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AROUND TOWN



Divers encounter Great White Shark 25 miles off Orange Beach

A group of Birmingham based scuba divers came in contact with a great white shark about 25 miles in 100 ft. of water off the coast of Orange Beach while spearfishing over Memorial Weekend. Chase Tucker was operating a camera while fishing with JoJo Bates and Forrest Phillips when he spotted the shark that he recognized as a Great White by its massive size and characteristics and tried to alert his friends, Forrest Phillips and JoJo Bates.

"I saw another mangrove snapper and shot it. And I hear him saying, 'Good shot, good shot, good shot.' Really, he wasn't saying good shot at all. What he was saying was 'Big shark, big shark, big shark,'" Phillips, a diver and president of Southern Skin Divers Supply in Birmingham, told Brian Pia of ABC 33/40 upon returning home.

"I was probably the only one in the water at the time that did not realize it was a great white. So, probably, ignorance is bliss at the time for sure," Bates said.

The men told Pia they estimated the shark to be 12 ft. long and it came to within 30 ft. of them. But they didn't panic and the shark never acted aggressively.

"When you first see something like that. It's almost if you're in a dream-like state. You know, it takes a minute to kick in. Like, 'Hey man, wake up. That's a white shark,'" Tucker said.

"You can get in the vessel with your fish and say, 'Hey, Saturday, What did you do? We'll you were cutting your grass. Well, I was down with a great white shark,'" Phillips told Pia of ABC 33/40 during an interview at Southern Skin Divers Supply.

Pictured: (l to r) Forrest Phillips, Chase Tucker and JoJo Bates before an interview with Brian Pia of ABC 33/40 at Southern Skin Divers Supply in Birmingham.

Blue Angels are still practicing overhead, but open practices not scheduled 'til Aug. 5

The U.S. Navy Blue Angels flight demonstration team continues to practice in hopes of reviving at least part of its show season. The Pensacola Beach Air Show on July 11 and the Blues practice show the day before have not been cancelled.



But the Blue Angels website lists Aug 5 as its first scheduled open practice date at NAS Pensacola, and even that depends on how

the current coronavirus pandemic plays out this summer.

The team conducts practices in their F/A-18 Hornets over Sherman Field at NAS Pensacola as well over the Gulf of Mexico, where fans can view the aerial acrobatics from the Gulf Islands National Seashore on Perdido Key. During open practices, which are free to the public, The National Naval Aviation Museum has a viewing area for visitors to watch the team practice. The team visits the museum to answer questions and sign autographs after most of its Wednesday practices. More info: blueangels.navy.mil.

G.S. Bodenhamer Center is back open with many safety precautions in place

Although there are modifications to the way members get their sweat on, the Gulf Shores City Bodenhamer Recreation Center is back open for business.

The Cultural Center Studio Fitness remains temporarily closed. The pool remains temporarily closed to complete expedited deck renovations. Bodenhamer locker rooms, basketball and racquetball courts, pool house and game tables remain closed, as are the coffee and water fountain stations. Towel service will not be provided.

"We have been working hard to modify our operations not only to follow the necessary guidelines, but to ensure that you feel safe when you return," said Recreation Division Manager Nicole Ard.

We have developed a careful, considered phased plan. I understand that some members may not agree with every guideline but it is vital that everyone cooperate and comply in order for us to open and stay open."

The center will be open to members 15

years of age and older Monday-Friday from 5:30 a.m. to 7 p.m., Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Deep cleanings will be performed daily of all areas after closing and hand sanitizing stations located throughout the facility

Fitness services will occupy four areas within the facility. Cardio equipment will be in the lobby, and weight equipment upstairs. Yoga and aerobics class numbers will be limited. Soft equipment such as mats and blocks will not be supplied and each participant must wait for class to begin on indicated green X's located floor.

Bodenhamer staff will wear masks covering their nose and mouth to remain consistent with government guidelines.

June 16 Sandy Roots Songwriters Series features Ritter, Jones, Cooper, Gallagher

The Sandy Roots Songwriter Series will resume its monthly schedule at The Point on Innerarity Point in Pensacola beginning at 6 p.m. on June 16.



Kicking off the series' fifth season will be Jessie Ritter, Wayward Jones, Mutt Cooper, Bo Roberts (**pictured**) and Tanya Gallagher. The series is produced by Nick Biebricher of Sandy Roots Productions. The shows last

approximately three hours, and there is a \$10 cover. More information: Sandy-rootsmusic@gmail.com or (251) 284-2443.

Public workshop for Johnson Beach Rd. intersection improvements is June 11

A public workshop for the Perdido Key Drive at Johnson Beach Road Intersection Project will be held Thursday, June 11 from 5:30-7 p.m. at Lost Key Golf Club, 625 Lost Key Drive.

This project will play a critical role in connecting people safely from the newly-proposed multi-use path along Perdido Key Drive to Johnson Beach as well as provide safety and intersection improvements.

The public workshop will include: A formal presentation; Opportunity for attendees to view project boards in open house style; Opportunities for public comments and voting on preferred intersection improvements.

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Garrett Ard's Eagle Scout reef project honors his grandfather, a local charter boat captain

By David Rainer
Al. Dept. of Conser/Nat Resources

When Garrett Ard started his Eagle Scout project four years ago, the goal was to honor the memory of his late grandfather, Capt. Gloyce Ard, a long-time Gulf Coast charter boat captain.

The culmination of all the work involved in such an endeavor recently sank to the bottom of the Gulf of Mexico – in the form of an artificial reef.

“When Dad and I started talking about raising \$25,000 to build a reef, it almost seemed unattainable. Then it happened, and it was like, ‘We just did that.’”

Garrett said he was sitting around a campfire when the idea of building a reef in Alabama's unparalleled artificial reef zones popped into his head.

“Growing up on the coast, building a reef made sense,” he said. “We didn't have to do a project that big for my Eagle Scout project, but we decided to go big or go home.”

Garrett's mom, Kimberly, said guidance from Lee Kibler, the Scoutmaster from Elberta, helped Garrett proceed with the reef-building plan.

“Lee said the project needs to fit the scout,” Kimberly said. “He said not every project fits the scout's capabilities. We just felt like Garrett's capabilities were up to this project.”

Garrett then started fundraising for the project. He made presentations to the Alabama Reef Foundation and the Orange Beach City Council. The Reef Foundation chipped in \$5,000, and Orange Beach City Council donated \$10,000 to the fund. Garrett's presentations to several more community organizations added to the coffers, and one of his dad's connections provided additional funding.

“We were having a Gulf Council (Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council) meeting in Orange Beach, and I asked Garrett to come because there was somebody there I wanted him to

meet,” said Garrett's dad, Capt. Tom Ard, who has a fleet of four charter boats. “It was Buddy Guindon, one of the largest commercial fishermen in the Gulf. He has a huge seafood market in Galveston (Texas). He donates to a lot of different projects.

“I told Buddy about the Eagle Scout project, and he and Garrett had a nice talk. Buddy gave us a very generous donation of \$5,000. He realized the reef would help recreational fishermen, charter boats and commercial boats. I can guarantee you commercial boats will be catching snapper off the reef for the public market.”

Although the donations were secured, the Ards ran into an obstacle. Suitable reef material was difficult to find, especially in their price range.

“The original idea was to use a barge, but we couldn't find one or it cost too much money,” Garrett said.

Tom happened to call David Walter (aka Reefmaker of Walter Marine) and asked about finding reef material. Walter told him about an old shrimp boat that would make a quality reef.

“I asked him how much he wanted for it,” Tom said. “He said \$30,000. I told him we had \$25,000, and he said, ‘I'll take it.’”

Because Walter Marine is so busy deploying reefs all over the Gulf, the Ards had to wait in line. When it appeared the shrimp boat reef wouldn't happen before Garrett's 18th birthday, they had to amend their reef-building plans to meet the Boy Scouts' requirement.

With guidance from the Mobile Boy Scouts office, a smaller reef operation preceded the big deployment, but it was also an operation that would have been so familiar to Poppa Gloyce, a jovial character who was a fixture in the Orange Beach charter industry with his boat, the Boll Weevil, a salute to Gloyce's days as a cropduster pilot.

“We got two chicken coops,” Garrett said. “We built a platform on the back of my grandpa's boat, and we tied these huge chicken coops on the back of the boat and got to deploy them by hand. It was really cool.”

Tom added, “He got to see how we used to build reefs in the old days. This will be the Boll Weevil's 40th season.”

Before the shrimp boat could be deployed, Garrett and several of his Boy Scout buddies had to complete the task of cleaning out foam insulation from the bowels of the boat.

“We had to climb inside the boat and pick up these huge chunks of foam and other trash,” Garrett said. “We had to be careful because of all the rusted, jagged metal. We spent an afternoon in the boat, and we got it cleaned up.”

The day to deploy the 50-foot, steel-hulled shrimp boat finally arrived, and

the Ards headed out about 14 miles into the Gulf. The superstructure had already been removed from the shrimp boat, and a large steel cylinder with many nooks and crannies was welded onto the hull for improved fish habitat.

“The barge with the shrimp boat left about 3 a.m.,” Garrett said. “When we got there on the Fairwater II (another of Tom's charter boats), the crane just picked the shrimp boat up and put it in the water. When it caught water, it just went straight down.

“It was a huge sense of relief – like, ‘Wow, we actually did it.’ We had been working on this for so long. When Dad and I started talking about raising \$25,000 to build a reef, it almost seemed unattainable. Then it happened, and it was like, ‘We just did that.’ It was a huge sense of accomplishment.”

Garrett had previously met with Marine Resources Director Scott Bannon and Artificial Reefs Coordinator Craig Newton to discuss the reef project and get it properly permitted.

“Alabama's artificial reef program was founded by anglers like Garrett's grandfather, and Garrett's project is a testament to his legacy,” Newton said. “I'm extremely proud of Garrett's achievement, and I'm anxious to watch the reef develop over the coming years.”

Director Bannon added, “I am a big supporter of Scouting and was excited to hear about Garrett's plan to create an artificial reef. It required a lot of physical and administrative work on his part, and I applaud his diligence to see it through to the end. Watching the video of Garrett's reaction to the reef being deployed was priceless. His contribution to the Alabama Artificial Reef Zone will be enjoyed by anglers for many years to come.”

When the local news media heard about the memorial reef, Garrett gained a great deal of exposure, which led to the revelation of how the reef memorialized another captain.

When word spread about the reef, Garrett was contacted by the daughter of the late owner of the Southern Heritage, the shrimp boat that the Ards deployed.

The message from Amber Rogers Joyner read: “The Southern Heritage was my daddy's boat, his pride and joy. He loved that boat, and he loved being on the water. Not sure if you know the story along with the boat, but he passed last January. He'd be so happy to know what you've done – the Southern Heritage staying in the water and being a place people will be able to enjoy for years to come. Thank you, Garrett! It's a place I will definitely be taking my children to enjoy.”

Garrett said, “It was kind of the same deal I had with Poppa's boat, the Boll Weevil. It started out as a memorial reef for my Poppa and it grew into a memorial reef for her dad.”

Unlike his dad, Garrett will not continue the family tradition of becoming a charter boat captain.

Despite his connection to the Gulf Coast and the Gulf of Mexico, Garrett's interests are in the wild blue yonder instead of the deep blue sea.

He's headed to Mississippi State University this fall to study aerospace engineering and play trombone in several of the school's bands.

Garrett, however, will be back home for a trip on his dad's boat next year to see how many big red snapper are hanging around the Capt. Gloyce Ard Memorial Reef.

Pictured: Garrett Ard celebrates the deployment of an artificial reef that will memorialize his late grandfather, Capt. Gloyce Ard. (Kimberly Eiland photo)





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Mobile food pantry June 6 at The Island Church

Christian Life the Island Church in Orange Beach will have its next Island Mobile Food Pantry on Saturday, June 6. Local families can receive a minimum of 50 pounds of food beginning at 10 a.m. The Island Mobile Food Pantry serves pre-registered residents of Baldwin County at least six times per year. For information on registration, please call Lisa in the office at 251.967.4840.

The Island Mobile Food Pantry has been serving families from Baldwin County since 2013. Every 6-8 weeks, we purchase 10,000lbs of food from Feeding the Gulf Coast Food Bank. We serve up to 200 families at a time, giving them a minimum of 50lbs, as a part of the nationwide initiative by Feeding America.

The Island Mobile Food Pantry accepts donations of sealed food items all throughout the year.

This is such an incredible way for us to serve our community! If you would like to volunteer for our next food pantry,

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Baldwin County families in need welcome at Spanish Fort location

Prodissee Pantry will continue to offer drive-up food distribution from 9 to 11 a.m. every Tuesday at Spanish Fort High School through June.

Prodissee Pantry By The Numbers

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are planning to resume some inside client family activity and open up to a larger but still limited volunteer crew."

Volunteers and recipients will continue to maintain social distancing and client families and volunteers are asked to wear a face covering/mask while at the pantry.

"We encourage everyone to wear a face mask when out and about in our community to help stop the spread of COVID-19 to high risk populations," Servos said.

Prodissee Pantry has always run on the energy of volunteers, the power of prayer and the community's support. Donations can be made through prodiseepantry.org.

