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HANGOUT FEST - A 10 YEAR RETROSPECTIVE

City's contract with fest has vastly improved

How does one determine rental value of a beautiful beach?

By Fran Thompson

"Ten years ago, when we embarked on this endeavor, we wanted to create the best music festival in the world," said Shaul Zislin, founder of Hangout Fest. "A decade later, Hangout is a bucket-list music vacation and receives accolades from fans and bands as the ultimate festival experience."

That is true enough. The South Florida based entrepreneur's fest is a first class, fan-centric event that is heavy on basic amenities (bathroom attendants at the portolets near the Boom-Boom Room) and offers over the top perks such as a swimming pool, hot tubs and above stage seating for those springing for VIP and Super VIP options. Best in the world is always going to be subjective when it comes to music fests. To some, the music is the experience. To others it is the people they choose to be with while partying away a late spring weekend.

That the fest has thrived in a very competitive business is a tribute to Zislin's own genius. But just as important to the fest's success is the locale. It is not just on the beach. It is on one of the country's most beautiful public beaches.

Zislin's represents owners of a majority of the parcels around Gulf Place, including a 12 unit luxury condo with 10K in first floor retail space that is about to be topped off. That certainly helps with festival logistics. His team also brilliantly lays out its site plans to take full advantage of the half-mile of public beach and promenade at its disposal.

The city rents the fest its entire public beach for at least two weeks in return for the three percent sales tax it collects on all sales inside the fest, including ticket sales. That has been a constant. The fest also pays three percent to Baldwin County and four percent to Alabama on its retail sales, just like Wal-Mart or any other retailer does.

In addition to sales tax, Gulf Shores collects special event license fees from merchandise vendors and business license fees from companies that provide services that provide everything from tents to lighting and potable water for the fest. It is a long list.

What has changed significantly is the franchise fee the fest pays on ticket sales. Before 2017, it was nonexistent - a mere \$1 per year. That fee increased to one percent of gross ticket sales in 2017 and two percent the following year.

In 2019, the franchise fee increased again to three percent of ticket sales. And that will continue through the duration of the fest's contract with the city, which goes through 2025. This means Gulf Shores collected \$60 on every \$1,000 VIP ticket sold in 2019.

The franchise agreement also requires that the Hangout reimburse the City for expenses occurred directly or indirectly in connection with staging the event.

Also significant is the lodging tax the city pockets from each condo and hotel room rented by festival attendees.

Although the city is not allowed to release the total amount of tax revenue collected, it is a certainty that the total is more than any other three day period of the year, including Shrimp Fest and July 4 weekend.

"Confidentiality rules prevent us from disclosing taxpayer information," said Grant Brown, the city's cultural affairs director. "The Hangout can share those numbers if they wish, but we cannot."



Fest has had negative impact on surrounding businesses

By Fran Thompson

Hangout Music Festival founder Shaul Zislin wants Gulf Shores to be the festival's "forever friend."

Also the frontman for the companies that own a majority of the real estate in the vicinity of Gulf Shores Public Beach, Zislin used that exact analogy while speaking at a December gathering he organized to listen to grievances from residents concerned about traffic, noise, and unruly attendees associated with the fest.

During a 30 minute power point presentation, Zislin spoke at length about how the festival is a community event and a boom to local restaurants and retailers.

But just like much of the criticism about the "bad element" the fest attracts, that is not entirely true.

Some GSHS Career Academy students intern at the fest, and there are volunteer opportunities. But local community involvement is minimal.

Two restaurants directly across from the fest, Desoto's and Crazy Donuts, did not even open for business in 2019. Desoto's has the island's most loyal local clientele. Hangout Fest is the only time of the year it was not busy.

Crazy Donuts owner Mark Frohlich said he tried selling cold beer along with his creative pastries and sandwiches from his parking lot for two years, but there were few takers. "The festival killed our business," he said.

Bill's By The Beach, which has since closed, set up a stand directly in front of a Hangout shuttle bus stop to sell bottled water and beer for one-third the price that those drinks would cost inside. There were few takers. By the time the kids depart those buses, they just want to make a beeline for the entry gates.

Dennis and Deborah Hatfield owned the iconic ice cream parlor Scoops for more than 30 years before selling the business this past spring. It is located a few hundred yards from the beach on Hwy. 59, across from Papa Rocco's.

Dennis Hatfield said Scoops loses \$5,000 in revenue during Hangout weekend.

"Ever since the festival started, we've seen a different crowd. We were used to catering to families getting an early start on vacations," he said. "Even in the week leading up to the festival, it was slow. And once the festival started, it was dismal."

"I think it was (Gulf Shores City Councilman) Steve Jones who said, 'if you open your doors, they will come.' But that is not what we saw happen. I could expect to have at least \$5,000 less revenue during the festival. And I scheduled and planned for that every year."

Hatfield said he did sell bottled water to attendees who wanted to use his for-patrons-only bathrooms.

"A lot of people were thirsty after parking and making a long walk down Hwy. 59," he said, "and water is one of the cheapest items on the menu. So, it worked out."

Hatfield said a sink was ripped from the wall in the women's room and he found the remains from a party behind his walk-in freezer out back during the fest. But for the most part, Scoops and its staff didn't have any issues with fest patrons.

"We called the police on it, and they stepped up patrolling the area," he said. "It's nothing earth shattering or unusual. They are young just like I was. There are some bad apples. But most are well behaved."

Papa Rocco's manager Jama Baker said she used to sell a good many jello shooters from a stand in front of the restaurant, but since LCB representatives informed her such sales were illegal, setting up a table in front of the restaurant to sell pre-mixed drinks has not paid off. Also, Papa Rocco's has a dress code that prevents most of the festival crowd from entering the restaurant.

"I have nothing against the festival or kids having fun. But some of the outfits the kids wear are risqué and we've always had a dress code. It's not just for them," added Papa Rocco himself, Bill McGinnis.



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City wants fest to secure permit before announcing schedule

Communications between fest and Gulf Shores seem to be uneven

By Fran Thompson

During a powerpoint presentation that preceded a gathering he organized to vent community concerns, Hangout Fest founder Shaul Zislin said putting together the fest was a 12 month job and the festival staff was in constant communication with officials in all the appropriate City of Gulf Shores departments.

Hangout representative Reeves Price, whose title is VP of Operations for AEG Presents Gulf Coast/Winter Circle Productions, reiterated that point and added specifically that he was unaware of any communication problems associated with anybody representing the City of Gulf Shores.

But just three days before that meeting, Gulf Shores Mayor Robert Craft passionately took issue with the Hangout Fest releasing its schedule before securing an occupancy permit.

“We’re not happy with the way things have been going and things have got to change. You’ve got to fix it,” Mayor Craft said at the city council meeting immediately prior to Zislin’s gathering of mostly festival supporters.

“We’ve told him in writing that we will not approve a permit until he satisfies us that he’s made significant progress toward controlling the noise and vulgarity permeating outside the impact to the site and into residential areas. The negative impacts to the area are overnight parking and parking on the street,” Craft added.

The City also wanted the fest to address the loss of 4.28 acres of ground space, which it did.

“We’ve had a lot of discussions. Does that deserve to be here? We’ve had a lot of negatives comments after the last festival that were specific to certain things,” Craft said.

“Parking overnight and using the restrooms and bathrooms in the yards in all the different residential areas down there. The noise permeating the community.

“We’ve told him if he can’t fix that it can’t happen. He thinks he can and we’ll be hearing from that later on. But when you see the presentation (of the 2020 festival lineup) tomorrow know that he doesn’t have a permit.

“We have told him if he can solve these things, he’s got 2020. He won’t get anything beyond that if it doesn’t work.”

Mayor Craft added in a later interview that any money the fest spends before securing a city occupancy permit in the remaining five years of its contract will be at its own risk.

Of course, the Hangout Fest eventually presented a plan that the city approved. That was always going to happen. But the fact that Price said he was not aware of any issues Gulf Shores had with the festival three days after the city’s mayor said in a public forum that the city most definitely had issues is perplexing.

Hangout is now part of Gulf Shores’ brand

An upscale spring break given its place at family vacation destination

By Fran Thompson

During a Coastal Alabama Chamber breakfast his company sponsored at Lucy Buffett’s Lulu’s, Hangout Fest founder Shaul Zislin said it made him “feel warm and fuzzy” that the fest entered a contract with Circle K to display promotional posters at hundreds of its convenience stores around the Southeast.

At an earlier community meeting he sponsored (free craft beer & munchies) at Big Beach Brewing Co., Zislin said that the festival promotes Gulf Shores and its beautiful beaches in ways that are beyond Gulf Shores Tourism’s capacity.

He specifically mentioned a national promotional partnership with Monster Energy Drink offering Hangout Fest vacations as prizes.

He said rock stars talk about the beaches here as they travel the world performing. He said people come to the fest for the first time and then come back ready to buy a \$2 million condo here (possibly at Gulf Place, the 12 unit condo with 10,000 ft. of first floor retail space he is building at the main entrance to Gulf Shores Public Beach).

Many Americans did not even know Alabama touched the Gulf of Mexico until the BP Oil Spill put Pleasure Island in the national conversation.

That terrible explosion on the Deepwater Horizon oil rig, an accident that cost 11 men their lives, occurred on April 20, 2010, three weeks before the first Hangout Fest.

That tragedy itself and, more importantly, the multi-million dollar advertising campaign paid for by BP raised Gulf Shores’ profile as a beach vacation destination.

The ESPN televised NCAA National Beach Volleyball Championship has also contributed to spreading the word about our spectacular beaches.

The Hangout Fest was promoted and pitched to the city as a family event.

A very cool children’s village filled the entire Hangout Restaurant courtyard and included an area stocked with musical instruments for kids to play with.

The concept Zislin presented back then was that families could spend a week in Gulf Shores and enjoy fishing, our zoo, boating, parasailing and other family activities while also spending time at the fest.

By the second year, children could barely find a spot in the Children’s Village among the adults while Michael Franti played an acoustic set especially for the kids. I believe

the children’s village was shuttered altogether in 2013.

The festival as it exists now is a very upscale spring break celebration. And it includes an increasing number of young tourists who come to party and don’t even go to the fest.

Pleasure Island’s award winning Convention & Visitors Bureau has always focused on attracting families with blessings from Gulf Shores and Orange Beach. The cities have both taken major steps to discourage rowdy spring break type behavior.

In an effort to get ahead of rowdy behavior from millennials here for spring break, Gulf Shores instituted a seasonal alcohol ban in 2017. This year it was from March 2 through April 17.

The restrictions were spurred by similar ordinances passed in Panama City a year earlier that drove more spring break crowds to Pleasure Island. The new rules were implemented to prevent the island from becoming an out-of-control Panama City.

Greg Kennedy, a former Gulf Shores City Councilman, made a valid point when he said at a public forum that it was ironic that Gulf Shores takes a draconian stance during spring break with college kids while welcoming 40,000 Hangout patrons with open arms.

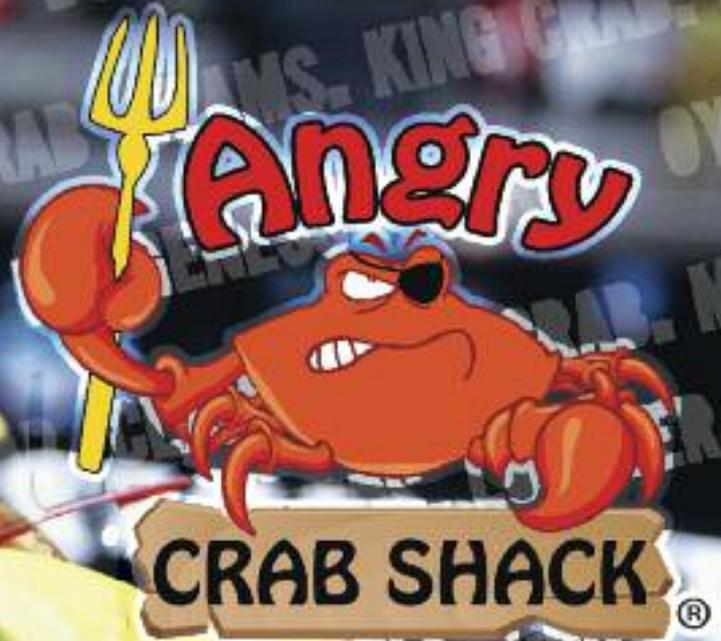
“Just how damn hypocritical it is for the city to say you can’t drink a beer on your private property during spring break but then they allow that?” Kennedy asked. “That’s the big elephant in the room nobody wants to talk about.”

“It goes hand in hand with what happened at Spring Break and that was associated with it,” said Orange Beach Mayor Tony Kenyon (**see page 8 story**). “It generated a certain amount of dollars. But a majority of Orange Beach residents wanted nothing to do with it. And that’s what this (Hangout Fest) is - A late term Spring Break. It is not the kind of dollars we want to generate.”

The tax and franchise fee revenue the city collects from the Hangout Fest supports the incredible amenities Gulf Shores citizens enjoy. But those dollars don’t come without complications.

“Our phones were ringing from citizens about noise and traffic which was overwhelming at times,” Gulf Shores Mayor Robert Craft said after the 2019 festival. “Our challenge is to try to explain all the things that we’re doing and the money that we collect. It balances out. This is what you give up, this is what you get.”

