.5 million for the 45-acre waterfront property in two parcel in May and will need about \$5-10 million to build the launch and other amenities.

“We were hoping to have closing at the end of August but it's looking now like it's going to get into September,” Hicks said. “We're going to have an extension on the purchase agreement that will move the inspection period to mid-August sometime. The next big commitment for the county is once the inspection expires the earnest money amount increases. Everything seems to be going in the right direction.”

Once the land is acquired, then the county can start the permitting process with the Army Corps of Engineers and the Coast Guard.

“The public comment period from ADEM has closed with no public comments,” Sen. Chris Elliott, R-Daphne, said. “They are in the process of issuing their final report which will basically be a clean bill of health. Once that happens the appraisal will be finalized which values the property at a value that is sufficient to move forward with the purchase with public money. The commission's ready to vote on it.”

Elliott, a Baldwin County Commissioner when this project was first launched, said now

“I do not anticipate with the conservations we had early on any problems there,” Elliott said. “I say that because we brought all of those people into a meeting and said this is where we're headed are there any problems anticipated. The answer was no and sufficiently no that everybody felt comfortable moving ahead with the purchase. You have to be the owner of the land in order to move forward with Corps approval process.”

When it was first announced in May of 2018 the plans called for about 450 parking spots for boat trailers and 12 to 14 boat launches. Also included in the original plan were an additional 50 parking spaces and some picnic pavilions.

The final product probably won't look like that but County Commission Chairman Skip Gruber said in November the actual numbers of parking spaces and launches will probably emerge in the permitting process.

“There's no place on Wolf Bay that you can launch a boat. We have one at Robinson's Bayou and one at Lillian and that's the extent of the county facilities.”

“That's going to be determined by what will be allowed by the Corps,” Gruber said. “We put these numbers out there because we looked at the piece of ground and what area we could put the slips in. We're trying to fit it to where we get the maximum use out of that property. You ask for that and you get what you get.”

Orange Beach officials will be working closely with the county to come up with the design of the launch and Mayor Tony Kennon said that first plan was a little ambitious.

“That large of a launch is not needed,” Kennon said. “And it's in the most dangerous part of the canal. That's why I want to talk with them and see about downsizing it to an acceptable size. I think the council feels the same way.”

Councilman Jeff Silvers said he felt the launch was too far away from Perdido Pass and access to the Gulf.

Long-time commissioner Gruber has been searching for property for a south Baldwin launch for years. The closing of the one at the old Wolf Bay Restaurant left a vacuum for those wanting to launch boats in the bay.

“There's no place on Wolf Bay that you can launch a boat,” Gruber said. “We have one at Robinson's Bayou and one at Lillian and that's the extent of the county facilities.”

Gulf Shores was considering partnering with the state to put a launch on the north bank of the Intracoastal Waterway at a state facility just east of Saunders Yachtworks but is now awaiting the outcome of the effort by the county on this project. There is a ramp and boat basin with slips in place there for use by the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resource's Marine Division vessels.



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Run/Walk For Prostate Cancer Awareness Sept. 14 On The Line

The Flora~Bama's Ole River Grill will host the 6th Annual 5.8k Run/Walk for Prostate Cancer Awareness on September 14 at the 7:30 a.m. in front of The Flora~Bama Ole River Gril. The course runs West on Perdido Beach Blvd into Orange Beach to the Perdido Pass Bridge and back. The event is to raise awareness to protect the men in our lives and donate to the Prostate Cancer Foundation (PCF), the

leading philanthropic organization funding and accelerating research globally.

Why Prostate Cancer and the PCF? It's simple, my dad, Simon," said Gin Newman, President/Founder of Simon Says Run for Prostate Cancer.

"When he was diagnosed with metastatic prostate cancer, I searched for information and ways to support him. To my surprise, I did not find nearly enough information. After a lot of

thought, I decided to use this new journey to change that, and Simons Says Run was born. Until there is a cure, we need to help those fighting the disease, so let's put our feet together and run/walk for a cure." The 2018 event at Ole River Bar raised \$8,100 for the PFC. The raes have raised a total of over \$33,000 over the past five years.

Thanks to the generosity of sponsors covering expenses (i.e. participant and volunteer t-shirts, registration costs, insurance) the charity is able to donate all of the participant entry fees to the PCF.

Participants can register at www.active.com. The entry fees are \$30 until September 12 and \$35 at packet pickup on September 13 and day of race. Register by September 1 to receive a T-shirt. After September 1, T-shirts will be based on availability. Registered participants receive free pancake and bacon breakfast starting at 6 a.m. and burgers & beer at the post-race party at Ole River Grill. There will be chance drawings post-race. For more information please visit simonsaysrun.org or email gin@simonsaysrun.org!



2-hour Angler Academy 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.

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 is 10 per class), call 251-948-7275, ext. 92128.

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- 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 tacky-jacks.com, includes lunch; Tack Jacks; Gulf Shores
- Legends in Concert (Bruno Mars, Reba McEntire, Elvis Presley, Whitney Houston, Rod Stewart, Garth Brooks): 7:30 p.m.; Downtown OWA; Foley; 251-369-6100.
- John Brust: 6; The Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- Open Mic: 5; Tacky Jack's, Gulf Shores.
- Adam Holt: 5; LuLu's at Homeport Marina.
- Cole Decker: 6, Tacky Jack's, Orange

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- John Lee Sanders: 6; Voyagers Restaurant at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- Karaoke: 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- Danny Grady: 5; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- West Coast Swing Dance: 7; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.
- Scott Koehn/Flip Flop Bros: 6:30; Flip-flops, Orange Beach.
- Karaoke: 6; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- John Joiner & Friends: 6; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
- Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde: 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
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Wharf's Aug. 2 Back To School Bash includes ice cream glow party

The Wharf will host a Back To School Bash on August 2 from 5-8 p.m. at The Port, across from the ferris wheel at the Orange Beach Shopping Center. Festivities include a Dunk Booth, DJ & Dancing, Craft Area, Trivia, Spelling Bee, free bags of snacks, Photobooth, and an Ice Cream Glow Party. The party is free, but patrons are encouraged to bring school supply donations or drop money in a donation box to buy items will go to local schools. Some crafts may have a fee.

See first responder & public safety demonstrations Aug. 24 at OWA

Head to Downtown OWA on Saturday, August 24 from 4-8 p.m. for free and interactive live demonstrations with local first responders and public safety officers! Kids and adults alike will have the chance to watch a fire truck in action and see a real SWAT vehicle. Get a real-life hands-on experience with the brave professionals who keep our community safe every day. Live demonstrations and interactive displays will be in the streets of Downtown OWA. And admission is free.

Participating Public Safety Departments and/or Demonstrations: Foley Police Dept.; Foley K9 Unit; Foley Fire Dept.; Alabama Forestry Commission; Baldwin County EMA; Baldwin County Sheriff's office; Alabama Dept of Public Health; Life South Blood Center; Lower Alabama Search & Rescue; Graham Creek Nature Preserve; Poarch Creek Indian Police; United Way Medical Reserve Core; Baldwin County Drug Education Council.

Create your own Koala Plush at Foley Library's Aug. 12 craft day

The Foley Library will host a Koala Plush Event on August 12 from 10-11:30 a.m. in the Upstairs Meeting Room. The special end of summer event is for ages 10-16. Just bring one each fleece sock in any color you like. The library will furnish all of the other material you need to create your Koala. Seating is limited and reservations are required. Please call 251-943-7665 to reserve your space. The library is located at 319 E. Laurel Ave. More library info: 251-943-7665 or foleylibrary.org.



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- Family Night Dinner & Activities: 5:45 p.m.; Saint Andrew by the Sea, 17263 Fort Morgan Rd., Gulf Shores; 678-361-2762.
- Open Mixed Doubles Tennis: 7:15 a.m.; all levels welcome; Gulf Shores Tennis Center; corner of West 19th Ave. and West 2nd St.
- Veteran's Bingo: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.; American Legion Post 99, Foley.
- Grief Support Group: 10 a.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Activities Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola; 850-492-2135
- Food Bank: 9-11 a.m. every Wednesday, Perdido Bay Baptist Church, 12600 Sorrento Rd. Pensacola; call for eligibility requirements at (850) 492-2604.
- Bread Ministry: 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.; Orange Beach United Methodist Church Brook's Center.
- Food Ministry For Hungry Families: noon-1 p.m.; Grace Lutheran Church, corner of West 23rd Ave. and West 4th St. in Gulf Shores; 251-968-5991.
- Perdido Key Rotary Club: 7:30 a.m.;

- every Wednesday at United Methodist Church Activity Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Road, Pensacola.
- Storytime at Pensacola Southwest Branch Library: free; infant to 5; 10:30-11; 12238 Old Gulf Beach Hwy; (850)453-7780.
- Gulf Shores Lions Club: noon; 2nd & 4th Wednesday; noon; Gulf Shores Adult Activity Center, 300 E. 16th Avenue; 251-968-2823.
- AA: Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

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- Flora-Bama Bingo: 1-4 p.m.; Flora-Bama Loung Tent Stage; Perdido Key.
- Legends in Concert (Bruno Mars, Reba McEntire, Elvis Presley, Whitney Houston, Rod Stewart, Garth Brooks): 4 p.m.; Downtown OWA; Foley; 251-369-6100.
- Christina Christian: 5; Cobalt the Restaurant; Orange Beach.
- JJ Mack: 6; Tacky Jack's, Orange Beach.
- The Red Field: 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's, Gulf Shores.
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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Retired cop & longtime coach McLain dropping lbs. while helping kids

By Marc Anderson

Retired Orange Beach Police Sgt. David McLain has been coaching for over 30 years and most of that time has been in and around Orange Beach.

Coach McLain is no stranger to helping kids achieve things they didn't think were possible, such as winning area championships on the basketball court or bringing home softball trophies. Now it's his turn to dig deep, not to win trophies but to shed pounds with the encouragement of Mayor Tony Kennon, Orange Beach Middle/High School girls basketball players, fellow coaches and guidance from Southern Rapid Care medical professionals.

