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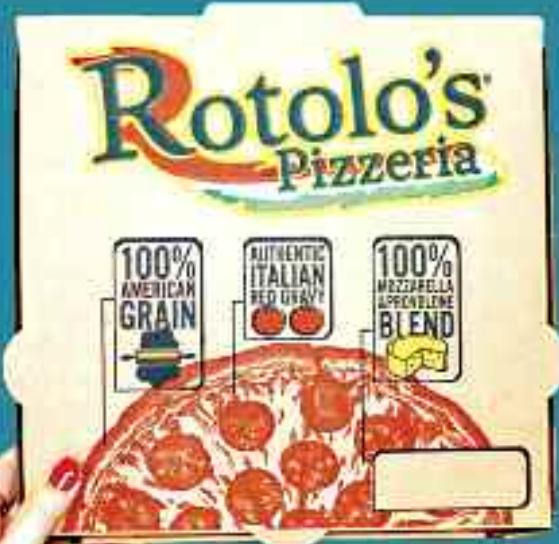
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Baldwin's Relay For Life Sept. 14 at Loxley's Municipal Park

This year's American Cancer Society 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. Last year, the event raised over \$90,000 to help achieve a world without cancer. Visit RelayForLife.org/coastalsouthbaldwin, call 251-344-9858 or email sarah.english@cancer.org for more info.

Relay events include opening and lumina ceremonies, keynote speakers, a survivor first lap walk, children's activities, food trucks, live music and fun contests.

From developing breakthrough therapies and innovative research, to building supportive communities that come together to help those affected by cancer, the ACS provides empowering resources to deploying activists to raise awareness and develop game-changing approaches to address the cancer burden for all people.

Red light at the state line should ease traffic congestion at 'Bama

As anyone trying to triverse from the two lanes of Perdido Key Dr. in Florida to the four laned Perdido Beach Blvd. in Orange Beach knows, traffic can back up in the vicinity of the Flora-Bama in part because of pedestrians crossing Perdido Key Dr. to go from the complex's parking lots on Ole River to the famed

A significant traffic improvement will be the installation of a full traffic signal at or near the current crosswalk at the Flora-Bama.

According to the Perdido Key Assn. newsletter, work will begin this month on a new traffic light that will include a green pedestrian walk indication for pedestrians to cross Perdido Key Dr. Vehicular traffic will be halted with a red indication on the signal when pedestrians are allowed to cross. When vehicles get the green indication, pedestrians will have a red hand indication. The project, in addition to a dedicated left turning lane for eastbound traffic, minor access modifications to the Flora-Bama property and removal of the traffic signal currently installed just over the state line in Alabama.

"This will hopefully improve both safety and traffic flow at that location," said PKA President Charles Krupnick.

Baldwin County Cancer Chase 5K Sept. 14 at OWA in Foley

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 supported by generous donations from Southern Cancer Center physicians, staff, patients, and their families, as well as outside organizations and donors. It is here to help residents of the Gulf Coast Region who are in treatment for cancer.

G.S. Movies at Meyer Park series scheduled Oct. 3, 17 & 24

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. The first screening will be "Ghostbusters" on October 3, followed by "The Goonies" on October 17 and "Beetlejuice" on October 24.

All showings are free and begin at 6 p.m. Meyer Park is located in the Waterway Village District at 400 East 22nd Avenue in Gulf Shores. More info: 251-968-1171 or gulfshoresal.gov/movies.

Foley High grad dies after fleeing DUI stop on West Beach Blvd.

By John Mullen

A 2004 Foley High School graduate, Russell Mallette (pictured), is dead after fleeing a suspicion of DUI traffic stop by a Gulf Shores police on West Beach Blvd. about 4 a.m. on Sept. 9. The suspect's current address is in Nevada, and it is believed he was in town visiting friends and family.



The suspect fled into a nearby condo complex after being stopped by GSPD, and ultimately jumped or fell from one of the highest floors of Ocean House II Condo, a nine-story building.

Shots were fired during Mallette's getaway attempt, but Police did not state whether or not Mallette suffered any gunshot wounds. No GSPD officers were injured.

A GSPD officer located Mallette on the 5th floor of Ocean House II Condominiums, where according to Gulf Shores Police Mallette attacked the officer and a fight ensued. A responding officer arrived as back up and reportedly witnessed the suspect shooting at the officer.

According to GSPD, Mallette then made his way up to the 8th or 9th floor during the time that officers with GSPD were setting up a perimeter. During that time, Mallette went over the balcony.

His facebook page states that Mallette is a 2009 graduate of South Alabama. He moved to Colorado in 2013 and eventually to Sparks, Nevada in 2019.

According to Baldwin County District Attorney Bob Wilters, a gun was obtained by Mallette from the responding officer.

Speaking at a press conference the following day, Sgt. Jason Woodruff with GSPD said Mallette ran into a condo stairwell and was followed by a Gulf Shores officer. Officials say that when he found the suspect on the fifth floor the two struggled and police believe he got the officer's weapon and fired at the officer. Two other officers also responded.

"Our officers made contact with the suspect on the fifth floor and at that time what I would characterize as an attack occurred," Sgt. Woodruff said. "The suspect attacked the officer and a fight ensued. You had some responding officers who responded to back that officer up. The first officer

arrived to see the suspect shooting at the original officer. That officer fired at the suspect who ultimately retreated further east into the building into a stairwell where he encountered another officer from Gulf Shores PD who fired at him."

When the suspect fled higher in the staircase, the officers began setting up a perimeter.

"The suspect made his way up to the eighth or ninth floor at that point and ultimately they had lost contact with him for a short while," Woodruff said. "At that point, we were setting up a perimeter and making sure residents and citizens that were staying there were back in their rooms when the suspect ultimately went over the balcony on the eighth or ninth floor."

No officers were on the same floor at the time Mallette went over the balcony. "He either fell or jumped," District Attorney Bob Wilters said. "At this point in time we don't know."

Wilters said it's too early in the investigation to make much more information available to the public.

"At this time, we will not be able to release any video or witness statements while the investigation is ongoing," Wilters said.

"That's still under investigation as to how many shots were fired and how many officers were involved. It was one officer during the attack and then other officers arrived shortly after and set up a perimeter. We are happy that our officers were not injured during this attack and we do send our sympathy and condolences to Mr. Mallette's family."

Wilters said part of the ongoing investigation is to determine why Mallette ran from police in the first place.

"Our understanding was he was in this area to see family and friends," Wilters said. "We do not have any outstanding warrants in Alabama that I'm aware of. There may have been some warrants outstanding somewhere else but as far as this area we don't have any outstanding warrants. He's been here in the past but that's been years ago."

The Baldwin County Major Crimes Unit has been called in to conduct the investigation which is standard procedure for officer-related shootings or deaths. Three officers are now on administrative leave until the investigation is complete. Wilters said the case will eventually be presented to a grand jury.

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Market in the Park Sept. 21 at Lillian Recreational Park

By Monica Leonard

Lillian Recreational Park will host Market in the Park with crafters, produce, business vendors and a flea market on Saturday, Sept. 21 from 8 a.m. 'til noon.

The Park's 2nd Annual Flea Market will be held Oct. 19 from 8 a.m. 'til noon and our Holiday (Merry) Market will be held Nov. 16 from 8 a.m. 'til noon. Market in the Park is held every 3rd Saturday from March through November, and features a wide variety of vendors and fun.

The Park's final Music and Movie in the Park will be October 4th. The event is free. October's movie will be Hocus Pocus with music by Two Old Guys at 6 p.m., followed by the movie at dusk. Pack up the kids and a picnic or purchase something from the Park's concession stand, but be sure to come dressed in your favorite Halloween costume. There will be a costume contest and plenty of activities for kids of all ages.

December 7 will be the Park's 1st Annual Christmas in the Park with a tree lighting slated at 7 p.m. There will be a variety of activities, including caroling and hot chocolate with Santa.

For more info, visit lillianrecreationalpark.org or check out the park's Facebook page or call 703-622-0055.

The park, considered Lillian's hidden gem, is located on 17 acres just off Hwy 98 and Perdido St. Its amenities include a walking trail, Azalea gardens, kiddie park, dog run, basketball/pickleball courts, conference room, picnic tables and benches. It also serves as the home field for the Elberta High School Warriors baseball and softball teams.



Legends in Concert welcomes new fall lineup at OWA

Las Vegas' longest running tribute show welcomes fresh acts to its newest theater in Foley, Alabama. Legends in Concert opened its doors at OWA in June to be met with excitement and enthusiastic crowds at its shows six nights a week. As the summer acts head out, the fall lineup of performers are already performing.

"With the lineup changing throughout the year, it's exciting to know that you will never see the same show twice," said Kristin Hellmich, OWA's Director of Marketing/PR. "The performances and acts are so unique each time, there's always a reason to come back and enjoy Legends in Concert year-round."

Denita Asbury pays her "Respect" to the late, great Aretha Franklin with her amazing tribute to the Queen of Soul, while Trent Carlini thrills audiences as The King himself: Elvis Presley. Doug Brewin and Larry Turner take the stage as country music's most iconic duo: Brooks and Dunn. Then Turner reignites the stage for a second time each evening with the greatest hits from George Strait.

Back by popular demand, Corrie Sachs returns as Reba, lighting up the stage with her fiery per-

sonality—and hair! Try to calm down, because the final addition to the fall lineup is none other than Taylor Swift, portrayed by the equally iconic Tina Dawn.

"Changing the line-up several times a year has been one of the secrets to our success around the country, and has certainly contributed to the longevity of the show," said Brian Brigner, Chief Operating Officer of Legends in Concert. "We are thrilled to unveil the Fall line-up, many of the acts requested by the fans that have already visited the theater at OWA this summer."

Legends in Concert continues to celebrate the world's most famous and influential icons, many gone too soon, giving audiences an extraordinary chance to experience the most captivating music, fashion and memories of these true legends live on one stage.

Tickets for Legends in Concert at OWA start at \$17.95, with preferred, mezzanine and group rates available. Shows are 6 nights a week at 7:30pm with 4pm matinees on Saturday and Sunday in Downtown OWA (dark Mondays). For more information or to purchase tickets, visit legendsinconcert.com/OWA.

Kenny Vines Memorial Billfish Tourney Sept. 20-21

The Orange Beach Sportfishing Club sponsored Kenny Vines Memorial Fishing Tourney will be held Sept. 20-21 at Tacky Jacks in Orange Beach.

With a philosophy that favors fun over prize money, the tourney benefits the Billfish Foundation, one of the tourney namesake's many causes, as well as local charities.

The tourney's mandatory captains' meeting is on Friday at 8 p.m. at Tacky Jacks. Scale hours are Saturday from 5-8 p.m. Tourney winners will receive trophies,

prizes and bragging rights at the awards party that follows. The entry fee is only \$200 per boat for up to four anglers, with a \$50 charge for each additional angler. Species include Tuna, Wahoo, Dolphin, White Marlin, Blue Marlin and Sailfish.

For more information, visit OrangeBeachSportfishingClub.org, Facebook, email OBSC2009@gmail.com or call 251-609-9830.

Kenny Vines, KV to his friends, passed away February 18, 2011 after sustaining a head injury due to a fall. Raised in Perdido, Vines resided in Orange Beach for more than 30 years. The owner and operator of KV Yacht Brokerage, he was an avid sportfisherman, with memberships in the Pensacola and Mobile Big Game Fishing Clubs. He was also active in the Coastal Conservation Association, The Billfish Foundation and the Orange Beach Sportfishing Club.

As a Mobile Big Game Fishing Club board member, Vines was a key member of the Orange Beach Billfish Classic, an all release billfish tournament that was The Billfish Foundation's top U.S. all release billfish tournament (in donor scales) for three consecutive years.



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Music Series thru Sept. at CACC in Fairhope

The Halstead Music Series, a free event scheduled each Thursday night in September at the Coastal Community College's Centennial Hall in Fairhope, will welcome the Pride of Mobile Barbershop Chorus (**pictured**) on Sept. 12, Eastern Shore Cello Choir on Sept. 19 and Dr. Jazz Normand on Sept. 26. Each concert starts at 7 p.m. and Donations are appreciated. Cetennial Hall is located at 450 Fairhope Ave.



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.

Pictured: Adoptable dogs Pepper, Reacher and Copper.

Turtle Fest is Sept. 14 at Gulf State Park Pier

The Alabama Coastal Foundation will host Turtle Fest 2019 at Gulf State Park-Pier in Gulf Shores from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 14. Admission is a \$3 wristband per person, and visitors will learn all about the creatures that visit our beautiful beaches every summer to lay their eggs. Come and learn all about the species of turtles that nest along the Gulf Coast and what you can do to help.

St. Peter's on Bon Secour hosts October 3 fish-fry

St. Peter's Episcopal Church will host its final an fashioned fish-fry of the year on Oct. 3 at its beautiful campus in Bon Secour from 5-7 p.m. Fried fish plates includes sides of hushpuppies, baked beans, coleslaw, potato salad and dessert for \$10. Eat in or take out. St. Peter's is located on the corner of County Rd.10 & County Rd. 49 at 6270 County Road 10 in Bon Secour. For more info, call 251-949-6254 or stpetersbonsecour.dioecg.com.

Flicks on The Field Family Movie Sept. 20

The next Flicks on the Field, a fun-filled free movie night at 951 Dog Track Rd. on the grounds of Pensacola Greyhound Track, is Friday, Sept. 20. The Lego Movie will start at 7 p.m. There will be concessions available, so bring your lawn chairs and blankets to watch a movie under the stars, or enjoy the movie from the comfort of your car. In case of inclement weather, the event will be moved indoors.