"Our community is resilient," Servos said. "We will get through this difficult time together, because at Prodissee Pantry it's about hunger. It's about faith and it's about community."

"We understand that many families are still not back to work as the community begins to assess how to operate under the new normal," said Deann Servos, Prodissee Executive Director.

"Starting in July, we will continue to assess the COVID-19 pandemic and

McMillan to push bill allowing pet dogs in outdoor dining areas

Rep. Steve McMillan, an Orange Beach resident, said he will continue to push his bill to allow pet dogs in outdoor dining areas of restaurants. The bill was moving towards approval in the Legislature before Gov. Kay Ivey put COVID-19 safety measures in place.

"Here in Baldwin County, and especially in my district, we've got a lot of restaurants that offer outdoor dining, so it just makes sense that we amend the current law to allow folks to bring their furry friends with them."

"I think it would be something we'd want to continue in another session to get it through and get it signed," McMillan said. "It's kind of a no-brainer from my look at it, and I haven't seen any major opposition come out against it."

The bill, HB 209, passed the House overwhelmingly on March 3, but did not see action through the Senate due to the COVID-19 delays and shortened

legislative session.

"Had the COVID-19 crisis not happened, I think the bill likely would have been moved through and signed by the governor well before the end of session," McMillan said.

McMillan said his constituents that wanted to be able to dine with their dogs in appropriate venues. That constituency includes residents of Elberta, Foley, Gulf Shores, Orange Beach, Robertsedale, Summerdale, Barnwell, Magnolia Springs, Lillian, Perdido Beach, Josephine, Mifflin, Bon Secour, Fort Morgan & Ono Island.

"Everybody loves their dogs and often want

to bring them with them when they go places," McMillan said. "Here in Baldwin County, and especially in my district, we've got a lot of restaurants that offer outdoor dining, so it just makes sense that we amend the current law to allow folks to bring their furry friends with them and enjoy the great views and good food together."

McMillan's bill was a statewide bill that would have affected not only his district in Baldwin County, but food service establishments around the state. He said he had also received backing from the Alabama Restaurant Association.

"This was not just a Baldwin County issue, though that's who I heard the most from," McMillan said. "If a restaurant has a outdoor area and wants to allow people to bring their dogs with them, I don't see any reason why the government should be out there trying to put a stop to that."

Under the proposed bill, the owners of food service establishments would decide whether to allow pet dogs in their outdoor dining areas. If they chose to do so, the owner would file for a waiver with the State Health Department and agree to follow prescribed rules. Signage stating the designated outdoor dining area would be available for patrons with pet dogs would also be required.

"I'm going to keep pushing this bill whenever I have the next opportunity, and I think we'll see positive results for all Alabamians on this, including our four-legged canine friends," McMillan said.

A realtor by trade, McMillan, has represented South Baldwin County in the State Legislature since 1980. He was born in Mobile on July 6, 1941, and graduated from Auburn in 1964. He and his wife, Gayle, are the parents of two children, Scott and Jason, and have three grandchildren.



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Gulf Shores accepts \$5.3 million grant for air traffic control tower

By John Mullen

Gulf Shores Airport Authority officially accepted a \$5.3 million from the Federal Aviation Administration to fund the building of the first air traffic control tower in Baldwin County.

“Around here it’s see and be seen. Once the tower is in operation that will cease. It will not allow that to happen.”

of this project will be reallocated toward a future airline terminal building.”

Bids for construction of the tower will be opened in July and Fuller says the goal is to have it finished by July of 2021.

“With this we will rank as the second busiest tower in Alabama behind Birmingham and basically, we are already the second busiest airport,” Fuller said. “Nationwide we will rank as the 40th busiest of 256 facilities nationwide. They recognize the need for that facility.”

Fuller said the tower will bring in safety features needed at Jack Edwards Airport.

Also, during the joint work session-regular session, the council approved the annual repaving schedule for city streets and will spend about \$850,000 on those projects this year.

“This is to accept an FAA grant of \$5.3 million for the construction of a new air traffic control facility at the airport,” Airport Authority Manager Scott Fuller said. “Good news about this grant is typically, they’re 90 percent. This one is a 100 percent grant. The \$700,000 we had set aside for our share

“Typically, at this airport you talk on the radio but at this airport it’s not required,” Fuller said. “With a tower you cannot come within four miles of the airport without permission.”

Added safety features will include single runway operation, proper spacing between the aircraft in the air and on the ground, coordination of arrivals and departures with local traffic and regulatory enforcement support.

Efficiency improvements include reducing go arounds caused by congestion, reducing runway incursions, coordinate arrivals and allows consecutive approaches to the airport thus reducing costly holding patterns and delays.

“Runway incursion is when one aircraft is trying to take off while another is in the process of landing,” Fuller said. “That’s a main safety concern of the FAA. Right now, there are a lot of days when we have a north-south routine going and an east-west at the same time. This makes the patterns over cross each other. It’s not a very safe condition. Around here it’s see and be seen. Once the tower is in operation that will cease. It will not allow that to happen.”

The tower will be located in the southeast corner of the intersection of the two runways at the airport, Fuller said.

\$850K allocated for roadway projects

“Every year we let bids for various roadway improvement projects in the city,” Public Works Director Mark Acreman said. “This year we’re recommending awarding the 2020 bid to Asphalt Services in an amount not to exceed \$850,000.”

Bids were opened on May 7 and is a unit price contract for work including resurfacing, widening, seal coating, restriping and repairs as needed.

Included in the project is resurfacing in Craft Farms north to finish up work that has been going on for several years. On the east side of town work is planned on East Third Street and East 21st Avenue, Acreman said.

“West Fairway we’d like to continue the work we started this year on Wedgewood and resurface the continuation of that roadway down West Fairway Drive all the way back to Fort Morgan Road,” Acreman said.

In an area south of Fort Morgan Road and west of State Route 59, West Second Street, Hilltop Drive, Oak Ridge Drive, Yupon Drive, Sunset Drive, Magnolia Drive, West First Street, West 12th Avenue, West 13th Avenue and West 14th Avenue need work but not a complete repaving.

“We’ve got a whole selection of roads in and around the Hilltop area that are in really good shape,” Acreman said. “They just have a little bit of weathering and oxidation because of their age. Those particular roadways we would like to seal coat those and extend their life expectancy before they are subject to any kind of structural degradation. This would be a brand-new seal coat on all

those roads and it would seal in the aggregates and we’d restripe those as well.”

Other roads getting work will be West Third Avenue, Creekview Avenue and West Fourth Street in the West Beach area. Mayor Robert Craft asked if some of the roads not mentioned were badly in need of repairs could the work be shifted to get those fixed.

“We have the ability to move those funds around as needed on the worse of the worst roads,” Acreman said. “Should a road be brought to our attention that is in a more severe state than the current list then we absolutely can prioritize that road. We do have some funding available. We have \$850,000 but the bid is for \$843,000 so we have \$7,000 there. We always build in a substantial amount of contingency, about 10 to 15 percent into our bid packages when we let these out. So, we do have contingency funding that we could appropriate to some of these other roads being brought to our attention.”

During the session, the council also reappointed Vic Roberts to a six-year term on the Airport Authority Board and took over rights of way and maintenance for five streets in the Colony subdivision on Fort Morgan Road.

Also, at the end of the meeting City Administrator Steve Griffin said more city facilities were opened per Gov. Kay Ivey’s new Safer at Home order relaxing some restrictions due to the pandemic. Those include the Gulf Shores Sportsplex, Kids Park playground, Meyer Park playground,

Skate Park, all picnic pavilions, outdoor fitness equipment, public restrooms, benches and picnic tables.

Pictured: Rending of the Gulf Shores Airport Traffic Control Tower, which will be the first in Baldwin County upon completion in 2021.

Pool renovations continue; members welcome in O.B.

Due to the extended closure of the Bodenhamer Recreation Center, Gulf Shores was able to successfully expedite renovations for the pool that were originally planned for Fall 2020. The project began in late April and is expected to be completed by the end of July.

“We are very proud of these efforts to minimize future facility downtime while taking advantage of the closure to make these much needed pool improvements,” said said City of Gulf Shores Recreation Division Manager Nicole Ard.

“The project will include: removing all concrete decking and drainage, replace with new improved drainage system, new tile deck, replace drainage in all locker rooms, new tile flooring in locker rooms,” Ard said.

Pool members will be able to use the Orange Beach Aquatics Center for exercise swimming only. Recreation Center members will need to show proof of membership at the Orange Beach facility in order to enter. For more information regarding the aquatics center including hours of operation, please visit their website or call 251-974-7946.







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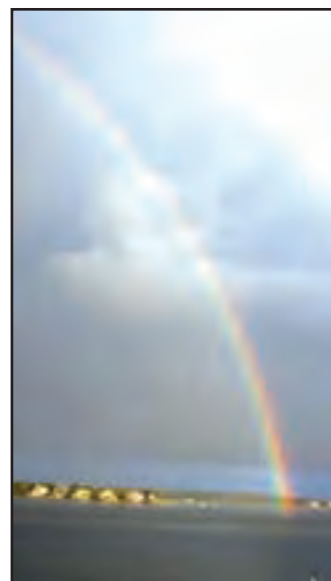
"Taken from the dock of Mess about Marina," writes Robb Colley of EXP Realty.



From Shar Eckard.



"One guy fishing for his supper," writes Donnie Canaan.



A double rainbow over Ono Island from Charles Krupnick of Perdido Key. "Good cause for hope," Charles writes.



Mark Rethemeyer caught this whopper on Fort Morgan. (Photo taken by Bob Burton).



Guy Scott took this picture of Carmen Scott with a freshly caught Spanish mackerel.



Dennis Whitney shares a sunrise picture from Wade Ward Park.



David P. Janettas said this picture from Papaocco's front deck was taken "a few nights after the Covid shutdown began. "Just wanna be On Papa Roccos front deck. all by myself," he wrote.



Cathy Deal's view of Perdido Bay from Innerarity Point.



"Jersey" enjoying the view looking over Cotton Bayou! Photo taken by: Susan Lawson of Gilbert, AZ.



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Alligator hunt registration opens June 2 50 tags allocated for zones south of I-10

The Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (ADCNR) will open online registration for the state's regulated alligator hunts on June 2, at 8 a.m. Registration must be completed by 8 a.m., July 8.

A total of 260 Alligator Possession Tags will be distributed among five hunting zones. The administrative fee to apply for an Alligator Possession Tag is \$22 and individuals may register one time per zone. While the tag is free, the selected hunters and their assistants are required to have valid hunting licenses in their possession while hunting.

Fifty tags are allocated for private and public waters in Baldwin and Mobile counties south of Interstate 10. The season runs from sunset on August 13, until sunrise on August 16, and again from sunset on August 20 until sunrise on August 23.

Only Alabama residents and Alabama lifetime license holders ages 16 years or older may apply for tags. Alabama lifetime license holders may apply for an Alligator Possession Tag even if they have moved out of the state.

To register for the 2020 alligator hunts, visit www.outdooralabama.com/alligators/alligator-hunting-season-alabama during the registration period listed above.

Hunters will be randomly selected by computer to receive one Alligator Possession Tag each (the tags are non-transferable). The random selection process will utilize a preference point system. The system increases the likelihood of repeat registrants being selected for a hunt as long as the applicant continues to apply. The more years an applicant participates in the registration, the higher the likelihood of being selected. If an applicant does not register for the hunt in a given year or is selected and accepts a tag for a hunt, the preference point status is forfeited.

Applicants can check their selection status on July 8, after 12 p.m., at publichunts.dcnr.alabama.gov. Those selected to receive a tag must confirm their acceptance online by 8 a.m., July 15. After that date, alternates will be notified to fill any vacancies. Applicants drawn for the hunt are required to complete an online Alligator Training Course prior to accepting their hunter/alternate status. The official course will be available on the applicant's status page upon login.

If selected for an Alligator Possession Tag at two or more locations, hunters must choose which location they would like to hunt. The slot for locations not chosen will be filled from a list of randomly selected alternates.

Private and public waters in Baldwin and Mobile counties north of interstate 10, and private and public waters in Washington, Clarke and Monroe counties east of U.S. Highway 43 and south of U.S. Highway 84 are been allocated 100 tags. Hunt dates are sunset on August 13, until sunrise on August 16 and sunset on August 20, until sunrise on August 23.

Most dangerous animal in the world is a wolf in sheepdog's clothing

BY CHIEF EDWARD DELMORE, GULF SHORES POLICE DEPT.

I became a police officer to catch bad guys. To protect good people from those predators that would do those good people harm. My close friends in this job - those I respect and look up to - became police officers for the same reason. In fact, most of us - the absolutely overwhelming majority of us - feel the same way. We act accordingly.

Unfortunately, there are a few, very few, that slip through the cracks, get into our ranks, and do not feel and act the same way we do.

I've had the honor of speaking at several of the same Federal Law Enforcement Conferences as Lt. Col. (RET) Dave Grossman. Like many attending his seminars, his words recalling a conversation with an old soldier on sheep, wolves, and sheepdogs hit home with me.



It makes sense that we revisit those words now: "...most citizens are kind, decent people who are not capable of hurting each other, except by accident or under extreme provocation. They are sheep.

