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AROUND TOWN

Author Pavlovitz speaks Oct. 13 at G. S. Activity Center

Former mega-church pastor will speak in a.m. at Unity Church service

Author John Pavlovitz will be speaking twice in Gulf Shores on Sunday, Oct. 13. He will speak at Gulf Shores Adult Activity Center (260 Clubhouse Dr.) at 5 p.m. and at the Unity Church Gulf Shores service at The Royal Oyster (807 Gulf Shores Pkwy.) at 9:30 a.m. For more info, call or text Rev. Donna Mullis at 251-223-9774.



In the past five years, Pavlovitz's blog, Stuff That Needs To Be Said, has reached a diverse worldwide audience of millions. His message is dedicated to radical hospitality, mutual respect and diversity of doctrine. He wants to help people realize they can change things for the better.

"We all have a small world that we can save," Pavlovitz said. "Compassion, or giving a damn, is one of the most powerful weapons we have in

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

Pavlovitz's core message is one that many of us are yearning to hear: That hope is possible, and that kindness, inclusion, and compassion are the way forward.

In 2017, he released his first book, A Bigger Table. A year later, he published Hope and Other Superpowers. "Many of us are lamenting the despair and divisiveness around us, aching for something more redemptive but no longer sure how to get to it from where we stand," Pavlovitz wrote in that book.

He sees recent government policies as largely bereft of empathy for the poor, the sick, the marginalized and outsiders. "The (political leaders) don't deserve to claim ownership of the living," he wrote.

"The world you and I are standing on is in desperate need of people still willing to reach and do and believe and, most of all, to be fierce caretakers of hope."

What kind of person does the world need right now is the question he asks in his lecture. "Over the past year or so," he writes. "the term thoughts and prayers has come under great public scrutiny. As a Christian and pastor I have no aversion to prayer, but in the face of injustice and suffering, prayer without behavior change or measurable movement isn't something I'm all that interested in. Whether religious or not, heroic people move from burden to action, from heart to hand; they evolve from simply feeling empathy to tangibly expressing compassion. The people who are the difference makers don't wait for someone else to stand up to corrupt power or oppose unjust legislation or advocate for people who are hurting so that they can join in. They stand up and oppose and advocate regardless of the cost.

Although he despairs the state of the world and the values of its leaders, he holds tightly to hope, and and he asks others to do the same.

"Hope is saying that the things we're fighting for right now, the things that we value so greatly, are the product of the people before us who had hope and lived forward-thinking," he told the Chicago Tribune. "The rights we have, the things we treasure, they're our inheritance from people who came before us. What I'm asking people to think about is that we're going to leave something for the people who come after us. Hope is saying, 'I want to leave something beautiful and something worth inheriting.'"

Paws in Park Oct. 19 at Big Lagoon Park

Big Lagoon State Park along with the Friends of Pensacola State Parks will host the Paws in the Park on Saturday, Oct. 19 from 9 a.m. 'til noon at the Amphitheater Picnic Area at Big Lagoon State Park (12301 Gulf Beach Hwy. in Pensacola). This is a free event with regular paid park entry fees (\$4 for one person or \$6 for up to 8 people in a vehicle). Dogs enter free.

Bring the whole family out, including your favorite 4-legged friends for a fun filled day of dog friendly vendors, opportunities for adoption and educational demonstrations. The event will take place at the amphitheater picnic pavilion area and adjacent trail. Parking will be available at the Amphitheater.

There will be dog friendly vendors, opportunities for adoption of a new furry friend, and ranger-guided dog friendly hikes to emphasize our dog friendly areas of the park and interpretation of dog rules.

For more info, email Emily.price@dep.state.fl.us or call 850-492-1595.

Movies at Meyer series Oct. 17 & 24

The City of Gulf Shores Movies at Meyer Park series concludes with free movies October 17 and October 24. Locals and visitors are invited to bring their lawn chairs and blankets and join us at Meyer Park for "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.

Movies are courtesy of Small Town, Big Beach Productions.

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

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

Community helps fly local to Arkansas for treatment

GSHS grad Blaire Carlton needs three more treatments to finish

By Bethany Kottsick

Are there angels among us? Blaire Carlton and her family certainly think so.

Blaire is the 19-year old daughter of Toma and Darcie Carlton, owners of Flip Flop Deli in Gulf Shores. She was diagnosed with stage 4 stomach cancer on July 30th 2019.

After her diagnosis she began chemotherapy in Little Rock, Arkansas. During one of her chemo treatments on August 9th she suffered a cardiac arrest, fell to the floor, and had to be intubated. To make matters worse her liver and adrenal gland was bleeding due to the fall.

Toma Carlton says, "She is getting stronger, but the 18 hour drive back and forth for treatment was very taxing for her so that is why we are so blessed to have you guys."

From plane, pilot, fuel and other essentials, all has been generously donated by local prominent businessmen who regularly charter flights through Charter Air.

Her flight to Arkansas on Sept. 26 was covered. However, she needs three more treatments to finish.

If you are interested in donating to Blaire's treatment, please Call 251-504-6545.



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AROUND TOWN



Elks Club Shrimp Boil For Alzheimers Oct. 19 in Gulf Shores

By Katie Kipp

The Fraternal Order of Eagles #4549 is teaming up with Billy's Seafood for our 2nd annual Shrimp Boil for Alzheimers. The cost is once again \$18 in advance or \$20 at the door. All proceeds do go to the Alzheimer fund. The date is October 19 and the food will be ready at 2 p.m. Last year's total proceeds for charity reached \$1500 and we are striving to beat that amount. Yes, there will be to go orders too. Call 251-971-4549 for more information. Address for the fundraiser is 3859 Gulf Shores Pkwy., Unit 6 north end; in Gulf Shores. We hope you will also patronize Billy's for your fresh seafood. **Pictured:** Alzheimer chairman, Wiley Latner and Billy of Billy's Seafood.

Oktoberfest at 'Bama offers music, free food & drink

The Flora-Bama Oktoberfest Customer Appreciation Celebration will be held on Sunday, Oct. 13 beginning at 4 p.m. Festivities include free food, one free drink and 25 percent off all items in the gift shop from 4-6 p.m. Festive attire is encouraged. The Brats will be playing oompah music starting at 4 p.m. The Flora-Bama is located on the Gulf of Mexico at the Al-Fl state line.

Girls Night Out shopping fundraiser Oct. 17 at Wharf

Get the gals together on Oct. 17 from 5-9 p.m. for a much-needed girls' night at The Wharf in Orange Beach. Sponsored by South Baldwin Regional Medical Center, the annual fundraiser will support the Baldwin County Child Advocacy Center and include giveaways, drink specials and Martinis & Mammos, a Breast Cancer Awareness Month event.

Every GNO participant will be registered for the door prize giveaways when they sign in and earn extra chances to win prizes with every purchase. More info: alwharf.com.

Perdido Bay Baptist Church Community Fest Oct. 19

Perdido Bay Baptist Church will host its Community Fest & Craft Show on Saturday, October 19 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

The event will welcome vendors with custom crafts & one-of-a-kind items and art. Other activities include a yard sale, bake sale, live

music, a fish-fry and a chance to donate blood on the Big Red Bus Bloodmobile.

The church campus is located at 12600 Sorrento Rd. in Pensacola. For more info, call 850-492-2604.

LBGTQ family dinner planned Oct. 14 at The Royal Oyster

Rainbow Mobile invites the community to join them at its October 14 LBGTQ family dinner scheduled Oct. 14 at The Royal Oyster (807 Gulf Shores Pkwy.) in Gulf Shores. Seating begins at 6:30 p.m. All ages, sexual orientations, and gender identities are welcome at this family friendly event.

LBGTQ family dinners are a way to build community and to meet other like-minded people in an affirming environment. Each person orders and pays for their own meal. And, of course, you do not have to be LBGTQ to attend. For more info, call or text Rev. Donna Mullis at 251-223-9774. Monthly family dinners are aksi scheduled in Mobile, Theodore and the Eastern Shore. For more info, visit rainbowmobile.org.

Arts Afire Fall Festival Oct. 17 at Coastal Art Center

Friends of the Coastal Arts Center of Orange Beach will host the Arts Afire Fall Festival from 5:30-7:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 17 at the Art Center's beautiful bayfront facility.

In addition to hot glass pottery and raku firings, the event will feature live music, delicious treats and children's crafts.

The Coastal Arts Center of Orange Beach is located at 26389 Canal Rd. For more info, call 251-981-ARTS (2787) or visit CoastalArtsCenter.com.

Critters living In Little Lagoon topic of Oct. 17 LLPS meeting

Have you ever wondered about all the different critters living in Little Lagoon? Beneath the waterbody surface is a remarkable ecosystem teeming with life. Guest speaker Craig Newton with the Alabama Marine Resources Division will share shrimp, fish, and crab diversity and abundances at the quarterly Little Lagoon Preservation Society meeting on October 17 at 5:30 p.m. at the Gulf Shores Activity Center on Clubhouse Drive.

Guests are always welcome, and the first half hour of the meeting provides an opportunity to meet, mingle and enjoy refreshments. The program begins at 6 p.m. and will include a question-and-answer period following Newton's presentation.

Specifically, Newton will update the latest findings concerning blue crab, shrimp, speckled trout and southern flounder populations. He will also present a community composition analysis evaluating long term changes in the types of animals residing in Little Lagoon.

Major Jason Downey and Lt. Troy Fisher with MRD Enforcement will also be there to address any questions concerning recent creel limit changes in coastal waters.

Other Agenda Items: Little Lagoon Pass Update; Oyster Gardening; Watershed Management Plan; Committee Activity. The Gulf Shores Activity Center is located at 260 Clubhouse Dr. For more LLPS info, call 251-942-2233.

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Lecture part of series at USA Gulf Coast campus on County Rd. 6

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. Jack 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.

The USA Gulf Coast Campus is located 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.

LeCroy, the Urban Regional Extension Agent at Alabama Cooperative Extension System, will also teach a two-day seminar about growing vegetables here in South Alabama Oct. 28-29 from 1:30 – 3 p.m. Cost for that seminar is \$25.

Growing vegetables in this climate can be a challenge. Join LeCroy to learn some tips and tricks to help you with your vegetable garden and learn what to plant and when.

SBCT hosts Oct. 19 Woodstock Anniversary Party

Lisa Christian & The Bitter End Band to provide tunes

South Baldwin Community Theatre will host a Woodstock Anniversary Costume Party on Saturday, October 19 from 6-9 p.m. on and around the theatre's outdoor stage.

The evening of fun will feature Lisa Christian and the Bitter End Band and attendees celebrating Woodstock with songs, stories, and tie dye!

Enjoy the psychedelic atmosphere and wear your best Woodstock, Bohemian, and hippie peace and love attire whilst enjoying the live groovy tunes of the times. The event is directed by Andrea Plante.

Tickets are \$10 and available at the venue or at sbct.biz.



Wet & Wild Festival Oct. 18 at Gulf Place

The City of Gulf Shores will host the Wild and Wicked Beach Bash at Gulf Place Public Beach on Friday, October 18. Wear your 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 at 8 p.m. Food and refreshments will be available for purchase at the event. For more info, call 251-968-9824 or visit gulfshoresal.gov/halloween. General admission is free.

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

the registration fee will increase to \$25. The cost will include the event t-shirt.

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

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

Pictured: Witchy fun at the 2018 fest.



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Additional \$1.3 million needed for school roadwork

Only \$172,000 left of \$8.8 million budget approved in May

By John Mullen

Gulf Shores is considering adding about \$1.3 million to a contract initially passed for work on carline entrances, parking lots and other exterior improvements at

the three campuses of Gulf Shores City Schools.

“Due to the inability for the architects to have unrestricted access to the interior of the schools prior to June 1, the planned improvements were mostly focused on exterior improvements such as travel way improvements, entryways, parking lot additions, a new bus loop, improved entrance canopies,

irrigation and playgrounds,” city documents say.

That was covered when the council voted to spend about \$5.7 million for the improvements on May 6 just a few weeks before the first day of Gulf Shores City Schools. On May 28, the council voted again for a budget amendment to approve a total of \$8.8 million for further improvements at the campuses. With the \$1.3 million change order all but \$172,000 has been spent at the school.

During a work session, the agenda item on the school work said the latest improvements would concentrate on security, roofing and interior improvements.

Other improvements previously charged to this \$1.3 million dollar security include high school cafeteria freezer cooling unit replacement, security camera system linked to both police dispatch and SROs, rekeying the school complex, sports practice field fencing replacement, HVAC cleaning and repair, roof patching and repair to all school campus buildings, elementary and middle school gym equipment, floor repair and painting, school system technology and hardware and miscellaneous repairs and maintenance.

A breakdown of the entire \$8.8 million allotted to schools includes \$5.7 million

for phase one exterior improvements, \$800,000 public works expenses, \$1 million for professional services and the \$1.3 million for security, roofing and interior improvements.

During the work session, the council also discussed:

- Authorizing the mayor to negotiate and execute a contract for Design Services to ArchitectureWorks for the Gulf Coast Center for Ecotourism & Sustainability project in an amount not to exceed \$950,000.

