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Orange Beach Gingerbread Jam competition Dec. 7

The annual Orange Beach Gingerbread Jam will be held on Saturday, December 7th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Orange Beach Event Center. It is a gingerbread house-building competition for families and businesses with holiday music performances. Building begins at 9 a.m., and the event is open to public from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Cookies and hot chocolate will be available for purchase. The family judging at noon, and the business judging at 1 p.m.

For more info, email Jessica Langston at jjlangston@orangebeachal.gov or visit orangebeachal.gov. Pictured: The Buzzcats team with their gingerbread village at the 2018 event.

GCAA Christmas Open House Dec. 7 in art gallery

The Gulf Coast Arts Alliance Gallery will open its doors to the public on December 7 with an invitation to attend their Christmas Open House. From 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., visitors can browse the many original pieces of art and crafts, which will make excellent unique Christmas gifts.

Hot apple cider and other refreshments will be served and holiday music will fill the store to make the visiting experience more festive. There will be hand-made Christmas ornaments, Christmas cards, pottery, paintings, wood-carvings, jewelry, textile products and many other hand-created items.

The Gulf Coast Arts Alliance is a non-profit organization with office and Gallery at 225 E 24th Avenue in the Waterway Village of Gulf Shores, Al. For additional information, call 251-948-2627 or email gulfcoastartsalliance@gmail.com.

Santa sets up shop at North Pole - OWA every weekend

This year, Santa will be a little closer to home as he sets up shop in Foley's Downtown OWA. Every Saturday and Sunday from Dec. 7 - 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.

Very Merry Grinchmas Dec. 8 at Gulf State Park

Join the whobilation at Gulf State Park's Very Merry Coastal Grinchmas on Sunday, December 8 from 5-8 p.m. at the Gulf State Park Beach Pavilion. Enjoy holiday crafts, whoville activities, refreshments, and Santa Grinch's arrival, and get your photo made with Santa Grinch.

The free event will include performances by a children's choir and will also serve as a Toys For Tots collection site.

Christmas in Nature Dec. 14 at Graham Creek

Christmas in Nature Observe and Explore Day will be held on Dec. 14 at 10 a.m.



at the Graham Creek Nature Preserve Interpretive Center in Foley. The free event is provided by the City of Foley for children 10 and under. There will be stories about winter wildlife and several nature based crafts. Children will also be offered hot chocolate and snacks to enjoy. Santa will take time out of his busy schedule to visit with children and staff will offer to take pictures that can be emailed. The 500 acre preserve is located on Wolf Bay Dr., just off County Rd. 12. Info: grahamcreekpreserve.org or (251) 923-4267.

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Fairhope Christmas Parade scheduled Dec. 6

Fairhope's Magical Christmas Parade will take to that city's downtown streets on Friday, Dec. 6 beginning at 7 p.m. at the intersection of Morphy and Section Street. The parade continues down Section to Oak Street and back up Church St. For info, call 251-929-1466.

Perdido Ecumenical Choir Christmas Concert Dec. 8

The Perdido Ecumenical Choir's annual Christmas Concert will be held on Sunday, Dec. 8 at 3 p.m. at Holy Spirit Catholic Church. This year's selections include some popular and much-loved songs. A reception will follow in the Holy Spirit Family Life Center. The church is located at 10650 Gulf Beach Hwy. in Pensacola. For more information or with questions, email kjohansen@shcs.ptdiocese.org or call 850-748-5336.

Lillian Recreational Park Christmas in Park Dec. 7

Lillian Recreational Park's first-ever Christmas in the Park celebration will be held on Saturday, December 7 beginning at 3 p.m., with a myriad of family-friendly activities, hot chocolate and visits with Santa. Music will begin at 5 p.m., and the lighting of the park's trees, including the 20' Christmas Wonderland Tree, will be at 6 p.m.

The children's area will feature games and activities like ornament making, Pin the Nose on Rudolph, and face painting. There will even be 'snowballs' for snowball fights. Area church choirs will sing carols and lead a community sing-along from the Park's new bandshell which will also serve as Santa's home-away-from-home during his visit. There will be photo opportunities at every turn. Admission is free.

"The response to Christmas in the Park has been absolutely fantastic," says Lucy Smith, LRP and Christmas in the Park volunteer. "We can't thank the community enough for all their support - for donating trees and decorations, and for volunteering to help us set up. For more info about the event, call 962-2129."

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.

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.



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Foley Christmas Parade & Let It Snow Dec. 7

The 61st Annual Foley Kiwanis Club Christmas Parade and Let It Snow will be held on Saturday, Dec. 7. The parade begins at 10 a.m. at the National Guard Armory on E. Violet Ave., then proceeds south on Ala. 59, before turning west on W. Verbena Ave. The route then turns north on S. Oak Street, then east on U.S. 98, ending at the intersection of Ala. 59 (McKenzie Street) and U.S. 98 (Laurel Ave.).

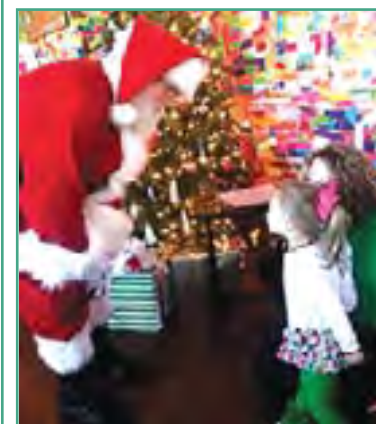
No matter what the official weather prediction is for the day, there will be snow – and lots of it – in Heritage Park following the parade at the 19th Annual Let It Snow celebration from 11 a.m. 'til 2 p.m. Let It Snow is a free event sponsored by the city of Foley and involves much more than snow.

Entertainment includes music, a Foley High School Band concert, a preview of The Nutcracker, a children's art village, food vendors, balloon creations, the famous Whoville Hair Salon and inflatable bounce houses. The gazebo in Heritage Park is an excellent backdrop for special Christmas photos with family and friends. Santa will make a special appearance from 1 -2 p.m. For more information, go to VisitFoley.org or call the city of Foley at 251-943-1300.

Foley Christmas In The Park is Dec. 6

Foley's Annual Christmas in the Park will be held on Friday, December 6 from 6 – 7:30 p.m. in Heritage Park. The event includes the lighting of the city Christmas tree, holiday songs and a visit with Santa, complete with elves.

The mayor lights the official Christmas tree, local groups sing Christmas songs and the Foley Caboose Club provides free train rides on the Ebert Express around the park for children of all ages to enjoy. Folks can stroll through a miniature Christmas Village and Christmas Tree Lane while enjoying free treats and hot cocoa. Go to visitfoley.org for more details. Winners for the Tree Decorating contest will also be announced. Heritage Park is located at 125 E Laurel Ave. Info: 251-943-1200 or visitfoley.com.



Breakfast with Santa Dec. 14 at Tacky Jacks Gulf Shores

Breakfast with Santa at Tacky Jacks Gulf Shores will be held on Saturday, Dec. 14 from 8 - 11 a.m. Located at 240 E. 24th Ave. on the Intracoastal Waterway, Tacky Jacks is offering a holly jolly good time with good ol' St. Nick. Breakfast with Santa includes a breakfast buffet and photo. Cost is \$5 for kids 12 & under and \$10 for adults. For more info, call 251-948-8881 or visit tacky-jacks.com.

45th Annual Christmas Bazaar Dec. 6-7 in Robertsedale

St. Patrick's Ladies Auxiliary is readying for its forty fifth annual Christmas Bazaar. Starting from December 6-7. Doors will open from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. at St. Patrick's Center on 23035 Hwy 59 in Robertsedale.

The Bazaar will feature over 100 hand crafted gift baskets along with fresh baked Stollen and nut filled Kifles. There will also be a Jam Stand filled with jams, jellies, and sauces made by local cooks. The church ladies will present homemade cakes, candies, and cookies for sale. Unique hand crafted items are also in the spotlight. Starting with handmade quilts, afghans, baby items, soaps, and shabby chic. The Christmas tree stand is always a place to stop and gaze at the gorgeous trees and arrangements. A hand made quilt, pieced and quilted by Barbara Landers and friends will be raffled. Get your ticket with a small donation. Proceeds will benefit community charities, St. Patrick Church, and St. Patrick School.

The Baldwin Pops are at Foley Civic Center Dec. 9

The Baldwin Pops Band will present A Gulf Coast Christmas on Dec. 9 show at The Foley Civic Center beginning at 7 p.m. The family friendly, festive concert is free and Santa plans to drop in for a short visit with the children. Pictures with Santa will be available for \$5 in the lobby during intermission. A Toys for Tots representative from the U.S Marine Corps Reserve will be available to collect new unwrapped toys for those who wish to contribute. The Foley Civic Center is located at 407 E Laurel Ave. More info: baldwinpopsband.com, Facebook or 251-987-5757.



Dec. 13 Lighted Boat Parade leaves Tacky Jacks Gulf Shores at 5:30 p.m.

The 34th Annual Lighted Boat Parade will start with a pre-party at Tacky Jacks in Gulf Shores at 5:30 p.m. on Dec. 13, and conclude with award presentations and more holiday cheer at Tacky Jack's Orange Beach around 8:30 p.m. The parade route follows the Intracoastal Waterway east from Tacky Jacks past The Wharf and continues around Bear Point, south to Ono Island, west on Ole River to Perdido Pass, and north into Terry Cove and Tacky Jacks. For more info, call 251-968-5349.

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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.

Perdido community craft fair and holiday movie slated Dec. 7

The Perdido Area Chamber of Commerce will host a combination community craft & vendor fair before its Holiday Flicks on the Field on the Field at the Pensacola Greyhound Track on Saturday, December 7.

The Flicks on the Field movie, The Grinch, starts at 5 p.m. on the field outside the Pensacola Greyhound Track located at 951 Dog Track Road.

From noon 'til 5 p.m., guests are invited to wander through the craft fair and explore locally-sourced crafts and other items. Concessions will be available during both events. For more info, call 850-492-4660 or visit perdidochamber.com.

Mingle & Jingle Holiday Paint Party Dec. 10 at Cultural Center

Mingle & Jingle with the Gulf Shores Recreation Department during its holiday paint party on December 10 at 10 a.m. at the Gulf Shores Cultural Center, located at 19470 Oak Road West. Cost is \$20 per person and includes all craft supplies. The party will consist of crafts, Christmas cookies, and hot chocolate! All art supplies are provided and paintings are pre-sketched. For more information, call 251-968-9818.

Bar 45 hosts Visit w. Santa, Cookies with the Grinch

Bar 45 at OneClub Gulf Shores will welcome a special guest to its community Christmas party on Friday, Dec. 13 beginning at 6 p.m. Come out and play target glow golf with Santa, visit with Mrs. Claus and have a holly jolly evening. Santa Claus will be available for photos all during the party. One Club will also host a Cookies with the Grinch event on Saturday, Dec. 7 from 1-4 p.m.

OneClub Gulf Shores is located at 4000 Gulf Shores Pkwy. For more info, call 251-206-5689.

Christmas Through The Ages Dec. 14 at Ft. Gaines

The 35th Annual Christmas through the Ages, a living history day for the whole family, is scheduled at Dauphin Island's Fort Gaines on Saturday, December 14 from 9 a.m. 'til 5 p.m.

Come and join the soldiers from the 1700's through the 1900's and their families as they celebrate a non-commercial Christmas. The Kracker Dan Band will play. Admission for those 13 and over is \$9. Children 5-12 will be admitted for \$5, and children 4 and under are admitted free. For more info, call 251-861-6992 or visit dauphinisland.org.

Swift-Coles Historic Home Open House Dec. 7

Swift-Coles Historic Home in Bon Secour presents its annual Christmas Open House on Saturday Dec 7 from 10 a.m. 'til 3 p.m. Admission is \$18 at the gate and includes an appetizer buffet and music from Melody Duncan and Sherrie Lynn. Vendors will also be at the event. The home is located at 17424 Swift-Coles Ln. Info: 251-949-5550.



