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Allen McElroy was around back when this was “Where Highway 3 Meets The Sea”

By Fran Thompson

Allen McElroy graduated from high school up in York, an 1800's stage coach stop about 30 miles east of Meridian.

He went to college at Livingston University (now the University of West Alabama), about 15 miles in the other direction.

But the 82 year old ambassador of fun also has local bonafides that run deep.

“Come Labor Day, all you would see was tail lights heading north. It dried up down here.”

He was spending summers here as a teen when there was nothing other than what Allen called “palmetto water” available in Ft. Morgan. It wouldn't kill you. But it was foul

tasting, and families would fill 30 gallon tanks from the water line at the cottages his parents owned to tote back to their summer homes on Mobile Bay.

The Beach Road ended at Alabama Point and the West Beach extended only about a mile. Hwy. 59 had yet to be designated as such.

“The catch phrase was ‘Where Hwy. 3 meets The Sea,’” Allen said of the road that led to his family's cottages near Gulf Shores Public Beach.

The McElroys rented six cottages and also operated a small store selling groceries and dry goods

“The rates were \$35 a week for the units and \$45 for the kitchenettes,” Allen said. “Romeo Micelli had a similar operation up the street. He named after his daughter Jeannie, who ran the grocery store.

“Come Labor Day, all you would see were tail lights heading north. It dried up down here.”

Gulf Shores was so quiet in the 1950's that Allen and his brother, with their dog Teddy wagging his tail behind them, would walk across the street, sit atop sand dunes at Gulf Shores Public Beach and shoot ducks with 22 caliber rifles.

Allen was too young to vote for Gulf Shores' first mayor, Johnny Sims, in 1957. But he remembers the election.

Allen said his family kept its grocery store open on weekends during the winter, but its vendors understood that they would not get their invoices paid until summer.

His first boat was an abandoned row-boat he salvaged from Little Lagoon. And he fondly remembers the many

hours spent rowing that little skiff around the town's waterways.

“There was nobody around. I never had any money, but I didn't realize how good I had it,” he said.

One of Allen's early summer jobs was working for James Goldman at the Little Casino, which was a predecessor to The Hangout that the Blalock brothers owned years later.

During his college years, he worked at The Big Casino at Gulf State Park. He loved to hang there after work to dance, meet tourists and “have a lot of fun.”

Allen said his favorite dance spot was The Canal Lounge, owned by Howard Hardin. It was located across from the Friendship House, the closest Gulf Shores had to a fancy restaurant back then. The businesses were directly south of the draw bridge crossing the Intracoastal Canal.

Of course, Allen also knew Howard's brother Max and his wife Mary.

The Canal Lounge was basically a dance hall inside an old WWII barracks. His favorite song to dance to was the Johnny Horton classic, “For The Love Of A Girl.” And his dance card competition came from flight students at Naval Air Station, who drove over from Pensacola in their TR-3's and MG's.

“I didn't really need much money. It was maybe 80 cents for a beer. If I had 4 or 5 dollars, that was enough,” he said.

After graduating from Livingston, McElroy had a 37 year career in logistics with International Paper.

Before that, he worked for Western Electric in Mobile, car pooling across the Mobile Causeway every morning with two other friends from Gulf Shores.

“Interstate 10 was not even under consideration back then,” he said.

Allen traveled the country meeting with International Paper vendors. Often he was wine and dined. But he knew where to draw the line, and he never accepted more than a steak dinner and a Double Malt Scotch or two from company clients.

“Once you take something from somebody, you are obligated to them,” he said.

That moral fiber served Allen well when he first stepped into local politics as a member of the Pritchard City Council after being asked to fill a seat that was among those vacated when several Pritchard City Council members were arrested for collecting kickbacks from garbage collection contracts.

It was Allen's own groundwork that led to the FBI investigation in the first place. He said when the FBI contacted him about his sources, he told them he found all the incriminating evidence he needed on file at city hall. It was avail-

able to anybody who took the time to do the research and connect the dots.

He ran for re-election in the next cycle and earned 70 percent of the black vote in a black majority city, even though he was running against a black opponent. “I was just trying to do what was right, and the people recognized that,” he said. “I am proud of that.”

Allen and his wife Diane agreed to what was supposed to be a five year stint with International Paper in Memphis. But he ended up staying in that river town for 12 years before retiring to Orange Beach for good in 1999.

“All I do now is drink and chase women,” he joked.

That is actually partly true. But Allen also fills his days with volunteer community service.

In addition to his hands-on involvement with the Coastal Alabama Chamber of Commerce, Allen sits on several Orange Beach and Baldwin County boards. He is the chairman of Orange Beach's business and industrial development board.

Among the many gems he brings to committee meetings is a rolodex. He is on a first name basis with just about every state official whose influence stretches to Baldwin County.

“I don't know if I have to words to describe what he's done for us. He's done so much good,” Orange Beach Mayor Tony Kennon said.

“He is not hesitant to pick up the phone and call the Lieutenant Governor or (ALDOT Director) John Cooper or the Secretary of State or the Attorney General or anybody else in Montgomery on our behalf. And they answer the phone when he calls.”

Kennon said although they met in Orange Beach, Allen was friends with his aunts and uncles, including an uncle who was the Pritchard police chief, and his sister and Allen's daughter grew up as best friends.

Kennon said that his City Council's respect for Allen has reached a point where they know he will be able to make a positive influence anywhere he thinks he can help. And they invite him to do so.

“He just never stops. He makes the Energizer Bunny look lazy,” Kennon said. “I just have nothing but positives to say about him at the end of the day, and he couldn't do it without Diane. They are just great people.”

Kennon especially appreciated a call from Allen after Orange Beach citizens overwhelmingly voted down a property tax increase to pay for a city school system that the entire Council strongly favored.

“We got a little sideways about the



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school split, and he came to me after the vote didn't go the way I was supporting. That was somewhat embarrassing.

"He said you need to humble yourself and let the people know what you learned. Express it publicly and everything will be alright. And I did write an open letter to the community, not exactly apologizing, but saying I didn't listen like I should have. I recognized that I needed to be a better listener. I probably would not have done that if he didn't call and it helped me be a better mayor."

Allen said he is dedicated to Orange Beach, Gulf Shores, Baldwin County and Alabama in that order.

Former US Congressman Jo Bonner agrees, calling him "a one-man chamber of commerce for Orange Beach, Pleasure Island and South Alabama."

Bonner, who is currently the Chief of Staff for Governor Kay Ivey, said Allen was always among the first to arrive and the last to leave any town hall meet-

ing he attended.

"Making certain he had visited with everyone in attendance, he was likely double checking to make sure they had gotten their question answered," Bonner said.

"I used to joke with him that he was the best staff member I had – and the cheapest, because he was always a volunteer – because he knew everyone and everyone knew him. He commands respect from one and all.

"He is like the "Energizer Bunny" in the sense that he is always the first person to show up to volunteer to help, whether it is putting on an art show, a salute to our veterans or a political rally/event," Bonner added.

Allen and Diane are also among the Coastal Alabama Chamber of Commerce's most active members. They attend every Island Spirit Award presentation and most ribbon cuttings and after hours socials.

"He is great for the island, and he is such a character,"

said Steve Jones, who has been active in the Chamber since moving here in 1991 and now works for the group.

