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Recreational Red Snapper season should stay open thru July 27

The Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (ADCNR) has been issued an Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP) from NOAA Fisheries to manage the private vessel and state-licensed charter vessel components of Alabama's recreational red snapper fishery. The 2019 private angler season began June 1 and is expected to be open every Friday, Saturday and Sunday through July 28 and the Fourth of July – a total of 27 days.

In 2019, Alabama's red snapper quota is 1,079,513 pounds. ADCNR monitors red snapper landings via Snapper Check, a program created to collect mandatory reports from recreational anglers landing red snapper in Alabama.

In order to obtain landings estimates, the number of reported harvested fish is multiplied by the average weight of fish measured and weighed by ADCNR staff from randomly selected vessels. The reporting ratio is determined by comparing information collected by ADCNR staff at public boat ramps and marinas to vessel reports submitted by anglers through Snapper Check.

ADCNR recognizes the impact that local weather has on the landings this season and will continue to monitor the fishing effort, catch rates, and average fish size to determine if the season length will need to be adjusted.

The goal of the state-managed plan is to ensure that anglers fishing from Alabama have the opportunity to catch the state's fish allocation but not exceed those pounds. The critical portion of managing the quota is accurate and timely reporting by anglers through the Snapper Check program. Any landings amount above the quota in 2019 will be deducted from the 2020 quota prior to the start of the 2020 season.

"There have been a lot of nice red snapper landed in Alabama this year despite the rough waters," said Chris Blankenship, Commissioner of the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

"We are a little below our projections due to the winds earlier this month. We hope the winds are fairer through the Fourth of July holiday weekend, so people can enjoy catching this tasty fish.

"We appreciate the fishermen who have reported their catch through Snapper Check, but there is definitely room for improvement. Our officers will be issuing citations for vessels that fail to report their catch before landing," Blankenship said.

The EFP does not cover federally permitted charter vessels, which have their own season. Anglers are reminded that the federally permitted, for-hire charter boats are not managed under the state system. That season runs seven days a week until August 1, 2019.

Foley High to present 2019 Hall of Fame at Ivan Jones Sept. 13

Foley High School will honor 12 former athletes and two honorary inductees during its annual Hall of Fame ceremony to be held Friday, September 13 at 6:30 p.m. before the Foley Lions' game vs. the Alma Bryant Hurricanes at Ivan Jones Stadium in Foley.

A reception hosted by the FHS Alumni Association will be held in the Foley Elementary School gym/auditorium on Oak Street next to Ivan Jones Stadium's west end zone beginning at 5:15 before the ball game. All friends, family, classmates and well-wishers are invited to congratulate the inductees at this time. All members of the Foley HS Athletic Hall of Fame are invited. The inductees include the following:

MR. GARY BESSETTE

- Mr. Gary Bessette excelled in football, track & field, and baseball. He played both ways for Coach Ivan Jones on the 1964 football team that was 9-1 and only surrendered 20 points for the season.

MR. DJ FLUKER

- Mr. DJ Fluker was a standout offensive lineman for Coach Todd Watson and excelled in track & field and basketball as well for the Lions in the late 2000's. He went on to star for Alabama and currently plays for the Seattle Seahawks of the NFL.

MR. PAUL GIBSON

- Mr. Paul Gibson was a two-way lineman for Coach Ivan Jones on the outstanding 1964 Foley Lions football team that went 38-2 in their four years at Foley.

MR. BILL HARRIS

- Mr. Bill Harris was a standout offensive lineman under Coach Eddie Willis and head coaches Barry Pennington and Teddy Suttle in the late 1980's. He went on to play football at Liberty University and has been coaching high school football most of his adult life.

MR. CHARLIE LYMON

- Mr. Charlie Lymon excelled for the Lions on the basketball court under Coach Mark Thompson. He was a four-year starter and one of the team's most reliable scorers in the late 1970's.

MS. KARNEIL MCGASTER

- Ms. Karneil McGaster was a standout for Coach Tommy Catlin's girls' basketball program in the late 1980's, helping the team to several good play-off runs during her career.

MS. JESSICA NICHOLS

- Ms. Jessica Nichols was a multi-time state champion for the Lions in track & field and

weightlifting under Coaches DD Andersen, Nikki Lewen, and Greg Dodd in the 2000's, and she still holds records in both sports.

MR. GREG PARKER

- Mr. Greg Parker was a standout for Coach Lester Smith in the late 1970's on the football field. He was a two-way player for the Lions and also handled kicking duties for the great 1977 team.

COACH DD ANDERSEN

- Coach DD Andersen-Payne excelled for the Lions in track & field in the early 1990's where she competed at the state meet in throwing events. She returned to her alma mater as a teacher and coach in the 1990's and led several different athletes to state championships and other accolades over the past twenty-plus years.

MS. JAKI FLEMING RUSH

- Ms. Jaki Fleming Rush is one of Foley High School's all-time great softball pitchers where she led the Lions from the mound for six years under Coach Chris Bridges and was her class's valedictorian in 2006.

MR. ANTHONY YOUNCE

- Mr. Anthony Younce was a standout defensive lineman under Coach Bud Pigott and head coach Lester Smith on the outstanding teams of the late 1970's.

MR. RANDY YOUNCE

- Mr. Randy Younce was a standout linebacker for Coach Jimmy Nazary in the early 1990's where he is considered to be among the top athletes of his era.

MRS. MARGE MOORE

- Honorary inductee Mrs. Marge Moore is a 1966 graduate of Foley HS who went on to be an educational leader in the Foley community for 25+ years. In addition to many other service roles in the community over the years, she has been a vital member of the FHS Alumni Association committee that prepares the reception for our hall of fame inductees for many years.

MRS. SANDY SCHULTZ RUSSELL

- Honorary inductee Mrs. Sandy Schultz Russell is a 1966 graduate of Foley HS who also went on to be an educational leader in the Foley community for 25+ years at the high school level. In addition to many other service roles in the community over the years, she has been a vital member of the FHS Alumni Association committee that prepares the reception for our hall of fame inductees for many years.

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Funny Bones

By George Ridder



Two music lovers were being held hostage and both were going to be shot. One of them was a country music lover and the other enjoyed all types of music. Before they were shot they were asked for one last request before they died.

The country music lover said, "I would like to listen to 'Achy Breaky Heart' 50 times in a row."

The other music lover said, "Please, shoot me first!"

"Where do you see yourself in six months?"

"I don't know, I don't have 2020 vision."

Upon arrival, the lumberjack started to swing at the tree, when the tree suddenly shouted, "Wait! I'm a talking tree!" The lumberjack grinned and said, "And you will dialogue!"

Man: "Do you know how much it is to rent a church singing group?"

Priest: "My son, do you mean a choir?"

Man: "Fine Father, do you know how much it is to acquire a church singing group?"

A penguin walks into a bar. He goes to the counter and asks the bartender, "Have you seen my brother?"

Bartender replies, "I don't know, what does he look like?"

A gorilla walks into a bar and, to the amazement of the bar-

tender, orders a martini. When the bartender gives the gorilla the martini, he is further surprised to see that the ape is holding a \$20 bill.

The bartender takes the \$20 bill, then he decides to see just how smart the gorilla is, so he hands the gorilla \$1 change. The gorilla quietly sips the martini until the bartender breaks the silence.

"We don't get too many apes in here," he says.

The gorilla replies, "At \$19 a drink, I'm not surprised."

The crocodile walked into a trendy menswear store, approached the assistant and asked, "Do you have shirts with pictures of people on the pocket?"

A man spoke to each of his 3 sons when he sent them off to college.

"I feel it's my duty to provide you with the best possible education. As a token, please each put \$1,000 into my coffin when I die."

His sons became a doctor, a lawyer and a financial planner, each very successful financially. When their father's time had come, and they saw their father

in the coffin, they remembered his wish.

First, the doctor put 10 newly printed crisp \$100 bills onto the chest of the deceased.

Then, the financial planner also put \$1,000 there in 20 newly printed crisp \$50 bills.

Finally, it was the heartbroken lawyer's turn. He reached into his pocket, took out his checkbook, wrote a check for \$3,000, put it into his father's coffin, and took the \$2,000 cash.

There was this limo driver who was in business for 25 years without a single customer.

All that time and nothing to chauffeur it.

My neighbor rang on my doorbell at 3 am. Can you believe it? Luckily I was still up playing the drums.

I work for a security company that transports cash, and part of my job is to work with police if a crew is robbed. One afternoon my wife and I were packing to move, when I received a call to report to a crime scene.

"I have to go," I told my wife. "Two of our guards were held up at gunpoint at a superstore."

As I dashed out the door, she called, "While you're there, pick up some big cardboard boxes."

A woman took her dog to the parlor for a haircut and asked what it would cost. Being told that it would cost her \$50, she was outraged.

"I only pay 30 bucks for my own haircut!" she said.

The groomer replied, "That may be true. But then you don't bite, do you?"

What did the Brit say when he paid 2,000 pounds for his fridge? "Goodness gracious, that costs a ton!"

A taxpayer received a strongly worded "second notice" that his taxes were overdue. He paid his bill, saying apologetically that he had overlooked the first notice.

"Oh," confided the collector, "we don't send out first notices. We have found that the second notices are more effective."

A man inserted an 'ad' in the classifieds: "Wife wanted."

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ORANGE BEACH CITY COUNCIL

Council supports moratorium on business licenses for stores selling CBD CBD oil testing positive for THC in O.B. could lead to felony arrest regardless of percentage

By John Mullen

Police Chief Joe Fierro said legal confusion around CBD products led him to flag a business license for what would be the second store in the city.

He said in October the state attorney general said any CBD products not approved by the FDA were illegal. Then about two months later the Alabama Department of Agriculture OK'd growing industrial hemp in the state and Congress took the hemp out of its definition of marijuana.

During the business license process, licenses are reviewed by various city department heads and any of those people who have concerns about a particular license can ask the council for a review of that license.

"It's very easy to get confused," Fierro said. "Basically, the state of Alabama needs to make a determination as to what they want to do so we

know what we have to do or not to do. Until that happens perhaps a little bit more time may be better to take a closer look at it."

Hemp contains about 0.3 percent of THC, the substance that gives marijuana users a high. Mar-

ijuana can contain as much as 20 percent to 30 percent of the substance.

At a July 9 work session, the council aired those and other concerns as they discussed a business license for Lotus of Orange Beach. Also, during a 90-minute-long discussion, council members voiced support for a moratorium on business licenses to stores wanting to sell CBD products.

"All we're doing is saying let's take some time to create an ordinance that will prevent what we know what is going to happen with the frauds and the fakes," Kennon said. "Do we require onsite recordkeeping so when we walk in and look at the product you've got the lab tests are right there for us? And what we do with our police department?"

Chase Smith, one of the owners of Lotus and owner of another shop in Foley that sells CBD, said his research says the oil and other products have been declared legal by four state agencies.

Smith quoted one of the releases to read that "as a result of a Congressional action CBD derived from industrial hemp with a THC concentration of no more than 0.3 percent can be legally produced sold and possessed in the state of Alabama."

"There's no ambiguity there," Smith said. "It's legal per all four of those departments that have issued those press releases."

After concerns about quality control and products getting in that might contain higher percentages of THC, Smith said all of his products are tested by an independent lab.

"Everything in our store comes with a certificate of analysis," Smith said. "Not even the company themselves but an outside lab to run the tests to show all the oils that are in it."

Kennon said his concerns weren't with the legitimate dealers with tested products but with products that aren't as controlled getting into town.

"I have been in the supplement industry and I know for a fact if there is a fad and there's money to be made then the fakes, the frauds as CBD oil companies and they will be marketing CBD oil that is not less than 0.3 percent that's not regulated," Kennon said.

For law enforcement, if a vial of oil is found in a car and tested for THC, the result will be a positive test no matter what the percentage reads.

"Our police have to deal with the fact that if it tests at even 0.1 it's an illegal situation because they don't know if it's 0.1 or 21," Kennon said.

Just having that little bit of oil, Fierro said, can lead to a felony arrest. And, it would take months for a backlogged state forensic lab to find out if the percentage was indeed criminal.

Kennon said this is why the city would like to implement the moratorium to get an ordinance in place to ensure

the products are safe and legal.

The other shop specifically selling CBD products in Orange Beach is Your CBD Shop on Canal Road. Smith said four other stores at The Wharf have CBD products for sale as do the two Tom Thumb stores in the city.

"Everything in our store comes with a certificate of analysis. Not even the company themselves but an outside lab to run the tests to show the oils that are in it."

David's Gallery has sold CBD products in G.S. since 2014 Owner says snowbirds are easily the primary customers for her CBD goods

By Fran Thompson

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

Located about a half mile north of Gulf Shores Public Beach, David's Gallery is the only retailer in the city selling CBD oil products, as far as its owner (pictured) knows. Hall has been selling a variety of CBD oil based products since President Obama made it legal to do so as part of a 2014 Farm Bill. CBD oil is a derivative of hemp, a cannabis plant that looks like marijuana but has negligible levels of THC, its psychoactive component.

Over the course of a year, CBD sales account for the bulk of David Gallery's business. Sales are especially brisk during snowbird season.

"I don't know if it is going to run its course. But it is really trendy right now. I expect that in another year it will be in Wal-Mart and Rite-Aid."

Hall was spot on, as Walgreens is selling CBD creams, patches and sprays in nine states, and CVS introduced CBD topicals, including creams and salves, to stores in eight states.

In December 2018, the U.S. House passed the Farm Bill, which contained a provision legalizing CBD derived from industrial hemp, as long as it has a THC concentration of no more than 0.3 percent. Technically, the bill changed the legal status of hemp from a controlled substance to an agricultural commodity.

Alabama Gov. Kay Ivey signed Senate Bill 225 on June 10, allowing pharmacies to sell CBD products containing no more than 0.3 percent THC. Proponents of CBD oil say it helps with medical conditions ranging from seizures and epilepsy to PTSD and chronic pain.