- Awarding a bid for street resurfacing to Asphalt Service in the amount of about \$653,000. Included in the project are Wedgewood Drive which would include five-foot bike lanes on each side, West Sixth Avenue and Royal Oaks Circle.

- Airbnb’s request to the council to authorize the mayor to amend the Voluntary Collection Agreement with the City to allow certain “registered hosts” to remit lodging tax on their own behalf. Airbnb began paying lodging taxes to the city in November of 2018 and during the first 10 months became one of the top five taxpayers in the city.

- Approving a contract with the Matrix Consulting Group for \$100,000 to perform a projected building program analysis for the city. The analysis will assess several city buildings and facilities and for short and long-term, a recommendation as to how best to obtain efficiencies, and a building program as to how and where to meet the demands for the current and future city operations.

- Renewing a lease with J & J Enterprises to lease an existing medical office building presently occupied by Symbol Clinic. The lease will expire on Dec. 31 and there is an option to renew for one year which includes a 3 percent increase in the monthly rental fee.

- Setting a public hearing for Oct. 14 on the liquor license for The Sloop which will be located in the old Delta Blues spot under the Intracoastal Waterway bridge.

- Reappointing Asha Colvin’s to the Library Advisory Board. Her term expires on Oct. 31 and she would like to serve another four-year term.

- Issuing a franchise agreement with Gulf Limousine for the company to operate in the city.

Funding still main topic for planned airport control tower

By John Mullen

Everything is still on track with plans to build a \$4.6 million control tower at Jack Edwards Airport and, again, funding is the main topic.

“There’re two sources,” Airport Authority Manager Scott Fuller said.

“The airport improvement program which will give us 90 percent of the funding and reimburse use for 90 percent of what we’ve already spent as far as engineering. The timing on that is probably not good. If it were approved coming up

in October-November it’s a possibility we can get it for next year. If not, Congress made through this FAA bill another fund called the Small Airport Fund available for control towers and that’s close to 100 percent.”

The current plan is to get the preliminaries done before Jan. 1, be ready to build next spring and open in 2021.

“The schedule right now as far as to complete the design with all the FAA comments and everything else by December of this year,” Fuller said. “Be ready for bid and bid advertise in March and complete construction next December and open up in January 2021. The funding has not been approved yet and that’s the big question mark.”

Fuller says the FAA should finalize its contract with the company that will operate the control tower by October. And, Gulf Shores is still on the fast track to get the next tower via a new approval process by the FAA.

“We’re the guinea pig,” Fuller said. “We’re on a conference call with all the FAA offices that have a say in this project from funding to airspace to flight procedures to obstruction evaluation – everybody that’s involved in it. They’re talking about how it’s working out and basically all I kept hearing throughout the entire conservation was at Jack Edwards we did this, at Jack Edwards we did that. That’s all they’re talking about.”

In addition to the new tower, the the Gulf Shores Airport Authority is making plans for a passenger terminal, allowing the airport to include scheduled service.

“I’ve been talking to the airlines for a couple of years. But the next step is to let them know when the terminal will be ready and try to get a letter of intent from them in order for us to get grant funds to help build this thing,” Fuller said.

“Initiating the design of a new control tower and commercial airline terminal is an exciting step forward,” Mayor Robert Craft said. “The continued growth of our airport is a critical factor in providing enhanced economic development opportunities for our entire community.”

Gulf Shores has spent about \$1.2 million to improve roads at the airport and inside the Business and Aviation Park. City officials have their fingers crossed for a grant application that, if approved, would fund \$15 million of the total \$23 million estimated for the project.

“Bid advertise in March and complete construction next December and open in January 2021. Funding has not been approved yet. That’s the big question mark.”

Ft. Morgan Ladies Auxiliary fish-fry & bake sale Oct. 19

The Fort Morgan Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary will hold a fish-fry, bake sale and 50/50 drawing on Saturday, October 19 at Fire Station #1, 12105 state Hwy.80W{also known as Fort Morgan Road} between mile markers 12 and 13. Serving hours are from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For a donation of \$8 per plate you will receive fried fish, baked beans, coleslaw ,hushpuppies and iced tea. Take outs are available.

Delicious home-baked breads, cakes, cookies, brownies and pies will be available for purchase. The auxiliary's cook book will also be for sale along with the annual commemorative Ft. Morgan VFD tee shirts (\$20 each).

All proceeds will benefit the Fireman's Benevolence Fund. For further info call 251-543-1116.

Holy Spirit Episcopal Church putt-putt tourney October 19

Holy Spirit Episcopal Church will host its 2nd Annual Pirates and Princesses putt putt tournament on Saturday, October 19 from 10 am 'til noon at Pirate's Island Adventure Golf on Hwy 59. The event includes 18 holes of putt putt and a picnic lunch. All proceeds will benefit the Holy Spirit Day School. Tickets are \$20 for ages 15 and over, \$15 for ages 5 to 14. Children 4 and under are free. Please contact the Church office to purchase ticket @ 251-968-5988.

Free Baldwin Pops Concert Oct. 20 at O.B. Art Center

The Baldwin Pops Band will play a free concert at 5 p.m. on Sunday, October 20 at the Orange Beach Art Center (26389 Canal Rd). The musical theme is "Movies and More!"

Conductor Dr. Jason Rinehart will lead the band through soundtrack highlights from Avengers: Endgame, Symphonic Suite from Band of Brothers, Days of Wine and Roses, The Sound of Music, and other great movie marches. Two additional marches are The Earl of Oxford's March and Sousa's The Quilting Party.

Guests should bring chairs or blankets and are encouraged to bring a picnic supper. After intermission, there will be a children's parade with flags. The Checkered Tablecloth Award will be presented to the person or group with the most interesting picnic setup.

The concert is sponsored by the City of

Orange Beach. In addition, the Baldwin Pops Band is sponsored by a grant from the Alabama State Council on the Arts.

Lynne Hilton book signing Oct. 22 at Foley Public Library

Foley Public Library will host an author talk and book signing by Lynne Hilton, author of *Callie Comes Home*, on Tuesday, Oct. 22 at 2 p.m. in the Foley Public Library's upstairs meeting room.

Hilton (pictured) has turned her passion for the arts into a career, she has written and produced numerous theater productions.



Not only has she opened multiple dance studios for over 35 years, Hilton has also appeared on national Christian television networks. Lynne was awarded the title of Ms. Senior Baldwin County in 2007. She resides with her family in Foley, AL.

Callie Comes Home is the Hilton's fictional novel submitted for publication. It is a true work of love that she believes others will relate to concerning obstacles in their lives. The message is one of learning from the past and overcoming hardships.

For more info, call 251-943-7665 or visit foleylibrary.org.

World War Memories opens Oct. 16 at Heritage Museum

The Baldwin County Heritage Museum 7th Annual Exhibit, "WWI & WWII-Memories of Baldwin County" will open on October 16 and close December 14. Admission is fre, and the museum is located at 25521 Hwy 98 E; in Elberta.

The Exhibit endorsed by the Alabama Bicentennial Commission and supported by a Grant from the Alabama Bicentennial Commission Foundation, pays tribute to Baldwin County's men, women, places and activities during the war years. Using artifacts and information gathered from individuals, newspapers and other media, the exhibit provides a historical connection of the wars' impact on Baldwin County by focusing on the military personnel who served in both wars, the top secret project "Operation Ivory Soap", the German mission "Operation Drumbeat" in the Gulf of Mexico and the Outer Landing Fields for the Navy.

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O.B. Wildlife Center & Management Program getting new digs

By John Mullen

The Orange Beach Wildlife Center and Management Program has been a huge success but is quickly outgrowing its space at the city's recreation campus.

"A lot of it is capacity. We're in just such a small site right now our capacity is relatively limited," Coastal Operations Manager Wade Stevens said. "There's a pretty big demand especially during the peak season." Stevens said a new facility will be three to four times larger than the small house it's in now.

An intern feeds an orphaned squirrel that will be released to the wild once raised. Another problem is encroachment from the growing recreational complex itself. A new gym is going up next to the recreation center and an adult fitness center is planned to go in near the old Walker home where the Wildlife Center is now.

Thanks to a Restore grant of nearly \$200,000, a new home is in the works for an expanded center on 10 acres the city purchased adjacent to Gulf State Park.

1940s or 50s."

Thanks to a Restore grant of nearly \$200,000, a new home is in the works for an expanded center on 10 acres the city purchased adjacent to Gulf State Park. Plans are in the works and Stevens says the project could go out for bid in 60 to 90 days.

"The Restore grant is only for part," Stevens said. "We were already planning with some city funding to again construct a new trail maintenance facility out there and it just made sense with the Wildlife Center being in kind of an interim facility all along. Plans for eventual progress there at the rec center with the expansion of those facilities it made sense to go ahead and relocate to that site with it being so close to the trail, that's kind of secluded on the island which is tough. For wildlife rehabilitation have a secluded area near a large wildlife refuge like the state park it would be beneficial."

The design of the trail barn and wildlife facility is still underway so the costs is still unknown. Stevens said city officials are expecting a price tag of about \$400,000. "The Restore funds will be covering the enclosures and some of the equipment," Stevens said.

Trail maintenance crews which previously worked out of the "beach barn" near the water tower on Alabama 161 about a quarter north of the beach are now working out of the home on the 10-acre site. The beach barn is now used for the Leave Only Footprints program.

Out at the new site Stevens says the major change will be adding space to carry out the center's rehab and public outreach activities.

"It's going to give us more enclosure space," Stevens said. "We're slowly but surely building up an inventory of some educational ambassadors. These are non-releasable animals that we use for outreach and education opportunities so we'll have more space for those

animals there in addition to the rehab animals.

"In general, space for personnel, storage, things of that nature. We operate a resident intern program so going to that facility is going to allow us more physical space for more interns and staff whereas now we're relatively limited. They're packed into that little house. Not only where they stay but where they work. It's just not enough room."

The center has a resident skunk, macaw, a few snakes, turtles, a bobcat that was bought out of state as a pet, a great-horned owl and a happy, busy otter that has its own pool and play area. But space at the current center doesn't allow enough separation from those being rehabled for an eventual release back into the wild.

"Another big advantage of the overall size of the property is being able to really separate our educational ambassador animals from our rehab side," Stevens said. "From the disease perspective you want to try and keep that completely isolated. We don't have that luxury right now. We keep them in separate sides of an enclosure with a hallway separating them but ideally you want two separate facilities in general."

A larger facility will also be helpful in keeping similar animals grouped together within the new, larger place. "Right now, a lot of our animals are kind of comingled," Stevens said. "You might have baby birds and baby mammals in very close proximity in a small building whereas in this building we'll be able to spread out some and have different rooms for each type of animal. That's going to be very helpful. We can have more songbirds in one area and shore birds, baby mammals and be able to separate that."

One of the most exciting features will be outside areas including using the pond on site to help in the rehabilitation of shorebirds.

"We've got the little pond there on the 10 acres which is going to give us something we don't have now a natural body of water," Stevens said. "We're going to incorporate some of that for some of our shorebirds so that during their rehab time they're not just in an artificial pool. They've got some time they can spend there on a body of water. We've got the ability to go out and essentially make a couple of cuts in the fence to fence a small portion of the shoreline and that will allow them to get in the water and still interact in a more natural way. That's going to be really helpful. It's fully enclosed."

Another component will help the center expand its care of raptors including bald eagles.

"The other neat thing about out there that we don't have here and it's our large flight enclosure," Stevens

said. "It's under construction now. A flight enclosure allows us to take in bald eagle sized birds which has to be over 100 feet long. It's a big enclosure and it was already funded in part by a NFWF grant. We've got most of that all up and ready to go. Now we're just waiting on the rest of it. As soon as Restore comes through we're ready to get started."

In the future, Stevens says, he'd like to see some classes and clubs from the nearby new high school and middle school start programs at the center as well.

"We already deliver education programming to all grades at the elementary school and now with a middle and high school we're working with those principals and educators to find ways to integrate the middle and high school into a wildlife program as well," Stevens said. "Which could include some afterschool programs, clubs and things of that nature. We already have multiple high school students that volunteer with us weekly. It is part of our plan to incorporate an outdoor classroom area and some other things even including the possibility of woodshop or technical elements in that facility that should they desire to we could help turn it into a school project. They can help build things we utilize or need to utilize out on the trail."

He said plans are also in the works for a connector path from the Backcountry Trail to the new center and eventually some interaction there with the resident animal ambassadors.

The center has come a long way since its start in Stevens' garage when he was a firefighter for the city. "I've done wildlife on and off – mostly on – since about 1999. That was when we really got it kicked off and it's gone back and forth through some different variations," he said. "I rehabled many animals in my garage at home before there was anything official."

Back in those early days the police and fire department were both called out on emergencies and it seemed the wildlife calls just fell to firefighters.

"It really doesn't matter what the incident is somebody's got to deal with it," Stevens said. "Law enforcement typically dealt with criminal activities and had other responsibilities and the fire department would tend to get the animal calls."

He and interested firefighters began handling marine mammal and sea turtle rescues and rehabs and eventually there were stranding networks and the current Share the Beach programs were created.