One of Allen's duties with the Island Spirit Committee is to place the pin on the lapel on the recipients who win the award.

"He adds a lot of humor and levity. It is not the same when he is not there to place the pin," Jones said. "Everyone knows he is just a flirt and harmless as haint.

"I don't remember when I met him. I'm sure it was through the Chamber, but once you meet him, you don't forget him," Jones added. "If you meet him once, you know him forever. It's like you can't not know him. He is a force."

Allen met former Alabama Gov. Bob Riley during a fundraiser when Riley gave him a campaign sticker for his car. Allen responded by inking his phone number on Riley's hand and telling him to call him. That led to a friendship that included invitations to inaugural balls,

birthday parties in Montgomery and outings on millionaire George Barber's boat.

The most memorable of his trips to Montgomery for an inaugural ball could have ended badly.

While he and Diane were driving up I-65, the family's RV broke down in Greenville when the fuel pump blew out.

Never one to miss a party and ever industrious, Allen tied a five gallon bucket on the RV's windshield, filled it with gas and let gravity feed fuel to the RV's engine.

"I had to stop a few times to fill up the bucket, but we made it there," he said.

He said Diane lived in his 8-Mile neighborhood and agreed with Mayor Kennon that he could not do what he does without her support. They've been married for 35 years. "She is the most wonderful person in the world. And I am serious about that," he said.

Although never a wheeler dealer, Allen said he has bought and sold lots and homes from West Beach to Bear Point over the years and has made a profit on every sale.

He first ventured into home ownership when he bought a lot on West 4th Ave. in Gulf Shores from his boss at Yellow Front Stores when he was still a teenager.

"It was on one of the canals that Mr. Meyer put in. My boss wanted to sell it to me for \$450, which I didn't have," he said. "He sent me over to see a loan officer at the bank, and the banker said he would lend me half only because he knew my parents. My boss lent me the other half."

Also active at Orange Beach Methodist Church, Allen said he is thankful daily for his blessings and supports his church accordingly.

In return, OBUMC Pastor Jim Kinder is thankful for the joy Allen brings to the congregation.

"If anybody comes in, whether it is a guest or somebody that has been here all their life, Allen is always there to greet them with a big smile and a great hand shake," Pastor Kinder said. "And he has always been very encouraging to me personally. He is a guy that just loves life and loves the Lord. Just an incredible asset to the church and Orange Beach."

The pastor said that too many times to count he will see a group of people standing around with Allen McElroy, and they are always laughing.

"He just makes everybody feel so comfortable and so welcome. He makes them feel like they belong," he said.

Allen thinks it is because of, not despite his never-miss-a-party lifestyle that he still feels great at 82 years old. His three story townhouse on Cotton Bayou has an elevator. But he doesn't use it. "You gotta keep moving - always," he said. "If you don't, you will go away."

He has no plans to stop attending Orange Beach

City Council meetings and letting local, county and state officials know about it when he has issues with their policies. That usually means him calling an official or politician directly and them addressing him by name when they pick up.

"God has been good to me," Allen said. "I've had a good time all of my life. My only intent in return is to just try to do some good and help people."

Pictured: Allen and Bill Jeffries discuss bridges for Orange Beach with ALDOT Director John Cooper; with Diane at the state bicentennial celebration and cleaning up Bird Island; with Governor Kay Ivey.





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O.B. uses grant funds to beef up shoreline cleanup equipment

By John Mullen

Orange Beach City Council voted to spend just more than \$300,000 of a \$1.2 million GOMESA grant to beef up its equipment for the city's shoreline cleanup effort. The rest of the grant will pay for the personnel to man the craft for a total of five years.

During the meeting, the city also announced the fall schedule for the Continuing Excellence program for adults that will include free programs in enrichment, arts and athletics.

At its regular session on Aug. 18 the council voted to spend \$68,000 of the GOMESA money for a heavy-duty skiff and another \$233,000 for crane barge (pictured) to help pluck large pieces found along the shore and in the waterways in the city.

GOMESA is the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act money from oil and gas leases paid out to states on the Gulf Coast. Grants from GOMESA are also paying for a new boat ramp that is planned for land on the Intracoastal Waterway west of the Beach Express toll bridge.

"That GOMESA grant was to fund our waterways and shoreline enhancement program which is essentially our marine debris removal program for five years," Coastal Resources Director Phillip West said. "It funded the positions, the labor for that and the equipment and supplies. We'll also be doing some printed materials, some online stuff on a website so people can follow the progress with the poundage we are picking up and the types of materials that we recover."

The grant was written by Coastal Resources Operations Manager Wade Stevens and Grants Administrator Nicole Woerner. GOMESA grants are approved by Gov. Kay Ivey and administered through Commissioner Chris Blankenship and the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

West said the shoreline cleanup program is among the best he's worked on during his tenure in Orange Beach along with Leave Only Footprints and the Hugh Branyon Backcountry Trail.

"It's a great program," he said. "It's one of my absolute favorite pet projects that I've ever done here. Leave Only Footprints, the trail, beach renourishment. It's definitely one of my top five favorite initiatives that I've been involved in."

The skiff will take on jobs currently done by a 26-foot skiff and a 32-foot pontoon. The skiff is constantly in need of repairs to the bottom because of scrapes and bumps with things in and under the water. The new skiff will have a metal bottom and be better suited to endure the bumps and scrapes.

"But this (new) one is very heavy-duty aluminum," West said. "The hull comes in contact with rocks, rip rap, pilings and other hard structures and frankly we do a lot of body work every season and usually every year we have to pull one of the boats from service to repair them. This is

just a much tougher, beefier version, just the right tool for the job.

"I thought when we got that big 26-foot skiff with a nine-foot beam I thought we had the right tool for the job there and it does carry a very heavy load but the fiberglass just cannot withstand that battering that they get. It's not operator error or anything it's just inevitable. You can't see everything that you're going to bump up against. We've put aluminum plates on the bottom but they don't really stay. We've tried to reinforce that hull."

The new crane barge is another tool the crews have been needing in the struggle to get bigger pieces of debris out of the waterways and off the shorelines.

"It's for heavy debris and currently when the guys tackle floating pilings or any other heavy debris," West said. "It could be anything. We've pulled tractor tires full of sand and things like that. It's so physically demanding that it is really getting into injury. The crane barge will just be able to pick up and handle a lot and haul a lot of debris. Now it's I'm going to pick up these two pilings and head back but now you can load this crane barge up."

West said he tried for five years to get marine cleanup grants from National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and believes the new equipment will help in getting approved.

"We missed out on a lot of NOAA marine debris removal grants because we're not focusing on heavy debris which is what those grants are really meant to target," West said. "This will allow us to become competitive for those grants and save the backs, literally, of the crew."

The crews currently only work from April to October and pick up about 60,000 to 80,000 pounds of debris each year. The grant will allow the crews to work all year long.

Continuing Excellence

The fall slate of enrichment, arts and athletics for adults is free programs to all citizens. Offerings include Spanish classes and are looking to add French. Dance classes will include ballet, tap, jazz, salsa, bachata, merengue and theater dance. Other activities include an Improv Troupe and sewing classes. Six pickleball courts are also available for the Continuing Excellence program. Click here to see the entire class schedule.