Hall said when she started selling CBD products, there were three suppliers she could work with. There are now between three and four thousand. She said there will be close to 900 exhibitors at a CBD oil conference she plans to attend the first week in August in Miami.

"I think this is just a misunderstanding. But I would hate to see it taken away from children who are dealing with seizures. Once you pass laws that are affecting somebody's kids, people are going to get fired up," she said.

"The amount of THC in the oil can not be more than .3 percent. Not three percent - .3 percent," she added.

Hall said she does not know if Gulf Shores will follow Orange Beach's lead with the CBD oil moratorium (see above story). But first Gulf Shores and, soon after that, Orange Beach passed laws limiting the number of tattoo parlors in each city to those that were already open at their specific locations.

"The federal and state governments may say it's legal, but municipalities pass their own laws all the time," Hall said. "It is an exciting time to be alive."

It is worth noting that Hall was unable to advertise the word "yoga" on signage when she started teaching yoga classes in downtown Gulf Shores more than 30 years ago.

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





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ORANGE BEACH CITY COUNCIL

112 units behind Doc's; 480 more at Caribe

By John Mullen

On June 18, Orange Beach City Council heard ordinances for developments that could add 677 houses, cottages, and condo units combined.

Brett Robinson already has the go-ahead on Phoenix Gulf Towers and is doing foundation work on that project. It would bring 192 units to Orange Beach on the west end of town between Palm Beach and Sugar Sands developments. At the east end of town Brett Robinson's Phoenix Orange Beach II, a 120-unit project, is nearing completion on the Gulf between the Island House Hotel on the west and Tidewater condos.

Caribe developer Larry Wireman is looking to add two towers of 24 and 25 stories to the east and west of the current three 14-story buildings on the east side of Perdido Pass. The east tower is planned for 228 units with 187 being three-bedroom and 41 being five-bedroom. On the west, there are plans for 252 more condos with 204 three-bedroom units and 48 five-bedroom units.

With the 600 already there this would bring the total to 1,080 units on the Caribe property. Wireman, also the developer of Turquoise Place, has had city permission to build more at the Caribe site since 2005.

During recent regular and work sessions, the Orange Beach City Council also:

- Heard a second reading of an ordinance amendment to allow for the development of Caribe East and Caribe West, two more buildings on the Caribe property to add 480 units and gave approval for the project.
- Held a public hearing and had the first reading of an ordinance change for Summer Salt's final PUD. It is located behind Doc's Seafood and Steaks and adjacent to Live Bait. This is phase one which is planning to have 54 single-family residential lots and 58 cottage lots.

The developers are looking to develop the area in two phases. There are two parcels on the site and this one is 42 acres. The second parcel of 21 acres is planning for 54 single-family residential lots and 31 cottage lots.

- Approved a liquor license Application for B&D Maritime for Weather or Knot, a new charter fishing boat at slip E14 at San Roc Marina.

- Approved a resolution declaring certain personal property as surplus and unneeded and authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to dispose of such property.

- Approved resolutions authorizing a franchise renewal for two taxis companies, A-1 Taxi Service and Blue Dolphin Taxi.

- Approved a resolution hiring Braxton C. Counts, III, P.C. for lobbying services to consult on federal, regional and state issues at a cost of \$2,000 a month plus expenses.

- A resolution establishing the fee for emergency medical treatment and transport services.

- A resolution authorizing the purchase of CCTV system equipment for the Orange Beach High School and Middle School portables in the amount of \$10,850.

- A resolution authorizing the execution of a task order with GeoCon, Inc., to provide a soil study for the wetland area south of the new high school in the amount of \$4,500.

- A resolution appropriating funds to the Gulf Shores Airport Authority in an amount not to exceed \$14,000.

- A Resolution appropriating funds to the Makos Academics, Arts & Athletics Club in the amount of \$67,050.

- A resolution appropriating funds to the Baldwin County Board of Education for teacher and coach salaries in an amount not to exceed \$60,000.

- A resolution authorizing execution of a memorandum of understanding with the Wharf Marina.

- Resolutions authorizing the sole source purchase of a 30-horsepower submersible pump for \$26,329 and a 15-horsepower submersible pump for \$16,978 from Jim House & Associates for the Utilities Department.

- A resolution for a lease agreement for a portable classroom for the Expect Excellence program for about \$28,000 for a term of nine months. The city-led after-school program is expecting reach about 350 students in the fall and the extra space is needed until the new gymnasium at the recreation center campus is completed.

- An ordinance annexing the Birkenhauer property into the City of Orange Beach, Alabama. The property is on Powerline Road near the water treatment plant and the city would like to relocate the Public Works Department to the parcel. It is currently on the east end of the Canal Road property where the new Orange Beach High School and Middle School is being built.

- A resolution establishing an amnesty program for delinquent wastewater/sewer accounts.

- A resolution amending the employees pay plan/job listing to reclassify certain job positions.

- An ordinance amendment to provide for additional regulations pertaining to the establishment of sewer accounts, rates, and the collection of delinquent charges.

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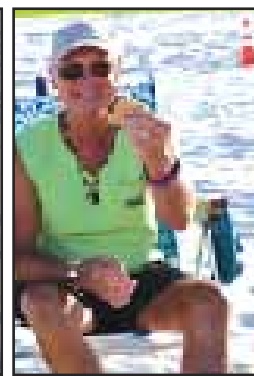
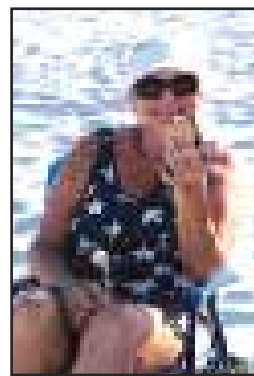
Items included in the tax-free weekend include the following: clothing articles less than \$100, such as Belts, Boots, Caps, Coats, Diapers, Dresses, Gloves, Gym Suits, Hats, Hosiery, Jackets, Jeans, Neckties, Pajamas, Pants, Raincoats, Robes, Sandals, Scarves, School Uniforms, Shirts, Shoes, Shorts, Socks, Sneakers, and Underwear.

For purposes of the exemption, a computer may include a laptop, desktop, or tower computer system, which consists of a central processing unit (CPU), and devices such as a display monitor, keyboard, mouse, and speakers sold as a computer package. Computer parts and devices not sold as part of a package with the CPU, will not qualify for the exemption.

Items commonly used by a student in a course of study in which a computer is used are also included.

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For more information, visit revenue.alabama.gov/salestax or call 334-242-1490 or 866-576-6531 weekdays from 9 a.m. 'til 5 p.m.



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



Campfires, 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.

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PBR piano-man John Lee Sanders releases "Tweakin' Some Twang"

By Fran Thompson

It would be natural to assume Orange Beach resident John Lee Sanders reached into his pocket deep, grabbed a handful of mulligans 50 years in the making and tossed them on the table to recruit the A-list session musicians playing on his first album of new songs in 10 years.

That is partly true. The go-to-guys on Sanders' new album, "Tweakin' Some Twang," have worked with Ray Charles, Aretha Franklin, Marvin Gaye, BB King, Tower of Power, Willie Nelson and their ilk.

But to record strings for an album cut he wrote for his wife, he went online and found the sound he wanted from a quartet based in China that he contacted through Airgigs.com.

"I never counted them up, but we had maybe 20 musicians altogether," he said. "I have some amazing musicians. Some I knew from way back when I was playing club gigs back in the 80's in California."

Sanders said, like him, most of the session players on his album have in-home studios, which makes the recording process easier and more affordable.

The four guitarists Sanders used on the album included South Baldwin's own main man, Lee Yankie, Sting saxeman Lyle Workman and former CMA Musician of the Year Brent Mason. He also used four bass players and four drummers.

"Starting out, I wanted to get a little bit of country on the album. That was the original concept. But it stretched from there and became broader," he said.

John himself describes the album by listing 12 genres of music that it touches.

"My 67 years were a slow migration westward from the foothills of Alabama Appalachia, The Mississippi Delta, Louisiana Bayous, Memphis Soul, and Juke Joints of East Texas. It all had their distinctive influences on my music," he said.

"My late mother, a generous supporter of the performing arts, would always shout, 'Turn off that twangy music' when the Grand Ole Opry was on. I hope I tweaked Mama's Gumbo enough for her discerning ears without losing the authenticity of our great musical legacy."

Sanders has been paid to score

classical films and has been in the studio recording with everyone from Stevie Wonder and Jimmy Page to Chuck Berry and Randy Newman. He has cashed checks for composing, writing and arranging music, sometimes in the same week.

"When I was growing up in the south, we would go to concerts in Birmingham and there would be The Rolling Stones playing with a country act like Skeeter Davis opening up.

George Harrison was singing country songs and had that Chet Atkins guitar style on the Beatles albums. It was accepted back. It was accepted back then to do something like that," he said.

Sanders wrote one of the songs on the CD, "Hard Times Coming Down Hard," during the Deepwater Horizon BP Oil Spill.

"The oil spill was in some ways a metaphor to the cancer I was soon diagnosed with, and in retrospect, I see the correlations in the lyrics," he said.



Now cancer free, Sanders has earned his keep at Perdido Beach Resort for the past three years (four nights at Voyagers and Fridays in the lobby bar). He does session work most days from his home studio.

In deciding to include so many styles of music on the CD, Sanders was just doing what comes naturally.

He played keyboards on the Chitlin Circuit in East Texas. He was the Hammond organist for

five years at one of the largest black churches in the Bay Area. He's had residencies in bars from Beale Street to Bourbon Street, from honkey-tonks to Haight Ashbury, from juke joints to Manhattan.

One of his albums, "Mozart: Rhythm & Romance," is an appreciation of classical music. Another, "Beacon Of Light," reflects his gospel roots.

"I've always had an issue with classifying genres, which are geographically, socially and culturally driven," he said. "I juggle the tightrope of the

past and current political and cultural divide.

"And then there are the ghosts of my past growing up in the south, with my roots being more swayed in blues, jazz, and classical piano training."

A multi-instrumentalist (saxophone, guitar, piano, vocals), Sanders has played with Paul Williams since 1988.

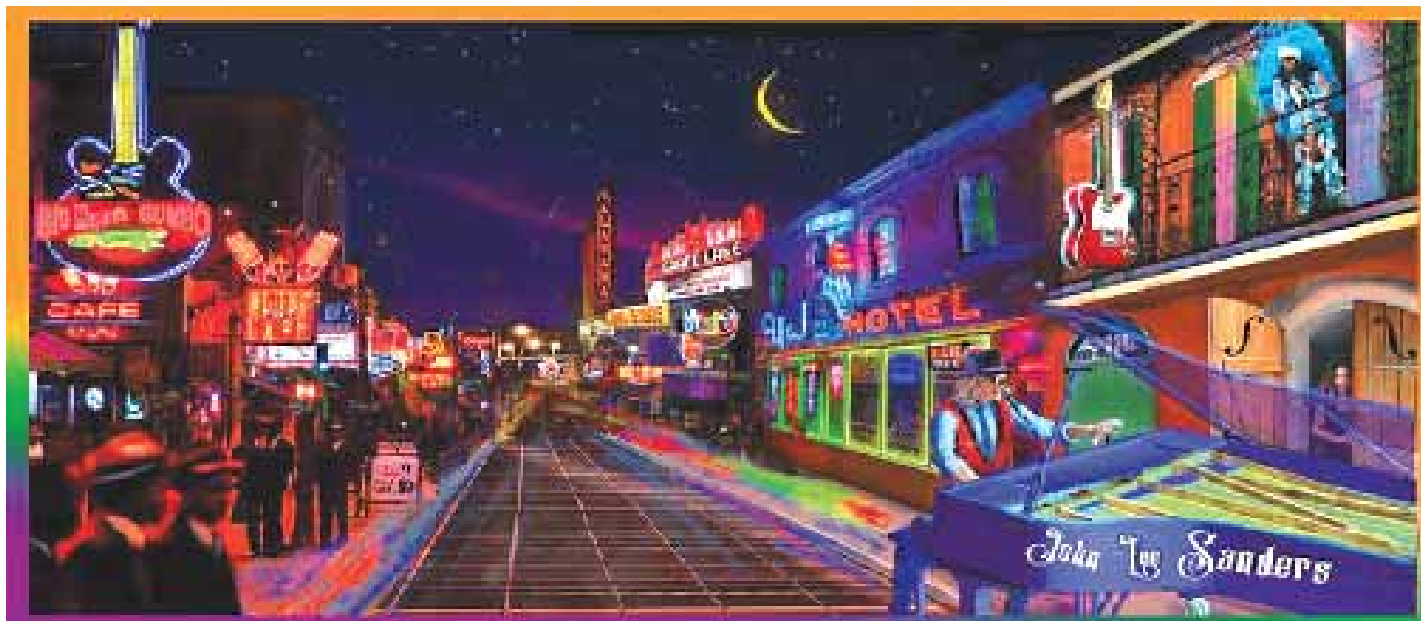
Before work that led to Grammy and Emmy nominations, Sanders, as "Little John," was Birmingham's answer to Little Stevie Wonder.

He took his band from the Texas Plains, where he went to college, to San Francisco in 1977 at the urging of Doobie Brother Michael Hossack. The band was immensely popular live, but unable to secure a recording deal.

He has toured the major European jazz and blues festivals many times over and even arranged an entire concert for the 22 piece National Jazz Orchestra of Croatia.

He's written arrangements for the Tower of Power, and the list of artists Sanders performed or toured with also includes Carly Simon, Smokey Robinson, Elton John, The Meters, Jimmy Webb, Kris Kristofferson, Starship, Ashford & Simpson, Freddie King and John Lee Hooker.

In 2014, he performed at the Grammys with Williams. Two years earlier, he was an opening act on



Sanders not only wrote, sang, and played instruments on the 12 song "Tweakin' Some Twang," he painted the cover art as well.



John Lee Sanders with (l to r) Bonnie Raitt, Rod Stewart and Willie Nelson.

