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Wales West is located on County Rd. 9 between Fairhope and Silverhill. For information call 888-569-5337 or go to waleswest.com.



Three services Christmas Eve at Flora-Bama Church

The Church at the Flora-Bama this Christmas Eve: The Flora-Bama Church, the immensely popular Christian non-denominational religious gathering Sundays at the Flora-Bama, will celebrate Christmas with three family-friendly Christmas Eve services on the Flora-Bama tent stage on Tuesday, December 24 at 4 p.m., 5:30 p.m. & 7 p.m. While there are no church services on Christmas Day, the Flora-Bama also welcomes all who wish to join them in good cheer to a Christmas potluck beginning at 1 p.m. Everyone is welcome at Central's Flora-Bama Church every Sunday at 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.

Mixed Nuts Band NYE at Perdido Beach Resort

Perdido Beach Resort in Orange Beach once again welcomes guests to ring in the New Year at the island's hottest New Year's Eve Party. Guests have the option to partake in a one of a kind dinner in the Grand Ballroom or at Voyagers Restaurant enjoying the specialty dishes prepared by awarding winning Chefs Brody Olive and Jason Ramirez.

Dance the night away with the Mixed Nuts Band out of New Orleans, they will be bringing the heat with a repertoire that spans over fifty years of popular music including top 40's hits from today to one hit wonders from the 50's.

Festivities include a complimentary Champagne Bubble Bar, Balloon Drop, and Confetti Show at midnight to bring in the new year. Stay the night with special packages by calling at 800-634-8001 or perdidobeachresort.com.

O.B. Winter Wonderland Dec. 20 at Sportsplex

The annual Orange Beach Winter Wonderland event will be held from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday, December 20 at the trailhead at the Orange Beach Sportsplex. The free event includes snow, sledding, hot chocolate, cookies and other Santa-filled fun. It is hosted by the Backcountry Trail Foundation and the Orange Beach Coastal Resources Department.

Roman Street Christmas Rhumba Dec. 19 in O.B.

The Roman Street Christmas Rhumba will be held on Thursday, Dec. 19 at 6 p.m. at the Coastal Arts Center of Orange Beach. Tickets are \$25.

Presented by Norma Hoots Lynch and Barbara McDaniel of the L. A. Properties Team, the concert will introduce the band's new Christmas album.

For more information call the Coastal Arts Center at 251-981-ARTS (2787). All proceeds from this event will benefit CMN Children's and Women's Hospital in Mobile.



Optimist Breakfast W. Santa Dec. 21 at Lillian Community Club

The Optimist Club of Perdido Bay has made arrangements with Santa and Mrs. Claus to meet and greet boys and girls, infant to age eight, at the annual Breakfast with Santa at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 21 in the Lillian Community Club.

After the famous free Optimist Club breakfast for the children and their families, Santa will visit with them and present them with gifts.

Family members are welcome to take pictures of their children while they visit with the Jolly Old Elf.

This will be the third Christmas-sponsored program hosted by the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay. The members organize the Annual Lillian Christmas Parade and provide transportation for Santa Claus to visit special needs classes in Foley and Elberta Schools. He also distributes gifts to all the boys and girls, based on secret tips from their teachers.

The Optimist Club of Perdido Bay is dedicated to serving children in the Lillian-Elberta area. More than 30 programs are provided, including reading to kindergarten and first grade classes, math tutoring, mentoring, scholarships for graduating seniors, scholarships for the National Flight Academy, an Easter Egg Hunt, donations to the schools for special projects and a Fishing Rodeo.

Meetings are held at 8 a.m. every Saturday. They include breakfast and programs of interest to the community. All are invited to attend. A guest breakfast is free.

Pictured: Kielyn Mixson whispers her Christmas Wish List to Santa Claus at the 2018 Breakfast with Santa hosted by the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay.

O.B. Schools to present Best Christmas Pageant Ever Dec. 20-21

The inaugural 2019-20 theatre season for Orange Beach Conservatory of Fine Arts, which is the fine arts department of Orange Beach Middle and High School, will feature three performances of The Best Christmas Pageant Ever on Dec. 20-21 at the Orange Beach Community Center.

What happens when the worst kids in the world take over the church Christmas pageant? Don't miss a hilarious performance of Barbara Robinson's classic novel. Be ready to laugh!

Show times are 7 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 20, and 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 21. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for students and senior citizens. There are also Benefactor and Patron Subscriptions, which will financially support the new theatre program.

Other scheduled performances include The Last Mile, Jan. 24-26, and Peter and the Starcatcher, March 27-29. Find more information and purchase tickets at obtheatre.com.



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Helping Hands Ministry to deliver Christmas dinner to 300

Orange Beach Helping Hands Ministry will deliver Christmas dinners to more than 300 people on Christmas Day and host Christmas Dinner and fellowship from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Orange Beach Community Center, located at 24235 Canal Road. Steve Hanich and his wife Vivian, and their son Michael have organized the event for the past eleven years, with the support from sponsors such as Swift Supply, J&M Tackle, Publix and volunteers from First Baptist Church Gulf Shores.

Hanich said volunteers deliver full meals to the jails in Orange Beach and Gulf Shores, local police departments, the Foley Beach Express toll booth, local fire departments, workers at local convenience stores, movie theaters and anybody else they think would appreciate the kindness.

In addition, 200 people are expected to enjoy Christmas dinner at the Orange Beach Community Center. "We get a lot of people who do have family in the area and we get a lot of Snowbirds who don't really have any any place to go," Steve Hanich said. "They enjoy being around others and the fellowship. We look forward to welcoming anybody who wants to join us."

For more info contact Orange Beach Helping Hands Ministries, call 251-408-1322 or 251-408-1255.

Christmas Market & Santa visits Dec. 21 at Fisher's in O.B.

Enjoy shopping with artists, merchants and other local producers of fresh products during the Christmas Market & Photos with Santa on the lawn at Fisher's at Orange Beach Marina from noon - 5 p.m. on Dec. 21. Other family, friendly activities include free hot chocolate, cookies and Christmas cheer galore.

Fisher's is located at 27075 Marina Rd. in Orange Beach. For more info, call 251-981-7305 or facebook.

Naughty & nice welcome at Flora-Bama Christmas potluck

Whether you've been naughty or nice, Christmas is a time for family and friends to gather and celebrate. The Flora-Bama wants you to join them on the line to eat, drink, and be merry for during its traditional potluck dinner from noon - 3 p.m. The turkey and ham will be prepared and ready to go. The 'Bama staff encourages patrons to arrive early and bring a covered dish or dessert to share, because that's what Christmas is all about. Live music will be played to bring additional Christmas cheer. The Flora-Bama is located at 17401 Perdido Key Dr. on Perdido Key. For more info, call (850) 492-0611.

North Pole comes to OWA every weekend 'til Dec. 22

This year, Santa will be a little closer to home as he sets up shop in Foley's Downtown OWA. Every Saturday and Sunday through Dec. 22, Santa and Mrs. Claus are welcoming guests of all ages in their North Pole home located across from Wahlburgers restaurant from 2-7 p.m. Santa will take a quick break from 4-5 p.m.

The North Pole's activities are completely free for families and kids to enjoy. Santa's personal paparazzi will also be there to snap your picture for a small additional cost. Stop by Mrs. Claus' kitchen and see what she's whipping up that day (and grab a hot cup of cocoa!), say hello to a few special visitors in Santa's stable, visit the magical elf workshop for arts and crafts, then grab a photo with the jolly man himself.



Sounds of Christmas Dec. 19 at G.S. Presbyterian

The First Presbyterian Church of Gulf Shores Chancel Choir will perform "The Sounds of Christmas" on Thurs. evening, Dec. 19 at 6:30 p.m. This 32nd annual presentation of the concert will feature a wide array of music, including everything from sacred to jazzy gospel.

Solo performers this year will include Kayla Dowling, piano; Della Grigsby, cello; Lauren Bradford, violin; Cristina Meyer, soprano; Steve Pearce, tenor and Barbara While, organ.

Directed by Minister of Music Pam Winstead, the concert is free and a nursery will be provided. On Christmas Eve, the church's Candlelight Service will take place at 5:30 p.m. in the sanctuary. A worshipful gathering highlighting hope and peace, this service will include Lessons and Carols, as well as special selections from the Chancel Choir and soloists.



LuLu's Noon Year's Eve gets the party started

As always, families and children will be the focus during the 12th annual Noon Year's Eve party on Tuesday, Dec. 31 at LuLu's at Homeport Marina in Gulf Shores. Starting at 10 a.m., children will ring out the year in exciting style with a sandcastle building contest, face painting, a petting zoo, and arts and crafts and live music.

At noon, a beach ball will drop and Noon Year's Eve is celebrated with kid-friendly fireworks (huge bubblewrap!). Noon Year's Eve ends at 3 p.m. Admission is free, and LuLu's kitchen will be open throughout the festivities. Lucy Buffett's LuLu's is located under the Intracoastal Waterway Bridge at 200 E. 25th Ave. (Info: lulubuffett.com or 251-967-lulu). **Pictured:** Noon Year's Eve 2018.



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Make It To The Line 4-Miler Dec. 28 at Flora-Bama

Folks of all ages are invited to work off some of that Christmas cheer at this 32nd annual Make It To The Line 4 Mile Run and One Mile Fun Run on Dec. 28 at 10 a.m. at The Flora-Bama.

The event features prizes 3-deep, 14-age categories, male/female in both run and walk, plenty of healthy food and a souvenir shirt for all registrants. Kids under 9 are free. Entry is \$35 from Dec. 13-24, and \$45 after that. A portion of proceeds will benefit local Secret Santa program helping families in need with gifts, clothes and food. The Flora Bama Lounge, Oyster Bar & Grill is located on the Gulf of Mexico at the Alabama-Florida state line. Info: 850-492-0611 or flora-bama.com.



