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

The Copper Kettle and the South Baldwin Community Theatre will host The Jane Austin 1813 Sumertime Tea at 12:30 p.m. on Aug. 17 at the historic Bon Secour museum. Reservations are \$30 per person and available at The Copper Kettle in Foley or by calling Join251-949-5550.

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

Pictured: Katy Herndon has played major gigs playing her violin for the past 27 years. A music cajor at University of South Alabama, she plays a variety of genres from classical to the Beatles to the Star Wars theme. The Mobile resident says she loves playing Irish music and can improv "on the spot."

Hotel Indigo Dog Adopt-A-Thon is Aug. 24



Hotel Indigo in Orange Beach will host a summertime dog adopt-a-thon from 1 - 5 p.m. on Saturday, August 24. This fur friendly adoption event will include a certificate for 25 percent off your next stay at Hotel Indigo Orange Beach, a waived \$75 pet fee for anyone who adopts a dog the day of the event and refreshments for humans and dog cookies provided by Southern Grind. Help save a homeless dog and find your fur-ever friend.

Hotel Indigo is located at 22843 Perdido Beach Blvd. For more info, call 251-981-1737.

SBRMC & USA deal brings enhanced newborn nursery

South Baldwin Regional Medical Center and USA Health Children's & Women's Hospital have grown their relationship to enhance the newborn nursery services offered in Southern Baldwin County. The community's tiniest patients now will have access to the clinical expertise of the neonatology providers at USA Children's & Women's Hospital.

The agreement enhances the obstetric and delivery care provided to patients at SBRMC. The relationship also will lead to enhanced education and training opportunities for SBRMC's staff as well as the development of improved patient care protocols.

"We are excited to expand our newborn nursery services for our patients with this agreement with USA Health. We are committed to bringing high quality care and an enhanced patient experience to those we serve," says Daniel McKinney, chief executive officer of South Baldwin Regional Medical Center. "We believe this is another building block to providing expanded healthcare services to our community. It also serves as a large step forward in our ability to deliver excellent patient care to new mothers and expanding families."

SBRMC will continue pediatric coverage and will accept pediatrics admissions through the emergency department.

"This agreement reflects a collaborative effort between South Baldwin Regional Medical Center and USA Health to enhance the quality of, and access to, neonatology care throughout the region," said Chris Jett, USA Children's & Women's Hospital administrator. "As an academic health center, we can share our expertise with a community hospital that already provides high quality healthcare, ensuring that patients can receive the best possible care in the most appropriate setting."



Vampire Rugby Tourney & blood drive benefits Lymphoma Society

The aptly named Landsharks came over from the Mississippi Coast to claim the title at the 1st Annual Vampire Sand Rugby Tournament on the Flora-Bama Beach. The Landsharks beat the Pensacola Aviators in the final, taking control of the match after an Aviator knucklehead was red carded for sucker punching an opponent after a skirmish, forcing the hometown team to play four against five for the entire second half.

Tourney players, fans and sponsors donated more than 30 pints of blood, the best day the Mobile One Blood Unit has had in more than three years. In addition, more than \$1,000 was raised for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society at the Aug. 10 tourney.

Tourney director Dale Wood, with help from his twin brother, Dean Wood, organized the event to honor Alex Sharland, president of the Deep South Rugby Referees Assn. Sharland is currently going through treatments for leukemia.

A second beach rugby tourney, USA Beach Rugby, will be held on Sept on Pensacola Beach. Divisions in that tourney include men's and women's tackle, high school boys and girls tackle, and co-ed, boys and girls touch rugby. Beach rugby is played on a 75 ft. by 100 ft. field between teams of five players. Free substitutions, up to seven per team, are allowed during dead ball stoppages.

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By George Ridder



A guy asks his neighbor in an apartment building, “Mr Trep- per, you live directly above me and you have the same 2-room apartment as I do. How many rolls of wallpaper did you buy when you moved in?”

“We got 18 rolls,” answers the neighbor.

Two months later the guy meets his neighbor again and says, "It's really funny – I put the wallpaper on everywhere and I still had 10 rolls left over." Neighbor smiles, "Yeah, so did we."

The Doctor gave a man six months to live. The man couldn't pay his bill so the doctor gave him another six months. The Doctor called Mrs. Cohen saying, "Mrs. Cohen, your check came back." Mrs. Cohen answered, "So did my arthritis!"

Y wife was at the beauty shop for two hours. That was only for the estimate. She got a mud-pack and looked great for two days. Then the mud fell off.

Doctor: "You'll live to be 60!"
Patient: "I am 60!"
Doctor: "See! What did I tell
you?"

Patient: "I have a ringing in my ears."
Doctor: "Don't answer!"

A drunk was in front of a judge.
The judge says, "You've been brought here for drinking."
The drunk says "Okay, let's get

started."

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A man called his mother in Florida, "Mom, how are you?" "Not too good," said the mother. "I've been very weak."

The son said, "Why are you so weak?"

She said, "Because I haven't eaten in 38 days."

The son said, "That's terrible. Why haven't you eaten in 38 days?"

The mother answered, "Because I didn't want my mouth to be filled with food if you should call."

Doctors at a hospital in New York have gone on strike! Hospital officials say they will find out what the doctors' demands are as soon as they can get a pharmacist over there to read the picket signs.

An attorney called the governor just after midnight, insisting that he talk to him urgently. An aide eventually agreed to wake up the governor.

"So, what is it?" gumbled the governor.

"Judge Jones has just died," said the attorney, "and I want to take his place."

The governor replied, "Well,

it's okay with me if it's okay with the undertaker."

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The official glossary to running late...

- "On the way..." - Still in bed.
- "In the car..." - In the shower.
- "GPS says 35 min..." - Getting ready.
- "There's traffic..." - Leaving the house.
- "Parking now..." - 15 minutes out.
- "Can't find a spot..." - 5 minutes out.
- "Walking in..." - Looking for a spot.

I went into a pet shop and asked for twelve bees. The shopkeeper counted out thirteen and handed them over.
“You’ve given me one too many.”
“That one is a freebie.”

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What do you call two monkeys who share an Amazon account? Prime mates.

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An infectious disease walks into a bar.

The bartender says, "We don't serve infectious diseases here."

The infectious disease says, "Well, you're not a very good host."

Irish humor...

- There was a power failure in a Dublin Department Store last week and three hundred people were stranded on the escalators for more than two hours.
- "O'Leary, your glass is empty, will you be having another one?"
"And what would I be doing with two empty glasses?" O'Leary replied.

Paddy: "If you can guess how many pheasants I've got in me bag you can have both of them".*

Shaun: "Three!"

Mrs Murphy said: I don't think my husband has been faithful to me".

"Why's that?" said Mrs O'Toole.

"Me last child don't look anything like him".

Colleen dropped a Euro coin, intending it to fall into the blind man's hat on the pavement, but missed, as quick as a flash he scooped it up and put it in the hat. "You're not blind" she said. "No I'm not" said Paddy, "Its Murphy whose blind. I'm just filling in."

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Columbia Southern Relay For Life bingo Aug. 29

Columbia Southern University's Relay For Life team will host a bingo night at its Orange Beach Campus on Thursday, Aug. 29 from 6-8 p.m. The campus is located at 21982 University Lane. For more info, call Theresa Enfinger at 800.977.8449, ext: 1578 or email Theresa.Enfinger@columbiasouthern.edu.

This year's Relay For Life will be countywide and held on Sept. 14 from 4 - 8 p.m. at Loxley Municipal Park. Teams from across Baldwin County will participate.

Baldwin County Cancer Chase 5K Sept. 14 at OWA

Another cancer cure fundraiser, the Baldwin County Cancer Chase, will be held on Saturday, September 14 at 8 a.m. at OWA in Foley. The 5k race through OWA benefits the Anchor Cross Cancer Foundation, a local cancer charity that helps cancer patients in Baldwin and Mobile County. Register for the race at runsignup.com.

The Anchor Cross Cancer Foundation is a public charity that has been designated as tax-exempt by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC). Anchor Cross Cancer Foundation is supported by generous donations from Southern Cancer Center physicians, staff, patients, and their families, as well as outside organizations and donors.

The Anchor Cross Cancer Foundation is here to help residents of the Gulf Coast Region who are in treatment for cancer.

When Anchor Cross Cancer Foundation was established in 2007, there had not been significant advances in chemotherapy drugs. There are now many chemotherapy drugs in the pipeline of clinical trials to be approved in the not too distant future. As these targeted therapies have emerged, patients are faced with the challenge of funding new and less toxic therapies that have yet to be approved by insurance companies. Without the foundation, local patients would not have received these drugs and would not be alive today. That in itself is the foundation's motivation to focus on having funds available to help patients today while continuing to fight for a cure.

The Foundation has assisted patients recently with oral chemotherapy medications where one pill can cost several hundred dollars.

The Foundation helps patients pay for COBRA benefits and provides Christmas to selected patient families. The Foundation funds transportation needs of patients who do not have any way to make their appointments and in certain circumstances has paid electric bills and food costs for patient families. Foundation members make determinations about rewarding financial assistance on a case by case basis. For more information, call 251-607-5081 or email info@anchorcrossfoundation.



OCTOBER PROCLAIMED BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH IN GULF SHORES: South Baldwin Woman's Club members and staff at The Hangout shot a video at the beach in front of The Hangout complete with Cindy The Pink Fire Engine in preparation for the 2nd annual "Gulf Shores Goes Pink" in October. Gulf Shores Mayor Robert Craft and the city council proclaimed October as "Breast Cancer Awareness Month" in the city. The gathering and barbecue to show love & support for cancer victims and their families will be held on Tuesday, October 1 at 5 p.m. at Gulf Shores Fire & Rescue (1921 W. 1st. St.). Firemen will grill hot dogs. All donations will support Guardians of the Ribbon: Pink Heals Lower Alabama and stay in this community to help those in need. "Many thanks to everyone for helping GFWC South Baldwin Woman's Club and the Gulf Shores Fire & Rescue make Gulf Shores Goes Pink successful," said club president Marsha Andrews. Last year's event raised \$1080. Also, during the Alabama Federation of Women's Club convention, GFWC South Baldwin Woman's Club received the President's Award of Excellence, 1st Place for excellence in Home Life Community Service Program, 1st place for excellence in Public Issues Community Service Program and recognition for contributions to the GFWC AL Society and Scholarship Fund.

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Gulf Shores Schools are “Making Waves”

School is in session for long awaited city schools system

By Fran Thompson

It was two years in the making, but Gulf Shores City Council, along with its brand new school system's superintendent, various department heads, school board members and city staff finally saw their push for an independent school system come to fruition when they lined up for a ribbon cutting in front of Gulf Shores Middle School on Friday, August 9.

About 90 minutes prior, school bells rang out for the first time ever at Gulf Shores City Schools.

“It went really well considering it was a whole new traffic flow. It's the first day. So a lot of elementary parents would park and get out, but it went really, really well,” said superintendent Matt Akin. “When you look at starting June 1, this was very ambitious. A lot of work has gone into making this happen.”

Akin, the Huntsville school superintendent for the previous 18 months, was the only candidate interviewed for the Gulf Shores job and the new system he has been hired to oversee is already generating a buzz for its innovative curriculum.

Spanish and algebra classes will part of the GSES curriculum. AP standard classes will be offered beginning in grade 6. A virtual academy has already been established for 6th - 12th graders. Progress monitoring software was also updated at all three schools.

A new reading curriculum was added at GSES and physical science classes are now part of the 8th grade curriculum. A drone class is even a student option at GSHS, and local history will be taught in the elementary school.