On a recent July morning at the Orange Beach Recreation Center, Orange Beach High School Athletic Director Chase Smith intently took a weight measurement on the scale Coach McLain was standing on, as two dozen girls basketball players looked on with Mayor Kennon and Shelia Stephens of Southern Rapid Care.

"Two-thirty-six! Six pounds," Smith announced with cheers from the players. After just two weeks of working out and eating healthy, Coach McLain went from 242 pounds to 236.

Each week Coach McLain will do similar weigh-ins to show off his progress with an ultimate goal of shedding 75 pounds.

"Honestly, if I can get under 200 pounds it will be a celebration for me," Coach McLain said. "It's been a long time."

He knows he has a tough road ahead but he said he is motivated by the girls basketball team. McLain will be assisting Coach Selitha McGatha with the Orange Beach Junior Varsity and Middle School girls basketball teams.

"At 53 years old it does take a little more," Coach McLain said of the challenges ahead. "I never expected to ride a bicycle 12 miles. I never thought I would be able to do that again. And jumping on the elliptical. I mean it's exciting. I enjoy working out, but the girls have motivated me because of the way they are working in the weight room, in strength and conditioning. And that's something big; something major. Those girls have got me fired up. The way they work so hard. I want to work hard for them too. That's the reason why I'm doing this."

From his days as a standout cross country and track team captain at Troup High School in LaGrange, Georgia to earning the respect in the police department in Lanett, Alabama for his never-back-down attitude, McLain has constantly overcome challenges in his life. But he says none of it would have been possible without coaches.

"I had a rough childhood," McLain said. "Coaches were a big, big influence in my life. They knew what I was going through and they took me underneath their wings. I'm blessed. And that's the reason why I coach today and feel God has put me into a position for this. I want to give back what they gave me."

McLain has been paying it forward ever since 1985, two weeks after graduating high school, when he began coaching baseball in Huguley, Alabama and from there it was to Valley High School coaching football, basketball and softball. Then in 1995 after 7 years at the Lanett Police Department, McLain followed then Police Chief Robert Vinson to Orange Beach.

"I've been in this community for over 25 years," McLain said. "The first year I was here they asked me to start coaching softball here and we became pretty successful."

From coaching the Orange Beach Rec League to Gulf Shores Middle and High School, Coach McLain gives credit to the Orange Beach City Council and the leadership at the police department through the years for allowing him to do it.

"If it wasn't for them, I wouldn't have this opportunity," he said. "They know how important it was in the community to build relationships between the children of the future and the police department."

McLain retired from the Orange Beach Police Department in early 2018. He still works part-time for the city in Public Works and is a substitute teacher as well.

"When I was coaching on the sideline in rec league over here, I always said if Orange Beach had a high school I would love to coach here in Orange Beach because it was like my dream," Coach McLain said. "God has blessed me. I've been coaching since the year I got here. It's community. It's home."

Now as Coach McLain encourages his players to achieve excellence on the basketball court, they will in turn be cheering him on to achieve his goal and to never back down.

Pictured: Coach David McLain and Shelia Stephens of Southern Rapid Care.



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BUSINESS BRIEFS

NEW SHAREHOLDER AT GRANT, SANDERS, AND TAYLOR: Grant, Sanders & Taylor, P.C., one of the leading accounting firms in Baldwin County, recently named Chad E. Lipscomb, CPA as a shareholder. Lipscomb earned his Bachelor of Business Administration in Accounting degree from the University of South Alabama and has been licensed as a Certified Public Accountant in Alabama since 2002. Lipscomb has extensive experience in diverse tax, financial, and business consulting that he has gained through staff, senior, and management roles for Grant, Sanders, and Taylor, P.C. during his 20 years of employment with the firm. Chad has expertise in all of the above, with his primary focus on income tax related services for individuals, corporations, partnerships, nonprofit organizations, and common interest realty associations. He is a member of American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Alabama Society of Certified Public Accountants. "We are very proud of Chad's accomplishments and his dedication to Grant, Sanders & Taylor," said Bert Sanders. "We are excited to see what the future holds for the firm."

JOHN WILSON EARNS INTERNATIONAL AWARD: Baldwin County's Chief School Financial Officer John Wilson, has been given the International Association of School Business Officials International Pinnacle of Achievement Award for the innovative strategy used to address past funding crisis, growth demands and overcrowded schools. While other school systems raise taxes and use bonds to fund construction projects, Baldwin County Public Schools did not have that option. Officials looked at strategic planning for budget cuts to create a small, "Pay-As-You-Go", construction plan to meet the needs of our unprecedented growth. The program utilizes existing taxes and short-term loans over a recurring four-year cycle. While this program is being implemented over several phases, in the last decade we have seen nearly \$150 million in school construction with all debt paid off by 2021. This award highlights Baldwin County's commitment to fiscal responsibility. By not using bonds, nor long term debt, the current construction projects have saved the county tax payers more than \$75 million in interest and expenses over this four year period. "The ingenuity and out of the box thinking John Wilson brought to Baldwin County has been a game-changer for us. This Pay-As-You-Go program is unique to Baldwin County Public Schools and is a great example of how stable funding and a commitment to working together can solve many of our problems," said BCSD Superintendent Eddie Tyler.

FR. SINGARAYAR NEW PASTOR AT ST. JOSEPH'S: When Fr. James Singarayar was in the sixth grade he knew he wanted to become a priest. In June he arrived at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Lillian as pastor to guide the community in their everyday lives as Christians, fulfilling his childhood dream. After completing his regular studies in his home state of Tamil Nadu, India, Fr. James joined the Heralds of Good News in 2009. He served as the Dean of Philosophy at the Formation House of the order. In July 2016 he arrived in the United States to join St. Ignatius parish in Mobile. He says his goal is to build a community "with the grace of God and help of the people." He wants to bring all members of the parish to participate in all ministries. "I want to know all the parishioners individually," he says. The Good Samaritan gospel recently tied in with Father's goal for the parish. The stranger took care of the injured man and then worked with others to see that he continued to receive help. Father called it "networking." He explained how the congregation can work together for the good of all.

ASHLEY WILSON AMONG "IN-CROWD 40 CLASS: Ashley Wilson, CSEE, sales manager for the Gulf Shores & Orange Beach Sports Commission, was included in Connect Association magazine's 2019 "The In-Crowd" 40 Under 40 class. Wilson was nominated by industry peers for her diligent work to pursue new sporting events and retain existing business for the commission, particularly outside of the peak summer season for Alabama's beaches. One of Wilson's greatest career accomplishments is securing the commission's long-term contract with the NAIA Men's and Women's Outdoor Track & Field National Championships in Gulf Shores, Alabama since 2014. In 2019, the event produced an estimated \$3.88 million in economic impact and 3,658 room nights with a cumulative \$17.59 million impact since 2014.

PUBLIX OPEN IN FOLEY: The highly anticipated 48,387 square-foot Publix store is now open and offering traditional grocery, meat, produce, dairy and frozen food departments, as



Chad Lipscomb; Ashley Wilson; Fr. James Singarayar; Dwaine Stevens



Lynn Ferrie; Michelle Robinson; Timothy Mott, MD; John Wilson

well as a pharmacy, bakery, deli, floral, and fresh seafood. Approximately 120 Publix associates are employed at the store. Store hours will be 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily including opening day. "We are pleased and excited to have the opportunity to serve the beautiful community of Foley and anxious to provide an exemplary customer shopping experience, along with superior products our customers have grown accustomed to" said Dwaine Stevens, media and community relations manager for Publix."

FERRIE JOINS BRYANT BANK STAFF: Bryant Bank has announced the hiring of Lynn Ferrie as a new mortgage lender for the bank. He will provide mortgage lending and refinancing services to the Orange Beach and Foley communities. Ferrie attended Jamestown Community College in New York and resided in the Pensacola area for most of his life. He has lived in Baldwin County for the past four years. Ferrie's 30 years of mortgage lending experience ranges from being an independent owner of a mortgage company that was licensed in four states to owning a title company and then overseeing an entire mortgage department for a lending institution. "It is with excitement that Bryant Bank has hired an additional mortgage lender to serve the Baldwin County area," said Michelle Robinson, Executive Vice President and Senior Mortgage Sales Manager. "Alabama's gulf coast continues to be an area that demands mortgage lending services and I am confident that Lynn will go above and beyond to meet the homebuying needs of the community."

SBRMC FAMILY MEDICINE RESIDENTS: In July 2018, South Baldwin Regional Medical Center launched the first family medicine residency program in Baldwin County. The first class of resident physicians entered the program July 2018 and the second class of family medicine residents have joined July 2019. "This is an exciting time for South Baldwin Regional Medical Center as we continue to grow the services we offer our patients and our community," said Daniel McKinney, Chief Executive Officer.

"Establishing this family medicine residency program allows us to serve another population – up and coming physicians. We're honored to have the opportunity to train these physicians, allowing them to contribute to our community as well." Now in its second year, the family medicine residency program, approved by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME), is a three-year program with anticipation to fill its full complement of 24 resident physician slots in the summer of 2020. Focusing on full-scope general family medicine, the program's goal is to provide a well-rounded experience for physician residents who want to pursue a career as a community-based family medicine physician. Timothy Mott, MD, Michael Linder, MD, Carol Motley, MD, Mikelle Maddox, MD, and Christine Bogar, PhD serve as core faculty; Mott also serves as the Program Director.

"With the ever-increasing need for primary care across the country, we are privileged to help shape the next generation of family physicians," stated Dr. Mott. "We experienced an amazingly successful recruitment and selection of both our inaugural and second classes through the national residency match. Bringing yet another talented group of new physicians into our clinic and the setting of South Baldwin Regional Medical Center with its robust learning opportunities and talented staff is truly exhilarating." South Baldwin Medical Group Family Medicine Practice is located at 1851 N. McKenzie Street, Suite 200, in Foley. Walk-ins are welcomed, and most insurance plans are accepted. For more information, or to schedule an appointment, call 251-424-1232, or visit SouthBaldwinMedicalGroup.com.