Bonnie Raitt's tour. He has put together bands for ASCAP shows at the request of Clive Davis.

Sanders comes from a musical family. His brothers both led bands in Birmingham. His grandmother gave music lessons and played piano at silent movies. His mom's cousin played with W.C. Handy. Although his dad didn't play, he was Jerry Lee Lewis's insurance agent.

"I was a bit reluctant of doing this, considering my previous music catalog, and the stereotype of certain Country music genres, of pickup trucks and Good Ole Boys," he said.

"But these original songs tell the

much larger story. I realized I needed a bigger table to fit everybody in.

"I've worked with some of my heroes of this music - Willie Nelson, Chris Stapleton, Bonnie Raitt, John Lee Hooker. Writers like Jimmy Webb, who transcended genres. Their inspiration, and so many others inspired me."

"Tweakin' The Twang" was recorded over a four year period in studios in Germany, Sacramento, Berkeley, Nashville Austria, Spain Orange Beach, New York, Daphne, New York and St. Petersburg, Russia..

Stevie Ray & John Lee

With 50 years of touring behind him, John Lee Sanders is going to have stories from the road, including this early one: "My first visit to Austin was opening For Rod Argent, in the mid-70's at Armadillo World Headquarters. Our roadies' equipment truck broke down on the way down from Dallas. The band was in another car. So we never got to play the gig, and no money for a hotel. Our drummer knew the Thunderbirds, who had just moved down from Dallas. They had a band house where we crashed. We ended up partying with Stevie Ray, and Jimmie Vaughan the whole night."

Elvis & John Lee meet

We're not sure what this story has to do with John Lee's decision to devote himself to playing music, but Sanders did say his earliest music memory is listening to the first single from Elvis, "That's Alright Mama" on the A side, and "Blue Moon of Kentucky" on the flip-side. Sanders and Elvis met briefly when Elvis owned a house near Sanders' aunt in Memphis. Sanders was standing among a yardful of screaming teenage girls when Elvis and his female entourage left the house and climbed into a convertible. When things simmered down, Sanders asked Elvis' father, Vernon, if he could use the bathroom in the house and was able to see the throne of the king for himself.

A Gong Show Winner

While recording in Hollywood, Sanders auditioned for the Gong Show and won. Dressed as the Louisiana Chicken Man, he hand played the first part of Sweet Georgia Brown before finishing the song on his saxophone. He earned \$516.32 for his troubles. "I ended up making a few grand in residuals because I was in the musicians' union," he said.



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AROUND TOWN

Little Lagoon Watershed Plan topic of July 18 LLPS meeting

The Little Lagoon Watershed Management Plan will be the main topic for discussion during the July 18 Little Lagoon Preservation Society summer meeting beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the Gulf Shores Activity Center (260 Clubhouse Drive).

Geosyntec Consultants was selected as the contractor to prepare the Watershed Management Plan for the Perdido Pass and Little Lagoon watersheds, and will be the presenters for the member meeting, which is open to the public.

The first half hour of the meeting provides an opportunity to meet, mingle and enjoy refreshments. The program begins at 6 p.m. and will include a question-and-answer period. Updates on Little Lagoon Pass and the Little Lagoon oyster gardening program will also be presented.

The plan will use stakeholder engagement coupled with science-based solutions to set goals focused on common values most important to those living in Coastal Alabama.

The plan will determine a suite of projects and programs targeted to improve ecosystem services within the watershed, and - most importantly - target future funding opportunities to areas where they would result in the greatest benefit.

A brief presentation will provide an overview of the planning process and the need for input and unique insight from a local perspective into the environmental challenges we face.

Funding for this project comes under the RESTORE Act as administered by the Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council.

Little Lagoon Watershed Management Plan

The Little Lagoon Watershed Management Plan will provide a roadmap for restoring or conserving watersheds and improving water and habitat quality in areas where resources could have been damaged by the Deepwater Horizon oil spill. The plan will chart a conceptual course for improving or protecting the things people value most about living along the Alabama coast, including:

- **Water Quality** – The coastal community continues to desire water that is drinkable, swimmable, and able to support aquatic and marine life.
- **Fish and Wildlife** – Fishery resources are valued an industry, a primary recreational pastime, and a staple of the diets of residents and visitors.
- **Environmental Health and Resilience** – The coastal community relies upon coordinated actions to reduce vulnerability to and recover from the range of hazards we face, natural and otherwise.
- **Access** – Having access to coastal waters and natural resources is something about which people care deeply.
- **Heritage and Culture** – Preserving heritage and culture is important due to concerns that the bountiful waters that provided such pleasure through our lifetimes will not be available to our grandchildren.
- **Beaches and Shorelines** – They provide critical edge habitat to aquatic and terrestrial animals and recreational opportunities for residents and visitors.

In addition to the six values identified above, these Plans should provide a strategy for conserving and restoring coastal habitat types providing critical ecosystem services and identified by the MBNEP's Science Advisory Committee as most threatened by anthropogenic stressors. These habitat types - freshwater wetlands; streams, rivers, and riparian buffers; and intertidal marshes and flats - were classified as most stressed from dredging and filling, fragmentation, and sedimentation, all related to land use change. These habitats and the ecosystem services they provide are related to several, if not each, of the six identified values.



GULF SHORES BEAUTIFICATION AWARDS: Clockwise from top left) The City of Gulf Shores Beautification Board presented the Beautification Award to Daniel Craven. Craven's office is located at 140 Cove Avenue. Beautification Board Members Rodney Powell and Brooke Taylor presented the award to Craven; Also, the Board presented the Beautification Award to Miro and Jarka Hastik at their home, located at 425 West Canal. Beautification Board Members Brooke Taylor and Rodney Powell presented the award to Hastik; Butch, Donna, and Bosley Bass also received a Beautification Award for their home located at 2532 Arcadia in the Bon Secour Village; The Board presented the Seasonal Beautification Award to The Drunken Shrimp, located at 1209 Gulf Shores Parkway. Kim Jordan, Roxy Jordan, and Teddy Tran accepted the award on behalf of The Drunken Shrimp.



Rider tickets on sale for Foley's Oct. 26 Witches Ride

The Society of Black Hats will present the Foley Witches Ride, taking place in Downtown Foley on Saturday, October 26, at 5:00 pm. The ride will conclude with a street after party featuring food trucks and a live band. The community is invited to gather and watch over 200 witches ride the streets of Foley. Route map to be published at a later date. Society of Black Hats is proud to bring Foley Witches Ride to Downtown Foley for the second year in a row. This unique and exciting bike parade to benefit two local charities, Family Promise and the backpack feeding program through St. Paul's Episcopal Church. The Society of Black Hats provided over three thousand dollars to each organization in 2018. The 2019 Foley Witches Ride is still accepting sponsorships. With five levels of sponsorship opportunities, you are sure to find one to fit your business! For sponsorship information please contact Shannan Kennan at sskeenan@bcbe.org, (251)424-7097. Rider tickets to go on sale Saturday, July 13. Rider tickets include event t-shirt and access to the street after party. Non-riders can attend the street after party by purchasing an after party only ticket. All participants must be 21 or older. Tickets can be purchased at: bit.ly/FoleyWitchesRide For more information and latest updates please visit facebook.com/FoleyWitchesRide. Photo Credit: Michelle Stancil

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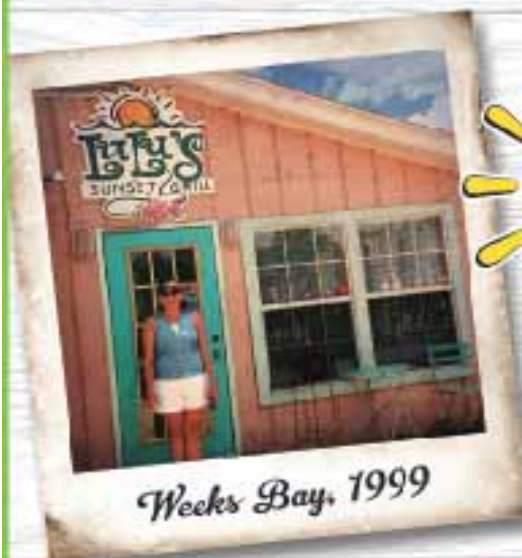
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AROUND TOWN

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 Legends 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.



Coast Guard Auxiliary Safe Boating Course Aug. 3 in O.B.

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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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GULF SHORES CITY COUNCIL



City seeks funds to add pedestrian bridge over Intracoastal Waterway

By John Mullen

The City of Gulf Shores is taking its fourth swing at a federal grant to add a third south-bound lane from County Road 6, over the bridge to either Clubhouse Drive or perhaps even Fort Morgan Road.

"We will need to work that out during design," Environmental and Grants Coordinator Dan Bond said. "Our goal is to improve capacity and efficiency as much as possible."

Gulf Shores is seeking about \$15 million from the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Transportation Discretionary Grant Program, a new Congressional program similar to the former Transportation Investment Generating Economic Recovery, or TIGER Discretionary Grants. The city was declined for grant money three times in that program.

Nearly \$5.6 billion will be granted in nine rounds of grant issued in the BUILD program for transit, rail and port projects. Other parts of the Gulf Shores project includes a pedestrian bridge either attached to the current Intracoastal Waterway Bridge or a freestanding bridge east of Tacky Jack's at the site of the old cantilever bridge.

"A new pedestrian bridge across the ICW would connect the north and south Waterway Village areas, adding pedestrian improvements and complete streets throughout the Waterway Village District," Bond said.

The city's planned \$8 million match will come in the form of two projects already in the 10-year capital improvement plan. One is \$4.6 million for improvements to County Road 6 to widen the roadway to accommodate more traffic from several planned large subdivisions.

Gulf Shores will also use \$3.4 million to build two access roads to the medical building it bought with hopes of developing it into a free-

standing emergency room. One of those intersections will be a four-way connection with State Route 59 at 34th Avenue with hopes of getting a traffic signal there as well. The other access would come south off of Cotton Creek Drive or County Road 4.

"Grants will likely be awarded in fall 2019, with final agreements executed in spring 2020," Bond said. "Spending would likely begin on Engineering and Design in 2020, with construction starting in 2021. It is estimated the project will take five years to complete construction, with all work completed by 2026."

During its July meeting, Gulf Shores City Council:

- Gave approval for the mayor and city clerk to sign a letter of support to receive a Small Community Air Service Development grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation. The federal agency is making available \$12.5 million for cities to study air service and air fares in their communities. The city would be asked to provide a 3 percent match and spend no more than \$14,000 on the program.
- Declared a 2006 Dodge Dakota pickup and a 2001 Polar 1796 boat with motor and trailer as surplus and donated them to the Gulf Coast Center for Ecotourism and Sustainability for use in programs at the facility.
- Appointed Councilman Joe Garriss to the Coastal Alabama Business Chamber Board of Directors to replace Councilman Steve Jones who resigned. Jones was recently hired as the vice president for events and advocacy for the chamber.
- Executed a Conservation Easement between the City of Gulf Shores, McMath Properties and Community State Bank for the purpose of protecting natural, scenic and open space values of wetlands/natural areas in the Lagoon Estates Subdivision.



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GULF SHORES CITY COUNCIL

Since breaking off from county, city has spent \$5 million on schools Students will report for first ever day of classes in own system Aug. 9

By John Mullen

As the first day of school gets closer and closer the Gulf Shores Board of Education received about \$3.4 million from the city council on a vote in its July 8 meeting.

“We’re actually going to get that (tax) money back over five years and really get back more than we gave up so it was a good deal in the long run. Short term we all knew we were going to be a little bit short this summer going into the fall.”

Since voting to start its own system in 2017 the city has spent a total of nearly \$5 million on the system.

“Most of that is \$2 million in salaries and benefits, about \$440,000 in instructional supplies, \$200,000 in technology equipment and maintenance tools, \$157,000 for a new security system within the three buildings and then \$220,000 in operations,” Superintendent Dr. Matt Akin told the council. “With the separation agreement with an effort to settle with the board to start the

Also, during the meeting, the council voted to pursue federal funding to help pay for a \$23 million traffic capacity improvement project including a third southbound lane on State Route 59 over the Intracoastal Waterway bridge.

This appropriation is for the third quarter expenses for operating costs for the new system. Students will report for classes for the first time on Aug. 9 and teachers report on Aug. 6.

In 2018, the city council gave nearly \$347,000 to the fledgling system and so far in 2019, with the latest \$3.4 million influx, a total of \$4.4 million.

school system we gave up the sales tax for summer months which is about \$2.5 million and then also about \$1 million in September payroll.”

In lieu of losing that tax revenue, Gulf Shores also negotiated for Baldwin County to continue to pay about \$500,000 of yearly debt service for five years on the buildings and facilities – about \$2.85 million – to free up funds for work on the Gulf Shores buildings.

“We also have growth to deal with. We know that very shortly as we start growing and building more subdivisions and recruiting people to come be a part of this education program, we’re going to have start envisioning a new school.”

physical science classes for all eighth-grade students and new progress monitoring software.

“We’ve thought a lot about language arts curriculum, especially middle and high school, about raising the rigor,” Akin said. “That’s one of the things that we felt all along that our students weren’t achieving what they were capable of.”

During fiscal year 2019 elementary reading curriculum was upgraded by the Baldwin County system but with the separation looming Gulf Shores wasn’t included in that program, Akin

said. Gulf Shores purchased its new curriculum from the College Board, the same organization that conducts college entrance exams.

“This curriculum will give us the ability to not only raise the level of kids who are typically at the top of the class but we want to raise the instructional level of all kids,” Akin said. “Our teachers are going through training and we’ll implement that curriculum in the fall.”

An extra effort on history in the elementary school will focus on local events and the coastal environment will be emphasized through classes and working with the developing Gulf Coast Center for Ecotourism and Sustainability.