After School Programs

In the Expect Excellence afterschool program there are 300 kids and Program Director Jonathan Langston expects that to top 500 in kindergarten through 11th grade students based on the 470 kids in the program in the 2019-20 school year.

Also during Regular Session, Council:

- Announced that council meetings will be at the Community Center through the end of the year to ensure social distancing.
- Passed a resolution authorizing change order number one with MECO to add dual product dispensers for the Public Works Fuel Station in an amount not to exceed \$4,688.
- Passed a resolution authorizing Goodwyn, Mills & Cawood, to perform a discharge information zone study for the Orange Beach Wastewater Treatment Plant in an amount not to exceed \$51,000.
- Passed a resolution authorizing the refinancing of General Obligation Warrants, Series 2012 that were used to build the wastewater treatment plant. Finance Director Ford Handley said the refinancing will save the city \$620,000-\$800,000.
- Passed a resolution declaring Event Center chairs owned by the City of Orange Beach as surplus and unneeded and authorizing the donation of said property to of Elberta.
- Passed a resolution authorizing execution of change order number one with Phil Harris Construction for the Coastal Resources Office Building in an amount not to exceed \$43,676.93.



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GULF SHORES CITY COUNCIL

City kicks in \$35K to support Safe Harbor Animal Coalition surgical suite

Gulf Shores voted at its Aug. 10 regular session to contribute \$35,000 to the Safe Harbor Animal Coalition's effort to fund a surgical suite at its new shelter on County Road 12 in Foley.

"We got a formal request from Safe Harbor Animal Coalition to help fund medical they need for an animal shelter where they're going to do animal spay and neuter surgical and prep area in a building that they've had donated to them," City Administrator Steve Griffin told the council.

"They have put a lot of blood, sweat and tears into this building. They've had a construction crew rehab it but it's basically an animal shelter clinic area that can be used and will serve the City of Gulf Shores, the Fort Morgan area,

Orange Beach, Foley and a lot of the unincorporated areas of the county in between. The City of Foley has provided a \$35,000 match back at their meeting in May, Orange Beach in June and they anticipate Baldwin County funding this at \$35,000 also in October."

The group needs about \$133,000 to finish the surgery suite. Auburn University's School of Veterinary Medicine to rotate their senior students at the SHAC facility to perform the surgeries under the supervision of Medical Director, Dr. Teresa Russell, DVM.

"We are working today to finish up the last of the building to get our certificate of occupancy and that should be next week," SHAC's Steve Solomon told the council "We're ready to start order-

ing medical equipment and have the Auburn students come down and join us. Between the two facilities on the Baldwin Beach Express and our facility we can get this taken care of in a very cheap and effective way. It's going to be university standards and that's much higher than what we get at most of the vets. It's an exciting thing and to see the cities help us with this it's an amazing thing."

Jim Brown Construction and Island Air were both instrumental in donating money and work to acquire and complete the SHAC's new shelter. So far about \$250,000 in cash and in-kind services have been donated and SHAC officials will need about \$310,000 more to finish the shelter.



Mark Sealy named new Gulf Shores Fire Chief

The City of Gulf Shores has hired Paul "Mark" Sealy to head its fire department. The new chief comes to Gulf Shores with over 29 years of fire experience with the Mobile Fire Department.

"We are excited to welcome Chief Sealy to City of Gulf Shores Fire Rescue Department," said Mayor Robert Craft. "With specialty training in hazmat, urban search and rescue (USAR), as well as being an SCBA specialist (smoke diver), nationally registered paramedic, and fire instructor, we believe that Chief Sealy will be a wonderful asset to our community, and provide effective leadership to the exceptional team at Gulf Shores Fire Rescue."

Sealy joins the Gulf Shores Fire Rescue Department after the retirement of the previous Fire Chief, Hartley Brokenshaw. Under Chief Brokenshaw's leadership Gulf Shores Fire received an upgraded ISO Public Protection Classification grade of 1. This rating is the highest rating possible from ISO.

"We want to thank Chief Hartley Brokenshaw for his exemplary leadership and commitment to the City of Gulf Shores," said Mayor Craft. "Through his dedication and willingness to consistently improve the operations in the Fire Rescue Department, Gulf Shores is a safer, better place to live."

Sealy will oversee the entire department of Gulf Shores Fire Rescue which includes the operations and functionality of all five fire rescue stations which provide first responder and life-saving services to all residents and visitors in Gulf Shores.

"I am honored to be named Fire Chief for the City of Gulf Shores," Chief Sealy said. "I look forward to continuing to build upon the culture of excellence Gulf Shores Fire Department has already achieved, and to serve on a team that protects the residents and visitors of the Gulf Shores community."

Sealy began his professional fire career as a fire medic and from there progressed steadily through the ranks of the Mobile Fire Department until he was named Chief in 2017. Sealy has experience in all aspects of fire service including Driver on both suppression and medic units, Captain on both engine and ladder companies, and as a District Chief in both operations and training.

Born in Mobile, Sealy began his professional career as a United States Marine, where he served as Sergeant of a Reconnaissance Unit, earning consistent commendations for devotion to duty. He earned his Bachelor's Degree in Fire Science from Columbia Southern University and he is presently enrolled in the Executive Fire Officer Program at the National Fire Academy.

Sealy will begin serving in his role as Gulf Shores Fire Chief effective immediately.

Pictured: New Gulf Shores Fire Chief Mark Sealy and his wife, Christine Sealy.

G.S. may allow employee dormitories in certain parts of city

At its Aug. 10 regular session, Gulf Shores City Council discussed an amendment to the zoning ordinance that would allow for employee dormitories in certain parts of the city but also limit condos and multi-family buildings in general business areas to help with burgeoning traffic issues.

On the zoning change, Mayor Robert Craft said the city is working hard to reign in traffic but without reigning the growth coming to the city traffic will just become a bigger problem.

"Building new roads especially a north-south road is

impossible," Craft said. "We've been working hard over the last eight years really trying to get grant monies and we've got \$80 million more to spend than the \$25 million we've already committed to this.

"So, it's taken a lot of money to improve the roads we have. But that's not enough to get traffic control. We've got to look at growth management and everything that means.

"A lot of that is density and location and improvements required to be able to have allow by-right opportunities where there's no adjustment to what they can build," he added. "Otherwise we'll continue to fall behind on traffic."

According to Community Development Director Lee Jones, an employment dormitory is a residential building that contains temporary living quarter for employees but does not include separate dwelling units and may include common dining, cooking and recreation or bathing facilities.

"We're right sizing zoning to match the infrastructure," Jones said. "Today the multi-family permitted by right will overly impact our infrastructure. It is too much for our infrastructure to handle over time. This amendment will allow council and planning commission more oversight in order to make sure that with multi-family use permits we are making accommodations for infrastructure and improvements and impact on adjacent properties to go along with it."

The ordinance change is expected to come before the council at the Aug. 24 meeting.

During the meeting, the council also heard details of a zoning ordinance amendment that would allow non-conforming condos to be rebuilt. Under current rules if a 170-unit building was destroyed in a hurricane only the 90 permitted in the ordinance as it currently reads could be rebuilt. The development was built when that much density was allowed but the rules have now changed. This amendment would allow for all 170 units to be rebuilt. The ordinance change came before council at the Aug. 24 meeting.