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- Matt & Candy: 7, Tacky Jack's, Fort Morgan.
- Camille Ray: 6; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- First Friday Fish Fry: 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.; Foley United Methodist Church Spirit Center; 915 N Pine St., Foley.
- Touch Of Class: 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- Sandra Kaye & The Legend Band: 8:30; Live Bait Restaurant, 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.
- Roger & Elaine: 7; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- Open Mic Karaoke: 5; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- Karaoke: 8; Snapper's; Orange Beach.
- Karaoke: 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- Open Jam in the Canteen: 8, American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.
- Brandon Styles Impressions & 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 2nd St.
- Bingo: 5:30; Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5659; Elberta.
- Foley Rotary Club: 12:15 p.m.; Gift Horse Restaurant in Foley; foleyrotary@gulfnet.com.
- AA: Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
- AA: 7 p.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

SAT, AUG 3

- Book Signing: 3-6 p.m.; The Groovy Goat, 106 S OWA Blvd., Foley; Linda B. Schmitz Spangrud will be signing her newly published Children's Book: "Miss Ella and the

Turtle.

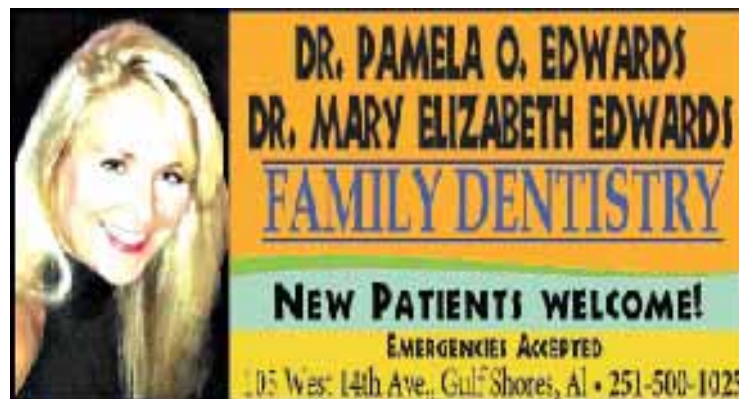
- Flora-Bama Possible Probables: 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
- LuLu's Art Market w. The Gulf Coast Arts Alliance: 11 a.m.; Gulf Shores.
- First Friday Fish Fry: 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.; Foley United Methodist Church Spirit Center; 915 N Pine St.
- Disney's Aladdin Jr.: 7:30; South Baldwin Community Theater; Gulf Shores.
- Commemoration of the Battle of Mobile Bay: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.; Fort Morgan, 110 Alabama Hwy 180, Gulf Shores.
- Weeks Bay Foundation 7th Annual Pelican Paddle Canoe and Kayak Race: Weeks Bay Reserve Tonsmeire Resource Center; Fairhope, (251) 990-5004.
- About Boating Safely: Orange Beach Community Center; 27235 Canal Rd.; 251-284-1461.
- Midnight Revel: 6:30; Big Beach Brewing Company.
- Perdido Brothers: 4:30 p.m.; Pirates Cove, Josephine.
- Jason Abel Project: 9; The Office, Foley.
- Ronnie Presley: 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's, Gulf Shores.
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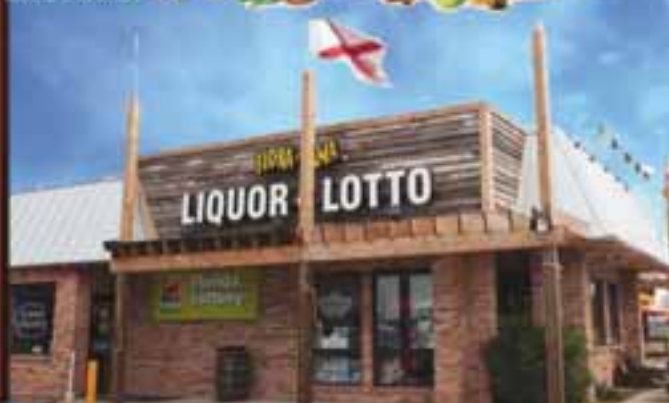
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- The Defrosters: 3 p.m.; The Flying Harpoon 2, Orange Beach.
- Beave & Cleave: 6, Tacky Jack's, Orange Beach.
- John Brust: 6; Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- Top Hat & Jackie: 6; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- Crazy George: 9; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
- Touch Of Class: 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- Sandra Kaye & The Legend Band: 8:30; Live Bait Restaurant, Orange Beach.
- Karaoke: 8; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.
- Open Jam: 8; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.
- Karaoke: 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- Brandon Styles Impressions & Magic Show: 7; OWA Showroom, Foley.
- Famous Nameless: 7; Hub Stacy's at the Point; Innerarity Point.
- Corn-hole Tournament: 10 a.m.; American Legion Post 44; Gulf Shores.
- Optimist Club of Perdido Bay: Breakfast every Saturday at 8 a.m. at the Lillian Community Club in Lillian; (251)

961-2620; Program: Two Old Men who regularly play and sing at The Front Porch in Lillian will play and tell their story.

- AA: 10 a.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
- AA: 7 p.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
- Ladies AA: 9 a.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

SUN, AUG 4

- Flora-Bama Possible Probables: 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
- Central Flora-Bama Church: Church experiences, 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.; Flora-Bama Tent Stage, Perdido Key.
- Unity Church Beach Service: noon; St. Thomas By The Sea Chapel; Orange Beach.
- Disney's Aladdin Jr.: 2 p.m.; South Baldwin Community Theater; Gulf Shores.
- Jim Burt: 4:30; Big Beach Brewing Company.

- Candy & Matt: 2 p.m.; Sassy Bass Amazin' Grill; Ft. Morgan.
- Open Mic/Jam hosted by The Defrosters: 4 p.m.; The Flying Harpoon 2, Orange Beach.
- Lee Yankie: 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's, Gulf Shores.
- Greg Brown: noon; The Tin Top Restaurant; Bon Secour.
- Damian Lamb: 11 a.m.; Tacky Jack's, Orange Beach.
- Platinum Premier: 6, Tacky Jack's, Orange Beach.
- Lisa Christian: noon; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- Robbexaux & Les: 6; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- John Lee Sanders: 6; Voyagers Restaurant at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- Lisa Christian: 2 p.m., Tacky Jack's, Gulf Shores.
- Danny Grady: 2 p.m.; Fraternal Order of Eagles #4549, Gulf Shores.
- Roger & Elaine: 6; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- Scott Koehn: 4; Pleasure Island Tiki Bar,

- Orange Beach.
- Lisa Zanghi: 6; The Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- Turkey Shoot: sign-up at 11 a.m.; Elberta VFW, Elberta.
- John Joiner & Friends: 4; Hub Stacy's at the Point; Innerarity Point.
- 9 Ball APA: 6; The Office, Foley.
- Jim McAdams: 5; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- AA: 5 p.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

MON, AUG 5

- 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.
- Christina Christian: 5; Luna's; Orange Beach.
- Brandon Blackburn: 6, Tacky Jack's, Orange Beach.

- Chauncy Crandell: 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's, Gulf Shores.
- Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde: 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- Brandon Styles Impressions & Magic Show: 7; OWA Showroom, Foley.
- Beaver Cleave: 6; Hub Stacy's at the Point; Innerarity Point.
- Open Mixed Doubles Tennis: 7:15 a.m.; all levels welcome; Gulf Shores Tennis Center; corner of West 19th Ave. and West 2nd St.
- Trivia: 7; Big Beach Brewing Company, Gulf Shores.
- Bridge: noon; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- Bingo: 6; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- 8 Ball APA: 7:30; The Office, Foley.
- Square Dancing: 7-9 p.m.; Magnolia Springs Community Hall, Magnolia Springs.
- Overeaters Anonymous: 6; Holy Spirit Episcopal Church; Gulf Shores, 616 Ft. Morgan Rd.; 251-709-5907.
- Orange Beach Community Center Association Monthly Covered Dish Dinner: social at 5, dinner at 6:30 p.m.; all winter

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"Family By The Numbers," written by Arianna Rose of Miami and directed by Gulf Shores' own Jennifer Dawson, and "Memento Moriz," written by Jonathon Cook of Augusta and directed by Robert Gardner were the respective Audience Favorite and Judges Award winners at the recent End of the Road New Play Fest at South Baldwin Community Theatre. Although attendance was underwhelming, the quality of the plays was spectacular, said fest producer Laura Pfizenmayer. The short-play, minimum set format for festivals is increasingly popular around the nation, as evidenced by the 100 plus submission to the local fest.



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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Foley's Spangrud will sign copies "Miss Ella and the Turtle People" Aug. 3 at Groovy Goat in OWA

Foley resident Linda Spangrud will sign copies of her newly published children's book, "Miss Ella and the Turtle People," at The Groovy Goat Restaurant, located at OWA in Foley, on Saturday, Aug. 3 from 3-6 p.m.



The book, illustrated by Linda-Bell Schorer, is a children's picture book about the protection, care, and conservation of sea turtles. Miss Ella learns a lot from the band of volunteers (Turtle People) who dedicate their time to protecting nest and eggs laid by a mother turtle on the beach.

Spangrud grew up in Iowa and spent her career as a teacher, principal, and school district administrator in Illinois. Her zest for living includes writing, reading, golfing, music and travel.

Linda comes by her love of turtle people through experience. She and her husband have been involved in Share the Beach Sea Turtle Program locally since 2006. A portion of the sales from profit of this book will be donated to the Alabama Coastal Foundation (joinACF.org) to support Alabama's Sea Turtle Conversation program.

Spangrud has written over 1,000 grant applications. She has published professional education articles and has written about growing up in a small town in Iowa. She spent her career as a teacher, principal, and school district administrator in Illinois and presently is enjoying the retired life in Foley.

Spangrud said her family and people are very important to her and she has always been passionate about reading and learning.

She especially loves children's books and read many books to her students.

She admits to having a "zest for living" and finds time for writing, reading, golfing, music and travel. An active community volunteer, she has always dreamed of writing a children's book.

