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**Gulf Shores Woman’s Club**

**Tour of Homes set for Feb. 8**

On February 8, the Gulf Shores Woman’s Club will showcase five remarkable homes in its 43rd Annual Tour of Homes. The homes will be open from 9:30am to 4:00pm. They are located in Gulf Shores CraK Farms overlooking the beautiful golf course and in Orange Beach overlooking Terry Cove and Bayou St. John. Money raised goes to local scholarships and charities.

Tickets are $20 each and include 5 chances for raffle prizes. The prizes are from Beach House Boutique, Diamond Jeweler, The Arant Team - RE/MAX of Gulf Shores, The Skin Center & Total Health Spa at the McCollough InsMute and Wildflowers BouMque.

Tickets may be purchased at the following retail outlets: Foley - Fran’s on 59 (8153 Highway 59); McKenzie Street Florist (201 South McKenzie Street); Gulf Shores - Beach House Boutique at Pelican Place (3800 Gulf Shores Pkwy #320); Geez Louise BouMque (701 Gulf Shores Pkwy); Orange Beach - Bungalows at The Wharf (4776 Wharf Pkwy West #110); GiKed at SanRoc Cay (27267 Perdido Beach Blvd.); Wildflowers BouMque (25910 Canal Road). For more information or to order tickets, call Judie Flanigan at 251-554-4889.

**LA Beach Writers meet Feb. 3 at Gulf Shores Library**

By Diane Clark

The LA Beach Writers will meet February 3, from 4-5:45 p.m. at the Thomas B. Nelson Library, Gulf Shores. This meeting will feature Author Linda B. Schmitz Sprangrud, “The Turtle Lady,” who has written “Miss Ella and the Turtle People.”

Miss Ella and the Turtle People is a children’s picture book about the protection, care, and conservation of turtles. Miss Ella learns a lot from the band of volunteers (Turtle People) who dedicate their time to protecting the eggs laid by a mother turtle on the beach. This book is based on the Gulf Coast’s initiative along beaches in Gulf Shores and Orange Beach who are committed to these endangered turtle species.

Linda’s book comes with a small stuffed turtle and autographed copies will be available for purchase that evening. It is ideal for gift giving to children who enjoy nature. LA Beach Writers invites area writers and authors--published and unpublished--or even just the curious and “wannabees” to attend. The group offers education, guidance and coaching as most members have a journey to share.

The mission of the group is to foster the writing skills of anyone who desires to publish a novel or autobiography, write a family legacy, or anything in between. Also, mark your calendars now for the February 24 4 p.m. writer’s meeting featuring author Ken Cockson. His book, “Foley, The First 100 Years,” is informative and available for purchase. If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Diane Clark at dianecl6@aol.com or 419 670-2739.

**Snook Youth Club Mardi Gras Dance, Auction & Fundraiser Feb. 8**

The Snook Youth Club in Foley will present its Mardi Gras Dance, Auction & Fundraiser on Saturday, Feb. 8 from 7-11 p.m. in the ballroom at the Magnolia Hotel in Foley. Tickets are $50 per person, including two drink tickets, music from the Exit 105 Dance Band and hors d’ oeuvres. Dress is festive cocktail (black tie or semi-formal), and all proceeds benefit the club’s mission to provide its youth participants with the opportunity to engage in social youth programs.

For ticket info, call 943-1483 or visit the club’s facebook page.

**17th Orange Beach Big Community Yard & Craft Sale Jan. 18**

For 17 years, Orange Beach has been home to a favorite winter event - the Big Community Yard & Craft Sale.

This year’s fundraising event is scheduled for Saturday, January 18 at the Orange Beach Community Center, located at 27235 Canal Road. Doors open promptly at 7 a.m. and the event runs until noon. It’s an opportunity for the community to find great bargains from more than 25 different vendors. For more information, contact Angela Bateman at 251-747-4386.

All vendor spaces are inside so it doesn’t matter what the weather is doing outside. For anyone who likes yard sales, this is one sale you don’t want to miss.

The Community Yard & Craft Sale is a fundraiser for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and funds are raised multiple ways. Each booth space is rented by individual vendors and the rental fees go to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. Cash donations are also accepted and volunteers will be selling yard sale items with the proceeds from those sales going to CFF as well.

Anyone can be part of the event by donating items to sell or just coming to shop. Deliver donations to the Orange Beach Community Center on Friday, January 17 between Noon and 7 p.m. Donation receipts will be given for all items. A nonprofit, donor-supported organization, the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation is the world’s leader in the search for a cure for CF.

The Foundation funds lifesaving research and works to provide access to quality, specialized care and effective treatments for people with CF. Nearly every CF drug available today was made possible because of Foundation support. Through its efforts, the life expectancy of a child with CF has doubled in the last 30 years, and research to find a cure is more promising than ever before.

**Sirens of the Sea View from the Top Condo Tour is Jan. 25**

By Charlene Boteler

Sirens of the Sea presents our 12th annual View from the Top home tour on January 25 from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Tickets are available for $20 from Siren members, J&M Tackle, Wildflowers Boutique, and The Beach House Boutique. Five raffle tickets are included with the tickets. Each home has a gift basket valued at more than $200 which will be raffled at the end of the event. Extra raffle tickets can be purchased at each home for $10. There are five homes on the tour this year, including: two spectacular Penthouses, and lovely beach houses. Bring your tickets with you and join us to see these wonderful homes. Please direct any questions to Charlene Boteler at 703-405-1109.
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Dolphin Athletic Club President Mike Carey said the club is hoping to sell 500 tickets to its 21st annual drawdown, the club’s biggest fundraiser of the year. Donors can designate which sport their ticket purchase will benefit.

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

Founded in 1999, DAC also awards $1,000 scholarships to ten graduating seniors at Gulf Shores High School who have demonstrated excellence in athletics, leadership and community service. The Dolphin Athletic Club (DAC) works in partnership with Gulf Shores City Schools to help fund athletic programs, and meet the needs of student-athletes.

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

Jan. 25 fundraiser at Fisher’s benefits Orange Beach schools

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America in the ‘60’s lecture
Jan. 23 at USA Gulf Shores

The 2020 Distinguished Lecture Series sponsored by the University of South Alabama begins with A Hard Rain: America in the 1960’s, Our Decade of Hope, Possibility, and Innocence Lost presented by Frye Gaillard, Writer in Residence at the University of South Alabama.

The lecture will be held on January 23 from 7-8 p.m. at the Gulf Shores Cultural Center Auditorium located on County Rd. 6. There is no fee to attend, but please RSVP to receive notifications of any changes. Go online to USA Gulf Coast or call 251-460-7200 to register.

Gaillard is a native of Mobile who has written extensively about Southern race relations, politics and culture. His presentation will explore the political and social movements of the 1960’s civil rights, black power, women’s liberation, the War in Vietnam, as well as the cultural manifestations of change music, literature, art, religion, and science.

20 plus restaurants at Jan. 23
SBN Toast to the Coast fundraiser

By Karen Brumbelow

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While taking a break from dancing there will be photo op areas, a silent auction filled with exciting items donated by local and national businesses, a Cork Pull Raffle where everyone wins. A Boogie Bucks Raffle. It’s a night filled with dancing and tremendous fun. Come in costume if you like. (optional) 100% of the proceeds from this event goes back to our community by way of local charities and high school senior scholarships. Join us for this exciting fun-filled evening! Thursday, January 23, 6 to 10 p.m; Orange Beach Events Center at The Wharf; Tickets are $55 per person or $50 for a table of 10;

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Memorial set for Jan. 26 at ‘Bama

By Fran Thompson

If the late Larry T Wilson told you he loved you, then you are one of many.

“I knew Larry T for about 25 years. I loved and admired his performance on stage from the first time I ever saw and heard him,” said Frank Brown International Songwriters Fest (FBISF) Director Andy Haynes. “I don’t know exactly when he began to have medical challenges, but I can say with certainty he had a lot of them for a number of years. He faced them all with courage and dignity. I’m sure he was always a kind and gentle soul, but I feel he grew to be more so over the recent years. Someone said they never had a conversation with him that didn’t end with him saying ‘I love you.’”

“I remember the first time Larry T told me he loved me, I was like, dude, where I grew up (Greenville), guys don’t say that to each other,” said Evans Davis, who co-wrote four songs with his friend on Larry T’s latest CD, In The Blink Of An Eye. “But he assured me it was alright. You do make a unique connection when you write a sad love song with somebody.”

Davis, who will play at Larry T’s Jan. 26 memorial (see sidebar) with the Leavin Brothers Band, said Larry T was his connection to the boiling cauldron of musical creativity that defined the Flora-Bama in the early 1990’s, letting him sit in and introducing him to the cast of possible-probables. He was with Larry T hours before he passed.

“He was gone by then, but I told him that I loved him and I would try to carry on the best I could with what he started. That is all I can do,” Davis said.

“He was a phenomenal songwriter - one of the best there ever was around here,” said Lea Anne Creswell, who has been entertaining patrons at the Flora-Bama since 1983 and has played hundreds of times with Larry T. “He just knew how to put words together, and for someone who didn’t play an instrument besides harmonica, that is phenomenal.

“Heaven adds another great harmonica player, vocalist & songwriter

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Larry T, a Bay Minette native and Seminole resident, was 61 when he passed on Dec. 5 at South Baldwin Hospital. He was one of the four children Travis and Joan Wilson raised in North Baldwin County.