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BY FRAN THOMPSON

HANGOUT FACTS - NOT PERCEPTIONS OR OPINIONS**Fest not why parents feel safe sending daughters**

Fest founder Shaul Zislin asked those attending a public meeting why it is primarily young women who attend the fest before answering his own question. It was because parents know their daughters will be safe. "They know we will take care of them," he said.

That is not necessarily true. Parents feel safe sending their daughters to Gulf Shores rather than New Orleans or Atlanta or Mobile for a music vacation because Gulf Shores is safer than those cities. It's safer than most cities in the country. Thank GSPD Chief Ed Delmore and his officers for that.

Zislin made the statement six months after 20-year old Griffin Gaunt of Fairhope was found barely alive on Cove Ave. just after the 2019 fest concluded. Griffin died the next morning. The deceased was identified through his festival wrist band. Nobody has placed any blame whatsoever for this terrible tragedy on the festival. It was a series of bad, bad, bad decisions on the young man's part. All we can do is continue to pray for his suffering family.

Gulf Shores police, who seem to be vigilant during the fest, reported at least 85 drug-related arrests out 40,000 attendees last year. That seems like a small number because it is.

"The big gatherings, particularly with young people, really does attract that perception that drug use and drinking is part of it," Virginia Guy, director of the Drug Education Council, told NBC 15.

Volunteers look for loggerhead gate crashers

A resident emailed us stating that just a little over a week after things got back to normal at the beach, a turtle laid eggs near where the Hangout Fest main stage was set up. That resident can rest assured that the local turtle czar and his team are on the look out for loggerhead party crashers every year. "We patrol the fenced area along the water around the clock watching for turtle issues," said Mike Reynolds, founder of Share The Beach, which is now part of the Alabama Coastal Foundation.

"The nest you are referring to by the stage in 2019 was laid on June 6. This past season our first nest was on May 19, but it is not uncommon to have our first nest by May 10."

Sara Johnson is the new director for the Alabama Coastal Foundation's Share the Beach sea turtle conservation and Adopt-A-Nest programs. (More info: alabamaseaturtles.com).

The kids at the festival are not litterbugs

Local artist JD Swiger has created a multimedia series of artwork using trash he gathered at Gulf Shores Public Beach. As much as artistic expression, JD's goal with the series was to create additional awareness that trashing our beaches has consequences beyond the obvious. JD's peers at the fest believe that. It's a mostly conscientious crowd. They don't

trash the beach.

The Alabama Coastal Foundation, in partnership with ZeroHero and under the direction of Toni Thomason, also leads cleanup and recycling efforts during the fest.

Credit also goes to the steadfast City of Gulf Shores clean-up crew, and three years of the Leave Only Footprints campaign has also had a positive impact.

Traffic is heavy Mon. a.m. and after fireworks only

Hangout traffic is very heavy for about 40 minutes after the fireworks each night at 11 p.m. Traffic leaving north on Hwy. 59 on Monday morning is the worst two hours of the year for Hwy. 59 congestion. But during the fest and its lead-up days, traffic is moderate. If you were waiting on Hwy. 59 at Rouses during the fest, you would see little indication that thousands of kids are down at the beach having a ball.

Traffic is way heavier during July 4 and Shrimp Fest weekends. The Hangout is a black hole. The kids wander in from about noon 'til 4 p.m. and they stay. They buy their food there and many drink copious amounts of liquor there. But they don't leave until 11 p.m. And most importantly, many come by bus courtesy of a Hangout sponsored shuttle service that is well organized, well thought out and well executed.

And emergency vehicles are used to traffic issues

Several folks complained at public forums and on facebook that Hangout Fest traffic "impedes the safety of walkers" and "prevented an emergency vehicle from getting to West Beach."

It is one of about 10 weekends when emergency vehicles may have issues on Hwy. 59. But it is important to note that elected leaders in Gulf Shores and Orange Beach have made access to good medical care a priority. Both cities established emergency life flight programs to combat such problems. Gulf Shores has long lobbied for the fully equipped SBRMC emergency facility being built just north of the Intracoastal Waterway.

In theory, walkers who obey traffic laws should not be in danger. In reality, they should not trust drivers to do the same.

Beach is closed for two weeks but impacted for four

Gulf Shores Public Beach and the promenade and green space are completely closed to the public for two entire weeks. But starting with construction of the main stage and the Super VIP areas, at least parts of the public beach are closed for about a month. Construction at Gulf Place is well underway during the NCAA Volleyball Championship held two week prior to Hangout. The Hangout crew builds a city that spans about a half mile along the beach.

It's amazing to watch it come together.

**O.B. does not want to be associated with Hangout
A bad fit, even if city had a public beach to rent**

Orange Beach's position on the Hangout Fest is clear. It would not want to be associated with the fest, even if its park system included five acres of Gulf frontage for rent in front of a spectacular \$15.5 million promenade.

Up until this past August, Orange Beach shared high schools and middle schools with Gulf Shores. The cities still share a Convention & Visitor's Bureau. And Orange Beach Mayor Tony Kennon makes it clear that it is not his place to question Gulf Shores position as a festival supporter.

"This is just as much a business decision as it is anything else. We in Orange Beach refuse to compromise our family friendly brand which we have worked so hard to establish."

He said the fest does generate some revenue for his city, but the resulting loss of brand identity has a monetary value that is worth way more than the short term rental and sales taxes the fest generates.

In a nutshell, the O.B. position equates Hangout Fest to a drug heavy spring break. Orange Beach has gone all-in as a family friendly destination and that would be undermined by association with the event.

"We are a city but more importantly a community that prides itself on being family friendly. We believe in traditional American values and sincere southern hospitality. That is our brand and we have done everything

we can do to protect that family focused brand," Mayor Kennon said.

"Case in point would be our desire to not have MTV style spring breaks here or any concert/event that promotes the drug culture, vulgarity, the total disrespect for women and so on. Annually, the Hangout Festival is no different from spring break and to support it would be a contradiction of our brand and who we are," he added.

"Those are not the type dollars we want or need. Those specific dollars have far less value than dollars generated from multi-generational families visiting our city.

"This is just as much a business decision as it is anything else. We in Orange Beach refuse to compromise our family friendly brand which we have worked so hard to establish."

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The “bad element” that Hangout Fest attracts is way overstated, but it may be time to move on from event that has been so divisive

By Fran Thompson

I love the Hangout Fest. And since the Mullet Wrapper office is located directly across the street from the west parking lot at Gulf Place, I get to sit on my porch and soak in the festive atmosphere, watch the shuttle buses unload happy millennials and sort of hear the bands playing on the main stage.

I'm also a huge music fan. I've attended every day of the fest since The North Mississippi All-Stars kicked it off in 2010 with a late afternoon table setter about where the Hangout Restaurant food truck is now. I rode my bicycle down and GSPD officers were there addressing noise complaints when I arrived. They had a point. I could hear the Dickerson boys jamming when I climbed on my bike at my home on East 24th Ave.

Oil had been flowing from the Deepwater Horizon site for more than three weeks at that point. We knew the slicks were heading our way. But we didn't know when they would arrive.

About 16,000 people bought tickets to that first fest. Organizers declared it a free event after the gates opened back up following a Sunday thunder storm.

A great local band of GSHS classmates, Catawampus, was even invited to play. Our neighbor's kid (Harrison Butler) played bass in the band, and the fest comped his parents tickets. The fest already had a plan to spoil the talent it booked. And it worked. Top acts from around the world now want to play here.

I was among those booing Carolyn Kennedy when she spoke before the Zack Brown concert. I was living the BP oil spill. I did not want to listen to a visiting Kennedy remind me how bad it might get.

There is a direct correlation between the fest and the free (if you rented a condo) BP sponsored beach concerts featuring Jimmy Buffett and Brad Paisley later that summer. The festival was proof that it could be done and done well.

I wrote a story following the fest thanking Michael Franti for using his on stage pulpit to ask people to support hurting local businesses instead of leading anti-BP chants, as was the case with Ben Harper. Gulf Shores officials ended up presenting Franti with a key to the city when he returned the following year.

Jerry Jeff Walker, one of my musical heros, had to cancel, and we joked that he was unable to get off of that L.A. Freeway.

Phish is not for me. But I loved Trey Anastasio's closing set, as there was barely a noodle to be heard from the stage. The first Hangout fireworks followed and it was a surprise to everyone. The fest later added fireworks at the conclusion of each day's music.

There is no doubt that concert experiences in the following years seeing superstars like Paul Simon, Stevie Wonder and Tom Petty on my hometown beach has added to significantly to my quality of life.

I saw the Revivalists play Hangout in front of around 20,000 people. Two years before that, Henry Bateman was booking them to play at The Happy Harbor on Marina Rd. in front of a full house of about 100 fans. They killed it at the fest just like they killed it every time Henry booked them to play in Orange Beach.

I saw Kurt Vile and Courtney Barnett sets with maybe 200 other fans. I also thought the Boom Boom Tent would overflow with fans for St. Vincent. I was not right about St. Vincent's mass appeal either.

It's been a couple years since I've seen transformative sets at the fest (Weezer & Phoenix back to back in 2017). But I still go over during the day to look for bands that actually play musical instruments and listen to the reggae bands that rotate in the green space smack in the middle of the fest. People watching is always fun. And I like being the oldest guy (I'm 65) there.

I've met so many truly great kids just standing in line for beer or because I am wearing a Philadelphia Eagles hat or an In Mullet We Trust t-shirt. I've enjoyed a hundred conversations with interesting, accomplished kids. Their positive energy is contagious.

I understand that there is a “bad element” that attends Hangout. There are also bad elements living in my Meyer Park neighborhood. There was a recent bust of drug dealers on East 22nd Ave. directly next door to where my good friend John's kid lives with his family. Thank you GSPD.

A certain percentage of bad elements will always be included when 40,000 out-of towners cross the Holmes Bridge. That percentage does increase during the Hangout Fest. They are here mostly to prey upon the good elements attending the fest.

From what I saw, bad behavior and blatant drug use seemed to be at its worst when The Black Keys and Widespread Panic were booked. It may be the bands or it may be that crystal meth was a popular choice for druggies then. (My favorite joke: What did the Widespread Panic fan say when he ran out of drugs? “Man, this band sucks.”)

Nobody, especially Hangout founder Shaul Zislin, wants to see the fest associated with bad behavior.

“We have never asked them to turn a blind eye to misbehaving people. We hate misbehaving people. It makes my job harder,” he said.

I am certain that the 2019 crowd was the youngest and best behaved in the fest's 10 years history. At least two of my neighbors agree with me.

That does not mean that all of the facework posts and calls to City Council about illegal and lewd behavior, vandalism and drug use in my neighborhood following the 2019 fest were not valid. Not at all. It's no excuse, but it used to be worse.

Local residents absolutely have the right to expect decency and basic manners from our tourists whether those tourists are here to make memories with their family of five at one of the Phoenix condos or to overdrink and dance with 10 of their fraternity brothers at the Hangout Fest.

Zislin is correct when he told City Council that people tell untruths about the fest. But he is also guilty of not letting the truth get in the way of a good Hangout story.

A resident told City Council that music from the fest kept her awake all night. She is not a liar. I'm sure loud music did keep her awake all night. And may have been from a post Hangout party. But it did not emanate from inside the fest if it was after 11 p.m.

A couple of years back, someone told me that a man was busted for selling drugs in front of Papa Rocco's. I happened to be at Papa's when the man was arrested. It was for scalping tickets. I believe he had been warned not to do it the day before.

“There is not anybody in my neighborhood or up and down First Avenue east and west that does not have a public urination or defecation story to tell,” Pam

Williams told City Council. “That's out of control.”

Yes there is Pam. Me. It sickens me that you have a defecation story. That should be a felony.

I have had an old bike stolen from a car in y driveway. And I lost a nice bike because I was stupid enough to leave it unlocked outside Desoto's while I went in to sip a beer with friends who work there. The restaurant was always empty and offered cool respite before Chris and Rosemary Steele decided to just close for the weekend.

I saw a girl passed out in one of the portolets at the west entrance being treated by EMCs. Her head was on the floor when I walked by. It was before noon. I hope her parents never found out.

I saw a guy pee on a fence right out in the open near the east bar in the Hangout courtyard during one of the early fests. The menacing looking fellow who I think is the head of Hangout security saw it too. In a matter of seconds he had dragged the drunk out of there while we cheered.

One year, a teenager ahead of me was stuck at the entry kiosk because his wrist band was not pinged when he scanned it. A cop assisting him noticed alcohol on his breath. He asked for ID. The kid gave him a fake ID. I don't think his wrist band ever pinged. But the cop confiscated the fake ID and let him go in and meet his waiting friends. I hope the kid appreciated that officer giving him a pass.

My favorite story is more recent. A neighbor's grandson was hosting a party for mostly Fairhope kids in 2018. I don't think any of them even went inside the fest. They were partying hard and having fun all day. In response to a kid yelling something out the window of a car heading west on First Ave., one of the kids next door ran over to my driveway to yell back at the kids in the car to come back and get what they deserved.

He was standing directly below me when I told him to get off of my property. He looked up at me with drunken eyes and asked, “Dude, what is your problem?”

Sometimes you just have to laugh and remember that we were all once young and guileless.

In order to address concerns this year, the Hangout Fest was planning to start an ambassador program by soliciting volunteers to patrol the streets outside of the fest. Local residents who see bad behavior can look for an ambassador, who will then tell the official Hangout liaison, who will then call police, if necessary. It sounds crazy, but I did not just make that up.