Now, her dream has come true with a book about her

favorite topics, coastal living and sea turtle preservation.

Since 1977, when Linda first discovered the Alabama coast with her husband Tom, she fell in love with it. When she decided to write a children's book, the sea turtles were a natural topic, so Miss Ella and the Turtle People was born.

The book is based on a true story of her volunteer work with the sea turtles and meeting Miss Ella. Her young readers will have the opportunity to learn about sea turtles through Miss Ella and to be kind to people, especially older people.

"This is a children's picture story book about the protection, care, and conservation of sea turtles," she said. "Miss Ella learns a lot from the band of volunteers (Turtle People) who dedicate their time to protecting nest and eggs laid by a mother turtle on the beach."

Spangrud has just returned from a Midwest family visit and book signing tour and was overwhelmed by the response he book has received. The book is available locally at Tacky Jacks and Fin and Fork in Orange Beach, the Groovy Goat in Foley's OWA and Desotos Restaurant in Gulf Shores. Follow Spangrud on Facebook for more info.



Little Pink Houses of Hope in Orange Beach Aug. 18-24

Little Pink Houses of Hope, a non-profit that provides free week long vacations for breast cancer survivors and their families, will have its 6th Retreat in Orange Beach from Aug. 18-24.

"We believe a cancer diagnosis does not just affect the patient, but the entire family. Retreats are designed to help families relax and reconnect," said event coordinator Robi Jones.

"Through generous donations and community support, we are able to provide lodging, meals and activities for the families. The only expense the family incurs is for transportation to the event."

There are many ways the community can support Team Pink including providing meals and grocery gift cards, welcome baskets and beach towels. Team Pink is always looking for volunteers to provide support during the week. For more info, visit littlepink.org or contact Robi Jones at robi@littlepink.org.

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

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

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

TUE, AUG 6

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

- Flora-Bama Bingo: 1-4 p.m.; Flora-Bama Lounge Tent Stage; Perdido Key.

- Legends in Concert (Bruno Mars, Reba McEntire, Elvis Presley, Whitney Houston, Rod Stewart, Garth Brooks): 7:30 p.m.; Downtown OWA; Foley; 251-369-6100.

- Kids' Night Out: 5; Orange Beach Waterfront Park; 26425 Canal Road.

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1/2 cup sour cream

2 Tbsp. chopped onion

2 Tbsp. lemon juice

1 tsp. salt

1/2 tsp. white pepper

5 cups cubed cooked turkey

3 cups cooked rice

4 celery ribs, chopped

1 can (8 oz.) sliced water chestnuts, drained

1 cup sliced almonds

Topping:

1-1/2 cups crushed Ritz crackers (about 40 crackers)

1/3 cup butter, melted

1/4 cup sliced almonds

In a large bowl, combine the soup, mayonnaise, sour cream, onion, lemon juice, salt and pepper. Stir in the turkey, rice, celery, water chestnuts and almonds. Transfer to a greased 13x9-in. baking dish. Bake, uncovered, at 350 degrees for 25 minutes. Combine topping ingredients; sprinkle over turkey mixture. Return to oven; bake until bubbly and golden brown, another 10-15 min.

Enjoy!

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- Lefty Collins: 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's, Gulf Shores.
- Lisa Christian: 6; Sunset Cork Room, Gulf Shores.
- Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde: 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- JW Karaoke: 6; Hub Stacy's At The Point, Innerarity Point.
- Brandon Styles Impressions & Magic Show: 7; OWA Showroom, Foley.
- NAPA Pool League: 7:30; The Office, Foley.
- Karaoke: 7; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.
- Karaoke: 5; Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5659; Elberta.
- Ricky Johnson: 5; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- Free Line Dance Lessons With Lori: 6; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- Bowling Tourney: 7; Snapper's; Orange Beach.
- Orange Beach City Council Meeting: 5 p.m.; City Hall; 980-INFO.
- Bingo: 10 to 2; Gulf Coast Elks Lodge 2782, Foley: 251-971-2782.
- Orange Beach Bridge Club: Tue. & Thur at noon; Orange Beach Senior Center; visitors and new members welcomed

even without a partner; 251-981-3440.

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

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- Nick Andrews: 6; Tacky Jack's, Orange Beach.
- Open Mic: 6; Tacky Jack's, Gulf Shores.
- John Lee Sanders: 6; Voyagers Restaurant at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- John Brust: 6; The Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- Mel Knapp Band: 7; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
- Adam Holt: 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's, Gulf Shores.
- West Coast Swing Dance: 7; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.
- Smokey Otis Trio: 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- Bingo: 10 a.m.; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- Danny Grady: 5; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- Karaoke w. Cindy & Mary: 5; American Legion Post 99; Foley.



BIG LAGOON KIWANIS CLUB: The Big Lagoon Kiwanis Club Young Children Priority One committee recently delivered 64 additional Kiwanis Kare kits to the Gulf Coast Kid's House along with a \$500 check. Big Lagoon Kiwanis had earlier this year delivered 50 Kare Kits and another \$500. The club meets for breakfast on the 1st, 3rd, 4th, and 5th (if there is one) Tuesday at the Perdido Bay United Methodist Activity Center at 7 a.m. The club also has a satellite meeting once a month at various venues. Visit biglagoonkiwanis.portalbuzz.com or call 850-867-5873 for more club info. Pictured: (left to right) Beth Clark, Holley Algee-Hopkins, Liz Melton, Glen Melton.

Alligators & Cornhole Tourney part of Oct. 5 Rotary Run/Walk

The Central Baldwin Sunset Rotary Club will host the 2019 Alligators & Ale 5K/run, race walk, and 1 mile fun run and corn hole tournament to benefit The Miracle League of Coastal Alabama. The event will be Saturday, Oct. 5 at Alligator Alley in Summerdale.

This will be the 5th year for this fun event! Over the past 3 years, the organizers have donated over \$30,000 to the Miracle League! The 5k will kick-off at 8:00 a.m. Following the run and the awards ceremony, Wes Moore, owner & operator of Alligator Alley will showcase his famous alligators. The corn hole tournament will begin at 11:00 a.m. To register for the race, go to www.events.com. To sponsor the event or register a corn hole team, contact the event chair, Peggy Nelson at apnelson5@gmail.com.



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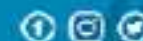
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WHAT'S HAPPENING



Frank Brown Songwriters Fest talent featured at WSRE's Studio Amped Tony-Ray Thompson, Beach Billy's, Brittany Grimes, Davis Nix, Darrel Roberts

WSRE, located on the campus of Pensacola State College, invites the community to attend the production of three new StudioAmped shows featuring local country music artists and songwriters from the Frank Brown International Songwriters' Festival in August.

Tony-Ray Thompson will take the Amos Studio stage on Monday, Aug. 5; The Beach Billy's (pictured) will play Tuesday, Aug. 6; and songwriters Brittany Grimes, Davis Nix and Darrel Roberts will perform on Thursday, Aug. 8.

The shows are being presented in conjunction with the fall release of Ken Burns' "Country Music" film series on PBS and in honor of the fest's 35th anniversary. Doors open at 6 p.m. Shows begin at 7 p.m. at the WSRE Jean & Paul Amos Performance Studio at 1000 College Blvd. near the corner of College Blvd. and 12th Ave. in Pensacola. The Summer Country Concerts are free and open to the public. No tickets or registration required. Food donations for Manna Pantries are welcome and will be collected at the door.

- Tony-Ray Thompson says his singing and songwriting style is influenced by artists such as Eric Church, Alan Jackson and The Highwaymen super group of Johnny Cash, Waylon Jennings, Willie Nelson and Kris Kristofferson. His versatility in performing country, blues and Southern rock has made him a sought-after act on the Gulf Coast.
- The Beach Billy's band includes accomplished local musicians T-Bone Montgomery, Dave Caluger, Mark Sherrill, James Daniel and Augie Savage. Montgomery was born in Muscle Shoals, and comes from a long line of songwriters, including his uncle, Peanut Montgomery, who wrote hit songs for George Jones. Sherrill has written songs cut by Jones, Kenny Rogers, Johnny Cash, Tanya Tucker and Blake Shelton.
- Brittany Grimes is a country singer-songwriter from South Alabama. She fell in love with music and started writing songs at a young age. She has been performing at songwriters' festivals and local music venues since age 13. At 14, she performed at Nashville's CMA Fest, Tootsies Orchid Lounge, Rippy's, Blue Bird Cafe and The Listening Room. By 15, she had taught herself to play guitar and began performing solo shows. She has written songs and shared the stage with many of her idols and mentors over the years. Her musical influences are widely spread among genres and include many Gulf Coast performers who have mentored her throughout her songwriting career. In June, she released a five-song EP of some of her favorite original songs produced by Brandon White and Greg Deluca.

- Davis Nix is an American alternative country music singer-songwriter from Montgomery. In 2018, he released the six-song EP, "Part One," which garnered him national press in Rolling Stone's article, "10 New Country Artists You Need to Know: October 2018."

- Darrel Roberts was born and raised on the Gulf Coast and began writing songs at age 14. A family move to Texas exposed him to different forms of music and opportunities to play and write in different genres. He arrived at the Flora-Bama Lounge & Package Store in 1981 and discovered a place where artists were writing and playing good music with encouragement from the owner, Joe Gilchrist. "There couldn't have been a better atmosphere for creativity anywhere on the planet. Joe also got some of the big writers to come down from Nashville, some real legends," he said. "That became an avenue to network with some really great writers." Roberts has performed at every Frank Brown Songwriters' Festival.



Hall of Fame Schlitz at Bama on Aug. 29

The Flora-Bama, in conjunction with the Frank Brown International Songwriters Festival, will present an evening with megahit songwriter Don Schlitz on Thursday, August 29 at 6 p.m. in the Flora-Bama Main Room. Tickets are \$20 at the door (first come - first serve) for the Country Music Hall of Fame inductee. Schlitz has amassed 24 number one songs, two Grammys, and three CMA Songs of the Year and more than 50 hits during his amazing career.