“Fourth grade is Alabama history and state-mandated but we are really going to focus on Gulf Shores history,” Akin said. “We’re going to teach those same standards for the whole state but we also want our kids to be aware of the history of this area and this city. We’re going to teach Gulf Coast ecology. We already teach an ecology class at the high school but we are going to specifically focus on the Gulf Coast.”

Mayor Robert Craft praised the moves as exactly what he and the city council expects out of the new system.

“These kinds of programs are exactly what we were hoping to accomplish,” Craft said. “We knew it was going to be an expensive process given the condition of the schools. It’s admirable what you’ve presented to give us exactly what we wanted to accomplish.”

Craft also said the council understand with the growing population, housing developments in the city and annexations by parents wanting their kids to attend city schools, growth is inevitable.

“The thing that I think it’s important for us all to recognize is this is not a one-shot deal,” Craft said. “We’ve got this issue to overcome, this kind of expense to incur, this revisioning and restarting our program but we also have growth to deal with. We know that very shortly as we start growing and building more subdivisions and recruiting people to come be a part of this education program, we’re going to have start envisioning a new school. Pretty quickly.”



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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 Grill. 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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WED, JULY 17

- 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.
- Art El Fresco 10:45 a.m.; RSVP required, 251-948-8881 or online at tacky-jacks.com, includes lunch; Tack Jacks; Gulf Shores
- John Lee Sanders: 6; Voyagers Restaurant at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- 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.
- Nick Andrews: 6, Tacky Jack's, Orange

Beach.

- Adam Holt: 5; LuLu's at Homeport Marina.
- Jim Parnell: 6, Tacky Jack's, Fort Morgan.
- Big Beach Running Club: 5:30 p.m.; Big Beach Brewery in Gulf Shores; all levels welcome.
- Swing Dancing: 7, American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.
- Open Mic: 6; Tacky Jack's, Gulf Shores.
- Brandon Styles Impressions & Magic Show: 7; OWA Showroom, Foley.
- Karaoke: 6; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- Scott Koehn/Flip Flop Bros: 6:30; Flipflopers, Orange Beach.
- Danny Grady: 5; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- John Joiner & Friends: 6; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.

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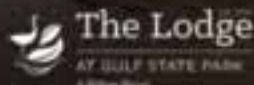


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WHAT'S HAPPENING



Local Beta Sigma Phi Sorority named AL Chapter of Year

In the past year, the members of Alabama Theta Master Chapter of Gulf Shores volunteered to work for a worthwhile project called Testing 1,2,3. This local program provides free Memory Screening and Balance Testing to men and women interested in taking a quick test to measure their loss of function.

Each year at the Alabama Beta Sigma Phi State Convention, participating chapters submit their projects on various programs to be judged. What a pleasant surprise for Theta Master Chapter to be awarded the Best Service Program because of its support to Testing 1,2,3. The Beta Sigma Phi chapter was also awarded the Best Ways and Means Program. These two awards enabled the locals to also win overall Chapter of the Year For The State of Alabama.

Beta Sigma Phi is an International social sorority not affiliated with any college or university. Each year it chooses a special project to help with community functions by volunteering to assist in any way possible.

Beta Sigma Phi members first trained to assist in the program before the testing began. These tests are performed at various locations throughout Baldwin County during the year. The testing is offered in the fall for local residents and in the early winter for Snowbird visitors. The chapter helped test 376 people in memory screening and balanced tested 348 people from September 2018 through March 2019. The service our chapter provided to others has been meaningful and rewarding with many returning for a second screening. The 146 volunteer hours prove the chapter's efforts and education are working. Participants were so thankful for the tests being offered because it enabled them to improve their daily lives.



- Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde: 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- Bingo: 10 a.m.; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- Orange Beach Sportfishing Club: 6 p.m. cocktails; 7 p.m. meeting; downstairs at Tacky Jacks Orange Beach; Info: Jon Parkinson at jwperk13@aol.com.
- Open Mixed Doubles Tennis: 7:15 a.m.; all levels welcome; Gulf Shores Tennis Center; corner of West 19th Ave. and West 2nd St.
- Veteran's Bingo: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.; American Legion Post 99, Foley.
- Trivia Night: 6:30 p.m.; The Gulf Coast Elks Lodge 2789, Foley; 251-550-1060.
- Prayer Shawl Ministry: Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Activities Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
- South Alabama Senior Travelers: 9 a.m.; Foley Senior Center; visitors welcome; 251-928-4494.
- Orange Beach Friends of the Library: 10; Library meeting room; 978-4106.
- Food Ministry For Hungry Families: noon-1 p.m.; Grace Lutheran Church, corner of West 23rd Ave. and West 4th St. in Gulf Shores; 251-968-5991.
- Bread Ministry: 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.; Orange Beach United Methodist Church Brook's Center.

- Food Bank: 9 - 11 a.m. every Wednesday, Perdido Bay Baptist Church, 12600 Sorrento Rd. Pensacola; call for eligibility requirements at (850) 492-2604.
- Gulf Shores Woman's Club: 11 a.m.; Palmer Room at Craft Farms; all interested women invited to attend; 251-980-5722.
- Perdido Key Rotary Club: 7:30 a.m.; every Wednesday at United Methodist Church Activity Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Road, Pensacola.
- Gulf Shores Lions Club: noon; 2nd & 4th Wednesday; noon; Gulf Shores Adult Activity Center, 300 E. 16th Avenue; 251-968-2823.
- Storytime at Pensacola Southwest Branch Library: free; infant to 5; 10:30-11; 12238 Old Gulf Beach Hwy; (850)453-7780.
- AA: Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

THU, JULY 18

- Flora-Bama Possible Probables: 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
- Flora-Bama Bingo: free; 1-4 p.m.; great prizes, family friendly; 17401 Perdido Key Dr., Perdido Key.
- Tacky Jacks Beach Games: 11 a.m.;

- relay races, challenges, and brain teasers; participants get a free 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.
- Greg Brown: 2 p.m.; Sassy Bass Amazin' Grill; Ft. Morgan.
- John Martin Davis Band: 6; Pelican Place at Craft Farms, Gulf Shores.
- Jessie Howell: 6; Tacky Jack's, Orange Beach.
- John Lee Sanders: 6; Voyagers Restaurant at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- Albert Simpson: 5; LuLu's at Homeport Marina.
- John Brust: 6; Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- Tim Roberts: 6:30; Tin Top Restaurant; Bon Secour.
- DJ/Karaoke with LiL BoB: 8; Island Time Daquari; The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- Open Mic: 7; Snapper's; Orange Beach.
- Brandon Styles Impressions & Magic Show: 7; OWA Showroom, Foley.
- Scott Koehn: 5:30; Pleasure Island Tiki Bar, Orange Beach.
- Blind Draw Dart Tourney: 7; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- Foley Garden Club: 3rd Thursday of

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Flora-Bama Gulf Coast Paddle Championship July 19-20

The 5th Annual Flora-Bama Gulf Coast Paddle Championship will be held July 19-20 on the shores of the Gulf of Mexico. Billed as the only race where you can say you Did It On the Line and raced in two states, the beach races start in the Gulf in front of the Flora-Bama and finish across the street in Ole River at the Ole River Bar. Saturday's festivities include clinics, exhibitors and family fun.

Part of the Southern Stoke Race Series, the race includes on race day registration and is open to kayaks, canoes and paddleboards and offers one mile, five mile, nine mile and 12 mile options. Fees range from \$25 for the one mile fun race to \$65 for the race around Perdido Pass. The kid's race entry fee is \$5. Register at paddleguru.com.

Pictured: Paddlers gathered at the 2018 Gulf Coast Paddle Championship.



month, Sept through May at Foley Public Library, second floor meeting room at 12:30 p.m. except when club has field trips; Info: Linda Ford, 251-972-871.

- Karaoke: 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- Karaoke: 7; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.
- Smokey & Mark: 7; Papa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- Bridge: noon; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- 8 Ball APA: 7:30; The Office, Foley.
- Rotary Club of Gulf Shores/Orange Beach: noon; Gulf Shores Golf Club; visiting Rotarians and guests invited; 251-968-2000.
- Coping Conversations Grief Support Group: 9:30 a.m.; Nix Center, Fairhope, 251-626-5255 or 251-928-2835.
- 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, JULY 19

- 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



Bruce Pearl to speak at Sept. 5 United Way kick-off luncheon

The 2019 United Way of Baldwin County Campaign Kick-Off Luncheon will feature Auburn basketball coach (pictured) Bruce Pearl.

The event will be held on Thursday, September 5 at the Daphne Civic Center. The VIP meet and greet is at 11 a.m., and the luncheon follows at 11:30 a.m. Sponsorship tables and individual tickets are still available but going fast. Call 251-943-2110 or visit unitedway-bc.org for more info.

In four years as head coach at Auburn, Pearl has led the Tigers to 70 wins, a Southeastern Conference Championship and an appearance in the NCAA Tournament with both coming this past season. In his 23 seasons, he has guided his teams to the NCAA Tournament 18 times and ranks second among active SEC coaches in winning percentage. Pearl is one of just seven active head coaches who has led his teams to at least 10 NCAA Sweet 16 appearances. His 2019 Tigers' suffered a controversial loss to Virginia in the Final Four.

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O.B. Fire Dept. honors Martin & Woodward:

Oange Beach Interim Fire Chief Mike Kimmerling recognized Thomas Martin and Robert Woodward during the July 9 City Council meeting for their actions during a recent house fire.

"Mayor and council this is a great honor for us tonight to present a couple of letters of commendation to two young men who made a big difference to our community," Chief Kimmerling said. "I think anytime we can recognize people who actually make a difference that affects the lives of our citizens in our community it is a wonderful day for us and you should be thankful for their actions."

Each commendation, signed by Chief Kimmerling, generally reads as follows:

"On behalf of the Orange Beach Fire Department, I would like to commend you for your actions by providing a quick response to assist in the notification and removal of two residents whose home was involved in a rapidly growing fire. The residents were unaware of the situation, and your quick actions to notify and then assist both residents out of the structure as conditions were deteriorating definitely led to a positive outcome for them ... Your immediate response to a crisis without hesitation provided quick critical actions and showed true concern for others. Our community is fortunate to have individuals such as you who do not hesitate to help others in their time of need. Once again, thank you on behalf of the Department and the Community for your willingness to come to the aid of others."

Key Dr., Perdido Key.

- Oyster Bake Friday: 11 a.m.; music, corn hole, sand pile, family fun and games; Tacky 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.
- Luke Bryan: 7; The Wharf Amphitheater; Orange Beach.
- Hot Sands 2.0: 5 p.m.; Sassy Bass Caribbean Grill; 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.
- Poarch Ninjas: 5; Big Beach Brewing Company, Gulf Shores.
- High Rollers Duo: 7; The Office, Foley.
- Beave & Cleave: 6, Tacky Jack's, Orange Beach.
- Funky Lampshades: 6; Playa; Orange Beach.
- Albert Simpson: 5; LuLu's at Homeport Marina.
- Charlie Wilson: 7, Tacky Jack's, Fort Morgan.
- Pistol Hill: 6, Tacky Jack's, Gulf Shores.
- John Lee Sanders: 6; The Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- Jimmy Lee Hanniford: noon, Tacky Jack's, Gulf Shores.
- Rhonda Hart: 5; Fin & Fork, Orange Beach.
- Open Mic Karaoke: 5; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- Open Jam: 8; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.
- Roger & Elaine: 7; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- Karaoke: 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- Karaoke: 8; Snapper's; Orange Beach.
- Brandon Styles Impressions & Magic Show: 8; OWA Showroom, Foley.
- Sandra Kaye & The Legend Band: 8:30; Live Bait Restaurant, Orange Beach.
- Christi Dees Bad Juj: 7; Hub Stacey's, Innerarity Point.
- Open Mixed Doubles Tennis: 7:15 a.m.;

all levels welcome; Gulf Shores Tennis Center; corner of West 19th Ave. and West 2nd St.

- Bingo: 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.

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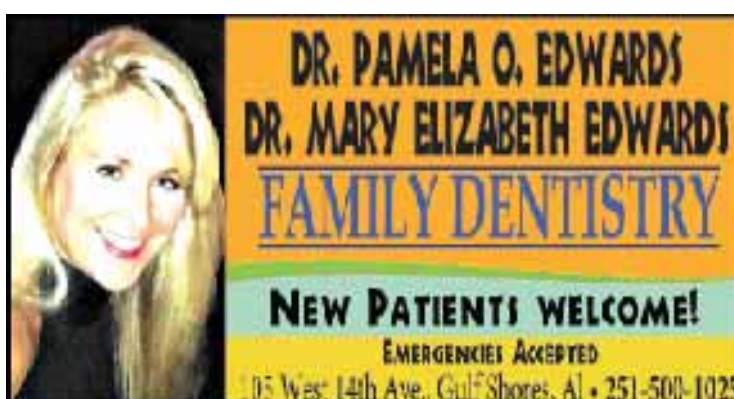
- Flora-Bama Possible Probables: 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
- Rhonda Hart: 5; Fin & Fork, Orange Beach.
- Luke Bryan: 7; The Wharf Amphitheater; Orange Beach.
- John Brust: 6; Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- DJ Lil Bob: 9; Island Time Daquari; The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- Crab Riot: 6:30; Big Beach Brewing Company, Gulf Shores.
- Johnny Barbado: 5; Pirates Cove.
- Cory Reznor: 6; Playa; Orange Beach.
- LA South Band: 9; The Office, Foley.
- Hippy Jim: 11 a.m., Tacky Jack's, Orange Beach.
- The Red Field: 5; LuLu's at Homeport Marina.
- Shelby Brown Band: 6, Tacky Jack's, Orange Beach.
- Southern Star: 6:30; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- Ray Coley: 7; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- Karaoke: 7; Tacky Jack's, Ft. Morgan.
- Karaoke: 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- Open Jam: 8; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.
- Brandon Styles Impressions & Magic Show: 8; OWA Showroom, Foley.
- Crosstown: 7; Hub Stacy's at the Point;

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Members of the Sirens of the Sea Mardi Graw Krewe are busy this summer preparing for their upcoming annual Fall Fundraiser. Back by popular demand is the theme of football tailgating. Attendees are encouraged to wear the colors of their favorite College or NFL team. Tailgating fun will begin at 6:00 p.m on Friday, September 20 at the Orange Beach Event Center at the Wharf. Your \$50 ticket holds your spot for the \$5,000 draw-down, live music by Jesse Duncan Music, a delicious dinner and cash bar. Tickets are available from Siren members, and will soon be available at Diamond Jewelers in Gulf Shores; J&M Tackle in Orange Beach; and McClure's New York Bagel & Sandwich Shoppe in Orange Beach. For more information on tickets, please feel free to contact Linda Pacatte @ 251-402-2218 or Judy Hamby @ 270-887-9691.