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

Estate records is topic Sept. 14 at Foley Library

The Baldwin County Genealogical Society will welcome guest speaker Bert Outlaw to its September 14 meeting at the at the Foley Public Library (319 E. Laurel Ave.). Outlaw will talk about estate records. The meeting starts at 10 a.m.

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

Estate records can be a goldmine of information for family history researchers. Probate

records are court documents that may provide names and details about the deceased's spouse, children, and other relatives.

They can also reveal much about the way our ancestors lived. Bert is a member and past president of the West Florida Genealogical Society. His program delves into what constitutes probate and explains the records' tremendous value to genealogical research. For more info, visit baldwingenealogy.org.

Galvez Boat Landing upgrade coming in 2020

The Galvez Landing boat ramp off Innerarity Point Road will be renovated in 2020 to provide longer parking spaces and easier and safer access, according to Robert Turpin, manager for the Escambia County Marine Resources Division.

The new boat ramp will, like the ramp it will replace, will accomodate two boats, but it will be moved to the end of Cruzat Way to allow more forward and backup distance.

Renovations at Galvez Landing will also include a new park with a play area and the county's first handicap-accessible swim area. The park area will also feature additional parking. The swimming area at the new park will be physically separated from the boat ramp.

The design work will likely be complete in early 2020, and at the point, the county will begin filing for permits from the Army Corp of Engineers and other agencies before it can begin construction, according to Turpin.

Comments about the proposed improvements at Galvez Landing will be accepted at the October Marine Advisory Committee is at 5:30 p.m. Sept. 9 and Oct. 14 at the Escambia County Central Office Complex at 3363 West Park Place.

WSRE presents Marty Stuart Oct. 15 at Pensacola Saenger

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

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

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

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O.B.'s bridge build could stall over property procurement

Army Corps of Engineers is still processing a permit for the project

By John Mullen

A breakdown in negotiations between the City of Orange Beach and property owner George Barber has put the proposed Wolf Bay bridge's status in limbo.

"At this point in time, we have not been able to come to a deal with Mr. (George) Barber that we feel like justifies building the bridge," Mayor Tony Kennon said. "We're just going to put it on hold until he reevaluates and, in his reevaluation, decides that he can work with us on what we need to make it a possibility. We need all of his property to come into Orange Beach and that's no secret."

Barber is a major landowner where the northern footing of the bridge will land and is also the owner of the massive Barber Marina just east of that landing site. The Barber family is also

the owner of Barber's Dairy based out of Birmingham for many years.

"There's no bad faith or ill will with Mr. Barber it's just that there's differencing of opinions on what's best for each of us," Kennon said.

The other major property owner vital to the project is David Lawrenz and his property is already in the city limits, Kennon said. According to tax records, the Century Plaza Company is listed as the owner of several parcels as well.

Kennon says his city will still pursue the bridge but wants to make sure it's a good investment.

"It's important for Orange Beach to have a deal that benefits us and justifies building a \$70 million bridge," Kennon said.

"It's not to say that Mr. Barber is right or wrong or we're right or wrong. It's just that at this point we don't feel like we have a deal that is in our best interest and justifies it. We're going to put it on hold and continue and negotiate and see if maybe in the future something can happen. But right now it's on hold."

Kennon said the background work on the bridge will continue including the design which is about three-quarters done and already paid for. The Army Corps of Engineers is still processing a permit for the project.

"They told us nine to 12 months every nine to 12 months," Kennon said. "I guess when the Corps does it the Corps does it. I don't know what to expect but they keep saying nine to 12 months. It re-

ally is absurd that you've got money to build a bridge that you need and you can't get the Corps to get the permit done. It's really ridiculous."

City Suplemeting Fiber Optic Options

During the Aug. 20 regular council meeting the city council voted unanimously to give \$350,000 to Island Fiber to hire additional crews and speed up the process to get it beyond the handful of homes currently served. It was also announced at the meeting the city would have a townhall session at the Orange Beach Event Center on Oct. 1.

"The agreement that the city is willing to work with Island Fiber that will help him stand up additional crews in order to build out Orange Beach

within the timeframe we are talking about," Councilman Jerry Johnson said. "It's an economic development plan to where he can build out every neighborhood in Orange Beach by December of 2020. Whatever neighborhood you're in he's coming eventually."

The city will also pay Island Fiber \$1,000 for the first 1,200 homes hooked up to the service.

Island Fiber's current plan is to head east from Burkhart on the south side of Canal Road and go all the way to Bear Point. Once there it will turn its attention to Bear Point itself where Franco estimates he can the 1,200 to 1,400 homes and lots done within about 90 days.

The additional crews will be deployed along State Route 161 and its adjoining neighborhoods and also on Canal Road west of 161 and the its neighborhoods. There are three packages available with 100 megabytes a second costing \$65 a month, 200 MB at \$99 a month and 300 MB at \$150 a month. Custom packages pulling up to a full gig will also be available.

Pizza restaurant opening in Lester's building; Sept. 17 public hearing for 58 cottages between 3 parcels

By John Mullen

During the August 20 regular session, Gulf Shores City Council approved a liquor license for Suced, a restaurant going into the old Hogfish Grill location which also housed Lester's for many years. One of the owners, Brent Sexton, said they are planning a full-service pizza restaurant and have plenty of televisions for sporting events. It will include hand-made crust, house-made cheeses, full menu including house-ground burgers and sandwiches and craft cocktails. They are shooting for a late-September or early-October opening. Sexton and his wife Erica Duff also own Beach House Kitchen and Cocktails in Gulf Shores on West Beach.

During the meeting, council also:

- Passed a resolution authorizing the execution of a professional services agreement with Gunn & Associates and accepting their proposal for electrical engineering services for baseball field lights at the Orange Beach Sportsplex in an amount not to exceed \$14,625.
- Passed a resolution adopting a City of Orange Beach FY2020 Transportation Plan to meet the eligibility requirements of HB2 Rebuild Alabama Gas Tax Funds.

The council adiscussed:

- The sole source purchase and installation of additional vertical lane delineators on State Highway 161 in front of McDonald's restaurant.
- A resolution authorizing the execution of a GOMESA grant agreement with the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (ADCNR) to mitigate marine debris and waterborne trash in the amount of about \$1.3 million. This grant would fund the program for five years and crews would work year-round. Currently, the city funds the program but only

part of the year for the past six years.

- A resolution authorizing the execution of a task order with Davis Architects to provide professional architectural and engineering services for a new adult fitness center in an amount not to exceed \$236,000. The center will be built near the Camp Sunshine building on the recreation complex and be a 24-hour gym for members.
- A resolution authorizing the execution of a task order with Davis Architects to provide professional architectural and engineering services for baseball/softball field renovations at the Orange Beach Sportsplex in an amount not to exceed \$109,500. These improvements will make one of the fields an official college baseball facility and be used by Orange Beach High School.
- A resolution authorizing the execution of a task order with Davis Architects to provide professional architectural and engineering services for a new field house and practice facility for the Orange Beach High School in an amount not to exceed \$356,288.
- A resolution authorizing a franchise for Gulf Limousine to operate a limousine service within the city limits and police jurisdiction of the City of Orange Beach.
- Setting a public hearing date of Sept. 17 for Cotton Bayou Cottages to build a 34-cottage development near Cotton's Restaurant.
- Setting a public hearing date of Sept. 17 for The Bluffs of Orange Beach, a 10-cottage development planned for an empty lot in front of Walgreens.
- Setting a public hearing date of Sept. 17 for Robinson Grove just off of Canal Road and Walker Key Boulevard across the street from the Orange Beach Community Center. Developers are planning for 14 cottage lots.



Sirens of the Sea Drawdown Sept. 20 at Event Center

By Gilda Green

Whether you call it the Fall Ball or the Drawdown, Siren of the Sea Mardi Gras krewe members are presenting a football themed evening of fun beginning at 6 p.m. on Sept. 20 at the Event Center at the Wharf.

Come dressed in your favorite team's attire. Your \$50 ticket entitles you to all of the tailgating fun you can handle, a delicious dinner catered by McClure's New York Bagel and Sandwich Shoppe, rocking tunes by Jesse Duncan Music, and a fabulous silent auction.

There are \$2 raffle tickets available from Siren members, which will put your name in the hat to win one of the following items: Expedia Cruise Travel Gift Certificate (\$500); or a one-night stay at Perdido Beach Resort, including dinner for two at Voyagers; or a sightseeing cruise from Gulf Adventures Charters. Other items to be won include a 10-person fishing trip; an NCIS autographed television script and photos; autographed picture of Tim Tebow praying; dine around town gift card package. Orange Beach and Gulf Shores Police Departments both offer a special ride along experience; Gulf Shores Fire Department allows you to ride on the firetruck for the Christmas parade. Also an exciting zip line trip for two; gift basket from Dr. Fred Fedok, Plastic Surgery and Laser Center; and gifts from Diamond Jewelers; Frank & Company Fine Jewelers; Manning Jewelers; as well as many other must have items. The Sirens will introduce a new style of

raffle as well. Look for the specially dressed ladies that will be touting these new raffle opportunities. Cash and checks will be accepted for raffle items, and an ATM machine will be on site. No credit cards are allowed.

Admission tickets are now available at J & M Tackle, Orange Beach; Diamond Jewelers, Gulf Shores; and McClure's New York Bagel and Sandwich Shoppe, Orange Beach.

For additional ticket information, or for group tickets, please contact Linda Picatte (251) 402-2218 or Judy Hamby (270) 887-9691.

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

These charities will continue to be supported by all Siren members throughout the year, with upcoming charitable events. Please join us in celebrating football season, as well as supporting our local charities.

Pictured: President/Queen Susan Giannini, Members Mary Leonard and Gilda Green, Historian Statia Moody, and Second Vice-President Debra Windham, purchasing the final decorations for the Sept. 20 Drawdown.

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Revenues running ahead of 2019 projections

New lodging tax exemption after 90 days for marina boat slips, recreational vehicles & campsites

By John Mullen

Gulf Shores announced an increase in expected revenues of about \$5 million and Financial and Administration Director Cindy King offered a third 2019 budget amendment to address it.

Also, during the Sept. 9 city council meeting, the council discussed a lodging tax exemption for marina boat slips, recreational vehicles and campsites.

King said the city's total revenue exceeds expenses by \$160,376 for this third budget amendment and exceeds \$776,850 for the entire year.

"In sales taxes, use taxes, lodging taxes and even business licenses, those are significantly up from last year," King told the city council. "That increase will probably continue but in order to budget conservatively we're just adding in the year-to-date plus what it ended up doing through the end of last year."

Sales taxes led the way with a \$1.7 million increase followed by lodging taxes which are \$1.5 million ahead of budget projections. Others include a \$380,000 increase in use taxes, a \$300,000 increase in building permits, a \$150,000 increase in business licenses and a \$100,000 increase in the business license for Baldwin EMC.

The bulk of the \$5 million or \$3.1 million will be transferred to the debt service fund which includes \$2.25 million for the purchase of a parcel on the Gulf next to East Gulf Place and \$870,000 for Gulf Shores City Schools' fourth quarter expenses. Gulf Shores City Schools will also get \$1.4 million for 2018 appropriation not used. King said some of that would be repaid to the city when the system starts getting revenue in December from taxes earmarked for schools.

Other expenses to be covered by the overage are \$134,000 for public relations and events advertising, \$77,000 for fire department overtime and \$12,000 for police department repairs and maintenance.

Councilman Jason Dyken, chairman of the city's Finance Committee said his committee gave the budget amendment an in-depth study.

"The expenses we incurred were totally expected including the school system expense," Dyken said. "In fact, the school system we knew was going to have some upfront costs because their money comes in but lags behind. This is all expected and I think everything is within what we

anticipated."

On the lodging tax change, a bill passed in the 2019 legislative session changed how they are collected for a variety of spaces.

"We need to amend our city code to align with new state changes," Marcy Kichler of the Finance Department told the council. "Effective Oct. 1 the amendment exempts spaces that are supplied for tents, motorhomes, campers, boats and RVs from lodging tax when they are provided for 90 consecutive days or more. Prior to the passage of the act, they were only exempt after 180 days so we will lose some lodging tax because of that."

City administrator Steve Griffin said how much that will be is yet to be determined.

"We have no idea what our revenue impact is going to be on this because snowbirds get in that sweet spot of 90 days so how many of these I don't know," Griffin said. "We're going to be watching that closely."

During the meeting, the council also:

- Gave Southern Lights a three-year contract to provide 500 megabytes of internet service to city facilities at a rate of \$2,000 a month. Those facilities include city hall and the Public Works shop.
- Awarded the annual sod bid to two companies, Woerner Turf and Craft Turf Farms. The contract is for one year with an option to renew for two more after the first year.
- OK'd an assembly permit for PALS for the 32nd annual Alabama Coastal Cleanup. Over the course of the cleanups more than 1.6 million pounds of trash has been removed from coastal areas including 38,000 pounds in 2018 with more than 5,000 volunteers. Locations in Gulf Shores are Gulf Place at Second Street East and Mo's Landing on Fort Morgan Road.
- OK'd an assembly permit for Gulf Coast Regional Volleyball Series. The gatherings will begin at Gulf Place on Oct. 5 and run through November of 2020.
- OK'd an assembly permit for Springhill College's tournament at Gulf Place on Oct. 25-26.
- OK'd an assembly permit for the 12th annual Hangout Oyster Cook-Off, Craft Spirits and Beer weekend.
- Reappointed David Mayfield to the Beautification Board to serve a full term of three years ending on Sept. 1, 2022.