City of Orange Beach giving away bicentennial ornaments

The City of Orange Beach is commemorating the State of Alabama's bicentennial by giving out Alabama 200 commemorative Christmas ornaments. Stop by City Hall or the Coastal Arts Center to pick one up while supplies last.

Foley Art Center's Trim-A-Tree open at Tanger through Dec. 23

The Foley Art Center's Trim-A-Tree, its annual annual six week holiday fine arts and crafts event, will be open at its location in Suite 230 in the Tanger Outlet (next to Zumiez in the center on the South side) through Dec. 23 from 10 a.m. – 7 p.m. Monday thru Saturday and 11 a.m. – 6 p.m. on Sundays.

Trim-A-Tree features wonderful creations by over 200 artist & craftsmen from throughout the southeast. All vendors are members of the Foley Art Center, and their work has been juried to participate. For more info, call 251-943-4381 or visit foleyartcenter.com.

Gifts and Holiday decorative items for sale include ornaments, florals, wood carvings, stained glass, fused glass mosaics, textiles, driftwood trees, quilts, rugs and jewelry. Original art in oils, watercolors, mixed media, prints, photographs, gourds and hand woven textiles will also be on sale.

For almost fifty years The Foley Art Center has served the Gulf Coast area with programs in local schools, scholarships for students seeking advanced degrees in the arts and art classes for children and adults. From the dreams of fifteen local citizens, it has become a vital force in the cultural development of Baldwin County. Trim-A-Tree and its Mother's Day weekend Art in the Park in the John B Foley Park are its two primary fundraisers.



36th New Year's Day Polar Bear Dip at The Flora-Bama

At the crack of noon, neither rain, sleet, too much NYE or bitter cold will prevent more than 1000 mostly costumed crazies from jumping into the Gulf of Mexico for the Annual New Year's Day Polar Bear Dip on the Alabama/Florida state line. This is the 36th year the Flora-Bama has hosted its dip, and an all day celebration with live music and bowl games on 24 big screen TV's will follow. Dippers will be treated to a traditional steamin' feast of black eyed peas, corn bread, ham and a draft beer or soda. Souvenir towels and t-shirts available in gift shop. Ole River Grill and the Flora-Bama Yacht Club just across street affords more relaxed, laid back dining and viewing throughout the day!

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Pictured: Big fun at Polar Bear Dip 2019.



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Kiwanis Polar Bear Dip Jan. 1 at Gulf Shores Public Beach

Locals, snowbirds, and visitors are invited to join the Gulf Shores Kiwanis Club for a uniquely coastal beach party at Gulf Shores Public Beach. The annual New Year's Day polar bear dip is at noon, and the dip and all associated events are free.

Souvenir t-shirts and koozies will be available and donations are encouraged with 100 percent of the proceeds benefitting Alabama Special Olympics and the Kiwanis Club of Gulf Shores.

Take the Plunge into the Gulf of Mexico for this uniquely coastal, family-friendly event presented by the Kiwanis Club of Gulf Shores in partnership with The Hangout, The City of Gulf Shores, and the Alabama Law Enforcement Torch Run.

Music on three stages at Flora-Bama NYE party

The Flora-Bama NYE party includes a dinner buffet from 6-11 p.m., and a breakfast buffet from midnight - 2 a.m. Guests will receive a souvenir huggie, party favors, a split of champagne, spectacular fireworks at midnight, great music on three stages, and a most ample breakfast buffet of bacon, sausage, eggs and biscuits. Tickets 'til Dec. 24 are \$40 for 21 plus. Add \$5 after that.

Musical entertainment will include The Perdido Brothers, Tony Ray Thompson, Brian Hill, Electric Dog, Spencer Maze & Reckless, Bruce Smelley Band and Get Sideways. The Flora Bama Lounge, Oyster Bar & Grill is located on the Gulf of Mexico at the Alabama-Florida state line. Info: 850-492-0611 or flora-bama.com.

Doors open at 6 p.m. with rockin' music, party favors, an exquisite chef-prepared buffet, champagne splits, 'bunches of munchies' and a midnight Mullet Drop across the street from the 'Bama at the Ole River Grill. Tickets are \$30 for 18 and older, plus \$5 at the door.



NYE Bushwacker drop at Tacky Jacks G.S. at 8 p.m. Top Hat & Jackie will be providing tunes & good cheer

Tacky Jack's Gulf Shores will host its Annual New Year's Eve Bushwacker Drop for those wanting an earlier celebration to bring in 2019. The party starts at 6 p.m., with live music from Tophat and Jackie. Bushwacker and balloon prize drops and Toast are scheduled at 8 p.m. Cost is \$30 per person, including a heavy hors d'oeuvre buffet, party favors, \$6 bushwackers. For reservations, call (251) 948-8881. The restaurant is located on the Intracoastal Waterway at 240 E 24th Ave. in Gulf Shores.

Pictured: Top Hat & Jackie (with Eddie Moody) are also playing on Thursdays and Fridays through December from 6-9 p.m. at the Barefoot Island Grill in Orange Beach. The married duo plays country/pop/folk/rock/blues and adds a little comedy for good measure. Also known for their willingness to play local charity events, the couple also owns a music store, Stringalong w. Top Hat, on Canal Rd. in Orange Beach.



LILLIAN CHRISTMAS PARADE: The Annual Christmas Parade hosted by the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay graced the streets of Lillian on Dec. 14. After a previous day of rain, the sun shone on the many entries, both mobile and on foot. The parade was the last in Bicentennial events for the community, as the parade date was also the 200th anniversary of Alabama statehood. Santa Claus has made arrangements to stay in Lillian for another week so he may be available for the Breakfast with Santa event at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 21 in the Lillian Community Club. Families will receive a free breakfast. Santa will listen to gift requests from the boys and girls, infant to age 8, and distribute some surprises to the children. Families are encouraged to take pictures as the children confide in the Jolly Old Elf.





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COASTAL CHRISTMAS



Christmas Cantata Dec. 22 at Lillian's Bayside Baptist

Bayside Baptist Church will host its annual Christmas Cantata on Sunday, December 22 at the 10:30 am service. Everyone is invited to come hear "One Small Child" sung by the BBC Choir under the direction of Gene Davis. The church is located 33677 US Hwy 98 in Lillian. For more information, call Pastor Tom Harris at 221-256-0226.

Grayson Capps set for Pirates Cove NYE party

Grayson Capps and Corky Hughes will help the patrons at Pirates Cove rock in the new year with multiple sets at the iconic Josephine bistro beginning around 8 p.m.

Grayson, who has often said Pirates Cove is his favorite venue, is also set for solo gigs in the intimate Book Cellar at The Page and Palette in his hometown of Fairhope on Dec. 19 and Dec. 26 at 5 p.m. Pirates Cove is located at 6664 Co. Rd 95. More info: 251-987-1224.

"When you peel the layers of any song, ultimately it's that individual's ability to connect with their audience through their words, and the way they play their instrument that makes a lasting impact" is the way The Philly Inquirer described South Baldwin's coolest cat.

Give holiday gift of literacy through South Baldwin Literacy Council

The South Baldwin Literacy Council is presenting its first ever mission appeal by asking citizens to give the gift of literacy this holiday season. Donations go towards providing free educational services, including children's in-school and after-school tutoring and summer reading programs and GED prep and adult basic education programs. The council also offers help with resume, job interview and workforce development skills and offers ESL and citizenship prep classes. The SBLC facility is located at 21441 Hwy. 98 in Foley. For more info, visit southbaldwinliteracycouncil.com, call 251-943-7323 or email southbaldwinliteracycouncil@gmail.com.

"Reelin' In The New Year" all day on Dec. 31 at Wharf

The Wharf in Orange Beach will be "Reelin in the New Year" all day on Dec. 31, with events from 10 a.m. to midnight. Free of charge and open to the public, the street party offers activities and entertainment for everyone. Kids can come out and celebrate the New Year with a Confetti Drop presented by Beachball Properties at noon on Main Street. Events include an ice rink, kids activities, horse and carriage rides, live music, a midnight marlin drop & fireworks.

Following the fireworks, the Sound & Light Spectacular will close the night with a high-powered theatrical show. Sponsors include Pepsi, Miller Lite, Jim Beam and NBC 15 News.



GSGC DONATES POINSETTIAS TO MEALS ON WHEELS RECIPIENTS: The Gulf Shores Garden Club donated poinsettias with pretty bows to 40 recipients of Meals on Wheels. These meals are generously prepared by Hazels Nook Restaurant and the poinsettias are all many of the recipients receive for Christmas. Dolly Crews coordinates the Meals on Wheels program for the Christian Service Center. Pictured: GSGC volunteers Eileen Gelding, Connie Conlon and Patsy Krider; Dolly Crews..



AURORAS & MARSHALS HOLD JOINT CHRISTMAS PARTY: The Mystical Order of the Auroras and The Marshals Mardi Gras krewes joined together on Dec. 5 for a "Holidaze Bash" Christmas party at Live Bait Restaurant on Perdido Beach Boulevard in Orange Beach. Members and guests danced to locals' favorite Doc Johnson Band and dined on the restaurant's festive holiday menu. Terry Humphreys of Live Bait hosted the event and Shyrel Mays and her staff made everyone feel like royalty. The Marshals' President Eddie Keesee welcomed everyone and thanked the Live Bait team for a spectacular event. Auroras' President Eva Keesee made sure each attendee felt like a special guest.



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Roadside Glorious Christmas Show Dec. 21 at Big Beach

By Fran Thompson

Roadside Glorious, the New Orleans based southern rock soulsters led by Gulf Shores native Basch Jernigan, is back at Big Beach Brewing Company for a 6 p.m. "throwdown" on Dec. 21.

"We have some holiday-themed fun up our sleeve," Jernigan said. "I don't want to give away too much, but I'd say maybe look at some old soul and R&B christmas covers, like the Jackson 5 christmas album for some hints."