I mean nothing negative by calling them sheep. To me it is like the pretty, blue robin's egg. Inside it is soft and gooey but someday it will grow into something wonderful. But the egg cannot survive without its hard blue shell. Police officers, soldiers, and other warriors are like that shell, and someday the civilization they protect will grow into something wonderful. For now, though, they need warriors to protect them from predators.

"Then there are the wolves," the old war veteran said, "and the wolves feed on the sheep without mercy." Do you believe there are wolves out there who will feed on the flock without mercy? You better believe it. There are evil men in this world and they are capable of evil deeds. The moment you forget that or pretend it is not so, you become a sheep. There is no safety in denial.

"Then there are sheepdogs," he went on, "and I'm a sheepdog. I live to protect the flock and confront the wolf."

If you have no capacity for violence then you are a healthy productive citizen, a sheep. If you have a capacity for violence and no empathy for your fellow citizens, then you have defined an aggressive sociopath, a wolf. But what if you have a capacity for violence and a deep love for your fellow citizens?

What do you have then?

A sheepdog, a warrior, someone who is walking the hero's path. Someone who can walk into the heart of darkness, into the universal human phobia, and walk out unscathed.

Let me expand on this old soldier's excellent model of the sheep, wolves, and sheepdogs. We know that the sheep live in denial - that is what makes them sheep. They do not want to believe that it is evil in the world.

They can accept the fact that fires can happen, which is why they want fire extinguishers, fire

sprinklers, fire alarms, and fire exits throughout their kids' schools.

But many of them are outraged at the idea of putting an armed police officer in their kid's school. Our children are thousands of times more likely to be killed or seriously injured by school violence than fire, but the sheep's only response to the possibility of violence is denial. The idea of someone coming to kill or harm their child is just too hard, and so they choose the path of denial.

The sheep generally do not like the sheepdog.

He looks a lot like the wolf. He has fangs and the capacity for violence. The difference, though, is that the sheepdog must not, cannot and will not ever harm the sheep. Any sheepdog who intentionally harms the lowliest little lamb will be punished and removed. The world cannot work any other way, at least not in a representative democracy or a republic such as ours.

Still, the sheepdog disturbs the sheep. He is a constant reminder that there are wolves in the land. They would prefer that he didn't tell them where to go, or give them traffic tickets, or stand at the ready in our airports in camouflage fatigues holding an M-16. The sheep would much rather have the sheepdog cash in his fangs, spray paint himself white, and go, "Baa."

Until the wolf shows up. Then the entire flock tries desperately to hide behind one lonely sheepdog."

But now in light of recent events, I'll expand on the Colonel's message.

Here's the thing:

Not all criminal suspects we arrest are wolves. Many are.

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To make sure that those not suited to be sheepdogs are never again allowed to have that tremendous authority we are given.

Because the most dangerous animal in the world isn't a wolf.

And it isn't a wolf in sheep's clothing.

The most dangerous animal in the world is a wolf in sheepdog's clothing.

Gulf Shores Police Chief Ed Delmore has been the police chief for the City of Gulf Shores since April 2010. He was previously chief of Police in Fairview Heights, a suburb of St. Louis. He succeeded Arthur Bourne, who served nearly 30 years as G.S. Chief of Police. Chief Delmore holds a bachelor's degree from Western Illinois University, a master's degree from Webster University and is a graduate of the FBI Academy in Quantico, Va. He is also an adjunct instructor for the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, a position in which he has trained thousands of officers across the country.

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OBFD puts out Memorial Weekend fires at 2 popular Orange Beach restaurants

Meat lovers in Orange Beach were in mourning over Memorial Day weekend, as two thriving restaurants, Big Mike's Steak House on Canal Rd. and Moe's BBQ on Perdido Beach Blvd., placed emergency calls two days apart to the Orange Beach Fire Department to come put out blazes.

The Big Mike's fire on May 23 forced evacuation of the building during dinner service and the fire at Moe's occurred around 9 p.m. on May 26, as employees were closing up and the last four customers were finishing meals. There were no injuries reported at either location.

The fire at Big Mike's was less destructive and the restaurant, which also has locations in Andalusia and Thomasville, is expected to reopen before July 4 weekend, according to its facebook page. The restaurant has been operating at capacity since first opening its Orange Beach location in the summer of 2017.

According to Big Mike's facebook post, restaurant signage wasn't the only thing that had flames on it on May 23. "We are hoping to be able to repair damages and be back open in about a month. Thank y'all for the outpouring of support from everyone and for everyone who checked in on us during this unfortunate, stressful event. We will keep y'all posted on progress in the upcoming weeks."

The fire at Moe's was way more destructive. Owners are waiting for a report from insurers as to whether they will renovate the building or tear it down and rebuild. But the restaurant employees are already cooking and dispensing food from a huge RV in the parking lot. The RV is the centerpiece of Moe's catering operations.

Moe's owners, who have been a huge part of the Pleasure Island community for the entire 14 years the restaurant has been at the Orange Beach location, completed a major upgrade to their restaurant facility just two years ago. They were scheduled to speak at the June 2 Orange Beach City Council meeting to request a permit allowing them to operate from the RV until they get back in their building.

With the city's expected approval, Moe's will continue to serve its signature dishes daily beginning at 11 a.m. Moe's also has locations in Foley and Daphne open for in-house dining, take out, deliv-



Moe's already serving its award winning BBQ onsite from its catering RV

ery and catering.

Moe's fire started in its smoke house and spread to the restaurant and kitchen. There were reports of a propane tank explosion, but Moe's co-owner Mark White said the reported explosion was a Co2 tank, and it was not the cause for the fire. He said the OBFD had responded and put out the fire within 20 minutes of the 911 call.

Moe's received an outpouring of support from its facebook post about the fire. Within two days, a local band, Hundred Dollar Car, was hosting a fundraiser for Moe's employees at another Orange Beach restaurant, Oso.

"The community support has been over the top," White said. "Just the outpouring and offers of help from our customers and the surrounding businesses has been so overwhelming. We had more than 40,000 responses from the first facebook post."

Both White and co-owner Matt Lovato said they had no plans of leaving Orange Beach or their current location.

"We like it here and we want to stay," White said. "It's been our home for 14 years. Our out of towners are familiar with us being in this location."

Moe's has received accolades from USA Today and The Daily Meal for being one of the best BBQ chains in America. It has also been recognized as the fastest growing, emerging restaurant chain by Restaurant Business Magazine, and one of the Top 10 Rib Joints in the U.S. by Relish.

The Moe's owners' sentiments were well stated on its facebook page in a post thanking the OBFD for putting out the fire so quickly.

"We appreciate all of your support and kind words. We will be back rockin' 'rollin' in no time," the post stated.

Pictured: (above) Moe's owners Mark White and Matt Lovato near the pitroom where the fire at their Orange Beach BBQ restaurant started; (Below) Moe's supporters at a fundraiser for Moe's employees at OSO, a restaurant in Bear Point. (For more pictures from fundraiser, go to page 46)



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Park at OWA reopens June 5

OWA will officially reopen its amusement park in Foley on Friday, June 5 at 11 am. The reopening will incorporate enhanced health and safety measures that were developed based on guidance from health officials.

Heightened health and safety measures are being implemented to ensure the well-being of everyone visiting and working at OWA. The new policies will include health screenings for guests be-

fore entering, installation of additional hand sanitizing stations, enhanced cleaning and sanitization practices, and added signage to encourage social distancing.

"Our entire team has worked tirelessly the past few months to get The Park ready for guests. We are excited to see guests enjoying the rides and share special family moments once again," said Kristin Hellmich, OWA's Director of Marketing/PR.

"We have always taken great pride in our Parks' safety and cleanliness. The upcoming Park reopening will be no exception as we continue to implement recommended health and safety practices to ensure our guests have a great experience."

Additional steps are being added to accommodate social distancing, such as limiting the number of guests allowed in the amusement park at one time. Riders will continue to purchase an attractions wristband to enjoy a day filled with unlimited access to amusement park rides.

Guests wishing not to partake in attractions can purchase a \$5 Non-Rider Pass, which allows guests to enjoy strolling The Park and watching loved

ones without having to purchase a full-priced ticket.

In addition to the amusement park opening, Downtown OWA businesses have remained open since April and continue to welcome guests using recommended health and safety standards. Restaurants now open include Groovy Goat, Crazy Donuts, Paula Deen's Family Kitchen, Lucy's Retired Surfers Bar & Restaurant, Trattoria Pizza & Italian, Hershey's Ice Cream Parlor, C'est Le Vin Wine Bar & Shop, Auntie Anne's, and Cinnamon.

Retailers currently open include Fairhope Soap Company, Parker & Co.

women's boutique), Alvin's Island, The Spice & Tea Exchange, and Body Tune Plus. Brandon Styles Live is currently welcoming guests to both his Magic and Variety shows six days a week. Clash eSports Center, OWA's state-of-the-art video gaming venue, and Sweet Tooth at OWA are set to open on Friday, June 5, 2020 in conjunction with the amusement park.

The Park will be open seven days a week during the summer season. Plan ahead by checking Park opening and closing hours on OWA's website.

For more info about all things OWA, go to VisitOWA.com.



Governor Ivey thanks Poarch Creek Indians for \$500K donation

The Poarch Band of Creek Indians, who developed and own OWA, have donated \$500,000 donation to the Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) to assist with testing and equipment in the battle against the COVID-19 pandemic.

In response to the donation, Governor Ivey stated:

"I commend the Poarch Creek Indians for their generosity during this time. These funds will save lives and greatly assist the State in our battle of COVID-19. Thank you for all you do for Alabama."

"The Poarch Band of Creek Indians is proud to be able to assist the state of Alabama in battling COVID-19," said Poarch Creek CEO and Tribal Chair Stephanie A. Bryan. "We recognize that access to testing is a critical component of safely reopening our economy and are compelled to assist the State in controlling the spread of COVID-19."

This funding will protect frontline workers and expand testing capabilities to all communities throughout the state. PCI has made several contributions to the fight against COVID-19. Earlier in May, the Tribe donated funds to the American Red Cross for the purchase of a new Bloodmobile. The Tribe also started producing lifesaving PPE earlier this year. Additionally, PCI donated a million dollars to the Atmore Community Hospital.

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Sandy Roots Songwriters Series continues June 16

The Sandy Roots Songwriter Series will resume its monthly schedule at The Point on Innerarity Point in Pensacola beginning at 6 p.m. on June 16. Kicking off the series' fifth season will be Jessie Ritter, Wayward Jones, Mutt Cooper, Bo Roberts and Tanya Gallagher. The series is produced by Nick Biebricher of Sandy Roots Productions. The shows last approximately three hours, and there is a \$10 cover. More information: Sandyrootsmusic@gmail.com or (251) 284-2443.



Perdido will celebrate World Oceans Day digitally

The Perdido Key Association (PKA), Friends of Pensacola State Parks, and the Pensacola area State Parks have sponsored World Oceans Day events at Perdido Key State Park since 2017, but for 2020 are holding it digitally because of the current COVID-19 pandemic. Information and activities on ocean related topics will be posted on the PKA (perdidokeyassociation.org) and Friends of Pensacola State Parks (friendsofpensacolastateparks.org/) websites from June 1 through June 8 with a new presentation posted each day. Activities include a contest for the best original ocean-themed photo with the winner awarded a \$50 gift certificate from a Perdido Key retailer.

World Oceans Day is celebrated on June 8 every year as "a global day of ocean celebration and collaboration for a better future," according to The Ocean Project, the event sponsor. A healthy ocean is critical to our survival, providing most of the oxygen we breath, helping to feed us, regulating our climate, cleaning the water we drink, providing a pharmacopoeia of medicines and limitless inspiration. For 2020, a WOD goal is to call on world leaders to protect 30% of our blue planet by 2030. This critical need is called 30x30. By safeguarding at least 30% of the ocean through a network of highly protected areas we can help ensure a healthy home for all. More info: worldoceansday.org.

Pictured: Past World Oceans Day fun at Perdido Key State Park.



Alan Jackson's Drive-In show June 6 in Fairhope

According to his website, Alan Jackson will launch his first-ever "Small Town Drive-In" concerts on June 6 at Oak Hollow Farm in Fairhope. The shows will bring "three decades of hits to music fans in a unique drive-in meets concert experience, giving attendees a quality-of-life activity during this current time of isolation and uncertainty."

Tickets range from \$199.99 (closest access to stage) for VIP to \$99.99 for general admission for cars with two passengers. Each additional passenger will be charged \$39.99 or \$59.99 (VIP). There is also a \$10 cooler fee. Oak Hollow Farm is located at 14210 S. Greeno Rd,



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By Stephanie Gatlin
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Orange Beach City Council

Burger King added to Tom Thumb planned complex at Wharf entrance

By John Mullen

A new Burger King and Cinnabon are coming to Orange Beach to be a part of the new Tom Thumb complex at the now vacant east entrance to the Wharf.

"Now everybody knows we are not blocking fast foods from coming to Orange Beach," Mayor Tony Kennon said. "That is an urban myth, folks."