"Once that was covered I shifted focus to birds and mammals," Stevens said. "We started over the years working on how we were going to deal with those types of calls. The goal was to do it the right way. We set out with a goal to develop a state and federally licensed and permitted wildlife rehabilitation facility and that's where we are today."





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Canal-161 south bypass back on the drawing board

By John Mullen

A bypass plan from Canal Road to Alabama 161 using an undeveloped city street right of way has been on and off the table several times and taken different forms.

As of an Oct. 1 town hall meeting it's back again with yet another tweak to its configuration. A city presentation gave updates on the bypass, the widening of Canal Road, the Wolf Bay Bridge, Canal Road East, the toll bridge and the Gulf Shores bridge.

"We do have y'all's blessing now, right?" Mayor Tony Kennon asked Alabama Department of Transportation Southwest Engineer Matthew Ericksen.

Ericksen nodded his agreement but repeated the same caveats and concerns that are raised every time the route is mentioned.

"It has to go through the environment process so it's a conceptual plan," Ericksen said. "There will be a public hearing, there will be different options but it's probably the one that we all favor."

While on the drawing board, the bypass has yet to be engineered and was not part of the bid in the state's project to add a fifth lane on Canal Road. That project is underway now.

What the bypass brings is the chance for protracted filings and permitting required to traverse a wetland. Not only does the property have wetlands there are also huge concrete poles for electrical lines along the route.

"I think the state is behind it," Kennon said. "It's just a matter of there's a lot of wetlands there so we will have to go through an environmental permitting, wetland mediation and all that has to be done. But we think it's absolutely necessary to help us flow traffic off Canal Road. In July, Assistant Southwest Engineer Brian Aaron said the bypass route would also face scrutiny from the National Environmental Policy Act because of those wetlands.

"We're basically going to have to start from scratch as regards to the NEPA process," Aaron said at the time.

The latest concept has the route going south of the power poles nonstop traffic flowing right onto Alabama 161 south and headed toward the beach. Traffic coming from the Canal Road and Alabama 161 traffic would stop at a new intersection south of McDonald's and could turn right to head west on the bypass or left toward the beach.

On the north side, there will be a similar intersection of Canal Road in front of the parking lot for Luna's Eat and Drink and BuzzCatz Coffee and Sweets.

But the exciting news is the fifth lane is moving forward even if there are lane closures and traffic backups as the work proceeds.

"It's been forever coming but it is actually happening," Kennon said. "In October, we should actually be seeing roadway construction happening. All utilities had to be moved and that has taken about a year. Water, sewer, gas, Mediacom, CenturyLink, everything had to be moved. It's a two-year, two-and-a-half-year project but it is actually happening and it's paid for.

Wolf Bay Bridge On Hold

Wolf Bay Bridge conceptual design in Orange Beach, Alabama. Kennon says the city has been facing scrutiny because of continued spending on prep work on the Wolf Bay Bridge even though its status is limbo.

"We will continue to pursue the permits," Kennon said. "The permit is good for 10 years and we'll know in a year if we have the permits. There was also some chat-

ter on Facebook about us spending money without a contract. That's technically true but there was a reason we did that."

One reason, Kennon said, was to be ready to move forward in case federal funding gets passed during subsequent congressional sessions.

"There was talk with President Trump going into office and Congress that there would be an infrastructure bill with the Republican Congress," Kennon said. "We wanted to be shovel ready and we had to spend that money to get to that point so we were first in line if federal money became available and a short timeline to get the permitting. And everything we paid for is good for years so it's not like it's a waste of money. That's why we did what we did."

The hold up right now is the lack of a memorandum of understanding between the city and George Barber, who owns the bulk of the land on the northern side.

"We have no intentions of signing an MOU or a contract just to make a deal," Kennon said. "If it's not a good deal, if it's not a deal that's in the best interest of the City of Orange Beach then we won't build a bridge. Having said that it doesn't mean we don't need a bridge or want a bridge. That's a matter of opinion."

"With or without the MOU we wanted to know that if we got all the geotechs, surveying, the symmetry and everything done we would save a year and a half on construction if we go through with the bridge."

Canal Road East

The city plans to make Canal Road East into three lanes and add a roundabout to help alleviate traffic backups from cars wanting to turn left into GTs on the Bay, the senior center, library and art center.

"It will be three lanes from Doc's to the rec center," Kennon said. "There will be a roundabout - I don't know what I think about roundabouts but they tell me they work - at the library/arts center. The reason for that is we're going to eliminate completely the u-turn or people turning onto Canal Road going east trying to make a u-turn to go back to Doc's which backs traffic up in the summer into the intersection which is just creating havoc. Now they have to go down to the roundabout to go back to Doc's."

Kennon said the new configuration and extra center lane will also help folks getting in and out of city facilities on the road.

"The other reason the roundabout is there it was becoming very difficult to come out of the senior center, library or art center and make a left because there was so much traffic," Kennon said. "Now all that will enter into the roundabout. Hopefully, we'll start that at the beginning of next year. It's paid for with Restore Act money. We're going to have to contribute some because of the roundabout."

Toll Bridge

Almost 4.4 million people came over in 2017 and with a 13 percent increase in 2018. And city officials are expecting an increase in 2019 over 2018 as well.

"People have found out that coming down the expressway in the summer is probably 20 minutes faster or more than coming down 59," Kennon said. "Wonderful. But at the same time, y'all know what it does to Canal Road. It's a nightmare. That's why it is imperative that we get the fifth lane and look at other options to move traffic down Canal Road."

Gulf Shores Bridge

Plans are still being made for the bridge that state officials were hoping to put out for bid in August but delays in waiting for final permitting from the Army Corps of Engineers and the Coast Guard will likely push that into early 2020.

"It's scheduled for a February letting which means it would be under construction around May of next year," Ericksen said.

Kennon said the bridge has faced some opposition but any bridge would be a big help to moving traffic on the island.

"It is another bridge," Kennon said. "I don't know if y'all remember but July 5 several years ago we had a barge bump the toll bridge. We were blessed that there was no real damage but it was shut down for a day or so. I could not imagine life in Orange Beach if we lost that bridge for a year because a barge took out one of the pylons. We need redundancy in bridges. We need four lanes north and south, not two. So, this bridge is very important in my mind."

Quality Of Life Improvements

During the meeting, Kennon detailed several improvements the city has planned including rebuilding Fire Station One at the city hall complex. It would also include a new administration, fire college and dormitory building to house fire recruits and interns at the Wildlife Center. Fire Station Five must leave The Wharf and the city is looking at moving to Powerline Road.

An expansion of the police department and Justice Center is also planned and will be accomplished by moving the courtroom to a new building to be built west of the current building and using that facility for an expanded police department. Kennon said when the current building went up the city had 25 police officers but now has 60.

The city started its own ambulance service this spring with two new ambulances and is planning on adding a third and hiring nine more paramedics. It is also working with Gulf Shores and South Baldwin Regional Medical Center on a free-standing emergency room planned near Jack Edwards Airport.

Orange Beach is experiencing a boom in not only the single-family housing market but also in government buildings as well. The big one is the new Orange Beach High School and Middle School at Canal Road and William Silvers Parkway. The city is contributing a "state-of-the-art" performing arts center and an athletic complex that will include a covered practice field.

At the **Sportsplex**, the city is expanding the baseball field to seat 500 and an adjacent softball to 400 seats to accommodate school teams. Kennon said after the city's contract with the SEC Women's Soccer Tournament runs out in three years that stadium will be renovated for the schools' use.

In **Coastal Resources**, that department is getting a new complex that will include a marina in the old Walker Marina boat basin east of Sportsman Marina on Terry Cove. Also, planned for that same site is an Auburn University Engineering and Research facility.

On the recreation campus, a new gymnasium is going up now and a free-standing adult fitness center is being planned. The recreation center has become inundated with kids taking advantage of the free afterschool program Expect Excellence. It offers training and help in athletics, academics and the performing arts. The city is also putting together a new program called Continuing Excellence to offer some of the same type of programs to adults.



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If fest is open, music will be playing

Organizers have scheduled more than 100 hours of entertainment on two stages for this year's fest at Gulf Shores Public Beach. As always, the acts range from blues, motown and southern rock to jazz, americana and country. The music begins as soon as the fest opens at 10 a.m. each day and runs through 10 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and 5 p.m. on Sunday.

Park & Ride Shuttle Service

The City of Gulf Shores has stepped up to avert what could have been a major issue and there will be Park and Ride Shuttle Service available. Wristbands for the shuttle will be available for \$5 per day. Children 6 and under may ride for free. Service is offered from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and will resume from 4:30 to 10 p.m. on Thursday. Hours on Friday and Saturday are from 10 a.m. until 10 p.m. Hours on Sunday are from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. All proceeds go to the Gulf Shores City Schools' Dolphin Athletic Club and Band Booster Club. Locations for the Park and Ride Shuttle Service are as follows:

- **North** - Pelican Place at Craft Farms in Gulf Shores; • The Wharf in Orange Beach; • Erie H. Meyer Civic Center in Gulf Shores; drop-off at West 2nd St. and Beach Blvd.

- **West** - Waves Grocery in Gulf Shores; drop-off at West 2nd St. and Beach Blvd..
- **East** - Rouses Grocery in Orange Beach; • Gulf State Park Swimming Pavilion in Gulf Shores (Parking there is an additional \$10); Drop-off at East Gulf Place Public Beach Access.

Sand sculpture contest has four divisions

The festival's sand sculpture contest will be held on Saturday, October 12 at the west end of the beach at the public beach access. Registration and building begins at 11 a.m. and judging at 3 p.m. Maximum 4 members per team. All participants will receive a sand bucket and shovel. Info: Myshrimpfest.com.

Age Categories: 5-10 years, 11-15 years, 16 years & up, Family (all ages)*

*If you wish to help your child/children please enter the "Family" category.

Prizes include trophies, ribbons and posters. In addition, there is a \$100 cash prize awarded for both the Family & Adult categories and a \$50 cash prize for both the 5-10 yrs old and 11-15 yrs old categories.

Fest 10K & 5K Runs at O.B. Sportsplex

The Shrimp Festival 5K Run & Walk and 10K Run will be held on Saturday, Oct. 12 with the 10K starting at 7:30 a.m. and the 5K at 7:50 a.m. at The Orange Beach Sportsplex. Race day registration is \$40 for adults and \$20 for students. Awards will be presented in all the usual divisions. All net proceeds of the Run will be donated to support education programs that benefit local schools. Info: Myshrimpfest.com.

Plenty of hands-on-hoopla for little ones

The fest is a family affair, and that means there's plenty of excitement and entertainment for the little ones. Youngsters will find all kinds of hands-on hoopla in this special area designed just for kids. Supervised activities include arts, crafts, games, entertainment and music.

Baldwin students will sing for scholarships

The Shrimp Festival Singing for Scholarships event was created in 2013 to support local schools and our talented youth. The singing competition will feature students who are each chosen to represent their high school. Each high school conducts its own contest and the best will perform onstage on Oct. 12 from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. Scholarships are awarded to the top

three participants as well as to each high school.

The awards are: 1st Place – \$1,000 for student and represented school; 2nd Place – \$500 for student and represented school; 3rd Place – \$250 for student and represented school.

From gator bites to crawfish pistols

Shrimp is the star of this show, so it's no surprise to find dozens of vendors serving our favorite crustacean. But there's plenty of other seafood on the menu, from festival favorite crawfish pistols to crab claws and everything in between.

Loads of art, retail & outdoor marketplaces

The fest attracts high-quality fine artists from throughout the country working in a wide variety of mediums, from painting to sculpture. The fest's intimate setting allows visitors to chat with artists about their inspirations. You can also find items from whimsical to wonderful and functional to just plain fun, you'll find a wide variety of crafts at the fest's retail marketplace. In addition, The Outdoor Village will be back again and will feature outdoor themed retail.

2019 SHRIMP FEST MUSIC SCHEDULE

Thursday, Oct. 10

East Stage

10:00 - 11:30: Lisa Christian
12:00 - 1:30: Porch Ninjas
2:00 - 3:30: Ryan Balthrop
4:00 - 5:30: Tobacco Road
6:00 - 7:30: Style The Band
8:15 - 10:00: Dr. Zarr's Amazing Funk Monster

West Stage

10:00 - 11:30: Logan Lassitter
12:00 - 1:30: Hannah McFarland
2:00 - 3:30: Roxy & The Magic Johnsons
4:00 - 5:30: Bruce Smelley
6:00 - 7:30: David Jones & Friends
8:15 - 10:00: The Tip Tops

Friday, Oct. 11

East Stage

10:00 - 11:30: Top Hat & Jackie
12:00 - 1:30: Tracey & Alan
2:00 - 3:30: The Defrosters
4:00 - 5:30: Will Smith
6:00 - 7:30: Journey2Mars
8:15 - 10:00: Category 6

West Stage

10:00 - 11:30: Brent Burns
12:00 - 1:30: Christina Christian
2:00 - 3:30: Tiny Objects
4:00 - 5:30: Yeah Probably
6:00 - 7:30: The Wildflowers
8:15 - 10:00: Dr. Zarr's Amazing Funk Monster

Saturday, Oct. 12

East Stage

10:00 - 11:30: Elaine Petty
12:00 - 1:30: Ten Penny Gypsy
2:00 - 3:30: JoJo Pres

4:00 - 5:30: Miles Flatt
6:00 - 7:30: Cort Carpenter
8:15 - 10:00: Mustache The Band

Sunday, Oct. 13

West Stage

10:00 - 11:30: Marcus & Ebony
12:00 - 1:30: Andy Smith
2:00 - 3:30: Wavelength
3:30 PM - 5:00: Groovinators

East Stage

10:00 - 11:30: Liberty Church Worship
12:00 - 1:30: Al & Cathy
2:00 - 3:30: Sandra Kaye & Legend Band
3:30 - 5:00: Voodoo Bayou

PICTURED: Shrimp Fest entertainers include local favorites (clockwise from top left) Ryan Balthrop, Brent Burns, Elaine Petty, Top Hat & Jackie, The Porch Ninjas and Lisa Christian.