Inducted into the Songwriters Hall of Fame in New York in 2012, Schlitz, played the 2017 Frank Brown International Songwriters Festival just days after being inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame with Alan Jackson and Jerry Reed.

His hit songs include "The Gambler," "On the Other Hand," "One Promise Too Late," "40 Hour Week," "Houston Solution," "I Feel Lucky," "When You Say Nothing at All," "Forever and Ever, Amen," and "He Thinks He'll Keep Her."

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

- Karaoke: 6; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- Karaoke: 9; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- Scott Koehn/Flip Flop Bros: 6:30; Flip-flops, Orange Beach.
- Big Beach Running & Social Club: 5:30 p.m.; Big Beach Brewery in Gulf Shores; lafleetfeet.com.
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- Open Mixed Doubles Tennis: 7:15 a.m.; all levels welcome; Gulf Shores Tennis Center; corner of West 19th Ave. and West 2nd St.
- Veteran's Bingo: 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; American Legion Post 99, Foley.
- Prayer Shawl Ministry: Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Activities Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
- Food Ministry For Hungry Families: noon-1 p.m.; Grace Lutheran Church, corner of West 23rd Ave. and West 4th St. in Gulf Shores; 251-968-5991.
- Arts & Crafts Sales: 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.; Doc's RV Park, Fort Morgan Road, Gulf Shores.
- Bread Ministry: 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.; Orange Beach United Methodist Church Brook's Center.
- Food Bank: 9 - 11 a.m. every Wednesday, Perdido Bay Baptist Church, 12600 Sorrento Rd. Pensacola; call for eligibility requirements at (850) 492-2604.
- Perdido Key Rotary Club: 7:30 a.m.; every Wednesday at United Methodist Church Activity Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Road, Pensacola.
- Storytime at Pensacola Southwest Branch Library: free; infant to 5; 10:30-

11; 1-2238 Old Gulf Beach Hwy; (850)453-7780.

- Gulf Shores Garden Club: 10 a.m.; first Wednesday of each month September thru May; Gulf Shores Activity Center; 300 E. 16th Avenue, Gulf Shores; new members and guests always welcome; 251-968-5683.

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

- 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, AUG 8

- 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.

- Sounds of Summer Concert Series featuring David Jones: 6; Pelican Place Courtyard Fountain; Gulf Shores.

- S'mores on the Shore: Gulf Shores Main Public Beach (Gulf Place); (251) 968-1172.

- Greg Brown: 6; Tacky Jack's, Orange Beach.

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

- Gypsy Pearl: 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's, Gulf Shores.

- Tim Roberts: 6:30; The Tin Top, Bon Secour.

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

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

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WHAT'S HAPPENING



SOUTH BALDWIN CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S CONNECTION: From left, Debbie Reak, Miriam Gebhart, Thomas Gebhart, Kimberly Jenkins and Kathy Kenimer participated in the recent South Baldwin Christian Women's Connection held at the Gift Horse Restaurant in Foley, AL. Each month the South Baldwin Christian Women's Connection hosts a program and buffet luncheon at the Gift Horse Restaurant. The next luncheon will be Thursday August 8, 2019 at 11:00am and will feature a Fashion Show from Chico's. Music will be provided by vocalist Imogene Naylor. Guest speaker Mary Alice Segers will present "Peace, Purpose, and Healthy Self-Esteem." Cost of the luncheon is \$10.00 per person. Reservations are required and must be received by Monday Aug. 5th. For reservations, call 251-943-7142 or email at emuddconnelly@gmail.com.



Free Flicks on The Field Aug. 9 on Dog Track Rd.

The Flicks on the Field featuring Captain Marvel, rained out on July 19, will be held August 9 at 951 Dog Track Rd. on the grounds of Pensacola Greyhound Track. Captain Marvel will start at 7:45 p.m. There will be concessions available, so bring your lawn chairs and blankets to watch a movie under the stars, or enjoy the movie from the comfort of your car. The Perdido Key Area Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with Wind Creek Hospitalities, is presenting the free monthly flicks. Sponsorships are available. For more info, call Emily at the Chamber at 850-



Andrews & Waterfield to lead Foley's Flotilla 3-2

Karl Andrews and Mike Waterfield (pictured) are the Flotilla Commander (FC) and Vice Flotilla Commander (VFC) respectively for Foley Flotilla 3-2 to serve in year 2019.

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary (CGA) is the all volunteer arm of the U.S. Coast Guard. Our flotilla is looking for people that would like to serve their community by promoting safe boating classes to the public; offering free vessel exams that provide the boat owner with information about what is expected by the marine law enforcement in the state; and, assisting the Coast Guard in many activities that are non-law enforcement.

Members of Flotilla 3-2 received the Prestigious Award of Flotilla of the Year (2013) above all of the CGA flotillas in the United States presented by Boat US, the largest insurer of marine vessels. Flotilla 3-2 have their monthly meetings at Ryan's in Foley on the third Thursday of each month at 11:30 a.m.

For information on joining this group, call Karl Andrews at 251-533-5593.

- Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde: 7; Papa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- Mel Knapp: 7; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
- Open Mic: 7; Snapper's; Orange Beach.
- Karaoke: 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- Karaoke: 7; Tacky Jacks; Ft. Morgan.
- Brandon Styles Impressions & Magic Show: 7; OWA Showroom, Foley.
- Blind Draw Dart Tourney: 7; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- 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; 251-968-2000.
- Gulf Shores United Methodist Church Bread Ministry: 9-10; every Thursday; room 103 on the south campus, next to Crossroad; 251 968-2411.
- Adult Bible Study: 10 a.m.; Gulf Shores Presbyterian Church; all welcome; (251) 968-7720.
- Orange Beach Bridge Club: Tue. & Thur at noon; Orange Beach Senior Center; visitors and new members welcomed even without a partner; 251-981-3440.
- Gulf Shores Library Pre-school (3-5)

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

FRI, AUG 9

- 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.
- Disney's Aladdin Jr.: 7:30; South Baldwin Community Theater; Gulf Shores.
- Ben Cook (From Underhill Family Orchestra): 6:30; Big Beach Brewing Company.
- Jimmy Lee Hanniford: noon; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- Travis Bolin: 6; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- High Rollrs Duo: 7; The Office, Foley.
- Sticky Too: 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's, Gulf Shores.
- Porch Ninjas: 7; Tacky Jack's, Fort Morgan.
- Jerry Gambino: 6; Tacky Jack's, Orange Beach.
- Bo Grant: 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- John Lee Sanders: 5; The Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- Christi Dees Bad JuJu 8; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
- Open Jam: 8; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.
- Karaoke: 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- Karaoke: 8; Snapper's; Orange Beach.



LITERACY COUNCIL GRANT: Holy Spirit awarded a \$5000 grant to South Baldwin Literacy Council. Pictured below are Volunteer Sandy Craven, S. Baldwin Literacy Councils David Lee and Tammy Vaughn, HS Shop Mgr Alisha G, and Cynthia Black. South Baldwin Literacy Council is dedicated to providing literacy instruction to help people in our community make a better life for themselves and their families. You can contact them @ 251-943-7323 or literacy@gulftel.com for more information. (Submitted by Robert Swartz).



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WHAT'S HAPPENING

First Friday fish-fry August 2 at Foley United Methodist

Foley United Methodist will host its First Friday Fish-Fry on Aug. 2 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. in the Church Spirit Center (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.

G.S. Lions Casino Night & Dinner in the Dark is Sept. 14

The Gulf Shores Lions Club will present Casino Night & Dinner in the Dark on Saturday, Sept. 14 at the Erie Meyer Civic Center in Gulf Shores. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., and the event is from 7-11 p.m. Tickets are \$75 per individual and \$125 per couple. Tickets include live music, entertainment, a steak & shrimp dinner, drinks & casino games with \$5000 in casino money for each guest. For more info, call (251) 709-9524 or (859) 380-0781. Proceeds from the event will benefit Miracle League of Coastal Alabama, Leader Dogs for The Blind and other local sight related G.S. Lions Club projects.

Lion's Club International's motto is "To Serve." Specifically, the club seeks to raise awareness of diabetes, preserve sight, and serve those who have already lost – or never had- the ability to see.

In addition to raising funds for great causes, the dinner will help bring awareness to people, by experiencing what it is like to have a meal as a vision impaired person does every day.

Live Auction items and donations are being solicited for the fundraiser and sponsors will be recognized as supporters of the wonderful event.

WSRE presents Marty Stuart Oct. 15 at Pensacola Saenger

WSRE will present country music torchbearer Marty Stuart, as he celebrates the 20th anniversary of his iconic album *The Pilgrim*, at the Pensacola Saenger Theatre on Tuesday, Oct. 15 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available at pensacolasaenger.com or the Saenger Theatre box office.

Stuart is a five-time Grammy winner, a recipient of the Americana Music Association's Lifetime Achievement Award for Performance, and the 2019 Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum artist-in-residence.

He began his musical career at 12 when he joined the Sullivan Family Gospel Singers and first played the Grand Ole Opry at 13. He has played alongside the masters, from Johnny Cash to Lester Flatt, who discovered him; has been a worldwide ambassador for Nashville, Bakersfield and points in between; and has safeguarded country's most valuable traditions and physical artifacts.

His collection spanning more than 20,000 pieces of country music memorabilia will soon serve to share the storied history of the genre at the Marty Stuart Congress of Country Music, which is slated to open soon in Philadelphia, Miss. with live musical performances and educational programming.

bbStuart continues to record and release keenly relevant music, records that honor country's rich legacy while advancing it into the future.

His band, the Fabulous Superlatives, is made up of guitarist Kenny Vaughan, drummer Harry Stinson and bassist Chris Scruggs.

"The Superlatives are missionaries, they're fighting partners. They're my Buckaroos, my Tennessee Three, my Strangers. They're my legacy band and have been since Day One," says Stuart. "Lester Flatt saw something in me and gave me his wisdom, wit and music. Johnny Cash was my best friend. But all of that doesn't come for free. The job is to pass it along. That's the way it's supposed to be in country music."