Wales West Arctic Express open through Christmas Eve

All aboard the Arctic Express at Summerdale's Wales West RV Resort and Light Railway every weekend from 4 to 9 p.m. Beginning Dec. 12, Arctic Express is open nightly from 4 to 9 p.m. through Christmas Eve. Admission is \$15 per person, and children 2 and under are admitted free. Group rates, field trips, and parties can be booked in advance.

Ride an authentic steam train through a wonderland of lights, snow, and decorations to the North Pole. Visit with Santa in the winter-wonderland barn and receive a free wooden toy. Staff can take your family photo with Santa.

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.

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Bellingrath Christmas in Lights continues through Dec. 31

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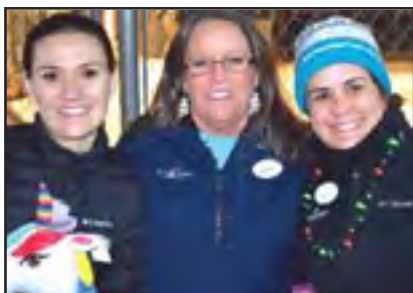
Coastal Ballet's Nutcracker, Babes in Toyland & Gala in Dec.

Coastal Ballet and Madame Rio Cordy will present The Nutcracker Kingdom of Sweets Gala on Dec. 5 at 6 p.m. at the Coastal Arts Center Of Orange Beach. The event features 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.

- 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.

Proceeds from the programs provide support for Coastal Ballet's community and youth outreach programs. 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. Call (251) 979-9851 or email coastalballet.org for info.



Gulf Shores Parade & Christmas In The Park Celebration Dec. 6

The City of Gulf Shores Lighted Christmas Parade & Holiday Celebration will be held on Dec. 6 beginning at 6:30 p.m. The parade will feature festive lighted floats, holiday characters and marching bands, as parade entries make their way from Gulf Shores Public Beach and up Hwy. 59 to Sims Park. The magical atmosphere from parade will roll continuously into the night as a celebration at the Sims Park will immediately follow. Families can enjoy pictures with Santa, holiday treats, crafts and a 5th Annual snowball drop. It will be a man-made blizzard as 4,000 ping pong balls will be dropped from above by Santa with the winning number. Pictured: 2018 Festivities.



Billy Claus & The LuLuBelles at LuLu's Dec. 14

Enjoy a memorable family Holiday experience at LuLu's Gulf Shores Annual Billy Claus and The LuLuBelles free event on Saturday, December 14 at 1 p.m. Billy Claus is Santa's warm weather-loving brother who lives in the Caribbean but comes this way to help Santa during the Holiday season. The LuLuBelles are Billy's fun version of Santa's elves. Billy will arrive in style at 2 p.m. and visit with the children to hear their wish list to pass on to Santa. Billy and the LuLuBelles will be available for photos with the children. In addition to kid's arts & crafts activities, there will also be a reading of Billy Claus and the Spirit of Christmas children's book written by Lucy Buffett. LuLu's is located in Gulf Shores under the HWY 59 Bridge, next to Homeport Marina. For more Billy Claus information, call (251) 967-5858 or visit LuLuBuffett.com.

CSC Christmas Cheer program registration is open to families

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

For the best chance at getting the gifts you requested, register early.



Baldwin Pops Show Dec. 10 at G.S. Cultural Center

The Baldwin Pops Band will present a Christmas themed concert at the Gulf Shores Cultural Center Auditorium on Dec. 10 at 7 p.m. This is a free event and will not require a ticket - first come, first serve. Baldwin Pops is an organization of volunteer musicians whose mission is to share music in a concert band format free of charge to the citizens of Baldwin County. This is their 21st concert season. Pictures with Santa will be available at intermission in the lobby for \$5.

Baldwin Pops Concerts are a collection site for the US Marine Corps Reserves Toys for Tots program. Patrons are encouraged to bring a new, unwrapped gift.

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St. Margaret of Scotland Christmas Bazaar Dec. 7

The St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church Christmas Bazaar will be held on Saturday, Dec. 7 from 8 a.m. 'til 3 p.m. The bazaar will include numerous vendors, a silent auction, a spaghetti dinner and musical entertainment.

St. Margaret's is located at the corner of Hwy 98 and Schumacher Lane in Foley. For more bazaar info, call Linda Eschler at 251-600-9694.

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

The First Presbyterian Church of Gulf Shores Chancel Choir will present the "Sounds of Christmas" on Thursday evening, Dec. 19 at 6:30 p.m. The church is located at 309 E. 21st Ave. in Gulf Shores. For more information, call 251-968-7720.

Foley United Methodist Pancakes w. Santa Dec. 14

The annual Foley United Methodist Women's Christmas Extravaganza Pancakes with Santa will be Saturday, December 14 from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. in the church Spirit Center. For \$5, you can purchase pancakes and sausage, with your choice of drink. Santa will be present for pictures and there will be crafts for kids, a Christmas themed storytime at 10 a.m., and a cookie sale. Profits will support projects of United Methodist Women mission programs. The church is located at 915 N. Pine St.

Dec. 5 Christmas Concert raises Habitat funds

St' Paul's Episcopal Church and The Baldwin County Habitat for Humanity will be hosting "Hark! A Christmas Concert" on December 5 at 7 p.m. at the Foley Civic Center. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., and Four a Change (pictured) will present popular Christmas Carols and Hymns. Refreshments will be served for donations to Habitat. Proceeds will benefit the ministries of Baldwin County Habitat for Humanity and St. Paul's, so purchase your tickets soon. Last year's concert was a near sellout. Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased at St. Paul's Church office in Foley, Baldwin County Habitat for Humanity in Summerdale, Think Outside Furniture, members of "Four a Change" and by calling (251-943-2173).



Santa will "drop into" Flora-Bama Dec. 14

Santa Claus has made time in his busy schedule to "drop in" and visit local girls and boys on Saturday, December 14 at the Flora-Bama Lounge & Oyster Bar on Perdido Key. Festivities begin at 11 a.m. with children's activities, free snacks and hot drinks. Weather permitting, Santa will parachute in at 12 p.m. Otherwise, he may arrive by fire engine. Santa will be available for pictures from 12:30 - 2 p.m. Ms. Claus, her elves and Marines will be on hand to collect non-perishable items for the Manna Food Bank and/or Toys for Tots in exchange for a free drink card.

Other Christmas festivities at the Lounge on the Line include the Christmas potluck from noon - 3 p.m. Guests encouraged to arrive early with covered dish or dessert. Flora-Bama to provide ham and turkey with all the fixins'. Folks of all ages are invited to come out and work off some of that Christmas cheer at the 32nd annual Make It To The Line 4 Mile Run and 1 Mile Fun Run at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 28. With prizes 3-deep, 14-age categories, male/female in both run and walk, plenty of healthy food and a souvenir shirt, its guaranteed to be fun for the whole family. Kids under 9 are free, cost is \$30 all others thru Dec. 12, plus \$5 from Dec.13-24, and plus \$10 after Dec. 25. A portion of the proceeds will benefit local Secret Santa program. New Year's Eve parties include the famous Flora-Bama party and the Mullet Drop at the Flora-Bama Ole River Grill. All sorts of people in all sorts of attire will hit the beach for dip in the Gulf at the crack of noon during the Flora-Bama New Year's Day Polar Bear Dip. A traditional feast of black eyed peas, corn bread, ham along with first draft or soda to all who survived the Gulf. Enjoy an all-day celebration of great music, and football on some 100 TVs on both sides of street. The Flora-Bama is located on Perdido Key at the Alabama-Florida line. For more info, call 850-492-0611 or 251-980-5118 or go to flora-bama.com.

Summerdale Christmas Dec. 14 at Pioneer Park

The Summerdale Christmas Parade participants will meet at 4:30 p.m at Pioneer Park on Saturday, Dec. 14 for the town's annual parade. The parade begins on 4th street, and will travel Broadway, NW 4th, Broadway, and ends at Pioneer Park, where everyone can visit with Santa and enjoy refreshments.

For more info, visit summerdaleal.com.

Downtown Pensacola Christmas Parade Dec. 7

The Annual Downtown Pensacola Christmas Parade will be held on Saturday, Dec. 7 at 5 p.m. on Palafox Street. The parade draws over 50,000 people and has grown to over 80 entries, including more than 50 floats! It is televised live on WKRG-TV5, pays tribute to the Navy's Blue Angels and hosts all five local high school bands.

Robertsdale Christmas Parade slated Dec. 7

The 2019 Robertsdale Christmas Parade and Christmas in the Park will be held on Saturday, Dec. 7 beginning at Robertsdale High School at 5 p.m. The parade route begins on Fairground Rd., goes north on Hwy. 59 and disperses at Honeybee Park. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be available for pictures after the parade. More info: 251-947-2626.

Alabama Coast Eye Clinic sponsors toy & food drive

Alabama Coast Eye Clinic in Gulf Shores is partnering with Ecumenical Ministries of South Baldwin to sponsor a toy and canned good drive. Bring a new unwrapped toy or five canned food items to the clinic before Dec.11 and earn a chance to win a pair of sunglasses valued at up to \$200.

The drawing will be held on Dec. 12. The clinic is located at 261 Clubhouse Dr. in Gulf Shores. For more info, call 251-968-2020.

Silverhill Christmas Parade slated Dec. 6

The 2017 Town of Silverhill Christmas Parade will be held on Friday, Dec. 6 at 6:30 p.m. The parade line-up will be in front of Silverhill Elementary School on 4th Ave. beginning at 6 p.m. For parade info, call 251-945-5198. The history of Silverhill began in 1896 when the Svea Land Company of Chicago decides to establish a Swedish farming colony.

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7 p.m.

For more information about these events visit
www.gulfshoresal.gov/specialevents or call (251) 968-1171.



COASTAL CHRISTMAS



Christmas Cookie Sale & Mini-Bazaar Dec. 7 at OBUMC

The Orange Beach United Methodist Church Women will be holding its annual Christmas Cookie Sale and Mini Bazaar from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Saturday, December 7th in the Brooks Center at Orange Beach United Methodist Church.

The Christmas Cookie Sale benefits the ministries of the United Methodist Women. Families are invited to this event to celebrate the sweetness of the Christmas season and to take home extra Christmas surprises.

The church is at 28751 Canal Road. For more information, visit orangebeachumc.org/christmas.

Coastal Art Center Lights Up The Arts on Dec. 12



The Coastal Arts Center of Orange Beach will hold Light Up the Arts from 5-7 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 12. The annual event features fine art, hot chocolate and cookies, a raffle, the Jingle Mingle Jewelry Show and a festive music performance. Experience hot glass and cool clay demonstrations by The Hot Shop and The Clay Studio. The Coastal Art Center is located at 26389 Canal Rd. More info: coastalartscenter.com, 251-981-ARTS (2787).

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Roman Street Christmas Rhumba Dec. 19 at Coastal Art Center of 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.

Mixed Nuts Band part of NYE un 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.

Party responsibility and stay the night with special packages and room rates available by call in at 800-634-8001 or online at perdidoeachresort.com.

Orange Beach Winter Wonderland Dec. 20 at Sportsplex Trailhead

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.

Optimist Club's Lillian Christmas Parade Dec. 14

The annual Lillian Optimist Club sponsored Christmas Parade will be Saturday, December 14 at 1 p.m. All organizations, churches, businesses, groups, clubs, and individuals who would like to be in the parade should contact Judy Wargo at 586-383-1206, or paulwargo3@gmail.com.

Parade participants will assemble around noon in front of the Lillian Community Club. The route will be the same as previous years.