State waiting for permit to start new G.S. Intracoastal Bridge

The traditionally slow process of procuring permitting from the Army Core of Engineers is slowing progress on the state's plan to build a span over the Intracoastal Waterway near Jack Edwards Airport in Gulf Shores.

Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) Assistant Southwest Engineer Brian Aaron thought there was an end in sight for the issuance of the permit, but the federal agency came back with more questions instead.

"We were hoping to get it," Aaron said. "There was some additional information requested after the fact and we had to go back and do a little bit of information gathering for the Corps. But it is in the works at this time. We're hopeful that we should be getting something from them in the next 30 days."

Then it goes to the Coast Guard, which in the past has been a little more efficient with its processing than the Corps.

"They typically get 30 days as well on their review," Aaron said. "We're in the process of doing a navigational study for the Coast Guard and they will wrap up soon. The good thing is there's no piers in the water, the bridge is actually higher than the bridges to the east and west of it, so I don't really anticipate any hurdles there."

The next letting for Sept. 27 is out and the only Baldwin work on it are handrail projects for the Styx River Bridge on County Road 87, Hoyle Bryars Road over Interstate 65 and on Scrannage Road over Horseneck Creek.

As the delays mount, Aaron said the bid letting for the bridge and the northern part of the project — a road from the Foley Beach Express to County Road 4 — could possibly be in the same month.

"We were trying to get the bridge first, but it's possible that both of them happen simultaneously," Aaron said.

There is still some land acquisition going on in the northern section, but Aaron said it's likely to wrap up soon.

"We have everything ongoing except for one tract that we are trying to get resolved," Aaron said. "That right of way should be completely finished by the time we get through this Corps process and this Coast Guard process."

"The plans are done, they are ready to go. It's just a matter of getting our Corps of Engineers permit and our Coast Guard permits," he added. **Pictured:** Architectural rendering and site map for the ALDOT approved Intracoastal Waterway Bridge at the Orange Beach - Gulf Shores border.



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AROUND TOWN

Hurricanes topic of Sept. 19 free seminar at USA Gulf Shores

Dr. Bill Williams will review use of technology to detect storm systems

Hurricanes, composting and vegetable gardening are the topics of three upcoming Discover! An Institute for Learning seminars at the University of South Alabama Gulf Coast Campus.

The seminars at USA Gulf Coast Campus, just behind the Gulf Shores Cultural Center at 19470 Oak Road West (County Road 6). To register, go online to USA Gulf Coast Campus or call 251-460-7200.

Hurricanes Becoming Stronger and More Frequent is the topic for the free seminar on Thursday, Sept. 19 from 7- 8 p.m. at Gulf Shores Cultural Center Auditorium, located 19470 Oak Road West (County Road 6).

Over the last twenty years several powerful hurricanes have struck the U.S. coast and a new record for the number of tropical cyclones in a single season was established in the Atlantic. Dr. Bill Williams will review the study of tropical cyclones and the use of technology to detect and analyze each tropical system. Dr. Williams, Associate Professor Emeritus, founded the meteorology program and Coastal Weather Research Center at the University of South Alabama.

Fall Vegetable gardening is the topic of a seminar slated Monday and Tuesday, Sept. 30 and Oct. 1, from 1:30 – 3 p.m. at USA Gulf Coast Campus. Cost of attendance is \$25.

Growing vegetables here in south Alabama can be a challenge. Join us for some tips and tricks to help you with your vegetable garden and learn what to plant and when. Jack LeCroy, Urban Regional Extension Agent, Alabama Cooperative Extension System, will lead the discussion.

Composting is a great way to recycle yard waste and scraps from the kitchen. Come learn the quickest and easiest way to turn your waste into nutrients that can go right back into your garden to help your plants grow. LeCroy will discuss all aspects of composting on Tuesday, Oct. 15 from 1:30 – 3:00 p.m. at USA Gulf Coast Campus. Cost of attendance is \$10.

Orange Beach community picnic Sept. 22 at Coastal Arts Center

The City of Orange Beach invites the public to a Community Picnic at the Coastal Arts Center of Orange Beach from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Sunday, September 22nd. (Rain date is September 29th.) Enjoy the day with your community; just bring a blanket and something for lunch. The Art Gallery will be open and there will be lawn games. Bottled water will be provided.

The Coastal Arts Center is at 26389 Canal Road. For more information, call 251-981-ARTS (2787) or visit coastalartscenter.com.

City of Orange Beach Town Hall meeting Oct. 1 at Event Center

Orange Beach Mayor Tony Kennon and the City Council invite the public to a Town Hall meeting on Tuesday, October 1st at the Orange Beach Event Center. The Town Hall will start immediately following the 5 p.m. City Council meeting, which will also be held at the Event Center. Topics will include transportation, schools and any pressing issues from citizens. The public is highly encouraged to attend.



NEW ORANGE BEACH POLICE OFFICERS SWORN IN: Orange Beach Police Chief Joe Fierro introduced three new officers and a new Support Services Technician to the City Council at its meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 3. New to the force are full-time Officer Hunter Lanford, part-time Officer Greg Sanders, part-time Officer Seth McVickers and Support Services Technician Tyler Flowers. The three officers were sworn in by Orange Beach Municipal Judge Julian "Buddy" Brackin. As introduced by Chief Fierro, Officer Sanders Greg Sanders came to Orange Beach after serving over 20 years at the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office with experience in corrections, special victims unit, investigations and patrol. He's APOSTC-certified and served in the U.S. Marines for 24 years, which included Operation Desert Storm. Officer McVickers served for 8 years in the U.S. Army and was deployed overseas several times. After his military service, he received his APOSTC certification. He worked at the Auburn Police Department and Gulf Shores Police Department before coming to Orange Beach. He is currently pursuing an associate's degree in business management at Coastal Alabama Community College. Officer Lanford served as an OBPD Support Services Technician for two years and graduated from the police academy at the Alabama Criminal Justice Training Center this summer. Flowers is an Orange Beach native and joined the police department as a Support Services Technician in August. Mayor Tony Kennon welcomed all of the new police staff and noted the city likes to hire veterans and locals, when possible. "They always rise to the top," he said. "We appreciate them." **Pictured:** Officer McVickers, Chief Fierro, Officer Lanford, Officer Sanders, Tyler Flowers, Asst. Chief Brown, Lt. Simonson, Judge Brackin.

Dinner In The Dark & Casino Night Sept. 14

There may be a few tickets left for the Gulf Shores Lions Club Casino Night & Dinner in the Dark scheduled on Saturday, September 14 at the Erie Meyer Civic Center in Gulf Shores. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the event is from 7-11 p.m. Tickets are \$75 per individual and \$125 per couple and include music, a steak & shrimp dinner, drinks & casino games with \$5000 in casino money for each guest.

For tickets or more information, call (251) 709-9524 or (859) 380-0781 or visit the club's website, facebook and/or facebook event pages.

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.

Great Alabama 650 Paddle Race starts Sept. 14

An adventure-style paddle race to the Gulf of Mexico will kick off on the 5,000-plus mile Alabama Scenic River Trail will start at Weiss Lake on September 14, continue and end at Fort Morgan. Racers will have up to 10 days to complete the course and vie for \$22,500 in prize money, which will be divided across three divisions – male solo, female solo, and two-person team.

The Great Alabama 650 will take place on the

core section of the Alabama Scenic River Trail, the longest single-state river trail in the U.S.

Many of the world's toughest paddlers will get a chance to experience the beauty and challenge of our Alabama waterways during the Great Alabama 650," said Race Director, Greg Wingo.

At 650 miles, the Great Alabama 650 will be a significant addition to the long-distance paddle race circuit in the U.S., and it will become among the longest and most challenging annual paddle races in the world.

John Pavlovitz speaks Oct. 13 at G.S. Unity Church

Author John Pavlovitz will be speaking at Unity Church Gulf Shores on Sunday, October 13 at 9:30 a.m. Unity is located at The Royal Oyster (807 Gulf Shores Parkway) in Gulf Shores. For more info, call or text Rev. Donna Mullis at 251-223-9774.

Pavlovitz is a writer, speaker and activist. In the past five years his blog Stuff That Needs To Be Said has reached a diverse worldwide audience of millions of people, and he is widely regarded as a leading voice in progressive faith in America.

Pavlovitz says, "Hope isn't found in a celebrity, religious leader, or politician," says Pavlovitz. "It's found in the mirror."

A former megachurch pastor, Pavlovitz now offers a much less-traditional message dedicated to radical hospitality, mutual respect, and diversity of doctrine. He wants to help those of us who feel hopeless recognize ways in which we can change things for the better. His popularity is not surprising, given that his core message is one that so many of us are yearning to hear: that hope is still possible, and that kindness, inclusion, and compassion are the way forward.

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Diary of Ann Frank opens Sept. 27 at SBCT

South Baldwin Community Theatre will present The Diary of Anne Frank September 27 & 28, and October 4 & 5 at 7:30 pm, and September 30 & October 6 at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased online at sbct.biz or at the box office Mondays from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. and one hour prior to every show.

The Diary of Anne Frank is based on the book Anne Frank: Diary of a Young Girl and was dramatized by Frances Goodrich and Albert Hackett and brought to the stage in New York in 1955. The timeless message of hope over hate is relative today as it was when the first diary was given to Anne by her father, Otto Frank, in 1942.

The 10 member cast consists of SBCT regulars Mackenzie Mayo (Helen Keller, Miracle Worker) and Robert Gardner (Captain Keller, Miracle Worker) as well as a few actors who are new to this theatre.

"Directing The Diary Anne Frank is an honor," said director Jan Vest. "The story represents the best and worst of mankind. The honest optimism and love of a 13-year-old girl, struggling to survive while confronting the evil of hatred, racism and war, impacts us all. It possesses real questions for our current times."

This is the first play Vest has directed at

SBCT. He most recently appeared in Arsenic and Old Lace as Dr. Einstein last February.

It has been 77-years since Anne Frank was given her dad's diary. Revisit the poignant classic and share it with the young people in your life. You'll be inspired by the hope of a young girl who, in the midst of the Holocaust, could write: "In spite of everything I still believe that people are really good at heart."

Graceful Journey w. Aging Parents seminar starts Sept. 17

Planning a Graceful Journey with Aging Parents, a four-week seminar to provide information that will help you prepare for the future with your parents, will be held for four consecutive Tuesdays (Sept. 17 & 24, Oct. 1 & 8) from 6 - 7:30 p.m. in the Brooks Center at Orange Beach United Methodist Church (28751 Canal Rd). There is no charge for the seminar, and it is open to everyone, but pre-registration is requested to ensure there is enough material. The seminar is suited for both children and parents.

For more information, contact Carolyn Brady 2at 51-605-1006, carolyn_brad@bellsouth.net or orangebeachumc.org.

Participating speakers include an attorney, physician, social worker, and leaders of organizations such as the O.B. Senior Center and Council on Aging.

DOG ADOPT-A-THON AT HOTEL INDIGO IN ORANGE BEACH

Five dogs were adopted and more than \$500 dollars donated during the recent Baldwin County Humane Society Dog Adopt-A-Thon at Hotel Indigo in Orange Beach. "I'd say overall it was a very successful day. The Humane Society was very happy with our location and the number of people we had come by to see the dogs," said event organizer Cori Worchester, Director of Sales & Marketing at Hotel Indigo. In addition to providing treats for both humans and dogs (provided by Southern Grind), Hotel Indigo presented discount lodging certificates, and adoption fees were waived for the event.





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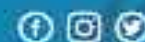
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Funny Bones

By George Ridder



A lady is having a bad day at the roulette tables in Vegas. She's down to her last \$50. Exasperated, she exclaims to the whole table, "What rotten luck I've had today! What in the world should I do now?"
A man standing next to her suggests, "I don't know, why

don't you play your age?"
He walks away, but moments later, his attention is grabbed by a great commotion at the roulette table. Maybe she won! He rushes back to the table and pushes his way through the crowd. The lady is lying limp on the floor, with the table operator kneeling over her. The man is stunned. He asks, "What happened? Is she all right?"
The operator replies, "I don't know. She put all her money on 36, and when 47 came up she just fainted!"

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The aardvark was growling loudly and did not seem very

friendly so I ask, "Does it bite?"
My neighbor replied, "That's what I want to find out."
A man decides to join the circus. He shows up to demonstrate his skills to the impresario.
"I have the most unusual act," he announces. "I'm sure it will amaze you."
He climbs up to the high wire and jumps off! He flaps his arms wildly, and finally his fall slows and the man begins to fly. He soars upward, turns, and swoops back again. Finally, he stops in mid air and gently lowers himself to the ground.
The impresario says, "Is that all you've got? Bird impressions?"

"You seem to have more than the average share of intelligence for a man of your background," sneered the lawyer at a witness on the stand.
"If I wasn't under oath, I'd return the compliment," replied the witness.
An old farmer wins the ten million dollar lottery and is being interviewed. The reporter asked what he is going to do with all the money.

"Oh, I reckon the first thing I'll do is go and pay a few bills."
"And what about the rest?" the reporter continued.
The farmer shrugs. "Well, I guess they'll just have to wait."
I've started growing herbs in my garden.
To help identify them I'm growing them in alphabetical order.
My neighbour asked me, "How do you find the time?"
I said, "Easy, it's right here next to the sage."
I went to the doctor with hearing problems. He said, "Can you describe the symptoms?"
I said, "Homer's the big dude and Marge has blue hair."