Beverly Jo Scott, who has thrived in music while based in Brussels, Belgium since she left America in 1982, went to high school with Larry T.

The Flora-Bama and the Frank Brown Songwriters Festival will co-host a musical memorial for one of the Gulf Coast’s most revered home grown musicians on Sunday, January 26 from 2 - 6 p.m. Larry T. Wilson, a Baldwin County High School grad and Flora-Bama mainstay for more than 30 years, died on Dec. 5.

“His music helped to make the world a better place,” said Frank Brown Songwriters Fest Director Andy Haynes. “We will remember and honor Larry T. and all he meant to so many of us.

The tentative schedule for the memorial has Doug Gill and Lynn Langham kicking off at 2 p.m., with Gove Scrivenor and Stephen Lee Veal to follow. The Dixie Flyers with special guests Mac Walter, Augie Savage and Holly Shelton, are schedule to go on at 3 p.m. Sonny Throckmorton, Rusty Budde and Rhonda Hart will then play. The Leavin Bros (Evans and Charles Davis, David Trice, and Scott McPhearson) will play at 4 p.m., and friends will tell Larry T stories after that. Big Muddy (Robbie Fleming, Les Linton, TK Lively, Harold Floyd) will close out the day’s musical remembrance.

Pictured: Larry T. Wilson with Rock Killough, his bandmate in the Dixie Flyers. Killough will be the MC for the Jan. 26 memorial for Larry T.
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“He’s behind me calling me off to the bayou,” she said. “He is well known to my fans over here.”

Like all of his close friends, Scott was amazed at Larry T’s ability to lift others up even while he was struggling mightily with his own health issues.

“He was a gold mine of positivity to everyone around him,” she said. “That’s just who he was.”

Larry T was hooked on music and songwriting by the time he was 15. He just did not think it would provide a living.

“Even when I was just a kid, I would look at the credits to see who wrote the songs. So yeah. It was always a big deal to me,” Larry T said.

The fact that Mickey Newbury’s son, Chris Newbury, considers Larry T a musical hero and one of the reasons he decided to move to Perdido Key in 1999 brings that story full circle.

Chris Newbury, who covers Larry T’s songs while playing solo and with his own band, the Newbury Syndicate, said he kept Larry T’s debut CD (The One And Only You) on the five disc CD player in his Honda Accord for about eight years.

“As he has with so much good music, Bo Roberts turned me onto it, and then I was hooked. It was just a great CD,” he said. “I know it’s been said before, but Larry T told me to make sure you are the worst player in the band if you really want to get better, and that’s what I did when I was able to get on stage with all of those guys. I never thought I’d be able to do that.”

And why was Larry T able to co-write all those beautiful songs that made such an impression on him?

“I had to know. If I knew, I’d steal it from him,” Newbury said. “Nobody knows the secret recipe. But he had it. And that was totally separate from the music he played with Big Muddy. Some of my best memories are of Big Muddy playing in the dome when that was still the main stage. He always had killer players in that band, totally top shelf.”

Big Muddy & The King Sized Boogerman (Harold Floyd, Robbie Fleming, Les Linton and TK Lively) will play at Larry T’s memorial.

Sammy Kershaw made noise with “Too Far Gone To Leave.” But Larry T only had limited success in Nashville. “The House at the End of the Road” was a hit for 4-Runner. Marty Rabon cut “Take Jesus As Your Lawyer” and David Frizzell had success with “Charlie Loves Hazel.”

But it was Larry T’s crooning on ballads - songs like “No More Chasing Rainbows,” “I Know How To Love You By Heart,” and “Hey Moon” - delivered in that soulful voice on top of notes that he held forever that produced those magical moments that will last his fans a lifetime.

“I look back on the wonderful humans that I’ve met, and the wonderful level of talent that I’ve been blessed to be a part of, and to write with some of these wonderful people,” Larry T said. “My life couldn’t have been any better. How lucky I was, to be exposed to people like that. I wouldn’t trade it for all the hits in the world.”

Larry T. Wilson first found his way to the Flora-Bama in the late 80’s sitting in with after working all day in the parts department at Orange Beach Marina. He was living with Joiner and his family in a big spread on the bay in Ft. Morgan at the time.

“God has got himself a great lead singer and harmonica player,” said Joiner, who met Larry T at Boots Lounge in Bay Minette in the early 1980’s when, after working his shift at Southern Aluminum, Larry T would come by and sit in with Joiner’s band.

“I’ve been married for 32 years and it was before that,” Joiner said. “He would play a few songs on harmonica. We’d have a few drinks and we got to become friends over a period of a few years.”

“The Eye of The Beholder” was the first song they wrote together, but Joiner can’t remember the lyrics and melody. He does remember that they wrote “No More Chasing Rainbows” in about 10 minutes in their home’s utility room.

“John called me up at work and said ‘Look I got this title. It’s called ‘No More Chasing Rainbows.’” And it hit me. Just boom. Right then and there,” Larry T said. “Fortunately, he’s only about twenty minutes away from where I was working at the time. So I just went straight to his house, and we wrote it in about an hour. It just started flowing.”

They knew the song was special as soon as they put it in front of an audience.

“It has got this vocal thing where at the end of the song I go into this real high note and I can’t hit it unless I close my eyes. You know? It’s just that demanding,” Larry T said. “And I had my eyes closed and I was doing this thing and I heard this roar after the song was over. I opened my eyes and everyone was standing up. And it was such a great feeling. There’s no feeling that approaches it. It’s probably the main reason I do what I do.”

“I Know How To Love You By Heart” started with a late night phone call from co-writer David Johnson (who has also passed). “He was tore up, but there was something about that line. So, I grabbed a pen and we came up with a few hooks,” Joiner said. “Larry T finished it with me the following day.”

“The One and Only Me” was another song Johnson, Joiner and Larry T wrote together.

Joiner said Larry T and Chris Penese had already scored a slot at the Flora-Bama when he started sitting in with them. After suffering a brain aneurism, Penese dropped out of the music scene.

“Joe (Gilchrist) ended up putting us on the schedule and that was the start of Hurricane Warning,” Joiner said.

Joiner and Larry T were playing on as a duo when Rick Whaley, who was splitting time between Nashville and a Boystown camper, joined the band.

“Darrel (Roberts) played on and off with us,” Joiner said. “It’s hard to remember exactly how it all transpired. But at one point, Whaley came in and said he was staying next door while doing some work for Joe and heard us through those old open windows at the ‘Bama. He said he liked what he heard, and he started sitting in and hanging out. One thing led to another and we formed Southwind, which was the name
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I’ve been listening to them for two days and I knew the songs. So I played a set with them and the next thing you know we started Southwind,” Whaley added.

Southwind played all over the Gulf Coast and every Friday night at the Flora-Bama for more than five years. Their tenure included a trip to France and Monaco as part of a cultural exchange organized by Gilchrist and the artist Nall.

“We were definitely a staple at the Flora-Bama,” Whaley said. “We always had a great crowd, and Larry T just sang his a# off. He was a great vocalist. I’m sure I have a couple handfuls of good stories, but just having a blast every time we were on stage is what stands out.”

Joiner said he never thought about whether he and Larry T were part of any kind of musical renaissance at the Flora-Bama. “I just poured my heart into it,” he said. “I loved every minute I was on stage. The band worked a lot, and I was working a lot with everybody else. But that was what I lived for. I can’t put into words what a great time of my life that was. I think about it a lot. When I hear tapes from back then, it still blows me away.”

Larry T was feeling that energy as well.

“I remember clearly leaving my gig and just being so amped up on the music that I’d sit down as soon as I’d get home and write down songs that I was writing in my head on the way home. A lot of times, I’d come up with six or seven songs a week. Now I might get five or six a year. I used to joke about it. I used to say, ‘Boy, I really used to write a lot more songs before I knew how to write.’

“Life demands more of me now or maybe it was just me being younger. Sometimes you neglect the things you shouldn’t,” Joiner said. “But I wouldn’t take a million bucks in exchange for those wonderful memories. If I could have picked a brother, it would have been Larry T.

“I haven’t really wrapped my mind around him and some of the other (songwriters) being gone. But I just have to move ahead and try to use everything I learned from them. That’s all we can do.”

Any son raised right wants to make his father proud, and Larry T was no different. He knew for sure he did just that during a visit over coffee during the time his dad was dying of cancer.

“He said, ‘Son, Sammy Kershaw’s coming on Crook and Chase.’ By that time we all knew that I had a song on his newest record. And he said, ‘Do you think he’ll do it?’ I said ‘Well dad probably not. It’s not slated to be a single. And that’s what usually they do.’ Well, boom, here he comes. What song do you think he did? He did my mine and Rock Killough’s song. And I cried like a baby. I couldn’t stop it. You know? I was trying to be all tough.”

That moment with his dad was Larry T’s epiphany. “It doesn’t matter how little or how much money I made. The whole thing was worth it for that one moment. It really was. So it was a pretty amazing journey for me.”

Darrell Roberts played his first gig, reluctantly, at the Flora-Bama in 1981, but once he was exposed to the music scene there, he never left. He remembers hanging some with Larry T around 1990, but it was not until he recruited him into the Dixie Flyers, Rock Killough’s three piece that also included guitarist Jimmy Grubbs, that he started writing songs with him.

“We played together for about two years when I got us booked at the Bird Cafe and someone hired Jimmy right off the stage,” Killough said.