The parade date falls on the 200th anniversary of Alabama's statehood. Lillian will combine the celebrations, and Price Legg, the chairman of the Lillian Bicentennial Committee, will be the parade Grand Marshal.



First Baptist Miracles in a Manger open to public 'til Dec. 18

By Connie Kirkland

First Baptist Church Gulf Shores invites the Gulf Coast community and visitors to enjoy a time of reflection and peace while visiting our "Miracle in a Manger". The exhibit, now in its sixth year, features Nativities displayed from around the world. All the displays have a story to tell of the Gift. The free display is open daily from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m., Sunday, December 8 through Wednesday December 18. It is our Gift to the community. First Baptist Church Gulf shores is located at 2200 West First Street. For more info call 251-968-7369 or visit fbcgulf.com.

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Fairhope lights trees to start holidays Nov. 21

The City of Fairhope's annual lighting of its iconic downtown trees is Thursday, Nov. 21. Festivities begin at 5:30 p.m. and the lights come on at 6 p.m. Entertainment includes the Fairhope High Band, and the Fairhope Middle School Band.

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Snowball Drop will follow Dec. 6 Gulf Shores Parade

The City of Gulf Shores will host a Snowball Drop on Friday, Dec. 6, at Johnnie Sims Park following the 10th Annual Lighted Christmas Parade.

The parade will begin at Gulf Shores Public Beach at 6:30 p.m. Floats will make their way along Highway 59 from the beach to Sims Park, where the Holiday Celebration will commence.

The Snowball Drop is a man-made blizzard as 4,000 ping pong balls will be dropped from above (pictured) by Santa. This event is free. Winning snowballs will have a number that correlates with a prize supplied by our generous sponsors.

Prizes total at nearly \$2,000 and range from gift cards, gift baskets, day passes, apparel and other merchandise. The grand prize is \$500 Visa gift card!

Prior to the Snowball Drop, the Lighted Christmas Parade will begin at Gulf Shores Public Beach at 6:30 p.m. Floats will make their way along Highway 59 from the beach to Sims Park, where the Holiday Celebration will commence.

For more information about any of the City of Gulf Shores holiday events or sponsor info, call 251-968-1171 or visit gulfshoresal.gov/specialevents.

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

As always, families and children will be the focus during the 13th 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, arts & crafts and live music.

At noon, a beach ball will drop and Noon Year's Eve will be 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).



Christmas Market & Santa visits Dec. 7 & 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 2 - 5 p.m. on Dec. 7 and noon 'til 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.



Magnolia Springs Community Assn. Madrigal Dinner Dec. 13-14

By Lyndy Kouns

The second Madrigal Dinner produced by the Magnolia Springs Community Association is December 13-4, beginning at 6 p.m. This fun and entertaining fundraiser takes place in our century-old Community Hall. Guests of King Henry and Queen Isabelle will be transported to England in 1475 to enjoy a five-course meal, humorous skits, Was-sail toasting and holiday music by the Madrigal Singers and guests.

This year's menu is a hearty and delicious five-course meal consisting of a table cheeseboard, mixed green salad with vinaigrette dressing, French onion soup, beef tenderloin served with roasted potatoes and green beans, rolls, and a delicious dessert of Cherries Jubilee.

Tickets are \$50 per person. Tickets may be purchased at magnoliaspringsal.org or contact Helen Soule at 703-473-6944. Seating is limited, so purchase your tickets or call today to avoid disappointment. Dinner guests may also bring their own wine; a corkage fee of \$5 will be charged.

Family Promise of Baldwin Co. Chocolate Affair Dec. 5

Family Promise of Baldwin County, a homeless shelter program for families with children, will host its 12th Anniversary Event – The Chocolate Affair on Thursday, Dec. 5 from 6-9 p.m. at the Daphne Civic Center. Tickets are \$40 and sponsorship packages are available. For more info, or tickets, call 251-947-5641 or visit familypromisebc.org. The event includes live and silent auctions, chef's choices, live music by Bo Grant, heavy hor d'oeuvres and desserts galore.

Family Promise is a partnership of congregations within Baldwin County helping families with children who are facing homelessness. Together the faith community helps families regain their housing, their independence, and their dignity.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING



Magnolia Springs VFD calendar sales benefit Stray Love

Stray Love Foundation, a nonprofit animal advocacy group, and Magnolia Springs Volunteer Fire Department, have partnered to create a delightfully engaging 2020 calendar featuring the firefighters/EMTs of Magnolia Springs VFD, alongside their paw-some pin-up partners (SL foster kittens).

So what do rescuers and volunteers, firehouses and felines, all have in common? The unique pairing was a fundraising idea of Stray Love founder and director, Gayle Guthrie. "Many fundraising calendars go with a 'beefcake' theme, and while there's nothing wrong with that, we have chosen 'cute and fun' with a twist," she said. Adding more detail would be a spoiler. Says Guthrie, "We promise, you have not seen a calendar like this one."

Since its formation almost 10 years ago, Stray Love has remained true to its mission to assist as many stray, injured, abandoned or 'left behind' cats and dogs (the occasional rabbit) with the resources available. To date, more than 1,400 animals have been placed in safe, loving homes. Supporting active TNR programs, advocacy, education and wellbeing assistance for the area's senior and vulnerable pet owners, round out Stray Love's big-picture cause. As it turns out, 2019 is the nonprofit's most active year, with approximately 178 intakes and a projected budget of \$145,000.

Organized in 1961, MSVFD responds to 35-square miles of residential, woodland and waterfront area, averaging 400 calls annually — spanning all variety of fires to medical and traumatic emergencies. During downtime, they provide community fire prevention education and host CPR classes. While the 40-member crew is trained to handle most events, their greatest concern is a fleet of aging apparatus, with ongoing maintenance costs.

Ring in the New Year with one (or more) of these calendars, whether for yourself or as a gift. Calendars are \$18 each and available at Jesse's Restaurant & United Bank (Magnolia Springs), Dykes Veterinary Clinic and United Bank (Foley), The Waggy Tail (Fairhope) and Tradewinds Hair Fashion (Daphne). Email info@straylovefoundation.org for more info. All proceeds will directly benefit the missions of both groups.

Kiwanis Yo Ho Ho 5K Dec. 7 at The Wharf

The Kiwanis Club of Gulf Shores will sponsor its first annual Yo Ho HO 5K road race and Fun Run at The Wharf on Saturday, Dec. 7. The fun run starts at 8 a.m. and the road race at 8:30 a.m. For more info or to register, go to runsignup.com or email davidtlee107@gmail.com.



OBES STUDENTS PLACE IN SHRIMP FEST ART CONTEST: Two Orange Beach Elementary students placed in the Annual National Shrimp Festival Art Contest. Shown above are 4th grader Addison Davis, 1st place, 2nd grader Bennett Loy, 2nd place and OBES art teacher, Bridget Silva. Student work was submitted and entered into the contest by Ms. Silva where they competed with other students from the area. First prize was \$75 and second prize was \$50.

Foley at 100 book signing Dec. 7 at Book Exchange

Kent Cockson will sign copies of his book, *Foley at 100*, on Saturday, December 7 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at The Book Exchange (formerly Wright Drugs), located at the corner of U.S. 98 and Ala. 59 in uptown Foley.

Cockson is a Foley resident author and retired newspaper editor.

WED, DEC 4

- 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 Lounge 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 Secour.
- 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; 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.
- Karaoke w. Cindy & Mary: 5; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- Karaoke: 6; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.

- Karaoke: 9; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- Bama Beach Pickleball Club Open Play: 9-noon; \$3, Church of Christ, 2414 W 1st St., Gulf Shores.
- Karaoke: 7; 45 Restaurant & Bar at One Club, Gulf Shores.
- Big Beach Running & Social Club: 5:30 p.m.; Big Beach Brewery in Gulf Shores; lafleetfeet.com.
- Precept Bible Study: 10 a.m.; Exit Realty, Hwy 59 in Gulf Shores; info: 205-980-0330.
- Family Night Dinner & Activities: 5:45 p.m.; Saint Andrew by the Sea, 17263 Fort Morgan Rd., Gulf Shores; 678-361-2762.
- Open Mixed Doubles Tennis: 7:15 a.m.; all levels welcome; Gulf Shores Tennis Center; corner of West 19th Ave. and West 2nd St.
- Veteran's Bingo: 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; American Legion Post 99, Foley.
- Prayer Shawl Ministry: Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Activities Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
- 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.
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- 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.
- Perdido Key Rotary Club: 7:30 a.m.; every Wednesday at United Methodist Church Activity Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Road, Pensacola.
- Storytime at Pensacola Southwest Branch Library: free; infant to 5; 10:30-11; 1-2238 Old Gulf Beach Hwy; (850)453-7780.
- Gulf Shores Garden Club: 10 a.m.; first Wednesday of each month September thru May; Gulf Shores Activity Center; 300 E. 16th Avenue, Gulf Shores; new members and guests always welcome; 251-968-5683.
- AA: Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
- AA: 7:30 p.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
- Bingo: 10 a.m.; American Legion Post 99; Foley.

- Steak Night followed by music w. Bruni: 5; American Legion Post 99; Foley.

THU, DEC 5

- Frank Brown Songwriters Festival: various venues around Perdido Key, Pleasure Isle & Pensacola, check frankbrownsonwriters.com for complete details.
- Flora-Bama Possible Probables: 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
- Hark! A Christmas Concert: 6:30 p.m., Foley Civic Center.
- Flora-Bama Bingo: 1-4 p.m.; Flora-Bama Lounge Tent Stage; Perdido Key.
- RazorHawk: 7; Hub Stacy's; Innerarity Point.
- Karaoke: 7:30; Sassy Bass Amazin' Grill; Ft. Morgan.
- Karaoke: 7; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.
- Tim Roberts: 6; Tin Top Restaurant; Bon Secour.
- Karaoke/DJ Party w. Kelly: 8; The Sandshaker; The Wharf in 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.

- John Brust: 6; The Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde: 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- Karaoke: 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.

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

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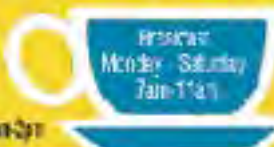


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- Blind Draw Dart Tourney: 7, American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- Gulf Shores United Methodist Church Bread Ministry: 9-10; every Thursday; room 103 on the south campus, next to Crossroad; 251-968-2411.
- Adult Bible Study: 10 a.m.; Gulf Shores Presbyterian Church; all welcome; (251) 968-7720.
- Gulf Shores Library Pre-school (3-5) Story Time: 10:30 a.m.; 251-968-1176.

- Orange Beach Bridge Club: Tue. & Thur at noon; Orange Beach Senior Center; visitors and new members welcomed even without a partner; 251-981-3440.
- AA: Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
- AA: 7 p.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

FRI, DEC 6

- 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 Lounge Tent Stage; Perdido Key.
- St. Patrick Catholic Church Ladies' Auxiliary Christmas Bazaar: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; 3035 AL-59, Robertsdale.
- 13th Annual Taste of the Islands: Orange Beach Event Center at The Wharf.

- 10th Annual Lighted Christmas Parade: 6:30 p.m.; Gulf Shores Public Beach and runs up Hwy. 59.
- Fairhope's Magical Christmas Parade: 7; Fairhope.
- Small Town Christmas Celebration and Parade: 6:30 p.m.; Silverhill.
- Touch Of Class: 7; Papa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- High Roller Duo: 7; The Office, Foley.
- Matt Erdman: 7; Tacky Jacks, Fort Morgan.

- Danny Grady: 3:30; Papa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- John Martin Davis Band: 6 p.m.; Big Beach Brewing Co.; Gulf Shores.
- Kelly West Art Show: 6 p.m.; Big Beach Brewing Co.; Gulf Shores.
- Adam & Jillian Holt: 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's; Gulf Shores.
- Fat Lip: 9 p.m.; Sandshaker, The Wharf in Orange Beach.
- False Identity: 7; Hub Stacy's; Innerarity Point.