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By George Ridder



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"I'm giving you a hand," I said.

"What are you doing?"

"I'm stretching before my run."

Dad, can you tell me what a solar eclipse is?"
"No sun."

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What I Want in a Man, Re-

What I Want in a Man, Revised List (age 72): 1. Breathing; 2. Doesn't miss the toilet.

Her mother replies, "No dear, he should pay for his mistakes. I am coming to live with you."

- Husband while wife is away: If

Rachel: "Yeah? So, what are the words?"

User: "Sorry, I don't understand. Can you explain what I

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AROUND TOWN

South Baldwin Tourism Summit Oct. 17 at GSP Lodge

GUMBO, a South Baldwin coalition of local business leaders, chambers of commerce, and tourism organizations, will host legislators for a Tourism and Economic Development Summit at The Lodge at Gulf State Park on October 17 from 8 a.m. 'til 2 p.m.

Legislators from across the state will attend to learn about the statewide impact of tourism in Baldwin County.

For more info, call Tommy Lee at 251-223-1967 or tlee@vulcaninc.com.

GUMBO, an acronym for Gulf United Metro Business Organization, is committed to the intelligent growth and development of South Baldwin County.

Summit Schedule

- **8:00am** - Welcome from Gulf Shores Mayor Robert Craft, Orange Beach Mayor Tony Kennon, Foley Mayor John Koniar.
- **8:30 am** - State of Alabama Tourism w. Lee Sentell, Director, Alabama Department of Tourism
- **8:45 am** - State of Gulf Coast Tourism w. Herb Malone, President and CEO, Gulf Shores Orange Beach Tourism
- **9:00 am** - Report on Gulf State Park Lodge and Conference Center w. Chris Blankenship, Director, Alabama Department of Conservation.
- **9:30 am** - Baldwin County Economic Development Megasite w. Lee Lawson, President and CEO, Baldwin County Economic Development Alliance
- **10:00 am** Tour of Gulf State Park
- **11:30am** - Tour of OWA
- **12:45pm** - Lunch at The Wharf
- **2:00pm** - Return to Gulf State Park Lodge

Coleman Jeter Book signing October 22 at G.S. Library

A book signing featuring Debra Coleman Jeter will be held on Tuesday, Oct 22 at 10:30 a.m. at the Thomas B. Norton Public Library in Gulf Shores (221 W 19th Ave - (251) 968-1176).

Debra Coleman Jeter Book Signing

Also a speaker, screenwriter, and professor, Coleman Jeter has published both fiction and nonfiction. She is a Selah Award finalist for her first novel, The Ticket. She is also a USA Book finalist for her narrative nonfiction.

Oct. 11-13 yard sale near Gulf Chrysler benefits dog rescues

A huge yard sale scheduled Oct. 11-13 in Foley will benefit dog rescue efforts in Baldwin County. The sale is located beside Gulf Chrysler Dodge Jeep on Hwy. 59, just south of Hwy. 20 at 3781 S McKenzie St, Foley. Hours will be Friday 10-3, Saturday 8-3 and Sunday 8-2.

Pets from Baldwin County Animal Shelter will make an appearance on Friday from 11-2.

Everything from furniture, books and tools to clothing, jewelry and toys will be for sale with fantastic prices. Proceeds benefit Financial Assistance for Vetting Or Rescue for vetting and rehoming canines in our area.

Knights of Columbus Golf Tourney Nov. 2 at Perdido Bay

The Knight Of Columbus Golf Tournament Golf Event Benefiting St. Benedict Catholic School will be held on Saturday, November 2. Registration for the four man scramble eventg begins at 9 a.m, followed by9 a 10:30 a.m. shotgun start.

The hole in one Prize is a trip for two To Hawaii. First place award is a trip To World Golf Village! Awards and a hot dogs And hamburger social will follow play. Cost is \$100 per player. For more info, or to register, contact Tony Crawford at tonymcrawford7777@gmail.com or 205-999-5802.



Butterfly walks start Oct. 16 at Bon Secour Refuge

Bon Secour National Wildlife Refuge will be conducting a total of 10 guided monarch walks on Wednesdays and Saturdays starting on October 16 and going through November 16. They will begin at 10 a.m. at the Gator Lake Trailhead located off of Mobile Street. This month's tour dates are October 16, 19, 23 & 26.

The butterfly tours are free to the public and reservations are required. Tours are limited to 12 people and each tour will consist of a two hour round trip walk down one of the refuge trails. At least 24 hours notice for cancellations. Binoculars are helpful but not required to enjoy the tours. Restroom facilities are available at the refuge office and Pine Beach Trail.

Join refuge volunteer, Homer Singleton, as he leads participants along the Gator Lake Trail searching for this beautiful butterfly.

During the walk Homer will introduce you to the butterflies which pass through this area, their habitats and their life cycles. Participants will also be asked to help catch monarch butterflies so that they can receive tags that will allow scientists to track their migration. The walk typically lasts anywhere from 2.5-3 hours and participants should come prepared to walk over two miles in soft sand with minimal shade. Water and bug spray are highly suggested.

For more info about any of the events, contact the Refuge Office, Monday – Friday, 9: a.m. – 2 p.m. at (251) 540-7720. The refuge is located at 12295 State Highway 180 in Gulf Shores.



Additional nature walks at Bon Secour Refuge

Below are some other happenings at Bon Secour National Wildlife Refuge in Gulf Shores.

• **Sea Turtle Walk:** Learn more about the sea turtles that nest along Alabama's beaches and the efforts involved in protecting their nests! The walk will be held at the end of the Mobile Street boardwalk on Wednesday, October 9 at 9 a.m. No reservations required!

• **Ask a Naturalist:** Join Refuge staff on the Mobile Street boardwalk and ask one of our naturalists any questions you have about the native habitats, flora, and fauna here on our refuge.

The walk will be held on Tuesday, October 15 at 2:30 p.m. on the Mobile Street boardwalk. No reservations required!

• **Medicinal Plant Walks:** Take a journey back to when native tribes and early colonizers needed to rely on the land around them to supply the medication and food they needed to live in this coastal habitat. The walks will be held on Tuesday, October 15, and Thursday, October 24 at 9:30 a.m. and will begin at the Jeff Friend Trail. They are 1 mile and will last about an hour. The walks are limited to 12 people; please call to make reservations at 251-540-7720.

• **Self Guided Walks:** The refuge encompasses some of Alabama's last remaining undisturbed coastal habitats. Established in 1980 to protect threatened and endangered species and migratory songbird habitats, it includes four trails of various lengths and terrain. Jeff Friend Trail is the most popular of the four, and it was renovated to become more accessible with an improved boardwalk and new trail surface. All four trails are open year-round during daylight hours.

Parking is free at all Bon Secour Refuge trailheads, and the trails are pet friendly.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING



Impact 100 announces 10 finalists for \$100K grants

Impact 100 Baldwin County has announced the ten nonprofit organizations that have been selected as its 2019 grant finalists. Five of the finalists will each receive a \$101,000 grant at the Annual Grant Awards gala. The ten finalists were selected from 41 applications reviewed by Impact 100 Baldwin County's Focus Groups. Sandy Stepan, Grants Chair, reports that the field of applicants was impressive. "The overall quality of the applications was really strong this year. Each nonprofit application is put through a rigorous evaluation process including site visits, analysis of financials and discussions about organizational strengths. I know that members of the five Focus Groups had a very hard time selecting finalists. We wish we could give grants to each and every applicant."

The 2019 grant finalists and their projects are:

Arts & Culture

- Baldwin County Heritage Museum: Museum Revamp
- Eastern Shore Repertory Theatre: Performing Arts Space

Education

- Baldwin County Education Coalition, Inc.: Literacy-building Classroom Libraries
- Mobile Baykeeper: Strategic Watershed Awareness Monitoring Program

Environment, Recreation and Preservation

- The Baldwin County Humane Society: Stray and Feral Cat Trap, Neuter and Return
- The Weeks Bay Foundation, Inc.: Fish River Restoration and Recreation Project

Family

- Prodissee Pantry: It's About Hunger
- Youth-Reach Gulf Coast: Transportation Needs

Health & Wellness

- Hope Center: Expanding Hope
- Jennifer Claire Moore Foundation: Reaching & Equipping Baldwin County on Youth Mental Health

Impact 100's Annual Grant Awards is scheduled for Monday, November 4th. The two finalists from each focus area will make a brief presentation to Impact members at the meeting. Those members will vote and the five grant recipients will be announced that night. Impact 100 Baldwin County is a community of women seeking to transform the quality of life in Baldwin County by awarding high-impact grants to nonprofits working in the county. Through the power of collective giving, each member's annual \$1,000 contribution is pooled to produce these transformative grants. This year's awards will bring the grant total to over \$3.5 million dollars across 12 years.

Pictured: Impact 100 Baldwin County announced their 10 grant finalists for 2019. On November 4, five of the organizations will be awarded \$101,000 each. Representatives are: (standing L to R) Casi Callaway and J.J. Moody, Mobile Baykeeper; Diana Brewer, Weeks Bay Foundation; Megan Melvin and Allison Moore, Jennifer Claire Moore Foundation; Tammy Kinney, Baldwin County Heritage Museum; June Taylor, Baldwin County Heritage Museum; Dana Smith and Lori Hammond, Hope Center. (seated L to R) Erin Langley, Eastern Shore Repertory Theatre; Deann Servos, Prodissee Pantry; Yael Girard, Weeks Bay Foundation; Zac Wood and David Williams, Youth-Reach Gulf Coast; Terry Burkle, Baldwin County Education Coalition; Abby Pruet, Baldwin County Humane Society.

Elberta Sausage Fest Oct. 26 in Town Park

The Elberta Sausage Festival returns to Town Park (13052 Main St. Elberta) on Oct. 26 from 8 a.m. 'til 5 p.m. Admission is free. Held just north of the town's only stop light on Hwy. 98, the event attracts up to 20,000 revelers, according to organizers.

A 40-year tradition in the historic town, the festival is a major regional event that attracts a cross section of the community in what has become a reunion type atmosphere. It is also the main revenue source for the area's volunteer fire department.

Enjoy Elberta's famous German sausage and sauerkraut, plus continuous entertainment, and 200 arts & crafts booths. There will also be carnival rides.

Of course, there will also be a Bier Garten featuring a large selection of imported and domestic beers. Other scrumptious foods will include German-style filled cabbage, potato salad, goulash, red beans and rice, hamburgers, hot dogs, BBQ sandwiches, ice cream, popcorn, peanuts and home-made baked goods.

The Bellview Stumpfiddle Band will perform with the North End Stompers and other cloggers. There will also be polka, country and German music.

Spearheaded by Elberta's Volunteer Fire Department since 1978, festival proceeds are used for improving not only the fire department, but the town as well. Additionally, local non-profits benefit from the festival through proceeds from their booth sales and parking lot fees.

The festival is held twice a year – on the last Saturday of March and the last Saturday of October. Although it has been tweaked a bit over the years, the original secret recipe for Elberta's famous sausage is credited to Alfred Stucki, who managed Elberta's Locker Plant from 1953 until his death in 1973.

WED, OCT 9

- **Flora-Bama Possible Probables:** 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
- **Flora-Bama Bingo:** free; 1-4 p.m.; great prizes, family friendly; 17401 Perdido Key Dr., Perdido Key.
- **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.
- **Open Mic:** 5:30; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- **Open Mic:** 8; Tacky Jack's, Fort Morgan.
- **Open Mic w. Dave Meadows:** 7; The Sandshaker; The Wharf in Orange Beach.
- **John Lee Sanders:** 6; Voyagers Restaurant at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.

- **John Brust:** 6; The Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke:** 7; 45 Restaurant & Bar at One Club, Gulf Shores.
- **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.
- **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.
- **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **Karaoke:** 9; The Office, Foley.
- **Bingo:** 10 a.m.; American Legion Post 99; Foley.