A woman who lived next door to a preacher was puzzled by his personality change in the pulpit. At home he was shy, quiet and retiring but in the church he was a real fire and brimstone orator, rousing the masses in the name of God. It was as if he was two different people.
One day she asked him about the dramatic transformation that came over him when he preached.
"Ah," he said, "that's my altar ego."
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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Walk-in memory loss testing in O.B., Foley & G.S. this fall

Free memory screenings and balance testing is being offered in Gulf Shores, Orange Beach, Fairhope, Foley and Daphne this fall. The program, with the help and guidance of the Alzheimer's Foundation of America, was started locally in 2015 when 60 volunteers based at GlenLakes Golf Club, organized and began offering TESTING 1, 2, 3 services to anyone who wishes to be tested. A discounted golf coupon (\$35 per round anytime for up to 4 players) at Glenlakes will be presented to each participant.

Over 93 percent of those tested have never had a memory test. When the vast majority finds out their memory loss is normal age related memory loss, they are relieved.

During balance testing, seniors are shown simple exercises they can do at home to improve their balance.

Volunteers are all are trained for and experienced in running vents. A Steering Committee oversees every event.

In addition to holding major events in the Fall (primarily for locals) and in February (primarily for Snowbirds), TESTING 1, 2, 3 will come to any organization which works with seniors and offer its services.

There is never a cost associated with these events and if an organization wants to hold a private event for its residents, members, etc. TESTING 1, 2, 3 will be glad to work with them.

For more information, contact Sam Strite, 251-965-5122 or email him at samcstrite@gmail.com.

Memory Screening Schedule

- Oct 15: Foley Civic Center; 407 E. Laurel Ave.; 9am - Noon
- Oct 21: Daphne Senior Center; 2605 US Hwy 98; 9am - Noon
- Oct 29: Fairhope John Borom Center, Bancroft St.; 1 - 4pm
- Nov 1: Orange Beach Senior Center, 26251 Canal Road; 1 - 4pm
- Nov 20: Gulf Shores Cultural Center, Bldg. C; 19470 Oak Rd.; Noon - 3pm

Foley Gardeners first meeting of season is Sept 19 at Library

The Foley Garden Club will have their first meeting of the new season on September 19 at noon at the Foley Public Library's second floor meeting room. Guests and those interested in joining the group are welcome, but the library does not open until 1 p.m. on Thursdays, so attendees will have to knock on the back door and let a staff member know that you are there for the garden club meeting. Bring a lunch and learn about the wonderful programs the club has planned for the coming year. For more info, contact Linda Ford at 251-972-8721.

Gulf Shores sponsors Bike to Iron Bowl fitness program challenge

The Gulf Shores Recreation Department will sponsor the Bike to the Bowl Challenge, a free 8-week fitness program that will challenge you to bike to the Iron Bowl.

Participants will bike the distance of Gulf Shores to Jordan-Hare Stadium in Auburn, which is approximately 240 miles, in the span of eight weeks beginning on October 5 and ending on November 30. Participants may bike outside, use indoor stationary bikes or use COAST bikes at the Cultural Center - Studio Fitness. Biking miles must be logged each week at the front desk of the Bodenhamer or Cultural Center.

All individuals who complete the Bike to the Bowl Challenge will receive a visor in their favorite team's color and will be eligible for entries in random prize drawings. Drawings include gift cards, collegiate wear, Bodenhamer Recreation Center memberships and more.

Registration closes on October 4. Participants may register in person at the Bodenhamer Recreation Center or Cultural Center and online at gulfshoresal.gov/recreationregistration. All ages are encouraged to participate, and admission is free to the public.



Nutria season in Perdido?

By Christian Fischer

A large nutria was found dead near the Theo Baars Bridge earlier this year and others have been spotted from time to time in marshy areas of Perdido Key.

If you see nutria, please contact Rick O'Connor, Escambia County's Sea Grant Representative at roc1@ufl.edu or enter the sighting into the data base at EDDMapS.org (contact Rick for assistance with the data base if needed).

Nutria (*Myocastor coypus*) are large rodents resembling beaver but with round tails. They are an invasive species introduced into the United States from South America perhaps a hundred years ago, generally for their fur. In the wild, they live near fresh or brackish water and can devastate large areas of marshland because of their rapid reproduction and voracious appetite for aquatic vegetation. They may also host a variety of pathogens. The nutria population in Louisiana reportedly went from 20 individuals to 20 million in just two decades; they are also present along the Mobile Bay watershed, but seem controlled in fresh water areas by alligators.

WED, SEPT 11

- **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, Aretha Franklin, Brooks & Dunn, Garth Brooks, Taylor Swift):** 7:30 p.m.; Downtown OWA; Foley; 251-369-6100.
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- **John Joiner & Friends:** 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; Flipflopers, 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.
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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Jimmy Lumpkin, John Hart part of Sunset Series at Gulf Place

The City of Gulf Shores 2019 Sunset Series continues at Gulf Place every Thursday in September. All Sunset Series events will begin at 6 p.m. at Gulf Place Town Green and Public Beach. Admission is free.

The Trio, featuring Carl Jackson, Jerry Salley and Larry Cordle, will take the stage on September 12 as a preview to the Frank Brown International Songwriters Festival.

On September 19, Jimmy Lumpkin will belt out sublime sounds that are altogether his own. In the likes of Bob Dylan, Ray LaMontagne, Ryan Adams, Van Morrison, John Lee Hooker, The Black Keys, and Otis Redding, the Jimmy Lumpkin Band plays an eclectic blend of soulful roots rock and Americana.

Florida-based artist John Hart will wrap up the 2019 Sunset Series on September 26. John spent a few years touring the East Coast with the prominent Sauce Boss. The warm, rich tones of John's classical guitar playing approach brings an exciting and fresh presence to his live show, while his unique weaving of finger picking and blues influence brings a flavor to the sound like no other. Revered as a young man beyond his time, John's influences come from a mix of blues legends such as Muddy Waters, B.B. King and Albert Collins, to rock legends Jimi Hendrix and Duane Allman to modern monsters such as Derek Trucks and John Mayer. His latest record, "Frisson", shines an entirely new light on the depths of his creativity and his reach.

For more info, call 251-968-1171 or visit gulfshoresal.gov/sunsetseries.

Steel Magnolias continues Sept. 13-15 at South Baldwin Theatre

South Baldwin Community Theatre's production of "Steel Magnolias" continues Sept. 13-14 at 7:30 p.m. and Sept. 14 & 15 at 2 p.m. Tickets are available at sbct.biz. Tickets are \$15 for students and \$18 for adults.

There are two casts for this show that will alternate performances. Brandi Wittman is the director and Pam Livingston the co-director. Stage manager is Paula Dumas.

SBCT will also present "The Diary of Anne Frank" in September, with shows scheduled September 27 & 28, and October 4 & 5 @ 7:30 pm. and September 29 & October 6 (Sunday) @ 2:30 p.m. The play is directed by Jan Vest. Rose Mary Asman is the assistant director.

The action in "Steel Magnolias" is set in Truvy's beauty salon in Chinquapin, Louisiana, where all the ladies who are "anybody" come to have their hair done. Helped by her eager new assistant, Annelle, the outspoken, wise-cracking Truvy dispenses shampoos and free advice to the town's ladies: rich curmudgeon, Ouiser; an eccentric millionaire, Miss Clairee; and the local social leader, M'Lynn, whose daughter, Shelby, is about to marry a "good ole boy." Filled with hilarious repartee and not a few acerbic but humorously revealing verbal collisions, the play moves toward tragedy when, in the second act, the spunky Shelby risks pregnancy and forfeits her life. The sudden realization of their mortality affects the others, but also draws on the underlying strength—and love—which give the play, and its characters, the special quality to make them truly touching, funny and marvelously amiable company in good times and bad.

- **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.
- **Precept Bible Study:** 10 a.m.; Exit Realty, Hwy 59 in Gulf Shores; info: 205-980-0330.
- **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.; Ameri-

- can 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, cor-

ner 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.;

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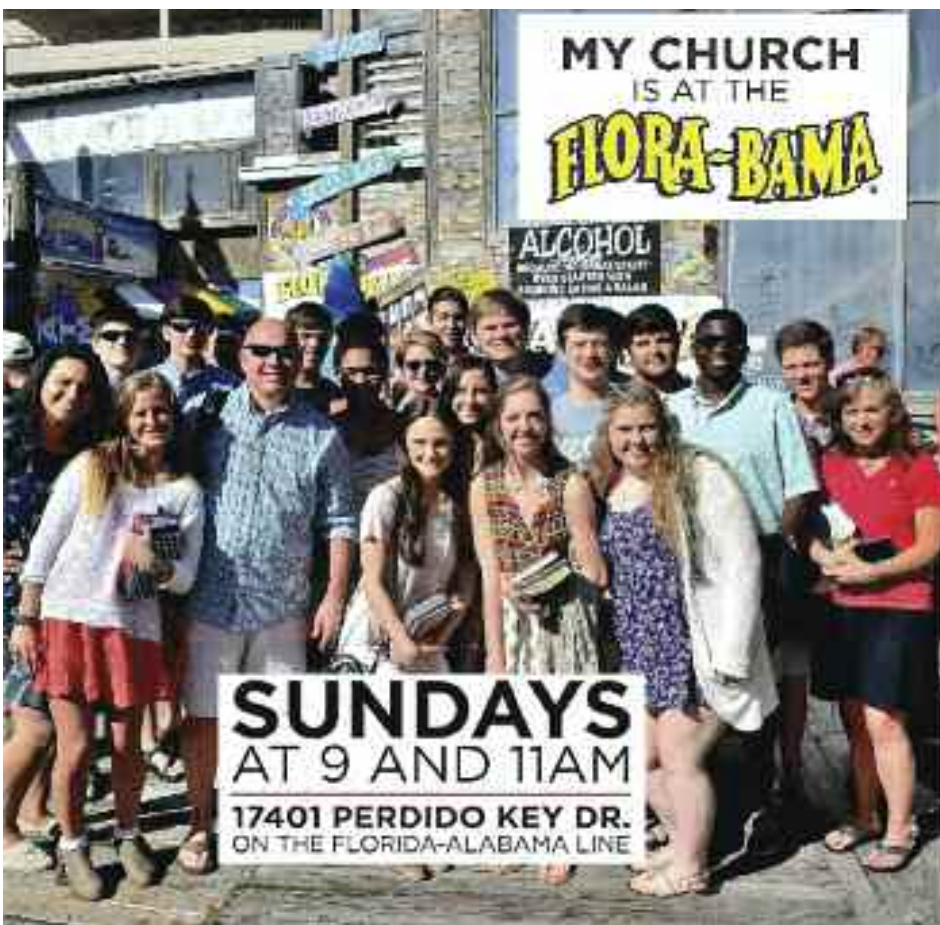
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Saturday routes include options for 21.4, 55.3, and 77.5 miles; The Sunday route options are 25, 45.6, and 55.3 miles, and all rides start at the O.B. Event Center.

The event's bike routes take cyclists along the beautiful Gulf Coast and communities dotting the Mobile Bay. For more info, visit bikeMS.org, call Victoria Rutledge at (205) 879-8546 or email victoria.rutledge@nmss.org.

Friday night the festivities begin with our packet pick up party and expo at the Boat Bar at the Wharf. Each day starts with breakfast beach side at sunrise, team photos, and start line excitement. Relax post-ride at the Bike MS Lounge with music, football games, and massages. Saturday night is for cocktails, live music, and a seafood feast celebrating the accomplishments of the weekend!

Bike MS, hosted by the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, attracts nearly 100,000 participants nationwide in more than 80 rides. To date, Bike MS cyclists, volunteers, sponsors and donors have raised more than \$1 billion so people affected by MS can live their best lives as we stop MS in its tracks, restore what's

been lost, and end MS forever.

Bike MS includes people living with MS, their friends, families and neighbors, as well as corporate teams and individuals who are driven to support critical MS research and life-changing services for people living with MS. People living with MS can also participate in "I Ride with MS," a special program supported nationally by Biogen and Primal that recognizes Bike MS cyclists living with the disease.

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• **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.

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• **Gypsy Pearl:** 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulus; Gulf Shores.

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

• **Greg Brown:** 6 p.m., Tacky Jack's, Orange Beach.

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

• **John Reno:** 5; Playa, Orange Beach.

• **John Lee Sanders:** 6; Voyagers Restaurant at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange

Beach.

• **Karaoke Dance Party:** 8; The Sandshaker, The Wharf, Orange Beach.

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

• **Smokey Otis & Jan:** 7; Papa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.

• **Karaoke Dance Party w. Kelly:** 8; The Sandshaker, The Wharf, Orange Beach.

• **Greg Lyon:** 7; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.

• **Open Mic:** 7; Snapper's; Orange Beach.

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

• **Karaoke:** 7; Tacky Jacks; Ft. Morgan.

• **Blind Draw Dart Tourney:** 7, American Legion Post 99; Foley.

• **Coping Conversations Grief Support Group:** 9:30 a.m.; Nix Center, Fairhope, 251-626-5255 or 251-928-2835.

• **Arts at the Market:** 4-8 p.m.; Coastal Alabama Farmer's & Fishermen's Market, Foley, 2nd Thurs. of each month; great artists & crafters from our area; Info: (251) 229-9885.

• **8 Ball APA:** 7:30; The Office, Foley.

• **Bridge:** noon; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.