Gulf Shores City Council

Push for food trucks in Gulf Shores is back on the table City Council to vote Dec. 9 to allow 15 trucks on one year pilot program

By John Mullen

An effort to allow food trucks to operate in Gulf Shores stalled in 2017 appears to be headed for a vote of the city council at the Dec. 9 meeting.

"We're going to have to make a decision and somebody's not going to like it," Mayor Robert Craft said. "That happens up here fairly regularly but we just need to be responsible in what we're

"Instead of thinking of food trucks taking the cream off the top, I think food trucks should be thought of as helping retain the cream off the top in our city."

doing and take all things into consideration. I was hoping we could do this by Monday but we've got two competing forces. We have the group that doesn't want it and I don't want to put us in a position where we delay it for the group that does want it."

Several restaurants and food truck operators were in attendance at the Dec. 2 meeting each presenting sides for and against. Restaurant owners wanted more time to ask questions but Craft and the council seemed intent on having a vote on Dec. 9. He asked all the parties to get together before the next meeting to present any questions or suggestions they have on the one-year pilot program.

"I hope we can get it done by next Monday," Craft said. "That's my goal. And if we can't, and this will be up to the council to decide if we didn't and therefore, we're not going to take action on it."

Councilman Jason Dyken said since it is a temporary program to determine if food trucks work in Gulf Shores there's going to be questions and the yearlong study can provide those answers. "I understand the need to make sure we look at all angles and answer as many questions as we can but I don't want to unduly delay this vote to get a perfect ordinance," Dyken said. "It is a pilot program and it's not going to be perfect and we're going to have to make some adjustments to the pilot program if we determine it's successful and decide to make it a permanent ordinance. I think

there is a need to explore all opportunities and answer as many questions as we can but we're not going to be able to answer all the questions. I'm in favor of moving more rapidly than slower."

Economic Development Coordinator Blake Phelps said the test period will give the council the information it needs to decide if food trucks should be a part of the restaurant landscape in Gulf Shores.

"This is a pilot program to dip a toe in the water and see how this actually fits in our community," Phelps said. "The intent of this program is it serve as a feasibility study to provide the city with real data. Not perceptions or hearsay or anything else but real data to see how these mobile food units interact in our community, any positive or a negative impact it may have in our community and provide you with that data to determine if these uses are appropriate in our community on a long-term basis."

Longtime Hazel's Nook owner Richard Schwartz says food trucks would have an unfair advantage over businesses that have been in Gulf Shores for many years.

"The people that are here in the restaurants right now have invested in brick and mortar and in their lives and for somebody to come in here and drive in and take the cream off the top bothers me," Schwartz said. "And, that's the part that I don't like about it."

Schwartz's "cream off the top" argument was part of the reason food trucks weren't allowed in 2017 when the council voted to allow stand-alone food courts. None have been developed in the city since the ordinance was passed.

"We brought this up a year and a half ago and this part of the ordinance was tabled and we approved the food court but not the food truck," Councilman Philip Harris said. "Here we are a year and a half later and there's a reason we're still talking about this. The document presented today is significantly different than what was presented before."

Ryan Shamburger of Big Beach Brewing wants to have a food truck service in his parking lot to give his customers a food option.

His brewery only serves beers and coffee brewed on the premises but he doesn't want to operate a

kitchen.

"We have restaurants catering out of food trucks, we have grocery stores with dining room areas, we have seafood processors selling to everyone and they all provide options for hungry locals and tourists and more tax dollars for our city," Shamburger said. "Instead of thinking of food trucks taking the cream off the top I think food trucks should be thought of as helping retain the cream off the top in our city."

If the ordinance is voted in, trucks would have to be on private property on a parcel where there is an established business. A food truck operator would have to have permission to be on the property and permission to use the bathrooms. Food can only be sold during the hours the established business is open and must leave the lot when those business hours are over.

Trucks cannot sit at businesses overnight but must return to a commissary kitchen. According to webrestaurantstore.com "commissary kitchens are established commercial kitchens where food-service providers can go to prepare and store their food. Some commissary kitchens cater specifically to food trucks and mobile food businesses, but others may be businesses that just rent out their kitchen space for some extra income."

All trucks would have to have approval from the Baldwin County office of the Alabama Department of Public Health and follow its regulations on mobile food vendors.

A food truck could not set up shop within 100 feet of an existing restaurant. If a truck is permitted for a certain location and a restaurant later is built within 100 feet of the spot this rule would not apply. The truck must have a legal license plate from the state it is doing business from meaning out of state trucks would be allowed if meeting all the criteria.

Operators would have to buy a city business license for a minimum of \$135, a mobile food unit permit of \$100 and a \$25 fee to the city to inspect the proposed site to make sure it meets all the criteria set out in the ordinance. If a vendor gets permission for multiple sites around town he would have to pay the \$25 to have each site inspected. A total of 15 permits will be issued during the one-year pilot program.

"We're not going to issue any speculative permits," Blake Phelps said. "We don't want someone squatting on a permit that is not using it. We will not issue the permits until they meet all the requirements of the ordinance and we are convinced they intend to use the permit before it is issued."

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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 - Bbring \$3 per person. We will have paddles and balls for you to use.

Canal Rd. expansion will be completed in 2020

The Alabama Dept. of Transportation reported on Nov. 25 that crews have widened, graded, and paved the first 3000 ft of its project between Orange Beach Blvd. and Cypress St. on Canal Rd. Ditches have been cut, graded, and sodded within this portion as well. Crews will begin widening the next portion of roadway between just west of Cypress St. to just west of Canal Square Ln. after the Thanksgiving holiday. Ongoing utility and drainage work is being performed throughout the work zone. Road work started in September 2019 and anticipated completion is December 2020.

Obey all traffic control devices and digital message boards in the work zone, which relay pertinent project information such as lane closures and traffic pattern shifts. The installtion of 11 pipe crossings which will require nightly lane closures between 8 p.m. - 5 a.m.

- First Friday Art Walk: 6; Downtown Fairhope.
- Rib Eye Dinner to help Veterans and Families: 5 p.m.; music & dancing at 7 p.m.; American Legion Post 44; Gulf Shores.
- Roger & Elaine: 7; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- Open Mic Karaoke: 5; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- Karaoke: 8; Snapper's; Orange Beach.
- Karaoke: 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- Open Jam in the Canteen: 8; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.
- 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@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, DEC 7

- Cookies with the Grinch: 1 - 4 p.m., One Club, Gulf Shores.
- Coastal Grinchmas: 5 - 8 p.m., Gulf State Park; Gulf Shores.
- Kiwanis Club of Gulf Shores Yo Ho HO 5K: 8 a.m.; The Wharf, Orange Beach.
- Gulf Coast Arts Alliance Christmas Open House: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., 225 E 24th Ave., Gulf Shores.
- Swift-Coles Historic Home's Christmas Open House: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.; Bon Secour.
- Robertsdale Christmas parade: 6:30 p.m.; downtown Robertsdale.
- Merry Market: 10 a.m.; Perdido Beach Resort.
- Flora-Bama Possible Probables: 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.

- Christmas in the Park: 3 - 6 p.m. Lillian Recreational Park.
- St. Patrick Catholic Church Ladies' Auxiliary Christmas Bazaar: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; 3035 AL-59, Robertsdale.
- The Nutcracker: 2 pm; Erie Meyer Civic Center; Gulf Shores.
- Book-signing: 10 a.m.; Kent Cockson's Foley at 100; The Book Exchange (formerly Wright Drugs), Foley.
- Jason Abel Project: 9; The Office, Foley.
- Misfits: 7; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- Touch Of Class: 7; Papa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- Gypsy Pearl: 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's; Gulf Shores.
- Hollard: 9 p.m.; Sandshaker, The Wharf in Orange Beach.
- Famous Nameless: 7; Hub Stacy's; Innerarity Point.
- Karaoke: 7; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING



World War Memories 'til Dec. 14 at Heritage Museum

The Baldwin County Heritage Museum 7th Annual Exhibit, "WWI & WWII-Memories of Baldwin County" will open continue through December 14. Admission is free, and the museum is located at 25521 Hwy 98 E; in Elberta. Hours are Wed. - Sat. from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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 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. More info: 251-986-8375; bchm@gulftel.com or facebook.

Brett/Robinson Charity Rummage Sale Dec. 7 on Canal Rd.

Brett/Robinson's 7th Annual Charity Rummage Sale will be held on Saturday, Dec. 7 from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the company's laundry at 25050 Canal Road in Orange Beach.

The sale includes items donated by employees, condo owners, friends and people in the Pleasure Island community, including furniture, household goods, home accessories, clothing and toys. Anyone interested in donating, or would like to schedule a time for pick-up of items, please contact Angela Hendricks at 251-228-0928.

The charity fundraiser also includes a Split the Pot 50/50 raffle. Last year's winner received approximately \$2,000.

South Baldwin Newcomers Club charity fundraiser Jan. 23

By Karen Brumbelow

Tickets are on sale now for Toast to the Coast, South Baldwin Newcomers' Club annual charity fundraiser, at The Orange Beach Event Center, January 23 from 6 - 10 p.m. Each year, with your support, we are able to donate 100% of the proceeds to local charities and local high school scholarships. This year's theme is Disco Fever. This fun-filled night includes Dinner provided by numerous local restaurants, a Dessert Bar, soft drinks, beer and wine, disco music provided by DJ Jeremy Perkins, a silent auction, Cork Pull Raffle and a Boogie Bucks Raffle. Tickets are \$55.00 per person or \$500.00 for a table of ten. To purchase tickets contact Susan West 205-222-0143 or susanawest@gmail.com. Tickets are also available at NY Bagel Cafe and Deli in Orange Beach on Canal Rd. Hurry and get your tickets before they are all sold.

- Open Jam: 8; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.
 - Cornhole Tourney: 10 a.m.; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
 - Karaoke: 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
 - Bama Beach Pickleball Club Open Play: 9-noon; \$3, Church of Christ, 2414 W 1st St., Gulf Shores.
 - Brandon Styles 1-Man Variety Show: 8; OWA, Foley.
 - Optimist Club of Perdido Bay: Breakfast every Saturday at 8 a.m. at the Lillian Community Club in Lillian; (251) 961-2620; Program: Two Old Men who regularly play and sing at The Front Porch in Lillian will play and tell their story.
 - AA: 10 a.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
 - AA: 7 p.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
 - Ladies AA: 9 a.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
- ### SUN, DEC 8
- 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.
- Fried Chicken Dinner Fundraiser: 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.; Baldwin County's Camp Dixie.
- Chauncy Crandall: 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's; Gulf Shores.
- Strickly Isbell: 7; Papa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- Danny Grady: 2 p.m.; Fraternal Order of Eagles #4549, Gulf Shores.
- Lisa Zanghi: 6; The Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- Lisa Christian: noon; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- Scott Koehn: 4; Pleasure Island Tiki Bar, Orange Beach.
- Roger & Elaine: 5; 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, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

MON, DEC 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.
- Lisa Zanghi: 6; The Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- Brent Burns: 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's; Gulf Shores.
- Geeks who drink trivia Night: 7; Big Beach Brewing Company, Gulf Shores.
- Danny Grady: 3:30; Papa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- 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.
- 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.