“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.”

The coastal environment classes will be emphasized through a partnership with the Gulf Coast Center for Ecotourism and Sustainability, located adjacent to the campus.

The Gulf Coast Center for Ecotourism and Sustainability is part a \$9.7 million Restore Act-funded project at the Gulf State Park Learning Campus. Classes and programs offered there will focus on teaching students environmental stewardship and also be open to other students from Baldwin County and beyond.

A partnership with the internationally renowned

Cousteau Foundation will also touch Gulf Shores Schools through an Ambassadors to the Environment learning program. Travis Langen is the executive director of the new center.

“These kinds of programs are exactly what we were hoping to accomplish,” Mayor Robert Craft said.

In addition to extensive renovations and a new security system featuring cameras linked directly to GSPD, the new campus includes virtual fencing, rain canopys at drop-off stations and lots of new signage.

Five portable classrooms were moved and three others eliminated. Additional parking was added at GSHS. A new teacher parking lot was built in front of GSES, and a brand new state-of-the-art playground was built in the interior of the campus.

The campus entry ways incorporate a new logo and slogan – “Makin’ Waves.” The City of Gulf Shores will oversee landscaping for the entire campus.

A major road widening project on two of the campus entrances was designed to keep traffic from backing up on 2nd St.

And it worked even on opening day thanks in part to extra help from GSPD officers directing traffic at all three entrances to help parents get acclimated.

The city's 14 school buses enter and leave campus via Dolphin Way. Four of those buses will be making double trips until the city can purchase more vehicles.

No less an authority than school board member Nicky Gotschall said after dropping off her 8th grader that “it was the fastest I've ever gone through the line.”

School Board members Kevin Corcoran, (president), Kelly Walker, (secretary), Dale Jernigan and new member Frank Malone (replacing Ralph R. Gold, Jr.) also participated in the ribbon cutting ceremony.

Regular School Board meetings are held the second Thursday of every month at Gulf Shores City Hall at 5 p.m. These meetings are open to the public and input from the community will always be welcome, according to Corcoran.

Mayor Craft, obviously proud to see one of his legacy projects come alive, compared the opening to Christmas.

“This is a historic moment for everyone in our community,” he said. “We are going to do whatever it takes to create a school system that is second to none.”

As Akin noted, The Gulf Shores School System, a first for a city in Baldwin County, was not official until June 1, even though Gulf Shores City Council voted to break off from Baldwin County in the fall of 2017.

The decision came immediately after Baldwin County announced plans to build a new high school in Orange Beach and use the former GSHS for an elementary school in Gulf Shores.

The City has also introduced the Dolphin Foundation for Education and Arts as a community fundraising arm of its school system. A similar



GULF SHORES SCHOOLS



group, the Makos Academics, Arts and Athletics Club, recently formed in Orange Beach.

Since voting to start its own system, Gulf Shores City Council has allocated nearly \$5 million to fund it.

"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," Akin told the council in July.

"With the separation agreement and in an effort to settle with the board to start the 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'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," Akin said. "Short term we all knew we were going to be a little bit short this summer going into the fall."

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

"We knew it was going to be an expensive process given the condition of the schools," he said.

Mayor Craft said the city has budgeted funds to run the school system up until the point that major capital improvements, namely a new elementary or high school, are needed.

He doesn't know how soon that will be. But the school will be built on the northside of the Intracoastal Waterway.

At that point, he said, City Council will ask citizens to approve a property tax increase, probably three mills, to pay for the growth.

"It just all depends on how fast we grow. The elementary school is already full," he said. "We do want small classes – low student-teacher ratios."

"I expect we will ask for a modest millage increase in a couple of years. I think everybody knows that," said City Councilman Steve Jones.

Pictured: (Left) Lindsay Taylor's kindergarten class checks out the brand new playground between Gulf Shores Middle and Elementary Schools; (Above), the Aug. 9 ribbon cutting ceremony introducing Gulf Shores City Schools. (Below) a new playground was built between GSMS and GSES.



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ORANGE BEACH SCHOOLS

Orange Beach welcomes its first high/middle school students

Schools will operate at self-contained portable buildings until fall of 2020

By John Mullen

A total of 42 staffers will be on hand Aug. 14 to open the first day at the new Orange Beach High School and Middle School. It's the strength of those people, principal Dr. Erika McCoy says, that will determine the success of the schools.



Robbie Smith



Erika McCoy

"If you don't get anything else right, get the people right," McCoy said. "Because the people are what make the difference in our schools. If you look at our people from the top down — our custodians, our workers, our bus drivers, our teachers, our coaches and those that are going help with activities — they are student-centered people. All of these have a heart for kids. We built a team of servants."

The schools will operate at self-contained portable buildings with the middle school south of the elementary building and the high school across the street on land that's part of the city's recreation center campus. The middle school will have eight classrooms and an office and the high school will have 10 classrooms and an

office.

All returning 11th and 12th grade students living outside the city limits will be allowed to attend Gulf Shores until graduation. Students in the 10th grade have a choice to attend in either Orange Beach or stay at Gulf Shores.

Next year the school will move to the sparkling new building from both schools under construction now on Canal Road. That campus will include a performing arts center paid for mostly by the city.

"A building doesn't make a great school," McCoy said. "It's the people that make a difference in the school and the community. This building stands for so much more than just a school. It stands for a community."

Among the Orange Beach staffers will be 25 certified teachers, three administrators, nine support workers, three bus drivers and two school resource officers provided by the City of Orange Beach.

"We look for innovators, yes we look for those

push the limit for education, those that are going to make connections and build relationships with not only the students but their families and community partnerships," McCoy said. "It's just going to be the most interesting thing in the world to watch them evolve and come together as a team. I can't tell you how proud I am to be one of that group."

Orange Beach schools were featured during the Coastal Alabama Business Chamber's First Friday Forum, where Yo Johnson of the Orange Beach Education Foundation gave a presentation on that group and McCoy, Orange Beach Middle School Principal Dr. Robbie Smith, elementary school Principal Ryan Moss and Superintendent Eddie Tyler spoke to the group about the upcoming school year.

Smith told the crowd about how all the teachers hired for the new schools were following the work of Robert Marzano's book "The New Art and Science of Teaching."

"As we're hiring these folks, we're asking them to buy into our instructional framework and when we brought them on board, we asked them to go to training," Smith said. "Our training comes from the A+ College Ready and it includes the power to expect more. We sent all our content teachers to this training. It helps teachers take students to a deeper level of thinking. The teacher becomes the facilitator not necessarily the guide."

"They came back and told us this is the best training they've ever been to."

Johnson said the OBEF paid for the professional development for these teachers with about \$95,000 raised in the community. OBEF is also receiving support from the City of Orange Beach as well.

"The city has had the resolve to help our students, support our students in all aspects of education and through the opening of these schools," Johnson said. "We have presented

grants in robotics, calculators, science, technology, math programs, teacher professional development opportunities. We raised private funds to provide a two-week eco-camp for students at the Gulf Coast Center for Ecotourism and Sustainability."

While strong academics will be a big part of the new schools, McCoy says a strong arts program is also in the works and will be led by Fine Arts Director Darren Butler.

"The arts change kids, the arts change lives," McCoy said. "Part of our focus is not only to provide an excellent curriculum that's bringing in those strong academic skills but to also provide

exposure to the fine arts."

One of those areas McCoy feels particularly strong about is photography and how it relates to teaching students about the world.

"We're doing digital photography because I believe that our students need to learn to appreciate the environment in which we live and what better way to do that than to teach them how to capture that," McCoy said. "We are heavy into fine arts. Yes, we have a heavy emphasis on academics and that will always be a front seat but they can be taught integratively and that's what we're going to do."

During the meeting, the principals announced there are plans to field teams in 13 sports.

Fall sports will include volleyball, cross country, cheerleading, football and swimming. Winter sports will be basketball and wrestling and spring sports will have track and field, golf, soccer, softball, baseball and tennis.

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Pictured: The staff at Coastal Arts Center Of Orange Beach was happy to host the faculty of the new Orange Beach middle and high schools.



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AROUND TOWN



OBPD seeks participants for Citizens Police Academy

The Orange Beach Police Department is seeking participants for its 2019 Citizens' Police Academy. The Academy will be held from September 3 to October 15. Classes are free and will be held Tuesday evenings from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Applications must be turned in by Friday, August 23.

The academy is designed to provide the Orange Beach community with an overview of the department's operations and the increase level of understanding and cooperation between the community and officers.

Topics to be presented to include the following: Patrol Operations; Narcotics; Investigations; K9/Crisis Negotiations; Police Records/Dispatch; Officer Training Program; Traffic / DUI Enforcement; School Resource Officer Program; Marine Division Intelligence Division.

Classes will be held at the Orange Beach Police Department, 4480 Orange Beach Blvd. Participants must be at least 18 years of age and a background check will be completed on applicants prior to acceptance. Applications are available at the Orange Beach Police Department front desk or by contacting Cpl. Joey Brown at 251-923-5805.

The Mission of the Orange Beach Police Department is to serve and protect paradise with unparalleled integrity, professionalism and respect for the entire Orange Beach Community.

SAMPLE OF QUESTIONS FROM 2018 CITIZENS' POLICE ACADEMY

Question: What are the qualifications to become a magistrate?

Answer: Must be U.S. Citizen; Must reside in State of Alabama; Must NOT be convicted of treason, embezzlement of public funds, larceny, and bribery; Must be sworn under oath to take office; Must be neutral and detached from Law Enforcement.

Question: How many law enforcement agencies work on the water in Orange Beach?

Answer: There are a total of 5 law enforcement agencies that work the area around Orange Beach. Basically, it's the same as the streets of Orange Beach. All federal, state, and county law enforcement agencies can perform their duties in and around Orange Beach.

Question: What are the majority of the tickets written to boaters in Orange Beach?

Answer: Alabama Marine Resources most popular ticket involves illegally possessing fish. By far, the majority of OBPD Marine Unit tickets are "Failure to Obey Restrictive Signs or Buoys". This state law includes all No Wake, No Motor, and Restricted Access areas. Careless Operation would probably come it second. We also write several tickets for improper/no navigational lights, expired/improper registration, and failure to obtain Alabama Vessel Endorsement on the Alabama driver's license.

Question: Why when there is one or two officers do they block the entire lane?

Answer: Officers are responsible for the safety of the car they pulled over as well as their own safety. By blocking the lane and turning the front wheels left, it provides safety to that officer if their patrol unit is struck, it will not collide with the officer or stopped vehicle. Also is useful in slowing other vehicles down while the officer is on a traffic stop.

Question: Where do the K-9 dogs that work for Orange Beach come from?

Answer: Two of our dogs came from inside the United States, and our two new canines came from Europe.

Gulf Shores presents Movies at Meyer Park in Oct.

The City of Gulf Shores is excited to announce the second annual Movies at Meyer Park series, scheduled for October 3, October 17 and October 24. Locals and visitors are invited to bring their lawn chairs and blankets and join us at Meyer Park for a movie under the stars.

Movies at Meyer Park will feature a series of three movies brought to you by Small Town, Big Beach Productions. The first screening will be "Ghostbusters" on October 3, followed by "The Goonies" on October 17 and "Beetlejuice" on October 24.



"After a great turnout for our first-ever Movies at Meyer Park series last year, the Special Events Division is excited to invite our residents and visitors back for our second annual event," Programs & Events Manager Brigitte

Reynolds said. "We encourage our residents to bring their friends and family, snacks and refreshments, and something comfortable to sit on and join us for all three of these family-favorites."