Gulf Shores Police Dept. Officers of the Month

Gulf Shore Police Department Officers Danny McGowin (left) and Chris Brown were selected as respective Officers of the Month for June and July. "Thank you Chris, for all of your hard work, dedication, and continued support of our community," said GSPD Chief Ed Delmore.

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Orange Beach takes steps to mitigate traffic issues at new school complex

By John Mullen

During a recent meeting, Orange Beach City Council discussed ways to make traffic going in and out of the new school safer. Classes convened in the new Orange Beach High School and Middle School on Aug. 12.

Kennon said the move at the school is to mitigate a traffic hazard at the Canal Road entrance to the new complex.

The entry from Canal Road will be changed to a right in, right out only service and school traffic will make a left turn on Money Bayou Drive.

“Right now, the new entranceway into the school is a full-access left out, left in and Cypress Village entryway is a left out and left in, there is a left into the school,” Kennon said. “So, essentially it is a four-way left turn intersecting with no traffic light. That is nothing but a traffic accident not waiting to happen but going to happen because I’ve already experienced it, I’ve

watched it.”

Kennon said the entry from Canal Road will be changed to a right in, right out only service and school traffic will make a left turn on Money Bayou Drive a block west of the school.

“It will loop back around to north on Sweetwater and enter into the school,” Kennon said. “The reason we’re doing that right now is that the Sweetwater entrance is degraded and not wide enough to allow a left turn in at the same time a school bus is trying to turn out. We’re going to upgrade that but we

can’t get it done before school.”

Eventually, Kennon said, Sweetwater Drive which is a north-south road adjacent to the campus, will be improved to handle the school traffic including buses.

“This is hopefully a short-term fix,” Kennon said. “The permanent fix will be that Sweetwater will be widened so that a bus can get out and there can be a left turn in because there will be a police officer there directing traffic when school is letting in and letting out. During the middle of the day there should be no issue with a left turn in there because there will be no buses going out.”

Also, A recently opened restaurant in Orange Beach, the Angry Crab, had its outdoor music license revoked at the meeting and the city is working on a rewrite of the noise ordinance to address it and other issues.

“This is a recurring issue, multiple complaints,” Mayor Tony Kennon said. “We can’t have residents in a residential neighborhood dealing with music of a venue in an adjacent business property. We just can’t have that.”

Kennon said the ordinance change will look at adding noise restrictions in residential neighborhoods.

“We’re working hard on our sound ordinance to reevaluate also how to look at within residential neighborhoods how do we deal with neighbors and unruly music, loud noises, construction noise,” Kennon said. “Pretty much anything that disturbs the peace and tranquility of a neighborhood without hopefully being overburdensome or heavy handed in our way of doing it. So, we’re working on that and have been.”

At the Angry Crab, Councilman Jeff Boyd said the city has been trying to

work with the managers there and haven’t been able to find a solution.

“We’ve gone to them, we’ve pleaded and we’ve begged, we’ve gotten videos week in and week out, we’ve visited them,” Boyd said. “It’s a battle between the manager and bands and trying to get decibel levels and it’s just not fair to the neighbors behind them. This is a last-ditch effort to make this happen.”

Councilmember Joni Blalock said the suspension of the outdoor permit does not have any affect on music inside the restaurant. The restaurant was using an outdoor courtyard on the west side of the restaurant to have bands playing during dinner service.

The Council Also:

- Approved a liquor licenses for an expanded Shrimp Basket at Zeke’s Landing Marina, Pleasure Island Tiki Bar and for the Safe Harbor Sportsman Ship Store. The Sportsman property was recently bought by Safe Harbor, a company that owns about 100 marinas all over the country.
- Approved the temporary placement of a recreational home on 22 acres at 5159 Sampson Avenue for Grant and Laura Blackburn. They had moved away and leased out the house on the property but had to return to Orange Beach because of health issues with a family member.
- Approved three resolutions announcing the election of councilmen Jeff Boyd, Jerry Johnson and Jeff Silvers. The three face no opposition in the Aug. 25 election.
- Approved a resolution authorizing the execution of a professional services agreement with Computer Backup for technology support and managed services.

- Adopted a transportation plan for fiscal year 2021.
- Approved a resolution authorizing the execution of a license agreement with PowerSouth Energy Cooperative for use of an easement.
- Approved a contract with Dr. William Beazley to serve as medical services director for the city’s ambulance service and authorized the purchase of EMS Medical Director liability insurance.
- Awarded a task order to with Thompson Engineering to perform professional engineering and land surveying services for a Canal Road sidewalk east of State Highway 161 in an amount not to exceed \$147,200.
- Awarded a task order to Thompson Engineering to perform professional engineering services for a Canal Road right turn/deceleration lane at Cypress Village Boulevard in an amount not to exceed \$51,550.
- Declared two ATVs owned by the city as surplus and unneeded and authorized the donation of said property to the Magnolia Springs Volunteer Fire Department.
- Approved a change order with Ammons & Blackmon Construction for Recreation Center Drainage and Tennis Court Improvements in an amount not to exceed \$19,376.45.
- Approved a change order with E-J Builders, Inc., to add shade structures for the baseball and softball Complex in an amount not to exceed \$43,658.65.
- Authorized the execution of an agreement with O.B. Commons for the construction of a Canal Road deceleration lane and driveway improvements on the Commons shopping center site.
- Announced that council meetings would be moved to the Community Center to encourage better social distancing and accommodate more citizens wishing to attend the meetings.

Makos Win Varsity Football Debut

The Orange Beach High School football team’s debut was a victorious one as the Makos defeated JF Shields 35-20 under the lights at the Orange Beach Sportsplex on Aug. 21. The Orange Beach middle and high schools opened in a brand new building adjacent to the Sportsplex earlier this month. Before Gulf Shores formed its own school system in 2017, middle and high school students from Orange Beach attend school in Gulf Shores. The Makos are also at home on Aug. 28 against Fruitdale. Game time is 7:30 p.m., and tickets must be purchased online before hand. The team is coached by Chase Smith, who is also the school’s athletic director. From 2012 to 2018, Coach Smith served as an assistant coach at the University of South Alabama, helping develop 11 All-Sunbelt Conference players. Prior to coming to Orange Beach, Coach Smith served as Athletic Director and Head Football Coach at Robertsdale High School for one year. He and his wife Vanessa have one daughter, Monroe.



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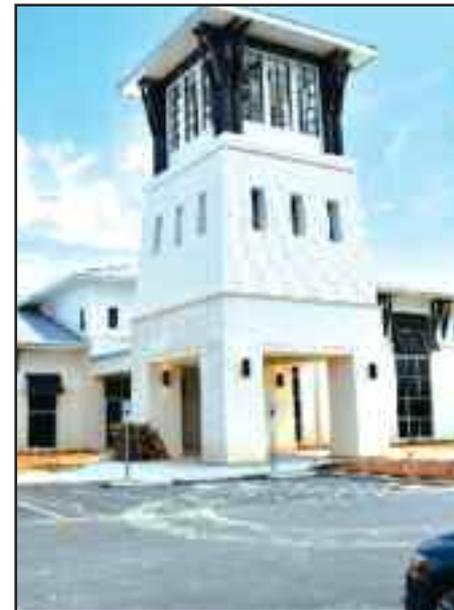
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Having its own high school is watershed moment in Orange Beach history



Orange Beach Councilwoman Iris Ethridge presenting two flags to the schools. Orange Beach Middle received a State of Alabama flag that flew over the state capitol on December 14, 2019, which was the 200th anniversary of Alabama's statehood. The high school received an American flag that flew over Washington D.C.