GSHS theatre students advance to state competition

Congratulations to the Gulf Shores High School Theatre students and their drama teacher, Mrs. Ginger Tuck. On November 2, six of Mrs. Tuck's students received superior scores at the District Trumbauer Theatre Festival in Mobile. Two students - Traci Wiley and Zachary Lindley - received excellent scores at the competition. The students receiving superior scores will be competing at the State Trumbauer Theatre Festival December 6-7 at Troy University. Ali Livingston will compete in the Solo Musical Female Comedic Novice Division. Aneliese Eddy and Mallory Watley will both compete in the Solo Acting Female Contemporary Dramatic Novice Division. Competing in the Solo Acting Female Contemporary Comedic Novice Division will be Natalie Larson. Sterling Lee and Abigail Kowalski will be competing in the Duet Acting Contemporary Comedic Novice Division. Sterling Lee will also compete in the Solo Acting Classical Dramatic Novice Division. Traci Wiley and Zachary Lindley competed at the District Trumbauer Theatre Festival and scored excellent in their categories. GSHS and the City of Gulf Shores are so excited for Mrs. Tuck and her students! Submitted by Pam Livingston for Ginger Tuck

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 • 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, DEC 10


• Flora-Bama Possible Probables: 3 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.
 • Baldwin Pops Christmas Concert: 7 p.m.; Cultural Center; Gulf Shores.
 • John Brust: 6; The Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
 • Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde: 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
 • Bingo: 6; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
 • Our Coffee Jam Night: 6 p.m.; Big Beach Brewing Co.; Gulf Shores.
 • Karaoke: 7:30; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
 • Karaoke Dance Party w. Kelly: 8; The Sandshaker, The Wharf, Orange Beach.
 • Trivia Night: 6; 45 Restaurant & Bar at One Club, Gulf Shores.
 • Brandon Styles 1-Man Variety Show: 7; OWA, Foley.
 • GriefShare Support Group: 6 p.m.;

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 • Bowling Tourney: 7; Snapper's; Orange Beach.

• Karaoke: 7; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.
 • Free Line Dance Lessons With Lori: 6; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.

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



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- Robertsedale Garden Club: 10 a.m., G. P. Thames Senior Center, 22651 E. Chicago, St., Robertsedale; 251-947-5751.
- Kiwanis Club of Big Lagoon: 5 p.m.; social meeting; locations to be determined, 850-867-5873 or 901-734-1066.
- NAPA Pool League: 7:30; The Office, Foley.
- Bingo: 10 to 2; Gulf Coast Elks Lodge 2782, Foley; 251-971-2782.
- Orange Beach City Council Meeting: 5 p.m.; City Hall; 980-INFO.
- Orange Beach Bridge Club: Tue. & Thur at noon; Orange Beach Senior Center; visitors and new members welcomed even without a partner; 251-981-3440.
- Orange Beach Library Children's Story Time: 10 a.m.; preschool; 981-2923.

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

WED, DEC 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;

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WHAT'S HAPPENING



ST. BENEDICT PTO DRAWDOWN: The 8th Annual St. Benedict Catholic School PTO Draw Down featured two winners. Kristy Reilly and Kay Calvert shared the \$5,000 Grand Prize. The event was held in the St. Margaret of Scotland Parish Hall. During the festivities that included food and Silent and Live auctions, Marlene Dekok was awarded the "Shining Star Award" presented by Principal Dr. Kathy McCool. Ms. Dekok has been a member of the St. Benedict School staff for eight years. She serves as the Extended Day and substitute teacher and as a Pre K-3 Aide. "Coming to school every day is the light of my life," she says. Pictured: Marlene Dekok and Principal Dr. Kathy McCool; Kristy Reilly and Kay Calvert.



PERDIDO OPTIMIST EDUCATORS OF THE YEAR: The Optimist Club of Perdido mission is to "Bring Out the Best in Kids." Recently the club honored teachers who have shown that they are striving for the same goals. Honorees for "Educator of the Year" are Kimberly Therber, Elberta Elementary School; Christa Goodwin, Elberta Middle School; Matthew Hurst, Elberta High School; Mary Lazzari, St. Benedict Catholic School. Each teacher received a monetary award to use in the effort to provide the best for local students. The Optimist Club members work with the schools in Elberta, reading to kindergarten and first grade classes, tutoring and mentoring. Pictured: Educators of the Year were honored at a recent meeting of the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay. From left are Katy Padgett, Principal Elberta Middle School; Branton Bailey, Principal Elberta High School; Honoree Matthew Hurst, Spanish Teacher Elberta High School; Dr. Kathy McCool, Principal St. Benedict Catholic School; Honoree Mary Lazzari, 5th Grade Teacher St. Benedict Catholic School; Kimberly Therber, Elberta Elementary 4th Grade Teacher. Not pictured is Honoree Christa Goodwin, English Teacher Elberta Middle School.

Rev. Wayne McMillian speaks at Bayside Baptist on Dec. 15

Rev. Wayne McMillian will speak at Bayside Baptist Church on Sunday, December 15 at the 10:30 a.m. service. A graduate of the University of Mobile and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, McMillian was a church planter with the International Mission Board for 10 years serving in Africa. Also served one term with the North American Mission Board in The Dakota Baptist Convention as a church planter. Brother Wayne has also been pastor of several churches in the area including: FBC Satsuma, FBC Foley, FBC Monroeville, Mexia Baptist in Monroeville and Bower Memorial in Evergreen.

"It is enough to just say that I am a country preacher who has been blessed by God," Rev. McMillian said. The church is located at 33677 US Highway 98 in Lillian. For more info, call Pastor Tom Harris at 251-256-0226.

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• Open Mic: 5:30; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
• Open Mic: 7; Tacky Jack's, Fort Morgan.
• Bingo Night: 6; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.
• Danny Grady: 3:30; Papa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
• 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.
• Bingo: 10 a.m.; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
• Ricky Johnson: 5; American Legion Post

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

McCollough appointed to Al. Board for Registration of Architects

On July 24, 2019, Sted McCollough, president and owner of McCollough Architecture in Orange Beach, was appointed by Governor Kay Ivey to the Alabama Board for Registration of Architects. Established in 1931, the Alabama Board of Architects is charged with protecting the health, safety, and welfare of the public by registering and regulating architects.



"It is a great honor to serve in this capacity and I commit to do so with the utmost integrity and honesty," said McCollough.

McCollough (pictured) graduated from the University of Alabama with a B.S. Degree in Interdisciplinary Studies in Architecture and continued with an additional Bachelor of Architecture degree from Mississippi State. Upon graduation, McCollough joined an architectural firm in Montgomery, and several years later was appointed Director of the Alabama Building Commission. The Building Commission serves as the building code official and contract administrator for all state-funded construction (approximately \$350 million in construction annually). During his tenure as Director, McCollough was elected President of the Southeast Region of the National Association of State Facility Administrators. McCollough fulfilled his dream of starting his own practice at the Alabama Gulf Coast in 1999.

McCollough Architecture is located at The Wharf. The firm's work can be seen throughout the Gulf Coast in Alabama, Florida and Mississippi. Some of the most notable works include: Columbia Southern University, Visitors' Center for Gulf Shores and Orange Beach Tourism; Foley Pedestrian Bridge and Clock Tower, the new Gulf Coast Zoo; Kaiser Reality Building, The Hang-Out in Gulf Shores, The McCollough Institute and numerous custom homes, including a home design featured on ABC's television's show, Extreme Makeover Home Edition in 2010.

McCollough serves on the Executive Board for the South Baldwin Chamber of Commerce, Foley Rotary Club, and the Baldwin County Architectural Preservation Board.

McCollough's diverse experience should serve him well on the Alabama Board for Registration of Architects. He looks forward to working with the Board to continue to expand our communities for future generations and further safe and healthy economic growth.

McCollough and his wife, Rebecca, reside in Bon Secour and have four children; Ryan, Brent, Shelton and Charli. For more information McCollough Architecture, info, visit mccollougharchitecture.com.

Memorial service for Don Meghreblian Dec. 14 at St. Andrew by Sea

There will be a service honoring the life of Don Meghreblian on Saturday, December 14 at 11 a.m. at St. Andrew by the Sea, located at 17263 Fort Morgan Rd. in Gulf Shores. A reception for family and friends, hosted by the church, will follow. An online guestbook is available at AustinFuneralService.com.



Don (pictured) passed away on October 28 at the age of 85. He was preceded in death by his loving wife, Carol, son Michael, and sisters Isabelle Melkiesian and Annabelle Hintlian. He is survived by his son, Mark (Shari) Meghreblian of Franklin, TN and four grandchildren.

Don and Carol retired to Gulf Shores in the mid-1990s, where they opened and ran Jubilee Gifts, an apparel and gift store. Don remained very active in the community of Gulf Shores after the death of his wife in 1994 and supported many local charities and volunteered his time with numerous organizations.

Don will be remembered as a gregarious and larger than life personality, who was very passionate about the causes he supported, including St. Andrew by the Sea. He was always looking for ways to honor Carol's memory – whether by providing altar flowers, helping to establish the memorial garden, helping to install a pipe organ, or taking part in the recent building project. It is for this reason that the family asks that, in lieu of flowers, memorials be sent in Don's honor to: St. Andrew by the Sea; P.O. Box 2385, Gulf Shores, Alabama 36547.

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- Euchre 6; 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.
- 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, DEC 12

- 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.
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Coastal Arts Center of Orange Beach.
 • Trivia Factory: 7; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.
 • Karaoke: 7:30; Sassy Bass Amazin' Grill; Ft. Morgan.
 • Scott Koehn: 5:30; Pleasure Island Tiki Bar, Orange Beach.
 • Karaoke Dance Party: 8; The Sand-shaker, The Wharf, Orange Beach.
 • John Brust: 6; The Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
 • Tim Roberts: 6; Tin Top Restaurant; Bon Secour.
 • Greg Lyon: 6; Hub Stacy's; Innerarity

Point.
 • 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.
 • 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, DEC 13

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

Orange Beach City Council

Council thanks U.S. Navy pilots for flyover at middle school football game Air Wing Five makes first football game between G.S. and O.B. memorable

By John Mullen

It's not every day a middle school football game gets a flyover during the pregame national anthem but Orange Beach wanted Oct. 24 to be a special day and game. And, it turned out to be just that.

"I don't have the words," Mayor Tony Kennon said. "It was a huge deal from just being our inaugural kickoff rivalry game."

Orange Beach Middle School squared off with Gulf Shores in the first meeting between the schools soon after two planes screamed by over the Orange Beach Sportsplex. U.S. Navy Training Air Wing 5 Training Squadron 2 and five of its pilots received certificates of recognition at the Nov. 19 city council meeting for coordinating the flyover. During the meeting, the council also heard a report on the annual Toys for Children fundraiser organized by Terri Long and Candice Duncan from Wildflowers Boutique.

There was still a buzz in the crowd over the flyover as the proclamation was read and stories told.

"I don't think there's ever been a flyover in Baldwin County and maybe not even in Mobile County," Kennon said. "It is beyond my comprehension how Chris (Litton) pulled it off and we got it done. I just want to recognize these pilots and the air wing that made it happen."

It wasn't without a hitch. There was a little excitement as Litton, the Logistics Coordinator for the city, scrambled to get the planes over the stadium at the right time.

"The national anthem was scheduled for the fly-by to be at the very last note of the national anthem and after all the coordination something happened and the singer started two minutes early, not by her fault," Litton said. "I radioed them and said 'oh my gosh, guys they started two minutes early. Can y'all get there on time?' They said they'd do everything we can even if we have to go full throttle. And they were smoking when they came by."

"They made it happen, they got it done and I was so appreciative of that."

Oh, and the Makos won the game over Gulf Shores.

City Council Also:

• Heard a report from Terri Long of Wildflowers Boutique and her annual Toys for Kids event at the Perdido Beach Resort on Nov. 16. The event raised more than \$40,000 which will go to the Christian Service Center's Christmas Cheer program. Last year's event raised \$23,000, Long said.

"We're still taking donations," Long said. "This is year-round. It's not just for toys."

Kennon said the center helped 190 families last year which included 566 kids.

"We know what a good friend Christian Service Center is to our community," Kennon said.