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BJ Farms to host local artists on Saturdays through October

Corn Maze will be open on weekends to benefit St. Benedict School

October is going to be a month of family fun at BJ Farms Farmer's Market. BJ and St. Benedict Catholic School in Elberta have teamed up to provide a corn maze as a fundraiser for the school. The corn maze will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. On Halloween night, Thursday, Oct. 31 and Friday, Nov. 1, the maze will stay open until 10 p.m. Spoiler alert! That's when the maze will be haunted! Cost is \$10 per person or a family of five can participate for \$40. Children under three are free. There's even a mini maze for the little ones.

BJ's and St. Benedict PTO are also planning other activities such as a pumpkin patch, paint your own pumpkin, shoot a pumpkin cannon, take a wagon ride, visit story times. There will also be a daily raffle for great prizes. Food and drinks will be available.

Local artists will have their items for sale and local author Patricia Maness will be on hand to read from her newest book, "Jerome Roams from Home."

Artists Carolyn Wagner (fine art mosaics, and coastal jewelry), Blair Garth (mixed media) and Melaine Klaas (driftwood sculpture) will be at the farm on Oct. 26. The artists will temporarily take over the historic old farm stand building which is adjacent to the recently opened air-conditioned space.

BJ Farms co-owner Dayna Broxson came up with the idea for the art venue this past summer. "Our farm is in a unique position in that we are on a major thoroughfare between Pensacola, our beautiful beaches, Foley, and the Eastern Shore. Even our immediate area right here attracts a lot of talented artists," says Broxton. "I thought our old ag building would be a unique way to showcase these artists and offer something a little different to our customers and our community."

BJ Farms has been in business since 1986. It was started by Broxton's parents, Claude and Gerry Bailey. In the past, it was best known for its "Pick Your Own" strawberries, but after Hurricane Ivan roared through in 2004, the once fertile land took awhile to recover, and the storm also blew away the farms iconic strawberry sign. Broxson and her brother, Danny Bailey, now own the farm.

Perdido Chamber hosts Oct. 18 trunk-or-Treat & Movie Night

The Perdido Area Chamber of Commerce will host a free community Trunk-or-Treat and Movie Night on Friday, October 18 on the field located at the Pensacola Greyhound Track (951 Dog Track Rd.) Trunk or Treat begins at 5 p.m., and the movie, Hotel Transylvania, starts at 6:30 p.m.

There will be a friendly "Best Decorated" trunk competition giving awards for the Most Creative, Most Scary, and Funniest Trucks! Best decorated car judging will take place between 5:30 and 6:15 pm. At 6:30 pm, winners will be announced. The night will wrap up with Hotel Transylvania on the big screen on the field! Bring your blankets and lawn chairs, or enjoy the movie from your vehicle! Concessions will be available provided by the Pensacola Greyhound Track & Poker Room. It is free to enter the trunk contest.

Please contact Emily at 850-492-4660 or emily@perdidochamber.com if you plan to participate.

• Bama Beach Pickleball Club Open

Play: 9-noon; \$3, Church of Christ, 2414 W 1st St., Gulf Shores.

• **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.; American Legion Post 99, Foley.

• **Geeks who drink 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, OCT 10

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

• **Flora-Bama Bingo:** free; 1-4 p.m.; great

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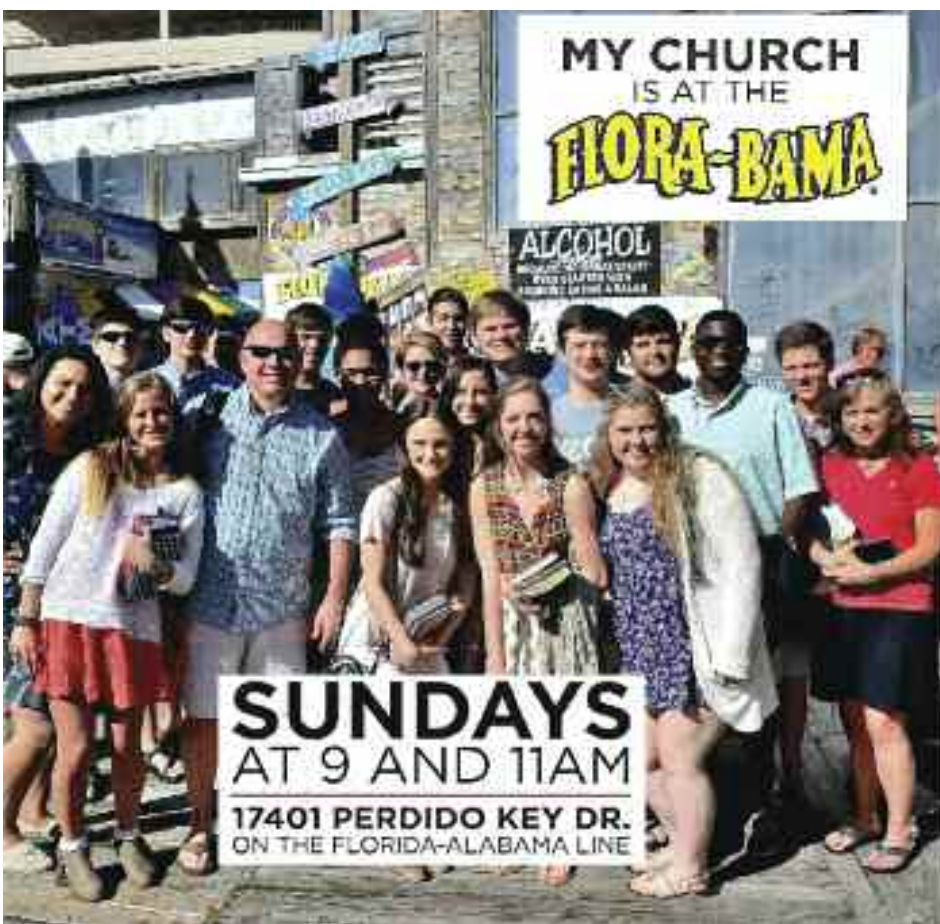
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KATY PETROVICS EARNS ISLAND SPIRIT AWARD: In a special presentation at their First Friday Forum event, the Coastal Alabama Business Chamber recently presented the Island Spirit Award to one of their own, administrative assistant Katy Petrovics. Katy's nominations had this to say about her, "Katy began her journey working for the Coastal Alabama Business Chamber on August 26, 2011. Since then, Katy has truly embodied what it means to have Island Spirit. She manages her job here at the Chamber, works another job, as well as volunteering countless hours of her time to make this Island a better place for everyone. She will do anything for any of her coworkers and is always going beyond average to help people. She is a great friend to people and an enjoyably witty person." The award is designed to give recognition to individuals who make special contributions to the quality of life we enjoy in the Coastal Alabama region. Info: islandspiritaward.com. **Pictured:** Mariah Green, Sharon Wiese, Katy Petrovics, Suzette Hataway.

The Pitmaster & Pappy - An Exclusive Hangout Cook-Off Event

For the first time at the Hangout Oyster Cook-Off, there will be a one-of-a-kind culinary pairing experience hosted by 6x World BBQ Champion Pitmaster Chris Lilly and his good friend Chef Aarón Sánchez. Chef Lilly and his team are known for bringing home the gold from the world's most prestigious barbecue championships. Chef Sánchez is known for his modern spin on Latin favorites. Together, the two will create a world-class BBQ dinner menu paired with rare bourbons and wine, including the elusive Pappy Van Winkle bourbon, considered by many to be the best bourbon money can buy.

This Pitmaster & Pappy will take place on Friday, November 1 at Picnic Beach from 6-8 p.m. Tickets are available for \$200 and are extremely limited for this exclusive experience. Food and drink are included with your ticket. This is a separate ticketed event. Tickets do not include admission to Saturday's Hangout Cook-Off (sold separately). Ages 21 and over event only.

The Hangout Oyster Cook-Off is proud to support Miracle League of Coastal Alabama in donating over \$15,000 towards building a playground, ballpark and all-inclusive complex for the special needs children of Baldwin County. They will host a silent auction this year during the cook-off, and 100% of the proceeds will go to this cause.

All invited to Lillian's Bayside Baptist homecoming on Oct. 20

Bayside Baptist Church will be celebrating a homecoming celebration at the church on Sunday, October 20, beginning at 10:30 a.m. Bayside Baptist began in 2010 and many have been touched for Christ through the missions of praying, giving and going. There will be special speakers Dr. Bill Jackson and Brother Donnie Dickens as well as, special music. Bayside Baptist Church is located at 33677 U.S Hwy 98 in Lillian. For more info, please call 251-256-0266.

prizes, family friendly; 17401 Perdido Key Dr., Perdido Key.

• **48th Annual National Shrimp Festival:** 10 a.m. - 10 p.m.; free; Main Public Beach, Gulf Shores; 300-plus vendors; two musical stages; Children's Activity Village; 251 968-4237.

• **Removal of the Baldwin County Seat Storytelling Event:** 5-8 p.m.; Baldwin County Courthouse Pavilion; Bay Minette, (251) 580-1897.

• **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.

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

• **Tim Roberts:** 6; Tin Top Restaurant; Bon Secour.

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

• **Karaoke/DJ Party w. Kelly:** 8; The Sandshaker; The Wharf in Orange Beach.

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

• **The Blue Garoo:** 6; Hub Stacy's at the Point, Innerarity Point.

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

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

• **Bama Beach Pickleball Club Open Play:** 9-noon; \$3, Church of Christ, 2414 W 1st St., 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.

• **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.

• **Overeaters Anonymous:** noon; Orange Beach Presbyterian Church.

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

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

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

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

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

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

• **Gulf Shores Library Pre-school (3-5) Story Time:** 10:30 a.m.; 251-968-1176.

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

FRI, OCT 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.

• **48th Annual National Shrimp Festival:** 10 a.m. - 10 p.m.; free; Main Public Beach, Gulf Shores; 300-plus vendors; two musical stages; Children's Activity Village; 251 968-4237.

• **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.

• **Pumpkin Patch Express:** Wales West

Nov. 2-3 fundraiser benefits Gulf Coast Medical Musicians Fund 40 acts donating time & talent on two stages at 2nd annual event

The 2nd Annual Gulf Coast Medical Musicians Fund will be held Nov. 2-3 at The Point Restaurant (14340 Innerarity Point Rd.) in Pensacola beginning at noon each day. Cover charge is \$10 at the door and the event will feature musicians from Florida to Louisiana donating their time and talent on stages inside the restaurant and in the courtyard. Tickets are info are also available at gcmmf.org. And the day's festivities include a silent auction.

The GCMMF is the brainchild of songwriter/entertainer (pictured) Webb Dalton, and it is now up and running with donations received from local music lovers. Dalton recorded a full gospel album with all CD proceeds going to the fund.

"We all know that musicians normally don't receive health care so to help with that," Dalton said. "All proceeds pay for doctor visits and high dollar prescriptions. Find out more at the fundraiser."

Dalton, of course, along with musical mainstays such as John Joiner, Rhonda Hart, Bubba & Them, Lea Anne Creswell, T-Bone Montgomery, Rick Whaley, Jason Justice and Chris Newbury are expected to perform.

Dalton saw the need for a medical fund after losing three musician friends. he knew that with the help of the community, this was a problem that

could be overcome.

Webb spent over 10 years on the road opening for Garth Brooks, George Strait, Randy Travis, George Jones and others.

However, for the past 30 years, he has spent as a public servant in law enforcement, currently a Senior Agent for the State of Alabama.

"I've seen both sides of not having insurance while on the road playing music full time, and the past 30 years of playing music while having insurance. Most musicians will play a gig with whatever illness they have and the crowd doesn't even know about it. The show must go on. The rent, food, the electric bill, gas to and from a gig has to be paid."

Grammy/Dove award winning artist/songwriter, Bruce Carroll co-produced Dalton's fundraising gospel CD for the GCMMFund. The album, "Things Left Undone," was re-

leased at the inaugural fundraiser.

"The love shown at the first fundraiser was overwhelming. The Gulf Coast music community is such a close-knit family between the locals, tourists, restaurant/business owners, and musicians," Dalton said. "The musicians, artists and songwriters that have been helped during this short time, proves there was a need. Because of the outpouring of support, a void is being filled."



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ST. JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC CHURCH RUMMAGE SALE OCT. 24-26: The folks at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Lillian will host the October Rummage Sale, "Heavenly Treasures; Earthly Delights" from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Oct. 24, 25 and 26. Organized by the Altar Society, parishioners have been sorting, pricing, cleaning, arranging and doing whatever it takes to provide a very special place to shop with prices you won't believe! The treasures and delights include furniture, antiques, clothing, craft items, Christmas decor, kitchen appliances, outdoor equipment, tools, collectibles and much more. **Pictured** from left are Michael and Margaret Wilcox, Hannah Gale and Harriet Shields.

Nov. 2 Southern Fox Fest features music, art, food, vine planting Unique party at Elberta's The Preserve benefits Mary's Shelter

By Sally McKinney

The Southern Fox Festival hosted at the Veranda at the Preserve in Elberta will be held on Saturday, Nov. 2 with proceeds to benefit Mary's Shelter Gulf Coast.

The day begins at 9 a.m. at Soldier Creek Golf Course with a four-person scramble shotgun start golf tournament. Tickets are \$65 per person and include lunch and a beverage ticket. Smokey B's BBQ will provide the food for the event. To sign up call 986-TOFF (8633).