“Yeah, Jimmy got pirated by one of those big acts and I don’t blame him,” Roberts added. “He was a great guitar player, singer and writer. We brought LT in to help with harmonies and he brought John in to form the second reincarnation of the Dixie Flyers.”

The Dixie Flyers started writing together in different combinations, Roberts said. “That’s what musicians do when they have an idea and they are sitting around with other musicians. Larry T and I wrote a good six or eight songs, and we put many, many miles on the road together.”

Roberts still plays twice a week with Joiner. “John and I play together and we both do songs we wrote with Larry T. He is still part of the deal and always will be.”

He said “That’s What Tears Are For” and “There’s No Future In The Past” are probably the most requested among the songs in his catalog he wrote with Larry T.

“We wrote that in about 20 minutes and that’s the way it is. The good ones come fast, and the ones you struggle with are not as good,” Roberts said.

Killough’s co-writes with Larry T included two Larry T ideas that led to “Charlie Loves Hazel” and “Too Far Gone.” They also co-wrote “House At The End Of The Road.”

Larry T’s recollection of meeting Killough: “I first heard Rock here (the Flora-Bama) and I was amazed. Here’s this guy with these soulful songs that’ll just tear you apart to listen to them. So I approached him. I said, ‘Hey look, I know you don’t know me from Adam. But I wanna write with you.’ I sent him three or four songs and gave him my number at work. And about two days later the phone rings, and it was him. He sounded like he was bounces about three feet off the ground. He said he was already working on “Charlie Loved Hazel.”

Larry T said they played the song for the first time at the 1991 songwriters fest, with Killough reading the words from sheets Larry T was holding. Just by chance, Mickey Newbury was in the audience, and just by chance, Larry T was eating dinner with the Killoughs in Greenville when a rep from BFE Records called for a copy of the song on Newbury’s reference. David Frizzell ended up cutting the song and releasing it as a single.

“Take Jesus as Your Lawyer” is another song with credits to Killough, Joiner and Larry T.

“I actually woke up one morning at about 5 and I had this melody in my mind. And the original name of the song was “The Beast You’ve Never Known.” I’ve never really written anything in the Gospel vein. But I couldn’t get rid of it. It kept haunting me and finally I sat down and wrote, I guess two verses,” he said.

“I called John up on the phone and said, ‘What do you think about this?’ I sang it over the phone, and he says, ‘I got a line for that. Take Jesus as your lawyer or you’ll face that judge alone.’ And I said, ‘Oh my goodness. What a

In Larry T’s own words....

- On connections with Nashville writers

“They were coming down, of course, for the vacation, and the beach and the beauty of it all. But they also brought with them the creativity, and the encouragement, which is a big deal.”

- On songwriting

“The biggest thing that I learned is that a good song is written. And great songs are re-written. And that’s a direct quote from Mickey Newbury right there.”

- On the Flora-Bama in the early 90’s

“There was a magic happening here that, I mean, I got swept up in it. I think it made me sing better. I think it made me perform better. It’s hard to explain. There was a vibe that everybody could feel. All the creative souls here, everybody was writing great songs, and everybody fed off of it. And it was just a magical time. I don’t know any other way to say it.”

- On songwriting

“ Sometimes I feel like I’m just holding the pen, and it’s coming from up there. And that’s the way it felt then. And I think it felt that way for everyone. It was just this big ole melting pot of creativity.”

- On playing at The Flora-Bama

“We actually had people coming up tipping us to do our songs. And some tipping us not to do Jimmy Buffet and all the obvious cover songs that were big that every other bar wanted you to do. It made this place special.”

- On songwriting

“I write songs quite selfishly. I write ‘em for me. And if I get enjoyment out of ‘em, and really love ‘em, I feel like other people will really love ‘em as well. If anybody else can use that song, and it makes me money, fine. And if nobody else wants to do that song, fine. I didn’t write it for them. I wrote it for me. It’s always a wonderful blessing, and a great compliment, when other people record your work. But I don’t need it for an ego. I just want to be pleased with what I’m doing. And that’s the bottom line.”

- On songwriting

“I wish I had a couple of platinum hit songs. You know, money-wise. But in terms of writing to fit a certain program, no. That’s not me. If I tried to do something like that it would probably just mess me up. Because at that point, it’s not your art, it’s someone else’s.”

- On taking the stage

“I don’t care how awful you feel, when you get on stage and the music starts happening, and it’s really special, all of that goes away. It’s immediate relief from anything that may have been bugging you. And what you feel is what I would call a joyful release. And it makes you feel like smiling. It does me anyway.”

- On his fans

“I’m gonna do this as long as God’ll let me. I pray that I can still do it on a level that’s professional for the rest of my life. I’ve made some pretty big hurdles in these 60 years. And you know 60 years doesn’t sound like a lot, but dog years don’t have nothing on musician years.”
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great line. So I went ahead and wrote the chorus around that. I took it to Rock and we got him to write the final verse.”

Killough and Larry T have stayed close friends and part-time bandmates for 30 years.

“He was a big old guy with a big old heart,” Killough said. “If you read any of the things on facebook, you’ll see. He was always pleading for civility, and calm and the word of God. He could be hard to deal with when he got his head set on what he wanted. But he was a brother. I loved him and I’m sad to see him go so soon.”

Killough said Larry T was always willing to practice. “Say that to a bunch of musicians and they’ll know exactly what I am talking about. You call the band about going over a new song, Darrell and John will not be there. But Larry T will always show up.”

“When you are together for that many years, you stay close. You butt heads and you fuss and you do everything friends do who are locked up together all the time,” Roberts said. “Being on the road is not glamorous. You see us up there playing our hearts out on stage, but you didn’t see us in a van together for 20 hours to get there. We went through all that together. It makes us closer than family. We dealt with each other’s problems and health concerns and helped each other deal with each other’s problems and health. We dealt with losing close friends, I’ve learned not to let it drag me down under,” Killough added. “I’ve tried to put it all in a can and store it in my memory bank where I can dial it up once in a while. I’ve got to keep moving on. So many miles. My goodness. What great memories.”

The man holding the needle and thread tying all of that musical creativity together was, of course, FBISF founder Joe Gilchrist.

“None of us would be here doing what we’re doing right now without Joe,” Larry T said. “Joe’s helped a lot of people, me included, over the years. He’s a great guy still to this day. Joe’s a rare kinda’ guy to be found operating a honky tonk. Most of them could care less about their musicians. Joe loves musicians. So you know he’s a rare find when it comes to that.”

“I don’t see Joe out as much as I’d like to. But he has the biggest heart and the best spirit maybe of anybody I’ve ever met in my life. There was no end to his faith in all of us,” Joiner said. “When something wasn’t going well, he always had this little glimmer that let us know it will work out. He was our best friend, our brother, and a father figure to most of us during that time.

“I think life would have been much different for all of us if we hadn’t played there,” Joiner added. “Maybe we would have hit the same mark. But so many doors opened up for us because of the people we met there. I didn’t think about it back then. But as I’ve gotten older and look back, I think, damn, most people don’t get to meet the kind of people we met there. Joe created a place and a format that allowed us do that for all those years.”

As usual, Gilchrist chalks it up to exposing good people to good music in a welcoming atmosphere.

“They started coming into the club to sit in and they were obviously excellent musicians,” he said. “I was glad to have them, as Jimmy Louis and Ken Lambert both traveled and were gone for different times. We had bits and pieces of all kinds of music, and everybody played together. They were always adding players.

“It was an extraordinary time,” Gilchrist added. “As a bar owner, I felt like it was my job to make it fun for all of us. The music was so good, and it was such a pleasure to bring people together with these great musicians. Everybody learned from each other and shared the stage and worked together.”

“We went from getting fired for doing our songs to being hired for doing our songs in a matter of a couple of months,” Larry T said. “This whole area is so conducive to songwriting. It’s just inspirational. Without Joe’s help, and all the other musicians around here, I don’t think I would have come nearly so far as I have in my writing. There’s something about having somebody that appreciates what you’re doing enough to keep you around. It makes it all worthwhile.”

Larry T added that he never failed to gain inspiration from his audience.

“A singer without an audience is just a singer. If you can’t make people listen, you might as well lock yourself in the shower and sing to yourself,” he said.

“When you have this idea, and that’s where every song starts, an idea. There’s no greater feeling really in this world than having finished what you feel like is a really good song and you get to play it for people and they enjoy it. That’s when you know that ‘Yeah okay, we’re doing something worth doing.’

“That’s what keeps me doing it. The fact that they still come to see me,” Larry T added.

Like those who were playing at the Flora-Bama prior to Larry T and John Joiner, those two raised the bar for musicians currently working to keep the Alabama Gulf Coast an epicenter for music. I think Larry T came to accept how much he contributed to that musical legacy.

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- **Bama Beach Pickleball Club Open Play:** double sessions, 8-11 and 11-2; $3 per session, Church of Christ.

**Pickleball Club beginners clinic Jan. 24 and Jan. 31**

By Lucy Douty

With the overwhelming success of Bama Beach Pickleball Club’s first two beginners clinics, we will be holding two more clinics 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. The first clinic will be held on Friday January 24 from 2 to 4:30pm, at The Church of Christ in Gulf Shores. This will be followed by a second clinic at the Church on January 31 from 2 to 4:30pm. 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. 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 and 3/ bring $3 per person. We will have paddles and balls for you to use.