The council discussed:

• The purchase of four lots at the corner of Bonita and State Route 161 most recently occupied by Pappas Pizza. The price for the property is listed at \$650,000 in city documents. Orange Beach wants the property to expand city facilities.
 • A resolution authorizing the donation of a surplus ladder truck to the Elberta Volunteer Fire Department.
 • Heard from Chris Litton who said the city's insurance company did a safety inspection on city buildings. Litton said the city received a near-perfect score which was the best that Orange Beach had ever had.

During the work session, the council discussed:

• Moving city meetings on Dec. 3 from 5 p.m. back to 4 p.m. to accommodate the annual Christmas tree lighting at The Wharf at 5:30 p.m.
 • Giving almost \$19,000 to the to the Makos Academics, Arts & Athletics Club (MAAAC).
 • A resolution awarding the bid for Magnesium Hydroxide Slurry for the Utilities Department.
 • A resolution appointing members Mindy Smith and Desiree Blackwell to the employee's leave bank committee. Permanent members on the committee are City Administrator Ken Grimes, Human Resources Director Vicki Pishna and Finance Director Ford Handley.

• A resolution authorizing an additional one-time payment of \$1,000 for fulltime employees who have fulfilled a one-year probationary period.
 • A resolution for a taxi franchise for Coastal Express Shuttle to operate a taxi service within the city limits and police jurisdiction in Orange Beach.
 • A resolution authorizing the purchase of four historic markers in an amount not to exceed \$12,000.
 • A resolution authorizing the execution of a professional services agreement with Goodwyn, Mills & Cawood, Inc., for project engineering services.
 • A resolution authorizing the execution of a task order with Goodwyn, Mills & Cawood, Inc., to perform professional engineering services for sewer force main improvements from the Wharf to County Road 12 in an amount not to exceed \$487,000.
 • Resolutions appointing the city attorney and appointing other attorneys for the city for 2020.
 • A resolution authorizing the execution of a service agreement with NxtSoft Cybersecurity Solutions for city employee cyber security training.
 • Setting a public hearing date of Dec. 17 for a Tom Thumb project at The Wharf. It will include a convenience store, gas station, car wash and fast food outlet.
 • Setting a public hearing date for the final planned unit development for Cotton Bayou Cottages containing 34 cottage lots. The property is located on the north side of Perdido Beach Boulevard across from Admiral Quarters Condominium.

Pictured: Orange Beach City Council thanks U.S. Navy pilots for flyover at middle school football game. From left are council members Jerry Johnson and Annette Mitchell, pilots Lt. Cmdr. Matthew Clark and Lt. Christine Hammons, council members Jeff Silvers and Jeff Boyd and Mayor Tony Kennon.



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- Local Art Show: 5-8 p.m.; David's Gallery, Gulf Shores; lots of prizes, goodies, etc.
- The 34th Annual Lighted Boat Parade: Begins at Tacky Jack's in Gulf Shores at 5 p.m.; travels east on the Intracoastal Waterway toward Orange Beach.
- Pre-Lighted Boat Parade Party: 4 p.m.; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- Stephanie Leigh Hall Band: 9 p.m.; Sandshaker, The Wharf in Orange Beach.
- Danny Grady: 3:30; Papa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- Warp Speed Sul: 7; The Office, Foley.
- Bo Grant: 7; Papa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- Les Linton: 7; Tacky Jacks, Fort Morgan.
- J.E.R.I.: 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's; Gulf Shores.
- Electric Blue Yonder: 6 p.m.; Big Beach Brewing Co.; Gulf Shores.
- Karaoke: 5:30; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- Open Jam: 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; 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; foyleyrotary@gulfotel.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 14

- Flora-Bama Possible Probables: 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
- Billy Claus Fun Day: 1 p.m.; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's at Homeport Marina; Gulf Shores
- Elberta Christmas Parade & Tree Lighting: 5 p.m., Elberta.
- Pancakes with Santa: 8:30 a.m., Foley United Methodist Church.
- \$10,000 Mako Drawdown: 6:30 p.m.; Orange Beach Event Center.
- John Brust: 6; Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- East LA Fadeaway: 7 p.m.; Big Beach Brewing Co.; Gulf Shores.
- Tribe Zion: 9 p.m.; Sandshaker, The Wharf in Orange Beach.

- Bo Grant: 7; Papa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- Gear Head (Christmas Party): 9; The Office, Foley.
- Crossfire: 6:30; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- Light Travelers: 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's; Gulf Shores.
- Disciples of the Crow: 9; Doc Holliday's; Foley.
- Karaoke: 7; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.
- Crosstown: 7; Hub Stacy's; Innerarity Point.
- Karaoke: 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- Open Jam 8; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.
- Brandon Styles 1-Man Variety Show: 8; OWA, Foley.
- Bama Beach Pickleball Club Open Play: 9-noon; \$3, Church of Christ, 2414 W 1st St., Gulf Shores.
- 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.

- Cadillac Attack: 7; 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, DEC 15

- Central Flora-Bama: Church experiences, sunrise (special for Easter) 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.; Flora-Bama Tent Stage, Perdido Key.
- Unity Church Beach Service: 9:45 a.m.; The Royal Oyster, Gulf Shores.

Gulf Shores City Council

Gulf Shores increases employee pay and retirement benefits City Council to vote Dec. 9 to allow 15 trucks on one year pilot program

By John Mullen

During the Nov. 25 regular council meeting Gulf Shores passed two measures to increase pay and retirement benefits for city employees.

The city paid Slavin Management Consultants to give recommendations on the city's pay scale "based on the salary market comparison for the

"I could go on and on about the difficulty recruiting and hiring. We have a very high bar here, as you know, and it's not easy to become a Gulf Shores police officer. This gives that competitive edge that we need to attract these fantastic candidates that we want here."

City of Gulf Shores using 43 of 118 City of Gulf Shores classifications to other jurisdictions in the Gulf Coast area that included Foley, Orange Beach, Baldwin County, Fairhope, Daphne, Mobile, Fort Meyers Beach, Destin, Gulf Breeze and others," according to city documents.

Also, during the meeting, the council voted to allow more employees to move from Tier 2 into Tier 1 in the Retirement Systems of Alabama public employees retirement system.

Employees hired after Jan. 1 2013 were considered Tier 2 employees meaning they could not retire after 25 years' service but had to wait until age 62 regardless of years of service.

Several of the Slavin recommendations included

downgrading some pay scales including some in the police and fire departments to bring them in line with what other cities were paying. City staff recommended and the council agreed that raises instead would be implemented and salaries would be upgraded including raising first responders pay to 110 percent of the current market pay.

Voted in were a 2 percent raise across the board for employees which would cost about \$318,000 annually and to make adjustments to current pay rates which will cost the city about \$279,000 a year. Both are included in the 2020 budget.

The report said cutting pay as recommended by Slavin would be a blow to morale and might even prompt some employees to look for other jobs.

"We certainly want them to stay with us and I was really surprised at Slavin's recommendations," Mayor Robert Craft said. "Knowing what a challenge we've had, particularly in policemen trying to find applicants that want to be a part of that and what we've done to recruit and retain the great people we have and keeping these salaries at a range that we keep the people we've got."

A state legislative action during the 2019 session allowed local governments a "one-time" chance to upgrade employees from Tier 2 to Tier 1 and also increasing the employees' contribution to the program. The 2 percent across the board raise will help those employees pay the extra contribution to their retirement account.

Police Chief Ed Delmore said that other cities and counties are also taking up this issue and not upgrading would hurt filling future job openings.

"I could go on and on about the difficulty recruiting and hiring," Delmore said. "We have a very high bar here, as you know, and it's not easy

to become a Gulf Shores police officer. This gives that competitive edge that we need to attract these fantastic candidates that we want here, the caliber of people that we want in the police and fire department here that we demand here and I demand as your police chief. It also gives us the ability to retain people."

Delmore said he believes it will be beneficial in every city department not just first responders.

"Moving the city employees – not just the police and fire department but all city employees – from the Tier 2 system, which is flawed in my opinion, back to the Tier 1 gives the city a competitive edge when one compares us to other communities throughout the state," Delmore said. "Other communities are making that decision right now just like we are. Are you going to do this or are you not. If you don't those who do will have a significant edge in keeping good employees coming to us and staying with us."

During the regular session, the council also:

- Finalized the 2020 budget which is a total of \$85.1 million in revenues and \$84.2 million in expenses with the General Fund expecting \$48 million for revenues with expenses at \$47.7 million. Finance Director Cindy King also announced her department has received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award from the Government Finance Officers Association the past consecutive nine years since 2011.

- Set new salaries for the mayor and council members to take effect after the 2020 elections. The mayor's salary will rise to \$85,000, the mayor pro tem will be paid \$25,000 and councilmembers will be paid \$20,000 per year. The mayor's current salary is \$50,000, pro tem pay is \$18,000 and \$15,000 for councilmembers.

- Reappointed councilmen Joe Garriss and Gary Sinak to the Library Board to serve four years through Nov. 9, 2023.

- Reappointed Ken Kichler to the Education Building Authority for a three-year term to serve through Nov. 9, 2023.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Rev. Wayne McMillian speaks at Bayside Baptist on Dec. 15

Rev. Wayne McMillian will speak at Bayside Baptist Church on Sunday, December 15 at the 10:30 a.m. service. A graduate of the University of Mobile and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, McMillian was a church planter with the International Mission Board for 10 years serving in Africa. Also served one term with the North American Mission Board in The Dakota Baptist Convention as a church planter. Brother Wayne has also been pastor of several churches in the area including: FBC Satsuma, FBC Foley, FBC Monroeville, Mexia Baptist in Monroeville and Bower Memorial in Evergreen.

"It is enough to just say that I am a country preacher who has been blessed by God," Rev. McMillian said.

The church is located at 33677 US Highway 98 in Lillian. For more info, call Pastor Tom Harris at 251-256-0226.

Sewflakes meet every Tuesday

Calling all who craft, sew, quilt, knit, crochet, make jewelry, etc. Are you looking for a place to share ideas, get inspiration, help with your craft or just someone to sit with and share your craft. Our Sewflakes group will be meeting every Tuesday until March 1. Come join us on Tuesday mornings 8:30 to 11:30am at First Presbyterian Church of Gulf Shores, 309 East 21st Avenue, Gulf Shore. More info: 315-807-8585.

- Flora-Bama Possible Probables: 2 p.m. 'til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
- Rock Bottom: 4 p.m.; Big Beach Brewing Co.; Gulf Shores.
- Michael Magazzeni: 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's; Gulf Shores.
- Tim Roberts: 7; Papa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- Roger & Elaine: 5; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- Danny Grady: 2 p.m.; Fraternal Order of Eagles #4549, Gulf Shores.
- Open Mic/Jam: 2 p.m.; Hosted by The Defrosters, The Flying Harpoon 2, Orange Beach.
- Lisa Zanghi: 6; The Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- Lisa Christian: noon; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- Scott Koehn: 4; Pleasure Island Tiki Bar, Orange Beach.
- John Joiner & Friends: 4; Hub Stacey's at the Point; Innerarity Point.
- Jim McAdams: 5; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- 9 Ball APA: 6; The Office, Foley.
- AA: 5 p.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

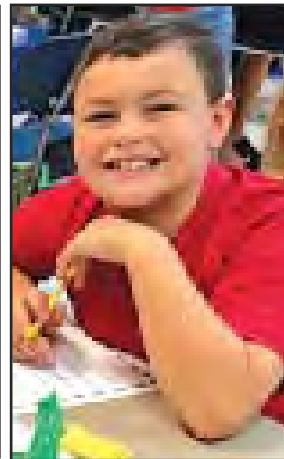
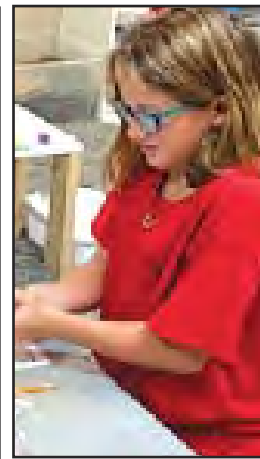
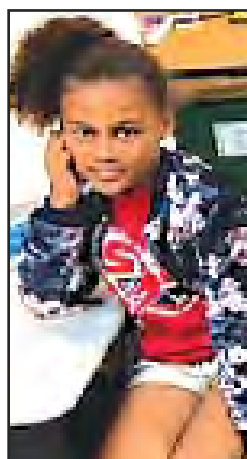
MON, DEC 16

- 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.
- Orange Beach Elementary School Christmas Program: Orange Beach Event Center.
- 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.
- Danny Grady: 3:30; Papa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- Brent Burns: 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's; Gulf Shores.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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, DEC 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.
- 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.
- Our Coffee Jam Night: 6 p.m.; Big Beach Brewing Co.; Gulf Shores.
- Trivia Night: 6; 45 Restaurant & Bar at One Club, Gulf Shores.
- Open Mic Karaoke: 5; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.
- Brandon Styles 1-Man Variety Show: 7; OWA, Foley.
- Bowling Tourney: 7; Snapper's; Orange Beach.
- JW Karaoke: 6; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
- 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.