The Fall Festival begins at 1 p.m. and includes a harvest market, arts and crafts, food trucks, Kids Zone and live music from local bands. The family friendly event is free, but donations will be accepted. Food may be purchased at the food trucks which include Bleu's Burgers, Greens n Grains and Gourmet Waffle Bar and Bakery and the unique Foam Coffee Cart.

At 6 p.m. the big bands take the stage for listening and dancing. Bonfires and other special events are planned.

A special vine planting will take place in the afternoon. The vines will eventually provide Muscadine grapes that will be used at the Southern Fox Winery. A descendant of the Woerner farming family, event organizer Blake Woerner Higgins, recalls the many times she and her Dad picked the grapes in their backyard and ate them straight from the buckets.

Known for their special turf, the Woerners turned some of their acreage in Elberta into a golf course. Blake quickly found she didn't have the "golf gene", but she wanted to continue the Woerner legacy, being an integral part of the Elberta landscape.

She studied the Muscadines and found they were called southern fox grapes with female varieties named "Higgins", her married name. Blake decided she wanted to start a winery and have a venue for weddings, family events and a yearly festival. Attendees at the Southern Fox Fall Festival will have an opportunity to participate in the planting and become a part of the Southern Fox legacy.

This year the festival benefits Mary's Shelter Gulf Coast, a home for homeless pregnant women and their children providing help to get their lives back on track. For more information, go to maryssheltergulfcoast.org.

Fall Festival at OWA weekends thru Nov. 3

The inaugural OWA Fall Festival can be enjoyed every Friday, Saturday and Sunday through Nov. 3. The outdoor festival will feature a variety of family-friendly activities such as a petting zoo, pumpkin patch, pony and camel rides, food trucks, and artisans, plus two different corn mazes. The Festival is free to enter, while some activities may require purchase.

OWA's Fall Festival will be located on the eastern side of the complex adjacent to the Foley Beach Express. Parking is free, and a trolley will run every 30 minutes from OWA's Clocktower to take guests to and from the festival grounds. Fall Festival is free and open to the public. Some activities may require purchase. More info: VisitOWA.com/FallFestival.



ROBIN TRACY IS ARTWORKS ARTIST OF MONTH: A refugee from Michigan, Robin Tracy holds a BA from Eastern Michigan University in Mechanical Engineering and has worked in the automotive industry as a Program Manager and Project Engineer for Ford, GM, Chrysler and Subaru. She moved to Pensacola in 2008 and in 2012 married her husband who is a 30 year retired Navy veteran. They reside in the Perdido area. She has dabbled in art all her life, but made it a career here. She is a mixologist of various mediums to produce glass encrusted mosaics, that can be a challenge at times but rewarding. Artworks Studio & Gallery is located at Villagio on Perdido Key, 13700 Perdido Key Dr. Info: 850-261-9617.

RV Park, 5-9 p.m.; 13650 Smiley St., Silverhill.
 • **Grayson Capps & Corky Hughes:** 6; Big Beach Brewery; Gulf Shores.
 • **Soul Food Junkies:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.
 • **The Defrosters:** 2 p.m.; Shrimp Festival East Stage, The Hangout, Gulf Shores
 • **Cory Reznor:** 5; Playa, Orange Beach.
 • **Fat Lip Band:** 9; The Sandshaker; The Wharf in Orange Beach.
 • **Shelby Brown:** 8; Tacky Jacks, Fort Morgan.
 • **John Lee Sanders:** 5; The Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
 • **Adam Tyler Brown:** 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
 • **Karaoke:** 5:30; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
 • **Open Jam w. Mackie Lister:** 8; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.
 • **Karaoke:** 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
 • **Karaoke:** 8; Snapper's; Orange Beach.
 • **Jay Williams Band:** 7; Hub Stacy's at the Point, Innerarity Point.
 • **Open Mic Karaoke:** 5; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
 • **Bama Beach Pickleball Club Open Play:** 9-noon; \$3, Church of Christ, 2414 W 1st St., Gulf Shores.
 • **Rib Eye Dinner to help Veterans and Families:** 5 p.m.; music & dancing at 7 p.m.; American Legion Post 44; Gulf Shores.
 • **Brandon Styles Comedy Magic Show:** 8 p.m.; OWA, Foley.
 • **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, OCT 12

• **Opera "Turandot" by Giacomo Puccini:** 11:55 a.m.; In high definition from The Metropolitan Opera, Cobb Pinnacle 14 movie theater. Highlights are the aria "Nessun dorma" and sumptuous Chinese costumes and scenery.
 • **Flora-Bama Possible Probables:** 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
 • **48th Annual National Shrimp Festival:** 10 a.m. - 10 p.m.; free; Main Public Beach, Gulf Shores; 300-plus vendors; two musical stages; Children's Activity Village; 251 968-4237.
 • **LuLu's 20th Birthday Party;** noon 'til; Lucy Buffett's LuLu's; 200 E. 25th Ave.; Gulf Shores, (251) 967-5858.
 • **John Brust:** 6; Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
 • **Legends in Concert (Bruno Mars, Reba McEntire, Elvis Presley, Aretha Franklin,**



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Brooks & Dunn, Garth Brooks, Taylor Swift: 4 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.; Downtown OWA; Foley; 251-369-6100.

• **Pumpkin Patch Express:** Wales West RV Park, 1-9 p.m.; 13650 Smiley St., Silverhill.

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

• **Karl Langley & John Kueler:** 5; Playa, Orange Beach.

• **Saucy Fuzz Band:** 9; The Sandshaker; The Wharf in Orange Beach.

• **Hippie Jim:** 11 a.m.; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.

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

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

• **Open Jam w. Henry & The Invisibles:** 8; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.

• **Brandon Styles 1-Man Variety Show:** 8; OWA, Foley.

• **Bama Beach Pickleball Club Open Play:** 9-noon; \$3, Church of Christ, 2414 W 1st St., Gulf Shores.

• **Crostown:** 7; Hub Stacy's at the Point, Innerarity Point.

• **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, OCT 13

• **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.

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• **Pumpkin Patch Express:** Wales West RV Park, 1-9 p.m.; 13650 Smiley St., Silverhill.

• **Adam Tyler Brown:** noon; Tin Top Restaurant; Bon Secour.

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

• **Flomasters:** 4; American Legion Post 199 Beach Stage, Fairhope.

• **Strickly Isbell:** 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.

• **Fried Chicken Dinner Fundraiser:** 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.; Baldwin County's Camp Dixie.

• **Danny Grady:** 2 p.m.; Fraternal Order of Eagles #4549, Gulf Shores.

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

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

• **Scott Koehn:** 4; Pleasure Island Tiki Bar, Orange Beach.

• **David Jones Jazz Brunch:** 11 a.m.; Playa, Orange Beach.

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

• **Karaoke:** 7; Live Bait Tiki Bar, Orange Beach.

• **John Joiner & Friends:** 4; Hub Stacey's at the Point; Innerarity Point.

• **Jim McAdams:** 5; American Legion Post 99; Foley.

• **9 Ball APA:** 6; The Office, Foley.

• **AA:** 5 p.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center,

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Oct. 19 Wellness Fair honors Dr. Alicia Barton

A Fall Into Wellness Fair honoring Dr. Alicia Barton will be held on Oct. 19 from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the Full Armor Center, located at 7369 Almo Circle in Gulf Shores (251-948-2225).

The event includes a blood drive, a breast cancer awareness display with the Pink Firetruck, and numerous exhibitors.

There will also be a raffle to benefit Dr. Alicia's family, music and children's activities.

"Dr. Alicia passed away in August suddenly due to brain cancer at the age of 39. She loved to bring wellness into the community and bring people together. So we are doing this for her," said Brittney Early.

Dr. Alicia founded Gulf Coast Family Chiropractic in 2005 and opened the Full Armor Center (FAC) in 2016 and was committed to helping others by empowering them to make smart, educated and pro-active choices about their health and the health of their loved ones.

13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

MON, OCT 14

- **Flora-Bama Possible Probables:** 2 p.m.; 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
- **Flora-Bama Bingo:** free; 1-4 p.m.; great prizes, family friendly; 17401 Perdido Key Dr., Perdido Key.
- **Lisa Zanghi:** 6; The Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **Geeks who drink trivia Night:** 7; Big Beach Brewing Company, Gulf Shores.
- **Bingo** 6 p.m.; 45 Restaurant & Bar at One Club, Gulf Shores.
- **Mark Laborde & Smokey Otis:** 7 p.m.; Papa Rocco's, Gulf Shores.
- **Bama Beach Pickleball Club Open Play:** 9-noon; \$3, Church of Christ, 2414 W 1st St., Gulf Shores.
- **Open Mixed Doubles Tennis:** 7:15 a.m.; all levels welcome; Gulf Shores Tennis Center; corner of West 19th Ave. and West 2nd St.
- **8 Ball League:** 7:30; The Office, Foley.
- **Celebrate Recovery:** (Christ centered 12 step program); Monday evenings at 6 p.m.; Christian Life Church in Orange Beach; 251-967-4840.
- **Overeaters Anonymous:** 6; Holy Spirit Episcopal Church; Gulf Shores, 616 Ft. Morgan Rd.; 251-709-5907.
- **T.O.P.S. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly):** weigh-in 5:30; meeting 6; First Presbyterian Church of Foley; (Berry & Highway 59).
- **Square Dancing:** 7-9 p.m.; Magnolia Springs Community Hall, Magnolia Springs.
- **Grief Share:** 6 p.m.; Community Hospice Center, Foley.
- **AA:** Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
- **Ladies AA:** 10 a.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

TUE, OCT 15

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Halloween Myths: Legend of the Vampire

How did the legend of the vampire develop and why were some individuals feared for demonic powers?

Thursday, Oct. 24th • 7:00-8:00pm

Dr. Lesley Gregoricka

Dr. Lesley Gregoricka is an Associate Professor of Anthropology and Director of the USA Gulf Coast Campus at the University of South Alabama.

Dr. Lesley Gregoricka's research is based on burial rites in eastern Europe in the 16th and 17th centuries. She will discuss how these individuals were perceived in their communities and reasons why they may have been feared due to a lack of understanding.

"Today we might find it silly to believe in vampires," Gregoricka says. "But before misunderstanding, vampires were perceived as a very real threat represented one way of explaining the unexplainable."

Fee

There is no charge to attend, but please RSVP so we can notify you of any changes. To register, go online to USA Gulf Coast Campus or call 251-460-7200.

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Fee

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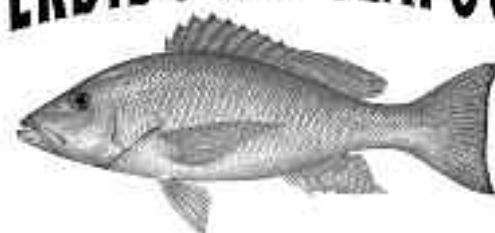
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WHAT'S HAPPENING



Coastal Ballet's Nutcracker is expanding its Christmas cheer

Gala, tea, dinner theatre, Babes in Toyland, performance with orchestra planned

Coastal Ballet and Madame Rio Cordy have scheduled a flurry of performances and cast interactions, including a tea, a gala, and a dinner theatre, in conjunction with its annual production of the Nutcracker.

- Nutcracker Tea is Nov. 9 from 10 -11:45 a.m. at the Copper Kettle in Foley.
- The Nutcracker dinner theatre performance is Nov. 17 at 6:30 p.m. at Foley Civic Center. Tickets start at \$30 per person and family passes are available, as well as corporate sponsorship tables.
- The Nutcracker Kingdom of Sweets Gala is Dec. 5 at 6 p.m. at the Coastal Arts Center Of Orange Beach. and the program Nutcracker excerpts, a silent auction, live music by Milton Faustino, hors d'oeuvres, drinks and special photo opportunities with the cast. Dress is cocktail or festive attire. Cost is \$50 per ticket. Also available are VIP/corporate sponsor tables for \$500 with premium seating, champagne, Nutcracker party favors and special photo opportunities. Sponsor tables also come with yearly sponsor recognition on our website and social media. Tickets available at Coastalballet.org or email coastalballet@gmail.com

Proceeds from the Kingdom of Sweets Gala support the current 2019-2020 season and beyond, as well as provide support for Coastal Ballet's community and youth outreach programs.

- The Nutcracker performance with live music provided by the Baldwin County Youth Orchestra is Dec. 8 at 2 p.m. at the Erie Meyer Civic Center in Gulf Shores.
- Babes in Toyland with excerpts from The Nutcracker is Dec. 10 at 6 p.m. at South Baldwin Community Theatre.

The Nutcracker Dinner Theatre with Governor and Mrs. Stahlbaum is an all new event this year. Enjoy a Christmas party set in the late 1800's yet with all of the comforts of today. Dress up if you are so inclined and enjoy a wonderful interactive dinner with characters of The Nutcracker. Then be prepared to be entertained by the classic ballet in its entirety. Immerse yourself into the Stahlbaum's unique Christmas gathering then journey with us through beautiful worlds of snow and wonder, on to the delightful Kingdom of Sweets. Fill your hearts with joy and excitement as you meet the Sugar Plum Fairy and dream away with Clara and her Nutcracker.