"We wanted something that looked like us. We gave them some design features we wanted added. I think it's pretty nice for a Tom Thumb-Burger King."

not approve the typical square box Tom Thumb/Burger King," Kennon said. "We wanted something that looked like us. We gave them some design features we wanted added. They came back with this and I think it's pretty nice for a Tom Thumb-Burger King."

There is a potential hold up pointed out by Community Development Director Kit Alexander with the sign planned for the new stores. Current design has Tom Thumb at the top, gas prices below that and Burger King and Cinnabon signs below that.

"Staff failed to bring to your attention that the height of the sign is 22 and a half feet," Alexander said. "Our sign ordinance limits the height of signage to 15 feet. So, this sign as shown in this elevation is deviating from our sign ordinance."

Council members who loved the new coastal look of the building were not so enamored with the out-of-compliance sign.

"I've got reservations about this, I really do," Kennon said. "We just don't do it anywhere else. I guess it gets back to principle. We have a sign ordinance for a reason, we have height for a reason and we have denied it anywhere else. And I do understand but we have the same issue with our sign in front of our Medical Arts building. I have a problem with an exception for anyone because we have not done that."

Alexander said she'd meet with the developers to see if they can redesign the sign making it wider and complying with the 15-foot rule.

"Because the square footage is correct instead of

it being this kind of sign you can make it wider and not higher and have the same square footage," Alexander said.

Performing Arts Center update

Kennon is working with the county on what usage of the building will be for the city once it is open and running. Orange Beach voted in January of 2019 to fund \$7.2 million of the \$8.6 million center with the county paying the remaining \$1.4 million.

"This is the contract on how the building will be used, who'll be allowed to use it," Kennon said. "It is going to be approved in a more substantial form but there are still a few details to be ironed out. Y'all are giving me permission to work those details out but there are still deal killers out there that we're going to get through. I think we will. It's working out insurance and things like that."

Kennon said the talks have been amiable and the city will have plenty of opportunities to use the building for classes and performances.

"The school board has been great to work with," Kennon said. "We have been given complete control of the building outside of school hours for the most part for us to develop out performing arts program as we see fit. That's very much appreciated and they were a big help to getting that done."

Eight new tennis courts coming

The council also awarded the contract for the demolition and rebuilding of the eight courts at the tennis center. Residents expressed concerns about doing them all at once and not having access.

Kennon said that with the construction of the new adult gym north of the Community Center and a major drainage project in another parking lot at the complex access would likely be limited anyway. Splitting the project into two phases would also cost more money than doing it all at once, Kennon said.

The council awarded a bid for recreation center drainage and tennis court improvements to Ammons & Blackmon Construction for about \$1.4 million at its May 5 meeting.

During the regular session, the council:

- Passed a resolution established a \$10 million line of credit with Bryant Bank in case emergency funds are needed during the COVID-19 pandemic. Awarded a bid of \$602,000 to M.W. Rogers Construction for a new sewer office building.
- Passed a resolution appropriating funds to fund two teaching units at Orange Beach High

School for an amount up to \$172,849.30. One of the units will be for 10th and 11th grade English and ACT Prep and the second will be a dance and PE instructor for the middle school and for the Expect Excellence afterschool program.

- Passed a resolution authorizing execution of a professional services agreement for a special needs aid for the Camp Sunshine program.
- Passed a resolution authorizing the single source purchase for construction of Gulf Bay Road drainage improvements associated with the Canal Road widening from John G. Walton Construction Company.
- Passed a resolution authorizing the execution of a task order with Sawgrass Consulting to provide land surveying and civil engineering services for a new shooting range in an amount not to exceed \$14,800.
- Passed a resolution authorizing execution of Change Order No. 2 with Asphalt Services for the Coastal Resources Center site work in an amount not to exceed \$15,494.
- Passed a resolution authorizing the execution of a subaward grant agreement with the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for the RESTORE Act state expenditure plan funded Orange Beach North Sewer Force Main Sewer Upgrade Project.
- Passed a resolution authorizing the execution of a subaward grant agreement with the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for the RESTORE Act state expenditure plan funded Canal Road Improvements East of State Highway 161 Project.
- OK'd the business license for Gulf Duck Boats which will be operating in the city this season.

During the work session, the council:

- Reviewed and discussed the architectural and sign elevations for Tom Thumb at The Wharf.
- A resolution authorizing the execution of a task order with Thompson Engineering for professional engineering services for a Canal Road sidewalk to be located between The Wharf and Oak Street or the front of Bryant Bank.
- A resolution authorizing execution of a reciprocal agreement to exchange information with Baldwin County. In August of 2017 Orange Beach authorized a reciprocal agreement to exchange tax returns and information with the Baldwin County Commission. The current agreement ends on July 31 and this resolution will extend it through July 31 of 2023 at the request of Baldwin County.
- A resolution declaring the "Back-to-School" sales tax holiday July 17-19.
- Considered setting a public hearing date on a planned unit development modification for Beach Village, 69-lot cottage development east of Lartigue's Seafood on Perdido Beach Boulevard. The suggested date in June 16.
- Considered setting a public hearing date for a modification to The Wharf's PUD to make changes to its reader board sign.

Funny Bones

By George Ridder



I do really feel bad for the Class of 2020. People say your senior year flies. I just didn't realize it would Zoom!

The same guy has robbed the same bank three times in the last 30 days.

The FBI, in charge of preventing a fourth robbery ask the nervous bank teller, "Have you noticed anything in particular about the robber?"

"Yes," the teller replied. "I notice that each time he comes into the bank he's much better dressed."

Mother Lion: Junior, what are you doing?

Lion Cub: I'm chasing a hunter around a tree.

Mother Lion: How many times must I tell you not to play with your food?

My husband made me mad today so I poured some water in front of the washer. He's been in there for 2 hours trying to fix the washer.

What happened when they crossed a carrier pigeon with a woodpecker?

The bird not only delivered the mail, but also knocked on the door.

The son has finally saved enough money to buy his own house. It is just a few houses down the road from where his parents still live.

On the day he moves in he invites some friends over, turns on the music and drinking a few beers. As the son was making his toast and said, "I don't have to listen to my parents anymore", the phone rings. He goes inside to answer and is silent when he rejoins the party.

"Who was that?" ask one of the guests.

"Well," replied the son. "It was my father telling me to turn down the music as there are people in the neighborhood that are trying to sleep."

There is a guy stealing iPhones around town. At some point he's going to face time.

A woman saw an electrician walking up her drive and rushed to the door.

"Why did you come today?" she barked. "You were supposed to repair the doorbell yesterday?"

"I know," the electrician replied. "I rang three times. There was no answer, so I thought you must be out."

A man went to his doctor and said, "Help me, doctor. I think my eyesight is getting worse."

The doctor asked the man to look out the window. "Tell me

what you see," he said, pointing.

"I see the sun," the man replied.

The doctor turned to him and asked, "Just how much farther do you want to see?"

A man stops by his local florist shop to buy flowers for his new girlfriend. He asks the proprietor, "You know the expression, 'You should say it with flowers'?"

"How about three dozen of my finest roses?" the florist asks.

"Make it a half dozen roses," the man answers. "I'm a man of few words."

My dad walked me down the aisle at my third wedding.

He said, "I keep giving you away... and they keep giving you back!"

What's the difference between a golfer and a skydiver?

A golfer goes whack and then "Darn!" while a skydiver goes "Darn!" and then whack.

Interviewer: Your asking for a pretty high salary for someone without any experience.

Interviewee: Well, this job is going to be super hard since I don't know what I'm doing.

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My uncle was crushed by a piano. His funeral was very low key

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The real estate agent is following up with an elderly gentleman after showing him a new home. Over the phone the agent indicated, "This house will be worth double what you paid for it in a few years."

The older gentleman laughs, "At my age, it's a risk buying green bananas."

Suzie: Mom, I'm doing Geography homework. Where are the Andes?

Mother (not listening closely): How should I know? If you'd put your things away where they belong, you'd be able to find them.



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Extra Canal Rd. lane comes earlier than expected

Getting five lanes up and running on the Canal Road widening project was made possible when city officials asked the state to reconfigure the existing roadway to get the extra lane even as work continues. Pavement needs to be added to the south side of the road and the entire project won't be completed until later this fall.

"We were only going to have the one lane," Orange Beach Mayor Tony Kennon said of the eastbound traffic flow. "We measured the width. We said if we reduced the lane width, we could get five. We took a shot and ALDOT jumped right on board with the contractor and helped us. We did not expect five lanes this summer."

That doesn't mean there won't be delays during the further construction on the project.

"There will be times when they are doing cuts that they'll have but for the most part Friday evening through Sunday they are not working and you see how much they're open during the week," Kennon said. "So, it's been a Godsend. This was a record weekend (May 16-18) guys. We had no real backups at all. We had one fender bender right down by the Tom Thumb that backed it up briefly but other than that it moved real well."



Four A Change free sunset concert June 13 at Coastal Art Center

Four A Change will perform a free concert on Saturday, June 13 from 6-7:30 p.m. on the Coastal Arts Center's waterfront lawn on Canal Rd. in Orange Beach. Bring your own blanket or chair, beverage and snacks to enjoy a sunset over Wolf Bay while listening to some amazing music by our favorite quartet. Safe distancing rules will apply.

Pictured: Four A Change's choral pieces range from Broadway show tunes, to contemporary pop, to country, and even a little jazz. The love for music brought them together. The laughter and the friendship that they share is the glue that keeps them together.

Foley Art Center hosts June 13 pop-up art show

The Foley Art Center will host a Pop Up Local Arts & Crafts Show on Saturday, June 13 at the Art Center's gallery in historic downtown Foley.

The event will be held from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. and vendors will be social distancing. There will be a limited number of vendors who are current members with the Foley Art Center.

The inside of the Gallery will be opened as well to shop from items in the Gallery from over 100 local artists and craftsmen members. The alley behind the Foley Art Center will be blocked to thru traffic, to provide safety to pedestrians.

Visitors are encouraged to visit Downtown Foley, have dine, shop, and visit the museums which are open from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

The Foley Art Center is located at 211 N McKenzie St (Hwy 59). For more info, email foleyartcenter@gmail.com, call 251 943.4381 or visit foleyartcenter.com



G.S. residents now have dedicated beach parking Eastside Public Beach Lot open only to cars with decals

By Fran Thompson

The City of Gulf Shores has added another amenity for city residents by allocating all 120 parking spaces in the public beach parking lot east of the Pink Pony for cars displaying a Gulf Shores resident (or business owner) valid hurricane re-entry decal.

"The mayor and council thought it was the right thing to do," said Grant Brown, the city's recreation and cultural affairs director. "When the beach reopened and waves of visitors from other communities began to return to town, we used that opportunity to allow our true local residents to have a place to access the beach."

Pay stations are in place at the beach parking lots from March 1 through November 30 each year. Locals with decals can park at

any of the lots for free, if they are lucky enough to find a spot. But during peak beach hours and busy tourist weekends spots in the parking lots are at a premium. "The plan now is to keep that parking lot restricted to City of Gulf Shores residents only through Labor Day," Brown said.

"We will monitor this as time moves forward."

The parking fee at all locations for cars without decals is \$5 for up to 4 hours or \$10 per day. Hurricane re-entry decals should be clearly displayed on the drivers side of the front windshield of the vehicle.

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In 2019, your generosity allowed the CSC to assist 1,613 families, consisting of 5,893 people including 2,341 children. This assistance would not have been possible without the incredible support of our community. CSC extends a big thank you to Gulf Shores United Methodist Church for the use of their facilities for our event, to Culver's for donating the custard, Longhorn Steakhouse for donating the salad and Lagoon Baptist Church for baking the cookies.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING



NEW MARDI GRAS KREWE FORMS: There is a new Mardi Gras Krewe in town. The Krewe de Swan has begun preparations for their inaugural Mardi Gras season. "Philanthropy, parades and parties" is the theme of this all female krewe. They are looking forward to rolling in the Foley, OWA, Gulf Shores and Orange Beach parades. They may even be spotted in the Gulf Shores Christmas Parade. Look for dated personalized throws from this Krewe. Fundraisers will be held throughout the year to support their charities. **Pictured:** Deb Windham, Statia Moody, Lynda Brookshire, Gilda Green and Karen Machloch.



Weeks Bay Preserve celebrates Al. Backyard BioBlitz on June 5

All Alabamians are invited to join Weeks Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve in celebrating World Environment Day by participating in the Alabama Backyard BioBlitz on Friday, June 5. The event encourages the public to explore and document the natural world from the comfort of their own backyards.

"The theme of this year's event is biodiversity," said Clara Zubrick, Weeks Bay Education Assistant. "Alabama ranks fifth in the nation in biodiversity and first east of the Mississippi River. To protect and conserve our environment, we must first connect with what's out there. The best place to begin exploring nature is in your own backyard."

To participate in the event, download the free iNaturalist app from the Apple or Android app stores and search for the "Alabama Backyard BioBlitz" project. After joining the project on June 5, participants can observe and document the plants, animals, and insects present near their homes. You can also participate through the iNaturalist website at www.inaturalist.org/projects/alabama-backyard-bioblitz.

"We are excited to provide this opportunity to bring together citizen scientists throughout Alabama in an effort to increase awareness of our state's amazing biodiversity and celebrate its natural beauty," said Chris Blankenship, Commissioner of the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (ADCNR).