For his Pensacola audience, Stuart will share his remarkable life through story and song. Seats are \$32, \$65 and \$134. Additional fees may apply. VIP packages are also available.

WSRE is presenting Marty Stuart and His Fabulous Superlatives in conjunction with the fall release of Ken Burns' "Country Music" film series on PBS.

"Like the Ken Burns 'Country Music' documentary, this concert is one of several community engagement events we have planned to explore the remarkable stories of the people and places behind a true American art form," said Mary Riker, WSRE's director of marketing and communications.

- Open Mic Karaoke: 5; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- Brandon Styles Impressions & Magic Show: 8; OWA Showroom, Foley.
- Sandra Kaye & The Legend Band: 8:30; Live Bait Restaurant, Orange Beach.
- Rib Eye Dinner to help Veterans and Families: 5 p.m.; music & dancing at 7 p.m.; American Legion Post 44; Gulf Shores.
- Roger & Elaine: 7; 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.
- Foley Rotary Club: 12:15 p.m.; Gift Horse Restaurant in Foley; foleyrotary@gulfnet.com.
- AA: Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
- AA: 7 p.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (In-

nerarity Point) Pensacola.

SAT, AUG 10

- Flora-Bama Possible Probables: 2 p.m.; 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
- Disney's Aladdin Jr.: 7:30; South Baldwin Community Theater; Gulf Shores.
- Gear Head: 9; The Office, Foley.
- Cadillac Attack: 6; The Cove, Gulf Shores.
- Blue Mother Tupelo: 6; Big Beach Brewing Company.



Orange Beach's newest Mardi Gras krewe ready to parade & party

Members from Pleasure Island's brand new Mardi Gras krewe, The Marshals, were welcomed to the city by Orange Beach Mayor Tony Kennon and City Councilman Jeff Boyd and Perdido Beach Resort General Manager Karl Groux during a recent ceremony at Perdido Beach Resort. The krewe was presented the flag of Orange Beach during a ceremony. The Marshals are based in Orange Beach and will be parading in the Orange Beach Feb. 22 nighttime parade as well as the city's Fat Tuesday parade. The Marshals' Mardi Gras Ball will be the evening of February 22 at Perdido Beach Resort. The theme will be based on The Movie, "Gone With the Wind."

Seventeen Marshals (pictured) were in attendance for the flag presentation, including John Paul Cowan, Milton Essig, Randy Hillman, Harry Wilson, Lonnie Jones, Marshal Parliamentarian Blake Lowe, Vice President Greg Crews, President Eddie Keesee, Ken Sienko, Ride Chair

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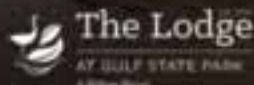


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WHAT'S HAPPENING

G.S. Eagles Lodge is a school supply drop off spot

The Fraternal Order of Eagles 4549, Gulf Shores, is going to help some young people get ready for school this fall by setting up a collection box for any and all school supplies. The young people are the future and we want to help get them ready. Stop by at 3849 Gulf Shores Parkway unit 6 on the north end with any supplies you can help. The Eagles also hope to set boxes at other locations throughout Gulf Shores and Foley. Lodge hours are noon to 6 p.m. seven days a week.

South Bald. Literacy Council Trivia Night Aug. 9

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.

Miracle Worker presentation Aug. 22 in Foley

Alan Brown, professor of English at the University of West Alabama and Road Scholar with the Alabama Humanities Foundation, will give a presentation at the Foley Public Library entitled "The Evolution of the Miracle Worker" on Thursday, August 22 at 2 pm in the library's upstairs meeting room.

Due to limited seating, a reservation is required for this presentation. Call 251-943-7665 to be added to list. For more info, visit foleylibrary.org or Facebook and Instagram.

Most Americans – and Alabamians – have derived their knowledge of Helen Keller's childhood from William Gibson's play *The Miracle Worker*, which was transferred to the screen in 1962. Gibson's play does draw from Keller's *The Story of my Life*; it is also based on Anne Sullivan's published letters. However, the 1962 film embellishes the famous scene in which Helen spells "water" into Anne Sullivan's hand at the water pump. In his presentation, Brown will dissect Gibson's play and highlight those parts which originated in Keller's autobiography, Sullivan's letters, and Gibson's imagination. He will also refer to the 1979 and the 2000 television versions of the play. Brown will illustrate his presentation with a short slideshow that illustrates Keller's long life and with clips from the 1957 Playhouse 90 broadcast, the 1962 theatrical film, and the 1979 and 2000 made-for-TV films to show how different directors and actors have re-imagined Keller's life to suit their times and the demands of the cinema. He will also read from Keller's life and Sullivan's letters to highlight the factual elements of Gibson's play.

- John Brust: 6; Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- Karaoke: 7; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.
- JJ Mack: noon, Tacky Jack's, Orange Beach.
- Shelby Brown Band: 6, Tacky Jack's, Orange Beach.
- Fat Man Squeeze: 4:30 p.m.; Pirates Cove, Josephine.
- Soul Food Junkies: 6; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- Crazy George: 9; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
- Bo Grant: 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- Karaoke: 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- Open Jam: 8; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.
- Brandon Styles Impressions & Magic Show: 8; OWA Showroom, Foley.
- Sandra Kaye & The Legend Band: 8:30; Live Bait Restaurant, Orange Beach.
- Steak Night followed by music w. Bruni: 5; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- Free 2nd Saturday Veterans Breakfast: 8:30-10 a.m.; American Legion Post 44; Gulf Shores.
- Baldwin County Genealogical Society: 10 a.m.; public invited; Foley Library; 319 East Laurel Ave.
- Optimist Club of Perdido Bay: breakfast every Saturday at 7 a.m. at the Lillian Community Club in Lillian; (251) 961-2620.
- AA: 10 a.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
- AA: 7 p.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
- Ladies AA: 9 a.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Activities Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

SUN, AUG 11

- 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.
- Disney's Aladdin Jr.: 2 p.m.; South Baldwin Community Theater; Gulf Shores.
- The Tombigbees: 5; Big Beach Brewing Company.
- Lonesome Mel Knapp: 11 a.m., Tacky Jack's, Orange Beach.
- Soul Food Junkies: 6, Tacky Jack's, Orange Beach.
- Greg Brown: noon; The Tin Top Restaurant; Bon Secour.
- Danny Grady: 2 p.m.; Fraternal Order of Eagles #4549, Gulf Shores.
- Christina Christian: 5; Luna's; Orange Beach.
- John Lee Sanders: 6; Voyagers Restaurant at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange

Beach.

- Lisa Zanghi: 6; The Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- Lisa Christian: noon, Tacky Jack's, Gulf Shores.
- 3 Bean Soup: 6 p.m., Tacky Jack's, Gulf Shores.
- Scott Koehn: 4; Pleasure Island Tiki Bar, Orange Beach.
- David Jones: 11 a.m.; Playa, Orange Beach.
- Roger & Elaine: 6; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- Karaoke: 7; Live Bait Tiki Bar, Orange Beach.
- John Joiner & Friends: 4; Hub Stacey's at the Point; Innerarity Point.
- Jim McAdams: 5; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- 9 Ball APA: 6; The Office, Foley.
- AA: 5 p.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

MON, AUG 12

- 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 Rocco's, Gulf Shores.
- Medicine Man: 6; Hub Stacy's at the Point; Innerarity Point.
- Bridge: noon; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- Bingo: 6; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- Open Mixed Doubles Tennis: 7:15 a.m.; all levels welcome; Gulf Shores Tennis Center; corner of West 19th Ave. and West 2nd St.
- 8 Ball League: 7:30; The Office, Foley.
- Celebrate Recovery: (Christ centered 12 step program); Monday evenings at 6 p.m.; Christian Life Church in Orange Beach; 251-967-4840.
- Overeaters Anonymous: 6; Holy Spirit Episcopal Church; Gulf Shores, 616 Ft. Morgan Rd.; 251-709-5907.
- T.O.P.S. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly): weigh-in 5:30; meeting 6; First Presbyterian Church of Foley; (Berry & Highway 59).
- Square Dancing: 7-9 p.m.; Magnolia Springs Community Hall, Magnolia Springs.
- 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, AUG 13

- 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.
- John Brust: 6; The Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde: 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- Ricky Johnson: 5; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- Bowling Tourney: 7; Snapper's; Orange Beach.
- Karaoke: 7; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.
- Free Line Dance Lessons With Lori: 6; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- JW Karaoke: 6; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
- Lisa Christian: 6; Sunset Cork Room, Gulf Shores.
- Brandon Styles Comedy, Impressions & Magic Show: 7; OWA Showroom, Foley.
- Kiwanis Club of Big Lagoon: 5 p.m.; social meeting; locations to be determined, 850-867-5873 or 901-734-1066.
- NAPA Pool League: 7:30; The Office, Foley.
- Bingo: 10 to 2; Gulf Coast Elks Lodge 2782, Foley: 251-971-2782.
- Orange Beach City Council Meeting: 5 p.m.; City Hall; 980-INFO.\
- Orange Beach Bridge Club: Tue. & Thur at noon; Orange Beach Senior Center; visitors and new members welcomed even without a partner; 251-981-3440.
- Orange Beach Library Children's Story Time: 10 a.m.; preschool; 981-2923.
- Southwest Branch Library Children's Story Time: 10:30 a.m.; preschool; 12248 Gulf Beach Hwy, Pensacola; (850) 453-7780.
- Gulf Shores Kiwanis Club: Palmer Dining Room at Craft Farms; noon; new members and guests always welcome; 251-981-9999.
- 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, AUG 14

- 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.
- Open Mic: 6; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
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Red Snapper Check data leads to extension of season through Aug. 5

By David Bannor
Al Dept. of Cons. & Nat. Resources

With less than ideal weather conditions so far this summer and the ability to closely monitor the harvest data through Snapper Check, the Alabama Marine Resources Division recently announced a five-day extension of the red snapper season that runs from August 1-5.

Stormy weekends and Hurricane Barry made it more difficult for offshore anglers to head out this year compared to the 2018 season, when anglers couldn't have asked for better weather.