All Movies at Meyer Park showings are free to the public and begin at 6 p.m. Meyer Park is located in the Waterway Village District at 400 East 22nd Avenue in Gulf Shores.

For more information about Movies at Meyer Park, contact the City of Gulf Shores Special Events Division at 251-968-1171 or visit www.gulfshoresal.gov/movies.

K of C Chapter in Elberta selling BBQ plates on Aug. 31

The Knights of Columbus Chapter 2736 will host a BBQ dinner at the K of C Hall at 2736 Old Foley Rd. (off of hwy 98) in Elberta on August 31 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Barbecue dinners with either pork or chicken and baked beans, slaw, bread and dessert will be offered for \$10 per plate.



Alabama adds Aug. 31 & Sept. 1 to private angler snapper season

After completing a review of the 2019 private angler red snapper season through August 5, the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources has determined two additional days can be added to the private angler recreational season. The additional days will begin 12:01 a.m. on Saturday, August 31, 2019, and run until midnight on Sunday, September 1, 2019.

Landing estimates are derived from mandatory angler reports submitted through Alabama's Snapper Check Program. Anglers are reminded that greater amberjack is available for voluntary reporting through the Snapper Check app.

Detailed red snapper landing information from the 2018 and 2019 seasons is available at outdooralabama.com.



Celebrate the arts Aug. 24 at Coastal Arts Center of Orange Beach

The Coastal Arts Center of Orange Beach invites the public to Celebrate Local Arts on Saturday, August 24. The free event and open house will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. where the public can enjoy the center's art gallery overlooking Wolf Bay, crafts, music, and works by local artists. Hot glass and clay classes will be available by appointment. The Coastal Arts Center is at 26389 Canal Road. For more information, call 251-981-ARTS (2787) or visit oastalartscenter.com.

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Foley to extend South Jupiter St. and support Baldwin's eastward extension of County Road 10 & southward extension of James Rd.

By John Mullen

While two roadway projects in Foley are pretty much done deals, the city and Baldwin County also have an eye on the future as officials announced efforts to get grants to jump start at least two road projects.

The east-west Fern Avenue extension is nearing completion with a two-mile addition to connect Alabama 59 to the Foley Beach Express. The city recently announced a southern Juniper Street extension that would eventually turn west and connect with Alabama 59 at County Road 20 South with an eye on starting construction in 2020.

“One thing that the City of Foley is doing, and I think Gulf Shores is doing the same thing, we’re at a point in time where we’re updating our long-term roadway projection.”

That same County Road 20 South intersection on Alabama 59 will be the target of another extension on the west side of the highway to a connection on County Road 65.

Earlier in July the Foley City Council passed two resolutions of support for two Baldwin County projects the other one being an eastward extension of County Road 10 and a southward extension of James Road from County Road 20 East across the County Road 10 extension down to County Road 8 in Gulf Shores.

“Those are projects that are probably out into the future,” Foley City Administrator Mike Thompson said. “One thing that the City of Foley is doing, and I think Gulf Shores is doing the same thing, we’re at a point in time where we’re updating our long-term roadway projection. Obviously, these two they are in the county, they are right on our edge and really, they would be a big plus not just for county citizens but for Foley citizens. We recognize those two in our 10-year roadway plan as something we’d like to see move forward during that time.”

The County Road 10 project would have to involve Gulf Shores, Thompson said, because of a long-ago ruling about the boundary between the two cities.

“County Road 10 is a line that was set by a judge a number of years ago as a demarcation line of how far south Foley can grow and how far north Gulf Shores can grow and it goes from 59 over to the east to Wolf Bay,” Thompson said.

That’s where the county comes in and why all three governments would have to be in on the project.

“If it were to happen, its kind of in no man’s land

because either city would never be able to annex both sides of the road and therefore take control of the road,” Thompson said. “If it happens it’ll be a county road. What we’re trying to do is work with Gulf Shores and the county to see whether or not the three of us would partner in developing that County Road 10 corridor for a road connection between 59 and the Foley Beach Express.”

Thompson sees Foley’s role as providing support through matching funds as the county looks for grants to fund the projects.

“We would support the county by sharing a portion of the grant match,” Thompson said. “Since it’s not in the City of Foley and not in the City of Gulf Shores it would have to be an application by the county. We’ve just voiced our interest in partnering with them if they were to go after a grant.”

James Road extending all the way down to Gulf Shores is also a big part of this project providing an alternative to Alabama 59 and the Foley Beach Express in that part of the county. James Road starts south of County Road 20 East on the west side of the Forge pizza restaurant shopping center.

“The idea is to create some additional north-south corridors between Foley and Gulf Shores that our citizens would be able to take advantage of,” Thompson said. “If we could get a project going with the county and Gulf Shores, we would do County Road 10 from 59 to the Foley Beach Express and then extend James Road where it doesn’t exist today down to County Road 8. I think ultimately Gulf Shores would like to see it go down to County Road 6 but I’m not sure if that would be included in a joint project or not.”

Gulf Shores City Administrator Steve Griffin said his city would see plenty of benefits from this project.

“Currently, residents that want to travel between Foley and Gulf Shores rely on Highway 59 or the

Foley Beach Express,” Griffin said. “If constructed, the James Road extension coupled with the (County Road 8) connector road to County Road 6 East would shift the local traffic away from the arterial roads and help relieve traffic congestion.”

Partnerships to accomplish this, Griffin said, will be vital to the success of the project.

“In order to address both current and future traffic demands, the city will continue to work with other agencies such as Foley, ALDOT and Baldwin County to construct additional roadway networks to provide relief to traffic congestion and protect the quality of life for our residents and visitors,” Griffin said.

The County Road 20 south extension west to County Road 65 would create yet another connection for residents to a north-south roadway that is not Alabama 59 or the Foley Beach Express, this one on the west side of Foley.

“That’s another one where the city has not annexed both sides of that corridor but it’s something that the county commission is interested in seeing happen,” Griffin said. “Obviously, it would be a benefit to the City of Foley and our citizens. It would give them another corridor to go over to 65 and then use 65 to go north and south.”

On the Juniper Street extension, also from County Road 20 East, that project is in the stage of getting right-of-way access and Mayor John Koniar said that process is nearly complete.

“In theory all the right of way will be donated because we’re increasing the land values for the property owners there,” Koniar said. “They see the value there.”

There is \$2 million budgeted for the project and it will be included in the next two fiscal year budgets until all the rights of way are acquired and construction can be started. No completion date has been set.

Pictured: Proposed Foley road projects.





Smoke on the Water Locals Luau Aug. 24

Flora-Bama Yacht Club event raises funds for Epilepsy Florida

Local musician Sam Glass is ready for some end of the tourist season fun, and he's looking for company to join him at the Flora-Bama Yacht Club on Perdido Key on Saturday, August 24 for the Smoke on the Water Beach Bash & Luau, a musical event he has scheduled from noon-9 p.m. Admission is free for the BYOB (bring your own boat) event, which will include art and craft vendors.

Proceeds from the Smoke on the Water will be donated to Epilepsy Florida in memory of Monica McGlasson.

In addition to live music all day, the event will include a Miss Smoke on the Water Best Dressed Luau Contest with a \$250 first place cash prize at 6 p.m.

The Flora-Bama Yacht Club will serve slow cooked Hawaiian BBQ dishes all day while Glass and his musical co-horts "get some sand on it" with music starting with Shaggy J at 1 p.m. and concluding with Ja'Rhythm at 8 p.m.

The Sam Jam Band, featuring Glass, Jo Jo Pres, Shawna P, Mel Knapp, Mike Locklin, Dave Cote, Kelly Presley, Gary Blount, Tim Roberts and James Daniel, will play from 6:30-8 p.m.

Other bands scheduled are Hartstrings at 2 p.m., Tribe Zion at 3 p.m., the Beachbillys at 4 p.m. and Justin Jeansome at 5 p.m.

The Flora-Bama Yacht Club is located on Old River at the Florida-Alabama state line. For more info, visit the Smoke on the Water facebook event page.

Pictured: Shawna P, born & raised by the mythical "Singing River" just outside of Muscle Shoals, secured a coveted publishing deal while performing with the Muzik Mafia in Nashville, where she lived and honed her craft for 11 years. She's shared stages with Kid Rock, Charlie Daniels, George Clinton, Big & Rich, Gretchen Wilson, James Otto, Scott Weiland (of The Stone Temple Pilots), Donnie Van Zant, Robert Randolph and even recorded a duet of her original song "Looking For Me" with Michael McDonald. Since appearing on NBC's "The Voice," Shawna P has garnered praise from Rolling Stone, People and E-Online. among others. More importantly, she has encouraged people of all generations to never stop dreaming and never stop believing in their dream.

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GULF SHORES CITY COUNCIL

Gulf Shores to spend \$1.2 million for paving on Commerce Dr. loop

\$35K in design work approved for Oyster Bay-Huggers Landing Firehouse

By John Mullen

Gulf Shores agreed to spend \$1.2 million for paving to connect the Commerce Drive loop in the Business and Aviation Park at Jack Edwards National Airport.

“It will open up 50 acres of Business and Aviation land that will help us continue to diversify our economy in the city and high-paying jobs that aren’t relying on the tourist industry.”

“This will not only support the redevelopment of the Business and Aviation Park, but we also have a location for a future control tower here,” Public Works Director Mark Acreman said. “And Resicum International is relocating its headquarters here as well. We have a five-acre commercial apron that’s ready for development. It will open up 50 acres of Business and Aviation land that will help us continue to diversify our economy in the city and high-paying jobs that aren’t relying on the tourist industry.”

Also, during the meeting, the council agreed to spend \$35,000 for design work on a redesign of the

former Oyster Bay-Huggers Landing fire department building and parking lot. Gulf Shores bought the building in December for \$190,000 and it is now operating as Fire Station Four.

The paving and utilities contract was awarded to Cunningham and Delaney Construction and will include a waterline and connection to the city sewer system.

“This would be to complete the roadway infrastructure and the waterline and the gravity sewer system,” Acreman said. “We would tie that into a recently completed manhole at Waterway East that Gulf Shores Utilities just recently installed. Originally for this project, we had a lift station planned for this and we will no longer need that lift station. Probably saved the city about a quarter of a million dollars and us being able to tie in with Gulf Shores Utilities.”

City Administrator Steve Griffin said bringing an entire loop to the waterline will help with fire protection as well.

“What we’ve been finding out is the fireplug pressure because of the water lines there have to be such because of the hangars and gasoline and airplanes getting in there,” Griffin said. “By creating a looped water system it gets that fire flow up needed for the minimum requirements of a lot of those buildings that are going in there.”

Acreman said this is phase five a project that was started in 1995.

On the Fire Station No. 4 renovation, Griffin said the work will be an assessment of what needs to be done to get the facility upgraded.

“It is need of renovation and upgrades to make it look better and make a bit more functional. It’s just a plain-Jane metal building. Currently, we have a gravel entrance.”

more functional,” Colvin said.

“It’s just a plain-Jane metal building. Currently, we have a gravel entrance so we would probably concrete that and maybe pave around to get to the back, add some parking in the front and rear and put some fences on the sides just to make this thing look a little better. We would create a façade to cover the metal siding.”

To address the lack of office space the front two smaller engine bays will be converted for other uses.

“Probably some meeting, training spaces and of-

“This is to provide the design services so we can have firm costs when we do our budget presentation for next year,” Griffin said. “It’s a need for rehab. The HVAC equipment in there is just not doing the job for the entire square footage. There’s no office per se for the battalion chiefs that are there and just an upgrade and general improvements.”