The fest generates significant income for my city. But is it really in our best interest to indefinitely rent our public beach to a business group that already owns the majority of the property around that beach?

Where will this lead us? We've all seen how the fest has changed in 10 years. What can we expect it to look like in 2030?

With help from the CVB, we've already branded ourselves as a family vacation destination. Is it not OK to not want the fest here just because it's not a good fit or because we don't want to see our public beach rented out to any business for two full weeks?

I don't know if elected officials besides Steve Jones are in favor of extending the contract at least through 2026 to make up for the 2020 cancellation.

But I very much doubt that a majority of residents want to take Zislin up on his offer to become “forever friends.”

I didn't tell her she was on record. So, I won't use her name, but I asked a respected local who I worked with during this year's Ballyhoo Fest her opinion. She said she had never been to the fest, but it had definitely divided our city in unhealthy ways.

“Besides,” she said. “People can hear all the good music they want to at the Flora-Bama.”

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Gulf Shores & Orange Beach mayors both face opposition in Aug. 25 elections

For the first time since they were elected by citizens in their respective cities back in 2008, both Gulf Shores Mayor Robert Craft (from John E. Bays, Jr.) and Orange Beach Mayor Tony Kennon (from Dan Hayes) face opposition in municipal elections scheduled Aug. 25.

The last time Kennon faced opposition was in 2008 when he defeated Larry Faced Alexander in a runoff to win his first term. Iris Ethridge also ran for mayor in 2008.

Craft, already on city council, beat incumbent Billy Duke that year.

In addition, both women serving on the Orange Beach City Council, Annette Mitchell (from Joe Cardwell) and Joni Blalock (from Joe Fierro) face opposition on Aug. 25.

Jeff Boyd, Jerry Johnson and Jeff Silvers in Orange Beach and Philip Harris in Gulf Shores are unopposed and have already been sworn in two serve four year terms.

Four years ago, the only competition for a seat on either city's city council was between Kevin Corcoran and Gary Sinak for the retiring Carolyn Doughty's place 2 seat. Sinak beat Corcoran by just 28 votes (535 to 507).

The last contested election in Orange Beach was back in 2012 when Boyd defeated incumbent Brett Holk and Johnson defeated incumbent Pattisue Simpson.

There are multiple candidates challenging three current city council members in Gulf Shores. If candidates in those races do not receive 50 percent of the vote, a run-off election will be held on Oct. 7.

Bill Coyne and Edward L. Rease are challenging incumbent Joe Garris. Nan Hedgspeth and Michelle Stancil are challenging Sinak; and Tim Clayborn and Angie Swiger are challenging incumbent Jason Dyken.

In addition, Cheryl Connell is challenging Steve Jones for his City Council spot in Gulf Shores.

Gulf Shores voters north of the Intracoastal Canal vote at the Cultural Center on County Road 6. Residents living south of the Intracoastal vote at the Erie H. Meyer Civic Center.

Absentee ballots can be mailed or hand-delivered to City Clerk Wanda Parris at 203 Clubhouse Dr. or mailed to Box 299, Gulf Shores, Al 36547. Absentee ballots are available online at alabamavotes.gov. Absentee applications must be received by Thursday, Aug. 20.

Foley

Candidates for the City of Foley municipal election are as follows: For mayor, Aaron D. Bika and Ralph G. Hellmich; District 1, Barry Hughes and J. Wayne Trawick (Incumbent); District 2, Vera J. Quaites (Incumbent and unopposed); District 3, Richard Dayton and Ralph Eastburn; District 4, C. Rick Blackwell (Incumbent and unopposed); District 5, Charles Ebert, III (Incumbent and unopposed). Voting is at the Foley Sports Tourism Events Center, located at 1001 E. Pride Blvd, from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m.

Robertsdale

In Robertsdale, Mayor Charles Murphy is facing challenges from Tim Brown and Roger Booth. Place 1 incumbent Joe Kitchens will face Jim Giles; Place 2 incumbent Sue Cooper faces Lonnie Ard; Place 4 incumbent Brent Kendrick faces Russell Johnson. Place 3's Ruthie Campbell and Place 5's Paul Hollingsworth have no opposition.

Silverhill

In Silverhill, Mayor Jared Lyles and Town Council members Bert Jones, Steve Brooks, Gerald Ardoin, Tonie Norden and Wayne Gruenloh are unopposed.

Summerdale

Summerdale Mayor David Wilson and Town Council members Myles Bishop, Normal Giles, Mary Carolyn McDaniel, Travis Townsend and Cheryl Stewart face no opposition.

Loxley

In Loxley, three candidates have entered the race for the Place 4 Town Council seat held by incumbent Chris McCall. They are Philip Dembowski, Beth Lovell and Randy Smith. Mayor Richard Teal and Town Council members Richard Lee Wilson, Jeffrey T. Knight, Katherine Breeden and Kasey Childress are unopposed.

Gulf Shores candidates forum Aug. 17 at SBCT

The public is invited to the Gulf Shores City Council Candidate Forum on August 17 from 6-8 p.m. at South Baldwin Community Theatre, located at 22 W. 2nd St. in Gulf Shores. Governor Kay Ivey's safer at home directive will be followed, with masks and social distancing required for all attendees. The forum will be broadcast live over radio, like a drive-in church service, on 88.3 FM. The broadcast range is half mile or so.

The forum will also be live streamed on Facebook on the Common Sense Campaign Tea Party Facebook page. Voters may watch it live or watch it later at their convenience. Questions will come from the audience. Questions will be submitted via index cards for the on-site audience and through the Facebook live stream for those off-site.

Katie Tyler, local radio personality, will moderate the forum, and 11 of 13 candidates are confirmed as of August 7. All voters and interested parties are invited to attend or tune in and participate in the Common Sense Campaign sponsored forum. For more info, call Robert Monk at 251-504-3679 or email jrmonk19@gmail.com.

Foley Candidates forum slated Aug. 13 at Foley Civic Center

The public is invited to the Foley City Council Candidate Forum on August 13 from 6-7:30 p.m. at The Foley Civic Center. Governor Kay Ivey's safer at home directive will be followed, with masks and social distancing required for all attendees. The forum will be broadcast live over radio, like a drive-in church service, on 88.3 FM. The broadcast range is half mile or so. WHEP plans a delayed broadcast.

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Historic space capsule splashdown just 37 miles south of Perdido Pass

By Fran Thompson

Already well known as the Cradle of Naval Aviation, Pensacola is now also part of space history, as two astronauts, after spending 64 days in space, splashed into the Gulf of Mexico 37 miles south of Perdido Pass around 2 p.m. on Aug. 2.

The men, inside the SpaceX Dragon capsule dubbed Endeavour, landed off of Pensacola instead of the east coast of Florida due to issues associated with Tropical Storm Isaias. Pensacola was one of seven splashdown options in Florida for the capsule. And the waves and wind were calm near Pensacola.

The Endeavour is the first commercially built and operated space capsule to carry humans into orbit and back. It was also the first water landing by NASA since 1975 and the first splashdown ever in the Gulf of Mexico.

People hoping to catch a glimpse of the historic event were on beaches from Perdido Key to Pensacola Beach. The splashdown was broadcast live on the NASA website and a capsule related sonic boom was heard in the area.

"We couldn't see anything, but we heard others at Perdido Pass could faintly see the parachutes with binoculars," said Cathy Deal of Innerarity Point, who tried to view the landing at Big Lagoon State Park after traffic snarls prevented her from getting to Johnson Beach. "We heard the double booms though, and it was still exciting," she said.

It took around 50 minutes for the capsule to enter the atmosphere 250 miles above Australia before it parachuted into the warm Gulf.

Test pilots Doug Hurley and Bob Behnken launched from the Kennedy Space Center on May 30 as a test flight for NASA's Commercial Crew program to deliver astronauts to the International Space Station.

GO Navigator, a 170-foot ship modified with a helicopter landing pad and a large recovery crane, docked at NAS Pensacola in advance of the recovery.

At least a dozen private vessels gathered near the landing site, as SpaceX boats surrounded the capsule and The Coast Guard warned the private boats to move away from the Endeavour.

"Of course, we wanted to make sure that there

was a clearing for them to land and the Coast Guard did an excellent job of ensuring that, and then of course after they landed the boats just came in," NASA Administrator Jim Bridenstine said at a news conference following the landing. "We need to do a better job next time for sure. It's a big area to have to clear, and to clear all of it is probably going to require more resources. That was not what we were anticipating. That capsule was in the water for a good period of time, and the boats just made a B-line for it."

It took about an hour to purge the Endeavour of toxic gases and bring the pilots onboard GO Navigator for a medical checkup. The men were living in near weightlessness for more than two months.

The astronauts boarded the helicopter on GO Navigator for a flight to NAS Pensacola. They then boarded a NASA jet that flew them back to their home base at Johnson Space Center in Houston and a reunion with their families.

After successfully completing the first flight ferrying people from orbit, NASA and SpaceX are preparing two more missions carrying four astronauts each for a six-month stay at the International Space Station.

"This is the next era in human spaceflight where NASA gets to be the customer," said Bridenstine.

"It was an enormous relief after months of anxiety making sure we could bring Bob and Doug back home safely," said Gwynne Shotwell, president of SpaceX.

The spacecraft went from a screaming orbital speed of 17,500 mph to 350 mph during atmospheric re-entry, and finally to 15 mph at splashdown. The capsule's outside temperature during the descent peaked at 3,500 degrees Fahrenheit and the anticipated top G forces felt by the crew were four to five times the force of Earth's gravity, according to data in Florida Today.

Within a half-hour of splashdown, the 15-foot capsule was on board its recovery ship. The opening of the hatch was held up by extra checks for toxic rocket fumes.

"Welcome back to planet Earth and thanks for flying SpaceX," said Mission Control from SpaceX headquarters.

The last time NASA astronauts returned from space to water was on July 24, 1975, in the Pacific, the scene of most splashdowns. That splashdown ended a joint U.S.-Soviet mission known as Apollo-Soyuz. The Mercury and Gemini crews in the early to mid-1960s parachuted into the Atlantic, while most of the later Apollo capsules hit the Pacific. Hurley came full circle, serving as pilot of NASA's last space shuttle flight in 2011 before taking command of this SpaceX flight.

"Great to have NASA Astronauts return to Earth after very successful two month mission. Thank you to all!" President Trump tweeted.

SpaceX already had experience hauling cargo to the space station, bringing those capsules back to a Pacific splashdown.

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The next two SpaceX missions will involve sending four astronauts on each flight for six month stints aboard the space station beginning next month. Tourist flights on the Endeavour are a possibility sometime next year.

Pictured: Support teams and curious recreational boaters arrive at the Endeavour spacecraft shortly after it landed with NASA astronauts Robert Behnken and Douglas Hurley onboard in the Gulf of Mexico off the coast of Pensacola on Aug. 2; The SpaceX-built Dragon capsule is hoisted aboard a ship 30 miles south of Perdido Pass.



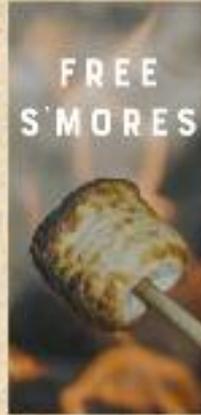


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Raffle for stay at Turquoise Place benefits The Lighthouse in Robertsdale

The Lighthouse's primary annual fundraiser, the Sunset Supper, had to be cancelled in May of this year due to Covid-19. But the Robertsdale based agency's work to eliminate family violence and sexual assault through education, intervention, services and collaboration continues as it has since it first opened as a "Beacon of Hope" to serve Baldwin County in 1994.

"We raise significant funds through this fundraiser to support our agency's work. Through the generosity of Spectrum Resorts, we are holding a raffle for a three day stay at Turquoise Place in Orange Beach," said Andolyn Fitzgerald, vice-president for The Lighthouse Board of Directors.

A Facebook live drawing for the Turquoise Place vacation will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 18 at noon. Tickets are \$20 each or three for \$50. 12:00 PM.

To purchase raffle tickets, visit The Lighthouse facebook page or go to paypal (Baldwin Family Violence Shelter). For more info, call 251-947-6008 or visit thelighthouseabeacon.org.

The Lighthouse's current wish list includes Gas Cards (Texaco, Chevron, Shell); New stretch pants/leggings; New underwear (all sizes); Detergent; Grocery store cards; Journals; Lysol spray; & wipes.

Next Relay For Life Full Moon Paddle is Aug. 30 in Orange Beach

The City of Orange Beach Friends and Family Relay for Life team will be hosting it secon Full Moon Paddle on Wolf Bay on Sunday, August 30 at the Wind & Water Learning Center.

Dinner from Cobalt and entertainment from Web Dalton starts at 6:15 p.m. The paddle will start at 7 p.m. and go to 8:30 p.m. The Wind & Water Learning Center is at 26267 Canal Road, behind the Orange Beach Public Library.

Registration fee is \$25 per person. Pre-registration is required. Registration closes at noon Friday, Aug. 14. Online registration is available at eventbrite.com. Forms are also available at recreation facilities in Orange Beach. All funds raised benefit the American Cancer Society.