Learn more about World Environment Day at worldenvironmentday.global.

Weeks Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve was established in 1986 and is managed by ADCNR as part of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Estuarine Research Reserve System. The Reserve is comprised of 9,317 acres in Baldwin County and contains upland and bottomland hardwood forests, salt and freshwater marshes, submerged aquatic vegetation and unique bog habitats. Learn more at <https://www.outdooralabama.com/lands/weeks-bay-reserve>.

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

Pictured: A mother opossum and her young. (Photo by Rose Graham):

WED, JUNE 3

- **Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables:** 11 a.m. 'til; (includes Ole River Grill & Flora-Bama Yacht Club, Flora-Bama), Perdido Key.
- **Megan McMillan:** 6; OSO, Bear Point.
- **Pepsi Treasure Hunt:** 5-8; free; check-in at the ship tent behind the marlin; The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- **John Fowler:** 1; Purple Parrot Tiki Bar; Perdido Key.
- **Karaoke w. J.W. Baker:** 6; Purple Parrot Tiki Bar; Perdido Key.
- **Adam Holt:** 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's at Homeport Marina; Gulf Shores.
- **Open Mic Night:** 6; Tacky Jack's, Gulf Shores.
- **JJ Mack:** 6; Tacky Jack's, Orange Beach.
- **Artie Hopkins:** 5; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- **Karaoke:** 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- **John Joiner & Darrel Roberts:** 7; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
- **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 9; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **Wonderful Wednesdays:** Bellingrath Gardens and Home; Theodore.
- **Trivia (7:30) Karaoke (9):** The Office, Foley.
- **L.A. Fleet Feet Running Club:** 5:45 p.m.; Big Beach Brewery in Gulf Shores; lafleetfeet.com.
- **Open Mixed Doubles Tennis:** 7:30 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.
- **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.
- **Perdido Key Rotary Club:** 7:30 a.m.;

every Wednesday at Triggers. 850.492.8335.

- **Gulf Shores Garden Club:** 9:30 a.m.; first Wednesday of each month September thru May; Harry Roberts Senior Community House; 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.

THU, JUNE 4

- **Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables:** 11 a.m. 'til; (includes Ole River Grill & Flora-Bama Yacht Club, Flora-Bama), Perdido Key.
- **Artist Showcase w. Craig Reynolds (oils):** Live demos; Coastal Art Center, Orange Beach.
- **Tim Roberts:** 6; The Tin Top Restaurant, Bon Secour.
- **Bell and Bull:** 6; OSO, Bear Point.
- **Brandon White:** 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's at Homeport Marina; Gulf Shores.
- **Brennan Crim:** 1; Purple Parrot Tiki Bar; Perdido Key.
- **Rick Whaley & Tommy Mazzulo:** 6; Purple Parrot Tiki Bar; Perdido Key.
- **HartStrings:** 6:30; The Point; Innerarity Point.
- **Delta Donnie:** 6; Bier Shack Taproom; Foley.
- **Pale Moon Rising:** 6; Tacky Jack's, Orange Beach.

- **Karaoke:** 8; Tacky Jack's, Ft. Morgan. 850.492.8335.
- **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 9; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **The Favorites Band:** 7; Alabama Gulf Coast Music Hall; Foley.
- **Karaoke:** 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- **8 Ball APA:** 7:30; The Office, Foley.
- **Gulf Shores United Methodist Church Bread Ministry:** 9-10; every Thursday; room 103 on the south campus, next to Crossroad; 251 968-2411.
- **Grief Support Group:** noon-1:30 p.m.; First Presbyterian Church of Foley; 195 E. Berry Ave.; for all who are grieving; 943-8325.
- **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, JUNE 5

- **Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables:** 11 a.m. 'til; (includes Ole River Grill & Flora-Bama Yacht Club, Flora-Bama), Perdido Key.
- **Bo Grant:** 9; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **Funky Lampshades:** 7; OSO, Bear Point.
- **John Joiner:** 5; The Angry Crab; Orange Beach.
- **Justin Fobes:** 1; Purple Parrot Tiki Bar; Perdido Key.
- **Gary Story and Rickstar:** 6; Purple Parrot Tiki Bar; Perdido Key.
- **Bad JuJu:** 8; Perdido Sports Bar, Per-

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Driver's license services are again available in Foley

The Alabama Law Enforcement Agency are again providing driver license services again at its location at the Foley Sattellite Courthouse. The Fairhope and Bay Minette locations will remain closed, according to an ALEA tweet. For more info, call 251-990-4690. The Baldwin County Satellite Courthouse is located at 201 E Section Ave. in Foley.

Baldwin Co. Black Lives Matter protest is cancelled

Baldwin County Sheriff Huey Hoss Mack told FOX10 News that a Black Lives Matter protest scheduled for June 2 at the Baldwin County courthouse in Bay Minette was cancelled and all his conversations with protest organizers have been very productive as far as conversations we've had."

"The courthouse is located on just one city block in downtown Bay Minette so even a small group of people could cause congestion problems so that's why we were going to have this meeting and see how we could plan and work it out best," Sheriff Mack told FOX10.

Sheriff Mack said instead of a protest, there will be a community event in the coming weeks to talk about reconciliation between police and the black community.

"Chief Tolbert and I met with one of the organizers this morning and as we were talking with her about what the objective was and what they wanted to do, it became apparent that this is more about wanting to have a conversation about reconciliation and moving forward than it was a protest," Sheriff Mack said.

Will Kimbrough has 4 cuts on Buffett's new album

Of course, parrothead nation is glad Jimmy Buffett has released a new album, his first since 2013's "Songs from St. Somewhere," if only because Jimmy has made himself

available to media outlets on his pre-release press junket. We learned about Jimmy's take on redneck margarita's from this quote in USA Today.

"Margaritas have gotten very sweet. I like real lime juice; I don't like a lot of sugar. The other day I was watching 'Queer Eye' and they were doing a makeover, and the guy had what he called a Redneck

Margarita, which was just bad tequila and Mountain Dew. And I went, 'That's way too far, I'd never do that.' But good tequila and a lime, yes."

Buffett, Gulf Coast born and raised (his sister Lulu owns a great restaurant in Gulf Shores) tapped fellow Mobilian Will Kimbrough for four co-writes among the 14 new songs on "Life on the Flip Side." Kimbrough also played on the the entire album.

Buffett first tapped into Kimbrough's talents through mutual friend Todd Snider for the album, License to Chill. That album included Kimbrough's "Piece of Work." Kimbrough played guitar in Buffett's band during the Country Music Association's awards ceremony that year and again before 35,000 people during the 2010 Buffett concert at Gulf Shores Public Beach sponsored by BP Oil.

dido Key.

- **Destiny Brown:** 6; Tacky Jack's, Gulf Shores.
- **Gypsy Pearl:** 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's at Homeport Marina; Gulf Shores.
- **Shelby Brown:** 6; Tacky Jack's, Orange Beach.
- **Dancin' in the Street DJ Night:** 7-10; The Wharf, Orange Beach.
- **The Favorites Band:** 7; Alabama Gulf Coast Music Hall; Foley.
- **Robin Crooks:** 7; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.
- **Karaoke w. Kelly Ann:** 6; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- **Open Mixed Doubles Tennis:** 7:30 a.m.; all levels welcome; Gulf Shores Tennis Center; corner of West 19th Ave. and West 2nd St.
- **First Friday Art Walk:** 7 p.m. til; historic downtown Fairhope.
- **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, JUNE 6

- **Free Milk Giveaway:** 9 a.m.; Foley United Methodist Church, 915 N Pine St.
- **Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables:** 11 a.m. 'til; (includes Ole River Grill & Flora-Bama Yacht Club, Flora-Bama), Perdido Key.
- **Bo Grant:** 9; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **J. Hawkins Band:** 5; The Angry Crab; Orange Beach.
- **Jason Abel Duo:** 9; The Office, Foley.
- **Tyler Mac Band:** 7; OSO, Bear Point.
- **Clear Motive:** 8; Perdido Sports Bar, Perdido Key.
- **Johnno Clayto:** 6; Tacky Jack's, Gulf Shores.
- **Kelly Pressley & The Likes Minds Band:** 1; Purple Parrot Tiki Bar; Perdido Key.
- **Rhonda Hart & Justin Fobes:** 6; Purple Parrot Tiki Bar; Perdido Key.
- **Hippie Jim:** 11 a.m.; Tacky Jack's, Orange Beach.
- **Tonya Gallagher:** 6; Tacky Jack's, Orange Beach.
- **Bell and Bull:** 6; OSO, Bear Point.
- **Rebecca Barry:** 3 p.m.; Beachfront Tiki Bar; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.
- **Langley Willis:** 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's at Homeport Marina; Gulf Shores.
- **Craig Brayer:** 7; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.
- **Dancin' in the Street DJ Night:** 7-10; The Wharf, Orange Beach.
- **The Favorites Band:** 7; Alabama Gulf Coast Music Hall; Foley.
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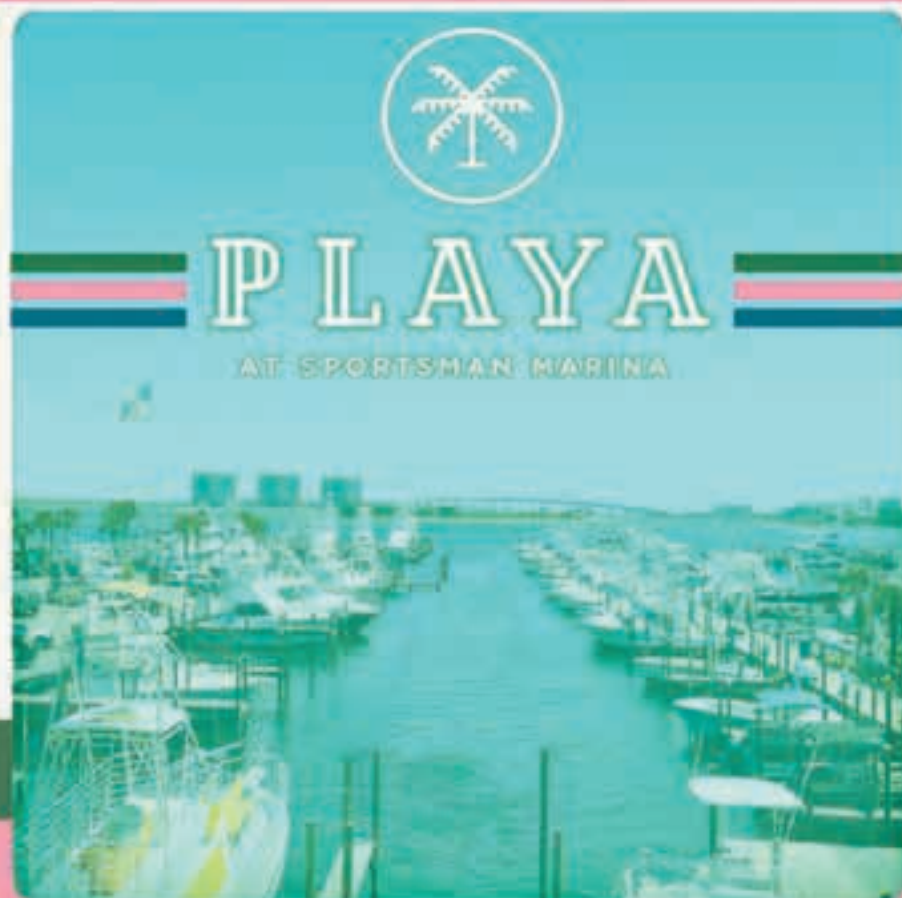
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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Tacky Jack's G.S. Summer of Fun lunches for kids

Tacky Jacks Gulf Shores presents the 8th Annual Summer of Fun featuring art classes, a hands on nature series and waterfront beach games at lunch. Hands on Habitat, Art al Fresco and Tacky Jacks Beach Games make up a series of weekly lunchtime activities offered at the waterfront venue. The Summer of Fun series will feature different events to include regional artists and local organizations each Tuesday through Thursday this summer beginning June 9. Online reservations are required. A monthly schedule of events is online at tackyjacks.com.

• **Tuesdays:** Hands on Habitat is a fun and educational hands on nature series presented by Gulf State Park Nature Center, Alabama Gulf Coast Zoo, Share the Beach, Orange Beach Wildlife Center, Alabama Audubon, Gulf Coast Center for Eco-tourism and Sustainability! Kids & adults alike can learn about our ecosystem and interact with the animals that live here with us. The event is all ages from 11am-12pm (arrive 15 minutes early), RSVP required.

• **Wednesdays:** Art al Fresco "A hands on lunch & learn for starving artists of all ages"

Create different works of art & crafts every Wednesday this summer. Projects include: tie-dye, oyster shell art, shell jewelry, rare lionfish jewelry, living art terrarium, Ductigami (that's duck tape origami for those that don't know), learn to sculpt with sand with pros from Sand Castle University, and Ductstravaganza with "Duck Tape Stuck at Prom" finalists. All ages lunch & learn every Wednesday at 11am-12pm (arrive 15 minutes early). Includes \$10 gift card for lunch, fee: depends on the project. In-person art class or take home to-go craft kit.