"The second flag flew over the National Capitol on Oct. 30, 2019," Ethridge said. "This flag flew on the birthday of my husband who is now deceased and our son who was born on his birthday. I am so glad that both of my fellas were veterans and got honorable discharges. So I am so proud to give the United States flag to our high school to fly with pride. This is the flag that they fought to protect. May it ever wave."

Pictured: Superintendent Tyler and Mayor Kennon with school board members and staff, county and state officials, and Orange Beach City Council members.

right there with you. We have no reason to do anything different. So extremely proud of that.

"This has been a long time coming. This has been a 20-year dream; part of that was a battle, but it's come to fruition."

Up until the 2018-19 school year, Orange Beach middle and high school students attended school in Gulf Shores.

In 2017, the Gulf Shores City Council voted to form its own city school system and the county school board approved construction of the new Orange Beach High and Middle School on 40 acres donated by the city on Canal Road. While the high and middle school officially started in the 2019-2020 school year in portables, having the new building open its doors is a watershed moment for the Orange Beach community.

"I can't tell you how hard we have worked and prayed for this day," Councilwoman Annette Mitchell said on behalf of the Orange Beach City Council. "I am so excited for every single person who has had even a finger to do with the opening of our school. ... Congratulations, everyone."

McKee & Associates designed the school with input from the city and Sharpe Inc. built it. An adjacent 710-seat Performing Arts Center, funded by the city, is under construction and expected to be complete in May 2021.

The main school building features a gymnasium that seats 740 in the bleachers, a cafeteria that seats 280 inside and 120 outside, and a tornado shelter that can accommodate 1,520 people.

The high school, which utilizes the first floor, features 21 standard classrooms, four collaborative rooms, two special needs, two science classrooms, two science labs, a band room, a theatre room and a prop shop.

The middle school, which utilizes the second floor, features eight standard classrooms, two collaborative rooms, two science classrooms, a television production suite w/ classroom and an art room/lab.

School officially started for students on Wednesday, August 12.

Superintendent Tyler gave accolades to OBHS Principal Dr. Erika McCoy and OBMS Principal Dr. Robbie Smith, who were hired in February of 2019. Dr. Smith was principal of Hartselle Junior High School in the Hartselle City School System, and Dr. McCoy was principal of Haleyville High School in the Haleyville City School System.

"I tell you what, they have brought a lot to this new school and I know they are going to bring a lot more," Tyler said. "In the middle of the year you just got to understand just how hard it is to find top-tier principals that are willing to leave the security of their system and venture out to a place where they didn't have any school, no building - no anything - and step out in faith and they have done that. And for you two, I can't thank you enough. Thank you for doing that, I appreciate it."

Dr. McCoy said it has been a pleasure working alongside Dr. Smith.

"I am a huge fan of Helen Keller and she said it best: 'Alone we can do so little. Together we can do so much.' And there is no greater representative of the value of an education in a child's life than Helen Keller, and I just want to say that our pledge to you and to this community and the board of education is to make the school the absolute best that it can be," said Dr. McCoy. "Not the best in the county. Not the best on the island. Not the best in the state. The best in the nation and that is our pledge."

The ceremony also included former Or-



By Marc D. Anderson, City of Orange Beach
Decades of effort and hard work finally came to fruition on Monday, August 10, when Baldwin County Board of Education officials joined Orange Beach leaders, as well as state and county officials, to celebrate the opening of the new Orange Beach High and Middle School.

During the ceremony, Baldwin County Public Schools Superintendent Eddie Tyler said working with Orange Beach to make the two-story, 130,000-square-foot school building a reality has been a "true partnership."

"Orange Beach has really stepped up and we've got us, I'm sure, a flagship high school, middle school, elementary school, and we've got a flagship feeder pattern," Tyler said. "And what I'm confident in, and the mayor who has spoken to me about this, I know a lot of people over the years have said, 'Well, you're going to build it and they're going to leave you.' I truly believe they are not. ... I truly feel that Mayor Tony Kennon and the City Council and myself have a solid partnership and for that I'm thankful."

Mayor Tony Kennon said the opening of the county's newest school is just the beginning of the partnership that will take education to new heights.

"I do appreciate the board and their commitment to our partnership," Mayor Kennon said. "It's like me and Mr. Tyler had talked about, we are doing things here that have probably not been done, in very unique ways. And when you haven't done it before it makes it a little difficult to make that change and I understand that. But they have been so good about trying to be that partner that gets out of that box."

"You know, I tell my kids, 'If you follow the trend, you can't be a trendsetter.' And we don't want to follow trends, we want to be the trendsetters and that's what we're going to do. We're going to be the best, we're going to be innovative. We're going to be the first out of the box. Mr. Tyler and the board have been so good and understanding and helping us do that. So this is just the beginning of where we're going. And I know this time as long as we can be the best that we can be and y'all support us in being the best we can be, we'll be

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O.B. citizens should know who was behind dispicable postcard slandering mayor

By Fran Thompson

Anybody getting nostalgic about the good old days in Orange Beach when elections were conducted without personal attacks and accusations of politicians using their positions to benefit their own businesses, please note that then Orange Beach Mayor Steve Russo, former City Councilman Joe McCarron, and City Attorney Larry Sutley were found guilty of charges ranging from campaign finance violations to bribery following the 2004 Orange Beach municipal election.

Orange Beach is not immune to dirty politics. But there is no smoke and no fire behind an oversized postcard recently mailed to select Orange Beach addresses that made outrageous and unfounded accusations against Mayor Tony Kennon.

The mayor fought back that same day (Aug. 20) with an emotional facebook response and a vow to make public the names of those responsible for the slanderous postcard.

The group responsible for the flyer labeled itself the Committee for Better Government in Orange Beach, and Kennon said in his Facebook response that the flyer has been turned over to the Alabama Secretary of State and “we’ll find out who is behind this.”

Issues raised by the flyer included the mayor’s public altercations, departure from the University of Alabama in 1991 and his “shaking down” local

realtors to steer them towards his wife’s title company. The flyer also stated Kennon was a bully who ran roughshod over council members Joni Blalock, Annette Mitchell, Jeff Boyd and Jerry Johnson.

The only councilman not mentioned in the flyer, Jeff Silvers, said he also wants to see the names of those behind the flyer made public.

“Whoever is behind it or what group is behind it, shame on them,” Silvers said. “It’s low and cowardly and dirty politics. I hope the Secretary of State investigates this matter.”

Kennon did take public issue with place 5 candidate and former police chief Joe Fierro over his departure from the dept. following the Aug. 18 city council meeting.

Although advertised as an opportunity for candidates to address the public, the forum was moderated by Kennon and retired OBPD Sgt. David McLain was allowed to speak at length about the many issues he had while working with Fierro. (Coach McLain was an assistant on my kid’s middle school hoop team. She loves him). The way the forum was conducted was not deemed fair by Fierro and many others. But the former police chief nevertheless condemned those responsible for the flyer.