Founded by Jernigan and fellow GSHS grad Aydan Closson in 2016, Roadside Glorious released its debut album, *Brawn and Bone*, last year.

While at GSHS, Basch started Katawompus with Rob Gordon on bass and Blaine Kaiser on drums. When his bandmates graduated in 2010, Harrison Butler and Aydan came on board until Basch left for college at Tulane.

Closson gave up the rock n roll life after putting his stamp on Roadside's debut release. The band also includes lead guitarist Evan Hall and bass guitarist Tyler Self, both from New Orleans.

"After playing with a few different guys earlier this year, we've been playing consistently with a friend and great drummer from New Orleans, Israel Howard," Jernigan said. "We're hoping to hold on to him as long

as we can."

Jernigan said reaction to *Brawn and Bone* has been more like a rising tide than a tumbling wave.

"It's really been more of a process of watching more and more people gradually discover the album and the album gaining a following as a result," he said. "Seeing more and more people showing up to shows singing the lyrics to the songs has been a crazy, amazing experience."

Jernigan said Big Beach Brewing Company (300 E. 24th Ave., Gulf Shores) is the band's go-to venue when he's back home for many reasons.

"We keep returning to Big Beach because of the way they treat people and their community. They are a community-first organization that believes in good people and good local, original live music," he said. "They definitely did welcome us from the get-go, which is something we will always appreciate. But what's keeping us there now is really the atmosphere they've created and the impressive strides they make every year to get more and more original talent from all over the southeast."

"We really believe in their vision, and they're doing it in a way that legitimately feels like its about the people above everything else. Creating a happy, welcoming environment for everyone in the community. That's the kind of business we believe in and love to get behind."

While chilling with his family and friends during the holidays is first up for Jernigan, he is already looking forward to releasing a follow-up to *Brawn and Bone*.

"We have a lot of exciting opportunities coming in 2020 in town, out of state, and out of country, as well as a new album that we will be releasing," he said. "It's going to be a big year for us, and we can't wait to share it with everyone."

"A lot of dreams that we've had musically our entire lives are coming true."

Pictured: Roadside Glorious & friends making memories during a summer show at Big Beach Brewing Co.



FOLEY WOMAN'S CLUB CHRISTMAS GATHERING: Members of the Foley Woman's Club gathered at Sweet Southern Scratch for their annual Christmas meeting on December 2, 2019. Excitement filled the air as Jessica Vaughn from Gulf Coast Media came forward to present President Kelly Barrett with the Best Of Baldwin award. Foley Woman's Club won the Best Civic Club. President Kelly Barrett announced the "kick off" for the club's annual fund-raising Mad Hatters' event. Tickets for the March 18 event are now on sale and can be purchased at Checkouts or from member Sylvia Womack at 251-955-5294. The theme for the event will be World of Books and the famous hat parade contest categories will be Most Creative Theme, Wackiest, and Most Glamorous. Bo Grant, formerly with the The Platters, will wow the audience once again with his electric performance. Preparations were discussed for the group's participation in the Foley Christmas parade on December 7. **Pictured:** Members of the Foley Woman's Club; President Kelly Barrett receiving award from Jessica Vaughn

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Beginners' pickleball clinics Dec. 21 & 28

The Bama Beach Pickleball Club will be holding a beginners' clinic for those between the ages of 9 and 95 who would like to learn how to play the game of pickleball – the fastest growing sport in the USA – on Dec. 21 from 2 to 4 p.m. at The Church of Christ in Gulf Shores. This will be followed by a second clinic at the Church on Dec. 28 from 2 to 4 p.m. The Church is located at 2414 West 1st Street in Gulf Shores.

These clinics are for new players or for those who have played maybe once or twice. You will learn the basics of the game and we expect after two clinics, you'll be on your way to being a regular player at the many indoor and outdoor venues in Baldwin County. Bama Beach will be offering an intermediate clinic for those who are interested in improving their skills and learning new things. Dates for this clinic will be announced later.

Only three things are needed: 1 - Call or email Sam Strite 965-5122 or samcstrite@gmail.com to reserve your spot; 2 - Come to the Church wearing comfortable playing clothes and tennis shoes; 3 - Bring \$3 per person. We will have paddles and balls for you to use.

WED, DEC 18

- **Christmas Calendar:** Please turn to pages 6-28.
- **Flora-Bama Possible Probables:** 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
- **Flora-Bama Bingo:** free; 1-4 p.m.; great prizes, family friendly; 17401 Perdido Key Dr., Perdido Key.
- **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.
- **Bingo Night:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.
- **Danny Grady:** 3:30; Papa Rocco's; Gulf

Shores.

- **Swing Dancing:** 7; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.
- **Karaoke:** 7; 45 Restaurant & Bar at One Club, Gulf Shores.
- **Open Mic:** 7; Tacky Jack's, Fort Morgan.
- **Open Mic:** 5:30; Tacky Jack's, Gulf Shores.
- **Karaoke:** 6; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **Bingo:** 10 a.m.; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- **Ricky Johnson:** 5; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- **Euchre:** 6; 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.
- **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.

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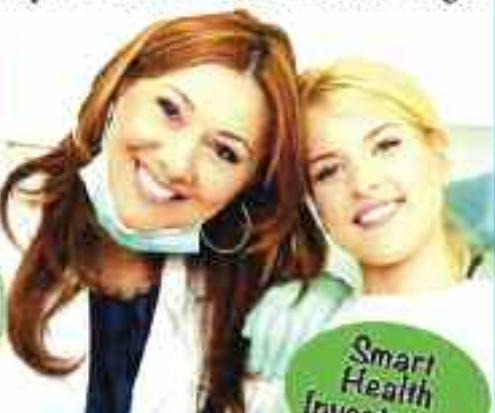
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WHAT'S HAPPENING



Jan. 25 fundraiser at Fisher's benefits O.B. schools

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Pictured: The New Orleans based 'Where Y'acht' bill itself as the greatest yacht rock band in the world and plays smooth tunes from the 70s and 80s mostly at weddings, festivals, corporate parties, Mardi Gras balls, or any waterfront extravaganza you can imagine.

Pirates of Lost Treasure Oil Baron's Mardi Gras Ball is Jan. 18

Pirates of Lost Treasure will host their annual Coronation Mardi Gras Ball on January 18 at the Grand Hotel, located at 200 East Gregory St. in Pensacola from 6:30-11 p.m. in the Grand Ball Room. The theme for this year's gala is Welcome to SouthforkThe Oil Baron's Ball. The ball is open to the public. Tickets are \$50/person/\$85/couple. A buffet dinner is included with a cash bar. Dance to the music of The High Horse Band. To purchase tickets and for more information, contact Vickie at 850-426-5404 or vickie.jean.powers@gmail.com.

Sonora Masonic Lodge serving fried chicken lunch on Jan. 4

Sonora Masonic Lodge #635 F&AM in Summerdale will hold its 2020 annual fried chicken dinner fundraisers on Saturday, January 4, February 1 and March 7 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. The lodge is located at 202 E. Jackson Street. Adult plates will be \$9 and a child's plate will be \$5. The dinners will include chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, cole slaw, green beans and complimentary tea and dessert for dine-in guests. Proceeds generated from the fundraiser will be used for lodge expenditures. Delivery available on orders of 10 or more. For more information contact Dean Mott at 251-423-7604 or visit the lodge Facebook page.



South Baldwin Newcomers charity fundraiser Jan. 23

By Karen Brumbelow

South Baldwin Newcomers' President Libby Bates and Special Events Coordinator Susan West are **pictured** inviting everyone out to Disco the night away! Toast to the Coast is on January 23 at the Orange Beach Event Center at The Wharf in Orange Beach. The night is filled with delicious food from 20+ local restaurants, dessert bar, silent auction with items from local businesses and artists along with items from national companies, a Cork Pull and Boogie Bucks! Tickets can be purchased by contacting Susan West at 205-222-0143 or e-mail susanawest@gmail.com they also can be purchased at McClure's NY Deli in Orange Beach on Canal Road. Ticket are \$50 single or \$500 for a table. 100% of the proceeds from this event go to local charities and local high school scholarships. Don't miss out on this fun night filled with food, dancing to Disco while giving to this great fundraising event, hurry tickets are going fast! Dust off those bell bottoms and come Disco the night away!

- **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, DEC 19

- **Christmas Calendar:** Please turn to pages 6-28.
- **Flora-Bama Possible Probables:** 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
- **Flora-Bama Bingo:** free; 1-4 p.m.; great prizes, family friendly; 17401 Perdido Key Dr., Perdido Key.
- **Roman Street Christmas Rhumba:** 6-8 p.m.; Coastal Arts Center of Orange Beach.
- **John Brust:** 6; Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **Tim Roberts:** 6; Tin Top Restaurant; Bon Secour.
- **Karaoke:** 7:30; Sassy Bass Amazin' Grill; Ft. Morgan.
- **Open Mic:** 7; Snapper's; Orange Beach.
- **Trivia Factory:** 7; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke/DJ Party w. Kelly:** 8; The Sandshaker; The Wharf in Orange Beach.
- **Scott Koehn:** 5:30; Pleasure Island Tiki Bar; Orange Beach.
- **Skiyline Kings:** 6; Hub Stacy's; Innerarity Point.
- **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.
- **Delta Donnie & Friends:** 6; Bier Shack Tap Room; Foley.
- **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, DEC 20

- **Christmas Calendar:** Please turn to pages 6-28.
- **Flora-Bama Possible Probables:** 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
- **Flora-Bama Bingo:** free; 1-4 p.m.; great prizes, family friendly; 17401 Perdido Key Dr., Perdido Key.
- **Winter Wonderland:** 5:30 p.m.; free; Orange Beach Sportsplex; snow," sledding, hot chocolate, cookies and other Santa-filled fun.
- **Smokey & Jan:** 7; Papa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **Brandon & Carl:** 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's; Gulf Shores.
- **Jay Williams Band:** 9 p.m.; Sandshaker, The Wharf in Orange Beach.
- **Shelby Brown:** 7; Tacky Jacks, Fort Morgan.
- **Rib Eye Dinner to help Veterans and Families:** 5 p.m.; music & dancing at 7 p.m.; American Legion Post 44; Gulf Shores.
- **Danny Grady:** 3:30; Papa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **Kristi Dees Bad Juju:** 7; Hub Stacy's; Innerarity Point.
- **Karaoke:** 5:30; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.