Participants must bring their own kayak or canoe, lifejacket and white light (headlamps work best). Participants are encouraged to wear lifejackets. Paddling experience is necessary for this event that covers 3-5 miles depending on condition. It is not an event for beginners or young children. Individuals who are unable attend but would still like to make a donation to the Relay for Life Team can do so on the Eventbrite paddle listing. Donations will be a great way to help the fight against cancer as so

many Relay fundraising events haven't happened this year.

For more information, contact Relay Team Captain Jeanne Fitzgibbons at 251-981-1524 or 251-747-1344 or jfitz@orangebeachal.gov.

Foley's Snook Youth Club K-8 after school program now open

The Snook Youth Club of Foley after school program is now open Monday through Friday for children Kindergarten thru eighth from 3-5:30 p.m. Cost is \$20 per week and the program provides education through the arts, including dance, music, theatre, and art classes for school aged children in South Baldwin County. The program also offers homework help, guided reading, and structured play activities. Bus transportation is provided from Baldwin County's area public schools. The program adheres to the CDC recommendations regarding COVID19 cases and safety guidelines.

The Snook Youth Club is located at 1391 S. Cedar Street. For more info, contact Director Loretta M. Clayton at Sycoffoley@gmail.com or 251-943-1483.

Local memory & balance testing group cancels all events at least through fall

TESTING 1,2,3 is a local volunteer group that has been offering free Memory Screenings and Balance Testing to residents and visitors to South Baldwin County. It has decided not to hold events this fall. Since 2015 the group has offered these free services to seniors and over a thousand have participated in that time frame.

Since almost all of the volunteers in the group are seniors and those they serve are seniors, it was decided that with the Covid - 19 problems in Baldwin County, it is in the best interest of everyone not to hold events this fall.

"Hopefully, things will be better and we'll be back in business for the Snowbird Season next February," said Sam Strite. "In the meantime, if anyone would like a free memory screening, it is possible to get one through the Alzheimer's Foundation of America.

"With the information below, all you need to do is make an appointment, have the necessary equipment and you will be good to go. We hope to see you in 2021."

AFA's memory screening department is now offering free, confidential memory screenings every Monday and Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. (ET) through secure video-conference technology. Screenings take approximately 10-15 minutes and are conducted in real-time, one-on-one.

Everyone is welcome to take part in the program: There are no minimum age or insurance

requirements to get screened. All that's needed is a computer, smartphone or tablet containing a webcam and internet capability. Make an appointment by calling 866-232-8484.

Alabama State Parks introduce new online campground reservation system

After a two week hiatus to prepare for the launch of a new camping reservation system, online reservations are again being accepted for campsites and cabins at Alabama State Parks. Utilizing feedback from guests, the software designers have created a new, user-friendly system that includes features allowing guests to create a customer account, view availability of camping and camper cabins for an entire year and make bookings at multiple parks.

Orange Beach Community Theatre to present Beauty & The Beast Aug. 28-30

Orange Beach Community Theatre will present Disney's "Beauty and the Beast," the Broadway musical, on Friday, August 28 at 7 p.m., Saturday, August 29 at 7 p.m. and Sunday August 30 at 2 p.m. at the Orange Beach Event Center. General admission is \$15. Purchase tickets at our.show/obcommunitytheatre.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. for the Friday and Saturday performance, and at 1:30 p.m. for the Sunday performance. Following social-distancing protocols, Event Center capacity will be well below 50 percent for each performance. CDC guidelines will be observed.

For more play info, contact Chase Morrisette, Director, at cmorrisette@orangebeachal.gov. For additional information on Orange Beach Community Theatre, visit the Orange Beach Community Theatre Facebook page.

Disney's "Beauty and the Beast," an international sensation that played a remarkable 13-year run on Broadway and has been produced in 37 countries worldwide.

Based on the Academy Award-winning animated feature, the stage version includes all of the wonderful songs written by Alan Menken and the late Howard Ashman, along with new songs by Mr. Menken and Tim Rice. The original Broadway production ran for more than 13 years and was nominated for nine Tony Awards, including Best Musical.

The classic story tells of Belle, a young woman in a provincial town, and the Beast, who is really a young prince trapped under the spell of an enchantress. If the Beast can learn to love and be loved, the curse will end and he will be transformed into his former self. But time is running out. If the Beast does not learn his lesson soon, he and his household will be doomed for all eternity.

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- **Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables:** 11 a.m. 'til; (includes Ole River Grill & Flora-Bama Yacht Club, Flora-Bama), Perdido Key.
- **Legends in Concert w. Elvis, Britney Spears, Michael Jackson & Luke Bryan:** 7:30; OWA; Foley.
- **Bama Beach Pickleball Club:** 9-noon; Church of Christ, 2414 West 1st St., Gulf Shores; (new members welcome).
- **Adam Holt:** 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's; Gulf Shores.
- **Austin Thompson:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.
- **Delta Donnie:** 7; Tacky Jacks, Fort Morgan.
- **Scott Koehn:** 6; Oso; Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke:** 7:30; Live Bait, Orange Beach.
- **Gary Story & Friends:** 9; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- **Two Old Guys:** 3; Fraternal Order of Eagles; Foley.
- **Open Mic:** 6; Tacky Jack's, Gulf Shores.
- **Troy Martin:** 1; Purple Parrot Tiki Bar; Perdido Key.
- **Karaoke w. J.W. Baker:** 6; Purple Parrot Tiki Bar; Perdido Key.
- **Scott Koehn:** 6; Oso; Orange Beach.
- **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 9; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **Artie Hopkins:** 5; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- **Karaoke:** 6; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- **John Joiner & Darrel Roberts:** 6; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
- **BBRC Running Club:** 5:30 p.m.; Big

Beach Brewery in Gulf Shores; lafleet-foot.com.

- **Trivia (7:30) Karaoke (9):** The Office, Foley.
- **Brandon Styles Magic Show:** 7; OWA, Foley.
- **Bingo:** 10 a.m.; American Legion Post 99; OWA; 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.
- **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 Women's Club:** 11 a.m.; Palmer Room at Craft Farms; all interested women invited to attend; 251-980-5722.
- **Gulf Shores Lions Club:** noon; 2nd & 4th Wednesday; noon; club meets virtually; 251-968-2823.
- **AA:** Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

THU, AUG 13

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- **Bama Beach Pickleball Club:** 9-noon; Church of Christ, 2414 West 1st St., Gulf Shores; (new members welcome).
- **Bar Trivia Night:** 6; Bar 45 Lounge at ONE CLUB, Gulf Shores.
- **Lee Yankee's Secret Stash:** 6; Oso; Orange Beach.
- **RazarHawk:** 6; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
- **Shelby Brown:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.
- **Lefty Collins:** 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's; Gulf Shores.
- **Karaoke:** 6; Tacky Jack's, Gulf Shores.
- **Karaoke w. Kelly:** 7:30; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke:** 7:30; Live Bait, Orange Beach.
- **HartStrings:** 6:30; The Point; Innerarity Point.
- **Danny Grady:** 3; Fraternal Order of Eagles; Foley.
- **Tim Roberts:** 6; The Tin Top Restaurant, Bon Secour.
- **Brennan Grim:** 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:** 7; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.
- **Delta Donnie:** 6; Bier Shack Taproom; Foley.
- **The Favorites Band:** 7; Alabama Gulf



All About Dogs Rescue cancels annual golf scramble fundraiser

All About Dogs Coastal Rescue has cancelled plans to host its 9th Annual Going to the Dogs Golf Scramble, originally scheduled next month at Craft Farms Golf Resort. A date has not been set yet for future tourney.

"We know this has been a challenging time for everyone and we will continue to make every effort possible to keep everyone safe and happy," tourney chairman Tom Bruce said. "We appreciate the generous community support from golfers and sponsors in the past years. This has enabled us to continue our rescue efforts."

And the need has never been greater, according to Bruce.

"This crisis has left so many animals in need of help. We are rescuing at high numbers and the need increases. Recently we have taken in a mother dog and six puppies that are keeping our volunteers on their toes."

All About Dogs has pets from four to 70 lbs. available for adoption and foster care. In addition to donations, the non-profit has a constant need for sheets and towels. Visit allaboutdogscr.com or contact Bruce at 948-5307 or tombruce1943@gmail.com.

All About Dogs Coastal Rescue is a Magnolia Springs based all volunteer group of dedicated animal lovers committed to rescue, rehabilitate and find homes for abused and abandoned dogs in South Baldwin County.

Its efforts in taking dogs into the program help reduce the number of healthy dogs euthanized at local shelters. All dogs placed in the non-profit's care are given appropriate and needed medical treatment, temperament evaluation and socialization in preparation for adoption.

All dogs are fully vaccinated, spayed or neutered, heartworm tested and treated prior to adoption. Potential adopters are interviewed for a proper match before approval for adoption. It operates solely on donations and fund raising events, and every dollar donated goes directly to provide medical and daily care for our rescue pets.

Pictured: As of July 26, dogs available for adoption at All About Dogs included Lilly, Logan, Reacher and Lollipop.



Foley Library begins curbside service in back parking lot

The Foley Public Library has started curbside service along with our regular library services. This means patrons can call the library and ask to have items brought out to them while they sit in their car. Items must already be in the Foley Public Library or if they are Hold Items, they must have already arrived at the Foley Public Library before a pick up time can be scheduled. If you have never placed a Hold on an item, any of our Circulation Staff will be happy to help you learn how.

To schedule a pick up, please call 251-943-7665, give them your name, and schedule a time to pick up your items between 9 am & 4:30 pm. All deliveries are allowed 15 minutes past their scheduled time to pick up their items. So if a pick up is scheduled for 3:00 pm, the patron has until 3:15 pm to pick up their items. Once the patron arrives at the library, they can call the library to let them know they are in the back/north parking lot. Just pull up outside the back doors. There is no need to park. A library employee will bring your books out to you. You can also return items this way if you are picking up items. Please put your return items in a bag.

Should you not have a cell phone, please call the library right before you leave your home and give us an estimated time of arrival. We will watch out for you. This service will continue as long as we feel it is necessary during this stressful time. For more information on this and any of our other services, please call 251-943-7665. You can also visit our website at foleylibrary.org or check out the library's Facebook page. **Pictured:** Library employee Alan Corley makes a curbside service delivery to a patron.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Aug. 16 birthday fundraiser benefits Safe Harbor Animal Coalition

By John Mullen

Three guys sitting around on a Sunday afternoon at Oso at Bear Point Harbor were talking about upcoming birthdays and the need for a party. Orange Beach Marine Clean owner Tim House, John Mullen with the OBA Community Website and the Mullet Wrapper and Clay Connor of Hundred Dollar Car decided to put it together on Aug. 16 at noon at the OBMC shop.

House suggested a fundraiser and Safe Harbor Animal Coalition was brought in and is planning a silent auction and 50-50 raffle to raise money to help complete the surgical suite at its shelter on County Road 12 in Foley. Hundred Dollar Car will kick off the party at noon. The celebration is for Mullen's birthday on Aug. 16, House's birthday on Aug. 18 and Tim and Patricia House's anniversary is Aug. 21.

A variety of meats will be provided including North Alabama chicken and white sauce. Everyone is invited to bring a side dish or dessert and/or contribute items to the silent auction.

Safe Harbor is a combination of the successful Trap, Neuter, Return programs from Orange Beach, Gulf Shores and Foley. They came together with the hopes of having a South Baldwin animal shelter and spay and neuter center. The shelter is almost ready for opening and money is being raised to add the surgical suite.

Contributions for the silent auction are from, among others, Perdido Beach Resort, Oso at Bear Point Harbor, Pleasure Island Parasail, the Undertow, OB Vapors, CBD Pharmed, Bun Runners, Rouses, Ruby Slipper, Doc's Seafood, Duck's Diner, Fisher's at Orange Beach Marina, Playa at Sportsman Marina, Pleasure Island Tiki Bar, Big Mike's Steakhouse, De Soto's Seafood Kitchen, Flora-Bama, Island Time Daiquiri Bar and Pizza, The Meat Mart, LuLu's, Tacky Jacks, Wildflowers Boutique, Blalock's Seafood Market, Cosmo's Restaurant & Bar, Luna's Eat & Drink, BuzzCatz Coffee and Sweets, GTs By the Bay, Wallace Boat Rentals, The Brick Oven Pizzeria, Caribe Marina,

Gift baskets for the auction were donated by Theresia Mullen and Pat Lynch, among others.

Coast Music Hall; Foley.