OBES THIRD GRADERS DESIGN BOARD GAMES FROM BOOKS: Orange Beach Elementary School third graders in Ms. Peterson's class just finished a reading unit theme on Trickster Tales and used their shared learning to create board games based on a book that they read. The students chose a traditional tale, reread the book and wrote a summary. Then they made a board game to go with the book. Shown above are students in her room enjoying sharing and playing their student made games. Students designed the board to match the setting and the characters of the book. They included the fortunate and unfortunate luck that came from situations in the book. Students had to think and problem solve issues as they arose while designing their game. What a way to make a book come to life!



OBES NOVEMBER TERRIFIC KIDS: The Pre-K to 2nd Grade Kiwanis Club Orange Beach Elementary School Terrific Kids for November are: (left) Front Row(l-r): Makynlee Allen, Milly White, Laurel White, Ava Jammoul, Ellie Walker, Avery Carey; Back Row(l-r): Triton Bryant, Isabella Bryant, Silas McCoy, Jay McClendon, Immanuel Trujillo. The Third to Sixth Grade Kiwanis Club Orange Beach Elementary School Terrific Kids for November are: (right) Front Row(l-r): Hutch Semikclose, Jason Lynn, Mary Elliott Griffin, Sloane Stephens, Madison Crosslin, Averi Adams, Tennyson Tucker. Back Row(l-r): Dylan Lynch, Camryn Johnson, Gracie McCoy, Ava Hodo, Rowdy Kirkley, Eli Cardwell, John Matthews, Reece Wilmott, Jenna Shaver, Bailey Turner.

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Dark Chocolate Shavings, Cherry Kissed Meringue

Featuring

Turley, "Fredericks Vineyard", Zinfandel
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WHAT'S HAPPENING

- 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, DEC 18

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

Chili Peppers, Post Malone, Billie Eilish to headline May 14-17 Hangout Fest

Tickets go on sale Dec. 9 for 11th annual event at Gulf Shores Public Beach

The Red Hot Chili Peppers, Post Malone and Billie Eilish will headline the 2020 Hangout Music Festival, a three-day music vacation on Gulf Shores Public Beach.

Billed as a three-day music vacation on the beach, the eleventh installment of the annual festival will also welcome Marshmello, Lana Del Rey, Cage The Elephant, Juice WRLD, Illenium, Kane Brown, Rainbow Kitten Surprise, Louis The Child, The Head and the Heart, RL Grime, Jhené Aiko, Megan Thee Stallion, FINNEAS, Madeon, Quinn XCII, Moon Taxi and The Band Camino.

Oliver Tree, T-Pain, Tove Lo, Big Wild, Wallows, Chelsea Cutler, Alec Benjamin, YUNGBLUD, Jai Wolf, Dominic Fike, Mt. Joy, Omar Apollo, Orville Peck, Snakehips, Surfaces, Doja Cat, SAINT JHN,

Scarypoolparty, Bea Miller, Getter, Shalou, The Aces, Missio, Barns Courtney, and SNBRN are also booked to play oceanside on the beaches of Gulf Shores

Blunts & Blondes, The Glorious Sons, Whipped Cream, 99 Neighbors, Elderbrook, NOTD, Paul Cauthen, Raveena, Regard, Bren Joy, Luttrell, Taska Black, Pluko, Bailey Bryan, Dan Luke and the Raid, Duskus, Mattiel, MEMBA, Lucii, Perto, KennyHoopa, and Softest Hard will also play what has become a national event.

Tickets go on sale Monday, December 9 at 10 a.m., with a variety of ticket offerings ranging from general admission to a host of VIP options. Regular three-day GA tickets are \$299 and all-inclusive three-day VIP tickets start at \$1,099. The festival will again offer payment

plans for GA and VIP purchases, allowing fans to pay for their tickets in five installments with a 10 percent down payment. Detailed information on ticketing can be found at hangoutmusicfest.com.

In addition to on stage talent, the fest offers a wide range of activities and events. Dive into the water at one of the beach clubs, swing at Hammock Beach, play beach volleyball, practice yoga, go disco skating at the full-sized roller rink or rekindle those vintage summer vibes at Camp Hangout.

DJs will rotate all weekend long at dance parties by the waves during the award-winning festival. Continuously recognized as one of the best festivals in the country, the event infuses over \$40 million into the local economy each year.



Hangout Fest releases 2020 lineup before securing Gulf Shores permit

Gulf Shores and Hangout officials meet following each festival to gather information and address the city's concerns. And although the Hangout fest has a contract with Gulf Shores to use its public beach through 2025, the city also has the option annually to not renew the assembly permit for the festival, according to Gulf Shores Mayor Robert Craft.

Speaking during the Dec. 2 city council meeting, Mayor Craft said the city still has concerns about the festival's negative effect on residents, who have been complaining for the past 11 years about festival patrons' bad behavior. Another city concern is the fact that the fest will have less space to work with this year.

"We've told him (festival founder Shaul Zislin) in writing that we will not approve a permit until he satisfies us that he's made significant progress toward controlling the noise and vulgarity permeating outside the festival site and into residential areas," Mayor Craft said. "The negative impacts to the area are overnight parking and parking on the street."

"There's a loss of 4.28 acres that he currently utilizes. He's got to have a site plan that shows that he can survive. He's got to prove it to us without question."

The Hangout has until 60 days before the event to secure its permit.

"He does not have a permit. He hasn't even submitted a permit application yet. But we've told him if he can meet these things for 2020 then we'll give it to him. But then he's got to prove that those work," Craft said.

"You will see a statement in the paper or somewhere advertising where he's releasing a lineup. He doesn't have a permit to operate that. But that's Shaul taking the steps necessary to proceed assuming that he gets permitted. And he's committed that he can answer these questions. That remains to be seen. There are still boxes to be checked before he gets the permit."





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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Kelly West & Greg Huff Art Show Dec. 6 at Big Beach Brewery

Local artists Kelly West and Greg Hoff will present new art inspired by a recent trip to Costa Rico at Big Beach Brewery on Dec. 6 from 5-10 p.m. As is often the case with Kelly, she will present a show of mixed media, including photography and animal art. Greg's medium is flameworking, which borrows many of the same techniques used in the Coastal Art Center Art Shop, where he is an instructor. The craft allows for a high level of detail, perfect for glass bead making and sculptural work.

The artists' work will be spread around Gulf Coast galleries following the show. Although she is also a gifted musician, Kelly will be talking art, not playing bass or drums during the show. But she did not have to go far to recruit musical entertainment. Her dad, Gary West and friend John Martin will recruit other musician friends to handle the tunes.

will work with sunset behind him

The two artists will also be part of an art show and Christmas party at David's Gallery in Gulf Shores from 5-8 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 13. "We will take over the upstairs and display art for that night only," Kelly said.

- 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.
- 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

- 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.

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COOKIN' WITH CAROLYN

By CAROLYN GODFREY

Scalloped Apples Casserole

10 cups thinly sliced peeled Golden Delicious apples (about 8)
1 c. sugar
1/2 tsp. cinnamon
1/2 tsp. cloves
6 Tbsp. butter, divided
2 c. soft bread crumbs (about 4 slices)

In a large bowl, combine the apples, sugar, cinnamon and cloves. Transfer to a greased 13x9-in. baking dish. Dot with 2 Tbsp butter. Bake, uncovered, at 325 degrees for 25 min or until apples are crisp-tender. Meanwhile, in a small skillet, melt remaining butter. Add bread crumbs; cook and stir for 3-5 min. or until crispy and golden brown. Sprinkle over apple mixture. Bake 10-15 min longer or until apples are tender. Serve warm. Yield: 8 servings. Enjoy!

City Rhythm Big Band Dance Dec. 14 in Loxley

A new season for City Rhythm Big Band dances at the Loxley Civic Center kicks off with the Dec. 14 Christmas Dance. The dance is 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 January 25, 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.

- Skiylne 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.
- 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 welcome.

Dec. 14 Drawdown supports programs at Orange Beach schools

The \$10,000 Makos Drawdown, hosted by the Orange Beach Schools support organization, Makos Academics, Arts & Athletics Club, will be held on Saturday, Dec. 14 from 6:30 -11:30 p.m. at the Orange Beach Event Center at The Wharf. Each \$100 ticket admits two to the event and one entry to the Drawdown

Join in the holiday fun and wear your favorite "Ugly Sweater." Prizes will be given for the following Categories: The Best Homemade Sweater; The Best Couple; The Ugliest Sweater

This is a B.Y.O.B. event and food will be provided. Even Odds will play tunes throughout the evening. For ticket info visit eventbrite.com or email j.starling@obmaaac.org. \

Local author Marie Scott book signing Dec. 14 at Tanger Outlet

Local Author Marie Scott will be having a book signing on Saturday, December 14 at the Book Warehouse located at the Tanger Outlet, unit #176. Scott will be signing debut romance novel, "It Comes In Threes" from noon 'til 4 p.m. The main character, Elizabeth Fields is pregnant, heartbroken and betrayed. She leaves the city and drives straight into the heart of a snowstorm in the mountains of her childhood. Stranded and alone, she seeks shelter in a small country store and the home of its owner, Jake Browning. When the roads clear, Elizabeth finds herself in Frosty Grove, a ski resort vacation town she remembers fondly from her childhood.

Frosty Grove has changed, though, and Elizabeth soon realizes the town is changing her. Its atmosphere and residents, particularly Jake, come to mean much more than she could ever have imagined. For more information visit ItComesInThrees.com.

NAIA Women's Soccer Championship game Dec. 7 at O.B. Sportsplex

The 2019 NAIA Women's Soccer National Championship Tourney, which started Monday at the Orange Beach Sportsplex, culminates with the NAIA National Championship match on Saturday, December 7 at 6 p.m. The semifinals are a day earlier at 3 p.m. and 6 p.m.



Fans may purchase daily passes for \$15 and tournament passes for \$35 at the gate. Children 10 and under will be admitted free.

This season for the first time, 45 teams played for the opportunity to join host institution Mobile College in Orange Beach. In the end, 12 of the 15 opening round hosts advanced as three upsets occurred. Rocky Mountain

(Mont.) was the lone No. 3-seed to advance and joined Eastern Oregon and Grace (Ind.) in upsets at their respective sites. The NAIA Network will broadcast all 15 matches live.

Soccer action is not the only thing that draws the NAIA to the Alabama Gulf Coast. Brad Cygan, director of athletics communications for the NAIA, shares how student-athletes work hard to get to the championship and are rewarded with a retreat along Alabama's beaches.