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26 Main Room 1:00 J Hawkins Duo 5:00 Mark Sherrill & Friends 9:15 Wes Loper Deck Stage 4:30 Dueling Pianos Top Deck 8:30 Bat Tent Stage 1:00 - 4:00 Bingo	27 Main Room 2:00 Lea Anne Creswell Duo 6:00 Scott Koehn Project 10:15 Ben Jernigan Duo Deck Stage 5:30 Big Earl (Jack Robertson) Show 10:00 Lex & the Luthors Tent Stage 1:00-4:00 Bingo	28 Main Room 2:00 J Hawkins Duo 6:00 Bat 10:15 Bruce Smelley Duo Deck Stage 1:00 Rebecca Barry & Company 5:30 Big Earl (Jack Robertson) Show 10:00 Yeah, Probably Tent Stage 11:00 Al & Cathy	29 Main Room 1:30 Al & Cathy 6:00 Just a Little Rusty 10:15 Wes Loper Deck Stage 1:00 Zachary Diedrich Duo 5:30 Jenna McClelland Band 10:00 Mario Mena Band Tent Stage 9:00 & 11:00 Church Services	30 Main Room 3:00 Open Mic with Elaine Petty 7:00 Mike Diamond Top Deck 7:00 Bat Tent Stage 1:00-4:00 Bingo	31 Main Room 2:00 T-Bone Montgomery 7:00 Perdido Brothers 11:00 Tony Ray Thompson & Brian Hill Deck Stage 11:30 J Hawkins Trio 2:00 Roxy & the Magic Johnsons 7:00 Electric Dawg 11:00 Spencer Maige & the Reckless Tent Stage 2:00 Hung Jury 7:00 Bruce Smelley Band 11:00 Get Sideways Yacht Club 8:00 Bat Ole River Grill 5:00 Spencer Maige 9:30 Jenna McClelland Band	1 Main Room 2:00 Neil Dover 6:00 Rhonda Hart Duo 10:15 Bruce Smelley Duo Deck Stage 10:00 Al & Cathy 2:00 Spencer Maige & the Reckless 8:00 Bat Tent Stage 9:00 Rebecca Barry & Company 12:30 Get Sideways

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- **Open Mic Karaoke:** 5; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- **Open Jam w. Rhonda Huete:** 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.
- **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@gulftel.com.
 • **AA:** Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
 • **AA:** 7 p.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

SAT, DEC 21

- **Christmas Calendar:** Please turn to pages 6-28.
- **Flora-Bama Possible Probables:** 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
- **Breakfast with Santa:** 8 a.m.; Erie Meyer Civic Center; Gulf Shores.
- **Fish River Christmas Boat Parade:** 4:30 p.m.; Hwy. 98 Bridge to the Hwy. 32 Bridge.
- **Optimist Club Breakfast with Santa:**

- 8:30 a.m., Lillian Community Club.
- **Jay Williams Band:** 9 p.m.; Sandshaker, The Wharf in Orange Beach.
- **J & J:** 7; Papa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.

- **Southern Star:** 6:30; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- **Platinum Premier:** 7; Hub Stacy's; Innerarity Point.

- **John Brust:** 6; Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke:** 7; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.
- **Karaoke:** 10; The Undertow; Orange

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Beach.

- **Brandon Styles 1-Man Variety Show:** 8; OWA, Foley.
- **Open Jam w. Donnie Mills:** 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; 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.

• **Brandon Styles Comedy Magic Show:** 8 p.m.; OWA, Foley.

SUN, DEC 22

• **Christmas Calendar:** Please turn to pages 6-28.

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

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

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

• **Light Travelers:** 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's; Gulf Shores.

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

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

• **Lisa Zanghi:** 6; The Lobby Bar

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Gulf Shores Middle School will field an eSports team

Thanks to the United Way of Baldwin County - Gulf Shores Middle School will soon have its first eSports team! eSports is a new, innovative opportunity that will open doors to reach students in a way never imaged before. Colleges across the country are developing eSports teams and offering scholarships for eSports students. This program at GSMS will prepare students not only for college, but also for a variety of career options.

eSports improves education through STEM-related skills such as computer skills, statistical analysis, strategizing, and conceptual thinking. Students use quick thinking and creative problem solving to beat opponents during a match. They are also exposed to new equipment and programs as they learn new software and graphics and begin analyzing game play. Communication and team building are also required for success in this team based environment. eSports at GSMS will be another way students can find their niche at school and stay involved.

Pictured: (l to r) GSMS Principal, Robert McCartney; GSMS Instructional Coach, Brittney Seagle; United Way Executive Director, Marina Simpson; United Way Board Member, Melissa Hollingsworth

L.A. Beach Writers reconvene

Jan. 6 at Gulf Shores Library

By Diane Clark

The L A Beach Writers will reconvene at the Thomas B. Norton Library in Gulf Shores on Monday, January 6 from 4 -5:45 pm.



Area writers and authors are welcome--published and unpublished. Any writer "wannabees" are invited as well as we will offer guidance and coaching.

The intent of the group is to foster the writing skills of anyone who's desire is to write a family legacy or memoir, publish a novel or autobiography, or anything in between.

Author Frank Kelso (pictured) from Orange Beach will make a lively presentation entitled "Let's Energize Our Writing." Frank spent his teen years near Jesse James' hometown. His lively life transformed him into a writer of western novels naturally. He has several of his award-winning short stories available on Amazon.

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at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.

- **Lisa Christian:** noon, Tacky Jack's, Gulf Shores.
- **Roger & Elaine:** 5; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- **Jim McAdams:** 5; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- **Karaoke:** 5; Monthly Birthday Potluck; American Legion Post 99, Foley.
- **John Joiner & Friends:** 4; Hub Stacey's at the Point; Innerarity Point.

MON, DEC 23

- **Christmas Calendar:** Please turn to pages 6-28.
- **Flora-Bama Possible Probables:** 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
- **Flora-Bama Bingo:** free; 1-4 p.m.; great prizes, family friendly; 17401 Perdido Key Dr., Perdido Key.
- **Lisa Zanghi:** 6; The Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **Geeks who drink trivia Night at Big Beach:** 7; Big Beach Brewing Company; Gulf Shores.
- **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **Danny Grady:** 3:30; Papa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **Brent Burns:** 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's;

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- **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** 6 p.m.; 45 Restaurant & Bar at One Club, Gulf Shores.
- **Bridge:** noon; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- **Bingo:** 6; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- **8 Ball APA:** 7:30; The Office, Foley.
- **Grief Share:** 6 p.m.; Community Hospice Center, Foley.
- **Overeaters Anonymous:** 6; Holy Spirit Episcopal Church; Gulf Shores, 616 Ft. Morgan Rd.; 251-709-5907.
- **Orange Beach Community Center Association Monthly Covered Dish Dinner:** social at 5, dinner at 6:30 p.m.; all winter guests welcome; Canal Road next to the Recreation Center; 251-981-1942.
- **T.O.P.S. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly):** weigh-in 5:30; meeting 6; First Presbyterian Church of Foley; (Berry & Highway 59).
- **Square Dancing:** 6:30; Magnolia Springs Community Hall, Magnolia



ST. BENEDICT ROBOTICS TEAMS: St. Benedict Catholic School Robotics Teams have only been studying robotics since September, but it was long enough to take first place in the VEX IQ Robotics Challenge at Foley Middle School. **Pictured:** From left are Raylee Murphy, Chloe Miodrag, Mary Frances Whitson, Charles Nevin, Marisol Acker, Maggie Mattison, Sasha Prouty, Lauren Wood, Cotton Kaiser, Teacher Greg Tucker and Cooper Frank.



GSGC MEMBERS ATTEND GOVERNOR'S TEA: Members of the Gulf Shores Garden Club were among those who traveled to Montgomery on Dec. 6 to participate in the 13th Annual Holiday Tea & Fashion Show at the Elston Homestead, the childhood home of Susan Elston Wallace. Each year, designers from Milligan's Flowers & Gifts provide elaborate holiday decorations for the Tea. **Pictured:** Fr. - Peggy VanZandt, Peggy Franzen, Diane Starr, Sally Hendricks, Pat Krider, Maggie Campbell, JoeySkaff; 2nd Row: Diane Farnham, Sue Foskett, Alejandra Falconer, Cathy Oakes, Carol Walls, Jenni Tyler, Kathy Sudduth, Carolyn Arnold; 3rd Row: Paula Hill, Debbie London, Kim Edgerton, Ruth Feuerenstein, Donna Rotge, Linda Tucker; 4th Row: Jean Lorentz, Sharon Pitman

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

COOKIN' WITH CAROLYN

By CAROLYN GODFREY

Eggnog Sweet Potato Bake

3-1/2 pounds sweet potatoes (about 5 large)

2/3 c. eggnog

1/2 c. golden raisins

2 Tbs. sugar

1 tsp. salt

Topping:

1/4 c. flour

1/4 c. quick-cooking oats

1/4 c. packed brown sugar

1/4 c. chopped pecans

1/2 tsp. cinnamon

1/4 tsp. nutmeg

2 Tbsp. butter, melted

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Scrub sweet potatoes; pierce several times with a fork. Place on a foil-lined 15x10x1-in. baking pan; bake 1 hour or until tender. Remove from oven. Reduce oven setting to 350 degrees. When potatoes are cool enough to handle, remove and discard peel. Mash potatoes in a large bowl (you should have about 6 cups mashed). Stir in eggnog, raisins, sugar and salt. Transfer to a greased 11x7-in.

baking dish. For topping, in a small bowl, mix flour, oats, brown sugar, pecans and spices; stir in butter. Sprinkle over sweet potatoes. Bake, uncovered, 30-35 min. or until heated through and topping is lightly browned. **Enjoy!**

Springs.