Outside, Construction Manager Clint Colvin said there are some cosmetic needs as well as better use of the areas around the station.

“It is need of some renovation and some upgrades to make it look better for one thing and make a bit

fices,” Colvin said. “We would create a new entry and walkway, update the existing restrooms, address any ADA or compliance issues. We need two new coiling doors over the two large bays. We’ll go through exactly what all needs to be done in there. We’ve been having some issues with HVAC so we would do an assessment of that and make any corrections to fix those issues.”

During the meeting, the council also:

- OK’d the purchase of a parade float from Kern Studios for \$49,000 for use in the annual Christmas and Mardi Gras parades.
- OK’d a sign variance request for One Club to put more signs on the east side of State Route 59 south of County Road 6 and another sign on County Road 6.
- Agreed to a public hearing for a liquor license for the Safari Club, a restaurant that will part of the new Alabama Gulf Coast Zoo campus.
- OK’d a taxi franchise request for Fancy Taxi to operate in Gulf Shores. Each franchisee pays a \$200 franchise fee annually and is required to maintain a business license. Annual business license fees are based on gross receipts and start at \$135. Individual drivers also pay an annual permitting fee, \$25 for new and \$10 for renewal.
- OK’d adding a credit card to be used by the jail detention officer to buy supplies with a limit of \$3,500.
- Appointed members to a Complete Count Committee to oversee the upcoming 2020 U.S. Census in Gulf Shores. On the panel will be Chairman Steve Jones, Grant Brown, Steve Griffin, Lee Jones, Hanna Lairy, Dean Long and Jennifer Watkins.
- OK’d an assembly permit for the Brett Robinson Alabama Coastal Triathlon on Sept. 7. The events start and finish at Gulf Place near the Hangout.
- OK’d an assembly permit for the city to have a Sunset Series event each Thursday in September. There is a showing of the movie Aquaman planned for Sept. 5, a Songwriters Showcase coordinated with the Frank Brown International Songwriters Festival on Sept. 12, the Jimmy Lumpkin band (below right) on Sept. 19 and the John Hart band (below left) on Sept. 26.



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WHAT'S HAPPENING

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

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



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

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

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

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

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



Woodstock Karaoke Aug. 17 at G.S. Legion

Gulf Shores American Legion Post 44 in Gulf Shores will host a Woodstock 50th Anniversary Karaoke Contest with hosts Roger and Elaine (pictured) on Saturday, August 17 beginning at 6 p.m. The cover charge is \$5 at the door and contestants must be dressed as the the singers whose songs they cover in order to be eligible to win one of the top four cash prizes. The event will also include door prizes and other fun activities. Post ff is located at 781 Hwy. 59 in Gulf Shores. For more info, call 251-948-6119.

WED, AUG 14

- **Flora-Bama Possible Probables:** 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
- **Flora-Bama Bingo:** free; 1-4 p.m.; great prizes, family friendly; 17401 Perdido Key Dr., Perdido Key.
- **Open Mic:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- **John Lee Sanders:** 6; Voyagers Restaurant at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **John Brust:** 6; The Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **False Identity:** 7; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
- **Swing Dancing:** 7, American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.
- **Big Beach Running Club:** 5:30 p.m.; Big Beach Brewery in Gulf Shores; all levels welcome.
- **Scott Koehn/Flip Flop Bros:** 6:30; Flip-

pers, Orange Beach.

- **John Reno:** 5; Playa, Orange Beach.
- **Danny Grady:** 5; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- **Smoke Free Bingo:** 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- **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.
- **Bingo:** 10 a.m.; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- **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



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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, AUG 15

- **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.

- **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.
- **Smoky Knights:** 6:30; Big Beach Brewing Company.
- **John Lee Sanders:** 6; Voyagers Restaurant at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **Ryan Balthrop:** 5; Playa, Orange Beach.
- **John Brust:** 6; Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **Tonya Gallagher:** 7; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
- **The Defrosters:** 8 p.m.; Tacky Jacks, Fort Morgan.
- **Tim Roberts:** 6:30; Tin Top Restaurant; Bon Secour.
- **DJ/Karaoke:** 8; Island Time Daquari; The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- **Open Mic:** 7; Snapper's; Orange Beach.
- **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 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, AUG 16

- **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.
- **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.
- **Rib Eye Dinner to help Veterans and Families:** 5 p.m.; music & dancing at 7

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Orange Beach City Council

Traffic fix at Orange Beach McDonald's has nothing to do with proposed bypass

\$7.4 million bid awarded for construction of 5th lane on Canal Rd. from Silvers Pkwy. to Al. 161

By John Mullen

Rumors of work starting on a bypass from Canal Road behind Big Fish, Frank & Co. and Your CBD Store intersecting with Alabama 161 south of McDonald's are greatly exaggerated, Orange Beach Mayor Tony Kennon said. Changes are coming at the Alabama 161 part aimed at improving safety in what has become a dangerous entrance-exit to McDonald's. There was a head-on collision there on the morning of Aug. 7.

Working with state officials, the City of Orange Beach is planning to extend lane-dividing poles south past the southern entrance to the restaurant. Traffic coming north on 161 would not be able to make a left turn there any longer. Traffic in the southbound left lane also would be denied access to the southern entrance to McDonald's.

"It's because we've had an unbelievable number head-ons and T-bone accidents there," Kennon said.

"It's the state's decision and we've been talking with them. They were very concerned about the number of accidents. They've come to the conclusion that the access is not as important as the number of wrecks."

Most of the accidents happen when northbound traffic makes a left into McDonald's or when traffic exiting that entrance tries to make a left turn north.

"There's no line of site if you're trying to make a left turn to cross over and head north," Kennon said. "We're in the process of those being closed off. You'll be able to make a right in at all of them but you won't be able to do a left in if you're heading north or a left out."

"We're going to continue those lane delin-

eators south on 161 so that you can't cross over. If you're going south in the right lane you can turn in or turn out but right turns only. The only left turn in and left turn out will be on Canal Road."

Cars in the southbound left lane have been known to stop at the current end of the lane dividers and wait for the right lane to clear to turn into McDonald's bringing that lane to a standstill.

"It's crazy," Kennon said. "Sometimes when they are busy it will back up all the way to the intersection because they are sitting there trying to cross over to McDonald's. That's going to eliminate all of that."

The state recently awarded the \$7.4 million bid for construction of the fifth lane on Canal Road from William Silvers Parkway to Alabama 161 but it doesn't include work on the Canal-161 intersection, Alabama Department of Transportation Assistant Southwest Engineer Brian Aaron said. It will be bid as a separate project.

"That project is being funded through Restore," Aaron said. "We are in the process of getting grant agreements in place so that design can begin."

Kennon is anxious for that project to be bid as well but it could face some delays getting the permitting because it involves wetlands.

"We're trying to get that in the process but we've got some wetlands to deal with and some other things," Kennon said. "We're trying to put it on a fast track as well and get that thing done and (the state) seems to be all in."

Kennon was unsure when the new poles would be installed. While it's the state's road they must give permission for the installation but the city will have to buy them.

p.m.; American Legion Post 44; Gulf Shores.

• **Funky Lampshades:** 5; Playa, Orange Beach.

• **The Defrosters:** 7:30 p.m.; The Groovy Goat at OWA, Foley.

• **Warp Speed Sulu:** 7; The Office, Foley.

• **Crab Riot:** 7; Big Beach Brewing Company, Gulf Shores.

• **Touch Of Class:** 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.

• **Destiny Brown:** 6; Tacky Jack's, Gulf Shores.

• **Henry Burt & The Invisibles:** 7; Tacky Jack's, Fort Morgan.

• **John Lee Sanders:** 6; The Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.

• **Open Mic Karaoke:** 5; American Legion Post 99; Foley.

• **The Blenders:** 8; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.

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

• **Roger & Elaine:** 7; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.

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

The Gulf Shores Lions Club will present Casino Night & Dinner in the Dark on Saturday, September 14th at the Erie Meyer Civic Center in Gulf Shores.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the event is from 7-11 p.m. Tickets are \$75 per individual and \$125 per couple. Tickets include music, a steak & shrimp dinner, drinks & casino games with \$5000 in casino money for each guest.

For more info, call (251)

709-9524 or (859) 380-0781.

Proceeds from the event will benefit Miracle League of Coastal Alabama, Leader Dogs for the Blind and Dolphin Foundation for Education and Arts in the Gulf Shores City Schools.

Lions Club International's motto is "We Serve." Specifically, the club seeks to raise awareness of diabetes, preserve sight, and serve those who have already lost or never had 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 this wonderful event.



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Sandy Roots Songwriters Series Aug. 20

Jason Abel among among locals booked for Sandy Roots showcase

The Sandy Roots Songwriter Series will present a special Music Row Show featuring Shawn Byrne, Jessie Ritter, Tony Ray Thompson, Jason Abel, and Cherish & Adam Hamley on Aug. 20 at The Point on Innerarity Point beginning at 6 p.m. The concert is produced by Nick Biebricher of Sandy Roots Productions. The shows last approximately three hours. There will be a \$5 cover. More information: Sandyrootsmusic@gmail.com or (251) 284-2443.

Pictured: Gulf Shores based Jason Abel writes unique, catchy and from-the-heart songs with leads and melodies that keep fans hanging on every word while moving to the beat. Originally from Birmingham, he moved to South Baldwin in 2011 and soon formed The Jason Abel Project, a band that currently includes Jesse James (lead guitar/vocals), Earl Henson (Bass) and Barry Wood (Drums). The band plays regularly at The Office in Foley and has rocked many festivals, nightclubs and casinos all along the Gulf Coast.

32nd Coastal Cleanup Sept. 21 on AL. & FL. Coasts

Coastal Alabama and Perdido Key will both host Coastal Cleanups, on Saturday, September 21 from 8 a.m. until noon.

Residents, visitors, individuals and organizations are invited to "get the trash out of the splash" by picking up trash littering Alabama



and Florida coasts and waterways. Volunteers are needed on foot and on water for Alabama's largest one-day volunteer event.

"Turn The Tide On Trash" is the theme for Perdido Key's participation in the International Coastal Cleanup Day. Volunteers are asked to assemble at 8 a.m. at the Perdido Key State Park West Usage Area to help keep Perdido's granite white beaches clean and beautiful.

The Perdido Key cleanup is co-sponsored by The Perdido Key Assn., The Friends of Pensacola State Parks, and the staff at Perdido Key State Park.

Alabama Coastal Cleanup is supported by the Weeks Bay Foundation, Thompson Engineering, and Alabama Coastal Foundation.

In 2016, over 4,200 volunteers collected close to 36,700 pounds of trash from Gulf Shores to Dauphin Island.

Since trash totals were collected at the first Alabama Coastal Cleanup in 1987, more than 800 tons of trash have been collected and disposed of properly thanks to 80,000 volunteers.

Volunteers are needed at 30 different cleanup sites in Mobile and Baldwin counties. Alabama Coastal Cleanup provides a t-shirt and clean up supplies. For more info, go to AlabamaCoastalCleanup.com or call (251) 928-9792. or go to Facebook.