**Pictures:** Bama Beach Pickleball Club ran a beginners’ clinic at the Church of Christ in Gulf Shores. The turnout was fantastic as 39 people came to the first clinic and 44 to the second. Volunteers from Bama Beach orchestrated the clinics and covered the rules and fundamentals of play. Then, the players got their chance to step on the court and play, under the watchful eyes of experienced players. Due to the large number of people, locals as well as Snowbirds, who showed an interest in learning the game, Bama Beach plans on running additional beginners’ clinics upon demand. The dates and times will be published soon.
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**Food & wine pairing class Feb. 6 at Fisher’s in Orange Beach**

A food & wine pairing class featuring sommelier Sara Kavanaugh and Fisher’s Executive Chef Bill Briand on Thursday, February 6 at 6 p.m. The class will begin with passed appetizers and sparkling wine, followed by a four course meal prepared by Executive Chef Bill. Sara will walk you through each course that will be paired with two different wines, while discussing the textures and flavor profiles that the wines have. You will learn how and why each wines profile has a different effect on each dish due to acidity, weight, structure, mouth feel, and age that a wine can showcase. Tickets are $80 per person and space is limited. Fisher’s is located at 27075 Marina Rd. in Orange Beach. For more info, call 251-981-7308 or visit fishersobm.com.

**Grief support group will meet Wednesdays for 13 weeks in Foley**

Peace Lutheran Church will sponsor a 13 week Grief Share support group on Wednesdays beginning February 5 at the Foley Library, located at 319 E Laurel St. The group will meet from 10-11:30 a.m. for 13 consecutive weeks. All are welcome.

**Family Bingo will start Jan. 17 at Foley Library**

By Melanie Schnieders

Family Bingo is returning to the Foley Public Library for three more months. Our first program will be on Friday, January 17, @ 6 pm in the upstairs meeting room of the library. Seating is limited so reservations are required.

Family Bingo will continue on Friday, February 14, 2020 – special Valentine Bingo – and on Friday, March 20, 2020. Reservations for February Bingo will begin on Tuesday, January 21 (the library is closed on Monday, January 20 for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day) and reservations for March will begin on Monday, February 17.

A donation is required to play and we play 15 games each night. We also do drawings for gift cards (of various amounts) after each 5 games. Winners can choose from a variety of $5 gift cards as their prize. Free snacks and drinks are also served.

The library closes at 5 pm on Friday evenings. Back doors of the library open at 5:30 pm to allow entry.

Please call 251-943-7665 to make a reservation. ir go to Foleylibrary.org or check the library’s Facebook page or Instagram account.

**Gulf Shores Garden Club Scholarship Fund**

By Sue Foskett

As members of the Gulf Shores Garden Club, we would like to award a $1,000 scholarship to a 2020 graduating senior of the Gulf Shores High School. We also want to include a scholarship to a former Gulf Shores High School student currently enrolled in a community college or university. These students will need to be enrolled in a higher learning institution in the fall of 2020; and pursuing a career in one of the following studies: horticulture, agronomy, agriculture education, floriculture, urban and rural planning, botany, floral or landscape design, ecology, forestry, wild life science, biology, plant pathology, turf management, environmental concerns or conservation, land management or any related fields of study. Our requirements and application can be obtained through the counselor’s office at Gulf Shores High School, The Gulf Shores Garden Club website or one of the following members of the Gulf Shores Garden Club; Sue Foskett or Diane Farnham. The deadline for the application is April 17, 2020. Contact information: foskettssue@gmail.com or dhfarnham54@gmail.com.

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Feb. 1 workshop open to all animal advocates
Welfare training to address area’s orphaned animals

After attending an awe inspiring 3-day workshop at the Helen Woodward Animal Care Center (HWAC) in California, Stray Love Foundation Founder Gayle Guthrie, returned passionate about sharing all that she learned.

“Compassion fatigue is not uncommon in rescue and shelter work, but after attending this workshop, I was re-energized and so enthusiastic about implementing all that I had learned to help more animals,” she said. “I just wished everyone I knew had been able to attend as well.”

The workshop provided regional animal rescue organizations and shelters brand new ways to look at animal welfare, humane education, fundraising, public relations, social media and networking.

Wanting to share her experience, Guthrie applied for and was selected for a one-day workshop with the HWAC team. She did not expect to be selected. “I knew many applied and chances to be selected would be slim. So my request would need to be a compelling one,” she said.

In her application, Guthrie provided info on the high number of stray cats and dogs and the high euthanized rate on the Gulf Coast.

“There are an amazing number of motivated people in our area who want to turn this around. Who want to help! They just need guidance, motivation and to learn these proven, effective programs,” Guthrie said.

Thanks to Guthrie’s initiative, HWAC’s acclaimed Business of Saving Lives workshop will be held on Feb. 1 in the Magnolia Room at Luna’s Restaurant (5753 Canal Rd.) in Orange Beach. Breakfast & lunch are provided and cost is only $10 donation. Reserve seats at facebook.com/events

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February 1, 2020
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HWAC Prez to meet w. officials here

Mike Arms, Helen Woodward Animal Center President and CEO will meet with city officials, politicians and city leaders the afternoon before the workshop on January 30 from 3-5 p.m. at a separate location.

If you or someone you know would be interested in attending this interactive and informative meeting on why humane animal care and compassion benefits not only the animals but our communities as well, email us at info@straylightfoundation.org to reserve your seat.

About the Stray Love Foundation

The Stray Love Foundation is a foster based animal rescue group founded in 2010 whose primary missions are: Assist stray, injured and abandoned animals through vet care, fostering, and adoption; Support trap, neuter, return, which helps reduce the feral cat population huma- nely; Facilitate and support the elderly and indigent with pet care, including vet costs, spay/neuter, and re-homing; Provide educational outreach to build awareness of the importance of companion animals and the importance of kind and compassionate treatment towards all animals.

MILITARY SPOUSES ENJOY EVENING OF ART WITH TALIS:
Local artist and teacher Talis Jayme hosted military spouses for an evening of paint and wine at her gallery at Villagio on Perdido Key. Artworks Studio & Gallery last Thursday. Captain Nick Hamilton, Monthly Unit Readiness Coordinator with the Marine Aviation Training Support Group of Pensacola NAS arranged with Talis for the group of 11 ladies to get their creative juices going to paint a seasonal decoration in acrylic on canvas. Talis provided instruction, inspiration and all the materials. Talis offers weekly art lessons at Artworks as well as hosting groups for all occasions. She recently received the 2019 Community Service Individual Award by the Perdido Key Area Chamber of Commerce for her vast contribution to Perdido/Pensacola; she has been instrumental for years in fostering local artists and providing a venue to create and share their work with the public. Her gallery is a regular venue for The Frank Brown Songwriters Festival each November. Each month one of 16 resident artists is featured with special demonstrations; Candi Randolph is January’s artist of the month featuring her Mandala art. Artworks Studio & Gallery is at 13700 Perdido Key Dr at Villagio Shopping Centre. More info: 850-261-9617. Pictured: Military spouses display their works of art.
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- **Scott Koehn**: 5:30; Pleasure Island Tiki Bar, Orange Beach.
- **Blind Draw Dart Tourney**: 7; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- **Overeaters Anonymous**: noon; Orange Beach Presbyterian Church.
- **Foley Garden Club**: 3rd Thursday of month, Sept through May at Foley Public Library, second floor meeting room at 12:30 p.m. except when club has field trips; Info: Linda Ford, 251-972-871.
- **Karaoke**: 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke**: 7; Tacky Jacks, Pt. Morgan.
- **Smokey & Mark**: 7; Papa Rocco’s; Gulf Shores.
- **Delta Donnie & Friends**: 6; Bier Shack Tap Room; Foley.
- **Bama Beach Pickleball Club Open Play**: double sessions, 8-11 and 11-2; $3 per session, 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 Crossroads; 251 968-2411.
- **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, JAN 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.
- **8th Annual Community Fit Fair**: 9 a.m.; Bodenhamer Recreation Center; Gulf Shores; (251) 968-1420.
- **3rd Annual Gulf Coast Comedy Fest**: 7 p.m.; Brandon Styles Live Theater, 101-H South OWA Blvd., Foley.
- **Rib Eye Dinner to help Veterans and Families**: 5 p.m.; music & dancing at 7 p.m.

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**Free sewing class Jan. 18 at St. Jude’s By The Sea**

A build a block free sewing class will be held at St. Jude’s by the Sea Lutheran Church on Jan. 18 from 9-11 a.m. The church is located at 312 East 16th St. in Gulf Shores. Everyone is Welcome. And organizers will have everything you need to get started. You can bring your own sewing machine and the church will have a few to get started. Simple quilt blocks will be made at this class. This can be the beginning of your own quilt or attendees can put all the blocks together to make a community quilt for a veteran. The volunteer instructors (pictured) look forward to seeing you there. Please call Barb to sign up at 573-760-5119 so there are enough supplies.
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Ballyhoo Fine Arts Fest adds day, moves to shores of Lake Shelby

March 7-8 celebration of fine art & culture will include banjo & fiddle competition

More than 60 artists from Alabama and surrounding states will feature their fine art work at the Ballyhoo Fine Arts Festival, March 7-8, in Gulf Shores at the Gulf State Park just across from the beautiful Gulf of Mexico. Artists will showcase a variety of work ranging from hand-crafted jewelry, woodwork, acrylic, pastel, watercolor and oil paintings, metal art, and pottery. Ballyhoo is presented by the Gulf Coast Arts Alliance, a non-profit entity in Gulf Shores. Ballyhoo has expanded into a two day event and will feature a celebration of culture with performances by the Poarch Creek Indians and a Fiddle and Banjo Competition presented in partnership with Flora-Bama and the Frank Brown International Songwriters Festival. There will be local entertainment, delicious food, and an assortment of arts and crafts vendors. Ballyhoo is a juried event and will offer over $2,500 in prizes. The event will take place March 7 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and will continue March 8 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Gulf State Park, 20115 State Hwy. 135 in Gulf Shores. There is no admission fee. Shuttles will be available from the Gulf State Pier.