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

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

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

TUE, DEC 24

• **Christmas Calendar:** Please turn to pages 6-28.

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

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

• **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.

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

• **Lisa Christian:** 6; Sunset Cork Room, Gulf Shores.

• **Brandon Styles 1-Man Variety Show:** 7 p.m.; Downtown OWA; Foley; Comedy, Magic & Impressions.

• **Our Coffee Jam Night:** 6 p.m.; Big Beach Brewing Co.; Gulf Shores.

• **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.

• **Karaoke:** 6; Bier Shack Tap Room; Foley.

• **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, DEC 25 Merry Christmas

• **Christmas Calendar:** Please turn to pages 6-28.

• **Christmas Potluck at Flora-Bama:** noon 'til; Flora-Bama Lounge & Oyster Bar, 17401 Perdido Key Dr., Perdido Key; 850-492-0611.

• **Christmas Dinner Potluck:** noon 'til; bring a dish if you can; The Office, Foley.

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

• **Grief Support Group:** 10 a.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Activities Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola; 850-492-2135

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

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Buddies still needed for Feb 7 Night To Shine at PBUMC

Volunteer buddies are needed for the annual Tim Tebow Foundation Night To Shine Prom on February 7 from 6-9 p.m. at Perdido Bay United Methodist Church Community Campus. Anyone interested in being a buddy can sign up at pbuments.com or call the Perdido Bay United Methodist Church at 850-492-2145.

Mandatory volunteer training sessions are required for event, and new volunteers are asked to submit a background form. Training sessions are scheduled on January 13 and January 21 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the Perdido Bay Community Center. Volunteers only need to attend one of the sessions.

Attire Night (when our guests come and pick out gowns and suits) is January 16, and organizers are accepting gently used prom/formal dresses and men's suits. These items can be dropped off at the Perdido Bay UMC Activity Center.

"We are looking forward to another amazing Night to Shine and we could not do it without our Buddies," said event chair Lori Gerritsen. The Night To Shine Prom Friday will be held February 8 at the PBUMC Community Center on Innerarity Point. The event provides an unforgettable prom night experience, centered on God's love, for people with special needs, ages 14 and older.

The worldwide movement takes place in all 50 states and 15 countries around the world, and PBUMC is one of more than 450 churches around the world that will host this amazing event. The event requires around 300 volunteers, and each of them must be trained. Around 30 volunteers are still needed at PBUMC.

The church utilizes donations from its thrift store, the Redemption Store, to provide gowns, shoes, accessories, and suits to guests, who are invited to come and pick out complimentary attire prior to the event. Seamstresses are available to provide any alterations needed.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

- **Bread Ministry:** 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.; Orange Beach United Methodist Church Brook's Center.
- **Food Ministry For Hungry Families:** noon-1 p.m.; Grace Lutheran Church, corner of West 23rd Ave. and West 4th St. in Gulf Shores; 251-968-5991.
- **AA:** Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

THU, DEC 26

- **Christmas Calendar:** Please turn to pages 6-28.
- **Flora-Bama Possible Probables:** 2 p.m. until; (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.
- **Tim Roberts:** 6; Tin Top Restaurant; Bon Secour.
- **Karaoke:** 7:30; Sassy Bass Amazin' Grill; Ft. Morgan.
- **John Brust:** 6; Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **Open Mic:** 7; Snapper's; Orange Beach.
- **Trivia Factory:** 7; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.
- **Scott Koehn:** 5:30; Pleasure Island Tiki Bar, Orange Beach.
- **Bridge:** noon; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- **Karaoke:** 7; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.

- **Greg Lyon:** 6; Hub Stacy's; Innerarity Point.
- **Karaoke:** 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- **Delta Donnie & Friends:** 6; Bier Shack Tap Room; Foley.
- **Bama Beach Pickleball Club Open Play:** 9-noon; \$3, Church of Christ, 2414 W 1st St., Gulf Shores.
- **8 Ball APA:** 7:30; The Office, Foley.
- **Bingo:** 10 a.m.; American Legion Post 44, 6781 Gulf Shores Pkwy (AL Hwy 59), Gulf Shores.
- **Blind Draw Dart Tourney:** 7, American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- **Overeaters Anonymous:** noon; Orange Beach Presbyterian Church.

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

- a.m.; Foley Senior Center; visitors welcome; 251-928-4494.
- **South Baldwin Amateur Radio Club:** 7 p.m. 4th Thurs. of every month; Baldwin County Emergency Operations Center, McAuliffe Rd., Robertsdale; 251-943-2953.
- **Bingo:** Bear Point Civic Association on Bay La Launch Rd. in Orange Beach; doors open at 6:30 p.m., games at 7 p.m.; hotdogs, drinks and snacks available; all invited; 981-5734.
- **Orange Beach Bridge Club:** Tue. & Thur at noon; Orange Beach Senior Center; visitors and new members welcomed even without a partner; 251-981-3440.
- **AA:** Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship

Dolphin Athletic Club Drawdown 2020 is Feb. 1 at Hangout

Food, fun, music, \$7,500 grand prize on tap at annual fundraiser

Food, fun, music and money are on tap at the Dolphin Athletic Club's \$7,500 grand prize drawdown on 2020 Drawdown on February 1 at the Hangout at Gulf Shores Public Beach. Tickets are already on sale at mygshsdac.com. The Velcro Pygmies will be the musical entertainment, and a silent auction will offer fabulous packages and deals from local vendors.

Tickets are \$100 for two people, and include a buffet-style dinner, cold beer, wine, and the Velcro Pygmies show. Each couple will have one entry for the drawdown and a chance to win the \$7,500 grand prize. A limited number of VIP table sponsorships are available.

DAC President Mike Carey said the club is hoping to sell 500 tickets to its 21st annual drawdown, the club's biggest fundraiser of the year. Donors can designate which sport their ticket purchase will benefit.

"Dolphin Nation is the DAC battle cry as we support young men and women competing in 26 teams at the high school and middle school levels," Carey said. "The club helps pay for sports equipment, uniforms, nutrition and other needs."

Founded in 1999, DAC also awards \$1,000 scholarships to ten graduating seniors at Gulf Shores High School who have demonstrated excellence in athletics, leadership and community service.

The Dolphin Athletic Club (DAC) works in partnership with Gulf Shores City Schools to help fund athletic programs, and meet the needs of student-athletes.

Sponsors in addition to the Hangout include Southern Chevrolet and Culver's Restaurant.



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ORANGE BEACH ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DECEMBER TERRIFIC KIDS: The Kiwanis Club recently presented its December Terrific Kids awards at Orange Beach Elementary School. **Pictured: (Left)** Pre K - 2nd Grade: Front Row (Left to Right) Annadelle Faulkner, Colton Stewart, JJ Kennedy, Mattie Hurst, Myers Moss; Back Row (Left to Right); Emma Thornton, Samuel Fowler, Sinclair Spriggs, Baylee Grace Bauer, Taylor Malone, Luke Tampary. **(Right)** 3rd - 6th Grade Terrific Kids: Front Row (Left to Right) Carli Lenze, Allie Roach, Tinsley Vail, Ella Grace Moss, JMo Moss, Kenleigh Mosley; Back Row (Left to Right) Lakin Smith, Ruby Kottsick, Keaton Lee, Josias Mendez, Dallion Blake, Griffin Klatt, Brayden Witherington, Kai Price, Boston Brewer. Not Pictured: Wren Wilkins.



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

FRI, DEC 27

- **Christmas Calendar:** Please turn to pages 6-28.
- **Flora-Bama Possible Probables:** 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
- **Flora-Bama Bingo:** free; 1-4 p.m.; great prizes, family friendly; 17401 Perdido Key Dr., Perdido Key.
- **Rib Eye Dinner to help Veterans and Families:** 5 p.m.; music & dancing at 7 p.m.; American Legion Post 44; Gulf Shores.
- **Danny Grady:** 3:30; Papa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.

- **Ronnie Presley:** 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's; Gulf Shores.
- **Bo Grant:** 7; Papa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **Matt Erdman:** 7; Tacky Jacks, Fort Morgan.
- **Holland:** 9 p.m.; Sandshaker, The Wharf in Orange Beach.
- **Oliver Twist:** 7; Hub Stacy's; Innerarity Point.
- **Roger & Elaine:** 7; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- **Open Mic Karaoke:** 5; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- **Karaoke:** 8; Snapper's; Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke:** 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- **Open Jam:** 8; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.

- **Bama Beach Pickleball Club Open Play:** 9-noon; \$3, Church of Christ, 2414 W 1st St., Gulf Shores.
- **Brandon Styles Comedy Magic Show:** 8 p.m.; OWA, Foley.
- **Karaoke:** 5; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- **Open Mixed Doubles Tennis:** 7:15 a.m.; all levels welcome; Gulf Shores Tennis Center; corner of West 19th Ave. and West 2nd St.
- **Bingo:** 5:30; Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5659; Elberta.
- **Alcoholics Anonymous:** noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center; 13660 Innerarity Pt. Rd.; 850-492-3056 or 492-6362.