- **Karaoke:** 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke:** 8; Snapper's; Orange Beach.
- **Sandra Kaye & The Legend Band:** 8:30; Live Bait Restaurant, Orange Beach.
- **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@gulftel.com.
- **AA:** Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
- **AA:** 7 p.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

SAT, AUG 17

- **Flora-Bama Possible Probables:** 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
- **John Brust:** 6; Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **DJ/karaoke:** 9; Island Time Daquari; The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- **Touch Of Class:** 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **Gear Head:** 9; The Office, Foley.
- **Al & Cathy:** 6:30; Big Beach Brewing Company, Gulf Shore
- **Gabe Willis:** 5; Playa, Orange Beach.
- **Mark Lyden:** 4:30 p.m.; Pirates Cove, Josephine.
- **Hippie Jim:** noon, Tacky Jack's, Orange Beach.
- **Gringo Fife:** 6, Tacky Jack's, Orange Beach.
- **Lefty Collins:** 6, Tacky Jack's, Gulf Shores.
- **Crazy George:** 9; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
- **Southern Star:** 6:30; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- **Karaoke:** 7; Tacky Jacks, 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.
- **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, AUG 18

- **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:** 9:45 a.m.; The Royal Oyster, Gulf Shores.
- **Flora-Bama Possible Probables:** 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
- **Lisa Christian:** noon, Tacky Jack's, Gulf Shores.
- **Greg Brown:** noon; The Tin Top Restaurant; Bon Secour.
- **Open Mic/Jam:** 4 p.m.; Hosted by The Defrosters, The Flying Harpoon 2, Orange Beach
- **Damian Lamb:** 11 a.m., Tacky Jack's, Orange Beach.
- **Christina Christian:** 5; Luna's; Orange Beach.
- **Gringo Fife:** 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.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

MON, AUG 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 Key Dr., Perdido Key.
- **Lisa Zanghi:** 6; The Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **Trivia at Big Beach:** 7 p.m.; Big Beach Brewing Company, Gulf Shores.
- **Cory Reznor:** 5; Playa, Orange Beach.
- **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **Open Mixed Doubles Tennis:** 7:15 a.m.; all levels welcome; Gulf Shores Tennis Center; corner of West 19th Ave. and West 2nd St.
- **8 Ball League:** 7:30; The Office, Foley.
- **Grief Share:** 6 p.m.; Community Hospice Center, Foley.
- **Celebrate Recovery:** (Christ centered 12 step program); Monday evenings at 6 p.m.; Christian Life Church in Orange Beach; 251-967-4840.
- **Overeaters Anonymous:** 6; Holy Spirit

- Episcopal Church; Gulf Shores, 616 Ft. Morgan Rd.; 251-709-5907.
- **T.O.P.S. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly):** weigh-in 5:30; meeting 6; First Presbyterian Church of Foley; (Berry & Highway 59).
- **Square Dancing:** 7-9 p.m.; Magnolia Springs Community Hall, Magnolia Springs.
- **AA:** Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
- **Ladies AA:** 10 a.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

TUE, AUG 20

- **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.
- **Free Line Dance Lessons With Lori:** 6; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- **John Brust:** 6; The Lobby Bar at Per-

- dido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **Greg Brown:** 5; Playa, Orange Beach.
- **Lisa Christian:** 6; Sunset Cork Room, Gulf Shores.
- **Open Mic Karaoke:** 5; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.
- **Bowling Tourney:** 7; Snapper's; Orange Beach.
- **JW Karaoke:** 6; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
- **Brandon Styles Impressions & Magic Show:** 7; OWA Showroom, Foley.
- **Ricky Johnson & Company:** 5; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- **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.
- **NAPA Pool League:** 7:30; The Office, Foley.
- **Bingo:** 10 to 2; Gulf Coast Elks Lodge 2782, Foley; 251-971-2782.
- **Orange Beach City Council Meeting:** 5

- p.m.; City Hall; 980-INFO.
- **Orange Beach Bridge Club:** Tue. & Thur at noon; Orange Beach Senior Center; visitors and new members welcomed even without a partner; 251-981-3440.
- **Orange Beach Library Children's Story Time:** 10 a.m.; preschool; 981-2923.
- **Southwest Branch Library Children's Story Time:** 10:30 a.m.; preschool; 12248 Gulf Beach Hwy, Pensacola; (850) 453-7780.
- **Gulf Shores Kiwanis Club:** Palmer Dining Room at Craft Farms; noon; new members and guests always welcome; 251-981-9999.
- **Kiwanis Club of Foley:** Noon on Tuesdays at Ryan's in Foley; 251-968-6288.
- **AA:** Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
- **Al-Anon:** Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Activities Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

WED, AUG 21

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

- 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
- **Flora-Bama Bingo:** free; 1-4 p.m.; great prizes, family friendly; 17401 Perdido Key Dr., Perdido Key.
- **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.
- **Mel Knapp Band:** 7; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
- **Christina Christian:** 5; Playa, Orange Beach.
- **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.
- **Karaoke:** 6; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.



Optimist Club Mullet Festival on Labor Day at the Lillian Community Club

The Optimist Club of Perdido Bay is gearing up for its biggest project of the year, the Annual Mullet Festival on Labor Day at the Lillian Community Club.

The day begins with breakfast, followed by the 5K Run and Walk, Mullet Toss, Silent Auction and Déjà vu Market, mullet/catfish/ham lunch, music, raffle, craft vendors, bake sale, blood mobile and more.

Start the fun with the famous Optimist breakfast that is served from 7 to 9 a.m. \$4 will get you eggs, sausage, pancakes, grits, biscuits and gravy, fruit and beverage. Kids under 8 years of age eat FREE!

American Legion Post 48 members will raise the flag in an awe-inspiring presentation at 7:15 a.m., with the race stepping off at 7:30. Awards will be presented in several age groups for the runners and walkers. The 1-Mile Fun Run starts at 8:30. To sign up for the race visit OCPBfoundation.org. Registration on the day of the race at the LCC begins at 6 a.m.

The Kids' Fun Station opens at 9:30 a.m. and remains open until 2 p.m. Men, women, boys and girls will be competing in the Mullet Toss from 10 a.m. to noon. Awards will be given in several categories.

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There's nothing better for lunch than the Optimist Club special mullet/catfish dinner that includes hushpuppies, baked beans, grits, coleslaw, dessert and beverage. Don't like fish? We'll have ham available for you. Cost is \$10 per person, but once again, kids under 8 eat FREE!

Big Jake and the Tag-A-Longs will provide music for listening and dancing from noon to 3 p.m. The Raffle drawing will be held at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5. Prizes are \$1,000, \$400, \$200 and \$100.

All proceeds from the event will be used to fund programs to "Bring Out the Best in Kids." Throughout the school year Optimist members work with Elberta and Foley schools on a variety of projects including reading, math tutoring, mentoring, providing Christmas gifts for Special Needs classes, and donations to local organizations that help those in need.

The club provides scholarships to high school seniors and to students to attend the National Flight Academy aboard NAS Pensacola. A Fishing Rodeo, Easter Egg Hunt and Breakfast with Santa are also on the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay agenda.

Shark fishing by permit most weekends at State Park Pier

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

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

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

The managed shark-fishing events will allow for 15 anglers per occasion. Each angler may have one assistant. This allows for a maximum of 30 individuals on the octagon. Anglers are encouraged to assist one another.

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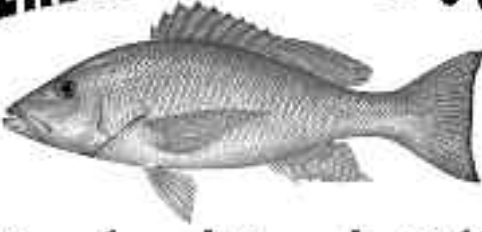
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Nobius will play Pelican Place concert Series finale Aug. 22

Nobius (pictured) will be the guest band on August 22 during the final installment of the Sounds of Summer Thursday Evening Concert Series in the central courtyard at Pelican Place at Craft Farms in Gulf Shores. 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.

Boxes for Bees, Butterflies & Bats topic of Aug. 17 seminar

Gene Sellier, a member of the Baldwin County Master Gardeners, will present "Boxes for Bees, Butterflies, and Bats" on Saturday, August 17 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Fairhope Library. The focus will be on how to make boxes for bees, butterflies, and bats for the yard. The session will be informational and instructive for anyone looking to attract these beneficial species to their garden. His presentation is part of the educational outreach mission of the Baldwin County Master Gardeners Speakers Bureau. Dr. Megan McCall, STEAM Coordinator at Bayside Academy, who witnessed a once-in-a-lifetime discovery as part of a recent research expedition in the Gulf of Mexico. McCall's presentation "Journey Into Midnight: A Glimpse at the Elusive Giant Squid," will explore how she was on board as one of the only giant squid ever seen in the Western Hemisphere, and only the second on Earth, was captured on film. The presentation will be held Aug. 29 from 6 to 7 p.m. in the Giddens Conference Center.

Both presentations are free and open to the public. For additional information, call 251-929-1464 or visit fairhopelibrary.org.

Artists invited to submit work for Hot Air Balloon Fest poster

The 16th Annual Gulf Coast Hot Air Balloon Festival Committee is seeking an artist who will be commissioned to produce the t-shirt and poster artwork for the 2020 Gulf Coast Hot Air Balloon Festival. Please do not submit more than 3 drafts.

The committee has a strict timeline. Artists are encouraged to respond upon receiving invitation and confirm their interest. Please contact Rachel Spear at (251) 943-3291. Artists are asked to submit proposed sketches/drafts by Friday, November 1, 2019. Submissions should be delivered to the South Baldwin Chamber of Commerce at 112 West Laurel Ave, Foley, AL 36536 or mailed to PO Box 1117, Foley, AL 36536.

Criteria for consideration: Submission must be original by artist.; Artist must be 18 years of age or older.; Theme should include: Hot Air Balloons, Art, Music, and the Gulf Coast; Name of the Festival should be included in artwork: 16th Annual Gulf Coast Hot Air Balloon Festival; Year should be included in the artwork: 2020; Foley, AL should be included; Artist should use bold PMS or Pantone true colors; Actual size of the commissioned poster after productions will not exceed 18 inches horizontal and 24 inches vertical; If selected, artist agrees to relinquish ownership of art.

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

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

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

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

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

- **Scott Koehn/Flip Flop Bros:** 6:30; Flip-flops, Orange Beach.
- **Danny Grady:** 5; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- **John Joiner & Friends:** 6; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
- **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **Bingo:** 10 a.m.; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- **Orange Beach Sportfishing Club:** 6 p.m. cocktails; 7 p.m. meeting; downstairs at Tacky Jacks Orange Beach; Info: Jon Perkinson 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.

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By CAROLYN GODFREY

Pina Colada Zucchini Bread

4 cups flour
3 cups sugar
2 tsp. baking powder
1-1/2 tsp. salt
1 tsp. baking soda
4 large eggs
1-1/2 cups canola oil
1 tsp. each coconut, rum and vanilla extracts
3 cups shredded zucchini
1 cup canned crushed pineapple, drained
1/2 cup chopped walnuts or chopped pecans
Line the bottoms of three greased and floured 8x4-in. loaf pans with waxed paper and grease the paper; set aside. In a large bowl, combine the flour, sugar, baking powder, salt and baking soda. In another bowl, whisk the eggs, oil and extracts. Stir into dry ingredients just until moistened. Fold in the zucchini, pineapple and walnuts. Transfer to prepared pans. Bake at 350 degrees for 45-55 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean. Cool for 10 min. before removing from pans to wire racks. Gently remove waxed paper. Yield: 3 loaves (12 slices each).
Enjoy!

LBGTQ Family Dinner Aug. 26 at Royal Oyster

Unity Church Gulf Shores & Orange Beach and Rainbow Mobile will present an LBGTQ Family Dinner at 6 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 26 at The Royal Oyster, located at 807 Gulf Shores Pkwy. in Gulf Shores.