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

FRI, AUG 14

- **Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables:** 11 a.m. 'til; (includes Ole River Grill & Flora-Bama Yacht Club, Flora-Bama), Perdido Key.
- **Legends in Concert w. Elvis, Britney Spears, Michael Jackson & Luke Bryan:** 7:30; OWA; Foley.
- **Bo Grant (formerly of The Drifters):** 9; Papa Roccas; Gulf Shores.
- **Winston Rumble:** 7; Oso; Orange Beach.
- **Gary Story:** 5; The Angry Crab; Orange Beach.
- **Alvarado Road Show:** 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's; Gulf Shores.
- **Gringo Fife Duo:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.
- **Jay Williams:** 7; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
- **Les Linton:** 7; Tacky Jacks, Fort Morgan.
- **Karaoke:** 7:30; Live Bait, Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke w. Kelly Ann:** 6; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- **Justin Fobes:** 1; Purple Parrot Tiki Bar; Perdido Key.
- **Smokey Otis Band:** 6; Purple Parrot Tiki Bar; Perdido Key.
- **Lefty Collins:** 6; Tacky Jack's, Gulf Shores.
- **Two Old Guys:** 3; Fraternal Order of Eagles; Foley.
- **Doc Johnson Band:** 7:30; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- **Bama Beach Pickleball Club:** 9-noon; Church of Christ, 2414 West 1st St., Gulf Shores; (new members welcome)..
- **Roger & Elaine:** 7.; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- **The Favorites Band:** 7; Alabama Gulf

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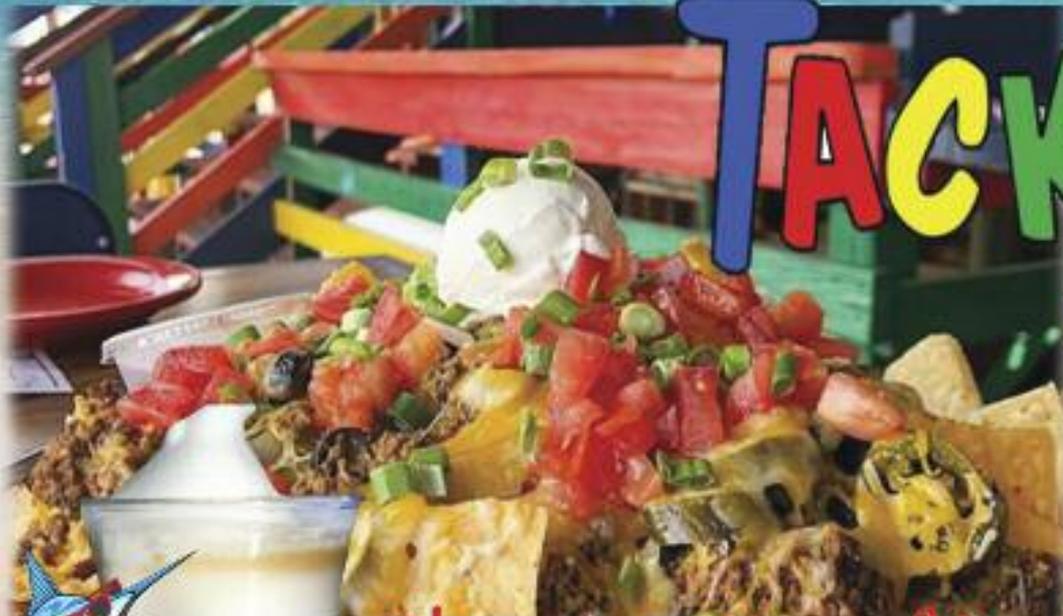
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- Coast Music Hall; Foley.
- **Karaoke w. Kelly Ann:** 6; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- **Brandon Styles Magic Show:** 7; OWA, Foley.
- **Open Mixed Doubles Tennis:** 7:30 a.m.; all levels welcome; Gulf Shores Tennis Center; corner of West 19th 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.
- **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, AUG 15

- **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.
- **Legends in Concert w. Elvis, Britney Spears, Michael Jackson & Luke Bryan:** 4:30 p.m. & 7:30; OWA; Foley.
- **Bo Grant (formerly of The Drifters):** 9; Papa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **Alvarado Road Show:** 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's; Gulf Shores.
- **Jessie Howell:** 5; The Angry Crab; Orange Beach.
- **Platinum Premier:** 7; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
- **Karaoke:** 7; Tacky Jacks, Fort Morgan.



SONORA MASON LODGE INSTALLS OFFICERS: Sonora Masonic Lodge No. 635 of Free & Accepted Masons (F&AM) in Summerdale conducted the installation with Brian McDonald of Robertsdale Lodge # 821 as installing marshal. New lodge officers for 2020-21 include, (l-r, front row,): Rodger Stoner, junior steward; Randy Smith, senior deacon; Bruce Falcon, historian; Dean Mott, secretary; Jack Gravelly, marshal, Randy Farris, junior deacon; Mike Salter, senior steward and Joey Brown as chaplain. (l-r top): Mike Blankenship, senior warden; Dean Gray, worshipful master and Christopher Roberson, junior warden. **Not pictured:** Randy Borg, tiler and Ben Griffiths, treasurer. Masonic lodges across Alabama support local youth and community projects and humanitarian efforts including, the child identification program and scholarships. Sonora Lodge meets on the second and fourth Tuesday at 7 p.m. at 202 E. Jackson Street in Summerdale. For more info visit our Facebook page or contact the secretary by email at edeanmott@gmail.com.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

OWA hosts August 22 Community Safety Day

Head to Downtown OWA on Saturday, August 22 from 4-6 p.m. for Community Safety day. The annual event features free and interactive live demonstrations with local first responders and public safety officers.

Get a real-life hands-on experience with the brave professionals who keep our community safe every day. Live demonstrations and interactive displays will be in the streets of Downtown OWA (admission free).

For more info, go to visitowa.com.

Food distribution drive-thru at Flora-Bama on August 15

The Central Flora-Bama Church, the Flora-Bama and Feeding The Gulf Coast are once again partnering to present Hope for the Coast, a free food drive-thru on Saturday, August 15.

This "Stop, Pop, Drop & Roll" food distribution will take place from 9 a.m. to noon, in the parking lot of the Flora-Bama at 17401 Perdido Key Drive, right on the Florida-Alabama State Line.

Items included: veggies, fruit, pork, chicken, fish, eggs, cheese, milk and more.

This event and assistance is for all of our Gulf Coast residents and communities.

- **Hippie Jim:** 11; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.
- **The Mojo Mixers:** 7; Oso; Orange Beach.
- **Gringo Fife Duo:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.
- **Jay Williams Band:** 7:30; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- **Parker Ford:** 6; Tacky Jack's, Gulf Shores.
- **Kelly Pressley:** 1; Purple Parrot Tiki Bar; Perdido Key.
- **Bangarang Peter Band:** 6; Purple Parrot Tiki Bar; Perdido Key.
- **Jim McAdams:** 3; Fraternal Order of Eagles; Foley.
- **Southern Star:** 6:30; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- **Open Mic at The Sand Bar:** 1 p.m.; Pirates Cove; Josephine.
- **Karaoke:** 7:30; Live Bait, Orange Beach.
- **Open Jam:** 8; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.
- **Coastal Alabama Farmers and Fishermen Market:** 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.; 20733 Mi-

- flin Rd. (County Rd. 20), Foley.
- **The Favorites Band:** 7; Alabama Gulf Coast Music Hall; Foley.
- **Baldwin County Republican Executive Committee:** 10 a.m.; Robertsdale City Hall Building; 251-379-0748 or don@mcc-griffaw.com
- **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.
- **Ladies AA:** 9 a.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

SUN, AUG 16

- **The Church at the Flora-Bama:** 9 a.m.; Flora-Bama Tent Stage, Perdido Key.
- **Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables:** 11 a.m. 'til; (includes Ole River Grill & Flora-Bama Yacht Club, Flora-Bama), Perdido Key.
- **Birthday party/fundraiser for Safe Har-**

- bor Animal Coalition:** noon; music from Hundred Dollar Car; BYOB; all welcome; Orange Beach Marine Clean; 256-651-0121.
- **Legends in Concert w. Elvis, Britney Spears, Michael Jackson & Luke Bryan:** 4 & 7:30; OWA; Foley.
- **Greg Brown:** noon; Tin Top Restaurant; Bon Secour.
- **Jayson Harper:** 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's; Gulf Shores.
- **River Dan Band:** 6; Oso; Orange Beach.
- **Gary Story:** 5; The Angry Crab; Orange Beach.
- **Southern Puffer:** 9; Papa Roccas; Gulf Shores.
- **JJ Mack:** 11; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.
- **Beave & Cleave:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.
- **Darrel Roberts:** 1; Purple Parrot Tiki Bar; Perdido Key.
- **Gary Story & Rickstar:** 6; Purple Parrot Tiki Bar; Perdido Key.
- **Danny Grady:** 2; Fraternal Order of Eagles; Foley.

- **Open Mic at The Sand Bar:** 1 p.m.; Pirates Cove; Josephine.
- **Karaoke:** 7:30; Live Bait, Orange Beach.
- **Lisa Christian:** 4; Tacky Jack's, Gulf Shores.
- **Roger & Elaine:** 5; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- **John Joiner & Friends:** 4; Hub Stacy's, 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, AUG 17

- **Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables:** 11 a.m. 'til; (includes Ole River Grill & Flora-Bama Yacht Club, Flora-Bama), Perdido Key.
- **Bama Beach Pickleball Club:** 9-noon; Church of Christ, 2414 West 1st St., Gulf Shores; (new members welcome).
- **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 9; Papa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **Barstol Revival:** 5; Lucy Buffett's

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- Lulu's; Gulf Shores.
- **Brendan Blackburn:** 6; Oso; Orange Beach.
- **Cole Decker:** 7; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- **Dustin Touchette:** 1; Purple Parrot Tiki Bar; Perdido Key.
- **Songwriters Night:** 6; Purple Parrot Tiki Bar; Perdido Key.
- **Big Beach Trivia:** 7; Big Beach Brewing Company; Gulf Shores.
- **Sandy Roots Songwriters Night:** 6; Purple Parrot Tiki Bar; Perdido Key.
- **Bingo:** 6; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- **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; 965-2737.songwriters all original open mic from 9:00-12:00 pm.
- **AA:** Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

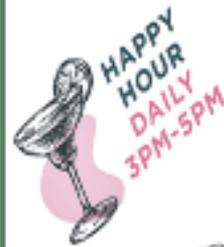
- **Light Travelers:** 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's; Gulf Shores.
- **Hippie Jim:** 1; Purple Parrot Tiki Bar; Perdido Key.
- **Hippie Jim & Friends:** 6; Purple Parrot Tiki Bar; Perdido Key.
- **JW Karaoke:** 6; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
- **Bingo:** 5; 45 Restaurant & Bar; One Club, Gulf Shores.
- **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 9; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **Karaoke w. Kelly:** 7:30; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- **Sandy Roots Songwriters Series:** 6:30 p.m.; The Point, Innerarity Point.
- **Pool Tourney:** 7; Snapper's; Orange Beach.
- **Open Mic (6), UPA 8 ball & Texas Hold (7:30):** The Office, Foley.
- **Coastal Alabama Farmers and Fishermans Market:** 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.; 20733 Mifflin Rd. (County Rd. 20), Foley.
- **Foley Lions Club:** noon; Vallarta's, 1145 S. McKenzie St., Foley; 859-771-6091.

WED, AUG 19

- **Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables:** 11 a.m. 'til; (includes Ole River Grill & Flora-Bama Yacht Club, Flora-Bama), Perdido Key.
- **Legends in Concert w. Elvis, Britney Spears, Michael Jackson & Luke Bryan:** 7:30; OWA; Foley.
- **Bama Beach Pickleball Club:** 9-noon; Church of Christ, 2414 West 1st St., Gulf Shores; (new members welcome).
- **Les Linton:** 7; Tacky Jacks, Fort Morgan.
- **Adam Holt:** 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's; Gulf Shores.
- **Karaoke:** 7:30; Live Bait, Orange Beach.
- **Open Mic:** 6; Tacky Jack's, Gulf Shores.
- **Troy Martin:** 1; Purple Parrot Tiki Bar; Perdido Key.
- **Scott Koehn:** 6; Oso; Orange Beach.
- **Tiki Karaoke:** 6; Purple Parrot Tiki Bar; Perdido

TUE, AUG 18

- **Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables:** 11 a.m. 'til; (includes Ole River Grill & Flora-Bama Yacht Club, Flora-Bama), Perdido Key.
- **Legends in Concert w. Elvis, Britney Spears, Michael Jackson & Luke Bryan:** 7:30; OWA; Foley.
- **Bama Beach Pickleball Club:** 9-noon; Church of Christ, 2414 West 1st St., Gulf Shores; (new members welcome).
- **Clay Connor & Jon Cook:** 6; Oso; Orange Beach.



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- 8 oz. uncooked bow tie pasta
- 1 cup prepackaged broccoli florets
- 2 small carrots, cut into 1/4-inch-thick slices
- 1 (14-oz.) can quartered artichoke hearts, drained
- 1 cup grape or cherry tomatoes, halved
- 4 green onions, sliced
- 1/2 tsp. dried Italian seasoning
- 1/2 cup three-cheese Italian dressing*

Shredded Parmesan cheese

Combine water and salt in a Dutch oven; bring to a boil. Add pasta; cook 9 minutes. Add broccoli and carrot; cook 1 min. Drain. Rinse with cold water to stop the cooking process; drain. Combine pasta mixture, artichoke hearts, tomatoes, green onions, and seasoning in a large bowl. Add dressing, tossing gently to coat. Cover and chill 8 hours. Sprinkle with cheese before serving. Yield: 8 servings. Enjoy!