SAT, DEC 28

- **Christmas Calendar:** Please turn to pages 6-28.
- **Make It To The Line 4 Miler:** 10; Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
- **Flora-Bama Possible Probables:** 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
- **Adam & Jillian Holt:** 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's; Gulf Shores.
- **Stone Country:** 6:30; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- **Tribe Zion:** 9 p.m.; Sandshaker, The Wharf in Orange Beach.
- **Bo Grant:** 7; Papa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **The Blenders:** 7; Hub Stacy's; Innerarity Point.
- **Brandon & Carl:** 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's; Gulf Shores.

- **Brandon Styles 1-Man Variety Show:** 8; OWA, Foley.
- **John Brust:** 6; Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke:** 7; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.
- **Open Jam:** 8; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.
- **Karaoke:** 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- **Bama Beach Pickleball Club Open Play:** 9-noon; \$3, Church of Christ, 2414 W 1st St., Gulf Shores.
- **Optimist Club of Perdido Bay:** breakfast every Saturday at 7 a.m. at the Lillian Community Club in Lillian; (251) 961-2620. Program: Two Old Men who regularly play and sing at The Front Porch in Lillian will play and tell their

Capt. Seth Hartleroad brings possible world record fish to Caribe Whitebone Porgy is 2nd state record fish Escambia grad has logged on Outcast

By Fran Thompson

Capt. Seth Hartleroad already has one state record penciled into his Outcast Charter trip log. That would be the Alabama record (3lb.-10oz.) Angelfish he put Lillie Cooper, a 9-year-old from Iowa, above during a 2018 Outcast fishing trip

“They send it to multiple biologists just so they can confirm the findings. It was a whitebone porgy or what locals call a chocolate snapper and it broke the old state record by 2 lbs.”

leaving from Caribe Marina, which is among the world's best marina locations, sitting just a few hundred yards from Perdido Pass and its bounty.

Captain Seth thought he may have a second on Nov. 29 when he saw what he thought was a Red Porgy caught by 8-year-old Turner Rutledge slapping about on the Outcast deck.

If nothing else, he knew this was a fish worth holding in a slurry box as soon as the adolescent from Nashville boated a fish

that was certified at the weight of 8lb.-.05oz. “We absolutely knew when we caught it that it was big. We have a digital scale on the boat that showed it was going to be over eight pounds,” he said.

Capt. Seth found the fish at one of his regular spots about 15 miles offshore. The fish hit a squid on a chicken rig.

“The little boy was so excited. I told him when we left the spot that it would be close. But we'd have to wait 'til we got back. The rest of the trip he was telling people not to break his state record.”

It turns out that even though Turner's fish would have broken the record for that species, it was not a Red Porgy. At first, local marine biolo-

gists thought it was a Jolthead Porgy. It was not. “They send it to multiple biologists just so they can confirm the findings,” Seth said. “It was a whitebone porgy or what locals call a chocolate snapper and it broke the old state record by 2 lbs. We've also submitted that fish to the IGFA for a world record Whitebone Porgy. That record is currently pending upon certification.”

Tanner Burtner, who has fished with Capt. Seth for two years, was filling in as deckhand on the record breaking day.

Capt. Seth, who now lives in Foley with his wife and two kids, has been fishing hard since his mom would set him free on Johnson Beach as a child.

He enjoyed surf fishing for pompano as much as catching specs and redfish across the road in the Intracoastal. He started deckhanding at 13 with Louie King out of Palafox Pier in Pensacola and then fished out of Pitt's Slip.

He became a captain in 2008 with a 6-pack license and upgraded to a 100-ton master in 2012.



He has also run parasail boats to pay the bills, but fishing has always been his passion.

“I was glad to come back to fishing. I have no regrets. It is definitely a blessing to do what I do,” he said. “I'm surrounded by good people.”

Cissy Flanigan organized the extended family charter, which included Turner's grandparents, Debbie and Terry Turner. Cissy and her husband (David) have an Orange Beach condo and have been visiting Pleasure Island for 20 years.

“It made an 8-year-old boy's year,” Cissy said.

“He was so pumped. When we are on vacation, he always requests to go fishing, but he plays all kinds of sports at home. He's the greatest little kid.

“It was a great experience. We caught a ton of fish. We had to throw back the trigger and red snapper. But it was a beautiful day and we could not have asked for anything more in a fishing trip,” she added.

Capt. Seth is also not asking for anything more. He is happy for every day he can spend at the helm of the Outcast hunting fish for customers.

“It is pretty cool to have two state records in two years,” he said.

Pictured: (l to r) Capt. Hartleroad; 8-year-old Turner Rutledge with what very well may be a world record Whitebone Porgy; Deckhand Tanner Burtner helps Turner.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

story.

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

SUN, DEC 29

- **Christmas Calendar:** Please turn to

pages 6-28.

- **Central Flora-Bama Church:** Church experiences, 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.; Flora-Bama Tent Stage, Perdido Key.
- **Unity Church Beach Service:** 9:45 a.m.; The Royal Oyster, Gulf Shores.
- **Flora-Bama Possible Probables:** 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
- **Open Mic/Jam:** 2 p.m.; Hosted by The Defrosters, The Flying Harpoon 2, Orange Beach.
- **Wes Loper:** 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's;

Gulf Shores.

- **Danny Grady:** 2 p.m.; Fraternal Order of Eagles #4549, Gulf Shores.
- **Tim Roberts:** 7; Papa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **Scott Koehn:** 4; Pleasure Island Tiki Bar, Orange Beach.
- **Lisa Zanghi:** 6; The Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **Lisa Christian:** noon, Tacky Jack's, Gulf Shores.
- **Roger & Elaine:** 5; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.

- **Monthly Birthday Bash:** 6; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- **Jim McAdams:** 5; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- **Karaoke:** 5; Monthly Birthday Potluck; American Legion Post 99, Foley.
- **John Joiner & Friends:** 4; Hub Stacey's at the Point; Innerarity Point.

MON, DEC 30

- **Christmas Calendar:** Please turn to pages 6-28.

- **Flora-Bama Possible Probables:** 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
- **Flora-Bama Bingo:** free; 1-4 p.m.; great prizes, family friendly; 17401 Perdido Key Dr., Perdido Key.
- **Lisa Zanghi:** 6; The Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **Geeks who drink trivia Night at Big Beach:** 7; Big Beach Brewing Company; Gulf Shores.
- **Danny Grady:** 3:30; Papa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.

All-terrain wheelchair will allow Fairhope vet to fish on his own

Treasures of Isle, L.A. Parrotheads help sponsor Tacky Jack's ongoing program

By Fran Thompson

Christmas came early for seven year Army veteran Pat Peterson of Fairhope, who was recently presented with a brand new Action Track all-terrain wheelchair during an emotional ceremony at Tacky Jacks - Orange Beach.

Pat joined the Army after graduation from Fairhope High School in 1989. He trained at Fort Jackson and Fort Gordon and earned certification as a communications specialist. He was stationed in Korea for a year and then transferred to Fort Ord in California. His final duty station was at Fort Lewis in Washington, where he was an ROTC inspector.

His favorite part of that job was teaching soldiers proper rappelling techniques.

His injury occurred in a motorcycle accident back in 2008, less than a year after he left the Army. He was in a coma for 58 days following the accident.

"I was a soldier before I joined the army and I am still a soldier," he told Tacky Jacks CFO Ken Kichler. "I love hunting, fishing, golfing and kayaking and most any outdoor activity."

A nationally recognized athlete, Pat has competed with the Mobile Patriots wheelchair basketball team for the past 12 years. The Pats are ranked 8th nationally. He has been on the Board of Directors for the American Paralyzed Veterans for the last 12 years, working to improve the quality of life for paralyzed soldiers.

He reached celebrity status when, after he won three gold medals at the 2008 National Veterans Wheelchair Games, General Mills asked him to be their feature athlete on a Wheaties cereal box.

An avid Christian, he said his faith has gotten him through all his adversities.

This is the sixth all-terrain wheelchair the restaurant group has donated thanks to a fundraising idea that TJ's owner Buddy Skipper came up with.

Each of the three Pleasure Island Tacky Jacks has a big marlin set up for photo opportunities at the entrance.

"He said we ought to try and raise some money with that," company CFO Ken Kichler said. "We've done several different charities over the years."

Next to the marlins are donation boxes and posters explaining that Tacky Jacks will match any donation made and use the money to present an action-track chair to a veteran or buy beach chairs for veterans to use while visiting.

The original Orange Beach marlin is a story in itself, as it was salvaged from an extended stint in storage back in 2007 to add to the TJ's decor. Nobody expected that it would become a popular photo op, let alone an incredible fundraising tool.

The TOI krewes, the Marine League, including Scooter Fredrickson and Marines from Naval Air Station Pensacola participated in the ceremony, as did Ryan Charrier of Operation Reconnect, who matched Pat with the charity.

Treasures of the Isle King Tom Clark and Queen Kim Oliver have made the program their designated charity for the year, and the Lower Alabama Parrot Heads have also made the program one of its charities. Tacky Jacks matches those donations as well.

The program is close to Oliver's heart, as she has a son (William) who served in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"This chair will give Pat an extra tool to deal with any situation," Oliver said. "It is so important that we let these veterans know that they have not been



forgotten."

Tacky Jacks has also partnered with Beach N Buggy to provide beach wheel chairs to disabled vets while they are vacationing here. The chairs are also available to local veterans who just weren't able to go to beach otherwise.

The Beach N Buggy team has been building their own beach wheelchairs since 2007. There is no charge to military service connected disabled veterans other than a delivery fee.

Pictured: Sponsors and guests at the TJ's ceremony; Pat Peterson gracing a Wheaties cereal box after winning three gold medals in the National Veterans Wheelchair Games,



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

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WHAT'S HAPPENING



Paula Deen's Family Kitchen now open at OWA More than 500 turn out to see celebrity chef in person

The newest Paula Deen's Family Kitchen is open for business at OWA in Foley. More than 500 people gathered to get a glimpse of the celebrity chef and best-selling author hours before the doors opened at the 8,000 square foot restaurant.