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

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

• **Adult Bible Study:** 10 a.m.; Gulf Shores Presbyterian Church; all welcome; (251) 968-7720.

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

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WHAT'S HAPPENING



- **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, SEPT 13

- **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, Aretha Franklin, Brooks & Dunn, Garth Brooks, Taylor Swift):** 7:30 p.m.; Downtown OWA; Foley; 251-369-6100.
- **Spearman Brewers:** 6 p.m.; Tacky Jack's, Gulf Shores.
- **Bell & The Bull:** 5; Big Beach Brewing Company; Gulf Shores.
- **Warp Speed Zulu:** 7; The Office, Foley.
- **John Lee Sanders:** 5; The Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **Touch of Class:** 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **Rock Bottom w. Brent Varner:** 5; Lucy

- **Buffett's Lulus;** Gulf Shores.
- **Les Linton:** 8 p.m.; Tacky Jack's, Fort Morgan.
- **Damian Lamb Duo:** 6 p.m.; Tacky Jack's, Orange Beach.
- **Hollard:** 9; Sandshaker at The Wharf, Orange Beach.
- **Jay Williams:** 8; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
- **Gabe Willis:** 5; Playa, Orange Beach.
- **Open Jam:** 8; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.
- **Karaoke:** 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke:** 8; Snapper's; Orange Beach.
- **Open Mic Karaoke:** 5; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- **Sandra Kaye & The Legend Band:** 8:30; Live Bait Restaurant, Orange Beach.
- **Rib Eye Dinner to help Veterans and Families:** 5 p.m.; music & dancing at 7 p.m.; American Legion Post 44; Gulf Shores.
- **Roger & Elaine:** 7; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- **Open Mixed Doubles Tennis:** 7:15 a.m.; all levels welcome; Gulf Shores Tennis Center; corner of West 19th Ave. and

- West 2nd St.
- **Bingo:** 5:30; Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5659; Elberta.
- **Foley Rotary Club:** 12:15 p.m.; Gift Horse Restaurant in Foley; foleyrotary@gulfnet.com.
- **AA: Noon**; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
- **AA: 7 p.m.**; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

SAT, SEPT 14

- **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.
- **Legends in Concert (Bruno Mars, Reba McEntire, Elvis Presley, Aretha Franklin, Brooks & Dunn, Garth Brooks, Taylor Swift):** 4 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.; Downtown OWA; Foley; 251-369-6100.
- **Casino Night & Dinner in the Dark Benefit:** 6 p.m.; Erie Meyer Civic Center; Gulf Shores, (251) 709-9524.
- **Baldwin County Cancer Chase 5K:** 8

Al. adds Oct. 4-6 private angler red snapper season

The Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (ADCNR) will open an additional three-day private angler recreational season for red snapper in October 2019. The additional days will begin at 12:01 a.m. on Friday, October 4, and run until midnight on Sunday, October 6.

The possession limit is two fish per person with a minimum size limit of 16 inches total length. Anglers are reminded that as of September 1, 2019, any angler age 16 and older must have a Reef Fish Endorsement to possess any species of Gulf reef fish. For more information about the Reef Fish Endorsement, visit www.outdooralabama.com.

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.

The Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources promotes wise stewardship, management and enjoyment of Alabama's natural resources through four divisions: Marine Resources, State Lands, State Parks, and Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries. To learn more about ADCNR, visit outdooralabama.com.



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

Show your support and concern for Alabama and Florida Gulf Coast waterways by participating in the 32nd Annual Alabama Coastal Cleanup on Saturday, September 21 from 8:00 a.m. until noon. You or your organization can make a difference by volunteering to clean up our cherished coastal area. The Alabama Coastal Cleanup engages local citizens to remove trash and debris and to change the behaviors that cause pollution. In a continuing effort to clean up the coast, over 98,000 volunteers have removed 800 tons of trash from Alabama's valued coastline and waterways over the past thirty years. Join us this year as we continue to make Alabama the Beautiful! On the day of the event, come prepared with sunscreen, a hat, gloves, shoes and lots of water. 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. The Alabama Coastal Cleanup is coordinated through the Alabama Department of Conservation & Natural Resources and the Alabama People Against a Littered State. 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.

Fighting for a "Trash Free Seas" is the theme for Perdido Key's participation in the Sept. 21 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.

COASTAL CLEANUP PARTICIPATION SAFETY TIPS

- Drink plenty of fluids. Bring a reusable water bottle.
- Bring sunscreen, a hat and wear comfortable shoes.
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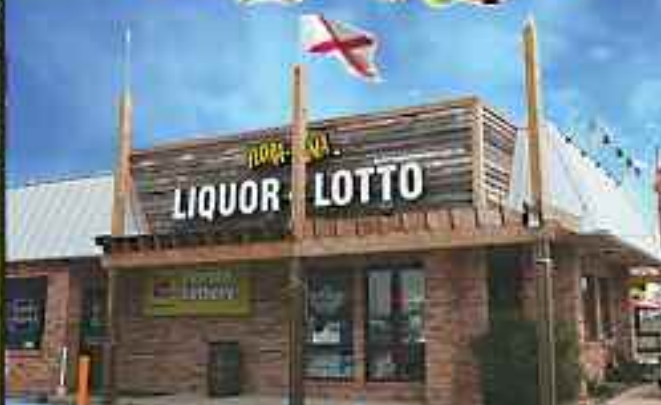
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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Alligators & Cornhole Tourney part of Oct. 5 Rotary Run/Walk Annual event benefits Miracle League of Coastal Alabama

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

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

a.m.; Downtown OWA; Foley.

• **Brandon & Karl:** 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulus; Gulf Shores.

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

• **LA South:** 9; The Office, Foley.

• **Hippie Jim:** 11 a.m., Tacky Jack's, Orange Beach.

• **Gringo Fife:** 6 p.m., Tacky Jack's, Orange Beach.

• **Scott Kohlen:** 5; Playa, Orange Beach.

• **Karaoke:** 7; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.

• **Holland:** 9; Sandshaker at The Wharf, Orange Beach.

• **Kristi Dees Bad JuJu:** 7; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.

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

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

• **Brandon Styles 1-Man Variety Show:** 8 p.m.; Downtown OWA; Foley; Comedy, Magic & Impressions.

• **Sandra Kaye & The Legend Band:** 8:30; Live Bait Restaurant, Orange Beach.

• **Steak Night followed by music w.**

Bruni: 5; American Legion Post 99; Foley.

• **Free 2nd Saturday Veterans Breakfast:** 8:30-10 a.m.; American Legion Post 44; Gulf Shores.

• **Baldwin County Genealogical Society:** 10 a.m.; public invited; Foley Library; 319 East Laurel Ave.

• **Optimist Club of Perdido Bay:** breakfast every Saturday at 7 a.m. at the Lillian Community Club in Lillian; (251) 961-2620.

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

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

• **Ladies AA:** 9 a.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Activities Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

SUN, SEPT 15

• **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.

• **Legends in Concert (Bruno Mars, Reba McEntire, Elvis Presley, Aretha Franklin, Brooks & Dunn, Garth Brooks, Taylor Swift):** 4 p.m.; Downtown OWA; Foley; 251-369-6100.

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

• **Open Mic/Jam:** 4 p.m.; Hosted by The Defrosters, The Flying Harpoon 2, Orange Beach.

• **JERI:** 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulus; Gulf Shores.

• **Tim Roberts:** 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.

• **Roger & Elaine:** 6; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.

• **Pierce Parker:** 6; Sandshaker at The Wharf, Orange Beach.

• **Damian Lamb:** 11 a.m., Tacky Jack's, Orange Beach.

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

• **Lisa Zanghi:** 6; The Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.

• **Lisa Christian:** 2, Tacky Jack's, Gulf

TREASURES OF THE ISLE SPEAKEASY PARTY

King **Tom Clark** and Queen **Kim Oliver** hosted the Speakeasy Party Saturday Night for Treasures of the Isle members and guests. The Orange Beach Community Center converted to a speakeasy bar with 20's decorations, music, food and gaming tables (chips only.)



WHAT'S HAPPENING

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- **Jazzman Jim Andrews:** 11 a.m.; Playa, Orange Beach.
- **Scott Koehn:** 4; Pleasure Island Tiki Bar, Orange Beach.
- **John Joiner & Friends:** 4; Hub Stacey's at the Point; Innerarity Point.
- **Jim McAdams:** 5; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- **9 Ball APA:** 6; The Office, Foley.
- **AA:** 5 p.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

MON, SEPT 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.
- **Lisa Zanghi:** 6; The Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **Lefty Collins:** 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulus; Gulf Shores.
- **Mel Knapp:** 6; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
- **Cory Zanghi:** 5; Playa, Orange Beach.
- **Trivia at Big Beach:** 7 p.m.; Big Beach Brewing Company, Gulf Shores.
- **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **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.

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- **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, SEPT 17

- **Flora-Bama Possible Probables:** 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
- **Flora-Bama Bingo:** free; 1-4 p.m.; great prizes, family friendly; 17401 Perdido Key Dr., Perdido Key.
- **Legends in Concert (Bruno Mars, Reba McEntire, Elvis Presley, Aretha Franklin, Brooks & Dunn, Garth Brooks, Taylor Swift):** 7:30 p.m.; Downtown OWA; Foley; 251-369-6100.
- **Free Line Dance Lessons With Lori:** 6; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- **John Brust:** 6; The Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **Jimmy Lumpkin:** 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulus; Gulf Shores.
- **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **Destiny Brown:** 5; Playa, Orange Beach.
- **Lisa Christian:** 6; Sunset Cork Room, Gulf Shores.
- **Open Mic Karaoke:** 5; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.
- **DJ Party w. Kelli:** 8; Sandshaker at The Wharf, Orange Beach.
- **Brandon Styles 1-Man Variety Show:** 8 p.m.; Downtown OWA; Foley; Comedy, Magic & Impressions.
- **Bowling Tourney:** 7; Snapper's; Orange Beach.
- **JW Karaoke:** 6; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
- **Ricky Johnson & Company:** 5; Innerarity Point 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.



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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Emerald Angels Airplane Poker Run Sept. 28 at Jack Edwards

The Emerald Angels of the Gulf Coast will host a Sept. 28 Poker Run at Salt Air Aviation Center at Jack Edwards Airport in Gulf Shores. Cost is \$20 per hand, and \$5 for a lunch box. Pilots or drivers fly or drive to an airport, pick up a card for each purchased hand and continue to another airport. Passengers may also register and purchase hands. Anyone can participate! Pilots, auto drivers, motorcycle riders and passengers. Insurance for your mode of transportation must be current.

Contact Terri Bazacos at (559) 618-0159 or at 99pilots@gmail.com for more info.

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: Artwork must be original by artist.; Artist must be 18 years of age or older.

Al. authors to sign books Sept. 21 at Loxley Public Library

Lawrence Gulley, Deric Prim, Ashton Wilson, T. Jensen Lacey

Alabama authors Lawrence Gulley, Deric Prim, Ashton (A.K.) Wilson, and T. (Theresa) Lacey will sign copies of their books at the Loxley Public Library on Saturday, Sept. 21 from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30. The Loxley Public Library is located at 1001 E. Loxley Avenue (across from the new Piggy Wiggly). Call 964-5695 for additional information.

• **Lawrence Earl Gulley** was born so sickly that the doctor tried to convince his mother to simply let him die, he was saved by his determined grandmother. His many careers include Chief of Police, moonshine runner and undertaker. He lives in Excel, the same outskirts of Monroeville that produced Harper Lee and Truman Capote, both of whom he knew personally. His books include Cora Jean, Buffington, Peanut House, Red town, Brothers, Green Briar, Bayou Country, The Killing of Lois Hardee, and his latest, The Tangled Road Home.

• **Deric Prim** was born and raised in Loxley and played football and basketball for the Robertsdale Golden Bears. He also played football at Saginaw Valley State before graduating from University of Dubuque with a B.A. in Science. He writes that his near-death experience opened his eyes to see what truly matters and that life is a blessing. "We were not created to do whatever we want," he writes. "Every man must search his own soul and ask: Did I live? Did I love with everything in me? Did I make a difference?"

Deric's inspiration comes from seeing seeing how hard his mother worked to give him opportunities that she did not have. His payback to his mother is to not shortchange those he is called to serve. Deric's writings include Can I Have This Dance Part 1, The Constant Struggle That Made Me Who I Am, Trial and Error in Love, Check Your Pulse and See if Your Dream Is Still Beating, and Reserve the Seed.

• **Ashton (A.K.) Wilson** and her children reside locally where, as she notes, nature and imagination collide, creating a writer's paradise. Ashton's books include The Nihilist, Book One of the Volition Series, written for young adults and Robbie The Reading Rat and The Mysterious Melvin written for children.

• **T. (Theresa) Jensen Lacey**, a teacher for 24 years, moved back to Fairhope in 2005, and has been at Robertsdale High School since that year. Her book Amazing Alabama, one of 18 published books and novels, has a foreword written by Governor Kay Ivey and has been nominated by the Alabama Bicentennial Commission for an award.

Free first responders BBQ Sept. 14 at Fairhope Legion

American Legion Post 199 in Fairhope will serve BBQ to first responders and their families following a ceremony honoring those who lost their lives during the 9/11 terrorist attacks on New York City and Washington D.C. on Saturday, Sept. 14.

Taps will be played and flags lowered to half mast at 10:30 a.m. The call to colors ceremony will take place at 2 p.m. BBQ playes will be available for \$7 for others, and the day's events include a waterslide and live music. The Legion's beachside Tiki Bar will be open with TVs showing the football games.