“Whoever did this is not helping anyone. I have run an issue based clean campaign and I do not

condone this type of activity,” Fierro posted the same day the flyer showed up in mailboxes.

Kennon, facing opposition for the mayor’s office for the first time since 2008, was opposed in the Aug. 25 election by Dan Hayes, who also said he didn’t support the tactics used in the flyer.

“My campaign has been honorable without name calling and we do not condone that behavior in any way. The mayor and I have a difference in opinion, but that is why I’m running against him,” he said.

In this deeply red state, maybe the most damaging accusations in a flyer that accused the mayor of being everything from a steroid user to a sexual predator, was its labeling Council incumbent Blalock a “flaming liberal,” complete with a picture of Blalock standing with former President Barack Obama during the president’s visit in the aftermath of the 2010 BP oil spill.

“What you do not see in this picture posted on the mailer is that our Republican Governor, Bob Riley, was standing just to my right,” Blalock said.

“It was shortly after this that I lobbied for the Restore Act from which our city benefitted and I am proud of that work.”

Blalock was part of a group that traveled to Washington to make sure Restore money was not diverted from the five states the spill affected.

“I have always known that desperate people do desperate things, but the attacks perpetuated by this mailer are inexcusable,” she said.

Fireworks part of Sept. 6 Light Up Labor Day at The Wharf

The Sept. 6 Wharf Light Up Labor Day is being billed as a Sunday Friday celebration full of color at the Orange Beach entertainment district. Events include a DJ playing boogie-worthy jams beginning at 7 p.m., and fireworks at 8:45 p.m. Then, stick around to end the night with musical lights at the SPECTRA Laser Light Experience on Main Street at 9 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. The Wharf is located on Canal Rd. at the Foley Beach Express Bridge (look for the ferris wheel).

SBCC & others host Sept. 15 job fair at Foley Civic Center

The South Baldwin Chamber of Commerce, in partnership with South Alabama Workforce Development Council (SAWDC) and the Alabama Career Center will host a job fair at the Foley Civic Center on September 15 from 9 a.m. til noon and 1-3 p.m.

At one location, in one day, a job seeker can potentially meet their new employer and be hired on the spot. A few businesses that will be participating include American Thrift Stores, Direct Auto Insurance, Long’s Human Resource Services, OWA, Craft Farms Golf Resort, Homecare Companions, Waffle House, Meyer Vacation Rentals and more.

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Car show and fireworks show at Foley’s OWA Sept. 5

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OWA’s Labor Day Car Show starts at 9 a.m. in the morning along OWA’s pedes-

trian-only streets. Returning for its third year, the show features cars of all makes and models on display throughout the Southern-style streets of Downtown OWA. With hot rods and custom builds lining the street, this car show, now in its third year, is picture perfect.

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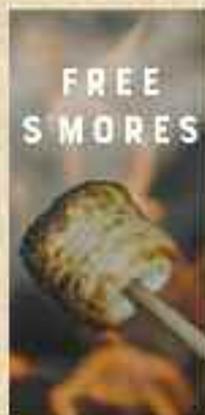
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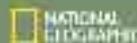
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PIER & SHORE FISHING OUTLOOK

BY DAVID "THE PIERPOUNDER" THORNTON



By the calendar, we are in mid summer. And the days are already getting noticeably shorter. But savvy shore fishermen don't let that trick them into grabbing a few more minutes sleep. Because they know some of the best fishing of the day often occurs even before the sun rises this time of year. Even if it doesn't, they still get to fish during the 'coolest' part of the day. Ha! Well maybe not "cool" per say, but occasionally drier, and definitely not as hot as mid-day. Even the water is tepid. Water temperatures are average for the end of August, in the middle to upper 80s.

The tide will be rising through the early morning hours each day into early September. Relatively deeper water near shore usually brings more gamefish near the beach to feed at first light in that situation. Hapless baitfish like 2" to 3" scaled herring (locally called "LYs") or anchovies ("red minnows") will school up near the beach and get savaged by ravenous hordes of ladyfish, bluefish and whatever else is big enough to eat them. That means speckled trout and slot-sized redbfish may be in the mix, so a small spoon or plug that resembles these baitfish will often get bit. This is especially true during periods of calm surf when the water gets very clear, as it often does while we are stuck in this 'summer doldrums' weather pattern. But that may soon be interrupted...

For now the best options for from-shore anglers still appears to be schooling fish like ladyfish, bluefish and spanish mackerel at first light into the early morning. The typical 'slow' bite period in the middle of the day may be negated by concentrating on targeting Gulf kingcroakers (locally called "whiting") along the lesser traffic beaches. "Whiting" are often found quite close to shore (5 to 20 yards out), occasionally in loose schools. Any light or even ultralight spinning tackle is well suited for having fun with these 'runts' of the drum family. They are great entertainment for the kids, keeping them occupied by catching eager fish they can easily handle. And they make fine table fare too.

Though "whiting" can be caught on the popular double drop "Pompano Rigs", they bite better on a 'stealthier' single drop rig, or better yet a Fishfinder Rig (aka "Carolina Rig") with inch long pieces of fresh cut shrimp. The leader is about a foot of clear monofilament or fluorocarbon (10# test) line with a #6 kahle or small circle hook. The swivel acts as a sinker stop for the ¼ to ½ ounce egg sinker threaded onto the main line. A 1 1/2" long strip of Fishbites may be substituted for the shrimp. Especially in locations where pinfish, baby pompano or other bothersome 'nibblers' keep stealing your shrimp bait. "Whiting" only average 10" to 14" long (up to a pound), but pull really well for a fish that size. They are not regulated by the state, so angler discretion is advised to prevent localized depletion. Most considerate surf anglers abide by the unwritten '10 by 10' rule for unregulated species. That means no more than 10 fish per angler per day, at least 10 inches long. This assures there will be plenty for everyone to share into the future.

Pompano are around too, but most are only 2" to 3" long. To catch the occasional 'keeper' pompano you'll probably have to target the edges of sandbars out 50 to 70 yards with the Pompano Rigs baited with Fishbites. Live shrimp or Beach Ghost shrimp work great for them, but everything that swims may beat the pompano to your hook. Still, it is worth a shot for these fine eating fish! The low tide in the late afternoon, would be your best time to target pompano along the outer sandbar edges, or any break in the beach sandbars where the water is at least 5-6 feet deep.

Slot-sized red drum (16" to 26") or even a little bigger, usually show up in the surf zone this time of year. At times they can even be seen swimming in schools very close to shore. You are fortunate indeed to find yourself in such a situation because competition between members in the school usually means they will bite most any live, dead or artificial bait. A jig can be especially effective on schooling redbfish because it sinks quickly and the angler can drag and 'bounce' it up from the bottom right in front of the hungry redbfish. They will often race to grab the lure before one of their schoolmates beats them to it. Years ago, anglers used a ½ ounce white or yellow Looney jig with a 3" strip of fresh cut mullet or stingray belly. Nowadays a 3" or 4" Gulp shrimp rigged on a 3/8 to ½ ounce leadhead jig is about as effective.

Until next time, here's hoping you have tight lines, short walks and fun fishing adventures...