The restaurant will be modeled after Deen's previous locations with seating for 290 guests. Deen's much-loved southern menu items will include chicken and dumplings, fried chicken, old-fashioned southern meatloaf, mac and cheese, candied yams, and Ooey Gooey Butter Cake. The restaurant, which will employ 150, will also include a gift shop and is open for lunch and dinner.

"We have seen such great success with our original Family Kitchen in the Smoky Mountains," said the television personality and restaurateur. "My Grandma taught me how to make the most incredible southern dishes, and now I get to bring them to my friends in Foley."

OWA is a 520-acre entertainment destination in Foley owned and operated by The Poirch Band of Creek Indians. VisitOWA.com or PaulaDeensFamilyKitchen.com for more info.

Kristin Hellmich, OWA's Director of Marketing/PR, said that the huge turnout for the grand opening was no surprise, as the restaurant has built its brand on southern hospitality and family fun.

"People were there to welcome Paula with open arms. It's obvious that people want the Paula Deen brand, just like Walhburgers is a brand that people want to hear," she said.

Paula Deen's Family Kitchen website also lists locations in Branson, Missouri; Myrtle Beach, South Carolina; and Pigeon Forge, Tennessee, site of the first franchise location in 2014. Another franchise is expected to open in Nashville.

Paula Deen licensing partner Phoenix Hospitality closed Destin and Panama City Beach restaurants in Florida and two franchises in Texas in the last two years, according to an Associated Press report.

Deen took her first shot at running a restaurant in the 1990s, when she opened The Bag Lady, a business she started in her kitchen, in Savannah. By 1996, she opened her wildly popular Savannah staple The Lady and Sons, with her two sons.

Deen became a near-instant Food Network star in 1999, appearing on shows including "Ready, Set, Cook!" In 2002, she starred in her own show, "Paula's Home Cooking." Soon, Oprah and other A-list stars began featuring the relatable chef with the Southern twang on their shows.

The beloved television chef's image was tarnished in 2013 after she acknowledged she had used a racial slur during depositions for a lawsuit filed by a former employee. She lost her Food Network show and dozens of product endorsements, including Smithfield Foods.

But she was looking splendid (below), happy to be at the ever growing OWA complex and serving fried chicken to delighted fans right here in South Baldwin County on Dec. 16.



- **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **Bama Beach Pickleball Club Open Play:** 9-noon; \$3, Church of Christ, 2414 W 1st St., Gulf Shores.
- **Brent Burns:** 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's; Gulf Shores.
- **Open Mixed Doubles Tennis:** 7:15 a.m.; all levels welcome; Gulf Shores Tennis Center; corner of West 19th Ave. and West 2nd St.
- **Bingo:** 6 p.m.; 45 Restaurant & Bar at One Club, Gulf Shores.
- **Bridge:** noon; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- **Bingo:** 6; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- **8 Ball APA:** 7:30; The Office, Foley.
- **Grief Share:** 6 p.m.; Community Hospice Center, Foley.
- **Overeaters Anonymous:** 6; Holy Spirit Episcopal Church; Gulf Shores, 616 Ft. Morgan Rd.; 251-709-5907.
- **Orange Beach Community Center Association Monthly Covered Dish Dinner:** social at 5, dinner at 6:30 p.m.; all winter guests welcome; Canal Road next to the Recreation Center; 251-981-1942.
- **T.O.P.S. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly):** weigh-in 5:30; meeting 6; First Presbyterian Church of Foley; (Berry & Highway 59).

- **Square Dancing:** 6:30; Magnolia Springs Community Hall, Magnolia Springs.
- **AA:** Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
- **AA:** 7 p.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
- **Ladies AA:** 10 a.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

TUE, DEC 31

- **Christmas Calendar:** Please turn to pages 6-28.
- **Flora-Bama Possible Probables:** 2 p.m. 'til; Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
- **NYE with The Doc Johnson Band:** 9 p.m.; Live Bait, Orange Beach.
- **New Year's Eve Party w. Crossfire:** 7 p.m.; American Legion Post 99; Gulf Shores.
- **New Year's Eve Bushwacker Drop:** 6-8 p.m.; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- **Mullet Drop:** 7; buffet, music; Ole River Bar, Perdido Key.
- **Flora-Bama New Year's Eve Party:** 7 p.m. 'til; live music on 3 stages (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
- **Edward David Anderson on NYE at Big Beach:** 9; Big Beach Brewing Company; Gulf Shores.

- **New Year's Eve Party & Marlin Drop:** 6 p.m. 'til; The Wharf, Orange Beach.
- **Danny Grady:** 3:30-5:30 p.m.; Papa Rocco's, Gulf Shores.
- **Noon Year's Eve at LuLu's:** noon - 3 p.m.; LuLu's at Homeport Marina; 200 East 25th Ave., Gulf Shores, safe fireworks, face painting, clowns, games & crafts, countdown to noon; 251-967-5858.
- **Papa Rocco's New Year's Eve Party:** 8 p.m. 'til; no cover; Jan & The Hangmen; party favors; champagne; Papa Rocco's, 101 West 6th Street, Gulf Shores, 251-948-7262.
- **Perdido Beach Resort New Years Eve Dinner & Party:** 6:30 p.m.; w. The Mixed Nuts from New Orleans, Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach.
- **Early New Year's Eve Party:** 4-9 p.m.; finger food & JJ Revival; The Office, Foley.
- **New Year's Locals Night w. champagne countdown & James Proctor:** 6; Franco's Italian Restaurant, Orange Beach.
- **Grayson Capps:** 8 p.m. 'til; Pirates Cove, Josephine.
- **New Year's Eve Party:** 7; Oldies with John Henry and Rob; Gulf Coast Elks Lodge 2782; Foley.
- **John Brust:** 6; Perdido Beach Resort Lobby Bar; Orange Beach.
- **Class X:** 9 p.m.; Sandshaker, The Wharf

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City Rhythm Big Band Dance Jan. 25 in Loxley

A new season for City Rhythm Big Band dances at the Loxley Civic Center continues on Jan. 25 from 7-10 p.m. Tickets are \$10 per person, and snacks will be available at the BYOB event. (Water, cups, and ice provided).

"We are excited that fall is finally here and the Band will get back to doing what we do best. - entertaining the folks who love to dance and listen to big band music," said CRBB manager Bill Clark.

The 18 piece band is comprised of professional musicians who enjoy offering evenings of wonderful music and dancing. The musicians come from near and far to entertain and delight everyone with their varied dance styles from cha to swing to waltz. They play new favorites as well as big band era standards. Vocalists Kathy Murchison and Ken Thacker add their awesome talents to the band.

Dances are also scheduled on February 22, March 21, April 25 and May 9 at the Loxley Civic Center (4198 Municipal Park Dr.) For more info, go to facebook or call 251-554-5497.

in Orange Beach.

- **Karaoke:** 5; Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5659; Elberta.
- **Karaoke w. John Henry:** 5; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- **Lisa Christian:** 6; Sunset Cork Room, Gulf Shores.
- **Our Coffee Jam Night:** 6 p.m.; Big Beach Brewing Co.; 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.
- **Free Line Dance Lessons With Lori:** 6; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- **Brandon Styles Variety Show:** 7; OWA Showroom, Foley.
- **Open Mic Karaoke:** 5; American Legion Post 99; Fairhope.
- **JW Karaoke:** 6; Hub Stacy's At The Point, Innerarity Point.
- **Karaoke:** 6; Bier Shack Tap Room; Foley.
- **Bama Beach Pickleball Club Open Play:** 9 noon; \$3, Church of Christ, 2414 W 1st St., Gulf Shores.
- **Bowling Tourney:** 7; Snapper's; Orange Beach.
- **NAPA Pool League:** 7:30; The Office, Foley.
- **Bingo:** 10 to 2; Gulf Coast Elks Lodge

2782, Foley; 251-971-2782.

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

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- **Flora-Bama Polar Bear Dip:** noon; Perdido Key at Al-FI. State Line.
- **Gulf Shores Polar Bear Dip:** noon; Gulf Shores Public Beach.
- **Flora-Bama Possible Probables:** 2 p.m.

'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.

- **Flora-Bama Bingo:** 1-4 p.m.; Flora-Bama Loung Tent Stage; Perdido Key.
- **Open Mic:** 7; Tacky Jack's, Fort Morgan.
- **Open Mic:** 5:30; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- **Bingo Night:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.
- **John Brust:** 6; The Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **Ken Mathews:** 6; The Tin Top Restaurant, Bon Seour.
- **Danny Grady:** 3:30; Papa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **John Joiner & Friends:** 7; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
- **West Coast Swing Dance:** 7; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.
- **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 7; Papa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **Bingo:** 10 a.m.; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- **Ricky Johnson:** 5; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- **Euchre:** 6; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- **Karaoke w. Cindy & Mary:** 5; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- **Karaoke:** 6; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- **Karaoke:** 9; The Undertow; Orange



COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE IN LILLIAN: The sanctuary at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Lillian was filled to capacity as the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay hosted the Alabama Bicentennial Community Thanksgiving Service. This is an annual event shared by pastors from Lillian, rotating to a different church each year. It was especially appropriate to have the service at St. Joseph in the bicentennial year, as it was the first church in Lillian, established in 1914. Many of the Lillian congregations used the original chapel on Santa Piedro Street and US Highway 98 to conduct services until their churches were built. Participating in this year's event were Lillian United Methodist Church, Bayside Baptist Church, New Mt. Marriah Missionary Baptist Church, Eternal Life Christian and Missionary Alliance Church, First Baptist Church of Lillian and Lillian Fellowship. Divine Revelation Deliverance Center was scheduled, but was unable to participate due to a family emergency. After the service in the church, participants gathered in Immaculate Mary Hall for music by church choirs from St. Joseph, LUMC, Mt. Marriah and Bayside Baptist. The food was provided by the Optimist Club and St. Joseph Church. Fellowship was enjoyed by all who attended. The 2020 Community Thanksgiving Service will be hosted by Bayside Baptist Church. (Photos and story by Sally McKinney)