Ballyhoo for Children and Families

The Ballyhoo Fine Arts Festival is a fun-filled event for the whole family. The Alabama Gulf Coast Zoo will have exotic animals onsite providing a wonderful learning experience for children and adults. Children’s Art Tents will offer hands-on experience allowing children to let their creativity flow.

Cultural Exchange with Poarch Creek Indians

The Ballyhoo Festival will feature original tribal dance by the Poarch Creek Indians from Poarch, Alabama. The Poarch Band of Creek Indians are descended from a segment of the original Creek Nation, which once covered all of Alabama and Georgia. Unlike many southeastern Indian tribes, the Poarch Creeks were not removed from their tribal lands, and have lived together for over 150 years. The Poarch are the only federally recognized tribe in the State of Alabama. They will provide historical narrative and will perform original tribal dance in ceremonial regalia. Their performances will be at 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. on March 7 at the Ballyhoo Festival.

Ballyhoo Fiddle and Banjo Competition

The Ballyhoo Fine Arts Festival is enhancing the offering of cultural exchange by adding an early Americana flare to the festival. Ballyhoo has partnered with Flora-Bama and the Frank Brown International Songwriters Festival to present a Fiddle and Banjo Competition on Sunday, March 8 from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. and $1,500 in cash prizes will be awarded. Youth and adults are free to enter. Applications can be found at ballyhofestival.org or at Flora-Bama, 17401 Perdido Key Dr, Pensacola, FL 32507.
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- Bacon Jam Burger with Drink and 2 sides
- 1/2 Shrimp PO Boy and Cup of Gumbo with Drink

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- Fried Pork Chop Plate with 2 Sides

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1 tablespoon minced fresh parsley
1/2 teaspoon pepper
1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper
1-1/2 teaspoons mustard seed
2 garlic cloves, peeled and halved
1-1/4 pounds boneless skinless chicken breast halves
1-1/4 pounds boneless skinless chicken thighs
4 cans (14-1/2 ounces each) chicken broth
1 package (9 ounces) refrigerated linguine

Coarsely ground pepper and additional minced fresh parsley, optional

1. In a 5-qt. slow cooker, combine the first 6 ingredients. Place mustard seed and garlic on a double thickness of cheesecloth; bring up corners of cloth and tie with kitchen string to form a bag. Place in slow cooker. Add chicken and broth. Cover and cook on low until meat is tender, 5-6 hours.

2. Discard spice bag. Remove chicken; cool slightly. Stir linguine into soup; cover and cook on high until tender, about 30 minutes. Cut chicken into pieces and return to soup; heat through. Sprinkle with coarsely ground pepper and additional parsley if desired.

Yield: 12 servings (3 qts.)

Friends of Foley Library Book Sale Feb. 7-8 at Civic Center

The Friends of the Foley Library Book Sale will be held Feb. 7-8 at the Foley Civic Center, located at 319 E. Laurel Ave, in downtown Foley. All of the proceeds help fund the Foley Public Library. Hours on Friday, Feb. 7 are 9 a.m. –til 5 p.m. The sale is open from 9 a.m. –til noon on Saturday, Feb. 8. In addition, Saturday is $5 Bag Day from 9 a.m. –til noon. Fill a Tanger Shopping Bag with as many as it will hold for only $5.

Proceeds from the Marketplace Bazaar benefit local and foreign missions supported by The United Methodist Women. Some of the local organizations which we support are McKemie Place, Mary’s Shelter, The Lighthouse, Upper Room Living Prayer Center, Christian Service Center, Under His Wings, Youth Outreach, and Kairos. For more information, visit gulftel.com or call the church office at 251-968-2411. The public is welcome.

Coin & Currency Show Jan. 18-19 at Foley Civic Center

The South Baldwin Numismatic Assn. Golf Coast Coin & Currency Show will be held January 18-19 at the Foley Civic Center. Hours are 9 a.m. –5 p.m. on Saturday and 9 a.m. –3 p.m. on Sunday. Admission and parking are free. Dealers will be on site to appraise gold and silver, and lots of old coins will be for sale. Food and refreshments will be available. For more info, visit coinshows.com or call 251-597-7796. The Foley Civic Center is located at 407 E. Laurel Ave. (Hwy. 98), just east of Hwy. 59.
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WHAT’S HAPPENING

TUE, JAN 21

• Flora-Bama Possible Probables: 2 p.m.; Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
• Menopause The Musical: 7; OWA Theater, Foley.
• Flora-Bama Bingo: free; 1 p.m.; Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
• Wacky Winter Fun Hands On Habitat: 10 a.m.; Hands on Habitat, Free Orange Beach Wildlife, Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.
• Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde: 7; Pappa Rocco’s, Gulf Shores.
• 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: 6:30; 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.
• 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.
• Bama Beach Pickleball Club Open Play: double sessions, 8-11 and 11-2; $3 per session, Church of Christ, 2414 W 1st St., Gulf Shores.
• AA: Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13601 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
• NAPA Pool League: 7:30; The Office, Foley.
• Orange Beach Kiwanis Club: Palmer Dining Room at Craft Farms; noon; new members and guests always welcome; 251-981-9999.
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**What’s Happening**

**Free Walks and Talks at Bon Secour National Wildlife Refuge**

The Bon Secour National Wildlife Refuge will host a series of free Walks and Talks in January and February covering the topics of Dynamic Dunes, Birds, Local Habitats, and Marine Ecosystems. The history of U-boats in the Gulf, Sharks and the history of the Sea Turtle Conservation Movement are other topics. The talks will be held at the Ft. Morgan Volunteer Fire Department at 12105 State Highway 180 (Ft. Morgan Rd. in Gulf Shores). These are very popular events and reservations are required. The guided tours are limited to 12 people and the talks are limited to 24 people. Call the Refuge office at 251-540-7720 to book a walk or a talk, or drop into the office at 12295 State Highway 180 in Gulf Shores.

**Bird & Nature Walk**
- **Bird & Nature Walk**: Have you ever wanted to know what that plant was? Or maybe that butterfly? Oh wait I just saw a dragonfly! Oh look at that bird! No experience is necessary to come with your curiosity. The walk will take place on Fridays from the Pine Beach Trail. Binoculars are encouraged but not necessary to enjoy the walk.

**Bird Walk**: Beginner and experienced bird watchers of all ages are welcome to come out and enjoy the beauty of birds and nature itself. Walks will take place from the Jeff Friend Trail on Tuesdays. Binoculars are encouraged but they are not necessary to enjoy the walk.

**Nature Walk**: Curious about the local plants? What this habitat is? Or the history of this area? Well, that is what you will find, and more on this diverse walk. This walk will start from the Pine Beach Trail.

**Medicinal and Edible Plants Walk**: Take a journey back to when native tribes and early colonizers needed to rely on the land around them to supply the medication and food they needed to live in this coastal habitat. This walk will begin at the Jeff Friend Trail.

**Dynamic Dunes Walk**: Come join us for a walk along the Gulf shore and discover why this dune habitat is so important. The talk includes a bit of history, coastal ecology, and native plants. The guided walk will meet at the Mobile Street parking lot.

**Guided Beach Walk**: The Mobile Street parking lot is fascinating, dynamic, and sensitive to impacts from thousands of miles away. Come learn about the different marine habitats, the creatures that live there and their complex interactions. The guided walk will meet at the Mobile Street parking lot.

**Shark Spiel**: This talk explores the diversity and complexity of our oceans apex predator and the integral role they play in sustaining a healthy ecosystem.

**Sea Turtle Conservation**: Have you ever been curious where the sea turtle story all began? Join us for this talk on the history of the conservation movement and the efforts to protect the sea turtles.

**U-boats in the Gulf**: This talk will introduce audiences to the history of World War II and the presence of German U-boats in the Gulf of Mexico. The speaker will regale audiences with stories of growing up on the beaches of Gulf Shores during the height of WW2 and share her firsthand experience of seeing U-boats in the Gulf.
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Jan. 25 Flora-Bama job fair for all five of its businesses

The Flora-Bama will be hosting a job fair seeking to hire more than 200 positions across their five businesses on Saturday, January 25 from 1 to 4 p.m. Positions are available at the Flora-Bama, Flora-Bama Liquor & Lotto, Flora-Bama Yacht Club, Flora-Bama Ole River Grill, and Flora-Bama Marina & Watersports. Managers from each business department will be on site doing open interviews and fulfilling jobs within the week! Training will start immediately after hiring to get a jump-start on the 2020 season. All hires are contingent upon a clean background check, please bring your proof of citizenship and proper identification. Ages 16 and up are eligible for Ole River Grill, Yacht Club, Marina and 18 and up is required for Flora-Bama and Liquor Store. Available positions include: Server, Busser, Bartender, Hostess, Food Runner, Dishwasher, Cook, Kitchen Prep, Gift Shop, Customer Service, Door, Deck, Maintenance, and more. With live music 365 days a year, and enticing employee benefits like competitive pay, 401K, health insurance, and employee trips/outings, the Flora-Bama is a fun and rewarding place to work.