Other beach activities include horseshoes, swimming, volleyball and fishing from the Legion pier. The public is always welcome at the Legion, located in a historic building on the Mobile Bay bluffs at 700 S. Mobile St. Bring chairs, but no coolers please. For more info, call 251-928-9132.

- **GriefShare Support Group:** 6 p.m.; Point Church, 13801 Interarity Point Rd.; 601-278-6973.
- **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, SEPT 18

- **Flora-Bama Possible Probables:** 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
- **Flora-Bama Bingo:** free; 1-4 p.m.; great prizes, family friendly; 17401 Perdido Key Dr., Perdido Key.
- **John Lee Sanders:** 6; Voyagers Restau-

rant at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.

• **Legends in Concert (Bruno Mars, Reba McEntire, Elvis Presley, Aretha Franklin, Brooks & Dunn, Garth Brooks, Taylor Swift):** 7:30 p.m.; Downtown OWA; Foley; 251-369-6100.

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

• **John Joiner & Friends:** 7; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.

• **John Keuler:** 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulus; Gulf Shores.

• **John Reno:** 5; Playa, Orange Beach.



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Downtown Foley Halloween Street Fest Oct. 24

Join the party when Foley hosts its annual Halloween festival on Thursday, Oct. 24, from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Celebration is in the air with the festival's return to the streets of historic downtown Foley and a new name for the event. Foley's Hometown Halloween will continue the traditions that have made the festival a success for more than 20 years. Festivities include a costume contest for kids of every age, game booths, a hayride, bounce houses, balloon creations, a cake walk and trick-or-treating!

Come enjoy a spooky good time in a safe, family-fun environment. Admission is free and the event takes place rain or shine. Local Boy Scout Troop 77 will be selling snack foods.

Info: 251-943-1300 or phiggs@cityoffoley.org.

- **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:** 5:30; Tacky Jack's, Gulf Shores.
- **Karaoke:** 6; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- **Open Mic:** 7; The Sandshaker; The Wharf in Orange Beach.
- **Scott Koehn/Flip Flop Bros:** 6:30; Flippers, Orange Beach.
- **Danny Grady:** 5; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- **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 jw-perk13@aol.com.
- **Precept Bible Study:** 10 a.m.; Exit Realty, Hwy 59 in Gulf Shores; info: 205-980-0330.
- **Open Mixed Doubles Tennis:** 7:15 a.m.; all levels welcome; Gulf Shores Tennis Center; corner of West 19th Ave. and West 2nd St.
- **Veteran's Bingo:** 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.; American Legion Post 99, Foley.
- **Trivia Night:** 6:30 p.m.; The Gulf Coast Elks Lodge 2789, Foley; 251-550-1060.
- **Prayer Shawl Ministry:** Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Activities Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
- **South Alabama Senior Travelers:** 9 a.m.; Foley Senior Center; visitors welcome; 251-928-4494.
- **Orange Beach Friends of the Library:** 10; Library meeting room; 978-4106.
- **Food Ministry For Hungry Families:** noon-1 p.m.; Grace Lutheran

Church, corner of West 23rd Ave. and West 4th St. in Gulf Shores; 251-968-5991.

• **Bread Ministry:** 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.; Orange Beach United Methodist Church Brook's Center.

• **Food Bank:** 9 - 11 a.m. every Wednesday, Perdido Bay Baptist Church, 12600 Sorrento Rd. Pensacola; call for eligibility requirements at (850) 492-2604.

• **Gulf Shores Woman's Club:** 11 a.m.; Palmer Room at Craft Farms; all interested women invited to attend; 251-980-5722.

• **Perdido Key Rotary Club:** 7:30 a.m.; every Wednesday at United Methodist Church Activity Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Road, Pensacola.

• **Gulf Shores Lions Club:** noon; 2nd & 4th Wednesday; noon; Gulf Shores Adult Activity Center, 300 E. 16th Avenue; 251-968-2823.

• **Storytime at Pensacola Southwest Branch Library:** free; infant to 5; 10:30-11; 12238 Old Gulf Beach Hwy; (850)453-7780.

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

THU, SEPT 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.

• **Legends in Concert** (Bruno Mars, Reba McEntire, Elvis Presley, Aretha Franklin, Brooks & Dunn, Garth Brooks, Taylor Swift): 7:30 p.m.; Downtown OWA; Foley; 251-369-6100.



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1 (2-1/2 oz.) jar sliced mushrooms, drained

Combine all ingredients in an ungreased 2-qt. baking dish.

Cover and bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour. Yield: 4 servings.

Enjoy!



Fundraiser for Combat Diver Foundation Sept. 21 at 'Bama

A fundraiser benefiting the Combat Diver Foundation will be held under the big tent at the Flora-Bama on Sept. 21 from 5-9 p.m. The Combat Diver Foundation is dedicated to preserving the history of the elite Special Forces Combat Diver community. Their ultimate goal is the construction of the Combat Diver Museum that will serve as a home for the artifacts of their brotherhood. Everyone is welcome to come support this elite group with live music, auctions items, and raffle drawings. There are other ways to support the foundation prior to the event as well.

Silent auction items include a rare box of 828 Silverback cigars, a flag art piece handcrafted by the Heritage Flag Company, two romantic nights at Perdido Beach Resort and a Family Day at OWA's Amusement Park.

The Combat Diver Foundation will be on site with full gear. For more info, visit combatdiver.org.

Pictured: Special Operations Forces Combat Diver poster by Tom Weber.

- **Coastal Alabama Chamber of Commerce Social:** 5 p.m., Tacky Jack's, Gulf Shores.
- **City of Gulf Shores Sunset Series presents The Jimmy Lumpkin Band:** 6 p.m.; free; Gulf Place Town Green and Public Beach, Gulf Shores.
- **Ronnie Pressley:** 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulus; Gulf Shores.
- **John Lee Sanders:** 6; Voyagers Restaurant at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **Greg Brown:** 6 p.m., Tacky Jack's, Orange Beach.
- **John Brust:** 6; Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke Dance Party:** 8; The Sandshaker, The Wharf, Orange Beach.
- **Gabe Willis:** 5; Playa, Orange Beach.
- **Skyline Kings:** 7; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
- **Tim Roberts:** 6:30; Tin Top Restaurant; Bon Secour.
- **Open Mic:** 7; Snapper's; Orange Beach.
- **DJ Party w. Kelli:** 8; Sandshaker at The Wharf, 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, SEPT 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.
- **Sirens of the Sea Fall Ball and Beads Football Drawdown:** 6 p.m.; Orange Beach Event Center; 251-402-2218 or Judy Hamby 270-887-9691.
- **Legends in Concert (Bruno Mars, Reba McEntire, Elvis Presley, Aretha Franklin, Brooks & Dunn, Garth Brooks, Taylor Swift):** 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.
- **High Rollers Duo:** 7; The Office, Foley.
- **Storm Area 251 Tapping:** 6; Big Beach Brewing Company; Gulf Shores.
- **Jamelle Richardson:** 7; Big Beach Brewing Company; Gulf Shores.
- **3 Bean Soup:** 6 p.m., Tacky Jack's, Gulf Shores.
- **Coconut Radio:** 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulus; Gulf Shores.
- **Mel Knapp:** 8 p.m., Tacky Jack's, Fort

Morgan.

- **Beav & Cleav:** 6 p.m., Tacky Jack's, Orange Beach.
- **Ryan Balthrop & Jeff White:** 5; Playa, Orange Beach.
- **Bo Grant:** 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **John Lee Sanders:** 6; The Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **Buzzcut:** 9; Sandshaker at The Wharf, Orange Beach.
- **Open Mic Karaoke:** 5; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- **Crosstown:** 8; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
- **Open Jam:** 8; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.
- **Roger & Elaine:** 7; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- **Karaoke:** 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke:** 8; Snapper's; Orange Beach.
- **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, SEPT 21

- **Flora-Bama Possible Probables:** 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
- **The 32nd Annual Alabama Coastal Cleanup:** 8 a.m.; Various Locations along the Gulf Coast; (251) 928-9792.
- **John Brust:** 6; Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.

SBCC Person of the Year award presented Sept. 20

For more than forty years the South Baldwin Chamber of Commerce has celebrated the spirit of the Free Enterprise system. The Walton M. Vines Free Enterprise Person of the Year is one of South Baldwin's most coveted awards. The 2019 winner will be honored during the 43rd Annual Free Enterprise Person of the Year Luncheon on September 20th at the Foley Civic Center. The event is attended by more than one hundred of the area's top business leaders and community members. Tickets can be purchased online at southbaldwinchamber.com. The luncheon features a full catered meal and speeches from last year's winner, Denison Freeman, along with the newly honored recipient.



Monthly fried chicken dinner fundraisers slated at Camp Dixie

The next fried chicken dinner fundraiser at Baldwin County's Camp Dixie will be held from 11 a.m. 'til 2 p.m. on Oct. 13. The monthly dinners are the primary fundraisers for the ministry that occurs at Camp Dixie. Each plate includes Chicken, Green Beans, Corn, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Cole Slaw, Dessert and a drink. You may eat your meal in the Camp Dixie Dining Hall, or go through the takeout line. The final dinner of 2019 is scheduled on November 10.

Camp Dixie Lutheran Outdoor Ministries is located at 29711 Josephine Dr. in Elberta. For more info, call 251-987-1201, email director@campdixieministries.org or visit campdixieministries.org.

Chicken dinner dates for 2020 are January 12, February 9, March 8, April 19, June 14, September 13, October 11 and November 8.

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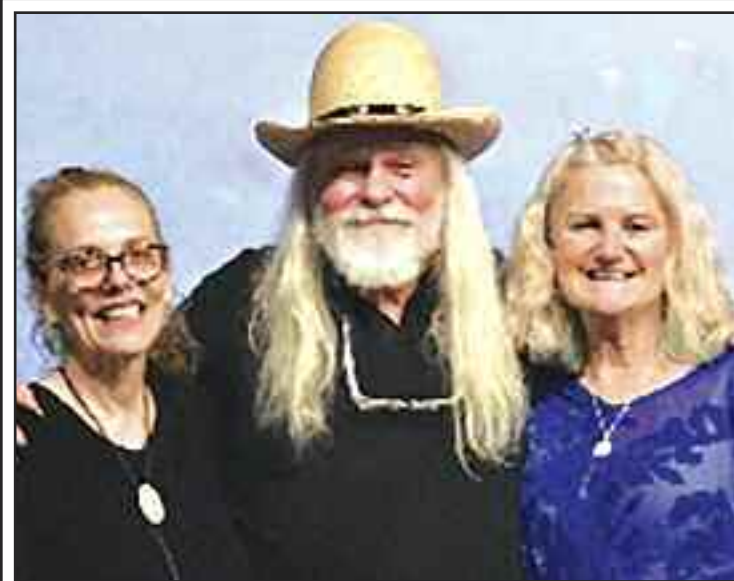
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WHAT'S HAPPENING



Innerarity's McNatt will be part of PBS Country documentary

Innerarity Point based entertainer/songwriter Don McNatt will be featured on a Bank of America commercial that preceeds the Sept. 15 broadcast of the new Ken Burns Documentary, Country Music on PBS. The 16 hour television special will run over eight nights, and McNatt's commercial spot is expected to air at the beginning and end of each of the first four episodes.

Then on Dec. 5, after Don and his wife Karen play during the Gulf Coast based Frank Brown International Songwriters Festival, the duo will be featured on WUWF Radio Live, where they will be joined by recent Bakersfield Musicians Hall of Fame inductee and fellow Innerarity Point resident Augie Savage.

Going by the name MACS, the trio (**pictured**) will play songs written by Don and Karen. Savage also plays locally with The Beachbillies as well as with John Joiner & Friends, and the MACS.

- **Legends in Concert** (Bruno Mars, Reba McEntire, Elvis Presley, Aretha Franklin, Brooks & Dunn, Garth Brooks, Taylor Swift): 4 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.; Downtown OWA; Foley; 251-369-6100.
- **Bo Grant**: 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **Gear Head**: 9; The Office, Foley.
- **The Redfield**: 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulus; Gulf Shores.
- **JJ Mack**: 11 a.m., Tacky Jack's, Orange Beach.
- **An Evening of Line Dancing**: 6; Alabama Gulf Coast Music Hall; Foley.
- **John Mewborn & Alicas Hudson**: 8 p.m., Tacky Jack's, Fort Morgan.
- **Jerry Gambino Duo**: 6 p.m., Tacky Jack's, Orange Beach.
- **Scott Reznor**: 5; Playa, Orange Beach.
- **Buzz Cut**: 9; Sandshaker at The Wharf, Orange Beach.
- **Platinum Premier**: 7; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
- **Karaoke**: 7; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.
- **Karaoke**: 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- **Brandon Styles 1-Man Variety Show**: 8 p.m.; Downtown OWA; Foley; Comedy, Magic & Impressions.
- **Open Jam**: 8; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.
- **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, SEPT 22

- **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.
- **City of Orange Beach Community Picnic on The Lawn**: 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.; Coastal Arts Center.
- **Legends in Concert** (Bruno Mars, Reba McEntire, Elvis Presley, Aretha Franklin, Brooks & Dunn, Garth Brooks, Taylor Swift): 4 p.m.; Downtown OWA; Foley; 251-369-6100.
- **Strickly Isbell**: 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **Pierce Parker**: 6; Sandshaker at The Wharf, Orange Beach.
- **Open Mic/Jam**: 4 p.m.; Hosted by The Defrosters, The Flying Harpoon 2, Orange Beach.
- **Lonesome Mel**: 6 p.m., Tacky Jack's, Orange Beach.