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- Key.
- **Gary Story & Friends:** 9; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
 - **John Joiner & Darrel Roberts:** 6; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
 - **Two Old Guys:** 3; Fraternal Order of Eagles; Foley.
 - **Coastal Alabama Farmers and Fishermen Market:** 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.; 20733 Mifflin Rd. (County Rd. 20), Foley.
 - **Karaoke:** 6; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
 - **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 9; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
 - **Scott Kohen:** 6; Oso; Orange Beach.
 - **Artie Hopkins:** 5; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
 - **Bingo:** 10 a.m.; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
 - **Karaoke:** 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
 - **BBRC Running Club:** 5:30 p.m.; Big Beach Brewery in Gulf Shores; lafleet-foot.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.
 - **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.
- **AA:** Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

THU, AUG 20

- **Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables:** 11 a.m. 'til; (includes Ole River Grill & Flora-Bama Yacht Club, Flora-Bama), Perdido Key.
- **Legends in Concert w. Elvis, Britney Spears, Michael Jackson & Luke Bryan:** 7:30; OWA; Foley.
- **Bama Beach Pickleball Club:** 9-noon; Church of Christ, 2414 West 1st St., Gulf Shores; (new members welcome).
- **Bar Trivia Night:** 6; Bar 45 Lounge at ONE CLUB, Gulf Shores.
- **Skyline Kings:** 6; Oso; Orange Beach.
- **JW Karaoke:** 6; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
- **Ronnie Pressley:** 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's; Gulf Shores.
- **Pale Moon Rising:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke:** 6; Tacky Jack's, Gulf Shores.
- **Karaoke DJ Party w. Kelly:** 8; Sandshaker at The Wharf, Orange Beach.
- **Danny Grady:** 3; Fraternal Order of Eagles; Foley.

- **Karaoke:** 6; Tacky Jack's, Gulf Shores.
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- **Karaoke w. Kelly:** 7:30; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 9; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **Chris Morreau:** 1; Purple Parrot Tiki Bar; Perdido Key.
- **Rick Whaley & Tommy Mazzulo:** 6; Purple Parrot Tiki Bar; Perdido Key.
- **Karaoke:** 7; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.
- **Delta Donnie:** 6; Bier Shack Taproom; Foley.
- **The Favorites Band:** 7; Alabama Gulf Coast Music Hall; Foley.
- **Karaoke:** 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- **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, AUG 21

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

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BIG LAGOON KIWANIS CLUB PRESENTS CHECK TO MANNA: The Kiwanis Club of Big Lagoon recently presented Manna with \$4,500 to help satisfy the growing need in Escambia County. Manna's mission is to offer emergency food assistance, service the food-related needs of vulnerable populations, and engage the entire community in the fight against hunger. **Pictured:** Craig McDonnel (club president), Terrence Brotherton (Foundation Treasurer) and Dede Flounlacker (executive Director Manna).



CENTER STATE BANK SUPPORTS CHRISTIAN SERVICE CENTER: The Center State Bank has generously provided the Christian Service Center with a grant to support their operations. The grant is greatly appreciated during this time of overwhelming need. Wade Bradford, Center State Bank Community President, commented that they were especially impressed with the Christian Service Center because they have no paid staff; the Center is run completely by volunteers. The Christian Service Center is a "Hand Up" rather than a "Hand Out" agency. Clients are given immediate emergency aid as well as guidance on finding solutions to their problems. The CSC is a 100% volunteer agency funded by the churches of Pleasure Island, various community organizations, including the United Way of Baldwin County, and interested individuals. For more information please call the CSC at 251-968-5256 or visit cscgs.com. **Pictured:** Olivia Jones, Assistant Branch Manager; Marcia Jernigan, Branch Manager, Stan Moss, CSC Food Pantry Chair; Janice Moss, CSC Vice President; Linda Chappell, CSC President; Wade Bradford, Center State Bank Community President; and June Wilson; Retail Market Manager.

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- Bama), Perdido Key.
- **Legends in Concert w. Elvis, Britney Spears, Michael Jackson & Luke Bryan:** 7:30; OWA; Foley.
- **The Defrosters:** 7; Tacky Jacks, Fort Morgan.
- **Melodious Allen:** 5; The Angry Crab; Orange Beach.
- **Shelby Brown Duo:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.
- **Crosstown:** 7; Oso; Orange Beach.
- **T-Bird & The Fat Cats:** 7; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
- **Branderik & Karl:** 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's; Gulf Shores.
- **Class X:** 7:30; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- **Bama Beach Pickleball Club:** 9-noon; Church of Christ, 2414 West 1st St., Gulf Shores; (new members welcome).
- **Three Bean Soup:** 6; Tacky Jack's, Gulf Shores.
- **Karaoke:** 7:30; Live Bait, Orange Beach.
- **Bo Grant (formerly of The Drifters):** 9; Papa Roccos; Gulf Shores.
- **Justin Fobes:** 1; Purple Parrot Tiki Bar; Perdido Key.
- **JoJo Pressley:** 6; Purple Parrot Tiki Bar; Perdido Key.
- **Two Old Guys:** 3; Fraternal Order of

- Eagles; Foley.
- **Roger & Elaine:** 7.; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- **Karaoke w. Kelly Ann:** 6; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- **Open Jam:** 7; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.
- **The Favorites Band:** 7; Alabama Gulf Coast Music Hall; Foley.
- **Pool Tournament:** 6; The Office, 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.
- **Alcoholics Anonymous:** noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center; 13660 Innerarity Pt. Rd.; 850-492-3056 or 492-6362.

SAT, AUG 22

- **Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables:** 11 a.m. 'til; (includes Ole River Grill & Flora-Bama Yacht Club, Flora-Bama), Perdido Key.
- **Legends in Concert w. Elvis, Britney Spears, Michael Jackson & Luke Bryan:** 4 & 7:30; OWA; Foley.
- **Free Milk Giveaway:** 9 a.m.; Foley United Methodist Church, 915 N Pine St.
- **Community Safety Day:** 11 a.m. 'til;

- OWA, Foley.
- **Gravity Blinks Trio:** 5; The Angry Crab; Orange Beach.
- **Chris Beverly Experience:** 7; Oso; Orange Beach.
- **JERI:** 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's; Gulf Shores.
- **Southern Puffer:** 9; Papa Roccos; Gulf Shores.
- **Austin Thompson:** 11; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.
- **False Identity:** 7; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
- **Gambino Duo:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.
- **Class X:** 7:30; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- **Stone County:** 6:30; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- **Rhonda Ray:** 6; Tacky Jack's, Gulf Shores.
- **John Fowler:** 1; Purple Parrot Tiki Bar; Perdido Key.
- **Darrell Roberts, Augie Savage, John Joiner:** 6; Purple Parrot Tiki Bar; Perdido Key.
- **Open Mic at The Sand Bar:** 1 p.m.; Pirates Cove; Josephine.
- **Southern Star:** 6:30; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- **Jim McAdams:** 3; Fraternal Order of

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Eagles; Foley.

- **Karaoke:** 7:30; Live Bait, Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke:** 7; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.
- **Open Jam:** 8, American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.
- **The Favorites Band:** 7; Alabama Gulf Coast Music Hall; Foley.
- **Karaoke:** 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- **Coastal Alabama Farmers and Fishermen's Market:** 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.; 20733 Mifflin Rd. (County Rd. 20), Foley.
- **Brandon Styles Variety Show:** 7; OWA, Foley.
- **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, AUG 23

- **The Church at the Flora-Bama:** 9 a.m.;

Flora-Bama Tent Stage, Perdido Key.

- **Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables:** 11 a.m. 'til; (includes Ole River Grill & Flora-Bama Yacht Club, Flora-Bama), Perdido Key.
- **Legends in Concert w. Elvis, Britney Spears, Michael Jackson & Luke Bryan:** 4 p.m.; OWA; Foley.
- **Lee Yankee's Secret Stash:** 6; Oso; Orange Beach.
- **Mike Diamond:** noon; Tin Top Restaurant; Bon Secour.
- **Kelly Poole Trio:** 5; The Angry Crab; Orange Beach.
- **Sticky Too:** 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's; Gulf Shores.
- **Shelby Brown:** 11; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.
- **Soul Food Junkies:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.
- **Johnny Barbato:** 1; Purple Parrot Tiki Bar; Perdido Key.
- **Gary Story & Rickstar:** 6; Purple Parrot Tiki Bar; Perdido Key.
- **Open Mic at the Sand Bar:** 1 p.m.; Pirates Cove; Josephine.
- **Danny Grady:** 2; Fraternal Order of

Eagles; Foley.

- **Karaoke:** 7:30; Live Bait, Orange Beach.
- **Roger & Elaine:** 5; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- **Lisa Christian:** 4; Tacky Jack's, Gulf Shores.
- **John Joiner & Friends:** 4; Hub Stacey's at the Point; Innerarity Point.
- **9 Ball APA:** 6; The Office, Foley.

MON, AUG 24

- **Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables:** 11 a.m. 'til; (includes Ole River Grill & Flora-Bama Yacht Club, Flora-Bama), Perdido Key.
- **Bama Beach Pickleball Club:** 9-noon; Church of Christ, 2414 West 1st St., Gulf Shores; (new members welcome).
- **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 9; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **Lance Gordon:** 6; Oso; Orange Beach.
- **Albert Simpson:** 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's; Gulf Shores.
- **Jessie Bumans:** 1; Purple Parrot Tiki Bar; Perdido Key.
- **Sandy Roots Songwriters Night:** 6; Purple

Parrot Tiki Bar; Perdido Key.

- **Cole Decker:** 7; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- **Bingo:** 6; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- **Big Beach Trivia:** 7; Big Beach Brewing Company; Gulf Shores.
- **Open Mixed Doubles Tennis:** 7:30 a.m.; all levels welcome; Gulf Shores Tennis Center; corner of West 19th Ave. and West 2nd St.
- **Brandon Styles Magic Show:** 7; OWA, Foley.
- **Overeaters Anonymous:** 6; Holy Spirit Episcopal Church; Gulf Shores, 616 Ft. Morgan Rd.; 251-709-5907.
- **Celebrate Recovery:** (Christ centered 12 step program); Monday evenings at 6 p.m.; Christian Life Church in Orange Beach; 251-967-4840.
- **T.O.P.S. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly):** weigh-in 5:30; meeting 6; First Presbyterian Church of Foley; (Berry & Highway 59).
- **Alcoholics Anonymous:** noon; Perdido Bay UMC Activities Center; 13660 Innerarity Pt. Rd.; 850-492-3056 or 492-6362.

- **Alcoholics Anonymous and Alanon:** Holy Spirit Episcopal Church in Gulf Shores at noon; Alanon at Orange Beach Presbyterian Church in Orange Beach at 7 p.m.; 800-477-1104.
- **Ladies AA:** 10 a.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Activities Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
- **AA:** Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

TUE, AUG 25

- **Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables:** 11 a.m. 'til; (includes Ole River Grill & Flora-Bama Yacht Club, Flora-Bama), Perdido Key.
- **Legends in Concert w. Elvis, Britney Spears, Michael Jackson & Luke Bryan:** 7:30; OWA; Foley.
- **Bama Beach Pickleball Club:** 9-noon; Church of Christ, 2414 West 1st St., Gulf Shores; (new members welcome).
- **Albert Simpson:** 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's; Gulf Shores.
- **Secret Friend:** 6; Oso; Orange Beach.
- **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 9;

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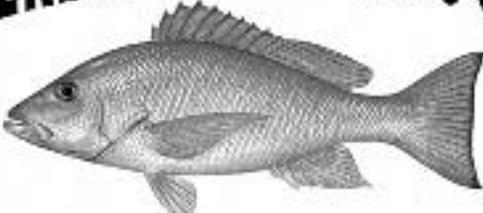
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Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
 • **JW Karaoke:** 6; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
 • **Jonathan Puzan:** 1; Purple Parrot Tiki Bar; Perdido Key.
 • **Hippie Jim & Friends:** 6; Purple Parrot Tiki Bar; Perdido Key.
 • **Bingo:** 5; 45 Restaurant & Bar; One Club, Gulf Shores.
 • **Pool Tournney:** 7; Snapper's; Orange Beach.
 • **Karaoke w. Kelly:** 7:30; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
 • **Line Dancing:** 6; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
 • **Coastal Alabama Farmers and Fishermans Market:** 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.; 20733 Mi-

flin Rd. (County Rd. 20), Foley.
 • **South Baldwin Republican Women:** Gift Horse Rest., 11:30 a.m.; 4th Tuesday of Every Month, public invited, Info: 251-978-6178.
 • **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.
 • **Foley Lions Club:** noon; Vallarta's, 1145 S. McKenzie St., Foley; 859-771-6091.
 • **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, AUG 26

• **Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables:** 11 a.m. 'til; (includes Ole River Grill & Flora-Bama Yacht Club, Flora-Bama), Perdido Key.
 • **Legends in Concert w. Elvis, Britney Spears, Michael Jackson & Luke Bryan:** 7:30; OWA; Foley.
 • **Bama Beach Pickleball Club:** 9-noon; Church of Christ, 2414 West 1st St., Gulf Shores; (new members welcome).
 • **Adam Holt:** 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's; Gulf Shores.
 • **Henry Burt:** 7; Tacky Jacks, Fort Morgan.

• **Scott Koehn:** 6; Oso; Orange Beach.
 • **Open Mic:** 6; Tacky Jack's, Gulf Shores.
 • **Gary Story & Friends:** 9; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
 • **Troy Martin:** 1; Purple Parrot Tiki Bar; Perdido Key.
 • **Tiki Karaoke:** 6; Purple Parrot Tiki Bar; Perdido Key.
 • **Karaoke:** 7:30; Live Bait, Orange Beach.
 • **Two Old Guys:** 3; Fraternal Order of Eagles; Foley.
 • **Karaoke:** 6; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
 • **Artie Hopkins:** 5; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
 • **John Joiner & Darrel Roberts:** 6; Hub

Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
 • **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 9; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
 • **Scott Koehn:** 6; Oso; Orange Beach.
 • **BBRC Running Club:** 5:30 p.m.; Big Beach Brewery in Gulf Shores; lafleet-foot.com.
 • **Bingo:** 10 a.m.; 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.
 • **Food Bank:** 9-11 a.m. every Wednesday, Perdido Bay Baptist Church, 12600 Sorrento Rd. Pensacola; call for eligibility requirements at (850) 492-2604.