Free memory loss testing offered Jan. 17 & Jan. 22

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In addition to holding scheduled screenings for locals and Snowbirds, the group will come to any organization which works with seniors to offer services. There is never a cost. For more information, contact Sam Strite, 251-965-5122 or email samcstrite@gmail.com.

City Rhythm Big Band Dance Jan. 25 in Loxley

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

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

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

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

What’s Happening

- Overeaters Anonymous: noon; Orange Beach Presbyterian Church.
- Coping Conversations Grief Support Group: 9:30 a.m.; Nix Center, Fairhope. 251-623-5255 or 251-928-2835.
- Marine Corps League of South Baldwin County: 6 p.m. on 4th Thursday; The Gulf Bowl, 2881 S. Jupiter St., Foley; current and former Marines and Corpsman welcome.
- Rotary Club of Gulf Shores/Orange Beach; noon; Gulf Shores Golf Club; visiting Rotarians and guests invited. 251-968-2900.
- Gulf Shores United Methodist Church:bread ministry; 9:10; every Thursday; room 103 on the south campus, next to Crossroad; 251-968-2411.
- South Alabama Senior Travelers: 9 a.m.; Foley Senior Center; visitors welcome. 251-928-4484.
- South Baldwin Amateur Radio Club: 7 p.m. 4th Thurs. of every month; Baldwin County Emergency Operations Center, McCulliffe Rd., Robertsdale, 251-943-2955.
- Bingo: Bear Point Civic Association on Bay La Launch Rd. in Orange Beach; doors open at 6:30 p.m., games at 7 p.m.; hotdogs, drinks and snacks available; all invited. 981-5734.
- Orange Beach Bridge Club: Tue. & Thur at noon; Orange Beach Senior Center; visitors and new members welcomed even without a partner. 251-981-3440.

SAT, JAN 25

- Flora-Bama Possible Probables: 2 p.m.; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
- Big Beach Marathon, Half Marathon & 7K: The Hangout, Gulf Shores Public Beach.
- City Rhythm Big Band Dance: 7-10 p.m.; Loxley Civic Center, Loxley.
- The Dufretters: 2 p.m.; The Flying Harpoon, Orange Beach.
- Menopause The Musical: 2 p.m. and 7 p.m; OW A Theater, Foley.
- Bo Grant: 6; Papa Rocco’s; Gulf Shores.
- The Blenders: 7; Hub Stacy’s, Fairhope.
- Augie Savage, John Joiner & Darrel Roberts: 6; Ole Franco’s; Orange Beach.
- JJ Revival: 9; The Office, Foley.
- Karaoke: 7; Tacky Jacks, Pt. Morgan.
- Open Jam: 8; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.
- Karaoke: 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- Bama Beach Pickleball Club Open Play: 9-noon; $3, Church of Christ, 2414 W 1st St., Gulf Shores.

FRI, JAN 24

- Flora-Bama Possible Probables: 2 p.m.; (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.
- Menopause The Musical: 7; OWA Theater, Foley.
- Rib Eye Dinner to help Veterans and Families: 5 p.m.; music & dancing at 7 p.m.; American Legion Post 44; Gulf Shores.
- Gear Head: 7; The Office, Foley.
- Danny Grady: 5:30; Papa Rocco’s; Gulf Shores.
- Live Bluegrass Music Night w. The Chastang Family: 7-9 p.m.; Wales West RV Park; Silverhill.
- Woody & Curtis: 6; Ole Franco’s; Orange Beach.
- Bo Grant: 6; Papa Rocco’s; Gulf Shores.
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The John Martin Davis Band will play and local artist Kelly West will paint live throughout the evening at Gulf State Park’s unique Woodside Restaurant on Jan. 25 from 4-7 p.m.

Located amidst the rustic beauty of Gulf State Park (20249 Hwy. 135) in Gulf Shores, Woodside serves creative Southern cuisine and cocktails using the finest locally-sourced ingredients in a setting that is smack in the middle of the park’s spectacular Back Country Trail. Info: (251) 923-3100.

W 1st St., Gulf Shores.
• Brandon Styles Trip Down Memory Lane Dinner Show: 5:30; OWA, Foley.
• Optimist Club of Perdido Bay: breakfast every Saturday at 7 a.m. at the Lillian Community Club in Lillian; (251) 961-2620. Program: Two Old Men who regularly play and sing at The Front Porch in Lillian will play and tell their 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.
• John Joiner & Friends: 4; Hub Stacey’s at the Point; Innerarity Point.

MON, JAN 27
• Flora-Bama Possible Probables: 2 p.m. ‘til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
• Flora-Bama Bingo: free; 1-4 p.m.; great prizes, family friendly; 17401 Perdido Key Dr., Perdido Key.
• Wacky Winter Fun: 10 a.m.; Art al Fresco-Rare Lionfish Jewelry, Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
• Lisa Zanghi: 6; The Lobby Bar at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
• Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde: 7; Pappa Rocco’s; Gulf Shores.
• Danny Grady: 3:30; Pappa Rocco’s; Gulf Shores.
• Bama Beach Pickleball Club Open Play: double sessions, 8-11 and 11-2; $3 per session, Church of Christ, 2414 W 1st St., Gulf Shores.

TUE, JAN 28
• Flora-Bama Possible Probables: 2 p.m. ‘til; (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
• Flora-Bama Bingo: free; 1-4 p.m.; great prizes, family friendly; 17401 Perdido Key Dr., Perdido Key.
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What's Happening

Linda Center book signing Feb. 8 at Book Warehouse in Foley

Author Linda Center will sign copies of her two books on Saturday, Feb. 8 from noon ‘til 4 p.m. at the Book Warehouse, located at the Tanger Center in Foley. The former Gulf Shores resident will also host a reading session for her book with children at the Gulf Shores Library on Thursday, Feb. 6 at 4 p.m. Center will have copies of her newest book, Crystal Discovers the Glow, as well as her first book, The Relationship Dance, available at the book signing. Both are also sold on Amazon. She wrote The Relationship Dance while living in Gulf Shores. It is a short biography with human interest stories about life, relationships, and religion. In it, she illustrates how God wants people to dance in unity despite religious differences. The book contains eye-opening interviews and inspirational stories from all walks of life about God’s design for relationships of all kinds and for all ages.

Her most recent release, Crystal Discovers the Glow, addresses Linda’s advocacy for the importance of education for children. In the book, Crystal is on a beach trip with her family when an accident transports the eleven-year-old to a fantasy world of mermaid life and adventures under the sea. When faced with overwhelming fear, Crystal starts to ask some big questions: “What does my future hold? Who made the universe? Why do I disobey?” Filled with determination to find answers, Crystal discovers the power of God and the truth to her questions. These truths set her free from fear and give her an inner glow and a belief that anything is possible.

Center said it is the first in a Glow series.

What is interesting about Center’s first two books is that one is for children and the other for adults, but the themes are similar. “They are both

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LINDA CENTER

MYSTICS QUEEN: The Mystics of Pleasure named their 2020 queen - Miss Molly M. Ellis - during a recent party at Orange Beach Event Center. The Mystics are celebrating their 20th year as the largest men Mardi Gras organization on Pleasure Island. The Mystics parade will be Saturday, Feb. 22 at 5:30 p.m. and feature over 70 floats and entries, live bands and over 400 riders throwing thousands of beads and toys. Leading the parade will be The Mystics of Pleasure’s marshals on Harley Davidson motorcycles. There will be several other smaller krewes mixed into the parade to make it the largest night parade with lights and music for your enjoyment. The parade will run from Orange Beach City limits east to Hwy 161.

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FRIDAY..............................Fried Fish Platter w/fries and hushpuppies or Tasso Tortellini w/a drink
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OBHS presents award-winning production of The Last Mile Jan. 24-25
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The theatre department for Orange Beach High School will present their award winning production of The Last Mile on Friday, January 24 and Saturday, January 25 at the Orange Beach Community Center. Performances will be held at 7 p.m. each night. Tickets may be purchased online at obtheatre.com or at the door.

Caught in the cross hairs of genocide, two young women, bound by time, weigh their sins against the worth of their lives and learn that history doesn't just repeat itself — it intertwines.

The Last Mile won Best In Show/1st Place at the District Trumbauer Theatre Festival and competed at the State competition, where three members of the cast were named to the All Star Cast. Additionally, the show won Best Set and Best Tech at the District level competition in Mobile. The performance will feature special guest, Marty Schiff from Pittsburgh. Mr. Schiff is a professional actor and director, having appeared in films such as Dawn of the Dead.

Some of his television credits include roles on Dallas, Creepshow, Newhart Knightrider, and dozens of other shows from the 80's and 90's.

Schiff will speak before each performance about his family who were effected by The Holocaust. Additionally, there will be a Q & A after each performance.

On Saturday, January 25th at 2:00, Mr. Schiff will greet the public at the Coastal Art Center, where he will talk about his career in the film and television industry. This free event is available to everyone.