The dinner serves as the LBGTQ+ & Allies informational kick-off meeting, as well as a meet & greet. "Let's come to create paths for positive and meaningful change and radical acceptance in our South Baldwin communities," said Unity Pastor Donna Mullis. "Input is needed and appreciated. This is a safe space for all, and kids always welcomed.]]

LBGTQ family dinners are a great way to build community and to meet other like-minded people in an affirming environment. Each person orders and pays for their own meal. And you do not have to be LBGTQ to attend. There are currently monthly family dinners scheduled in Mobile, Theodore, Eastern Shore and South Baldwin.

Songwriters at Sunset Sept. 6 at Lost Key Clubhouse

The Perdido Area Chamber of Commerce will present the Songwriters at Sunset Benefit Concert on Friday, September 6 at 6 p.m. at the Lost Key Beach Clubhouse, located directly on the Gulf of Mexico. a beachfront in Perdido Key. Award-winning songwriters Jon Nite, Jimmy Robbins and JT Harding will perform. Tickets can be purchased online at PerdidoChamber.com or by calling 850-492-4660. General admission tickets are \$100 and preferred seating tickets are also available for \$150. admission includes food and open bar (must be 21 and over to attend).

Proceeds will benefit the Frank Brown Foundation for Music and the Perdido Area Chamber Foundation.

"The potential benefit of the proceeds from this event will assist our foundation in making a difference in the lives of young people in our area," said Andy Haynes, Director of the Frank Brown International Foundation for Music and Songwriters Festival.

The festival in its 35th year, brings in over 200 Grammy award winning and up and coming songwriters from around the world and thousands of fans to 32 different venues from Fairhope to downtown Pensacola.

Nite's song, "Break Up in the End" recently broke #1 on the Country Aircheck chart for Cole Swindell, earning a 2019 Grammy Award nomination for Best Country Song. His current singles are Luke Bryan, "Knocking Boots," Dierks Bentley, "Living," Gabby Barret, "I Hope," and Tyler Rich. "Leave her Wild." In 2014, Robbins won a CMA Triple Play Award for having 3 #1 songs in a twelve-month period.

- **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, AUG 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.
- **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.
- **Sounds of Summer Concert Series featuring Nobius:** 6; Pelican Place Courtyard Fountain; Gulf Shores.
- **Connect to your Coast w/ AL Coastal Foundation:** 5; Big Beach Brewing Company, Gulf Shores.
- **John Lee Sanders:** 6; Voyagers Restaurant at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **Greg Brown:** 6; Tacky Jack's, Orange Beach.



SOUTH BALDWIN CHAMBER RECEIVES AACC DISTINCTION: The South Baldwin Chamber of Commerce received Accredited Alabama Chamber of Commerce Distinction. The AACC program sets standards of excellence for chambers in the State of Alabama. It recognizes chambers that have achieved those standards while offering guidelines for those to improve their effectiveness. The program is designed to promote public awareness of the intent of the chamber of commerce brand as a not-for-profit community development-based business membership organization by providing a peer review process of generally accepted chamber of commerce organizational benchmarks. The program looks at six standard topics: Organization, Mission Focus, Professional Administration, Financial Management, Communications, and Advocacy. **Pictured:** SBCC staff: (no particular order) Donna Watts - President & CEO; Gale Croft - South Baldwin Chamber Foundation Exe. Director; Jeanette Harris - Office Manager; Ed Bushaw - Workforce Development Director; Travis Valentine - V.P. of Investor Relations and Business Growth & Retention; Sally Westendorf - Director of Community Betterment and Pro-Business Advocacy, Lori Pressley - Communications Director; Rachel Spear - Events Director; Kylee Raulerson - Event Operations Manager.

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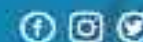
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\$5K to winner of Bama's Aug. 31 bikini contest

In addition to live music from rotating bands on three stages and food choices from royal red shrimp to burgers, Labor Day weekend at the Flora-Bama will include the grand finale of the Flora-Bama Bikini Contest on Labor Day Saturday, Aug. 31, at 3 p.m. The top three finishers in the Miss Mullet Toss, Miss Memorial Day and Miss Firecracker Bikini Contests will return to compete for the grand prize of \$5000. The Flora-Bama is located on the Gulf of Mexico at the Al-FI state line. For a full listing of the Flora-Bama music line-up and activities turn to pages 32-33.



OBFD RESPONDS TO CHARTER BOAT FIRE: Coast Guard Station Pensacola assisted the Orange Beach Fire Department in fighting a charter boat fire around 2 p.m. on July 27. All eight passengers aboard were transferred to a good Samaritan vessel and no injuries were reported. An OBFD fire boat quickly extinguished the fire but not before major damage occurred on a 38 foot charter boat, Hoss Fly. Orange Beach Fire/Rescue personnel were assisted by Orange Beach Police, US Coast Guard, Alabama Marine Police and numerous private vessels who responded to the distress calls. All occupants of the boat had been removed prior by private vessel operators before the OBFD arrived. ALEA towed the burned vessel to their office adjacent to Perdido Pass. OBFD offered "huge thanks to all responding agencies and especially to the private vessels. Without their help the outcome of this could have been very different."



Hall of Famer Schlitz at Bama on Aug. 29

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

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

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

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

- **Beyond The Break:** 8; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
- **John Brust:** 6; Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **Ryan Balthrop:** 5; Playa, Orange Beach.
- **Tim Roberts:** 6:30; Tin Top Restaurant; Bon Secour.
- **DJ/Karaoke:** 8; Island Time Daquari; The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- **Open Mic:** 7; Snapper's; Orange Beach.
- **Scott Koehn:** 5:30; Pleasure Island Tiki Bar, Orange Beach.
- **Bridge:** noon; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- **Karaoke:** 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 Tourny:** 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., Robertsdale; 251-943-2953.
- **Bingo:** Bear Point Civic Association on Bay La Launch Rd. in Orange Beach; doors open at 6:30 p.m., games at 7 p.m.; hotdogs, drinks and snacks available; all invited; 981-5734.
- **Orange Beach Bridge Club:** Tue. & Thur at noon; Orange Beach Senior Center; visitors and new members welcomed even without a partner; 251-981-3440.
- **AA:** Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

FRI, AUG 23

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

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WHAT'S HAPPENING



Brett/Robinson triathlon Sept. 7 at The Hangout

Local leaders inspire others to "Tri-It-On" during Al. Coastal Triathlon

For the 13th year, the Brett/Robinson Alabama Coastal Triathlon will take off from the Gulf Place Public Beach at The Hangout in Gulf Shores Saturday, Sept. 7. Two local triathletes, **Jim Kinder** and **Lane Gilbert**, share their experiences participating in this long-time favorite event along Alabama's beaches.

Kinder, lead pastor at Orange Beach United Methodist Church, and Gilbert, co-owner of Ginny Lane Bar & Grill and other restaurants at The Wharf, have different views and a common bond. When Kinder and Gilbert began training together in 2017, Kinder had competed in the notable Boston and New York Marathons but could barely swim a lap in a pool, much less an open water swim in the Gulf of Mexico.

"Looking out over the water course before my first Brett/Robinson triathlon was so intimidating," Kinder recalls. "But, coming out of the water was equally exhilarating. Nothing compares to crossing the finish line to celebrate with family and friends!"

Gilbert, a more seasoned triathlete, has participated in a variety of high endurance events, such as many full and half IRONMAN triathlons as well as major marathons, including the Big Sur and Big Beach Marathons. But, the Alabama Coastal Triathlon holds a special place for him.

"Every year I look forward to participating in the Alabama Coastal Triathlon as it has something for all participants regardless of skill level or experience," Gilbert notes. "Some of Gulf Shores' most experienced and fastest triathletes are always in attendance, which makes it a very competitive race. But what makes this truly a great event is the number of people participating for the very first time and having the opportunity to complete a triathlon. Those that accept the challenge will not only appreciate the day but the time and dedication it took to train for the event."

Not only is the Brett/Robinson triathlon their favorite since it is in their community, but also because elite and beginner athletes alike can participate individually or as a team. The Olympic-distance competition begins with a 1.5k swim in the Gulf, a 40k bike ride on the beautiful beach road and finishes with a 10k scenic run. The beginner "Tri-It-On" version features a 300-yard swim, nine-mile bike ride and two-mile run. Friends and families can alternatively participate as a three-person relay team.

All participants are invited to the awards ceremony and post-race family-friendly party at The Hangout. To register, visit Team-Magic.com. To book accommodations, go to Brett-Robinson.com.



Sirens of the Sea Drawdown Sept. 20

You're welcome to come on in, and join the Sirens of the Sea Mardi Gras Krewe at their annual Fall Ball on Friday, September 20 from 6-10:30 p.m. at the Event Center at the Wharf. Wear clothing from your favorite SEC or NFL team and come on over for the football themed drawdown. Your \$50 admission ticket provides tailgating fun, live music, delicious dinner, cash bar, various types of raffles and your chance to win \$5,000 cash!

Don't forget those dancing shoes. Jesse Duncan Music will play all of your favorite dance tunes. McClure's New York Bagel and Sandwich Shoppe is catering the dinner.

All Siren members have \$50 admission tickets, as well as raffle tickets for \$2 each. Purchase of the \$2 raffle ticket puts your name in the hat to win one of the following items: Expedia Cruise Travel gift certificate (\$500); Adventure fishing charter (\$500) or one-night stay at Perdido Beach Resort with dinner at Voyagers (\$300). Other raffles will include items such as golf outings, Botox injections, Polaris sling car rental, as well as several pieces of beautiful jewelry from Diamond Jewelers, Manning Jewelers, and Frank & Company Fine Jewelry.

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

Beginning August 21st, tickets will be available at J & M Tackle in Orange Beach, McClure's New York Bagel and Sandwich Shoppe in Orange Beach, and Diamond Jewelers in Gulf Shores. For more ticket information, please contact Linda Pacatte at 251.402.2218 or Judy Hamby at 270.887.9691.

Pictured: President Susan Giannini and Second Vice President Debra Windham.

- **Flora-Bama Bingo:** free; 1-4 p.m.; great prizes, family friendly; 17401 Perdido Key Dr., Perdido Key.
- **Legends in Concert (Bruno Mars, Reba McEntire, Elvis Presley, Whitney Houston, Rod Stewart, Garth Brooks):** 7:30 p.m.; Downtown OWA; Foley; 251-369-6100.
- **Rib Eye Dinner to help Veterans and Families:** 5 p.m.; music & dancing at 7 p.m.; American Legion Post 44; Gulf Shores.
- **East LA Fadeaway:** 7; Big Beach Brewing Company, Gulf Shores.
- **Bo Grant:** 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **Warp Speed Sulu:** 7; The Office, Foley.
- **Crosstown:** 8; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
- **Cory Reznor:** 5; Playa, Orange Beach.
- **Jerry Gambino Duo:** 6, Tacky Jack's, Orange Beach.
- **John Newbourn:** 7, Tacky Jack's, Fort Morgan.
- **Soul Food Junkies:** 6, Tacky Jack's, Gulf Shores.
- **Roger & Elaine:** 7; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- **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.
- **Karaoke:** 5; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- **Open Mixed Doubles Tennis:** 7:15 a.m.; all levels welcome; Gulf Shores Tennis Center; corner of West 19th Ave. and West 2nd St.

- **Bingo:** 5:30; Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5659; Elberta.
- **Alcoholics Anonymous:** noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center; 13660 Innerarity Pt. Rd.; 850-492-3056 or 492-6362.