When will GSP Pier reopen?

With all the good fishing going on lately, the most common question from shore-bound anglers seems to be "When will the Gulf State Park Pier reopen?" From the latest information available, that is getting closer to happening. But as yet, no official date has been announced. Though 'Scuttlebutt' says the reopening may take place around Labor Day. But keep in mind, that is highly speculative, unofficial, and subject to all the work being completed, then passing inspections. And they still have to replace the viewing telescopes, add the new signage, and the under pier lighting. Plus they will have to restock the pier-house, bathrooms, and bait-shop. And keep in mind any large scale storms could interfere with the work, or cause damage that would further delay the reopening.

- David Thornton

Perdido Pass seawall is option

The 'free' public access beaches have certainly been getting more fishing pressure since the Gulf State Park closed for repairs in mid-May. One area in particular that has been well utilized is the seawall along Perdido Pass at Alabama Point. Much of this unique fishing venue was closed for several years because of erosion. Kudos to the City of Orange Beach which restored and reopened the area a couple of years ago. It includes a paved parking and overhead lighting. Those lights really draw in the baitfish, and the gamefish like ladyfish, bluefish and spanish mackerel have followed. Anglers have been catching LOTS of these fish along with some redbfish and mangrove snapper from the seawall. Unfortunately, some anglers seem to leave even more than they take. At times the trash left behind by those using the facility is abhorrent to say the least.

- David Thornton

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- **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:** 7; Marina Stage; 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:** 5; 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.
- **Karaoke & League Pool:** 7:30; The Office, Foley.
- **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



Alabama adds Oct. 10-12 to red snapper season for private anglers

After completing a review of the 2020 private angler red snapper season that ended July 3, the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (ADCNR) has determined three additional days can be added to the private angler recreational season. The additional days will begin at 12:01 a.m. on Saturday, October 10, and run until midnight on Monday, October 12, 2020.

The additional red snapper fishing days apply to State and Federal waters adjacent to Alabama. The limit will be two fish per angler with a 16-inch total length minimum size.

ADCNR's Marine Resources Division (MRD) reviewed landing estimates derived from angler reports submitted through Alabama's Snapper Check system and determined the additional days are available to achieve the 2020 red snapper quota.

"The 2020 private angler season started out with record setting fishing effort," said Scott Bannon, MRD Director. "The COVID-19 pandemic has made outdoors recreation more important than ever, and that showed during this year's red snapper season. That higher level of early season effort ultimately led to the closure on July 3. It is important to our fishermen to provide access to this resource, and our goal is to fish the quota we've been given by NOAA Fisheries. We are excited to offer these additional days in October to harvest more red snapper and still stay within our quota."

More info: outdooralabama.com/2020-red-snapper-landings.

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 • **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.
 • **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.
 • **Alabama Coastal Foundation Fundraiser:** 6; Big Beach Brewing Company; 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; Purple 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; visit-

ing 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:**

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G.S. Lions Club will host Halloween Dance Oct. 24

The Gulf Shores Lions Club will present its First Annual Halloween Dance & Costume Contest to benefit local charities on Saturday, Oct. 24 from 6-10 p.m. at the Gulf Shores American Legion (6781 Gulf Shores Pkwy.).

Tickets are \$20 per person (\$15 for vets) and include a southern pulled pork dinner, a night of dancing with DJ Tammy Lynn Rose, and the knowledge that you are helping to make a positive difference in your community. Health and social guidelines will be observed.

For ticket information, call Kew at (859) 380-0781 or visit eventbrite.com.

The Gulf Shores Lions meet for lunch the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at noon at the Gulf Shores Activity Center at 260 Clubhouse Dr.

For more club info, call or text 251-228-2254, or visit the club website or facebook page.

Lifesouth testing donors to fill convalescent plasma need

LifeSouth is testing all successful blood donors for COVID-19 antibodies in search of potential convalescent plasma donors. Healthy blood donors who may have been exposed or recovered from COVID-19 are asked to donate (lifesouth.org).

As part of the normal blood donations process, a test will be performed on blood collected during the donation process to determine if antibodies are present in the plasma.

Convalescent plasma is the liquid portion of blood collected from blood donors who have recovered from COVID-19. Recovered patients form antibodies, these antibodies are found in plasma. Convalescent plasma is to help severely ill coronavirus patients.

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 Roccas; Gulf Shores.
- **The Paper Dolls:** 6; Big Beach Brewing Company; 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 Mor-

gan.

- **Tyler Livingston & The Absolutes:** 7:30; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- **Brandon Blackburn:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Orange 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:** 5; Fraternal Order of Eagles; Foley.
- **In House Pool Tourney:** 6; The Office, Foley.



PERDIDO ARTIST GALLERY DONATION TO WILDLIFE SANCTUARY:

The Perdido Artist Gallery & Gifts held a recent fundraising event for the Wildlife Sanctuary Of Northwest Florida. Located at 5660 Segura Ave., the gallery showcases artists from Innerarity, Perdido Key and surrounding areas. Participating artists decorated turtles and displayed them in the gallery and the public was invited to view the turtles, vote on their favorite and place bids. All turtles received votes and bids. William Johnson (**Above**) was the winning artist with the most votes for his turtle creation. The wildlife sanctuary provides a safe haven for injured and orphaned indigenous wildlife until they can be safely returned to the wild. They bring awareness to the public through tours, exhibits and lectures. The sanctuary has operated for 38 years and is primarily funded through individual donations from the public. All donations go to the care and housing of their wildlife patients. It was fun to see how each artist used their talents to bring the turtles to life. The art was enjoyed the many visitors and raised \$2020. Gallery artists are already planning next year's theme. A big thanks to all the generous people that made the event a success. **Pictured:** (Below) Judith Sasser presents check to Diane Wahlquist of Wildlife Sanctuary.



Relay For Life Full Moon Paddle Aug. 30 in O.B.

The City of Orange Beach Friends and Family Relay for Life team will be hosting its second 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, life-jacket 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.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Eagles 4549 in Foley hosting "hot" activities

By TK Kipp

As the hot summer is winding down, the Fraternal Order of Eagles 4549 in Foley are gearing up for hot activities, and raising money for charities. We are starting with the Labor Day week-end with burgers on the grill for \$5.00 on Friday, Sunday and Monday! On Saturday, the 5th, we will be celebrating a very late Cinco de Mayo in Septiembre! (September) with a Margaritas, Tacos and some games. The margaritas will be \$3.00 with the tacos at 3 for \$5.00.

October dates to remember: we will be having our own shrimp festival on the 10th. Fun starts at noon until we run out of food!

And on the 23rd and 24th of October, we are calling all vendors, crafts people, home clean out or bakers for our "Bazaar" It is only \$10.00 for 10 foot by 10 foot space for the 2 days.

There will be food on the premises. It will be open both days 9 to 3 P.M. and will be using the inside and outside-weather permitting! There will be a form for you to fill out and sign at the club or it will be emailed to you.

On Friday, the 30th we are in the planning stages of a Trunk or Treat Nite for all. Contact the Club and leave a message for more info. Phone number for the Club is 251-971-4549.