Special thanks to Expedia Cruise Ship Center in Gulf Shores for their generous donation of a \$500 travel gift certificate. This will be one of the items in the new Super Raffle. The exciting silent auction and raffle will also be held. Proceeds will be donated to President Susan Giannini's selected charities of Except Excellence, a City of Orange Beach After School Program; the Orange Beach Police K-9 Unit, for dog body armor; the annual Gail Pond Scholarship awarded to a local high school senior; and Mardi Gras activities.

Pictured: President Susan Giannini and Third Vice President Charlene Boteler.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING



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.



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 hush-puppies, baked beans, coleslaw, potato salad and dessert for \$10. Eat in or take out. St. Peter's is located on the corner of County Rd.10 & County Rd. 49 at 6270 County Road 10 in Bon Secour. For more info, call 251-949-6254 or stpetersbonsecour.diocgc.com.

July 19-20 Luke Bryan Tickets still available

Tickets are still available for both the July 19 and July 20 Luke Bryan concerts at The Wharf Amphitheater in Orange Beach. Cole Swindell opens for Bryan ast 7 p.m.

Tickets are available at the Wharf Amphitheater Box Office or through Ticketmaster. The box office is open Monday-Friday from 10 a.m. 'til 4 p.m. and 10 a.m. 'til 10 p.m. on concert days.

Bryan's album, Kill the Lights, produced a record-breaking six No. 1 singles on the Billboard Country Airplay chart. In late 2017, Bryan released his fourth album to top the Billboard Top 200, What Makes You Country, before debuting as a judge for a revived American Idol early the following year.

Other Wharf Amphitheater shows: 8/17 - Little Big Town, 8pm; 8/20 - Pentatonix with Rachel Platten, 7:30pm; 8/22 - Brad Paisley, 7pm; 8/31 - Chris Stapleton, Brent Cobb. Marcus King Band, 7pm. SOLD OUT; 9/28 - Lynyrd Skynyrd, 7pm.

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- Sandra Kaye & The Legend Band: 8:30; Live Bait Restaurant, Orange Beach.
- 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, JULY 21

- Central Flora-Bama: Church experiences, sunrise (special for Easter) 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.
- Candy & Matt: 2 p.m.; Sassy Bass Amazin' Grill; Ft. Morgan.
- Honeyboy & Boots: 5; Big Beach Brewing Company, Gulf Shores.
- The Defrosters: 4 p.m.; The Flying Harpoon 2, Orange Beach
- JERI: 5; LuLu's at Homeport Marina.
- Damian Lamb: 11 a.m., Tacky Jack's,

Orange Beach.

- Platinum Premier Duo: 6, Tacky Jack's, Orange Beach.
- Roger & Elaine: 6; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- John Lee Sanders: 6; Voyagers Restaurant at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- Lisa Zanghi: 6; The Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- Lisa Christian: 4, Tacky Jack's, Gulf Shores.
- Jazzman David Jones: 11 a.m.; Playa, Orange Beach.
- Scott Koehn: 4; Pleasure Island 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, JULY 22

- Flora-Bama Possible Probables: 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
- Flora-Bama Bingo: free; 1-4 p.m.; great prizes, family friendly; 17401 Perdido Key Dr., Perdido Key.
- Lisa Zanghi: 6; The Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- Trivia Night at Big Beach: 7; Big Beach Brewing Company; Gulf Shores.
- Les Linton: 6, Tacky Jack's, Orange Beach.
- Alvarado Road Show: 5; LuLu's at



Russ & Wilson earn NASC awards

The Gulf Shores & Orange Beach Sports Commission won three prestigious honors at the 27th Annual NASC Symposium: Michelle Russ, director of sales for the Sports Commission, received the Game Changer Award; the Gulf Shores & Orange Beach Sports Commission was named Sports Tourism Organization of the Year (under 500,000 population); and Ashley Wilson, sales manager for the Sports Commission, received her Certified Sports Events Executive designation. In 2018, Russ and the Sports Commission secured 155 events resulting in 114,786 room nights and \$118 million in economic impact for the cities of Gulf Shores and Orange Beach. They were honored for the awards at the Gulf Shores City Council meeting on July 8 and in Orange Beach on July 9.

Pictured: From left are Russ, Sports Commission Vice President for Sales Beth Gendler and Orange Beach Mayor Tony Kennon.

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Flicks on The Field Family Movie July 19 on Dog Track Road

The next Flicks on the Field, a fun-filled free movie night at 951 Dog Track Rd. on the grounds of Pensacola Greyhound Track, is Friday, July 19. The movie, 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. In case of inclement weather, the event will be moved indoors.

The Perdido Key Area Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with Wind Creek Hospitalities, is presenting the monthly flicks. Sponsorships are available. For more info, call Emily at the Chamber at 850-492-4660 or call Sally Bowen at 850-554-2956.

Little Pink House of Hope Retreat 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.

Foley seeks birth certificates from Holmes Hospital for display

Were you born in the Sibley Holmes Memorial Hospital in Foley or did one of the doctors or nurses from the hospital come to your home and deliver you? If you are one of the "Holmes Babies," the Hospital Museum would like a copy of your birth certificate. Each person would get a 8 1/2 x 11 inch page in the museum birth certificate directory. You would be able to include a baby picture or other information on your page. Just drop off a copy of your birth certificates to the Hospital Museum at 111 W Laurel St. in downtown Foley. Contact Museum Director Bill Swanson at bswan@cityoffoley.org or 608.206.1016 for more info.



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G.S. Lions Club presents Alyson Hart Melvin Jones Fellowship

Gulf Shores Lions Club member Alyson Hart was presented the Lions International Melvin Jones Fellowship Award at the club's July 10 meeting at the Gulf Shores Activity Center. The Melvin Jones Fellowship is named after the founder of Lions International and is presented to those who contribute greatly to humanity and the legacy of the club's founder.

"On behalf of the entire club, it is my pleasure to present this award to recognize Alyson for her outstanding work and service to our club and our community," said club president Rick Conway. "We are very fortunate to have her on our team. She has truly made a difference in our club and our community."

The Gulf Shores Lions meet for lunch the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at noon at the Gulf Shores Activity Center at 260 Clubhouse Dr.

For more club info, call (251) 709-9524 or (859) 380-0781, or visit the club website or facebook page.

The Lion's Club focus is not only "To Serve," but to raise awareness of diabetes, preserve sight, and provide service to those who have already lost – or never had – the ability to see. In addition, The Gulf Shores Lions Club spearheaded the formidable effort to build a Miracle League Diamond which will break ground in Summerdale within the next two months.

Pictured: Alyson Hart and Rick Conway.

Homeport Marina.

- Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde: 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- Brandon Styles Impressions & Magic Show: 7; OWA Showroom, Foley.
- Medicine Man: 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.
- Bingo: 6; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- 8 Ball APA: 7:30; The Office, Foley.
- Grief Share: 6 p.m.; Community Hospice Center, Foley.
- Overeaters Anonymous: 6; Holy Spirit Episcopal Church; Gulf Shores, 616 Ft. Morgan Rd.; 251-709-5907.
- Orange Beach Community Center Association Monthly Covered Dish Dinner: social at 5, dinner at 6:30 p.m.; all winter guests welcome; Canal Road next to the Recreation Center; 251-981-1942.
- T.O.P.S. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly): weigh-in 5:30; meeting 6; First Presbyterian Church of Foley; (Berry & Highway 59).
- Square Dancing: 7-9 p.m.; Magnolia Springs Community Hall, Magnolia Springs.
- 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, JULY 23

- Flora-Bama Possible Probables: 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
- Flora-Bama Bingo: free; 1-4 p.m.; great prizes, family friendly; 17401 Perdido Key Dr., Perdido Key.
- Hands on Habitat: 10:45 a.m.; free & family friendly; Tack Jacks; Gulf Shores. is a fun and • Zoo Camp: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.; Alabama Gulf Coast Zoo; Gulf Shores.
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- Greg Brown: 6; Tacky Jack's, Orange Beach.
- Alvarado Road Show: 5; LuLu's at Homeport Marina.
- John Brust: 6; The Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- Lisa Christian: 6; Sunset Cork Room, Gulf Shores.
- Free Line Dance Lessons With Lori: 6; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- Karaoke: 5; Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5659; Elberta.
- Open Mic Karaoke: 5; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.
- JW Karaoke: 6; Hub Stacy's At The Point, Innerarity Point.
- Brandon Styles Impressions & Magic Show: 7; OWA Showroom, Foley.
- Ricky Johnson & Company: 5; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- Bowling Tourney: 7; Snapper's; Orange Beach.
- NAPA Pool League: 7:30; The Office, Foley.
- Bingo: 10 to 2; Gulf Coast Elks Lodge 2782, Foley: 251-971-2782.
- South Baldwin Republican Women: Gift Horse Rest., 11:30 a.m.; 4th Tuesday of Every Month, public invited, Info: 251-978-6178.
- Orange Beach City Council Meeting: 5 p.m.; City Hall; 980-INFO.
- Sonora Masonic Lodge: 7 p.m.; 202 E. Jackson Street in Summerdale; sonora635.com.
- Orange Beach Bridge Club: Tue. & Thur at noon; Orange Beach Senior Center; visitors and new members welcomed even without a partner; 251-981-3440.
- Orange Beach Library Children's Story Time: 10 a.m.; preschool; 981-2923.
- Southwest Branch Library Children's Story Time: 10:30 a.m.; preschool; 12248 Gulf Beach Hwy, Pensacola; (850) 453-7780.
- Gulf Shores Kiwanis Club: Palmer Dining Room at Craft Farms; noon;

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Contest-Winning Braised Short Ribs

1/2 cup flour
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1-1/2 tsp. paprika
1/2 tsp. ground mustard
4 lbs. bone-in beef short ribs
2 Tbsp. canola oil
2 medium onions, sliced
1 cup beer or beef broth
1 garlic clove, minced
GRAVY:
2 tsp. flour
1 Tbsp. cold water

In a large resealable plastic bag, combine the flour, salt, paprika and mustard. Add ribs in batches and shake to coat. In a large skillet, brown ribs in oil; drain. Place onions in a 5-qt. slow cooker; add ribs. Top with beer and garlic. Cover and cook on low for 6-7 hours or until meat is tender. Remove ribs and onions to a serving platter; keep warm. Skim fat from cooking juices; transfer to a small saucepan. Bring to a boil. Combine flour and water until smooth; gradually stir into the pan. Bring to a boil; cook and stir for 2 min. or until thickened. Serve with ribs. Enjoy!



Harley Goodreau has "Spirit"

The Coastal Alabama Business Chamber recently presented the Island Spirit Award to Harley Goodreau of the Dollar Tree at Pelican Place in Gulf Shores. Harley's nomination had this to say about him, "Harley is a combination of pitchman and game show host. No one enters the store without hearing him say 'Welcome to Dollar Tree' in a most official voice. He will ask if you need assistance finding something and will lead you to it and even suggest additional items. During checkout he walks you through the procedure like a life coach. It's a pleasure to experience a worker making the best of their job and making a shopper's visit memorable. He made my day." The award is presented award to individuals who make special contributions to the quality of life in Coastal Alabama.

new members and guests always welcome; 251-981-9999.

- Kiwanis Club of Big Lagoon: 7:30 a.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Activities Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Road, Pensacola, 850-867-5873 or 901-734-1066.
- Kiwanis Club of Foley: Noon on Tuesdays at Ryan's in Foley; 251-968-6288.
- AA: Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
- Al-Anon: Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Activities Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

WED, JULY 24

- Flora-Bama Possible Probables: 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
- Flora-Bama Bingo: free; 1-4 p.m.; great prizes, family friendly; 17401 Perdido Key Dr., Perdido Key.
- 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.
- The Defrosters: 8 p.m.; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan
- Open Mic: 5; Tacky Jack's, Gulf Shores.
- Adam Holt: 5; LuLu's at Homeport Marina.
- Lonesome Mel: 6; Tacky Jack's, Orange Beach.
- John Lee Sanders: 6; Voyagers Restaurant at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- Karaoke: 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- Bingo: 10 a.m.; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- 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.
- Karaoke: 9; The Office, Foley.
- Brandon Styles Impressions & Magic Show: 7; OWA Showroom, Foley.
- Big Beach Running Club: 5:30 p.m.; Big Beach Brewery in Gulf Shores; all levels welcome.
- Magnolia Springs Garden Club: 10; 4th Wed. Oct - May; Magnolia Springs Community Hall; guests & new members are always welcome!
- Family Night Dinner & Activities: 5:45 p.m.; Saint Andrew by the Sea, 17263 Fort Morgan Rd., Gulf Shores; 678-361-2762.
- Open Mixed Doubles Tennis: 7:15 a.m.; all levels welcome; Gulf Shores Tennis Center; corner of West 19th Ave. and West 2nd St.
- Veteran's Bingo: 10 a.m. -2 p.m.; American Legion Post 99, Foley.
- Grief Support Group: 10 a.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Activities Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola; 850-492-2135
- Food Bank: 9-11 a.m. every Wednesday, Perdido Bay Baptist Church, 12600 Sorrento Rd. Pensacola; call for eligibility requirements at (850) 492-2604.
- Bread Ministry: 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.; Orange Beach United Methodist Church Brook's Center.
- Food Ministry For Hungry Families: noon-1 p.m.; Grace Lutheran Church, corner of West 23rd Ave. and West 4th St. in Gulf Shores; 251-968-5991.
- Perdido Key Rotary Club: 7:30 a.m.; every Wednesday at 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.