SAT, AUG 24

- **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.
- **JJ Mack:** noon, Tacky Jack's, Orange Beach.
- **Beave & Cleave:** 6, Tacky Jack's, Orange Beach.
- **Tin Pan Alley:** 6:30; Big Beach Brewing Company, Gulf Shores.
- **Funkhouse Trio:** 9; The Office, Foley.
- **Ronnie Presley:** 5; Playa, Orange Beach.
- **Rhythm Intervention:** 4:30 p.m.; Pirates Cove, Josephine.
- **Bo Grant:** 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **John Brust:** 6; Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **Strickly Isbell:** 6, Tacky Jack's, Gulf Shores.
- **Crazy George:** 9; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
- **Karaoke:** 7; Tacky Jack's, Ft. Morgan.
- **Open Jam:** 8, American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.
- **Karaoke:** 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- **Brandon Styles Variety Show:** 8; OWA Showroom, Foley.
- **Sandra Kaye & The Legend Band:** 8:30; Live Bait Restaurant, Orange Beach.
- **Optimist Club of Perdido Bay:** break-



Milano, Pape & Moye earn Coast Guard Auxiliary certifications

Don Pape and Danielle Moye have completed Basic Qualification and now are US Coast Guard Auxiliary BQ Certified Members. And John Milano completed his Vessel Examiner's requirements and is now a US Coast Guard Auxiliary Vessel Examiner. All three members of Flotilla 32 have been loyal and faithful members of the Auxiliary and the membership looks forward to their contributions to the flotilla and the community in the years to come. Flotilla 32 has its monthly meetings at The American Legion Post #44 on 6791 State Highway 59, Gulf Shores 36542 (Across from Paradise Marina) on the third Thursday of each month at 11 a.m.

For information on joining this group, call Karl Andrews at 251-533-5593, or Mike Waterfield at 808-561-5358, or Duke Dupuy at 251-978-8211.

Pictured: Flotilla Commander Karl Andrews presented Don Pape and Danielle Moye Coast Guard Auxiliary Basic Qualification Certificates and John Milano his Vessel Examiner's certificate.



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WHAT'S HAPPENING

First Friday fish-fry Sept 6 at Foley United Methodist

Foley United Methodist will host its First Friday Fish-Fry on Sept. 6 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.

8th Annual All About Dogs Rescue Golf Scramble Sept. 27

All About Dogs Coastal Rescue will host its 8th Annual Going to the Dogs Golf Scramble to raise funds to support its rescue and adoption efforts on Friday, Sept. 27 at Craft Farms Golf Resort. Registration and lunch begin at 10:30 a.m., with the shotgun start set for noon. Golfers can sign up individually (\$100) or as a team (\$400) in men's and women's flights for the four player scramble. The fee includes green fees, cart fees, range balls, lunch and prizes. Special hole-in-one prizes include \$10,000 cash, a set of Callaway irons, a Sharp LCD flat screen TV and roundtrip domestic airfare for two. Sponsorships are available. Donations of gift certificates or products for prizes would also be appreciated. For more player or sponsor info, contact tourney director Tom Bruce at 948-5307 or tombruce1943@gmail.com.

All About Dogs Coastal Rescue is an all volunteer group of dedicated animal lovers committed to rescue, rehabilitate and find homes for abused and abandoned dogs in South Baldwin County. Its efforts in taking dogs into the program help reduce the number of healthy dogs euthanized at local shelters. All dogs placed in the non-profit's care are given appropriate and needed medical treatment, temperament evaluation and socialization in preparation for adoption. All dogs are fully vaccinated, spayed or neutered, heartworm tested and treated prior to adoption. Potential adopters are interviewed for a proper match before approval for adoption. It operates solely on donations and fund raising events, and every dollar donated goes directly to provide medical and daily care for our rescue pets.

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 pensacolasauger.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.

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.

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O.B. author Whithead releases etiquettes book

Orange Beach author Jackie F. Whitehead has released a new book, *Etiquettes and Manners Plain and Simple: Successful Tips for Successful People: Best Practices for Boys, Girls, and Future Leaders*. The book, released by Archway Publishing, is timely for all ages and genders and available at local shops and online with Amazon.com and BarnesandNobles.com.

The book looks at etiquettes and manners and how they can be powerful tools for advancement in all areas of life. Tips cover a wealth of occasions, situations, and goals.

Etiquettes and manners are well worth learning, and the basics never change. Once learned in youth, these principles will guide you into an adulthood built on respect for others, personal confidence, and the respect of your peers.

A native of Alabama, Whitehead enjoys guest lecturing on the benefits of etiquettes and manners as a tool for success. She has served in the past as the USTA Southern Section State Community Tennis Coordinator (Alabama); the Southern Alabama Tennis Association's Executive Director; and, the Executive Director of Model Expo Events (Mobile.)

She has volunteered as a District Judge for the Trumbauer Theater Arts Festival and has chaired the Bay Area Thespian Shakespeare Competition for many years. She enjoys producing play productions, and writing books, articles, and plays. She also enjoys working with youth projects and world travel.

fast 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, AUG 25

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

• **Unity Church Beach Service:** 9:45 a.m.; The Royal Oyster, Gulf Shores.

• **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.

• **Christina Christian:** 5; Luna's; Orange Beach.

- **Electric Blue Yonder:** 5; Big Beach Brewing Company, Gulf Shores.
- **Tim Roberts:** 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **Lonesome Mel Knapp:** 11 a.m.; Tacky Jack's, Orange Beach.
- **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.

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Wet & Wild Festival Oct. 18 at Gulf Place

The City of Gulf Shores is excited to announce the Wild and Wicked Beach Bash coming to Gulf Place Public Beach on Friday, October 18. Locals and visitors are invited to wear their best Halloween costume and participate in this horrifyingly fun event featuring a Haunted Hustle 5K Walk/Run, Witches on Wheels, and live music from Fly By Radio. Food and refreshments will be available for purchase at the event. "We are excited to host the second annual Wild & Wicked Beach Bash this year," Programs and Events Manager Brigitte Reynolds said. "This is a great opportunity for adults of all fitness levels to put on their best costume, participate in friendly, fun competition, listen to good music and celebrate the holiday with our community."

The Witches on Wheels bicycle parade begins at 6 p.m. to kick off the evening. Witches and warlocks are invited to jump on their brooms (bicycles will suffice) and parade around the Gulf Place Town Green throwing beads and candy to bystanders. The cost to participate in Witches on Wheels is \$20 until Sept. 30. Beginning on Oct. 1, the registration fee will increase to \$25. The cost will include the event t-shirt.

The Haunted Hustle 5K Walk/Run will begin promptly at 6:30 p.m. Ghosts, goblins, and monsters of all sorts are invited to enjoy an evening run on our USATF certified course. The 5K course will start and finish in front of Gulf Place Town Green. The cost to participate in the Haunted Hustle 5K is \$30 until Sept. 30. The cost to participate will increase to \$35 on Oct. 1. All runners will receive a t-shirt; however, preferred shirt size is guaranteed for early registrants only.

For those wishing to participate in both the Haunted Hustle 5K and Witches on Wheels, the cost is \$40. Beginning Oct. 1, the price to participate in both events will increase to \$50.

"General admission to the Wild and Wicked Beach Bash is free," Recreation Manager Nicole Ard said. "For those who do not wish to participate in Witches on Wheels or the Haunted Hustle 5K, we still encourage them to come out and enjoy spending time with friends and listening to great music by Fly By Radio, beginning at 8 p.m."

For more information about the Wild and Wicked Beach Bash, please call 251-968-9824 or visit www.gulfshoresal.gov/halloween.

Pictured: Family fun at the 2018 Wild & Wicked Beach Bash.



- **Lisa Zanghi:** 6; The Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **Lisa Christian:** noon, 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.

MON, AUG 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.
- **Lisa Zanghi:** 6; The Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **Trivia Night at Big Beach:** 7; Big Beach Brewing Company; Gulf Shores.
- **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **Cory Reznor:** 5; Playa, Orange Beach.
- **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, AUG 27

- **Flora-Bama Possible Probables:** 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
- **Flora-Bama Bingo:** free; 1-4 p.m.; great prizes, family friendly; 17401 Perdido Key Dr., Perdido Key.
- **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **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.
- **Greg Brown:** 5; Playa, Orange Beach.
- **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.
- **Orange Beach Bridge Club:** Tue. & Thur at noon; Orange Beach Senior Center; visitors and new members welcomed even without a partner; 251-981-3440.
- **Orange Beach Library Children's Story Time:** 10 a.m.; preschool; 981-2923.
- **Southwest Branch Library Children's Story Time:** 10:30 a.m.; preschool; 12248 Gulf Beach Hwy, Pensacola; (850) 453-7780.
- **Gulf Shores Kiwanis Club:** Palmer Dining Room at Craft Farms; noon; new members and guests always welcome; 251-981-9999.
- **Kiwanis Club of Big Lagoon:** 7:30 a.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Activities Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Road, Pensacola, 850-867-5873 or 901-734-1066.
- **Kiwanis Club of Foley:** Noon on Tuesdays at Ryan's in Foley; 251-968-6288.
- **AA:** Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
- **Al-Anon:** Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Activities Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

WED, AUG 28

- **Flora-Bama Possible Probables:** 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
- **Flora-Bama Bingo:** free; 1-4 p.m.; great prizes, family friendly; 17401 Perdido Key Dr., Perdido Key.
- **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.
- **Open Mic:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- **John Brust:** 6; The Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **Destiny Brown:** 5; Playa, Orange Beach.
- **John Lee Sanders:** 6; Voyagers Restau-

Miracle Worker is topic Aug. 22 at Foley Library

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

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

Most Americans – and Alabamians – have derived their knowledge of Helen Keller's childhood from William Gibson's play *The Miracle Worker*, which was transferred to the screen in 1962. Gibson's play does draw from Keller's *The Story of my Life*; it is also based on Anne Sullivan's published letters. However, the 1962 film embellishes the famous scene in which Helen spells "water" into Anne Sullivan's hand at the water pump. In his presentation, Brown will dissect Gibson's play and highlight those parts which originated in Keller's autobiography, Sullivan's letters, and Gibson's imagination. He will also

refer to the 1979 and the 2000 television versions of the play. Brown will illustrate his presentation with a short slideshow that illustrates Keller's long life and with clips from the 1957 Playhouse 90 broadcast, the 1962 theatrical film, and the 1979 and 2000 made-for-TV films to show how different directors and actors have reimagined Keller's life to suit their times and the demands of the cinema. He will also read from Keller's life and Sullivan's letters to highlight the factual elements of Gibson's play.

G.S. Eagles Lodge is school supply drop off

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.



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Alligators & Ale 5K Oct. 5 at Summerdale's Alligator Alley

Sunset Rotary sponsored event raises Miracle League funds

Alligators and Ale, a combination 5K/1 mile fun run and a corn hole tournament, is slated for Saturday, October 5 at 8 a.m. at Alligator Alley in Summerdale. The annual fundraiser benefits The Miracle League of Coastal Alabama. The fundraiser is hosted by Central Baldwin Sunset Rotary.

The Miracle League of Coastal Alabama will use funds generated at the fundraiser to build a special needs ballpark (miracleleaguecoastalalabama.com).

The out and back certified 5K course is flat and completely paved. Race day registration and packet pick-up is available at Alligator Alley, 19950 County Rd 71, before the race.

The \$25 entry fee (\$15 for students) includes a race shirt, post-race party and admission to Alligator Alley. Male and female overall, masters, grand masters, senior grand masters and age group awards will be presented.

Justin Moore plays Sept. 1 Flora-Bama Beach Concert

Justin Moore will launch The Flora-Bama Sunset Beach Concert Series with a show on Sunday, September 1. The Toast to Summer starts at 4 p.m. Doors open at 3 p.m. for the kick-off of a series of intimate shows on the beach behind the famed bar.