Madame Rio's wealth of expertise in classical ballet is a summation of extensive training and career experiences acquired in the United States and abroad. She received her training through the Royal Academy of Dance in London. Her tutelage in the Vaganova Method was then coupled with instruction and Julliard in New York. Madame Rio then became a soloist and instructor for the Miami Ballet and later the events coordinator at the Alabama School of Fine Arts (ASFA) in Birmingham while also running two schools there.

After first opening Gulf Coast Ballet in Orange Beach, she opened the doors to Coastal Ballet Academy in Foley, where she strives to bring an appreciation of fine arts to local citizens and children. Madame Rio has groomed students who went on to become professional dancers, ballet teachers, beauty pageant contestants, and international dance competition participants.

Coastal Ballet is located at 3786 S McKenzie St. in Foley and their new studio is in the Medical Arts Building at 4223 Orange Beach Blvd. in Orange Beach. For information about sponsorships or to purchase tickets for any of the events, call 251-979-9851 or visit coastalballet.org.



Robertsdale Garden Club pulls out all stops at County Fair

By Mary Ann Lindsay

The Robertsdale Garden Club pulled out all the stops at the annual Baldwin County Fair flower show. The theme for the show was "Salute to Alabama" in commemoration of Alabama's 200th anniversary of statehood. Floral arrangements celebrated football, Magnolias, the Gulf Coast, Poarch Creek Indians, Fishing on the Delta, "Sweet Home Alabama." Best of Show was won by new member Cecelia Jones—"A Day at Granny's." There were 19 floral arrangements which took 10 blue ribbons, 5 red ribbons, and 4 white ribbons. Judges were Baldwin County Master Gardeners Theresa Sims, Sharon Thoele, Terry Withee and Tampa Sykora. Chair was member Katie Warren, and Co-chair was Cecelia Jones

- **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.
- **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **Lisa Christian:** 6; Sunset Cork Room, Gulf Shores.

- **Bingo:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- **Karaoke:** 7:30; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- **Trivia Night:** 6; 45 Restaurant & Bar at One Club, 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:** 7; OWA, Foley.
- **Bowling Tourney:** 7; Snapper's; Orange Beach.
- **JW Karaoke:** 6; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
- **Ricky Johnson & Company:** 5; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- **Kiwanis Club of Big Lagoon:** 7:30 a.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Activities Cen-

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- **Bama Beach Pickleball Club Open Play:** 9-noon; \$3, Church of Christ, 2414 W 1st St., Gulf Shores.
- **NAPA Pool League:** 7:30; The Office, Foley.
- **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, OCT 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.
- **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.
- **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.
- **Karaoke:** 7; 45 Restaurant & Bar at One Club, Gulf Shores.
- **Open Mic:** 8; Tacky Jack's, Fort Morgan.
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Legend of the Vampire Oct. 24 free lecture topic

Halloween Myths: Legend of the Vampire is the topic of the University of South Alabama Distinguished Lecture Series Topic on Thursday, Oct. 24 from 7-8 p.m. at the Gulf Shores Cultural Center Auditorium on County Rd. 6 West in Gulf Shores. There is no charge to attend, but please RSVP by calling the USA Center for Continuing Education at 251-460-7200.

How did the legend of the vampire develop and why were some individuals feared for demonic powers? Dr. Lesley Gregoricka's research is based on burial rites in eastern Europe in the 16th and 17th centuries. She will discuss how these individuals were perceived in their communities and reasons why they may have been feared due to a lack of understanding.

"Today we might find it silly to believe in vampires," Gregoricka said. "But before scientific understanding, vampires were perceived as a very real threat and represented one way of explaining the unexplainable."

Dr. Gregoricka is an Associate Professor of Anthropology and Director of the USA Forensic Science Program.

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.

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By CAROLYN GODFREY

Layered Halloween Taco Dip

1 pkg. (8 oz.) cream cheese, softened
 1 Tbsp. taco seasoning mix
 1 c. thick & chunky medium salsa
 1 can (16 oz.) refried beans
 2 fully ripe avocados
 1 Tbsp. fresh lime juice
 1/2 c. sour cream
 1 c. shredded mild cheddar cheese
 1/2 cup each halved grape tomatoes and chopped green onions
 3 Tbsp. each fresh cilantro leaves and sliced black olives
 Mix cream cheese and taco seasoning mix until blended; spread onto large round platter. Top with layers of salsa and beans. Mash avocados with lime juice until smooth; spread over beans. Spoon sour cream into resealable plastic bag. Cut small piece off one bottom corner of bag; use to drizzle sour cream into spider web design on top of dip. Place remaining ingredients around edge of platter. Refrigerate 1 hour or until chilled. Makes: 54 servings. 2 Tbsp. each.

Enjoy!

Note: May place slices of fresh or pickled jalapenos around edges before serving.



Perry Hand named SBCC Enterprise Person of Year

Perry A. Hand of Volkert & Associates Inc. was named 2019 Walton M. Vines Free Enterprise Person of the Year by the South Baldwin Chamber of Commerce. Nominations for this prestigious award are accepted from the chamber's membership up to three months prior to the announcement event.

Perry is currently the Chairman of the Board of Volkert, Inc., one of the nation's leading infrastructure engineering and design firms. He has been with Volkert since 1993. He previously served Volkert as President, Chief Executive Officer and Chief Marketing Officer.

For more than forty years the South Baldwin Chamber of Commerce has celebrated the spirit of the Free Enterprise system.

Part of the criteria for the award requires the recipient to be active in promoting the principles of the free enterprise system, be active in and a major factor in the success of their business, be active in civic affairs and be committed to helping this community grow and prosper.

Hand has been instrumental and influential in representing Baldwin County in his professional, political and personal life and is a dedicated servant to both his profession and the public through his leadership in his business.

He has demonstrated a commitment to the future of alternative delivery and asset management in the design, improvement, and maintenance of our nation's infrastructure.

Pictured: Denson Freeman (2018 Winner) presents the Free Enterprise Person of the Year award to Perry Hand.

- **Open Mic w. Dave Meadows:** 7; The Sandshaker; The Wharf in 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.
- **Bama Beach Pickleball Club Open Play:** 9-noon; \$3, Church of Christ, 2414 W 1st St., Gulf Shores.
- **Orange Beach Sportfishing Club:** 6 p.m. cocktails; 7 p.m. meeting; downstairs at Tacky Jacks Orange Beach; Info: Jon Perkinson at jwperk13@aol.com.
- **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.
- **Geeks who drink 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-

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

THU, OCT 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.

• **Arts Afire fall festival:** 5:30-7:30 p.m.; Coastal Arts Center; Orange Beach.

• **Movies at Meyer Park:** 6 p.m.; free; The Goonies; Gulf Shores.

• **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 Jimmy Lumpkin Band:** 6 p.m.; free; Gulf Place Town Green and Public Beach, Gulf Shores.

• **Girls Night Out:** 5 p.m.; The Wharf in Orange Beach; (251) 224-1000.

• **Arts Afire Fall Festival:** 5 p.m.; Coastal Arts Center; Orange Beach, (251) 981-2787.

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

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

• **Tim Roberts:** 6; Tin Top Restaurant; Bon Secour.

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

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

• **Skyline Kings:** 6; Hub Stacy's at the Point, Innerarity Point.

• **Karaoke/DJ Party w. Kelly:** 8; The Sandshaker; The Wharf in Orange Beach.

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

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

• **Overeaters Anonymous:** noon; Orange Beach

Presbyterian Church.

• **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.

• **Bama Beach Pickleball Club Open Play:** 9-noon; \$3, Church of Christ, 2414 W 1st St., 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, OCT 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.

• **Wild and Wicked Beach Bash:** 4 p.m. 'til; Gulf Shores Main Public Beach (Gulf Place); (251) 968-

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Diamond Jewelers donation to Gulf Shores Schools

Diamond Jewelers, located at 108 20th Ave. East in Gulf Shores (251-967-4141), continued its longstanding tradition of community support by presenting a portion of its profits for September to Gulf Shores City Schools in celebration of the launch of the city's brand new school system.

Pictured: Superintendent Dr. Matt Akin and Jason Stephenson of the Gulf Shores Dolphin Foundation accept a check supporting the Gulf Shores Dolphin Foundation from Diamond Jewelers owners Jeff and Daphne Goodman.



Judi Howard is GCAA Artist Of The Month

The GCAA Artist of the Month is Judi Howard. Judi grew up in Southern California and recalls falling in love with art at an early age. After a career as a magazine writer and editor, then as communications director at a Fortune 100 company, she retired to Alabama in 2002 and started concentrating on her love of art, working in watercolor and acrylic. Her goal is to capture a moment of light and give her viewers a fresh perspective of familiar objects. Her work and the work of more than 50 artists is available at the Gulf Coast Arts Alliance, a non-profit organization with office and gallery at 225 E 24th Ave, Gulf Shores.

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- **Chicago Street Supper Club:** A Collective Dining Experience; North Chicago St.; Foley.
- **Les Linton:** 8; Tacky Jacks, Fort Morgan.
- **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.
- **Pumpkin Patch Express:** Wales West RV Park, 5-9 p.m.; 13650 Smiley St., Silverhill.
- **Rib Eye Dinner to help Veterans and Families:** 5 p.m.; music & dancing at 7 p.m.; American Legion Post 44; Gulf Shores.
- **Under Pressure Band:** 9; The Sandshaker; The Wharf in Orange Beach.
- **Famous Nameless:** 6:30; Big Beach Brewery; Gulf Shores.
- **Karl Langley & John Kueler:** 5; Playa, Orange Beach.
- **John Lee Sanders:** 6; The Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **Bo Grant:** 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.

- **Don Holmes:** 5; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke:** 5:30; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- **Open Mic Karaoke:** 5; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- **Open Jam w. Roger Fleshman:** 8; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.
- **Brandon Styles Comedy Magic Show:** 8 p.m.; OWA, Foley.
- **Roger & Elaine:** 7; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- **Kristi Dees Bad JuJu:** 7; Hub Stacy's at the Point, Innerarity Point.
- **Karaoke:** 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke:** 8; Snapper's; Orange Beach.
- **Bama Beach Pickleball Club Open Play:** 9-noon; \$3, Church of Christ, 2414 W 1st St., 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

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Ted Hefko & The Thousandaire headline Oct. 19 BBQ & Blues at Church Of The Advent

The of the Advent in Lillian will host its annual BBQ & Blues event from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. on Oct. 19.

The community is invited to enjoy community, enjoy some good music, great food, and great music while local artists and vendors. The church is located one and a half blocks south of the traffic light at US 98 on Co. Rd. 99.

Ted Hefko and the Thousandaire (pictured) will provide the music, and Tiny's Smokehouse will provide delicious BBQ and sides. Grilled hot dogs will also be available.

Entertainment for children includes a bouncy house and face painting. Raffle tickets will also be sold for cash prizes. And the event includes a silent auction ending at 2 p.m.

for \$20 and have a chance to win either \$500, \$300 or \$200.

Profits from this event allow the church to provide grants to local charities and organizations.

Ted Hefko and The Thousandaire bring original stories to life with the spontaneity of jazz, the bare-bones sensibility of early folk and the vibrancy of New Orleans.

Hefko plays guitar, tenor sax and clarinet during his sets of mostly original music, and after several years in Brooklyn, he is happy to be back in New Orleans, where he moved when he was 18 and fresh out of high school. His luggage totaled two guitars, a saxophone, cooking utensils, books, cassettes, and a pin-striped suit.

He began writing song lyrics when he was in second grade and picked up the guitar and any other instrument he could get his hands on a few years later.

He studied modern jazz at The University of New Orleans, and was a freelance horn player in New Orleans and New York for 10 years, before song writing and the guitar called him back.

In the late 90's, he drove across this great country in a van, living off sandwiches and bar menus. The pay was abhorrent but driving Route 66 through the painted desert and Colorado's Rabbit Ears Pass in a blizzard was great fodder for his

songwriting. T

ed toured nationally with jazz-jam band, idle-time for three years and has two songs on the band's "Time Stops..." album.

In 2003, Ted moved to New York to bone up his modern jazz chops and quickly realized that his biggest asset was his experience in New Orleans.

He started playing traditional New Orleans standards even at modern jazz gigs and it worked. Freed from the confines of learning songs for jam sessions and sideman work, he took a closer look at Piedmont blues and the great Duke Ellington.

Ted's first all original album, Egyptland, was mastered by legendary engineer, Gene Paul, whose credits include work with Aretha Franklin, Roberta Flack and The Average White Band.

Ted's second album was more cohesive. One studio with one rhythm section. The album earned positive reviews, and Ted purchased a vintage GMC Safari van and took his music on the road.

The van broke down just a few hours outside of the city limits, but they soldiered on and the tours got better. It was with this band that he recorded Distillations of The Blues during a stop in New Orleans.

That album, "Gas Station Guru," has a true New Orleans sound, but in a unique way interpreted.