Disney Aladdin Jr. opens Aug. 2 at SBCT

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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.



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

THU, JULY 25

- Flora-Bama Possible Probables: 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
- Flora-Bama Bingo: free; 1-4 p.m.; great prizes, family friendly; 17401 Perdido Key Dr., Perdido Key.
- Tacky Jacks Beach Games: 11 a.m.; relay races, challenges, and brain teasers; participants get a free 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.
- Cabaret Dance: 7 p.m.-10 p.m.; Members: \$5 Guest: \$9; James P. Nix Center, Fairhope 251-928-2835
- Brandon Blackburn: 6, Tacky Jack's, Orange Beach.
- Kyle Brady: 5; LuLu's at Homeport Marina.
- Funky Lampshades: 2 p.m.; Sassy Bass Amazin' Grill; Ft. Morgan.
- John Lee Sanders: 6; Voyagers Restaurant at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- John Brust: 6; Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- Tim Roberts: 6:30; Tin Top Restaurant; Bon Secour.
- DJ/Karaoke with LiL BoB: 8; Island Time Daquari; The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- Open Mic: 7; Snapper's; Orange Beach.
- Brandon Styles Impressions & Magic Show: 7; OWA Showroom, Foley.
- Scott Koehn: 5:30; Pleasure Island Tiki Bar, Orange Beach.
- Bridge: noon; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- Karaoke: 7; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.
- Karaoke: 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.

- 8 Ball APA: 7:30; The Office, Foley.
- Bingo: 10 a.m.; American Legion Post 44, 6781 Gulf Shores Pkwy (AL Hwy 59), Gulf Shores.
- 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

FRI, JULY 26

- 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.
- Oyster Bake Friday: 11 a.m.; music, corn hole,



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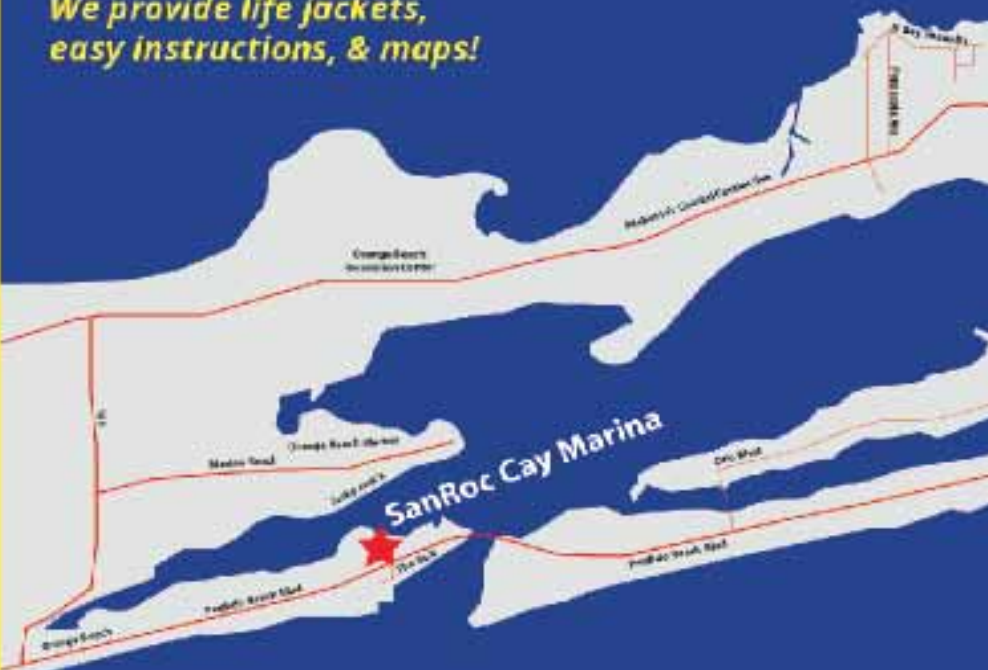
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- Gabe Willis: 6; Playa; Orange Beach.
- Rock Bottom with Special Guest Rick Carter: 5:30; Big Beach Brewing Company, Gulf Shores.
- Matt Bush: 7; The Office, Foley.
- Brandon & Carl: 5; LuLu's at Homeport Marina.
- Coconut Radio: 5 p.m.; Sassy Bass Caribbean Grill; Orange Beach.
- Pale Moon Rising: 6, Tacky Jack's, Orange Beach.
- Alcus & John: 7, Tacky Jack's, Fort Morgan.
- 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.
- Soul Food Junkies: 6, Tacky Jack's, Gulf Shores.
- Jimmy Lee Hanniford: noon, Tacky Jack's, Gulf Shores.
- Rhonda Hart: 5; Fin & Fork, Orange Beach.
- John Lee Sanders: 6; Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- Open Mic Karaoke: 5; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- Karaoke: 8; Snapper's; Orange Beach.
- Karaoke: 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- Open Jam: 8; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.
- Sandra Kaye & The Legend Band: 8:30; Live Bait Restaurant, Orange Beach.
- Brandon Styles Impressions & Magic Show: 8; OWA Showroom, Foley.
- Karaoke: 5; American Legion Post 99;

- Foley.
- Oliver Twist: 7; Hub Stacey's, Innerarity Point.
- Open Mixed Doubles Tennis: 7:15 a.m.; all levels welcome; Gulf Shores Tennis Center; corner of West 19th Ave. and West 2nd St.
- Bingo: 5:30; Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5659; Elberta.
- Alcoholics Anonymous: noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center; 13660 Innerarity Pt. Rd.; 850-492-3056 or 492-6362.

SAT, JULY 27

- Flora-Bama Possible Probables: 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
- Legends in Concert (Bruno Mars, Reba McEntire, Elvis Presley, Whitney Houston, Rod Stewart, Garth Brooks): 4 p.m.; & 7:30 p.m.; Downtown OWA; Foley; 251-369-6100.
- Rhonda Hart: 5; Fin & Fork, Orange Beach.
- John Brust: 6; Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- Gypsy Pearl: 5; LuLu's at Homeport Marina.
- Bear With Me: 5:30; Big Beach Brewing Company, Gulf Shores.
- Big Muddy: 5; Pirates Cove.
- Karl Lanley: 6; Playa; Orange Beach.
- Funkhouse Trio Band: 7; The Office, Foley.
- Hippy Jim: 11 a.m., Tacky Jack's, Orange Beach.
- Tonya Gallagher & Jesh Yancey: 6, Tacky Jack's, Orange Beach.
- Rich Henderson: 6, Tacky Jack's, Gulf Shores.
- Kelly Poole: 7; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- Karaoke: 7; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.
- Open Jam: 8, American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.

- Karaoke: 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- Brandon Styles Variety Show: 8; OWA Showroom, Foley.
- Blenders: 7; Hub Stacy's at the Point; Innerarity Point.
- Sandra Kaye & The Legend Band: 8:30; Live Bait Restaurant, Orange Beach.
- Optimist Club of Perdido Bay: breakfast every Saturday at 7 a.m. at the Lillian Community Club in Lillian; (251) 961-2620. Program: Two Old Men who regularly play and sing at The Front Porch in Lillian will play and tell their story.
- AA: 10 a.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center; 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
- AA: 7 p.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center; 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
- Ladies AA: 9 a.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center; 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

SUN, JULY 28

- 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.
- Legends in Concert (Bruno Mars, Reba McEntire, Elvis Presley, Whitney Houston, Rod Stewart, Garth Brooks): 4 p.m.; Downtown OWA; Foley; 251-369-6100.
- Light Travelers: 5; LuLu's at Homeport Marina.
- Acoustic Catfish: 5; Big Beach Brewing Company, Gulf Shores.
- The Defrosters: 4 p.m.; The Flying Harpoon 2, Orange Beach

John Martin Davis Band, David Jones play free Pelican Place concerts

Local jazzman David Jones (pictured) will provide the entertainment on August 8 and Nobius will be the guest band on August 22 during the Sounds of Summer Thursday Evening Concert Series in the central courtyard at Pelican Place at Craft Farms in Gulf Shores. The John Martin Davis Band will play on July 18. Concerts are from 6-8 p.m. and free to the public. Pelican Place is located at 3800 Gulf Shores Pkwy. at the intersection of Hwy. 59 and County Rd. 4. Find more info at pelicanplacegulfshores.com



RARE BEAKED WHALE BEACHES ITSELF ON NAVARRE BEACH: A 13 ft. female beaked whale, a rare species which is typically found deep in the ocean and very rarely seen close to the Gulf Coast, beached itself on Navarre Beach, FL, about 60 miles east of Gulf Shores. The whale died while rescuers from Emerald Coast Wildlife Refuge tried to save it and was transferred to the Dauphin Island Sea Lab, where a necropsy was performed to determine the cause of death. day by ECWR technicians. "They are a very, very offshore, deep-diving species, they're one of the deepest diving whales," Britany Baldrice, Emerald Coast Wildlife Refuge Marine Mammal Stranding Team coordinator, told the Pensacola News Journal.

Baldrice said. If you see a whale, dolphin, manatee or any other marine mammal or animal stranded on the beach, it's important to not touch the animal in any way or try and push it back into the water. Instead, keep your distance and call the FWC immediately at 1-888-404-3922 or use the FWC app.

"These animals strand because they're either extremely ill or injured," Baldrice said. "There's a reason dolphins and whales don't show illness out in the wild, that's how predators prey on them," Baldrice said. "So instead of showing illness, they'll actually beach themselves, because then they don't have to fight off predators. So when you push the animal back into the water, there's a better chance for them to get attacked by predators, and it exhausts them even more."

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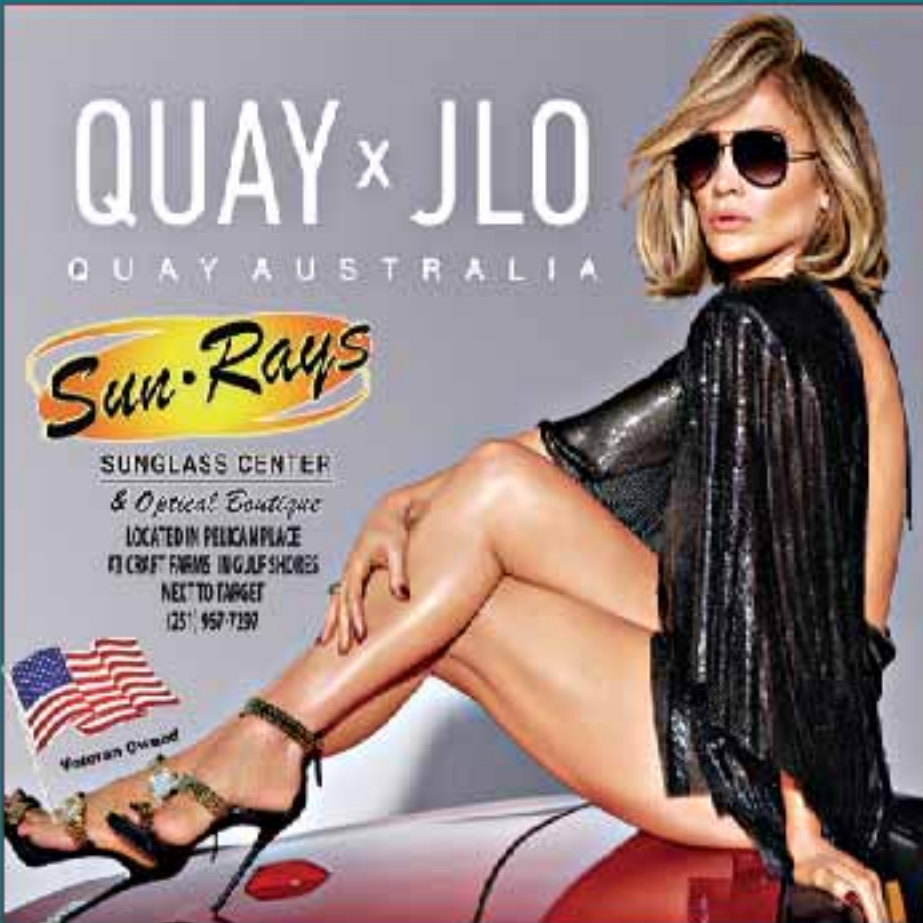
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WHAT'S HAPPENING



Optimist Women Fashion Lunch July 27

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

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

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

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

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

Pictured: Jane Foster at last year's fashion show hosted by the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay.



July is jumping at Foley Public Library

An Adult Art Craft is scheduled for Saturday, July 20, at 9 a.m. in the upstairs meeting room of the library. The theme is "Jigglin' Jellyfish." All supplies will be provided by the library, however, attendees are asked to bring a hot glue gun if they have one. Attendees are also encouraged to bring any embellishments they wish to add to their jellyfish. Supplies are limited for this program so reservations are required. Please call the library to reserve a spot.

On Tuesday, July 23, the library will host an "Old-Time Radio Hour" in the upstairs meeting room starting at 2 pm. Two episodes from the Escape radio show will be played – The Lost Special, written by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, and Orient Express, written by Graham Greene. Free cookies and Ovaltine will be served. There is no reservation required for this program.

For Bob Ross fans, there will be a Joy of Painting session on Saturday, July 27 at 10 a.m. This is a "make-n-take event" conducted by certified Bob Ross instructor, D'vora Power. Attendees are asked to bring a 1" paintbrush for oils, a fan brush for oils, and a palette knife. Canvases, easels, gesso, and oil paint will all be provided by the library. Attendees are also encouraged to wear an artist apron or smock. Supplies are very limited for this program so a reservation is definitely required. Please call the library for a spot.