"One of the biggest reasons we love both our women's soccer and track and field championships in Orange Beach and Gulf Shores is the emphasis the region puts on the student-athlete experience," said Cygan. "These are memories our student-athletes will carry with them for the rest of their lives, and the time and effort that the region puts in to make these events special is fantastic."

Likewise, NAIA's impact on the coastal communities

transcends beyond economic impact. Each NAIA championship features a Teaming Up for Character Event as part of its Champions of Character initiative, and during the week, student-athletes conduct soccer clinics at local schools. Additionally, the NAIA encourages Gulf Shores and Orange Beach residents to bring new toys to the Orange Beach Sportsplex to benefit local children through the Christian Service Center.

"Each year, the NAIA shows up and shows out in our beach communities, leaving behind tourism dollars and a lasting personal impact through the Champions of Character Program," said Beth Gendler, vice president of sales for the Gulf Shores & Orange Beach Sports Commission. "We hope to give the student-athletes a destination experience of a lifetime and welcome them back for future family vacations."

Seven of the 16 qualifiers for the 2019 final site were also there a season ago. Mobile (Ala.), Keiser (Fla.), Southeastern (Fla.), William Carey (Miss.), Eastern Oregon, Lindsey Wilson (Ky.) and Martin Methodist (Tenn.) all repeat in 2019.

The Crossroads League and the Southern States Athletic Conference lead all leagues with three qualifiers in the final site field. Westmont's five national titles are the most among the 2019 final site qualifiers and the most in NAIA history.

Lindsey Wilson (Ky.) has an opportunity to tie Westmont for the most red banners in history. The Blue Raiders are tied with former member Lee (Tenn.) with four.

William Carey (Miss.) will attempt to become the first team since 2011 to win back-to-back national championships. Former member institution Lee (Tenn.) won four-in-a-row from 2008 through 2011. Central Methodist (Mo.) lead all teams with 22 wins on the season. The Eagles are the lone undefeated team in the field. William Carey will try to become the first back-to-back NAIA National Champion since former member Lee (Tenn.) claimed four-straight red banners from 2008-11.

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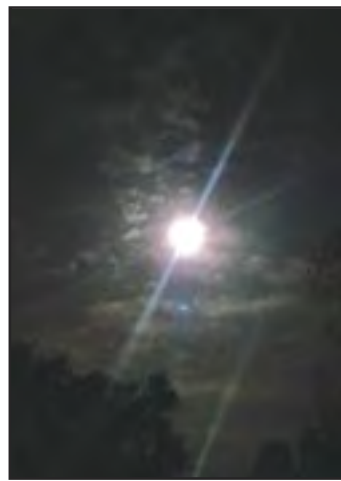
PICTURES OF THE WEEK



Sunset at Alabama Point from Toni Nicholson of Gulf Shores.



Enjoying nectar before the cold weather arrived in Gulf Shores," writes Sherry Byrd.



"Clear and cold full moon," writes Kirk Cunningham.



A Veteran's Day sunset at the Flora-Bama from Sherry Byrd.



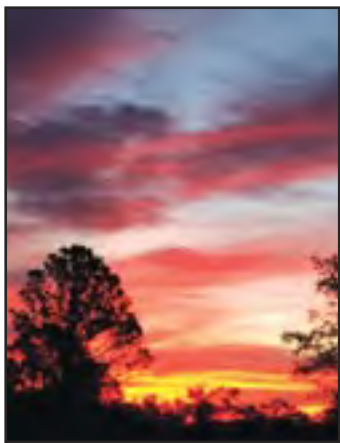
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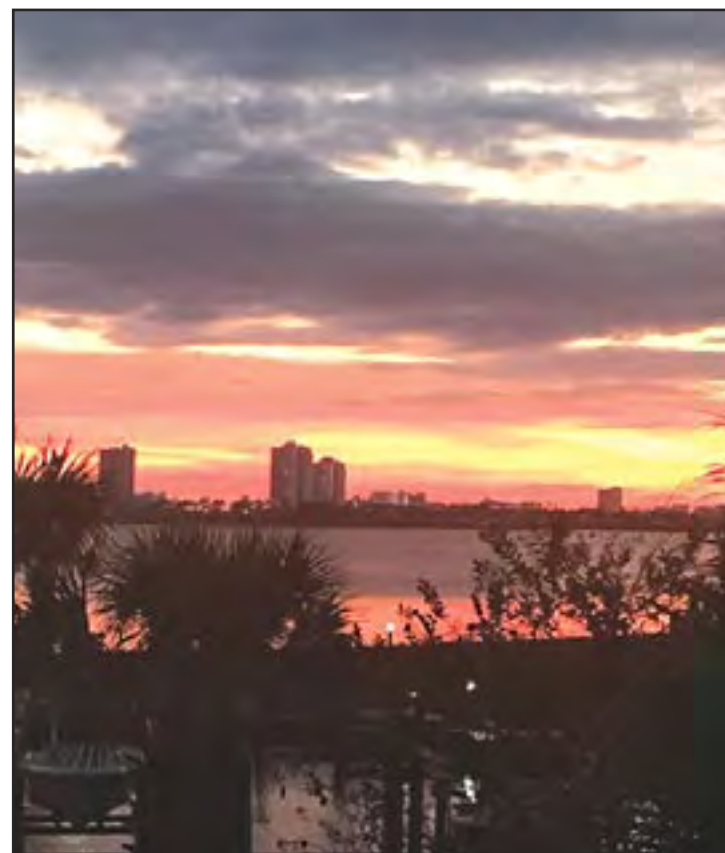
Jeff DeMilio shares a pic from Big Lagoon.



Sammy Huey from Wedowee created this Sand O'Lantern while visiting Gulf Shores Public Beach this week.



Steve Ward shares a sunrise.



Donnie Canaan shares his picture of a sunset from Bayshore Towers in Orange Beach.



"This has been a work in progress," writes James Armstrong. "We started it earlier this year and will continue until the whole fence is covered."



Lynn Chamblee shares favorite pictures from her month long Orange Beach.





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Funny Bones

By George Ridder



Four priests in New York went golfing wearing typical "golfer" outfits. After a while, their caddy asked, "You guys wouldn't be priests by any chance?" "Actually, yes, we are," one

cleric replied. "How did you know?"

Easy," said the caddy, "I've never seen such bad golf and such clean language."

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A boxer complains to his doctor about insomnia.

Doc: "Have you tried counting sheep?"

Boxer: "Yes, but whenever I get to 9, I stand up."

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Mary Jones was debating on the best means of dropping her current flame.

Her friend ask: "Are you worried because you think he'll tell lies about you?"

Mary answered: "I don't mind the lies, but if he ever tells the truth I will break his neck!"

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A building contractor was being paid by the week for a job that was likely to stretch over several months. He approached the owner of the property and held up the check he'd been given. "This is two hundred dollars less than we agreed on," he said.

"I know," the owner said, "but last week I overpaid you two hundred dollars, and you never

complained."

The contractor said, "Well, I don't mind an occasional mistake. But when it gets to be a habit, I feel I have to call it to your attention."

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A Teamsters Union president was sitting at his son's bedside getting ready to read him a bedtime story.

He starts out, "Once upon a time and a half."

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I tried cooking with wine for the first time.

After five glasses, I forgot why I was in the kitchen.

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A woman was talking to a co-worker, "I don't know what to do. My husband is such a mess maker that you can't imagine. He doesn't put anything away, I am always going around the house cleaning up after him."

The friend says, "Take a tip from me. The first week after we were married I told my husband firmly, 'Every glass and plate that you take, wash when you are done and put back in its place.'"

The first woman asked, "Did it help?"

Her co-worker replied, "I don't know. I haven't seen him since."

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Interviewer: "How do you explain this 4 year gap on your resume?"

Me: "That's when I went to Yale..."

Interviewer: "That's impressive. You are hired."

Me: "Thanks. I really need this job."

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Steve met the family doctor on the street.

"I hear your wife has gone to Palm Beach for her health," began the doctor. "What did she have?"

"Eight hundred dollars her father gave her," answered Steve.

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A guy goes to see the doctor for his aching shoulder problem. The doctor said, "Okay, it is a bit inflamed. What I want you to do is put a bag of frozen peas on it, on and off for a week."

"The peas will work?" the guy asked.

The doctor replies, "Yes, just give peas a chance."

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At the monthly meeting of the local group of struggling artists,

two of them were discussing their respective prospects.

First artist: "I'm not doing too well. I painted a picture for a local lady but she didn't like it. She said it made her look just like a monkey."

Second artist: "I hope you were diplomatic about it?"

First artist: "Yes, I told her she should have thought about that before she had her picture painted."

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Dear Santa,

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The speaker was genuinely enthusiastic about the virtues of temperance but his face made people doubt him.

"I have lived in this town all my life. In this town there are fifty-five public houses that sell liquor, and I am proud to say that I have never been in one of them," he said to the assembled crowd.

Then came a voice from the back, "Which one is that?"

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OBHS Freshman Hallie Rogers for Bahamas Strong project

Orange Beach Mayor Tony Kennon and the City Council recently recognized Orange Beach High School freshman Hallie Rogers for a Bahamas Strong community service project she has started to help the area that was ravaged by Category 5 Hurricane Dorian in early September.

As part of the campaign, Hallie is collecting diapers and baby wipes, and also selling Bahamas Strong shirts she designed for \$20, with all proceeds going toward the cause.

During the council meeting, Hallie told the mayor and council that although many months have past since Dorian hit the Bahama islands, "there is still so much to be done." Mayor Kennon presented Hallie with a Certificate of Recognition for her efforts.

With the help of City of Orange Beach Logistics Coordinator Chris Litton who reached out to Island Church Pastor Fred Franks, Hallie was connected with the faith-based, nonprofit Convoy of Hope that expressed a dire need for diapers and baby wipes.

Hallie's goal is to fill four pallets of diapers and wipes that Convoy of Hope will pick up and deliver directly to the Bahamas.

Drop-off locations for diapers and

wipes have been set up at the Orange Beach Middle/High School, Orange Beach Sportsplex office and at the Orange Beach Recreation Center.

For information about purchasing Bahamas Strong T-shirts, email Hallie's mother Nicole Miller at nicole.coomer@gmail.com.



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5:00 PM TO 7:00 PM AT

Coastal Arts Center
OF ORANGE BEACH

ROCKIN' CHRISTMAS MUSIC
PROVIDED BY -
EXPECT EXCELLENCE BAND
"ALWAYS THURSDAY"

FINE ART, HOT CIDER,
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Advance tickets available online and at the Gardens.
NOVEMBER 29 - DECEMBER 31
5 - 9 PM

Bellingrath
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Closed Christmas and New Year's Days

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SPECIALS 2pm-7pm
Mon - Ladies
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Wed - Kid/Student
Thur - Active Military

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MON-FRI
3PM - 5PM

Adult Cut \$13.95
Free Shampoo
Toupee Dry

Specialty cut, style, coloring for men, kids, etc. also offer other services & discounts. Only at participating salons.

Experienced Hairstylist Needed



HAPPY NEW YEAR

RING IN THE NEW YEAR 2020 WITH A DANCE & DINNER SHOW

Dec. 31st, 2019
6:30pm 'til 1am

FEATURING

THE "SECTION VIII BAND"
THE FABULOUS 9 PC. BIG BAND
FROM BIRMINGHAM, AL.

★ PRIME RIB DINNER BUFFET, DESSERTS, BEVERAGES
6:30 PM 'TIL 8:30PM

- ★ CHAMPAGNE TOAST AT MIDNIGHT
- ★ EVENING LONG LIVE ENTERTAINMENT
- ★ DANCE ALL NIGHT LONG
- ★ CASH BAR
- ★ RESERVE STAGE FRONT TABLES FOR 8

EAT • DRINK • DANCE • LAUGH



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(AFTER 8:30PM AT DOOR)**