• **Thursdays:** Tacky Jacks Beach Games is all about a little friendly competition. Kids ages 6-12 compete every Thursday this summer in games, challenges and more! All participants get a free lunch from Tacky Jacks, prizes, and get to be on TV! Parents can compete in a friendly game of water balloon dodge ball for prizes! Ages 6-12 every Thursday from 11am-12pm (arrive 15 minutes early), RSVP required.

• **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 Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

SUN, JUNE 7

• **The Church at the Flora-Bama:** 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.; Flora-Bama Tent Stage, Perdido Key.
• **Unity Church Service:** 10 a.m.; The Royal Oyster on Hwy. 59, three blocks from beach in Gulf Shores.
• **Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables:** 11 a.m. 'til; (includes Ole River

Grill & Flora-Bama Yacht Club, Flora-Bama), Perdido Key.
• **Steve Wilkerson:** 9; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
• **Gypsy Pearl:** 5; The Angry Crab; Orange Beach.
• **Chris Beverly:** noon; OSO, Bear Point.
• **Kelly Pressley & The Likes Minds Band:** 1; Purple Parrot Tiki Bar; Perdido Key.
• **Classic June:** 6; Purple Parrot Tiki Bar; Perdido Key.
• **Amanda Pruitt:** 11:30; The Tin Top Restaurant, Bon Secour.
• **Hundred Dollar Car:** 5; OSO, Bear Point.
• **Light Travelers:** 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's at Homeport Marina; Gulf Shores.
• **Lisa Christian:** 4; Tacky Jack's, Gulf Shores.
• **Gambino Duo:** 6; Tacky Jack's, Orange Beach.
• **Journey To Mars:** 4; Beachside Tiki

Bar; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.
• **AA:** 5 p.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

MON, JUNE 8

• **Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables:** 11 a.m. 'til; (includes Ole River Grill & Flora-Bama Yacht Club, Flora-Bama), Perdido Key.
• **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 9; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
• **Jerry Laberge:** 1; Purple Parrot Tiki Bar; Perdido Key.
• **Songwriters Night Featuring Austin Foreman:** 6; Purple Parrot Tiki Bar; Perdido Key.
• **Austin Thompson & Adam Tyler Brown:** 6; OSO, Bear Point.
• **Rick McNutty:** 6; Tacky Jack's, Orange Beach.
• **Wes Loper:** 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's at Homeport Marina; Gulf Shores.



Alabama Free Fishing Day is June 13

On Saturday, June 13, Alabamians and out-of-state visitors alike will have the opportunity to fish for free in most public waters including both freshwater and saltwater. Free Fishing Day is part of National Fishing and Boating Week, which runs June 6-14. The event allows residents and non-residents to enjoy the outstanding fishing Alabama has to offer without purchasing a fishing license.

"This is the perfect opportunity for non-anglers to test the fishing waters and to remind former anglers of all the fun they've been missing," said Chris Blankenship, Commissioner of the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (ADCNR). "It's also a day for kids to learn how fun and exciting fishing is, while giving families a chance to do something together outdoors."

Free Fishing Day takes place during Alabama's red snapper season. While fishing license requirements are waived for Free Fishing Day, those fishing for red snapper will still need a \$10 Gulf Reef Fish En-

dorsement and a free saltwater angler registration. For more information, visit www.outdooralabama.com/fishing/saltwater-recreational-size-creel-limits.

State Public Fishing Lakes still require a fishing permit on Free Fishing Day, and fishing in a private pond requires the pond owner's permission. Some piers may also require fees and permits. Anglers looking for a new public fishing spot are encouraged to explore the fishing section of www.outdooralabama.com.

ADCNR strongly encourages everyone to observe Alabama's current State Health Order and to practice CDC recommendations regarding hand washing and social distancing during the COVID-19 pandemic.

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- **Open Mixed Doubles Tennis:** 7:30 a.m.; all levels welcome; Gulf Shores Tennis Center; corner of West 19th Ave. and West 2nd St.
- **8 Ball League:** 7:30; The Office, Foley.
- **Celebrate Recovery:** (Christ centered 12 step program); Monday evenings at 6 p.m.; Christian Life Church in Orange Beach; 251-967-4840.
- **Overeaters Anonymous:** 6; Holy Spirit Episcopal Church; Gulf Shores, 616 Ft. Morgan Rd.; 251-709-5907.
- **T.O.P.S. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly):** weigh-in 5:30; meeting 6; First Presbyterian Church of Foley; (Berry & Highway 59).
- **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, JUNE 9

- **Hands on Habitat:** 11 a.m.; free; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores; reservations at tackyjacks.com.
- **Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables:** 11 a.m. 'til; (includes Ole River Grill & Flora-Bama Yacht Club, Flora-Bama), Perdido Key.
- **Clay Connor & John Cook:** 6; OSO, Bear Point.
- **Corey Reznor:** 6; Tacky Jack's, Orange Beach.
- **Open Mic (6), UPA 8 ball & Texas Hold (7:30):** The Office, Foley.
- **Jessie Bumann:** 1; Purple Parrot Tiki Bar; Perdido Key.
- **Tiki Trivia:** 7; Purple Parrot Tiki Bar; Perdido Key.
- **Chauncey Crandall:** 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's at Homeport Marina; Gulf Shores.
- **Brandon Styles Magic Show:** 7 & 8:15; OWA, Foley.
- **Orange Beach Grief Support Group:** 10 a.m.; Orange Beach Senior Activity Center, 26251 Canal Rd.; 251-943-5015.
- **Celebrate Recovery Meeting:** 6; includes free dinner; open to all; Orange Beach United Methodist

Church; 251-981-6751 or 850-419-1141.

- **Orange Beach City Council Meeting:** 5 p.m.; City Hall; 980-INFO.
- **Overcomers Outreach:** 7 p.m.; First Baptist Church of Orange Beach; 980-1705.
- **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, JUNE 10

- **Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables:** 11 a.m. 'til; (includes Ole River Grill & Flora-Bama Yacht Club, Flora-Bama), Perdido Key.
- **Artie Hopkins:** 5; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- **Pepsi Treasure Hunt:** 5-8; free; check-in at the ship tent behind the marlin; The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- **John Fowler:** 1; Purple Parrot Tiki Bar; Perdido Key.
- **Karaoke w. J.W. Baker:** 6; Purple Parrot Tiki Bar; Perdido Key.
- **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 9; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **Brandon Blackburn & Willie Traywick:** 6; OSO, Bear Point.
- **Hippie Jim:** 6; Tacky Jack's, Orange Beach.
- **John Joiner & Darrel Roberts:** 7; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
- **Adam Holt:** 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's at Homeport Marina; Gulf Shores.
- **Wonderful Wednesdays:** Bellinrath Gardens and Home; Theodore.
- **Trivia (7:30) Karaoke (9):** The Office, Foley.
- **L.A. Fleet Feet Running Club:** 5:45 p.m.; Big

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- Beach Brewery in Gulf Shores; lafleetfeet.com.
- **Open Mixed Doubles Tennis:** 7:30 a.m.; all levels welcome; Gulf Shores Tennis Center; corner of West 19th Ave. and West 2nd St.
 - **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 Triggers. 850.492.8335.
 - **Gulf Shores Lions Club:** noon; 2nd & 4th Wednesday; noon; Gulf Shores Community House, 300 E. 16th Avenue; 251-968-2823.
 - **AA:** Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

THU, JUNE 11

- **Beach Games For Kids;** 11 a.m.; free; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores; reservations at tackyjacks.com.
- **Orange Beach Open Fishing Tournament:** The Wharf Marina; Orange

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Blood drive June 4 at First Presbyterian Church of Gulf Shores

An American Red Cross Blood Drive will take place at the First Presbyterian Church in Gulf Shores on Thursday, June 4 between the hours of 1:30 and 5:30 p.m. Red Cross safety procedures will be in place: donors' temperatures will be taken at the door and all are asked to wear masks and gloves. Social distancing will also be practiced. If you wish to donate blood, please register at redcrossblood.org.



Art show June 6 at Purple Parrot Tiki Bar on Perdido Key

Perdido Key's Purple Parrot Tiki Bar and Grill (13555 Perdido Key Dr.) will host an art show featuring a wonderful array of local artists and craftsmen providing art, gifts, jewelry, and eats from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. June 6. Coordinator Melissa Manning said the show will be held in the front parking lot the first Saturday of each month.

A jeweler, Manning has also bartends at The Purple Parrot. She said there is no fee for artists to participate, as long as they are selling original art or specialty food not available at the Purple Parrot.

"We've been doing this for a few years, but this is our first one since the covid (quarantine was lifted). I am expecting at least 10 artists." For vender info, call or text Melissa at 850-207-5853.

Pictured: Melissa Manning in front of a mermaid painted by fellow artist Carla Milam.

Beach, (251) 802-2664.

• **Artist Showcase w. Steve & Dee Burrow (pottery) and Clara's Loom (weaving):** Live demos; Coastal Art Center, Orange Beach.

• **Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables:** 11 a.m. 'til; (includes Ole River Grill & Flora-Bama Yacht Club, Flora-Bama), Perdido Key.

• **HartStrings:** 6:30; The Point; Innerarity Point.

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

• **Brigham Cason:** 6; OSO, Bear Point.

• **Lefty Collins:** 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's at Homeport Marina; Gulf Shores.

• **Brennan Crim:** 1; Purple Parrot Tiki Bar; Perdido Key.

• **Rick Whaley & Tommy Mazzulo:** 6; Purple Parrot Tiki Bar; Perdido Key.

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

• **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 9; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.

• **Karaoke:** 8; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.

• **Chris Beverly:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.

• **Delta Donnie:** 6; Bier Shack Taproom; Foley.

• **The Favorites Band:** 7; Alabama Gulf Coast Music Hall; Foley.

• **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.

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

• **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, JUNE 12

• **Orange Beach Open Fishing Tournament:** The Wharf Marina; Orange Beach, (251) 802-2664.

• **Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables:** 11 a.m. 'til; (includes Ole River Grill & Flora-Bama Yacht Club, Flora-

Bama), Perdido Key.

• **Jan & Smokey:** 9; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.

• **Ayers Brothers Band:** 5; The Angry Crab; Orange Beach.

• **Tommy Morse:** 6; Tacky Jack's, Gulf Shores.

• **Gringo Fife Duo:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.

• **Mojo Mixers:** 7; OSO, Bear Point.

• **Dancin' in the Street DJ Night:** 7-10; The Wharf, Orange Beach.

• **Ronnie Presley:** 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's at Homeport Marina; Gulf Shores.

• **The Favorites Band:** 7; Alabama Gulf Coast Music Hall; Foley.

• **Karaoke w. Kelly Ann:** 6; American Legion Post 99; Foley.

• **Justin Fobes:** 1; Purple Parrot Tiki Bar; Perdido Key.

• **Christina Christian:** 6; Purple Parrot Tiki Bar; Perdido Key.

• **Open Mixed Doubles Tennis:** 7:30 a.m.; all levels welcome; Gulf Shores Tennis Center; corner of West 19th Ave. and West 2nd St.

• **Bingo:** 5:30; Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5659; Elberta.

• **Foley Rotary Club:** 12:15 p.m.; Gift Horse Restaurant in Foley; foleyrotary@gulftel.com.

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

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

SAT, JUNE 13

• **Free Fishing Day:** No license needed to

fish any public waters in Alabama.

• **Free Milk Giveaway:** 9 a.m.; Foley United Methodist Church, 915 N Pine St.

• **Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables:** 11 a.m. 'til; (includes Ole River Grill & Flora-Bama Yacht Club, Flora-Bama), Perdido Key.

• **Warp Speed Sulu Band:** 9; The Office, Foley.

• **Smokey Otis Trio:** 9; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.

• **Jason Justice & Hung Jury:** 5; The Angry Crab; Orange Beach.

• **Free Veteran's Breakfast:** 9-10 a.m.; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.

• **Adam & Jillian Holt:** 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's at Homeport Marina; Gulf Shores.

• **Strickly Isbell:** 6; Tacky Jack's, Gulf Shores.

• **Brent Varner:** 11 a.m.; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.

• **Gringo Fife Duo:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.

• **Karaoke:** 8; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.

• **Mojo Mixers:** 7; OSO, Bear Point.

• **Stone Country:** 6:30; American Legion Post 99; Foley.

• **Kelly Pressley & The Likes Minds Band:** 1; Purple Parrot Tiki Bar; Perdido Key.

• **Ultra Violet Tiki Toga Party:** 6; Purple Parrot Tiki Bar; Perdido Key.

• **Dancin' in the Street DJ Night:** 7-10; The Wharf, Orange Beach.

• **The Favorites Band:** 7; Alabama Gulf Coast Music Hall; Foley.

• **Brandon Styles Magic Show:** 7 & 8:15; OWA, Foley.