- **Adam Tyler Brown**: noon; The Tin Top, Bon Secour.
- **Light Travelers**: 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulus; Gulf Shores.
- **Danny Grady**: 2 p.m.; Fraternal Order of Eagles #4549, Gulf Shores.
- **Scott Koehn**: 4; Pleasure Island Tiki Bar, Orange Beach.
- **John Lee Sanders**: 6; Voyagers Restaurant at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **Lisa Zanghi**: 6; The Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **Lisa Christian**: 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, SEPT 23

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



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WHAT'S HAPPENING

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Magnolia Springs Public Library is located at 12440 Magnolia Avenue, Suite 600, in Magnolia Springs. for more info, call 251-965-2305.

Teen Club starts in Oct. in Gulf Shores

The Gulf Shores Recreation Department is excited to announce a new recreation program, Gulf Shores Teen Club (ClubGST), beginning in October. ClubGST is open to children in grades 6-9.

ClubGST will meet after school every Friday during the months of October 2019-April 2020 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Transportation from school to the Cultural Center will be provided. The registration cost for ClubGST is \$40 per month.

Interested children may register for ClubGST at the Bodenhamer Recreation Center or Cultural Center. For more information about ClubGST, please contact Program Coordinator Amanda Deckard by email at adeckard@gulfshoresal.gov or call 251-968-4419.

- **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
 - **Medicine Man:** 6; Hub Stacy's at the Point; Innerarity Point.
 - **Cory Reznor:** 5; Playa, 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:** 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, SEPT 24**
- **Flora-Bama Possible Probables:** 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
 - **Flora-Bama Bingo:** free; 1-4 p.m.; great prizes, family friendly; 17401 Perdido

Key Dr., Perdido Key.

- **Legends in Concert (Bruno Mars, Reba McEntire, Elvis Presley, Aretha Franklin, Brooks & Dunn, Garth Brooks, Taylor Swift):** 7:30 p.m.; Downtown OWA; Foley; 251-369-6100.
- **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **Lefty Collins:** 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulus; Gulf Shores.
- **John Brust:** 6; The Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **Lisa Christian:** 6; Sunset Cork Room, Gulf Shores.
- **Destiny Brown:** 5; Playa, Orange Beach.
- **DJ Party w. Kelli:** 8; Sandshaker at The Wharf, Orange Beach.
- **Brandon Styles 1-Man Variety Show:** 8 p.m.; Downtown OWA; Foley; Comedy, Magic & Impressions.
- **Free Line Dance Lessons With Lori:** 6;



VOLUNTEER AFTER SCHOOL TUTORS NEEDED IN GULF SHORES: Violin & Cello classes and the Homework Haven Tutoring Program at First Presbyterian in Gulf Shores will be starting soon. To register or volunteer, call or text 251-978-8130. Tutors for fourth grade and up are needed on Monday and Wednesday afternoons from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.



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WHAT'S HAPPENING



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.

• **Ricky Johnson & Company:** 5; American Legion Post 99; Foley.

• **GriefShare Support Group:** 6 p.m.; Point Church, 13801 Innerarity Point Rd.; 601-278-6973.

• **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'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, SEPT 25

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

• **Flora-Bama Bingo:** free; 1-4 p.m.; great prizes, family friendly; 17401 Perdido Key Dr., Perdido Key.

• **Legends in Concert (Bruno Mars, Reba McEntire, Elvis Presley, Aretha Franklin, Brooks & Dunn, Garth Brooks, Taylor Swift):** 7:30 p.m.; Downtown OWA; Foley; 251-369-6100.

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GSMS VOLLEYBALL 8TH GRADE TEAM WINS TOURNEY: The Gulf Shores Middle School 8th grade volleyball team went undefeated to earn the championship trophy at the Labor Day Classic Tourney. The Dolphins won the gold medal bracket, besting Fairhope (25-12, 19-24, 15-12) in the final. (Above) Dolphin players Alexis Elder and Amelia Eskew earned all-tournament honors, and Ensley Keel was named the tourney MVP. (Below) Team members include Raeligh Boesel, Addison Hawley, Maya Griffin, Madison Marshall, Anna Grace Fields, Amelia Eskew, Ensley Keel, Maggie Meyers, Catie Sanders, Millie Snow and Jillian Wright and Alexis Ellis. Coaches are Teresa Brewer and Anita Forrest.



Friends of the Foley Library annual luncheon is Sept. 26

The annual Friends of the Foley Library meeting and luncheon will be held on Thursday, Sept. 26 at 11:30 a.m. at the Foley Civic Center. Foley Public Library Director John Jackson (pictured) will be the guest speaker. He will discuss the library's mission and share info about events and programs offered monthly and yearly at the library.



Friends of the Foley Library was formed to help supplement the library's materials/services and raise the library's profile in the community. All donations go to help the Foley Public Library. Members receive preview privileges before the Annual Book Sale, invitations to the Wine and Cheese Preview and much more. Friends of the Foley Library memberships levels include: \$5 - Student; \$10 - Individual; \$15 - Family; \$25 - Sponsor; \$50 - Booster; \$100 to \$499 - Patron; \$500 - Benefactor.

The Foley Public Library is located at 319 East Laurel Ave. (Hwy. 98). Visit foleylibrary.org or call 251-943-7665 for more info.

Pictured: (top-bottom) Staff and patrons recently honored both Favorite T-shirt/Silly Sock Friday and National Read a Book Day!



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WHAT'S HAPPENING



Andy & Sarah Yarborough earn O.B. Yard of Month

The Orange Beach Garden Club has found a great choice for September's residential Yard of the Month. Andy and Sarah Yarborough's home is located at 26962 Martinique Court. Their lovely yard has so many beautiful places to photograph, we had a hard time picking just one. Congratulations Andy and Sarah!
(By Paula Revis)



O.B. Yard of Month is Bayview Condos

The Orange Beach Garden Club has selected Bayview Condominiums at 25861 Canal Road as the September Yard of the Month. **Pictured:** (left to right) Chris Stoudenmire (resident), James Sarhan (resident), and Stephen Whitfield (HOA board member). These three hard workers are dedicated to making Bayview look its best. Congratulations and keep up the good work, guys!
(By Paula Revis)

- **Open Mic:** 5:30; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- **John Brust:** 6; The Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **Ryan Balthrop:** 5; Playa, Orange Beach.
- **Adam Holt:** 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulus; Gulf Shores.
- **John Lee Sanders:** 6; Voyagers Restaurant at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke:** 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- **Open Mic:** 7; The Sandshaker; The Wharf in Orange Beach.
- **Bingo:** 10 a.m.; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- **John Joiner & Friends:** 6; 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; Flip-flops, Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke:** 6; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- **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.
- **Precept Bible Study:** 10 a.m.; Exit Realty, Hwy 59 in Gulf Shores; info: 205-980-0330.
- **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 Sor-

- rento Rd. Pensacola; call for eligibility requirements at (850) 492-2604.
- **Bread Ministry:** 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.; Orange Beach United Methodist Church Brook's Center.
- **Food Ministry For Hungry Families:** noon-1 p.m.; Grace Lutheran Church, corner of West 23rd Ave. and West 4th St. in Gulf Shores; 251-968-5991.
- **Perdido Key Rotary Club:** 7:30 a.m.; every Wednesday at United Methodist Church Activity Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Road, Pensacola.
- **Storytime at Pensacola Southwest Branch Library:** free; infant to 5; 10:30-11; 12238 Old Gulf Beach Hwy; (850)453-7780.
- **Gulf Shores Lions Club:** noon; 2nd & 4th Wednesday; noon; Gulf Shores Adult Activity Center, 300 E. 16th Avenue; 251-968-2823.
- **AA:** Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

THU, SEPT 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.
- **Legends in Concert (Bruno Mars, Reba McEntire, Elvis Presley, Aretha Franklin, Brooks & Dunn, Garth Brooks, Taylor Swift):** 7:30 p.m.; Downtown OWA; Foley; 251-369-6100.
- **City of Gulf Shores Sunset Series presents The John Hart Project:** 6 p.m.; free; Gulf Place Town Green and Public Beach, Gulf Shores.
- **John Lee Sanders:** 6; Voyagers Restaurant at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **DJ Party w. Kelli:** 8; Sandshaker at The Wharf, Orange Beach.
- **Greg Lyon:** 6; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
- **Chauncy Crandall:** 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulus; Gulf Shores.
- **Karaoke Dance Party:** 8; The Sandshaker, The Wharf, Orange Beach.
- **John Brust:** 6; Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **Gabe Willis:** 5; Playa, Orange Beach.
- **Tim Roberts:** 6:30; Tin Top Restaurant;



SOUTH BALD. CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S CONNECTION: From left, Della Gebhart, Mary Alice Segers and Carolyn Robertson participated in the recent South Baldwin Christian Women's Connection held at the Gift Horse Restaurant in Foley, AL. Each month the South Baldwin Christian Women's Connection hosts a program and buffet luncheon. Cost is \$10 per person. More info: Call 251-943-7142 or email emuddconnelly@gmail.com.



GSGC VISITS SENSORY GARDEN: Members of the Gulf Shores Garden Club toured the city's beautiful sensory garden at the corner of West 22nd Ave. and West 3rd St. following the club's September meeting. The GSGC meets the first Wednesday of each month September thru May, and guests are always welcome. For more club info, visit gsgardenclub.com or facebook.

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.

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

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 with 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."



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WHAT'S HAPPENING



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- **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 Tourney:** 7, American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- **Coping Conversations Grief Support Group:** 9:30 a.m.; Nix Center, Fairhope, 251-626-5255 or 251-928-2835.
- **Marine Corps League of South Baldwin County:** 6 p.m. on 4th Thursday; The Gulf Bowl, 2881 S. Jupiter St., Foley; current and former Marines and Corpsman welcome.
- **Rotary Club of Gulf Shores/Orange Beach:** noon; Gulf Shores Golf Club; visiting Rotarians and guests invited; 251-968-2000.
- **Gulf Shores United Methodist Church Bread Ministry:** 9-10; every Thursday; room 103 on the south campus, next to Crossroad; 251-968-2411.
- **South Alabama Senior Travelers:** 9 a.m.; Foley Senior Center; visitors welcome; 251-928-4494.
- **South Baldwin Amateur Radio Club:** 7 p.m. 4th Thurs. of every month; Baldwin County Emergency Operations Center, McAuliffe Rd., 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, SEPT 27

Sandy Roots Songwriters Series continues Sept. 17

The Sandy Roots Songwriter Series will present Abe Partridge, Tony Harrah, Jonathon Puzan, Kevin Swanson, (pictured) Steve Wilkerson and Trey Rowell on Sept. 17 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: Sandy-rootsmusic@gmail.com or (251) 284-2443.



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WHAT'S HAPPENING



Jackson's Chef Irv Miller book signing Sept. 14 in Fairhope Navy Cove Oyster Co. will bring its famed bivalves to the party

Bell-E's Bacon. Books. Craft Beer. Music. Navy Cove Oysters. Football on TV. What is not to like about a book signing by Chef Irv Miller of Jackson's in Pensacola on Saturday, September 14 beginning at 4 p.m. at Page & Pallette Book Store in downtown Fairhope.

It's been said Gulf Coast oysters have the cleanest taste of any oyster, that they taste of the sea and not much else, and for that reason they should be the oysters against which all others should be measured."

Gulf Coast Oysters: Classic & Modern Recipes for a Southern Renaissance is the latest cookbook from Miller. Beautifully photographed and replete with mouth-watering recipes, th book is a joyful and thorough exploration of Gulf oyster culture while also putting a fresh, modern spin on preparing "panhandle pearls."

Gulf Coast Oysters also focuses on preserving the Gulf's cross-cultural, Southern traditions and a goal of creating new interest in seafood-sustainable products. Miller's years of hands-on experience of modernizing the way the Florida Panhandle thinks about food, as well as his support of sustainable food-producing practices, has provided him a unique perspective for telling the story of the ever-changing food scene along the Gulf Coast.

Also served at the event will be **Navy Cove Oysters**, a company founded in 2011 out of a long-term friendship and working relationship between marine science researchers Dr. John Supan and Dr. Charles Wilson.

Eric Bradley, raised on a crawfish farm in south Louisiana, joined the partnership in 2016. The partners sought to join a growing movement along the coastal regions of the Southern US and Gulf of Mexico to produce boutique, prized oysters for the half-shell market.

The Navy Cove Oyster Farm is located along the northern shore of Fort Morgan near its namesake body of water, which was frequented by Indians, an anchorage for pirates, and then the U.S. Navy during the War of 1812 and WWII.

The site rests at the intersection of the productive waters of Mobile Bay and the salty waters of the Gulf of Mexico. So, Navy Cove Oysters are constantly bathed by tidal exchanges between the gulf and bay. Its oysters are characterized by an umami of moderate brine, a rich, creamy, buttery texture and sweet, cucumber-like finish. Our oysters carry the signature of a prominent "racing stripe" across the shell surface. They are easy to shuck with a bill or hinge oyster knife.

The company targets the production of a medium-size oyster of moderate salinity. But smaller and larger sizes and higher or lower salt content are available. Oysters can be ordered through Bon Secour Fisheries in Bon Secour. Info: Navycoveoysters.com.

Also served at the book signing will be a special batch of beer Ghost Train Brewing of Birmingham. Music from Fairhope's own Blue Mullet Bluegrass Band starts at 6 p.m.