The play is written and directed by Darren J. Butler the theatre teacher and Fine Arts Director for Orange Beach High School. Mr. Butler also serves at the Artistic Director for Orange Beach Theatre. The set was designed by Dr. David Ruebhausen, and the choreography was designed by Erica Bailey, a visiting artist with the school from January 13 - February 21. Miss Bailey is a native of Alabama but lives in Paris, France, where she works as a professional aerial acrobat and dancer.

For more information, please contact Darren Butler at dbutler@bcbe.org

Pictured: Cast of Orange Beach High School's The Last Mile.
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New York

By Frank Panczyszyn
We will gather at Ginny Lane at The Wharf in Orange Beach throughout the winter on January 23, February 6 and 20, and March 5. Other social events may be scheduled. Gathering and registering at 11AM, followed by lunch, an appropriate program, and door prizes. A $1 donation will be collected at registration to cover expenses and help build our winter-end contribution to local community agencies. Reservations are required and can be made on the website, www.newyorksnowbirds.org. For more information, contact Chris and Steve Hedlund at 319-430-4597. Breakfast is $11.00. Everyone is welcome to attend. The Club’s first 2020 Cocktail Party will be held on Friday evening, January 17, 5-7pm at the Caribe Resort, 28103 Perdido Beach Blvd., Building C, Orange Beach. No RSVP is required. Bring a dish to share and your own beverage. Many door prizes will be awarded during the social event. A new activity, the New York Club Corn Hole Tournament will be Wednesday, January 29 at 2 pm at Doc’s Seafood and Steak (Perdido Beach Blvd). There will be teams of two, bags provided and prizes for winners. Teams/players must pre-register for bracketing. Contact Pat Brush via email pjbrush@southslope.net or text or call 319-350-2566. Future breakfast dates are February 5 and 19. On March 4, 2020 a final informal breakfast will be held at Luna’s, reservations necessary, but no program at the event. Iowa has a golf group with golf sign-up through the website. Club members may check the website, www.iowalabamagulfcoastsnowbirds.org for updates, sign-ups, and a listing of activities available in the Gulf area. Iowa club members donate to various local charities such as the zoo, libraries, fire departments, and others through their activities. At each meeting the chairmen of these fundraising events review the 2020 plans and sign up volunteers to assist in the activities. There is no membership fee and all Iowans and their guests are welcome at all club events.

Tuesday Snowbird Coffee

By Mary Robert
Tuesdays: Snowbird Coffee; 9 a.m. at 1720 Gulf Shores Parkway, Building “B” (Gulf Shores UMC complex) in Gulf Shores. Refreshments, entertainment, speakers & door prizes. Open to the public. No entry fee. Donations are accepted to defray expenses. Schedule of entertainment: January 21: Andrea & Chris Carson bluegrass; January 28: Sandspur Band; February 4: Top Hat & Jackie; February 11: Mel Middlebrooks; Feb 18: Four Winds Barbershop; February 25: closed for Fat Tuesday; March 3: Orange Beach activities & Updates.

Taste of St. Peter’s Jan. 25 in Bon Secour

Shrimp bisque, dishes from Tin Top & Bayou Cora Farms on menu

St. Peter’s Episcopal Church, located at 6270 Bon Secour Hwy. (at the corner of Ct. Rds. 10 & 49) in historic Bon Secour, will host a Southern Gulf Coast Cooking event, the Taste of St. Peter’s, on Saturday, Jan. 2 from 11 a.m. til 1 p.m. It is a wonderful opportunity for the larger community to gather and sample some true southern Gulf Coast cooking in the picturesque town.

The menu features favorites such as the church’s award winning shrimp bisque, cold chicken salad, cole slaw, deviled eggs, read pudding, cherry coke salad, smoked cheese heirloom grits by Bayou Cora Farms, and the world famous Lima Beans. Andouille Sausage from the Tin Top Restaurant (which is located up the street).

Also, don’t miss the bake sale with lots of homemade goodies prepared by the Ladies of St. Peter’s. Admission is $10 per person. For more info, call 251-949-6254.

“We look forward to once again seeing our winter guests,” said St. Peter’s parishioner Shannon Longcier.
## Home Style Lunch

**Choices**-Includes Tea & Bread

Served with your choice of two sides

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**Vegetable Plate** - your choice of four (4) side dishes $8.25

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## Senior Menu

**SERVED DAILY 3:00PM - CLOSE**

**Includes Iced Tea**

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**Side Dishes**

- Sweet Potato Casserole
- Cole Slaw
- Baked Potato
- Steamed Vegetables
- French Fries
- Yellow Rice

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

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## Lunch Specials $7.99

Includes Tea & Bread

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## Dinner Seafood Specialties

**Stuffed Shrimp**

Bacon wrapped, baked with crabmeat dressing & Monterey jack cheese, $17.99

**Shrimp Scampi**

Sautéed shrimp in garlic & butter, served with Fettuccine Alfredo. Choose one side dish. $17.99

**Blackened Catfish**

Two delicate fillets, sprinkled with cajun seasonings and lightly seared. $17.99

**Coconut Shrimp**

Dipped in beer batter, sprinkled with coconut and fried. $17.99

**Shrimp Creole**

Spicy tomato and vegetable sauce over yellow rice. Served with one side dish. $17.99

**Crawfish Etouffee**

Crawfish tails, onions, sweet peppers, and yellow celery simmered in a cajun roux over yellow rice. Served with one side dish. $17.99

**Crab Cakes**

3 Cakes served in a Remoulade Sauce. $17.99

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**Snowbird News**

**Free sewing class for beginners**

Jan. 18 at St. Jude's By The Sea

By Barb Mallugen

A free beginner sewing class will be offered on January 18 at St. Jude's By The Sea, located at 312 East 16th St. in Gulf Shores.

**Cribbage on Fridays**

Beginning Friday, January 10, 2020, Cribbage players will be gathering to play Cribbage every Friday. Sign up starts at 12:30 pm and play begins at 1 pm at the Gulf Shores American Legion, Post 44, 6781 AL-59. The cost is $5. For additional information contact Barbara Beamish at 989-464-8605. All Cribbage players are welcome.

**Welcome Back Snowbird Dance**

Jan. 24 at Foley Civic Center

By Gayl Calma

The Frank Calma Welcome Back Snowbirds Dance will be presented by the Elberta, AL Council of the Knights of Columbus No. 2736 and Columbiettes No. 2736 on Friday, January 24 from 6-9 p.m. at the Foley Civic Center. Music will be provided by John, Jim, and Jerry, longtime favorites among both locals and the snowbirds! This is a byob event. Set-up, and light snacks furnished. Cost is $20 per person, cash/drawl. For additional info/tickets, call 251-752-7422.

**Winter Lecture Series**

Throughout January and February, Gulf Shores & Orange Beach Tourism will host its annual Winter Lecture Series, providing visitors with the opportunity to learn more about the destination’s history, wildlife, and culture.

The lecture series not only showcases the uniqueness of Alabama’s Gulf Coast, but also speaks to individual interest and schedules. Lectures are held at various times Mondays through Friday and highlight a broad range of topics, including military history, local artisans and business updates. Featured topics this year include a demonstration of how to weave fabric by hand, a lesson on recognizing carnivorous plants at Weeks Bay Reserve, the history at Fort Morgan, and play begins at 6:30 pm at the Gulf Shores American Legion Post 44 on Hwv 59 every Friday at 8:30 am. Golfers will have special rates at the GlenLakes Golf Course. For more information please contact Karen at 251-967-2463 OR wissnobia@yahoo.com.

**Retired Law Enforcement Lunch**

The annual Snowbird Retired Law Enforcement luncheon will be held on Feb. 19 at noon, at the American Legion Post 44, 6781 State Hwv 59, Gulf Shores. All retired and former law enforcement officers and their spouses are invited. (active officers and family members) are also welcome) You may order from the lunch menu on your own. Please RSVP to Tom Westgate at 269-252-7029 so we can give the Legion a headcount.

**Snowbird Broadway at GSUMC**

among church’s musical offerings

From “Another Opening, Another Show” from Kiss Me Kate and “I Can’t Wait to be King” from The Lion King, the 2020 Snowbird Broadway revue will showcase talent, music, dancing, and comedic experiences on February 14 and 15, at 7 pm. The performance will take place at the Gulf Shores Episcopal Church. For more information or to purchase tickets, please call 251-968-2988 or visit gulfshoresumc.org.

**Three Hours of Peace & Music Dinner Theatre Jan. 16 in G.S.**

Coastal Fringe Productions will present “Three Hours of Peace & Music” as part of the Sunset Corkroom Dinner Theatre Series on Thursday, Jan. 16 from 6-9 p.m. Party like it’s 1969 during this live musical narrative featuring Lisa Christian, Conga Dave and The Bitter End Band. Tickets are $20 cash at the door and reservations (251-961-9773) are suggested. The Sunset Corkroom is located at 225 E. 16th Ave. in Gulf Shores.

400 with Bible class to follow. Make checks payable to Risen Savior Luth Church. For more info contact Evan Dobberpfuhl, 715-573-0808 or tpeevan@gmail.com.