On Wednesday, July 31, all things Harry Potter will be celebrated at the library. July 31 is both Harry Potter's birthday and author, J. K. Rowling's birthday. From 9 am-Noon on this date, the library will have photo opportunities complete with a sorting hat and some Harry Potter standees. Prizes will be given to children who show up in costume for as long as supplies last. Free stickers, buttons, bookmarks, and coloring/puzzle pages will also be available. This is a come and go event. No reservation is required.

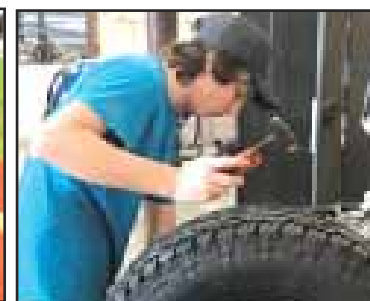
In addition to all these special programs in July, the library will continue to have their standard programs such as the Doki Doki Anime Club (children ages 9-18 years) at 4:30 pm on the 2nd Wednesday of most months, the Patron Picks Movies at 1 pm on first and third Saturdays of most months, and Makersaurus Time (children ages 6-16 years) at 4:00 pm on the 4th Wednesday of most months.

For more info, visit foleylibrary.org or 251-943-7665; or check out the Foley Public Library on Facebook and Instagram.

Pictured: Foley librarians Lauren Buchanan and Anna Hallex getting in the Harry Potter spirit.

- J & J: 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- Gingo Fire: 11 a.m.; Tacky Jack's, Orange Beach.
- Gambino Duo: 6, Tacky Jack's, Orange Beach.
- Bitter End Band: 2 p.m.; Sassy Bass Amazin' Grill; Ft. Morgan.
- Danny Grady: 2 p.m.; Fraternal Order of Eagles #4549, Gulf Shores.
- Scott Koehn: 4; Pleasure Island Tiki Bar, Orange Beach.
- John Lee Sanders: 6; Voyagers Restaurant at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.

- Lisa Zanghi: 6; The Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- Lisa Christian: 4, Tacky Jack's, Gulf Shores.
- Jazzman David Jones: 11 a.m.; Playa, Orange Beach.
- Roger & Elaine: 6; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- Jim McAdams: 5; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- Karaoke: 5; Monthly Birthday Potluck; American Legion Post 99, Foley.
- John Joiner & Friends: 4; Hub Stacey's at the Point; Innerarity Point.



30 TEENS IN OB'S YOUTH SUMMER WORK PROGRAM: In its second year, the City of Orange Beach's summer youth work program for 14- and 15-year-olds is seeing positive results as young teens learn life skills. The program has 30 teens helping seven City departments. Leading up to the program's launch last year, Mayor Tony Kennon said, "We wanted to find ways to get these students working to build a stronger work ethic when traditionally most can't work until they are 16. We feel this age of 14 and 15 is critical in not only keeping them busy this summer but teaching them skills and giving them an opportunity to earn a little money."

The success of the first year, with 21 teens taking part, made the case to keep the program going. "Getting our youth involved in real work experience while they earn their first paychecks goes hand in hand," said City Administrator Ken Grimes. "This truly gives the students exposure to work ethic, courtesy, discipline and respect, which is the mantra for our efforts the past few years." The program includes 11 teens working in Coastal Resources, one splitting time between the Legal Department and Human Resources, four in Logistics, six at the Recreation Center's Expect Excellence summer program, two in Community Development, two at Camp Sunshine and four in Public Works, covering the sportsplex, mechanic shop and landscaping. Tasks include landscaping, shoreline and trails cleanup, clerical work, junior trail ambassadorship, shorebird protection, and outdoor/indoor duties as needed. The summer youth work program started June 3rd and ends August 9.



The background of the advertisement is a photograph of the interior of the Voyagers restaurant. The room features large floor-to-ceiling windows that offer a panoramic view of the ocean and a sunset. Several round tables are set with white tablecloths, glassware, and silverware. The lighting is warm, with spherical pendant lights hanging from the ceiling and a vertical light fixture on the wall. The overall atmosphere is elegant and sophisticated.

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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.

MON, JULY 29

- Flora-Bama Possible Probables: 2 p.m. til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
- Flora-Bama Bingo: free; 1-4 p.m.; great prizes, family friendly; 17401 Perdido Key Dr., Perdido Key.
- Lisa Zanghi: 6; The Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- Trivia Night at Big Beach: 7; Big Beach Brewing Company; Gulf Shores.
- Jimmy Lumpkin: 5; LuLu's at Homeport Marina, Gulf Shores.
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- Pure Platinum Duo: 6, Tacky Jack's, Orange Beach.
- Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde: 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- Mel Knapp: 6; Hub Stacey's at the Point; Innerarity Point.
- Open Mixed Doubles Tennis: 7:15 a.m.; all levels welcome; Gulf Shores Tennis Center; corner of West 19th Ave. and West 2nd St.
- Bingo: 6; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- 8 Ball APA: 7:30; The Office, Foley.
- Overeaters Anonymous: 6; Holy Spirit Episcopal Church; Gulf Shores, 616 Ft. Morgan Rd.; 251-709-5907.
- Grief Share: 6 p.m.; Community Hos-

- pice Center, Foley.
- Orange Beach Community Center Association Monthly Covered Dish: winter social at 5, dinner at 6:30 p.m.; all winter guests welcome; Canal Road next to the Recreation Center; 251-981-1942.
- T.O.P.S. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly): weigh-in 5:30; meeting 6; First Presbyterian Church of Foley; (Berry & Highway 59).
- Square Dancing: 7-9 p.m.; Magnolia Springs Community Hall, Magnolia Springs.
- AA: Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
- AA: 7 p.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship



Aug. 3 Weeks Bay Foundation Pelican Paddle has options for all paddlers

The seventh annual Pelican Paddle, a canoe, kayak, and paddle board race, will be held on Saturday, August 3 at the Tonsmeire Weeks Bay Resource Center. Registration and check in begins at 7:30 a.m. There will be an on-the-water Paddler's Meeting at 8:45. The race begins promptly at 9 a.m. It is sure to be a great day on the water!

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.

Advance registration ends at 4 p.m. on Friday, August 2. If you register in advance, be sure to arrive at the Resource Center between 7:30 and 8:45 on race day to check in and pick up your race bib.

Divisions include: Men's Solo Kayak; Women's Solo Kayak; Men's Master Class Solo Kayak; Women's Master Class Solo Kayak; Junior Solo Kayak; Tandem Craft; Men's Stand Up Paddle Board; Women's Stand Up Paddle Board; Non-Traditional (Any type of non-motorized boats not

in the other divisions, including solo canoes and pedal kayaks, excluding sailboats; Pro Solo Kayak (A 7.0 mile race made up of two loops of the course).

If you're not interested in racing, but would like to be on the water, there will be a non-competitive Eco-tour paddle to the Bald Eagle nest and back.

The Fairhope Boat Company has generously donated a limited number of kfs, with paddles and PFDs, for the day of the race free of charge on a first-come, first-served basis. Call the Weeks Bay Foundation at 251-990-5004 to reserve your boat. PFDs (Lifejackets) are mandatory for all paddlers in the race divisions and the Eco-tour.

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 18.

Participants receive water and soft drinks and entry in a drawing for the chance to win a kayak and other door prizes. For more information and to register, call 251-990-5004, or register at weeksbay.org/events.

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COASTAL WILDLIFE & NATIVE PLANTS

BY JOHN MARSHALL

Cattails will grow anywhere there is standing water

When most people think of a wetland, the first thing that comes to mind are cattails, with their long blade-like leaves and thick, fuzzy seed heads. Of course it need not be a marsh or swamp, since cattails will grow anywhere there is standing water: a depression, seep or roadside ditch.



While there are many species of cattails world-wide, here along the Gulf Coast we have 2 species, the common cattail (*Typha latifolia*) and the southern cattail (*Typha domingensis*). Both species grow in either fresh or brackish water. While the common cattail is found from Alaska to Florida, the southern cattails occurs across the southern part of the United States, Mexico, Central America and the Caribbean.

Cattails get their name from the thick brown cluster of female flowers that are borne on a spike near

the top of the plant, resembling a cat's tail. These are called the pistillate flowers. Male, or staminate flowers, are on the same spike, only a above the female flowers. The pollen from the male flowers simply falls onto the female flowers and fertilizes them. The best way to tell the difference between the common and the southern cattail is the position of the male and female flowers. In common cattails, the flower clusters are right next to each other on the spike. In southern cattails they are separated by 1 to 4 inches on the spike. Both species are tall, reaching heights of over 8 feet. The flower spike alone can be over a foot in length.

Cattails not only reproduce by seed, but also asexually by underground extensions of the stems called rhizomes (like grass). New spikes and leaves will sprout from the rhizomes, producing clones of the original plant. In this way, one plant can occupy a wide area of habitat. One looks like hundreds of individual plants is just one plant with many sprouts. This can be a problem in some areas, with dense monocultures of cattails crowding out all other species of aquatic plants.

Cattails have a wide range of uses for both wildlife and humans. Numerous species of birds feed on the thousands of seeds produced by each female flower, while the leaves are eaten by muskrats and nutria. The leaves and seeds are also used as nesting materials for many species of aquatic birds and even alligators.

Humans have used cattails for a variety of purposes for thousands of years. The rhizomes can be ground into a nutritious flour. The shoots, if harvested before the flowers are produced, can be eaten raw or cooked and are sometimes called "wild asparagus". Cattails leaves have been traditionally woven into baskets, hats and mats and flower heads have been used in flower arrangements.

One modern use of cattails is the treatment of sewage and industrial wastewater. It seems cattails have a high tolerance for pollutants and can absorb them from the water. Their prolific growth rate also makes them a likely source of renewable biofuels. The leaves and shoots can be harvested for biofuel, leaving the rhizomes to regenerate.

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.



NEW MASONIC LODGE NO. 635 OFFICERS: Sonora Masonic Lodge No. 635 of Free & Accepted Masons (F&AM) in Summerdale held its annual installation of lodge officers recently. Former Grand Lodge District Lecturer Jim Webb of Azalea Lodge No. 898 F&AM in Mobile conducted the installation with the assistance of Don White of Fairhope Lodge # 598 as installing marshall. New lodge officers for 2019-20 include, (l-r, front row,): Randy Smith, senior deacon; Dean Gray, senior warden; Bruce Falcon, worshipful master; Mike Blankenship, junior warden and Josh Bailey as junior deacon. (l-r middle): Ben Griffiths, treasurer; Dean Mott, secretary; Cody Hitchcock, chaplain; David Brown, historian. (l-r top); Randy Borg, senior steward and Christopher Roberson, junior steward. (Not pictured): Tim Cosby, tiler and Joey Brown, marshall. Masonic lodges across Alabama support local youth and community projects and humanitarian efforts including, the child identification program and scholarships. Sonora Lodge meets on the second and fourth Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. at 202 E. Jackson Street in Summerdale. More info: Facebook page or edeanmott@gmail.com.

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.



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.
- Line Dancing Classes: 5-5:45 p.m.; \$3 per person, 309 E. 21st Ave.; 517-740-5460.

TUE, JULY 30

- Flora-Bama Possible Probables: 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama Perdido Key.
- Flora-Bama Bingo: free; 1-4 p.m.; great prizes, family friendly; 17401 Perdido Key Dr., Perdido Key.
- John Brust: 6; Perdido Beach Resort Lobby Bar; Orange Beach.
- Farah Lovelady: 2 p.m.; Sassy Bass Amazon Grill; Ft. Morgan.
- Karaoke: 5; Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5659; Elberta.
- Karaoke: 7; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.
- JJ Mack: 6; Tacky Jack's, Orange Beach.
- Lefty Collins: 5; LuLu's at Homeport Marina.
- Karaoke w. John Henry: 5; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- Lisa Christian: 6; Sunset Cork Room, Gulf Shores.
- Free Line Dance Lessons With Lori: 6; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- Brandon Styles Variety Show 7; OWA Showroom, Foley.
- Ricky Johnson & Company: 5; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- Open Mic Karaoke: 5; American Legion Post 99; Fairhope.
- JW Karaoke: 6; Hub Stacy's At The Point, Innerarity Point.
- Bowling Tourney: 7; Snapper's; Orange Beach.
- NAPA Pool League: 7:30; The Office, Foley.
- Bingo: 10 to 2; Gulf Coast Elks Lodge 2782, Foley: 251-971-2782.
- Orange Beach Library Children's Story Time: 10 a.m.; preschool; 981-2923.
- Southwest Branch Library Children's Story Time: 10:30 a.m.; preschool; 12248 Gulf Beach Hwy, Pensacola; (850) 453-7780.
- Gulf Shores Kiwanis Club: Palmer Dining Room at Craft Farms; noon; new members and guests always welcome; 251-981-9999.
- Kiwanis Club of Big Lagoon: 7:30 a.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Activities Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Road, Pensacola, 850-867-5873 or 901-734-1066.
- Kiwanis Club of Foley: Noon on Tuesdays at Ryan's in Foley; 251-968-6288.
- AA: Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

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July 19-21 Alabama Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo on Dauphin Isle is largest in the world Event includes music from Mulligans, Wes Loper, Rollin' In The Hay, Winston Ramble

The 85th Alabama Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo will be held July 19-21 on Dauphin Island. The ADSFR is a 3-day Captain's Choice tournament and a Southern Kingfish Association (SKA) sanctioned event with a total awards package valued up to one million dollars in cash and prizes and anchored by a boat, motor, and trailer packages.

The 3-day event features 30 categories with prizes awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in all categories. One Master Angler is also awarded along with cash prizes for King Mackerel, Speckled Trout and Big Game Jackpots.

The ADSFR has donated over \$275,000 to the University of South Alabama Department of Marine Sciences and annually funds academic scholarships.