Pictured: Navy Cover Oyster co-owner Eric Bradley working the farm on Mobile Bay.

- **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, Aretha Franklin, Brooks & Dunn, Garth Brooks, Taylor Swift): 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.
- **J & J:** 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **Chris Johnson:** 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulus; Gulf Shores.
- **Soul Food Junkies:** 6 p.m., Tacky Jack's, Gulf Shores.
- **Shelby Brown:** 8 p.m., Tacky Jack's, Fort Morgan.
- **Class X:** 9; Sandshaker at The Wharf, Orange Beach.
- **Carl Langley:** 5; Playa, Orange Beach.
- **Oliver Twist:** 8; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
- **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

"Cello Salad" Sept. 17 at Foley Public Library

Della Grigsby will be perform her show "Cello Salad" at the Foley Public Library on Tuesday, Sept 17 from 6 – 7 p.m. Seating is limited in the upstairs meeting room and reservations are required. Please call 251-943-7665 to reserve a seat. For more info, visit foleylibrary.org or Facebook or Instagram. Grigsby has performed internationally - in the Kings Chamber at the Great Pyramid of Giza with 'Interior Time' (new age quartet) and at Festival Interceltique with 'Astronique', an astronaut Celtic band. Della has also played in Loja, Ecuador with the Symphonica de Loja.

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Al. state parks offer adventures from Tensaw Delta to Pinhoti Trail

By David Rainer

AL Dept. of Conservation and Natural Resources

From a shaded retreat on John's Bay in the Mobile-Tensaw Delta to the boardwalk atop the highest mountain in the state, the Alabama State Parks System offers an incredible diversity of nature's wonders to explore.

Just north of the point where the Mobile-Tensaw Delta and Mobile Bay converge, Meaher State Park offers a respite from the hustle and bustle that can be seen in the distance on the Bayway crowded with frustrated travelers. Tall pine trees blanket the 1,300-acre park that borders the Delta's biologically rich John's Bay to the south and Ducker Bay to the east.

According to Anna Bryant, Meaher's park superintendent, visitors head to the park with their travel trailers in tow, attracted to the shade on the water's edge.

“Part of the draw is we have easy access to the Delta and being able to stay overnight between Mobile and Baldwin counties.”

ent at Cheaha State Park, finds her therapy in the mountains, and Cheaha, completely surrounded by the Talladega National Forest in northeast Alabama, is the perfect location for her.

Already a dedicated backpacker before she took the job at Cheaha a year ago, Thornton now gets to share her love of hiking with an abundance of park visitors and fellow hikers.

“What attracted me to Cheaha was the mountain and the Pinhoti Trail,” said Thornton, the former Town Clerk at Rockford, Ala. “I wanted to be able to teach others how to backpack, the importance of being outdoors and inspiring others to love the outdoors.”

“I’ve been backpacking for about 12 years now, doing anything and everything adventurous. I’ve done more than 1,000 miles backpacking, so now I teach backpacking courses. And a lot of people are scared of camping. My goal is to teach people to not be afraid of being in the outdoors.”

Thornton's instructions include camp cooking, first aid, what's needed in your backpack and, possibly more important, what's not.

“I’ve been able to get my backpack down to 27 pounds for a seven-day trip,” she said. “If people will bring me their backpack, I will go through it and divide and conquer, as I say. I advise them on what kind of gear they need as far as shoes and clothing. A lot of people think they need to take multiple days of clothes. If you pick the right gear, you might need an extra pair of socks, but you don’t need anything else.”

“I had a friend with me on one trip who had 60 pounds in her backpack. She was really suffering. While we were on the trip I went through her bag. When we got to the next station, I told her to take this and that out and put it in the hiker box or mail it home. I’ve learned through experience about a lot of things, like blisters and how to deal with them and how to protect your feet. A lot of it is simple stuff that I want to pass on to make the person's trip a lot better the next time around.”

At one time, Cheaha was the southern terminus of Thornton's beloved Pinhoti Trail. That terminus has since been moved about 60 miles south to Flagg Mountain. The Pinhoti Trail covers about 170 miles in Alabama and 166 miles in Georgia before it connects with the Appalachian Trail. Hikers can also gain access to the Eastern Continental Trail that transits the entire eastern U.S.

Thornton, also president of the Alabama Pinhoti Trail Association, hopes to bring more exposure to Alabama's Pinhoti segment.

“We don’t get a lot of publicity on the Alabama Pinhoti Trail,” she said. “Georgia's trail gets a lot, but Alabama's doesn't. It could be a big tourism booster for Alabama.”

“My goal is to raise the awareness of the Alabama section of the trail. People don't know that it also is a connector from Key West (Fla.) all the way to Maine.”

On a hot summer day, a bonus of being at Cheaha is the weather.

“It's about 10 degrees cooler on the mountain,” Thornton said. “Sometimes it's more than that, depending on the wind. When I got here last May (2017), I was freezing to death. We can sit in the restaurant and see the weather around us. If I see a storm coming and we've got people in the pool, I can go get them out. The good thing is, most of the time, the bad stuff goes around us.”

Another attraction for Cheaha visitors is the solitude of the mountain, which is 2,407 feet above sea level, the highest in the state. A variety of accommodations await, from cabins and chalets to improved and primitive camping.

“A lot of people come to Cheaha to disconnect,” Thornton said. “If you want to get away from it all, if you want to get away from your telephone, your Wi-Fi, this is where you come. Once you come around the curves on (Hwy.) 281, you lose your connections. I just got a call

from a man who said he was ready to get away from work. People disconnect and they go hiking, swimming and enjoy the restaurant. They come to hike. They come to see the wildlife, the deer and turkeys. We have a lot of birdwatchers who come to the park. We have gem-mining for the kids and a lot of interpretive nature programs for the whole family.”

Now hop in your vehicle, come down the mountain and head south about 260 miles to Meaher State Park to experience Alabama's coastal plains and the expansive Mobile-Tensaw Delta.

Meaher offers 61 improved campsites, 10 improved tent sites, a couple of primitive tent sites and four cabins. Two more cabins will be available later this year.

Bryant said Meaher appeals to campers in a couple of different ways.

“We're kind of a quiet park,” she said. “We don't have a pool or tennis courts or facilities that some of the bigger parks have. The fact that people can come and relax, see the sunsets and see the water is a big attraction for our overnight guests. But we also have a lot of day visitors who love to fish. We have a fishing pier and a boat launch. They can canoe and kayak or take their motor boat into the Delta or Mobile Bay. We have the Gateway to the Delta boardwalk that allows visitors to see the Delta from a different perspective.”

“Part of the draw is we have easy access to the Delta and being able to stay overnight between Mobile and Baldwin counties.”

Because of its size, Meaher doesn't have a park naturalist, but Bryant has been able to utilize the environmental programs from Gulf State Park and 5 Rivers – Alabama Delta Resource Center, which is located directly across the Mobile Causeway from Meaher.

“The last program we had was a reptile show that 5 Rivers conducted,” Bryant said. “They brought native snakes and turtles to show our guests.”

Bryant will soon be involved in a park expansion, thanks to a \$3.5 million award from the Deepwater Horizon's oil spill through the RESTORE Act.

“Our hope is to expand not only RV sites but add a couple more cabins and possibly another fishing pier,” she said. “We're still in the process of finalizing our plans. We want to offer our visitors a gamut of options from just relaxing to enjoying the Delta.”

Pictured: Meaher State Park's Anna Bryant checks out an alligator hanging around the fishing pier; Anglers have access to the Delta at Meaher State Park.





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Paul Frechette snapped this pic of an osprey taking off from his backyard.



Submitted by Mike Yeager off Moreland, Ga (p/t OBA resident): "Enjoying a beautiful sunset from Cobalt Restaurant."



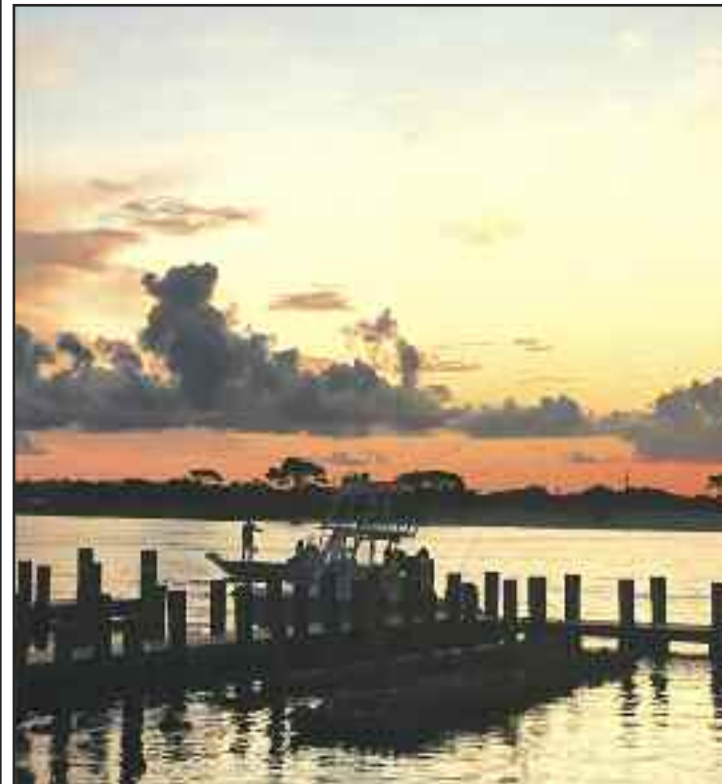
Another beautiful evening on cotton bayou," writes Jim Lawson of Orange Beach.



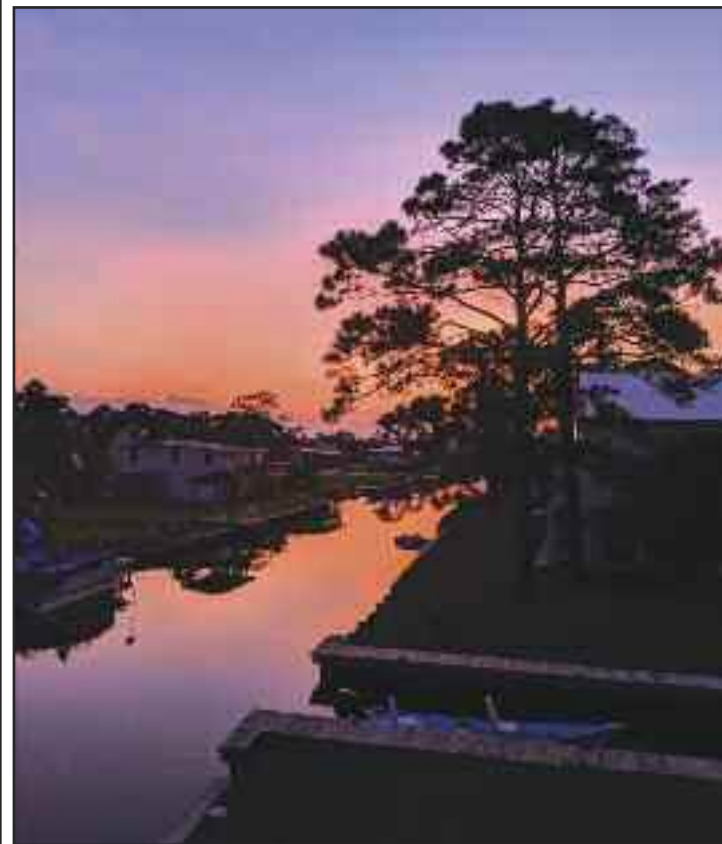
"We had an amazing sunrise this morning. I took these photos from our balcony. These storms were 35-40 miles out in the Gulf. The first one is the unusual scene of a thunderstorm topping out and the second, a competing storm developing. The thunder was distant, but it sounded like war," writes David Batt.



"Holding the sun in her hands," writes Sandy Santa Rossa.



Boggy Point in Orange Beach last day of Snapper season courtesy of Donnie Canaan.



"The colors were so unusually bright I had to capture them," writes Ken Matthews.

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PICTURES OF THE WEEK



Courtney Gibb shares a picture of this “rock ‘n roll” vehicle she saw at Bear Point.



Chuck Higdon shares a couple pictures of surfers catching waves at Perdido Pass ahead of an August storm.



“The reward for early morning turtle watch at Alabama Point on August 19,” write Maggie Warren of Orange Beach.



“Hanging with the Gulls in Orange Beach,” writes Mike Yeager.



Gulf Shores beach shots from Becky Mullins of Foley.



Paul Summerlin shares these Gulf Shores sunrise shots.



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FRIDAY.....Fried Fish Platter w/fries and hushpuppies or Tasso Tortellini w/a drink
SATURDAY.....Bacon Jam Burger w/fries or coleslaw and a Domestic beer

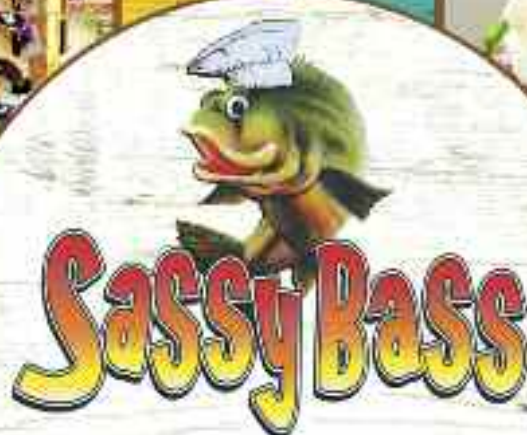
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