"Last year was an anomaly of a year in terms of weather," said Scott Bannon, Director of the Marine Resources Division (MRD). "I even had charter boat captains remark that they had fished every single day in June last year, and they'd never done that before. The weather was phenomenal, and people caught a lot of fish, which is good."

"But the result of that was we had to close the season earlier than projected because more people got to go catch more fish. I think people were excited that the state was able to manage the season. They were excited about a 47-day season. There's no doubt there was disappointment when we closed early last year (after 27 days), but that is actually one of the benefits of the program. That is, we have the ability to monitor the catch and ensure we don't go over. If you go over the annual quota, you're penalized the next year."

The traditional June 1 date for the opening of snapper season this year was similar to 2018, but weather conditions deteriorated after that.

"Opening weekend was beautiful, and (fishing) effort was very high, which was good," Bannon said. "The effort was even a little higher than it was for some of the days last year. Since then, the weather has been more typical. We had a couple of weekends where it blew pretty good, and effort was down. When Hurricane Barry came along, the effort was basically negligible."

"People choose not to fish when the weather is bad and having Snapper Check in place allows us the ability to quantify how much the weather affects efforts and landings. We want people to understand that they don't need to put themselves in an unsafe situation just to go catch fish. We have the ability to monitor the amount of fish being caught, and just as days can be removed from the season during ideal conditions, they can be given back when conditions are not favorable for fishing."

After the 4th of July weekend, MRD staff determined that a significant portion of Alabama's total allowable catch for red snapper remained.

Alabama was allocated 1,079,573 pounds for the 2019 season, which is operating under an Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP) that NOAA Fisheries granted for the 2018 and 2019 seasons.

Red snapper anglers, at the same time last year, had harvested about 360,000 more pounds of fish.

"We calculated how much harvest could occur during the remainder of the season, based on the average daily catch and weather conditions through the current fishing season," Bannon said. "We decided we could easily add the first five days of August, which would be a Thursday through Monday. Kids wouldn't be back in school yet, and the amberjack season would be open. It would be a combination of weekends and weekdays. We had heard from the public they would like more weekdays."

Bannon believes the attitude of Alabama's snapper anglers has changed since the state has been able to manage the fishery.

"I think we are past the point of what I call panic fishing — people just fished because they felt they had to because they weren't going to get many opportunities," he said. "Now, anglers' attitudes are more relaxed toward snapper season, knowing they are going to be provided an opportunity to fish a specific quota and days can be added to the season due to bad weather, if necessary."

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One feature that has played a huge role in the transition to state management is Snapper Check, a mandatory reporting system that is required of all anglers who catch red snapper. Red snapper must be reported before the fish leave the water, either on the way in from the trip or at the dock before the fish are off-loaded. The good news is, it appears more anglers are participating in the system.

"The reporting rate is the highest it has been," Bannon said. "Average fish weight is an important part of the equation to determine the number of days in the season, which is based on effort and the average size of the fish because the quota is determined by pounds. Having Snapper Check means we're getting information in near real-time."

Bannon said MRD officials saw that with two-thirds of the season over, only a little more than half of the snapper quota had been caught.

"We want to fish very close to our quota, but we do not want to go over," he said.

For 2020 and beyond, the Gulf States will transition from the EFP to a state-managed red snapper fishery with Alabama receiving an allocation of 26.298 percent of the total quota, which is an increase from 25.3 percent in 2019. It is anticipated that Alabama will receive an allocation of about 1.2 million pounds for the 2020 season.

Bannon said the new management plan also gives the state the ability to set the seasons, bag limits within certain parameters, and size limit. MRD can also implement area closures.

"For next year, we probably won't make any significant changes to the size or bag limits," Bannon said. "I want to be pretty conservative with changes. I want to provide some consistency, which makes anglers more comfortable and allows us to more easily compare trends in the data."

Bannon said the 2018 and 2019 snapper seasons are proof that Alabama can manage its own red snapper season to the benefit of all involved.

"In years prior to the EFP, harvests were consistently over the quota, which slowed the recovery of the stock. We want to be close to the allocation but not over," he said.

"We want to fish as many days as possible. I think that when conditions are favorable and fishing effort is very heavy or if the weather kicks up and people don't go fishing, we have a system in place that can provide timely and realistic estimates of impacts on the harvest rates. Under the federal system, we could have never done that."

Saltwater fishing changes take effect on Aug. 1

The Alabama Marine Resources Division reminds saltwater anglers of the upcoming regulation changes that go into effect on August 1. The regulation changes are listed below. For more info, visit outdooralabama.com/fishing/saltwater-fishing.

- Cobia: 36 inches fork length minimum.
- Spotted Sea Trout: Slot limit: 15 inches total length, but not over 22 inches total length; 6 per person, per day with one over 22 inches total length allowed.
- Cobia: 36 inches fork length minimum.
- Flounder: 14 inches total length (recreational and commercial). Recreational creel limit is 5 per person, per day. Commercial creel limit is 40 per person, per day and 40 per vessel. Closed season for flounder is November 1 through November 30, 2019, for both recreational and commercial anglers.
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ACTS SUBJECT TO CHANGE.

HISTORY OF BOYSTOWNE, FLA.

Dennis Arsenault was the mayor of Boystowne and Jimmy Louis was the man who gave the place its name

By Fran Thompson

Capt. Dennis Arsenault was the mayor of Boystowne. Jimmy Louis was the man who gave the place its name.

And everybody agrees that times were different then.

The two friends created the pseudo RV park by clearing land owned by their friend, Joe Gilchrist, on Old River across from the Flora-Bama back in 1987.

Gilchrist had bought the waterfront property about a year earlier.

"Joe said you may have to leave tomorrow, or whenever. But go in there and do

"I didn't have any plans for the land at the time. For the first six years I was open it was all I could do to keep up with the Flora-Bama."

your thing. He said he didn't have any use for it at the time," Arsenault said.

Gilchrist, who still owns a slice of the Flora-Bama, bought the land from Wayne Hendricks.

"It was in the mid-80's at about the same time they were put-

ting the Waffle House in over there, which is another story," Gilchrist said.

"The CEO of Waffle House used to come into the Flora-Bama, and he said he'd like to have a Waffle House right there.

That's how that worked, and I'd say it worked out pretty good for him.

"I also bought the old KFC, which is now the package store and that included 160 feet on the water on both sides of the road around then," Gilchrist added. "I can't remember which parcel I bought first. But I didn't have any plans for the land at the time. For the first six years I was open, it was all I could do to keep up with the Flora-Bama."

Gilchrist said Hendricks had previously operated the parcel as an RV Park. So, he assumed there were already electric hook-ups on the Boystowne property.

"There were not any rules and regulations you had to follow back then," he said. "I didn't need it. So musicians started staying over there.

"I know Jimmy Louis was over there for awhile. I think Rusty (McHugh) and Mike Fincher also lived over there. It was just five or six little campers, maybe 10 people, as I remember it."

With permission from Gilchrist, Arsenault and Louis brought in mowers, weed eaters and machetes to clear the property. They dug into the sand to find the septic tank. Remarkably, the electric hook-ups were still in order.

Arsenault said Hendricks' trailer park

- along with a second RV park, Stars by The Sea, to the west of Boystowne in Alabama - were home to musicians even before he and Louis set up camp at Boystowne.

"I don't know if some hurricane wiped them out or who knows, but there was nothing on the land when we cleared it out. We knew it already had a septic tank and hook-ups," he said.

Soon after they moved into their campers, Louis left to work on a yacht in Mexico. Arsenault was the lone Boystowne resident for a bit. He hung a hammock under a palapa (four poles and metal roof - a sort of open air tin cabin) adjacent to the two campers just a step or two from Ole River.

"Many times, I would wake up in the morning and see (Tugboat) Willy Lipe asleep butt naked on that hammock," Arsenault said. "He would be playing music with Kenny Lambert and partying at the Flora-Bama all night. I'd wake him up, and he would stumble off to work."

Sam Glass, Perdido's official Beach Bum, came into town in a van with cap-

tain's chairs to play at the Flora-Bama. His look then was full blown cowboy, complete with the oversized hat, boots & jeans with a shiny buckle. He was George Strait with dimples.

"He turned into Beach Sammy," Arsenault said with a laugh.

"That's true," Glass said. "I stayed on Frankie and Corky's boat. It had two cabins on each pontoon. It was built like a Sherman Tank. I also lived high on the hog on Joe's sailboat, the Nexxus, for about two years. Sometimes I would use Joe's beach house when the weather was crappy. But I didn't live anywhere else from 1991 to '95."

Those aforementioned adventurers from South Florida, Frankie and Corky, sailed up from Captiva Island on the aptly named Forever Restless and stayed interminantly for the next few years at the invitation of Frankie's friend, Jimmy Louis.

Although their real names are Phillip Courtland Dunford III and David Frank, in Boystowne they were simply Corky and Frankie, sailors who arrived on a 36

ft. catamaran that Frankie built himself.

"I got fired from my job in North Captiva and I told Frankie that I wanted to play music, and he said, in that case I needed to meet his friend Jimmy Louis," Corky said. "So, we hopped on his boat and sailed to the Flora-Bama."

Corky said he lived on the boat about six months of the year for three years and also lived in a trailer behind the old KFC, which at one time was TJ's Restaurant, where he worked for a bit.

"The Forever Restless. We had some amazing parties on that thing," Arsenault said. "When the 'Bama would close, we'd cruise up and down Old River 'til daylight."

"I was just trying to learn to play country music," Corky said. "I remember there were free songwriting seminars in the studio next door that Sammy Glass, Ricky Rayburn and I used to go to. The first gig I had was at The Keg."

Corky, now back living on Pine Island, is still playing music for a living. He said his band, Brother Love, plays Rusty McHugh songs written when Rusty lived



Campers inhabited by Dennis Arsenault (left) and Jimmy Louis were the first two abodes at Boystowne, circa 1987. Arsenault took the picture above from the mast of his sailboat; The brick building in the background was originally a KFC. It later operated as Bama Blues Studio and TJ's Restaurant. It is currently the Flora-Bama Liquor Store.