"Hefko has completely given its own twist and translated it to the time of today. That is why you not only hear the specific rhythm & blues and jazz sound that the city has always exuberated, but also the sounds of country, folk, roots and even a bit of cajun," wrote Ella-Milou Quist, in the August 2018 issue of Blues Music Magazine.

"Years spent in devout study and constant gigging have paid huge dividends, as Gas Station Guru reveals Hefko as adept in songcraft—from lyricism to arrangements to production quality—creating an album that's fun, funky and fulfilling," added Frank Etheridge in his July 2018 Offbeat Magazine review.

CSC Christmas program registration is now open

The Christian Service Center's Children's Christmas Cheer Program, which helps lower income families provide memorable Christmases for their children, is accepting applications from 12:30 -2:30 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday through October.

November intake will be from 12:30 – 2:30 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays except for the week of Thanksgiving. December intake will occur every day from 12:30 – 2:30 p.m. beginning December 2 through December 12.

This program provides presents for our youth from birth through high school. Our service area includes Orange Beach, Gulf Shores and Fort Morgan. Proof of residency is required through a current bill or lease agreement. The office is located at 317 Dolphin Avenue, in Gulf Shores.

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1st Volunteer meeting for FBISF is Oct. 14

The Frank Brown Songwriters Festival will hold volunteer meetings on Monday, October 14 and Tuesday, Nov. 5 at the Flora-Bama by the tent stage. Both meetings start at 6 p.m.

"Volunteers are an essential part of the success of the festival and we appreciate each and every one of you," said FBISF Director Andy Haynes.

Volunteer forms are available at frankbrownsonsongwriters.com. Info: 850-492-7664.

"This will give us an idea of what positions you are interested in and will also allow us to identify possible shortfalls prior to the first meeting," said Haynes.

This year's festival dates are Nov. 7-17 at more than 20 venues in Baldwin County and Pensacola.

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SAT, OCT 19

- **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.
- **Woodstock Anniversary Costume Party:** 6 p.m.; South Baldwin Community Theatre; Gulf Shores.
- **Fall Into Wellness Fair:** 10-3; in honor of Dr. Alicia Barton; Full Armor Center, Gulf Shores, 251-948-2225.
- **Pumpkin Patch Express:** Wales West RV Park, 1-9 p.m.; 13650 Smiley St., Silverhill.
- **Big Beach Brewing Company Anniversary Party:** 10 small batch releases; Porch Creek Ninjas; Big Beach Brewery; Gulf Shores.
- **Lillian Recreational Park Flea Market:** 8-noon; Lillian.
- **Under Pressure Band:** 8; The Sandshaker; The Wharf in Orange Beach.
- **JJ Mack:** 11 a.m.; Tacky Jacks, Orange

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Fall wine classes scheduled Oct. 17 and Nov. 7 at Fisher's

Sommelier Sara Kavanaugh, will host two wine classes at 5:30 p.m. on October 17 and November 7 at Fisher's Upstairs on Marina Rd. in Orange Beach. Participants will taste six different wines at each tasting in addition to small bites from Chef Bill Briand. Cost is \$45 per person. To purchase tickets, visit events.r20.constantcontact.com. Call (251) 981-7305 for more info.

• **Oct. 17:** Introduction to Wine. Learn how wine is grown, produced and how to relax and enjoy each experience during a fun interactive class. Learn how to savor wines ranging from Pinot Noir to Cabernet Sauvignon. Cost: \$45.00 per person. Fisher's Upstairs Deck (Classes will fill up quickly as space is limited.)

• **Nov. 7:** Old World Wine vs New World Wine. Selected for their rich luster, notes which play delicately on the palate, each world discovered will bring forth its best. Learn how wines of the same varietals can be distinguished just through smell, sight and taste. Even wines from the same grape can open your senses to places you've never been.

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- **Scott Kuehn:** 5; Playa, Orange Beach.
- **Bo Grant:** 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **Karaoke:** 7; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.
- **Karaoke:** 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- **Platinum Premier:** 7; Hub Stacy's at the Point, Innerarity Point.
- **Brandon Styles 1-Man Variety Show:** 8; OWA, Foley.
- **Open Jam w Noel Penouilh:** 8; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.
- **Bama Beach Pickleball Club Open Play:** 9-noon; \$3, Church of Christ, 2414 W 1st St., Gulf Shores.
- **Baldwin County Genealogical Society:** 10 a.m.; public invited; Gulf 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.

SUN, OCT 20

- **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.
- **Baldwin Pops Free Concert:** 5 p.m.; Coastal Arts Center of Orange Beach; (251) 981-1524.
- **Gulf Coast Ba & Fun Olympics:** 11 a.m.; The Hangout, 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.
- **Pumpkin Patch Express:** Wales West RV Park, 1-9 p.m.; 13650 Smiley St., Silverhill.
- **Open Mic/Jam:** 2 p.m.; Hosted by The Defrosters, The Flying Harpoon 2, Orange Beach
- **Flora-Bama Possible Probables:** 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
- **Ken Matthews:** noon; Tin Top Restaurant; Bon Secour.
- **John Hart Trio:** 4; American Legion Post 199 Beach Stage, Fairhope.



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- **Roger & Elaine:** 6; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- **Pierce Parker:** 6; Sandshaker at The Wharf, 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 Shores.
- **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.

MON, OCT 21

- **Flora-Bama Possible Probables:** 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
- **Flora-Bama Bingo:** free; 1-4 p.m.; great prizes, family friendly; 17401 Perdido Key Dr., Perdido Key.
- **Lisa Zanghi:** 6; The Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **Geeks who drink trivia at Big Beach:** 7 p.m.; Big Beach Brewing Company, Gulf Shores.
- **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **Mel Knapp:** 6; Hub Stacy's at the Point, Innerarity Point.
- **Bingo** 6 p.m.; 45 Restaurant & Bar at One Club, Gulf Shores.

Higley speaks at Oct. 22 at Republican Women's Luncheon

The public is invited to join The South Baldwin Republican Women (SBRW) at their Oct. 22 meeting to hear Steve Higley speak on the topic, "Faith and Freedom: The Positive Impact of Faith-based Colleges and Universities on Our Country," at The Gift Horse Restaurant in Foley at 11:30 a.m. Cost is \$10 at the door and includes lunch.

Higley is a 1966 Hillsdale College graduate and member of the Hillsdale College Board of Trustees. He will speak on the philosophy of Hillsdale College and its educational importance for our youth today, as well as the college's continued educational outreach to the community at large.

Lillian Recreational Park Flea Market slated Oct. 19

By Monica Leonard

Lillian Recreational Park's 2nd Annual Flea Market will be held Oct. 19 from 8 a.m. 'til noon and the park's 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.

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.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Florida open for red snapper fishing weekends in Oct.

Just as was done earlier this month in Alabama (Oct. 4-6), Florida has opened up a fall recreational red snapper season in the Gulf of Mexico.

The red snapper season for private recreational anglers and state for-hire operations in the Gulf of Mexico in Florida will be open on the following Saturdays and Sundays: Oct. 12, 13, 19, 20, 26 and 27.

Florida private recreational anglers may harvest red snapper in Gulf state and federal waters. However, state for-hire operations are limited to fishing for red snapper in Gulf state waters only.

Just as with Alabama's extended season, the additional days would not be possible without the Gulf Reef Fish Survey developed specifically to provide more robust data for management of red snapper and other important reef fish. It has allowed individual states the unprecedented opportunity to manage Gulf red snapper in state and federal waters.

All anglers fishing from private recreational vessels must sign up as Gulf Reef Fish Angler to target red snapper and several other reef fish in Gulf state and federal waters, even if they are exempt from fishing license requirements. Sign up as a Gulf Reef Fish Angler at no cost at GoOutdoorsFlorida.com or by visiting any location you can purchase a license.

Anglers can share catch information with FWC electronically using the Angler Action Foundation's iAngler smartphone app. This app is available on your phone's app store by searching for iAngler Gulf Red Snapper for private anglers or iAngler Gulf Red Snapper Charter if you are a charter operation. By using iAngler to log catches during red snapper season and beyond, anglers can provide FWC researchers with valuable insights about their trips.



Living Success Conference Oct. 19 in Orange Beach

Tickets are still available for the Oct. 19 Living Success Conference at Magnolia Hall (adjacent to Cosmo's) in Orange Beach. Scheduled from 9:30 – 3:30 p.m., the conference will feature speakers Sadie Nardini, a renowned online sales expert, former Waffle house COO Bert Thorton, and former award winning major league pitcher Jake Peavy.

Tickets are \$179 plus fees, and include a gourmet lunch catered by Cosmo's is included. For more info and/or to purchase tickets, go to dialedinliving.com.

Living Success is a personal and business development conference geared toward entrepreneurs, business owners, educators, community leaders, corporate employees, or anyone who is interested in personal and/or professional fulfillment, balance and productivity.

"We are excited to be working on the biggest event we have created so far and are thrilled about our speaker line-up," said Jamie Robertson, a Dialed In Living founding board member.

Robertson of Orange Beach Yoga is co-hosting the conference with Jennifer Parnell, the marketing director at The Flora-bama, and Kristina Halfacre of RE/MAX Paradise and HGTV.

Pictured: Jake Peavy is a two-time World Series champion, three-time Major League All-Star and National League Cy Young Award winner. A Mobile native, he founded The Jake Peavy Foundation in 2012. His foundation supports sports, music, and financial literacy programs that transform the lives of young people, particularly those in underserved and at-risk communities across America.



Sandy Roots Songwriters Series continues Oct. 15

FBISF appreciation night w. Donna Slater, J Hawkins, Darrell Roberts & others

The Sandy Roots Songwriter Series will pay tribute to the Frank Brown International Songwriters Festival on Oct. 15, as the monthly series welcomes newcomers J Hawkins, Donna Slater, Mark Sherrill, Nick Branch, Bo Roberts and Darrell Roberts to The Point on Innerarity Point in Pensacola beginning at 6 p.m. The concert is produced by Nick Biebricher of Sandy Roots Productions. The shows last approximately three hours, and there is a \$5 cover. More information: Sandyrootsmusic@gmail.com or (251) 284-2443.

Pictured: Darrell Roberts & Donna Slater.

- **Bama Beach Pickleball Club Open Play:** 9-noon; \$3, Church of Christ, 2414 W 1st St., 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:** 6:30-8:30 p.m.; Magnolia Springs Community Hall, Magnolia Springs.

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Fraternal Order of Eagles collecting non-perishables in October

The Fraternal Order of Eagles #4549 will be collecting non-perishable food items during the month of October to help local food banks, for their People Helping Pantries program. Please make donations at the Club, noon to 5 p.m. seven days a week, at 3859 US Hwy 59 unit 6, in Gulf Shores, just north of Cactus Cantina. Call 251-971-4549 for more info.

Wales West Pumpkin Express & Night Train continues thru Oct.

All aboard the 2019 Pumpkin Patch Express and Scary Night Train at Wales West in Summerdale through October 31. Ride an authentic Steam Train to the Haunted Barn Maze and Kiddie-Friendly Pumpkin Patch, decorate a free pumpkin, enjoy the Mini-Train Ride, Hay Ride, Refreshments, Bounce House, and T-Rex Jr.



Enjoy the exciting pumpkin cannon, petting zoo, pony rides, cafe, and gift shop items afor a slight fee. Day trains are kid friendly and scary night trains begin at 7 p.m.

The event is open on Fridays from 5-9 p.m. and Saturdays and Sundays from 1-9 p.m.

Starting October 24, The Express is open daily week days from 5-9 p.m. and weekends from 1-9 p.m. Tickets may be purchased online or onsite. Cost is \$15 per person, plus tax; with children 2 and under admitted free. For more info, visit waleswest.com or call 251-232-2322 or 888-569-5337. Wales West is located at 13670 Smiley Street, Silverhill, AL 36576, on Co. Rd. 9. All Aboard!

- **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.
- **Debra Coleman Jeter Book Signing:** 10:30; Thomas B. Norton Public Library; Gulf Shores, (251) 968-1176.
- **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **John Brust:** 6; The Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **Destiny Brown:** 5; Playa, Orange Beach.
- **Lisa Christian:** 6; Sunset Cork Room, Gulf Shores.
- **DJ Party w. Kelli:** 8; Sandshaker at The Wharf, Orange Beach.
- **Free Line Dance Lessons With Lori:** 6; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- **Trivia Night:** 6; 45 Restaurant & Bar at One Club, Gulf Shores.
- **Bingo:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- **Karaoke:** 7:30; Tacky Jacks, 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.
- **Bama Beach Pickleball Club Open Play:** 9-noon; \$3, Church of Christ, 2414 W 1st St., Gulf Shores.
- **GriefShare Support Group:** 6 p.m.; Point Church, 13801 Interarity Point Rd.;

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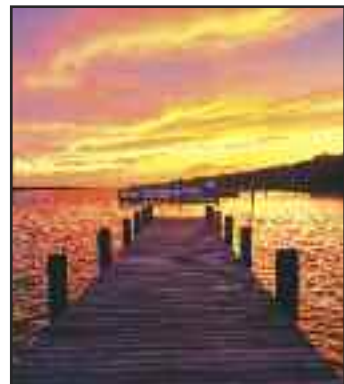
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