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

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

rant at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.

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

• **Bingo:** 10 a.m.; American Legion Post 99; Foley.

• **False Identity:** 7; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.

• **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; Flipflops, 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.

• **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.

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Almost 100 players enjoyed a great day of golf, fun and festivities during this summer's 17th Annual Gulf Coast Athletic Club Golf Tournament at The Craft Farms Golf Resort. Proceeds from the tournament help the club continue its support for Gulf Shores School System Athletics by providing funding for much needed athletic equipment. The club also sponsors scholarships of up to \$5000 each for a deserving male and female senior scholar athlete each spring. Over the past four years, GCAC has donated over \$50,000 to Gulf Shores Athletics.

GCAC wishes to thank all the players for participating, all the great volunteers, Craft Farms for their support, and a very special thanks to all our great sponsors.

Special guest speaker for the club's August 26 kick-off meeting is Jake Coker, former Alabama championship quarterback. GCAC membership is \$250 per person for the season and includes eight dinner meetings at the Craft Farms Golf Resort Clubhouse. Visit gcathleticclub.com for more information about GCAC, including recaps of past activities and meetings.



Men's First Place Net: Caleb Davis, Cody Rhodes, Dennis Stastka, Wade Ward



Men's First Place Gross: Tom Bruce, Preston DeFriend, John Mitchell, Leroy Shamburger



Ladies First Place Net: Joy Majors, Linda Runtz, Linda Spragrud, Angela Wolfe



Ladies First Place Gross: Kathleen Forbes, Mary Ann Terrell, Carolyn Boudreaux, Shirley LaFoy

GCAC Speaker Schedule

Aug. 26:
Jake Coker
Former Alabama QB
Sept 9:
Tommy Tuberville
Former Auburn Coach
Sept. 23:
Sherman Williams
Alabama & Cowboys RB
Oct. 7:
Johnny Davis
Alabama/NFL RB
Oct. 21: Verge Ausberry,
LSU Player/Coach
Nov. 4: TBA
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LINDA SPANGRUD BOOK SIGNING AT GROOVY GOAT

Foley resident Linda Spangrud welcomed an overflow crowd of friends and well wishers to a book signing of her newly published children's book, "Miss Ella and the Turtle People," at The Groovy Goat Restaurant on Aug. 3. The book, illustrated by Linda-Bell Schorer, is a children's picture book about the protection, care, and conservation of sea turtles. Miss Ella learns a lot from the band of volunteers (Turtle People) who dedicates their time to protecting nest and eggs laid by a mother turtle on the beach. Linda comes by her love of turtle people through experience. She and her husband have been involved in Share the Beach Sea Turtle Program locally since 2006. A portion of the sales from profit of this book will be donated to the Alabama Coastal Foundation (joinACF.org) to support Alabama's Sea Turtle Conversation program. The book is available locally at Tacky Jacks and Fin and Fork in Orange Beach, the Groovy Goat in Foley's OWA and Desotos Restaurant in Gulf Shores. Follow Spangrud on Facebook for more info.



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NOAA's Gallaudet Gets Tour of Coastal Culture

One of the tenets of the 'Blue Economy' is aquaculture

By David Rainer
Al. Dept. of Conser. & Nat. Resources

One of the top officials from the U.S. Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) recently received a grand tour of the Alabama Gulf Coast during one of the busiest weekends of the summer.

Rear Admiral Tim Gallaudet, who holds a doctorate in oceanography and currently serves as Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere

"First, for wild-caught, commercial fisheries, is maximizing yields in a sustainable way. We have restored more than 45 fish stocks since 2000. This is something for the best managed fishery in the world."

Rodeo and showcase what great fisheries we have in Alabama and further offshore," Blankenship said. "He's the man who supervises the Assistant Administrator of NOAA Fisheries. He was able to see many big red snapper, tuna, king mackerel and inshore species like red drum and spotted sea trout and to talk with Marine Resources Director Scott Bannon. We were able to talk to him about our artificial reef program, state management of red snapper and the need for more timely stock assessments that come through the NOAA Fisheries Southeast Science Center. Having him at the rodeo and seeing how much fishing means to the economy and culture in Alabama helped to show him the importance of quality management and why we need them to do their part on the stock assessments."

The 86th annual ADSFR definitely made a big impression on Gallaudet.

"I was very impressed with the Jaycees," he said. "They were opening up the whole rodeo to science. That's really important from a conservation standpoint. Then there is the contribution to the local economy. But it was their ethic of service that impressed me. They were just a bunch of great guys."

Gallaudet was also able to enjoy working hands-on with the Gulf sea life.

"I held a barracuda and a huge black drum. There were speckled trout and the red snapper. They were all beautiful to me," he said. "It was really, really interesting and fun."

and as Deputy NOAA Administrator, was the guest of Dauphin Island Sea Lab Executive Director John Valentine.

Chris Blankenship, Commissioner of the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (ADCNR), joined Admiral Gallaudet's visit, which included stops at the Alabama Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo (ADSFR), the world's largest saltwater fishing tournament, as well as the Weeks Bay Reserve, the Dauphin Island Sea Lab and an oyster aquaculture operation.

"We appreciated the opportunity to get Admiral Gallaudet down to the Alabama Deep Sea Fishing

Commissioner Blankenship said the department had two main goals for the NOAA administrator's visit.

"One of the main reasons Dr. Valentine wanted Admiral Gallaudet to see the rodeo during his visit was to see all the research that was being done at the rodeo by the Sea Lab and Dr. Sean Powers and the University of South Alabama's Fisheries Ecology Lab," Blankenship said. "We have the opportunity to get data on a lot of species and different sizes of those species at the rodeo. The event is a real treasure trove of data collection and scientific opportunities. I think the admiral was really impressed with Dr. Powers' team and the students."

"Another area Admiral Gallaudet is responsible for is the national estuarine reserves, including Weeks Bay Reserve and Grand Bay Reserve. State Lands Director Patti McCurdy and her staff took him out in a boat on Weeks Bay to show him some of the work that's being done to protect those areas as well as the research being done on those critical habitats. He asked a lot of good questions about the work and value of the reserve system and especially what was happening in and around Weeks Bay. It was very informative. I learned a lot too. Our staff is great!"

Blankenship also discussed how the funds from the Deepwater Horizon oil spill settlement are being used to enhance marine habitat all over the Alabama coast.

"It was great for him to come for a visit so that we could talk about specifics for the needs for our area from NOAA and the Department of Commerce to help to continue to grow the \$15 billion outdoor recreational and commercial fishing interests in Alabama," Blankenship said. "We also got to talk about the burgeoning oyster aquaculture in Alabama and why we need NOAA's support as we try to grow that industry. He was extremely interested in oyster aquaculture. One of the tenets of the 'Blue Economy' is aquaculture. I think he saw the possibilities and room for expansion of oyster aquaculture here on the Gulf Coast."

Admiral Gallaudet ended his visit to Alabama with a public meeting at the DCNR Five Rivers Delta Resource Center where he talked about a myriad of issues relevant to the work taking place at NOAA.

"I want to give a shout out to Senator (Richard) Shelby (R-Alabama) for his leadership in the Appropriations Committee," Gallaudet said. "He has taken great, great care of my organization, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. He is a partner and fan, and we are grateful for his service."

"I would also like to thank Dr. Valentine for his leadership in the Mobile Bay area and really nationally. He gets all around, advocating for science and conservation. He is a great partner and key ally."

A retired rear admiral who spent 32 years in the U.S. Navy, mainly in oceanography, Gallaudet also directed the Navy SEALs during the insurgency in Iraq and served as deck watch officer on the aircraft carrier U.S.S. Kitty Hawk.

"I am having more fun in this position as deputy administrator at NOAA and Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere than in the service, which I loved," he said. "I love the Navy. But what we do is so interesting and fantastic – weather, information about fisheries and ecosystems, charts and data and information services that affect every American life every

day. We also affect one-third of the U.S. GDP (Gross Domestic Product) directly."

Gallaudet mentioned the recent celebrations around the nation of the 50th anniversary of Neil Armstrong's first steps on the moon and how that era of the 20th century became known as the Space Age.

He believes the world is moving into a new era in the 21st century that is a lot closer to home.

"I will wager that if you look at all the activity in the maritime domain, our oceans and coasts for our states and territories, the activity is increasing so much – 400 percent over the last two decades – that I think this first half of the 21st century will heretofore be regarded as the Ocean Age," Gallaudet said. "In this Ocean Age, our main effort is growing the 'Blue Economy.' This is the area I own for NOAA."

The 'Blue Economy' is the contribution from the oceans, coasts and Great Lakes to the nation's economic health. That effort has been divided into five categories – seafood production, tourism and recreation, ocean exploration, marine transportation and coastal resilience.

"Two of these really relate to me as far as this weekend – tourism and recreation and seafood production," Gallaudet said. "Tourism and recreation is really about protecting our natural resources and places so that people can use them sustainably."

"But the main element of this is recreational fishing. I definitely got an eyeful of that this weekend at the Alabama Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo. That was really, really a joy. We do a great deal to support the recreational fishery in the Gulf and nationally. It's big business."

Gallaudet said commercial sales alone in recreational fishing account for \$208 billion annually, generating about \$62 billion in personal income. Other indirect impacts are valued at \$97 billion.

Gallaudet said recreational anglers caught more than 1 billion fish last year with 65 percent of those released back into the wild.

Seafood production presents unique challenges, according to Gallaudet, because of the amount of foreign seafood the nation imports.

"We actually import 90 percent of the seafood we consume," he said. "Half of that has been growing in a foreign fish farm. Those foreign fish farms practice some pretty sketchy protocols, which make that seafood not the most healthy or most ethical. But that is a lot of the shrimp you see in stores."

Gallaudet said NOAA is focusing on turning that trend around in seafood production in three ways.

"First, for wild-caught, commercial fisheries, is maximizing yields in a sustainable way," he said. "We have restored more than 45 fish stocks since 2000. This is something for the best managed fishery in the world."

Gallaudet said NOAA is also working to streamline regulations that will make it easier for commercial fishermen to increase yields.

"We're also trying to promote aquaculture," he said. "This is an incredible opportunity. We have no aquaculture going on in our federal waters. Most of it is happening in state waters. I saw Andy Duke's great (Mobile Oyster Company) farm. We basically want to clone what Andy is doing. We want a lot more of that going on, not only in state waters but federal waters."

"We have several successful companies who are doing their aquaculture overseas because permitting in federal waters is a mess. As many as four national agencies are involved. We are seeking to put (NOAA) as the central, one-stop-shop for aquaculture permitting. We have some of the best science in the world, so we can do this sustainably. And there's also the export-import imbalance. We're \$16 billion in the red annually. With aquaculture, we can turn that around."

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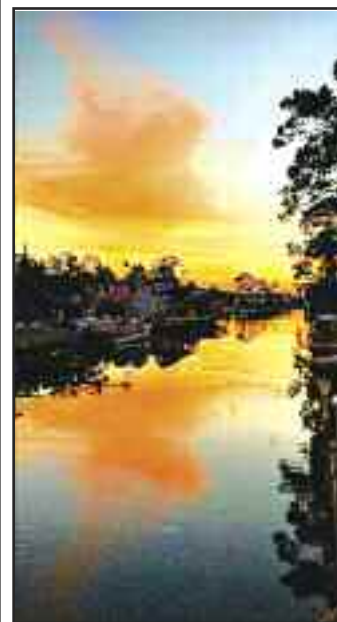
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