Festivities kick-off at the Rodeo site with the annual Liar's Contest on Thursday, July 18 at 6 p.m. Rodeo ticket holders can participate in the competition by telling their best, or worst, fish tale. A distinguished panel of invited judges will determine the winners.

The weigh station will be operating from 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday, and from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Sunday. Fishing will begin with a ceremonial cannon blast on Friday, July 19 at 5 a.m. and will conclude with an additional ceremonial cannon blast on Sunday, July 21 at 5 p.m.

Bands will play all weekend (see schedule) on the stage at the rodeo's home base at 531 Lemoyne Dr., located 2.5 miles from the Dauphin Island ferry landing. There is no admission, and refreshments, including beer, will be served.

The rodeo, a Project of the Mobile Jaycees, is the largest fishing tournament in the world. Founded in 1929, it now attracts over 3,000 anglers and 75,000 spectators. Tickets for the ADSFR Open competition are \$50 per angler. Options are also available for a speckled trout and kick mackerel jackpots. For tourney or ticket info, call (251) 471-0025 or visit adsfr.com.

Rodeo History

In the sultry summer of 1928, a party of Mobile businessmen were sliding through the tides of Mobile Bay, their fishing lines stretched for that elusive Big One. Surprisingly, the Big One struck. But the catch was no hard-fighting fish, it was a simple, but grand idea of organizing a competitive fishing

tournament. The first rodeo in 1929 was such a success that Quinn suggested an association be formed to perpetuate the contest on an annual basis. The first competitive fishing event in America to be dubbed a rodeo had hosted (at the time) a staggering 260 widely enthusiastic sports fishermen.

The first rodeo ticket was \$5 and covered sleeping quarters and special prizes. Meals were a la carte seafood delicacies. Also, because a fast news service was needed to transmit news of daily catches to town, carrier pigeons were pressed into service.

In earlier years Fort Gaines Pier headquartered the Rodeo. A boat ride was the only transportation to the island. Rodeo brochures boasted, "There's a fish for everybody at the rodeo and they bite as a matter of civic pride."

Nineteen years later, in 1948, the Mobile Junior Chamber of Commerce, and subsequently the Mobile Jaycees, assumed leadership of a rodeo which had grown too grand to be staged every year by interested individuals alone.

The Alabama Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo continues to be conservation minded in all its efforts with the input from Dr. Bob Shipp regarding the state of the fisheries in the Gulf of Mexico.

Fishing Rodeo Weekend Schedule

Thursday July 18

6pm: Captains Meeting

6pm: Mossy Oak Liar's Contest

7pm: Rollin' In The Hay

Friday July 19

10am-7pm: Weigh-In Station Open

4pm: Blues N Trouble

7:30pm: The Molly Ringwalds

Saturday July 20

10am-7pm: Weigh-In Station Open

3:30pm: Prime Country

5pm: The Red Clay Strays

Sunday July 21

10am-5pm: Weigh-In Station Open

11am: Bruce Smelley

3pm: Keith Burns & the Back Pew Riders

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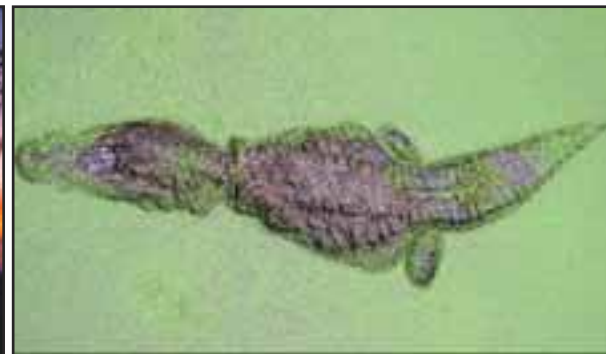
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Entries accepted through Oct. for Al. Outdoor Photo Contest

The 2020 Outdoor Alabama Photo Contest is now accepting entries. This year's photo contest is a joint project between the Dept. of Conservation and Natural Resources, the Tourism Dept. and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Alabama. In addition to traditional categories (Birds, Bugs and Butterflies, Coastal Life, Cold-blooded Critters, Recreation, Shoots and Roots, State Parks, Sweet Home Alabama, Watchable Wildlife and Waterfalls), there is a new category this year called Find a Refuge. The contest is open to adults and youth. A total of 10 photos per person may be entered in the following categories. You may enter all 10 in one category or divide the 10 among several categories. Entries will be accepted online at outdooralabama.com until Oct. 1. Photos taken between 2017 and 2019 are eligible, and all photos must have been taken in Alabama.

Pictured: Winning photos in the 2019 Alabama Outdoor Photo Contest.





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Seatrout, Flounder limits change August 1

By David Rainer

AL Dept. of Conservation and Natural Resources

Alabama's saltwater anglers will soon be required to abide by changes to the bag and/or length limits on several popular fish species.

On August 1, the length and bag limits will change for speckled trout (spotted seatrout) and southern flounder, while the length limit will increase for cobia, also known as ling or lemonfish.

Jason Downey, Alabama Marine Resources' Enforcement Chief, said the speckled trout regulations will move to a slot limit, which means anglers will be allowed to keep

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per vessel.

The entire month of November will be closed to flounder fishing, both recreational and commercial. November is when flounder migrate to the Gulf of Mexico to spawn.

Marine Resources (MRD) conducted five public meetings along the Alabama Gulf Coast to discuss proposed trout and flounder changes, provide information from the stock assessments for those two fish and gain feedback from the public on the potential changes. MRD also accepted email comments from the public as well as by phone.

"In general, the public was supportive of making changes to both trout and flounder because people had noticed changes in their ability to catch these species," said Marine Resources Director Scott Bannon. "They also realized the amount of people who are targeting these fish and how dramatically that has increased over the past few years."

Eastern Shore resident Rob Constantine recently shared how he often watches boat after boat heading to the inshore artificial reefs to target trout, redfish and flounder.

"I used to be able to count on catching five or six speckled trout every time I went out," he said. "I can't do that anymore. Some days I don't catch any trout. I'd like to be able to take my grandchildren out and catch a few trout. The future is our grandchildren, and we have to have something for them to catch or they lose interest."

During the recent fishing event for The Fallen Outdoors, Capt. Bobby Abruscato said he welcomes the changes to the trout limit.

"The people who fish with me understand that I prefer to release as many fish as possible," Abruscato said. "Most

of my customers just want enough fish for supper, and others don't want any fish at all. They just love catching them."

Abruscato is one of the veteran guides who started fishing the Alabama Gulf Coast when the inshore fishing pressure was limited to a dozen or so regular guides. Those numbers have increased dramatically.

Bannon said MRD sold 269 guide licenses for boats with six passengers or less in 2018. Most of those guides are fishing inshore.

"We saw a huge increase from the early 1990s through the early 2010s," Bannon said. "We went from 50,000 inshore fishing trips annually in the early '90s to more than 500,000 in 2011. That's 10 times the number of anglers targeting trout."

Bannon said the increase in the number of inshore trips has not abated since that survey was completed.

"I tell people that a good economy translates to an increase in fishing pressure," he said. "We've seen that in the last couple of years. We realize some of that comes with effort shift with the short seasons for some of the federally regulated offshore species that are highly sought after. People still want to fish, so they target these inshore species."

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Kevin Anson, Marine Resources' Chief Marine Biologist, noted during those earlier public meetings that stock assessments conducted independently through the University of South Alabama indicated that both speckled trout and flounder populations are in decline. The harvest in the past five to seven years shows the trout breeding stock are not at a sustainable level. Although not as critical as flounder, speckled trout could reach that stage if changes (in harvest) are not made.

Anson said an increase in the trout minimum length to 15 inches would allow more than 227,000 trout to be returned to the water annually. The slot limit will increase the survival of the large, female trout, which account for the bulk of egg production during spawning activity.

Other Gulf states have seen reduced flounder landings

and have either made regulation changes or are considering them.

MRD estimated the harvest of about 350,000 flounder in 2002. That harvest has dwindled to about 150,000 in 2017.

Fisheries managers use spawning potential ratio (SPR) to determine the health of a fish stock. For flounder, the target SPR to maintain the population is between 25 and 30 percent.

At the current harvest rate, a 12-inch minimum size for flounder would not be able to reach the target SPR and achieve a sustainable population. The larger a female flounder grows, the greater the number of eggs she releases during the spawn.

According to MRD data, an increase in the minimum size to 14 inches would allow 38 percent more flounder to remain in the water.

After hearing concerns from anglers, MRD approved an increase in the cobia size limit to 36 inches fork length, consistent with federal regulations. The bag limit remains at two per person for recreational anglers.

When anglers get ready to renew their fishing licenses at the end of August, a new endorsement will be required for those who target popular reef fish.

"The Gulf Reef Fish Endorsement will be available when people renew their licenses for next year," Downey said. "When they renew their licenses, they need to get the Gulf Reef Fish Endorsement if they plan to fish for snapper, triggerfish, tile fish, amberjack and a list of other reef fish."

The Gulf Reef Fish Endorsement will be \$10 per angler for private recreational anglers. Charter boat fees range from \$150-\$250, and commercial vessels are assessed at \$200 per vessel.

The reef fish covered in the endorsement are defined in state law 220-3-.46. Visit www.alabamaadministrative-code.state.al.us/docs/con_/220-3.pdf for a complete list of reef fish included.

In other changes, the minimum size limit for shortfin mako shark has been increased to 71 inches fork length for males and 83 inches fork length for females, which is also consistent with federal regulations.

Also, new hook regulations will go into effect for reef fish and sharks. When fishing for sharks and all Gulf reef fish, anglers must use non-stainless circle hooks.

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PICTURES OF THE WEEK



Ken Matthews shares a shot taken from Hwy. 59 in downtown Gulf Shores.



Heron Takes Flight:
"I took this photo at the end of Fort Morgan Road just before sunset," writes Alice Greenwald.



Sherry Byrd shares a picture of a storm moving towards Alabama Point.



Courtesy of Stacy Upshaw:
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Sherry Byrd's moonrise over Alabama Point and sunset on Ole River on Perdido Key.



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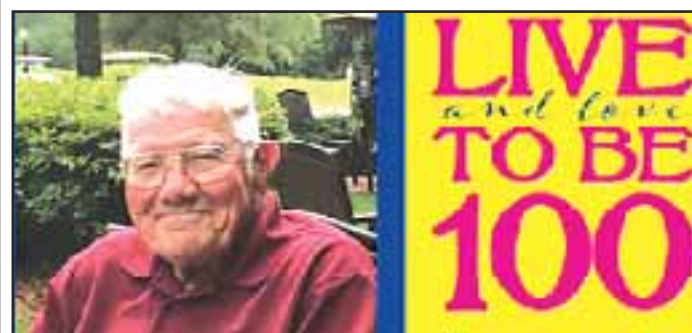
AROUND TOWN



Happy 100th birthday Dr. Donald Salls

The Sassy Seniors Tap Dance Group recently performed at the William F. Green Veterans Center in Bay Minette to honor Dr. Donald Salls on his 100th birthday.

Don has lived an amazing life. He was awarded a Purple Heart for his heroic conduct during World War II. He is in the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame, the Calhoun County Hall of Fame and Westchester County New York Hall of Fame. The head football coach at Jacksonville State University for 18 years, Don holds a Ph.D. in physical education and nutrition from New York University and two degrees from the University of Alabama, where he played on the Tide's 1941 national championship team that capped its season with a 29-21 victory over Texas A&M in the Cotton Bowl. He toured the country teaching isometric exercises and was famous for his work in that science during that time. Pictured: Renee Nelson, Rose Jordan, Dr Salls, Carolyn Clay, Cherry Peek, Gina Blakeman.



Dr. Salls to sign copies of "Live and Love To Be 100" July 27

Another 100th birthday party for Dr. Don Salls, which will include a book signing for Don's book, "Live And Love To Be 100," will be held from 3-5 p.m. on Saturday, July 27 at Page & Palette (32 South Section St.) in Fairhope. The book's premise is that cellular health is the key to long life. And you control your cellular Health through the daily living choices you make. The book includes handy 160 daily living tips for living a longer, more vital life, in one pocket volume, including these tidbits:

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Baldwin Humane Society Expo July 27 in Loxley

The Baldwin Humane Society Pet Expo will be held at the Loxley Civic Center (4198 Municipal Park Dr.) on Saturday, July 27 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. The event will include pet related vendors, best trick and costume contests, training demos, a rabies clinic, adoptions and much more.

The Baldwin Humane Society, formerly BARC, is a no-kill adoption agency. Established in 1979, it is the first animal advocacy group formed in Baldwin County. Its goal is to eliminate the number of abused and abandoned pets through spay - neuter, education, rescue and adoption. The non-profit does not receive government funding and depends on fundraisers such as this expo to raise funds to rescue, rehabilitate, and find homes for abused, abandoned and neglected pets.

Adopting a pet is a very simple process. And there are numerous types of animals available. The dog adoption fee is \$125, and the cat adoption fee is \$75.

The BHS UpTail ReSale Shop is a main source of funding for the group. It's a resale boutique specializing in quality home furnishings located adjacent to the BHS adoption center at 22886 Hwy. 98 (Greeno Rd.) in Fairhope. Hours are Mon.-Fri. from 10 a.m. 'til 4 p.m. and the second Saturday of the month from 10a.m. 'til 2 p.m.

Although it does have a kennel facility on site, the Baldwin Humane Society is not affiliated with any animal control center or city or county entity. The BHS does not pick up animals at large or have an animal officer on staff. It has no connection to any larger organization. For more info, visit baldwinhumane.org or call 251-928-4585.

Pictured: Adoptable BHS pets.

Schedule of Events

- 10:00am - Doors Open
- 10:00am-3pm - Adoption Event
- 10am-Rabies Clinic.
- 10am: Discount Spay/Neuter Vouchers Sale
- 10:30am - Training Demo
- 11:30am - Costume Contest
- 12:30pm - Training Demo
- 1:30pm - Author Reading
- 2:30pm - Best Trick and Talent Show
- 3:30pm - Training Demo



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