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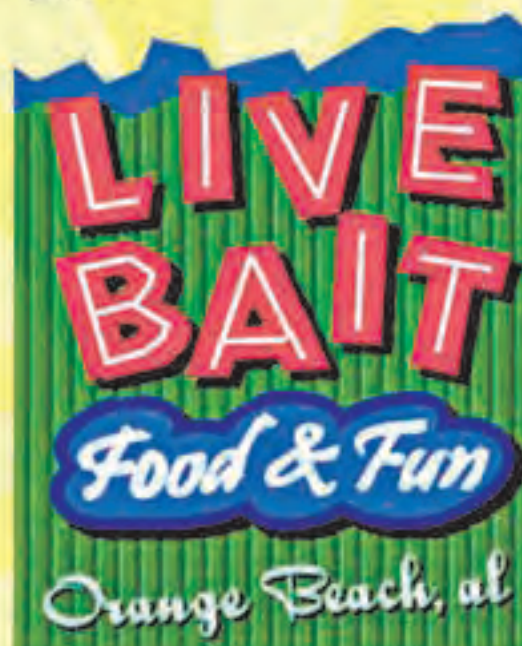
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 1/4 cup white wine
 3/4 tsp. salt, divided
 1/4 tsp. pepper, divided
 4 tilapia fillets (6 oz. each)
 1 medium lemon, cut into 8 thin slices
 Preheat oven to 400 degrees. In a bowl, combine beans, tomatoes, zucchini, onion, garlic, wine, 1/2 tsp. salt and 1/8 tsp. pepper. Rinse fish and pat dry. Place each fillet on an 18x12-in. piece of heavy-duty foil; season with remaining salt and pepper. Spoon bean mixture over fish; top with lemon slices. Fold foil around fish and crimp edges to seal. Transfer packets to a baking sheet. Bake until fish just begins to flake easily with a fork and vegetables are tender, 15-20 min. Be careful of escaping steam when opening packet. Yield: 4 servings. **Enjoy!**



Raccoons in O.B. exhibiting signs of canine distemper

City of Orange Beach Coastal Resources suspicions after responding to reports of raccoons exhibiting signs consistent with the canine distemper virus were confirmed on May 16 when results from the lab tests confirming this suspicion. Distemper is not uncommon in a variety of species including raccoons.

Raccoons with distemper may approach people, or curl up to sleep in open areas in close proximity to people. They generally act disoriented or lethargic, but can become aggressive if cornered. They may also have seizures, show their teeth and have been known to stand on their hind legs.

Canine distemper does not pose a threat to human health however; dogs not vaccinated for distemper can become infected if they come in contact with an infected animal or its droppings, fluids, etc.

If residents notice a raccoon displaying abnormal behavior they should call 251-981-9777 to make a report and Coastal Resources staff will be contacted. Please note that merely seeing a raccoon, even during daylight hours, is not abnormal especially this time of year when they are with young.

What is Canine Distemper?

Canine Distemper (CDV) is a viral disease affecting animals in the canine families in addition to some other mammals. Raccoons are pre-disposed to this disease, as are dogs. It also commonly infects foxes and skunks. The disease is most often fatal, and those that recover may display permanent neurological damage.

Can my dog catch distemper?

Yes, if your dog has not been vaccinated against distemper, and comes in contact with a raccoon with distemper. Most dogs receive vaccinations as pups against distemper, and regular booster shots may be given. If you are not sure your pet is up-to-date, check with your veterinarian. Puppies not yet vaccinated are at particularly high risk. To protect your pet, keep your dog on a leash when on walks (it's the law).

What are symptoms of distemper?

Raccoons with distemper may move slowly and may stumble as they walk. They lose their fear of humans; appear blind, confused, and may wander aimlessly; and may become aggressive if cornered or approached. A mucous discharge will often be present around the eyes and nose.

flin Rd. (County Rd. 20), Foley.

- **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, JUNE 14

- **The Church at the Flora-Bama:** 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.; Flora-Bama Tent Stage, Perdido Key.
- **Unity Church Beach Service:** 10 a.m.; Papa Rocco's, Hwy. 59 - one block from beach in Gulf Shores.
- **Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables:** 11 a.m. 'til; (includes Ole River Grill & Flora-Bama Yacht Club, Flora-Bama), Perdido Key.
- **Cadillac Attack:** 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's at Homeport Marina; Gulf Shores.
- **Mike Diamond:** 11:30; The Tin Top Restaurant, Bon Secour.
- **JJ Mack:** 11 a.m.; Tacky Jacks, Orange

Beach.

- **Greg Brown:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.
- **Lisa Christian:** 4; Tacky Jack's, Gulf Shores.
- **Chris Beverly:** noon; OSO, Bear Point.
- **Chris Beverly Band:** 5; OSO, Bear Point.
- **Troy Martin:** 1; Purple Parrot Tiki Bar; Perdido Key.
- **Gary Story & Rickstar:** 5; Purple Parrot Tiki Bar; Perdido Key.
- **John Joiner & Friends:** 4; Hub Stacey's at the Point; Innerarity Point.
- **9 Ball APA:** 6; The Office, Foley.
- **AA:** 5 p.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

MON, JUNE 15

- **Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables:** 11 a.m. 'til; (includes Ole River Grill & Flora-Bama Yacht Club, Flora-Bama), Perdido Key.
- **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 9; Papa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **Albert Simpson:** 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's at Homeport Marina; Gulf Shores.
- **Brittany Grimes:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.
- **Jason Abel:** 5; OSO, Bear Point.
- **Chris Moreau:** 1; Purple Parrot Tiki Bar; Perdido Key.
- **Songwriters Night w. Robert Wayne**

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COASTAL WILDLIFE & NATIVE PLANTS

BY JOHN MARSHALL

Red-tailed Hawks

Of all the magnificent birds of prey found in North America, few are more widespread or familiar than the red-tailed hawk (*Buteo jamaicensis*). These are large hawks with broad wings designed for soaring. They get their name from the red tail feathers on most adults.

Red-tailed hawks are inhabitants of woodland edges and open fields. In these habitats they find most of their prey, consisting of small and medium-sized mammals and reptiles. When the opportunity presents itself, they will prey on bats, birds and even insects.

There 14 subspecies, or varieties, of red-tailed hawk in North America. They are found from Alaska to Central America and the Caribbean. Along the Gulf Coast, the most common variety is the Eastern red-tailed hawk, with its brick-red tail feathers, dark head and back, white underneath with a band of dark feathers across the upper belly. A lighter subspecies, called Krider's hawk, from the Great Plains occasionally migrates through our area. It has white head and tail feathers.

Male and female red-tailed hawks look just alike. The females are about 25% larger than the males. Adult birds reach lengths of up to 18 inches with wing-spans of over four feet. Immature red-tailed hawks do not get their adult plumage (red tail feathers) until their second year. Their tail feathers are brown with narrow dark bands.

Red-tailed hawks require tall structures on which to perch, search for prey and build nests. Nests are made of sticks and twigs and are about 30 inches wide and four or five inches deep. They are usually built in late winter or early spring. Nests are built in trees, on ledges or human structures such as power poles. The same nest may be used for several years by a mated pair of hawks, which mate for life.

Once a pair of red-tails has mated, they establish a territory, which varies from 1 to 2 square miles. Both hawks defend the territory, which they remain on their entire lives. Around March or April, the female lays two to four dull white eggs. The incubation period is about four weeks. The female incubates the eggs while the male hunts for food and brings to her. After the eggs hatch, the male continues to hunt for the female and chicks, while the female stays at the nest to protect the young.

Red-tailed hawks are generalist when it comes to food. They will eat whatever is available, although studies show about 95% of their diet is small mammals, like mice and rats. They search for prey either by soaring above a field or meadow or by perching in an elevated location until they spot a potential meal. They can frequently be seen perching on telephone poles next to highways, where they feed on mice and rats.

The prey is killed with their sharp talons. Small animals are swallowed whole while larger ones (like rabbits or squirrels) are torn into smaller pieces with their beaks. Hair and bone is compressed into pellets and periodically regurgitated.

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• **Open Mixed Doubles Tennis:** 7:30 a.m.; all levels welcome; Gulf Shores Tennis Center; corner of West 19th Ave. and West 2nd St.

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

• **Celebrate Recovery:** (Christ centered 12 step program); Monday evenings at 6 p.m.; Christian Life Church in Orange Beach; 251-967-4840.

• **Overeaters Anonymous:** 6; Holy Spirit Episcopal Church; Gulf Shores, 616 Ft. Morgan Rd.; 251-709-5907.

• **Bingo:** 6; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.

• **Take Off Pounds Sensibly:** 5-7 p.m.; Foley Presbyterian Church; 965-

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from 9:00-12:00 pm.

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

TUE, JUNE 16

• **Hands on Habitat:** 11 a.m.; free; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores; reservations at tackyjacks.com.

• **Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables:** 11 a.m. 'til; (includes Ole River Grill & Flora-Bama Yacht Club, Flora-Bama), Perdido Key.

• **Albert Simpson:** 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's at Homeport Marina; Gulf Shores.

• **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 9; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.

• **JJ Mack:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.

• **Sandy Roots Songwriters Series:** 6:30

p.m.; The Point, Innerarity Point.

• **Jonathon Puzan:** 1; Purple Parrot Tiki Bar; Perdido Key.

• **Tiki Trivia:** 7; Purple Parrot Tiki Bar; Perdido Key.

• **Pool Tourney:** 7; Snapper's; Orange Beach.

• **Austin Thompson & Adam Tyler Band:** 6; OSO, Bear Point.

• **Open Mic (6), UPA 8 ball & Texas Hold (7:30):** The Office, Foley.

• **Coastal Alabama Farmers and Fishermen Market:** 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.; 20733 Mifflin Rd. (County Rd. 20), Foley.

• **Brandon Styles Music:** 7 & 8:15; OWA, Foley.

• **Lillian Women's Club:** third Tues. of month; 11:30 a.m., Lillian Community Club; lunch & meeting at noon; 251-961-1449.

• **Foley Lions Club:** noon; Wolf Bay Lodge; 987-5471.

• **Gulf Shores Kiwanis Club:** Palmer Dining Room at Craft Farms; noon; new members and guests always welcome; 251-981-9999.

• **Kiwanis Club of Big Lagoon:** Breakfast meeting each Tuesday at 7:30 a.m.; speaker first three Tuesdays and a business meeting the fourth Tuesday; Perdido Bay UMC Activities Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Road, Pensacola, 262-749-4241.

WED, JUNE 17

• **Art al Fresco:** 11 a.m.; price varies; tie dye; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores; reservations at tackyjacks.com.

• **Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables:** 11 a.m. 'til; (includes Ole River Grill & Flora-Bama Yacht Club, Flora-Bama), Perdido Key.

• **Coastal Alabama Farmers and Fishermen Market:** 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.; 20733 Mifflin Rd. (County Rd. 20), Foley.

• **SanRoc Cay Art & Farm Market:** 11 a.m. 'til; Orange Beach.

• **Shelby Brown:** 6; Tacky Jack's, Gulf Shores.

• **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 9; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.



GSMS STUDENTS COMPETE AT TECH CONSORTIUM: Gulf Shores Middle Schools attended the 2020 Alabama Consortium for Technology in Education at Coastal Alabama Community College in Bay Minette today led by their teacher, Teresa Brewer. #ACTE We had one individual compete and 5 teams. William Griffith competed in Computer programming individual taking home 1st place and receiving honorable mention in Computer literacy finishing in the top 7 out of 150. Sean Davenport and Lucas Chiribao competed in Audio Group and placed second. Tristian "Cookie" Groover and Savannah Sandlin competed in Video Production Group and received honorable mention. Matthew Kisner competed in Web Design Group and earned honorable mention. Emily Imperato competed in Digital Game Design Group and received honorable mention. John Paul Hicks competed in Computer Literacy and received honorable mention finishing in the top 7 out of 150. Gulf Shores Digital Academy Student Lauren Calvert competed in Hardware Modification Individual and won 1st place. "We are so proud of their accomplishments in today's competition! The GSMS technology program is growing in leaps and bounds, and we can't wait to see what is ahead," said Brewer.

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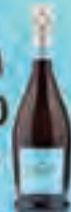
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GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION: The Baldwin County Genealogical Society celebrated their 33rd anniversary at the Foley Public Library in the group's last pre-quarantine meeting. The BCGS is open to the public and meetings are always held the second Saturday of every month at the Foley Public Library from 9am to noon. **Pictured:** Board members around the celebratory cake (l to r) Tina Graham, Maureen Lee, Auriette Lindsey, Melanie O'Donnell and

Coast Guard & OBPD terminate voyage of illegal charter vessel

The Coast Guard and the Orange Beach Police department terminated the voyage of an illegal charter vessel near Orange Beach Saturday.

Orange Beach Police contacted Coast Guard Sector Mobile with concerns of a suspected illegal passenger for hire operation in the area after seeing multiple advertisements on social media over the last few weeks. Coast Guard law enforcement officers, patrolling with Orange Beach police, boarded the 21-foot center console boat and found it operating with paying passengers embarked. The captain of the vessel had no valid Merchant Mariner's License, no current vessel registration, and no business license to operate. The voyage was terminated and the vessel was escorted back to port.

Under federal law, owners and operators of illegal charter vessels can face maximum civil penalties of more than \$59,000.

"Illegal charter boats place passengers in great danger," said Capt. LaDonn Allen, Sector Commander of Coast Guard Sector Mobile. "They do not provide the same level of safety as a legal charter vessel. The safety of the boating public is our top priority and along with our partners, like the Orange Beach Police Department, we are dedicated to stopping this illegal activity and ensuring the appropriate penalties are applied."