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at Boystowne.

"Rusty was a good guy and a good writer," Corky said. "I loved that guy."

Corky said he also remembers Jimmy Louis stopping him while he was heading to Old River for a swim to play him a new song he wrote.

"It was in the middle of the afternoon, and Jimmy was already in the cuffs," Corky said. "He's playing this new song and he was just killing it. Then I noticed he had tears running down his face. The song was so sad he even made himself cry. It was some sad stuff."

Like everybody who lived at Boys-towne, Corky felt a sense of community. "It was a good time. There were pick-up campers sitting on poles, tents, old trailers, but it was awesome," he said.

That is also how Glass remembers it. "I remember a lot of tents and overcap campers," Glass said. "I think there were a few FEMA trailers there. I have forgotten about a lot of that stuff, but we were like a tribe. We ate good, cooked good and played a lot of music."

Arsenault was running inshore fishing charters as a gig. Louis was also an avid fisherman and Hendricks returned to the land he once owned most days with a net and a bucket to cast for mullet. They would often cook feasts that they shared with the employees across the street at the Flora-Bama.

One of those employees, Robin Lusk, still works as night manager there. She never lived in Boystowne, but she spent time hanging there with its residents.

"It was quite a little community," she said. "Darrel Roberts used to do gumbo. Jimmy Louis would also cook. It was like a different entity of the Flora-Bama, a community within the Flora-Bama community."

"Those guys looked out for one another and took care of each other," she added. "It was nice. Something special."

Soon other musicians, Flora-Bama employees and various vagabonds started squatting at Boystowne. By then the Mullet Toss (a suggestion from Jimmy Louis as a spin-off to a cow patty tossing competition he saw while out west, or so the story goes) was a regional event.

Garth Brooks had made country cool

and the Flora-Bama was named Playboy's Best Beach Bar and GQ's top Honky Tonk. The Lounge on the Line had arrived.

Thanks to its songwriters fest and its owner's love for original music played by the writers, the juke joint already had a solid reputation in Music City. The 'Bama was seeing its first waiting lines, at least on summer weekends. Boystowne, right across the street, became the go-to alternative to heading to the Keg at closing time.

"There were so many guitar pools on so many nights," Arsenault said. "Just to hold all the songs written on napkins around the fire, it would have to be a big box. Those were some good times."

Arsenault said the Boystowne population probably peaked at about 20. But it was way better when there was way less. "We only had the one shower and the one bathroom."

Musician Nick Branch said he was living at Boystowne in 1993 when he set the record for most consecutive days playing music at the Flora-Bama at 52. He said he moved into a trailer Rusty McHugh shared with a true Flora-Bama character since departed, Frog.

"I lived there for two and a half years," Branch said. "I started off staying in a trailer Dennis Arsenault had lived in until I got a trailer passed down to me. Sometimes, I would just sleep in the hammock outside. There was always something going on there."

"Hank Cochran (Country Music Hall of Fame songwriter) used to park his boat there when he came down to see Joe (Gilchrist)," Branch added.

"I remember returning after one of the hurricanes (probably Opal in 1995) and the water in my trailer was about thigh high. I opened the door and thousands of frogs came pouring out. They had moved in after the storm."

Branch said that although Gilchrist never asked for money, he would pay for electricity. "When the musicians would line up for Sunday payday, I'd tell him to take \$25 off the bill for electricity," he said.

Branch did not even own a car when he arrived here from NYC and worked his way onto the Bama's Possible-Probable musicians' list. He eventually bought a 1966 Oldsmobile that he parked beside his Boystowne trailer.

"It was a great car. I bought it for \$200 and sold it for scrap for \$100 after one of the hurricanes," he said.

Another Flora-Bama musician, percussionist Lonnie Ferguson, built a shack out of tarps, discarded lumber and pallets and lived at Boystowne with his nephew. "They just threw some mattresses in there, and that was their home for the summer," Arsenault said.

Dave Johnson, Randy Robertson, Johnny Hawkins and Larry Strickland (see page 18 story) were also among those who lived at Boystowne at one



(Top) Dinner time at Boystowne with Brian Denny and Corky; (Above) Sam Glass, Corky, Dennis Arsenault and Larry Strickland; (below) Boystowne in all its glory.



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Arsenault remembers one fireworks show that he and Hawkins put on that ended with a huge hole in the middle of the Boystowne dock. Johnson lived on his boat with a litter of cats that used to jump in Old River and swim back and forth to the beach from his sailboat.

Rick Whaley, not to be confused with fellow musician and one time Boystowne resident Ricky Whitley, is another local with Boystowne ties. He kept an RV there even when he still lived in

David Johnson lived on his boat with a litter of cats that used to jump in Ole River and swim back and forth from his sailboat.

Whaley said he bought his RV from Jim Hurt, who worked at Bama Blues, the music studio Gilchrist opened in the old KFC building.

"Jim would work at the studio until about 4 p.m. and then I'd go over and work until my gig at the Flora-Bama later that night," Whaley said. "We recorded a lot of demos and anybody who worked at the Flora-Bama. I also recorded some of my own stuff there using musicians from the area."

Whaley said he often went back to the studio after his Flora-Bama gig to continue working.

"It was nice to walk outside and go fishing on the dock past Mike Fincher cooking up brisket for everybody, but Boystowne wasn't really a party thing for me," he said. "Working at the studio and the gigs across the street were my thing."

Whaley said the last time he saw his RV was after Hurricane Ivan, and it was laying beneath

another RV on the side of what was left of Perdido Key Dr.

Even before Hurricane Ivan, Boystowne had started changing. "It started to get out of hand. A lot of people coming and going," Arsenault said. "It was attracting more of the drifter type. We had to start telling people that it was kind of time to move on."

"I could see how that would eventually come up," Glass added. "It was pretty open and wild when I was there."

A place where the displaced and others both lost and found their way, Boystowne has grown in legend since Arsenault and Louis first cleared the land in 1987. It was a place in time made possible first of all by the generosity of the land owner who allowed his parcel to be utilized as a camp for wayward musicians.

The idea of songwriters, artists, bartenders and vagabonds squatting on one of Perdido Key's most beautiful parcels of land sounds ridiculously far-fetched now.

But it was just another Perdido Key neighborhood back then.

After moving to Pine Island, Jimmy Louis sailed back to Boystowne to record an album. Whaley was heading from his trailer to the dock with his morning Irish coffee and saw Louis at the dock throwing stuff around his sailboat and cursing everything and everyone, including Whaley. Whaley went back to his trailer and fetched Louis an Irish coffee.

As Whaley tells it, Louis was ticked because he saw in a newspaper (not ours) that credit for starting the Mullet Toss was attributed to Ken Lambert, the first musician ever to play at the Flora-Bama. He was also mad that when he tried to get into the bar, the new kids up front wanted \$5.

He then went to the studio next to Boystowne, but he was unable to get time, even though he helped Gilchrist design the studio.

Louis eventually calmed down and Whaley ended up cancelling his gigs for the next two days for marathon sessions recording and producing Louis's album.

"We recorded the entire album in two days, and it came out wonderful," Whaley said.



Boystowne TV with Rusty McHugh & Mike Fincher

Dave Jensen, who along with his brothers John and Jimmy from Jensen's Marina, are part of Boystowne's Captiva Island connection (forged by Frankie and Corky) forwarded a recording of Tommy Robinetti's UZTV interview with Mike Fincher and Rusty McHugh from Boystowne Beach back in 2001. Steve Picou, a college professor who played bongos with most of the Flora-Bama possible-probable musicians at the time, is laying in a hammock behind the men throughout the interview filmed on the banks of Old River. At one point, the camera pans to Boystowne Mayor Dennis Arsenault filleting a spec and the original Boystowne sign (above).

Tommy: I'm here at Boystowne, the last free spot here in America, with Rusty and Mike, and we're just hanging out on a beautiful Sunday afternoon having some fun. Guys. How you doing? Mike Fincher: It's beautiful.

"Every day's a holiday and every meal's a feast. And if I was twins, I'd just be having that much more fun."

Rusty: Hey, man, it's great. What a nice day out here. It's good to see you guys.

Mike: Every day's a holiday and every meal's a feast. And if I was twins I'd just be having that much more fun.

Tommy: It's like that every day at Boystowne. I love it here at Boystowne.

Rusty: Where's the sign? Show the sign.

Tommy: Let's talk a little bit about your new song that everybody's talking about, The Bus Back To Birmingham.

Rusty: The Bus Back to Birmingham.

You know I used to hang out around in the Charleston area out on Sullivan's Island. And the beach music out there was the old soul music, the sand on the floor and the jukebox. That's what we kind of had in mind. To try and get back that feel for beach music. We don't do a whole lot of serious songs. We're more of a comedy thing and we like to do songs like this every once in a while just to let folks know we know how to write a (serious) song.

Tommy: So how'd you come up with this idea?

Mike: First of all, I got off the bus and found out I was in the wrong town and she was supposed to be on it and not me. That was another one of Rusty's ideas there.

Rusty: We were thinking of a sad situation that's probably happened so many times. Folks come down here and they say, "Let's move to Florida." They get down here and get a job and this that and the other. One of them doesn't do the right thing. The area, it will get to you. The night life will get to you. And that's what the song's about. He screws up. She gets on the bus and goes on back, and he feels real bad about it.

Rusty: Let's don't forget our manager back here, Steve Picou (sp) doing his thing. And there's Dennis (Arsenault) over there cleaning a nice big, long speckled trout. Hey, Dennis.

Tommy: Dennis, the official fisherman of Boystowne, ladies and gentlemen.

Rusty: I got a new song idea, you ready for one? I've giving up everything but @#\$\$%^&*.

Tommy: It's got a good beat. So I'm gonna give it a 48.



Dennis Arsenault (right) and Jimmy Louis with the catch of the day; The morning after another Boystowne party.

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"Morning Storm brewing" picture courtesy of Lori Russell.



"Taken off balcony of Caribe Resort just before the rain," writes Jim Price from Louisiana.



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