Foley Art Center gallery sets sales record in July

Sales at the Foley Art Center were a record high for the month of June, according to Zana Price, coordinator at the local co-op located at 211 N McKenzie St. (Hwy. 59) in downtown Foley (251-943.4381).

"Even without the successful pop up market receipts we sold much of our members work," Price said. "The summer months have always been practically dead for walk in traffic and sales. But not this summer."

Price said that gallery visitors included tourists and new residents interested in the gallery's selection of quality handcrafted work beautifully displayed.

"Be sure to stop by for a special one of a kind gift or something for yourself," she said.

The FAC's June pop-up featured 19 artists and crafters and was an overwhelming success. Price is already making plans for the FAC's 53rd Annual Trim-a-Tree, a six week holiday pop-up at Tanger Center that features local art, crafts and gifts. Opening day will be Friday, November 13.



Registration opens Aug. 17 for grades 3 to 6 at Coastal Art Center of Orange Beach

Registration for fall student art classes at the Coastal Art Center of Orange Beach opens online Aug. 17. Students in grades 3-6 will work with professional artists in The Clay Studio and The Hot Shop, as well as paint, draw, build and bake at one of the finest art facilities on the Gulf Coast.

Masks are required and safe distance protocols will be in place, as each class will consist of only 10 students to ensure safe distance and provide each artist the attention they deserve.

Cost is \$165 for each 12-week sessions with four date/time options: Tuesdays from 10 -12 OR from 3-5; Thursdays from 10-12 OR 3-5. Classes start on Sept. 8 & 10.

Elementary students will be picked up in the CAC van at OBES under adult supervision. Parents must notify school with their transportation approval. Parents may also drop children off for the 3 p.m. class.

For more info or to apply for a scholarship, please call 251-981-ARTS (2787) or email abrewton@orangebeachal.gov.

Although it will close on Sept. 7 for Labor

Day, the campus at the Coastal Art Center of Orange Beach is open on weekdays from 9 a.m. 'til 4 p.m. while following Governor Ivey's orders by wearing masks, practicing physical distancing and implementing regular surface sanitizing.

Live glass and clay demos are happening daily and fun family activities are scheduled throughout the day. (251-981-2787 or CoastalArtsCenter.com). Hot Shop or clay studio individual lessons are not available right now.

Located on beautiful Wolf Bay at 26389 Canal Rd., the CAC campus also includes a fine arts gallery & gift shop, and access to the pier and picnic area at Orange Beach Waterfront Park.

Pictured: Summer by the Sea - Art Camp 2020. Despite challenges due to covid, including wearing of masks and trying to get children to practice physical distancing (ha!) CAC staff managed to hold a wonderful camp with 30 children creating amazing works of art; Fall student art class registration starts Aug. 17.

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Gulf State Park prescribed burn planned for late August

A prescribed burn is planned at Gulf State Park as part of a forest management plan associated with longleaf pine restoration, wildfire reduction and invasive species control. The 140-acre burn will take place in a section of the park's campground between August 18 and September 3, 2020, weather permitting. Camping reservations are not being accepted for campsites 1-123 and sites 469-496 during the burn period.

If weather conditions are favorable during the burn period, an additional 110 acres of marsh near the campground might be burned as well to reduce the risk of wildfire in that area. The planned burn will not affect camping reservations for campsites outside of the burn location.

The Alabama Forestry Commission will conduct the prescribed burns for the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources' (ADCNR) State Parks Division. Every effort is being made to ensure safety and proper smoke management during these burns.

Prescribed fire is an effective way to reduce wildfire risk, enhance wildlife habitat and maintain a healthy forest ecosystem. This is especially important in the south Alabama coastal region due to the vegetation type and a longer growing season. The use of prescribed fire enables the Alabama State Parks Division to better manage its parks' forest resources into the future.

For more information about the benefits of prescribed fire, visit outdooralabama.com/prescribed-fire-alabama. The Alabama State Parks Division relies on visitor fees and the support of other partners like local communities to fund the majority of their operations. To learn more about Alabama State Parks, visit alapark.com.

- **Bread Ministry:** 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.; Orange Beach United Methodist Church Brook's Center.
- **Food Ministry For Hungry Families:** noon-1 p.m.; Grace Lutheran Church, corner of West 23rd Ave. and West 4th St. in Gulf Shores; 251-968-5991.
- **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, AUG 27

- **Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables:** 11 a.m. 'til; (includes Ole River Grill & Flora-Bama Yacht Club, Flora-Bama), Perdido Key.
- **Bama Beach Pickleball Club:** 9-noon; Church of Christ, 2414 West 1st St., Gulf Shores; (new members welcome).
- **Legends in Concert w. Elvis, Britney Spears, Michael Jackson & Luke Bryan:** 7:30; OWA; Foley.
- **Bar Trivia Night:** 6; Bar 45 Lounge at ONE CLUB, Gulf Shores.
- **Lefty Collins:** 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's; Gulf Shores.
- **This Side of 49:** 6; Oso; Orange Beach.
- **Brent Varner:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.
- **Greg Lyon:** 6; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
- **Karaoke:** 6; Tacky Jack's, Gulf Shores.
- **Karaoke w. Kelly:** 7:30; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- **Danny Grady:** 3; Fraternal Order of Eagles; Foley.
- **Karaoke:** 7:30; Live Bait, Orange Beach.
- **Tim Roberts:** 6; The Tin Top Restaurant, Bon Secour.
- **The Favorites Band:** 7; Alabama Gulf Coast Music Hall; Foley.
- **Karaoke:** 7; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.
- **Delta Donnie:** 6; Bier Shack Taproom; Foley.
- **John Michael Cooke:** 1; Purple Parrot Tiki Bar; Perdido Key.
- **Rick Whaley & Tommy Mazzulo:** 6; Pur-

- ple Parrot Tiki Bar; Perdido Key.
- **HartStrings:** 6:30; The Point; Innerarity Point.
- **Karaoke:** 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 9; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **8 Ball APA:** 7:30; The Office, Foley.
- **Marine Corps League of South Baldwin County:** 6 p.m. on 4th Thursday; The Gulf Bowl, 2881 S. Jupiter St., Foley; current and former Marines and Corpsman welcome.
- **Rotary Club of Gulf Shores/Orange Beach:** noon; Gulf Shores Golf Club; visiting Rotarians and guests invited.
- **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, AUG 28

- **Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables:** 11 a.m. 'til; (includes Ole River Grill & Flora-Bama Yacht Club, Flora-Bama), Perdido Key.
- **Legends in Concert w. Elvis, Britney Spears, Michael Jackson & Luke Bryan:** 7:30; OWA; Foley.
- **Bama Beach Pickleball Club:** 9-noon; Church of Christ, 2414 West 1st St., Gulf Shores; (new members welcome).
- **John Joiner:** 5; The Angry Crab; Orange Beach.
- **Bo Grant (formerly of The Drifters):** 9; Papa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **100 Car:** 7; Oso; Orange Beach.
- **The Red Field:** 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's; Gulf Shores.
- **T-Bird & The Fat Cats:** 7; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
- **Velcro Pygmies:** 10; Live Bait; Orange Beach.
- **Jamie Cook:** 7; Tacky Jacks, Fort Morgan.
- **Tyler Livingston & The Absolutes:** 7:30; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- **Brandon Blackburn:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Or-

- ange Beach.
- **Soul Food Junkies:** 6; Tacky Jack's, Gulf Shores.
- **Justin Fobes:** 1; Purple Parrot Tiki Bar; Perdido Key.
- **Gary Story & Rickstar:** 6; Purple Parrot Tiki Bar; Perdido Key.
- **Karaoke:** 7:30; Live Bait, Orange Beach.
- **Two Old Guys:** 3; Fraternal Order of Eagles; Foley.
- **Roger & Elaine:** 7.; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- **Karaoke w. Kelly:** 6; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- **Karaoke:** 8; Snapper's; Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke:** 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- **The Favorites Band:** 7; Alabama Gulf Coast Music Hall; Foley.
- **Open Jam:** 8; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.
- **Brandon Styles Magic Show:** 7; OWA, 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.
- **Alcoholic Anonymous:** noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center; 13660 Innerarity Pt. Rd.; 850-492-3056 or 492-6362.

SAT, AUG 29

- **Legends in Concert w. Elvis, Britney Spears, Michael Jackson & Luke Bryan:** 4 & 7:30; OWA; Foley.
- **Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables:** 11 a.m. 'til; (includes Ole River Grill & Flora-Bama Yacht Club, Flora-Bama), Perdido Key.
- **Free Milk Giveaway:** 9 a.m.; Foley United Methodist Church, 915 N Pine St.
- **Rock Bottom:** 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's; Gulf Shores.
- **Red & The Revelers:** 7; Oso; Orange Beach.
- **Bruti:** 6:30; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- **Bo Grant (formerly of The Drifters):** 9; Papa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.



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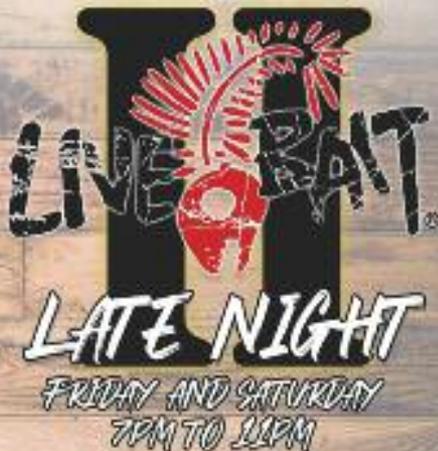
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- **Coastal Alabama Pickleball Club:** Mon-Fri; 9 a.m. 'til noon in Gulf Shores; Info & Schedule: 619-321-7325.
- **Gulf Coast Arts Alliance Gallery:** 225 East 24th Ave. in the Waterway Village neighborhood of Gulf Shores; 30 local and regional artists have their works on display; 251-948-2627 or gulfcoastartsalliance.com.
- **The Susan N. McCollough Gallery/Studio:** 350 Cypress Bend Blvd. (at the McCollough Institute in Gulf Shores); 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday; admission free; weekends with appointments; 251-967-7677.
- **Daily Guided Tours of Ft. Morgan:** 10-11 a.m. daily in June & July; Fort Morgan State Historic Site, 18 miles west of Hwy. 59 on Ft. Morgan Rd. (Hwy. 180); 251-540-5257.
- **Old River Optimist Club:** Monthly meeting locations and times are available online at OldRiverOptimistClub.org or by email at HelpingKids@OldRiverOptimistClub.org.
- **Swift-Coles Historic Home:** Located at 17424 Swift Coles Lane in Bon Secour; open for tours Tuesdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. last tour at 3 p.m. Adults-\$10; Children 6-12-\$5; Under 6 Free; Sandy Forsman, 251-949-5550.
- **Orange Beach Indian & Sea Museum:** Discover local history including Indian culture and the importance of fishing to the area. Free admission.
- **Baldwin County Heritage Museum:** 25521 Highway 98, Elberta, 10am-3pm, Wednesday-Saturday; free; exhibits that highlight the heritage of the area; 251-986-8375.
- **City of Foley Museum Archives and**

- **Model Train Exhibit:** All aboard for fun! Model trains are operated on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays from 10am to 2pm. Free admission.
- **Mobile Bay Ferry:** (Seasonal) This auto/passenger ferry connects Fort Morgan to Dauphin Island. Call 251-540-7787 for rates and schedule.
- **Fort Morgan:** History echoes off brick walls at this pre-Civil War fort. Designed to control the shipping channel into Mobile Bay, today the mission is to share lessons from the past. Adults-\$7; Child-\$4; 65 and older-\$5.
- **Gulf State Park Pier:** See what's biting with a visit to the longest pier on the Gulf of Mexico. Sight-seeing passes are available for those who don't want to drop a hook. Children under 12 admitted free with paying adult.
- **Hugh S. Branyon Backcountry Trails at Gulf State Park:** Hike or cycle into the wilderness of the Alabama Gulf Coast with trails that guide you along marshes, secondary sand dunes, swamps and creeks. Free.
- **U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla vessel safety examinations:** Arrange for a free examination by calling Wayne Kindred at 251-965-3100.
- **Alabama Gulf Coast Zoo:** downtown Gulf Shores, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. daily, 251-968-5731.
- **Baldwin Museum of Art:** 111 W. Laurel Ave. (Hwy.98) in Foley. Hours: 10am - 4pm. Monday through Friday (251) 970-1818. Admission is free.
- **The Hot Shop & The Clay Studio:** Classes, & workshops. Info: 251-981-ARTS.
- **Performing Arts Association:** exhibits by local artists; free; 119 West Laurel Ave. in Foley; 251-943-4381.