**Indiana**

By Becky Chatham-Heidenreich

Welcome to all members of the Indiana Snowbird Club and anyone interested in joining the group. We have breakfast meetings at the Luna Event Center on Canal Rd., Orange Beach. Registration starts at 7:30 am and buffet breakfast is at 8:00. Membership is a one time expenditure of $25 per person and the breakfast is $10 per person per meeting. If you are interested in making reservations for breakfast, please contact Jan Poll (317-914-5832) at least 2 days before the meeting. Scheduled breakfasts are Jan. 23, Feb. 6, 20, and March 5. We actively participate in the Barton and Low Country Boil fund raisers. We also have many other activities scheduled. We have a 50/50 raffle, door prizes (thanks to the generous AL businesses), and speakers to inform us of all that is happening on the AL Gulf Coast. Come join in the fun and meet other people who have spent sometime in IN in their life.

**Minnesota**

By Nancy Poferr

The Minnesota Snowbird Club meets each Tuesday for an informational breakfast, January 7 through March 10 at GT’s On The Bay located on 26189 Canal Rd, Orange Beach. Pre-registration required by the Friday before the Tuesday Breakfast via website link to Google Sheets. Thereafter, you may sign-up weekly at the breakfast or continue online registration. Doors open 7:30 am; breakfast 8:15 am. Cost: $10, includes tax and tip. Cash or check only. We cannot accept bills over $20. Breakfast and donuts at 8:30 am and the meeting starting promptly at 9 am. Anyone who has resided in WI is welcome to attend. We collect Boxtops for Education from General Mills cereals and Johnson & Johnson products, motel-size toiletries, empty printer ink cartridges and pop-top rings. There is also a puzzle and book exchange. At the meetings you will meet other WI snowbirds, learn about volunteer opportunities at the new Zoo, the Baldwin County Heritage Museum in Elberta, and other activities. We also have speakers from communities around us. Come to find out about day trips and sign up for the January 27 Golf Fun Day and the January 29 Potluck. We’ll be looking for volunteers for the February Fund-raising events as well! Card players meet at the Gulf Shores American Legion Post 44 on Hwy 59 every Friday at 8:30 am. Golfers will have special rates at the GlenLakes Golf Course. For more information please contact Karen at 251-967-2463 OR wissnobirds@yahoo.com.

**Wisconsin**

By Nancy Nugen

The WI Sno-bird Club will meet on Wednesday, January 22, at the Orange Beach Event Center (OBEC) next to the Wharf with coffee and donuts at 8:30 am and the meeting starting promptly at 9 am. Anyone who has resided in WI is welcome to attend. We collect Boxtops for Education from General Mills cereals and Johnson & Johnson products, motel-size toiletries, empty printer ink cartridges and pop-top rings. There is also a puzzle and book exchange. At the meetings you will meet other WI snowbirds, learn about volunteer opportunities at the new Zoo, the Baldwin County Heritage Museum in Elberta, and other activities. We also have speakers from communities around us. Come to find out about day trips and sign up for the January 27 Golf Fun Day and the January 29 Potluck. We’ll be looking for volunteers for the February Fund-raising events as well! Card players meet at the Gulf Shores American Legion Post 44 on Hwy 59 every Friday at 8:30 am. Golfers will have special rates at the GlenLakes Golf Course. For more information please contact Karen at 251-967-2463 OR wissnobirds@yahoo.com.

**Pickleball Tourney**

Registration is now open for the Bama Beach Valentine Classic Pickleball Tournament to be played Feb. 10-13 at the Foley Event Center. All skill and age levels from 2.0 and up are welcome. Please register at pickleballevents.com. Registration ends January 31.

**Dakotas**

Dakotas Snowbird Club is scheduled to meet January 14 and 28, February 4 and 11, and March 3, at 8:30 am for breakfast with a 9:00 am program at Luna’s Magnolia Hall in Orange Beach. The club also plans several social activities to be determined at a later date.

Our club consists of Snowbirds visiting the Gulf Coast with connections to living in North and South Dakota. We contribute to the Christian Service Center food pantry by collecting food and cash at our meetings and providing volunteers for several local charities and organizations. For more information please contact Joyce Anderson at 605-351-0274 and leave a message for a return call.

**Dinner Theatre Series on Jan. 5 & 19, February 2 & 16 at St. Jude by the Sea**

Luncheon Cruises on January 5 & 19, February 2 & 16 at St. Jude by the Sea; also in March and April. Cruise 9:30 am to 11:30 am. Cost: $10. Free for members. Rese
SNOWBIRD NEWS

G.S. Men’s Coffee Club
The Gulf Shores Men’s Snowbird Coffee Club will hold their first meeting of the 2020 season on Friday, January 3 at 7:30 a.m. All meetings are held at Ginny Lane Bar and Grill at the Wharf, 4851 Wharf Pkwy E., Orange Beach, every Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings from 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. Membership information is available at these meetings. The oldest continually active snowbird club has more than 300 members from twenty-six states and three Canadian provinces. Besides raising money for local charities, the club holds golf outings, sponsors casino trips and conducts breakfast meetings for members and spouses. The club also throws horseshoes on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays at Meyer Park in Gulf Shores. Contact Lu Douglas at 815-541-9952 if you’d like some.

Plantation Church Service
Plantation Church service all winter until Easter. The Plantation, Bldg #4 Conference Room, 9am every Sunday. Everyone welcome. For more info, Kent Gerber, Chaplain, (336) 529 2372.

Senior Snowbird Potluck
For the 24th consecutive year, the Senior Snowbird Potluck will run each Thursday from January 16th through the month of February (excepting January 30th). All seniors, visitors and locals are welcome. Plan to bring a dish to pass that will feed 8-10 persons. Drinks and table service will be provided. The weekly meetings will be held at the Orange Beach Community Center on Canal Road at 12 Noon. Information: 981-6060.

Sweet Harmony Chorus
By Pamula Rustan
Sweet Harmony Chorus, a Women’s Barbershop chorus, is looking for women singers to join this group for our 2020 season. We sing a variety of music in 4 part acapella style of close harmony. No experience needed. We have tapes to assist in learning the music. Rehearsal Schedule is Monday afternoon from 1:30 to 4:30 at Gulf Shore United Methodist Church Choir Room. We will be performing for the Ohio Club on Feb. 19th and our full show is Feb. 29 at the Gulf Breeze RV Park. If interested come to our rehearsal or contact Pamula Rustan, Director at 701-260-0670.

Snowbird Trivia Feb. 8
Snowbird Trivia Night returns Saturday February 8 at the Orange Beach Event Center located at the Wharf. This annual event, popular with Snowbirds and locals alike, features eight themed rounds of ten questions each, a pick-a-pot drawing, Heads and Tails contest, table decoration theme contest, and winning trivia table award. Registration form available from the Orange Beach Library and the Gulf Shores Library. Registration forms can be downloaded from orangebeachlibrary.org. A team of 5 at a table is $120. Costumes and decorations as well as snacks and drinks are encouraged. Doors open at 5 p.m. and play begins at 6 p.m. Submit forms by January 29. For more information call 405-630-7831 and leave message and number.

Free Dulimer Lessons & Practice
=Free Mt Dulcimer lessons: Absolute Beginner and Advanced Beginner, Wednesdays Jan 8 to mid-March. 12:30-1:30pm. St Andrew by the Sea, 17263 Ft. Morgan Rd. Gulf Shores. A few dulimers available to rent for the winter. Contact Michelle with questions and to register: 317-446-0500.

Snowbird Bridge
By Jeanne Haber
Every Wednesday thru March, Gulf Shores Snowbird Bridge, 10 a.m. Social bridge open to all, $10 includes lunch. Gulf Shores Golf Club, 520 Clubhouse Drive, Gulf Shores.

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Ohio
By Gayle Hofacker
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Welcome Wednesdays at Bama
Welcome Wednesdays are back at the Flora-Bama every Wednesday through March 4. Snowbirds and locals alike come together for good times, good music, good food and fellowship here in the Flora-Bama Tent. The weekly lunch social features Live Music beginning at 11 a.m., followed by drawings for goods, services and merchandise compliments of the Flora-Bama and local businesses, and a lunch buffet that begins serving at 1 p.m. The buffet is $3 per person or free for those bringing a side dish.

American Legion at 6781 Hwy 59 in Gulf Shores. We either have a guest speaker (about 1 to 1/2 hrs. duration), OR, the attendees just tell aviation related or other interesting life stories. We normally conclude by about 10:30 am. Our 13+ year old group has no by-laws, minutes, dues or officers. Both men and women attend, some who flew in their military or civilian life, or who just have a general interest in aviation. A full hot breakfast available for $6 at 8:30 prior to mtg. All area residents or snowbirds are invited; no reservations needed. Info: 251-990-8258.

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The $10 per person tickets are available at the Christian Service Center, 317 Dolphin Avenue, Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. – noon, and at the Gulf Shores United Methodist Church Coffee Shop and at the door.

The Christian Service Center is a “Hand Up” rather than a “Hand Out” agency. Clients are given immediate emergency aid as well as guidance on finding solutions to their problems. The CSC is a 100% volunteer agency funded by the churches of Pleasure Island, various community organizations, including the United Way of Baldwin County, and interested individuals. For more info, call the CSC at 251-968-5256 or visit csccgs.com.

Pictured: Volunteers happily at work during the 2019 dinner.
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**PROGRAM AGENDA**

9:30 AM: Registration

10:00 AM: Terence O’Malley discusses the Financial Benefits of living in a Retirement Community

11:00 AM: Brad Breeding discusses Health and other Benefits of Retirement Communities

12:00 PM: Lunch provided for program attendees

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