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Alabama Bean Cake: Chef Matt's Special Blend of Butter Beans, Feta, and Other Secret Ingredients.
Southern Fried Cheese: House-made Pimento Cheese, Hot and Sweet Mustard
Tuna Dip: House Smoked Ahi Tuna, Rich Cream, Crackers
Crab Bisque: Rich Crab Stock, Cream, Sherry
Seafood Gumbo: Shrimp, Crab, Okra, Deep Rich Roux

SALAD (Second Course)

Caesar Salad: Romaine Lettuce, Croutons, Reggiano Parmesan, House-made Dressing
Wedge Salad: Wedge Lettuce, Chunky Blue Cheese, Bacon, Mushrooms, Tomatoes, Shaved Red Onion, Blue Cheese Dressing
Mixed Green Salad: Spring Mix, Mushrooms, Tomatoes, Red Onion, Feta Cheese, Tomato Feta Dressing

ENTREE (Third Course)

Filet (8 oz): Certified Angus Beef 00 Filet, Garlic Butter
Cajun Filet: 8 oz. Filet, Tasso Cream Cheese, Jumbo Lump Crab, Chipotle Butter
Local Favorite Grouper: Gulf Grouper, Shrimp, Crab, Red Onion, Mushrooms, Lemon Butter
Blackened Mahi Mahi: Gulf Mahi Mahi, Blackening Seasoning, Gorgonzola Cream
Caribbean Grouper: Paned Grouper, Jumbo Lump Crab, Spicy Coconut Butter
Seared Tuna: Ahi Tuna RARE, Black Sesame Seeds, Sesame Soy Reduction
Fried Shrimp: 1 Dozen Butterflied Fresh Gulf Shrimp
Blackened Duck: Boneless Duck Breast, Gorgonzola Cheese, Pecan Praline Sauce
Chicken Florentine: Sautéed Chicken Breast, Artichokes, Spinach, Brie
Tasso Tortellini: Tasso Ham, Fresh Tortellini, Gouda Cheese, Cream, Green Onion
Asparagus and Cheese Quesadilla: Grilled Asparagus, White cheese, Oven Dried Tomato Jam, Sweet Pepper Glaze
Crab and Brie Quesadilla: Jumbo Lump Crab, Brie Cheese, Apple Glaze, Blue cheese slaw, Black Beans

DESSERT (Fourth Course)

Southern Comfort Bread Pudding: House-made Bread Pudding, Southern Comfort Sugar
Crème Brûlée: Rich Crème, Vanilla, Caramelized Sugar
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Funny Bones

By George Ridder



Johnny: "Why does it rain, dad?"
Father: "To make the flowers grow and the grass and the trees."
Johnny: "So why does it rain on the sidewalk?"

My neighbor, a tailor, has a new job.

I asked him how much he enjoyed it.

"It's Sew-Sew," he said.

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Romeo: "Somebody loves me."

Juliet: "Who loves you?"

Romeo: "Do you know that beautiful girl who moved into the corner house last week? I sang a serenade under her window last night, and she threw me a beautiful red, red rose."

Juliet: "In a moment of mad love?"

Romeo: "No, in a three pound pot."

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Joe passed away. His will provided \$30,000 for an elaborate funeral.

As the last guests departed the affair, his wife, Helen, turned to her oldest friend.

"Well, I'm sure Joe would be pleased," she said.

"I'm sure you're right," replied Jody, who lowered her voice and leaned in close. "How much did this really cost?"

"All of it," said Helen. "Thirty thousand."

"No!" Jody exclaimed. "I mean, it was very nice, but \$30,000?"

Helen answered. "The funeral was \$6,500. I donated \$500 to the church. The wake, food and drinks were another \$500. The rest went for the memorial stone."

Jody computed quickly. "\$22,500 for a memorial stone? My God, how big is it?"

"Two and a half carats."

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A cheetah and a lion are racing. The cheetah wins.

The lion says, "You a cheetah!" The cheetah replies, "Nah, you a lion!"

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A man waiting for a bus held his hands about four inches apart. He got on the bus, and when the driver asked for his fare, the man told him to take the money out of his coat pocket. The driver did as he said and drove on.

The man walked to the rear of the bus and sat down, still holding his hands in the same position. A woman passenger turned to him and asked, "Excuse me sir, are you alright?"

"Yes I am, thank you," he replied.

"Then why are you holding your hands like that?"

"Because I'm on my way to a hardware store and I need a piece of pipe this long."

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Sergeant: "Private, the enemy soldiers are hiding in the woods. I want you to go in there and flush them out for us."

Private: "Yes, sir! But if you see a bunch of guys running out the woods, don't shoot the one in front, sir!"

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A man was putting up a knotty pine wall in the living room. His young son was curious.

"What are those holes for?" he asked.

"They're knotholes," replied the father.

"If they're not holes," the boy asked, "then what are they?"

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Morris had been playing golf for years, and he had the finest equipment, but his technique never improved a bit.

As his friend watched, he teed up at the first hole and promptly drove a brand-new ball into the woods. On the second hole, he drove another new ball into a lake. On the third, he lost a new ball in another part

of the woods.

"Why don't you use an old ball?" his friend Sam asked.

"I've never had an old ball," Morris said.

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"Where did the car hit him?" the lawyer asks the medical expert.

"At the junction of the dorsal and cervical vertebrae," replied the expert.

"I've lived in these parts for over fifty years," protested the jury foreman, "and I have never heard of that place!"

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My doctor was giving me a hard time about my health. To get back on his good side I bought a puppy and named him 'Five Miles'.

That way, when I went to see my doctor I could tell him, "I walk five miles every morning!"

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Her: What do you do?

Me: I race cars.

Her: Do you win many races?

Me: Not really, the cars are much faster.

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PICTURES OF THE WEEK



Stormy sunset from Turquoise Place shared by Jim & Colleen Spahr from Petoskey, Michigan.



Chuck Chumley writes that the notice we printed about his sand art residency on the beach in front of Sea N Suds drew many visitors. "We also has the opportunity to meet and make castles for a local musician (Bo Grant) and a new author (Steve Knapp from the UK), which was exciting," he wrote.



"Another beautiful day in Paradise," writes Toni Nicholson about this sunrise from Pinehurst Village.



"Sunset on the beach in Gulf Shores," writes Cori Andrews from Mobile.



Evening on W. 6th Ave. from Dennis Whitney.



"Still waters at Bear Point reflect the sky," writes Courtney Gibb.



Canadians are back at Kees Bayou," writes Marty Goodman.

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Blackened Catfish - dusted w/Cajun spices & lightly seared.....	\$8.25
Fried Catfish - corn meal battered.....	\$8.25
Broiled Flounder - broiled in lemon butter & topped with roasted almonds.....	\$8.25
Fried Flounder - lightly battered and fried golden brown.....	\$8.25
Grilled Chicken - with a light touch of lemon-herb olive oil.....	\$8.25
Chicken Creole - smothered in a spicy tomato & vegetable sauce. Served on yellow rice.....	\$8.25
Fried Chicken Tenders - batter-dipped tenders, deep-fried. Served w/honey mustard.....	\$8.25
Country Fried Steak - served w/cream gravy.....	\$8.25
Hamburger Steak - (6 oz) char-grilled & served w/brown gravy.....	\$8.25
Pork Chops - two tender chops grilled or fried.....	\$8.25
Country Ham - char-grilled.....	\$8.25
Vegetable Plate - your choice of four (4) side dishes.....	\$8.25

Senior Menu

SERVED DAILY 3:00PM - CLOSE

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Includes Iced Tea

Coconut Shrimp with spicy orange marmalade: \$12.99

Stuffed Shrimp bacon wrapped with crabmeat dressing & monterey jack cheese : \$12.99

Grilled Shrimp over yellow rice: \$11.99

Fried Shrimp \$9.99

Fried Oysters with cocktail sauce: \$14.99

Fried Seafood Platter flounder, shrimp, crab claws & oysters \$15.99

Broiled Seafood Platter shrimp, scallops & flounder \$14.99

Fried Chicken Tenders with honey mustard \$8.99

Grilled Chicken Breast w/ a light touch of lemon herb oil: \$8.99

Yellow-Fin Tuna grilled or blackened: \$11.99

Mahi-Mahi grilled, blackened, broiled: \$11.99

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Side Dishes

Sweet Potato Casserole • Cole Slaw • Baked Potato

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Substitute House or Caesar Salad for a side dish Add \$1.99

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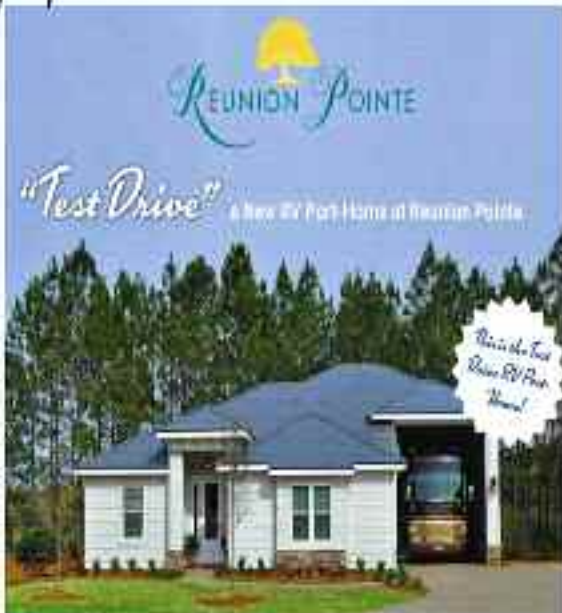
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