- **Gulf Shores Museum:** Special Exhibit-From Sea to Shining Sea: 200 Years of Charting America's Coast. Museum also features a backyard "Grandma's Garden," shrimping and hurricane picture exhibits and gift shop; 244 West 19th Ave., Gulf Shores; 251.968.1473
- **Big Lagoon State Park:** 'til dusk; 12301 Gulf Beach Hwy.; nature trails, beach, picnic area, scenic look-out; \$4 admission; (850) 492-1595.
- **Bon Secour National Wildlife Refuge:** 12295 State Hwy. 180 in Gulf Shores; Enjoy more than six miles of hiking trails and beach access. Open from sunrise to sunset; (251) 540-7720.
- **Perdido Key State Park:** Covered picnic tables overlooking the beach provide a great place for family outings.15301 Perdido Key Dr.; \$3 per car; (850) 492-1595.
- **Tarklin Bayou Preserve State Park:** Home to four species of endangered pitcher plants. A boardwalk offers visitors a view of the wild and beautiful Tarklin Bayou; Bauer Rd.; 2 miles south of US 98; (850) 492-1595.
- **National Museum of Naval Aviation:** Free admission. Open 7 days a week from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. See more than 170 aircraft on display. IMAX theater every hour; onboard NAS Pensacola. Info: 850-452-3604.
- **Fort Barrancas:** On board the Pensacola Naval Air Station, open daily from 10:30a.m.-4 p.m. with daily guided tours of the fort at 2 p.m. Completed in 1797. Info: 850-934-2604.

Calendar items are published free of charge on a space available basis. Email items to mulletwrapper@gulf-tel.com.

Bodenhamer Center pool back open for members over 15

After extensive renovations, Bodenhamer Recreation Center is back open to members over the age of 15 for lap swimming. No recreational swimming will be allowed until further notice.

The pool area improvements include a new concrete deck, improved drainage and new pool deck tiling as well as aquatic non-slip tile in the locker rooms.

Restrictions will be in place to abide by Governor Kay Ivey's Safer at Home health order.

Tanger Outlet offering virtual shopping concierge service

Tanger Factory Outlet Center has launched a virtual shopping concierge service that gives shoppers the best of outlet shopping without leaving home. Shoppers can shop remotely for their favorite brands, styles and outlet value deals across multiple retailers via onsite shopping specialists and stylists. The new program serves to drive in-store sales for brands and retailers, functioning as a digital, service-minded extension of the brick-and-mortar retail experience. More info: tangeroutlets.com. chordsforthecommunity@yahoo.com

Tanger is also open for in-person shopping in accordance with local, state and CDC regulations, having implemented a wide range of safety protocols in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Virtual Shopper program provides a range of services, from finding a specific product to customer styling, all at no cost to shoppers. It also gives shoppers the ability to access Tanger's entire portfolio, not just the center in Foley. Shoppers simply fill out a virtual shopping form, detailing their preferences.



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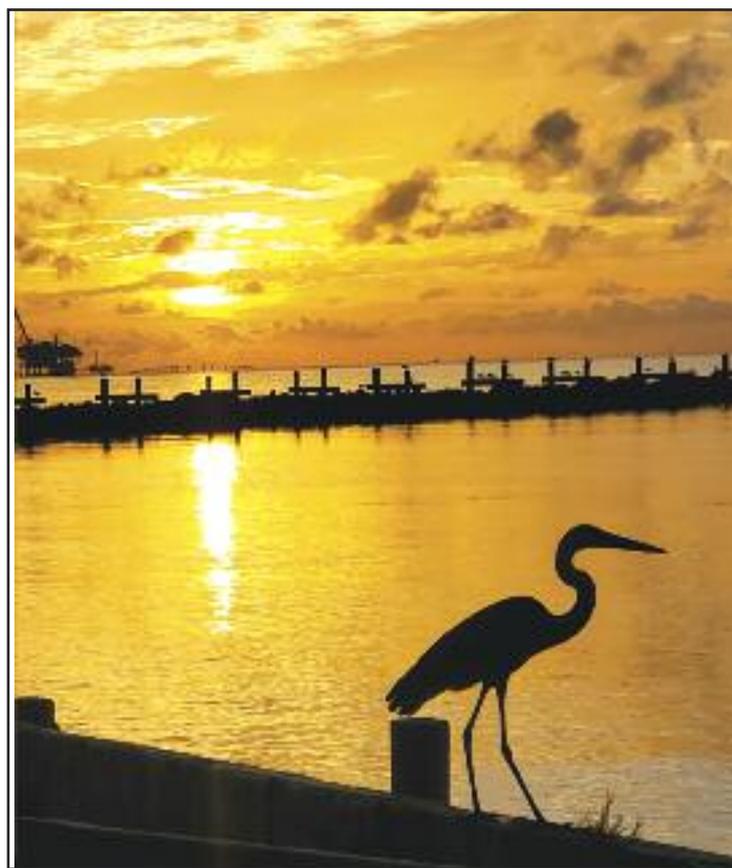
"This greeted me as I stepped outside this morning on Alabama Point," writes Pat Thornton.



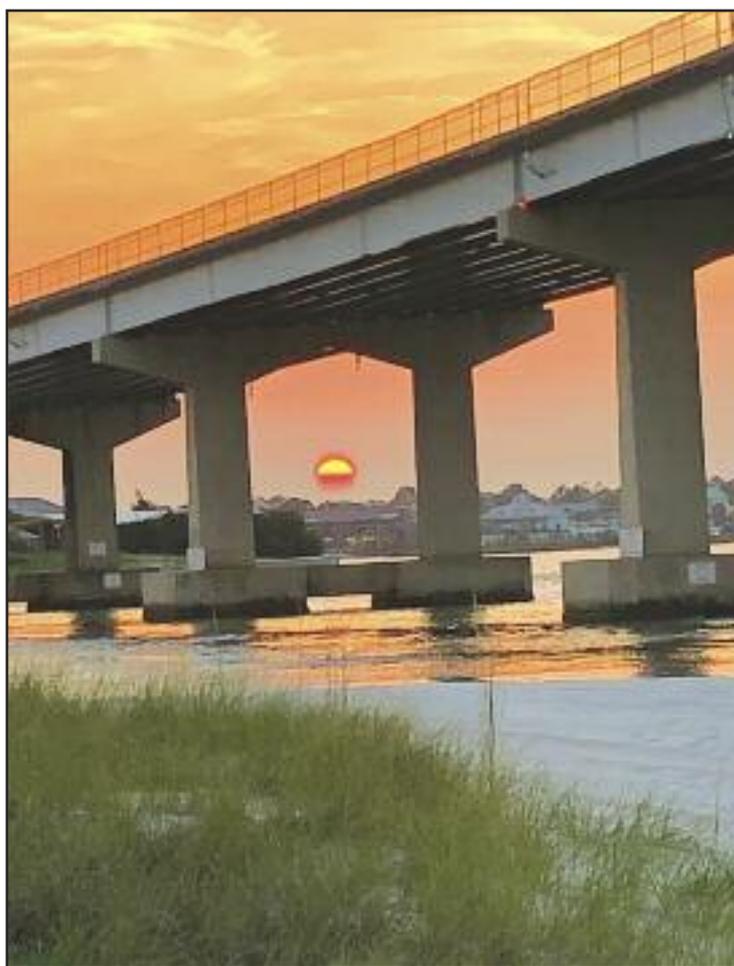
Jo Suplicki shares a pic she shot at Alabama Point of her "Beach Cross."



Sunset from the dock of the Sunset Grille from Sherry Byrd.



Timothy Brott shares a picture he shot from the pier at Tacky Jack's/Fort Morgan Marina.



William Finch shares a shot from under the Perdido Pass Bridge.



Another spectacular sunset from Cathy Deal.



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Just when it appeared that the 2020 red snapper season was a wrap, private recreational anglers are likely to get one more opportunity to fish this year.

Scott Bannon, Director of the Alabama Marine Resources Division (MRD), said the preliminary harvest numbers for the private recreational sector indicate about 100,000 pounds remain in the quota of 1,122,622 pounds.

The red snapper season for private recreational anglers (which includes state charter vessels) was originally set to last 35 days, beginning the Friday of Memorial Day weekend. However, the season had to be shortened to 25 days to ensure the quota was not exceeded.

Bannon said he and Chris Blankenship, Commissioner of the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, are discussing options that would provide the best opportunity for private anglers to catch Alabama's premier reef fish species.

"The private recreational angler season went really well even though we closed a little earlier than we anticipated," Bannon said. "The data showed a tremendous number of people took advantage of the season, especially with the opening earlier on May 22."

When the data from the season was analyzed, Bannon said a significant uptick in participation was quickly evident.

"The average vessel trips for the season were 713 trips per day," he said. "That means a lot of people went fishing compared to the last two years, which had an average of about 530 vessel trips per day."

"I think people took advantage to go snapper fishing when they could not participate in other activities. They could not get on cruise ships. They couldn't go to Disney. People were not playing travel sports. Boating was considered a safe outdoor activity, so I do think the COVID-19 pandemic affected the snapper season. I think it prompted more people to go snapper fishing than we had in the past."

Bannon said the snapper season might have ended even a little earlier had it not been for Tropical Storm Cristobal, which significantly limited fishing on the third weekend of snapper season.

"Even after the second weekend, I had people tell me about the high number of boats they were seeing offshore," he said. "They said there's no way we're going to make it to July 19. My thoughts were that as the season progresses the fervor dies down in July, and fishing gets a little tougher. Again, with not having other activities available, the weather outside that Cristobal

weekend was really good and people went fishing."

Bannon said anyone interested can visit outdooralabama.com/2020-red-snapper-landings-summary and view the catch data as well as the chart that shows the angler participation rate compared to the average wave height. The catch data in the chart has been updated to include additional reports.

"You can see in the chart that the wave height and catch effort are directly related," he said. "The Cristobal weekend slowed down the catch effort. You can also see the weekend days had much higher catch effort."

For the first time since the five Gulf states were granted control of red snapper management in 2018, Alabama added Mondays to the weekend to try to spread out the effort and provide more opportunities to fish.

"I think adding Mondays was a success," Bannon said. "Some people felt that had a negative impact and reduced season length because of the Monday fishing. But if you add up all of the Monday effort, it is barely more than our peak Saturday. Mondays did exactly what we hoped it would do. It provided opportunities to avoid the Saturday chaos, allow people who work weekends an opportunity to go, and allow people who were on vacation who had to travel on Saturday to have an extra opportunity."

"And, if you were local, the feedback I got was they took advantage of Mondays instead of trying to fish on Saturdays when the effort was so high. They didn't fish any more because it was open on Mondays; they just fished a different day."

With the snapper season closing after July 3, red snapper had to be replaced with lane snapper for the 87th Alabama Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo at Dauphin Island later in July.

"I know there was disappointment that we didn't have red snapper for the Alabama Deep Sea Rodeo, being the nation's largest fishing tournament," Bannon said. "With all of the other challenges the rodeo had with the COVID-19 issues and all the events that were cancelled, I think they had the best event they could under the circumstances."

With three years of state management data and the 2020 data on Monday fishing, Bannon said the MRD staff will analyze those numbers to determine season dates for 2021.

"Our goal is to make accurate season predictions," Bannon said. "Again, the pandemic did have an impact, and we don't know where we will be next year with COVID. We will work with the

Commissioner to see what kind of season we will have moving forward."

The other sector that takes advantage of the state's great red snapper fishing is the Alabama charter boat fleet, which still operates under federal management through NOAA Fisheries. The charter season opened on June 1 and ran straight through August 1.

"I think the charter season went really well, especially considering that, when the coronavirus first hit, a lot of people were canceling trips early in the year," Bannon said. "As boating was considered a safe activity, many of the boats adjusted their capacity so people felt comfortable and safe. They lost the Cristobal weekend just like everyone else, but they got to fish pretty consistently for the 62 days they were open. From my discussions with the captains, they considered it a very good season considering the COVID circumstances."

"And I think they'll have a good fall season as people still have limited outdoor activities. The charters will target other fish, like amberjack, which is scheduled to be open until October 31. They can also catch vermilion snapper (beeliners) and other reef fish species as well as king mackerel."

Bannon was encouraged by the variety of sizes of red snapper that inhabit Alabama's unparalleled artificial reef zones.

"We saw in our preseason data that we had a large number of smaller fish, which we attribute to a strong year-class of fish," he said. "Those younger fish will crowd those reefs. What you should see in the next year or two, those fish will be growing up around those reefs and then dispersing. We should be able to follow the year-class

and see how it works out over the next few years."

"We are comfortable with the amount of fish harvested in our reef zones from all sectors. Our surveys help ensure we are making appropriate management decisions to make sure our fishery is sustainable."

One of the ways MRD conducts those surveys and other management practices is through a variety of funding sources, one of which is the Gulf Reef Fish Endorsement that was implemented for the 2020 season. Bannon said 22,755 endorsements were obtained. The funds will be used for reef fish management.

"I feel like we had really good compliance on the Gulf Reef Fish Endorsement," he said. "This year, our Enforcement Officers were just making people aware they needed the endorsement, which helps us identify just how many people are participating in the fishery in addition to providing funding for all aspects of reef fish management. Next year, a person may receive a citation for not having it."

"Also, for the fishing seasons after January 1, 2021, we're adding greater amberjack and gray triggerfish as mandatory species for recording in Snapper Check. They are two valuable species to Alabama anglers, and we want to develop better landings data."

Pictured: The Alabama Marine Resources Division determined about 100,000 pounds of red snapper remain in the 2020 quota and plan to extend the season by one or two days this fall. The planned 35-day season was cut short because of the increased number of boats fishing for Alabama's premier reef fish.





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