The Coast Guard urges anyone paying for a trip on a passenger vessel to verify that their captain has a safety plan and a Merchant Mariner Credential. For larger charter boats, ask to see a Coast Guard issued Certificate of Inspection. If the operator cannot produce appropriate credentials, passengers should not get on the boat.

- **Adam Holt:** 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's at Homeport Marina; Gulf Shores.
- **Scott Koehn:** 6; OSO, Bear Point.
- **Artie Hopkins:** 5; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- **Troy Martin:** 1; Purple Parrot Tiki Bar; Perdido Key.
- **Tiki Karaoke:** 6; Purple Parrot Tiki Bar; Perdido Key.
- **Pepsi Treasure Hunt:** 5-8; free; check-in at the ship tent behind the marlin; The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- **Trivia (7:30) Karaoke (9):** The Office, Foley.
- **Karaoke:** 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- **Wonderful Wednesdays:** Bellgrath Gardens and Home; Theodore.
- **L.A. Fleet Feet Running Club:** 5:45 p.m.; Big Beach Brewery in Gulf Shores; lafleetfeet.com.
- **Knights of Columbus:** 6 p.m. potluck; 7 p.m. meeting; Our Lady of the Gulf Church; 404-386-9859.
- **Open Mixed Doubles Tennis:** 7:30 a.m.; all levels welcome; Gulf Shores Tennis Center; corner of West 19th Ave. and West 2nd St.
- **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.
- **Food Bank:** 9 - 11 a.m. every Wednesday, Perdido Bay Baptist Church, 12600 Sorrento Rd. Pensacola; call for eligibility requirements at (850) 492-2604.
- **Bread Ministry:** 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.; Orange Beach United Methodist Church Brook's Center.
- **Perdido Key Rotary Club:** 7:30 a.m.; every Wednesday at Triggers. 850.492.8335.
- **AARP Lillian Chapter:** 10 a.m.; Lillian Community Club; 961-3430.
- **AA:** Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

THU, JUN 18

- **Beach Games For Kids:** 11 a.m.; free; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores; reservations at tackyjacks.com.
- **Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables:** 11 a.m. 'til; (includes Ole River Grill & Flora-Bama Yacht Club, Flora-Bama), Perdido Key.
- **Artist Showcase w. Mary Streu (copper repousse):** Live demos; Coastal Art Center, Orange Beach.
- **JERI:** 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's at Homeport Marina; Gulf Shores.
- **Tim Roberts:** 6; The Tin Top Restaurant, Bon Secour.
- **HartStrings:** 6:30; The Point; Innerarity Point.
- **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 9; Papa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **Pale Moon Rising:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.
- **Brennan Crim:** 1; Purple Parrot Tiki Bar; Perdido Key.
- **Rick Whaley & Tommy Mazzulo:** 6; Purple Parrot Tiki Bar; Perdido Key.
- **Karaoke:** 8; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.
- **Delta Donnie:** 6; Bier Shack Taproom; Foley.



OBES PREK TEACHER AWARDED \$1000 FOR LITERACY PURCHASES: Ms. Wilson, PreK teacher, at Orange Beach Elementary School received \$1,000.00 in gift cards from the 2020 TCC Verizon Teacher Rocks contest. Only 20 teachers in the Southeast were chosen for this award. Ms. Wilson plans on using the gift cards to purchase literacy items for her students to use in the classroom. **Pictured:** Ms. Wilson, Ms. Sellars, PreK Aide, and some of the students from their class proudly displaying their award.

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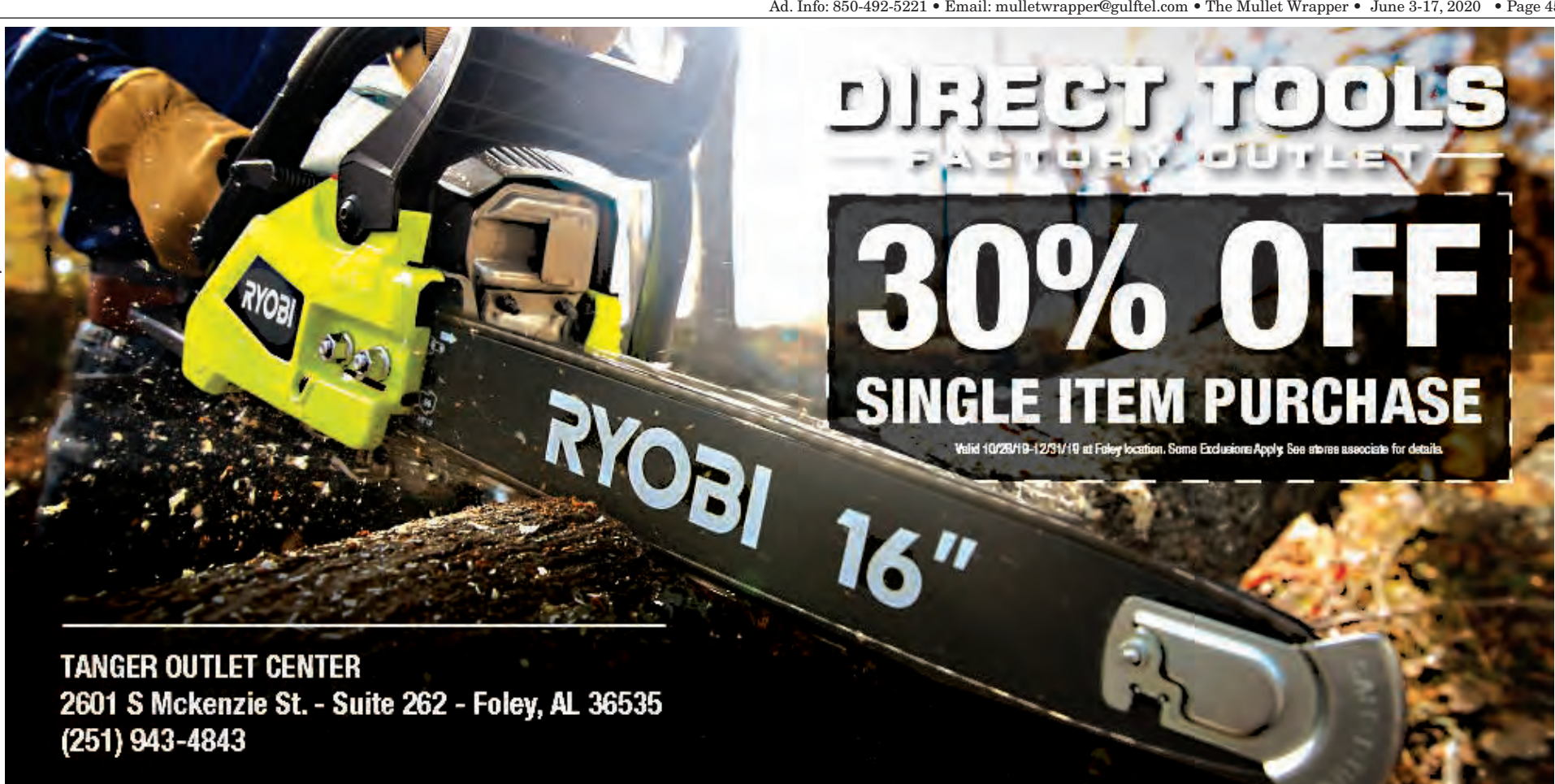
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WHAT'S HAPPENING

- **Bell & Bull:** 6; OSO, Bear Point.
- **The Favorites Band:** 7; Alabama Gulf Coast Music Hall; Foley.
- **Karaoke:** 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- **8 Ball APA:** 7:30; The Office, Foley.
- **Foley Garden Club:** 3rd Thursday of each month, Sept. - May; 12:30 p.m. at the Foley Public Library conference room on East Laurel St.; 251-972-8721.
- **Gulf Shores United Methodist Church Bread Ministry:** 9-10; every Thursday; room 103 on the south campus, next to Crossroad; 251-968-2411.
- **AA:** Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

FRI, JUNE 19

- **Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables:** 11 a.m. 'til; (includes Ole River Grill & Flora-Bama Yacht Club, Flora-Bama), Perdido Key.
- **Hired Guns:** 5; The Angry Crab; Orange Beach.
- **The Redfield:** 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's at Homeport Marina; Gulf Shores.
- **Kelley Pressley Band:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.
- **Three Bean Soup:** 6; Tacky Jack's, Gulf Shores.
- **False Identity:** 8; Perdido Sports Bar, Perdido Key.
- **Royal Horses:** 7; OSO, Bear Point.
- **Karaoke w. Kelly Ann:** 6; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- **Justin Fobes:** 1; Purple Parrot Tiki Bar; Perdido Key.
- **Rhonda Hart & Justin Fobes:** 6; Purple Parrot Tiki Bar; Perdido Key.
- **Open Jam:** 7; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.
- **Dancin' in the Street DJ Night:** 7-10; The Wharf, Orange Beach.
- **The Favorites Band:** 7; Alabama Gulf Coast Music Hall; Foley.
- **Open Mixed Doubles Tennis:** 7:30 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.
- **Alcoholics Anonymous:** noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center; 13660 Innerarity Pt. Rd.; 850-492-3056 or 492-6362.

SAT, JUNE 20

- **Free Milk Giveaway:** 9 a.m.; Foley United Methodist Church, 915 N Pine St.
- **Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables:** 11 a.m. 'til; (includes Ole River Grill & Flora-Bama Yacht Club, Flora-Bama), Perdido Key.
- **The Rowdies:** 5; The Angry Crab; Orange Beach.
- **Brandon & Carl:** 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's at Homeport Marina; Gulf Shores.
- **Bad JuJu:** 8; Perdido Sports Bar, Perdido Key.
- **Hippie Jim:** 11 a.m.; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.
- **Chris Beverly:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.
- **Camille:** 6; Tacky Jack's, Gulf Shores.

Hospitality industry professionals convene for show of solidarity

Keg manager Joe Coe put together the coolest local photo op of the pandemic quarantine when he invited friends in the restaurant industry to join together for a picture at Orange Beach Waterfront Park as a way of showing solidarity among the island's close knit hospitality industry.

"We talked about how the pandemic was affecting us and what we could do to help provide financial relief for employees and tried to help each other connect the dots in processing the systems with the SBA," Coe said.

"It was also a way to show the great solidarity and the unification of the profession here here on the island," he added.

Coe said the restaurant owners and managers discussed revising a recognized coalition during the gathering, but he assumes that all of the hospitality businesses have been as busy as the Keg since last month's lifting of the quarantine.

"I don't think anybody was expecting this kind of response when we opened back up," he said. "With Florida not fully opening up, it has been crazy at the Keg. Last week-end may have been even busier than Memorial Day Weekend."

In attendance were Coe and Howard Gann of the Keg, John McInnis III of the Flora-Bama Lounge and Package Store, Matt Pugh and Brian Harsany of Cosmo's Restaurant & Bar, Cobalt the

Restaurant, Luna's Eat and Drink, GT's On the Bay and BuzzCatz Coffee and Sweets, Leck Labron of Big Fish Restaurant & Bar, Jonathan Kastner of Anchor Bar & Grill, Bryan Tillee of Live Bait, Eric Beech of Brick & Spoon, Brannon Holmway of Cactus Cantina, Michelle Deerman of Duck's Diner, Scott Bryant of S&S Seafood Market, Jesse Sonnier of Bon Temps Poboys and Specialty Meats, Sanford McLain of the Undertow and Shannon Robbins of Sandshaker at The Wharf.

"I thought it was nice and we powwowed before and we powwowed after," said Harsany. "We've been working to possibly get the restaurant and hospitality and hotel crews back together that has failed several times. I think that this might just be as bad as this is something that can definitely bring us back and unify us."

Scott Coe of Island Time Daiquiris and Pizza lined up the restaurant group with proper social distancing in place and took a picture of the group in front of the Coastal Arts Center of Orange Beach. The group discussed the current situation and other issues going forward for the tourist-driven industry.

"We can acknowledge and agree that there are many common factors that we need to battle together," Harsany said. "If we get the state support and the national support then we can get a lot further with

our goals. It was definitely a great show of solidarity. We all know we're on the same boat even beyond this pandemic going on. We all have the same issues that we are battling. We can soundboard ideas off of one another and come up with solutions."

John McInnis III of the Flora-Bama Lounge and Package said the group already has an eye on a leader.

"We pretty much agreed to do that and we all volunteered Brian Harsany to be the president," McInnis said. "He circulated email chains and tried to get everybody together before so that's one of the reasons we volunteered him."

Harsany may be a slightly reluctant choice.

"I don't know if the guy's name they are floating is very accepting of that," Harsany said with a laugh..

"I think that we shared different things we've learned about the SBA process and the current stimulus plan," McInnis said. "I think there were a lot of unanswered questions but we were able to share information about that and everybody picked something up on what to do or not to do."

"All in all, it did exactly what I wanted it to do. It showed unification and strength and professionalism in our industry that we have down here on the island. It went good," Coe said. "I just thought I'd do something to show the solidarity and resilience we have down here on the island. It's just something that I thought needed to be done with all of us out here struggling."

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