- **Roger & Elaine:** 7.; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- **Karaoke w. Kelly Ann:** 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 w. Johnny Barbato:** 8; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.
- **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 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.
- **Lauren Murphy & John Kueler:** 6; Big Beach Brewing Company; Gulf Shores.
- **Bruti:** 6:30; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- **Bo Grant (formerly of The Drifters):** 9; Papa Roccos; Gulf Shores.
- **Hartstrings:** 5; The Angry Crab; Orange Beach.
- **Velcro Pygmies:** 10; Live Bait; Orange Beach.

- **Razor Hawk:** 7; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
- **Open Mic at The Sand Bar:** 1 p.m.; Pirates Cove; Josephine.
- **Jessie Howell:** 11; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.
- **Beave & Cleave:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.
- **Camille:** 6; Tacky Jack's, Gulf Shores.
- **Kelly Pressley:** 1; Purple Parrot Tiki Bar; Perdido Key.
- **Coastal Fire:** 6; Purple Parrot Tiki Bar; Perdido Key.
- **Southern Star:** 6:30; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- **Gypsy Pearl:** 4; Tiki Bar at the Beach; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.
- **Open Jam w. Donnie Mills:** 8; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.
- **Jim McAdams:** 3; Fraternal Order of Eagles; Foley.
- **Karaoke:** 7:30; Live Bait, Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke:** 7; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.
- **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 30

- **The Church at the Flora-Bama:** 9 a.m.; Flora-Bama Tent Stage, Perdido Key.



November's Blue Angels Homecoming Show cancelled

This November's Blue Angels Homecoming Air Show at Naval Air Station Pensacola is the latest major Gulf Coast annual event to be canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The show, which typically concludes the team's season, draws as many as 180,000 fans, and more than 1,000 boaters. The 2021 Blue Angels Homecoming Air Show is scheduled Nov. 5-6 and will double as the 75th anniversary celebration of the Blue Angels.

After considering every possibility, cancelling the show was deemed the most responsible course of action to protect the health and safety of the community and NAS Pensacola personnel, posted NAS Pensacola Commander Tim Kinsella on facebook.

"This was an extremely difficult decision in challenging times, but in the end, we must remember that our top priority is to ensure the safety of our community," read the post.

Pictured: Cathy Deal of Innerarity Point shares a picture of the world's greatest flight demonstration team. "Love our Blues," Cathy wrote.



OBPD PROMOTIONS: Orange Beach Police Chief Steve Brown announced recent promotions in his department during the City Council meeting on Tuesday, August 18 at the Orange Beach Community Center. Chief Brown recognized Sgt. Lisa Johnson, Sgt. Brian Kincaid, Cpl. Michael "Brent" McBrayer and Cpl. Guy "Brandon" Oliver. Read more about the newly ranked officers' recognition at orangebeachal.gov. **Pictured:** Sgt. Lisa Johnson, Sgt. Brian Kincaid, Chief Brown, Cpl. Guy "Brandon" Oliver and Cpl. Michael "Brent" McBrayer.



Foley Woman's Club plans to meet Sept. 14 at Baldwin Heritage Museum

The Foley Woman's Club will be celebrating the 2020- 2021 year with a kickoff meeting at the Baldwin County Heritage Museum in Elberta on September 14. Registration will be at 11 AM with the meeting to begin at 11:30. A box lunch will be served at noon. Reservations are required at a price of \$15 to be paid by September 4 by all who plan to attend. A check can be dropped off at Checkouts or mailed to Treasurer, Barbara McCamish at 26082 Chatelaine Rd., Elberta, AL 36530. Guests or potential members are welcome.

A guest speaker will update the group on happenings around Foley and a 50/50 draw will be conducted.

If the State's mask order is still in place, members and guests will wear masks and practice social distancing. To learn more about the Club's purpose and activities, visit our Facebook page.

Pictured: The Foley Woman's Club was voted the "Best Civic Club" in Baldwin County for 2020. To learn more about the Club's purpose and activities, visit our Facebook page.

WHAT'S HAPPENING

- **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. & 7:30; OWA; Foley.
- **Rock Bottom featuring Brent Varner:** 6; Big Beach Brewing Company; Gulf Shores.
- **Royal Horses:** 6; Oso; Orange Beach.
- **Jessie Bumann:** 5; The Angry Crab; Orange Beach.
- **Justin Yawn:** 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's; Gulf Shores.
- **Tommy Morse Band:** 4; Tiki Bar at the Beach; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.
- **Southern Puffer:** 9; Papa Roccas; Gulf Shores.
- **Damian Lamb:** 11; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.
- **JJ Mack:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.
- **J Hawkins:** 1; 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.
- **League Pool:** 7; The Office, Foley.

- **Gypsy Pearl:** 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's; Gulf Shores.
- **Justin Touchette:** 1; Purple Parrot Tiki Bar; Perdido Key.
- **Sandy Roots Songwriters Night:** 6; Purple Parrot Tiki Bar; Perdido Key.
- **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.
- **League Pool:** 7; The Office, 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 Ac-

MON, AUG 31

- **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.
- **Lee Yankie:** 6; Oso; Orange Beach.
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By CAROLYN GODFREY

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- 1/2 cup shredded Parmesan cheese

Cook noodles according to package directions; drain. Place noodles in a lightly greased 11x7-inch baking dish. Set aside. Meanwhile, cook beef in a large skillet, stirring until it crumbles and is no longer pink; drain. Stir in pasta sauce; set aside. Place cream cheese in a 1-quart glass bowl; microwave at HIGH 1 min. or until softened. Stir in cottage cheese and sour cream. Spread mixture over noodles. Spoon beef mixture over cream cheese mixture. Sprinkle with Parmesan cheese. Cover tightly with heavy-duty plastic wrap; fold back a small corner to allow steam to escape. Microwave at HIGH 6-8 min. or until mixture is thoroughly heated, giving dish a half-turn after 4 min. Yield: 4 servings

Enjoy!

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, SEPT 1

- **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).
- **Bingo:** 5; 45 Restaurant & Bar; One Club, Gulf Shores.
- **Line Dancing:** 6; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 8; Pappa Rocco's; 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.

- **Karaoke w. Kelly:** 7:30; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- **Texas Hold 'Em & League Pool:** 7:30; The Office, Foley.
- **Pool Tourney:** 7; Snapper's; Orange Beach.
- **Orange Beach City Council Meeting:** 5 p.m.; City Hall; 980-INFO.
- **Gulf Shores Kiwanis Club:** Palmer Dining Room at Craft Farms; noon; new members and guests always welcome; 251-981-9999.

- **Kiwanis Club of Big Lagoon:** 7:30 a.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Activities Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Road, Pensacola, info: Sarah De Lazzer, 262-749-4241.
- **Kiwanis Club of Foley:** Noon on Tuesdays at Ryan's in Foley; 251-968-6288.
- **AA:** Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
- **AA:** 7 p.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
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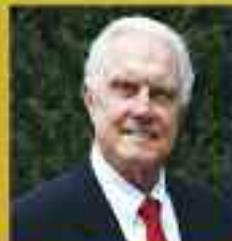


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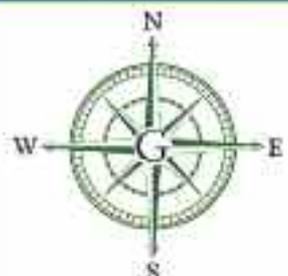


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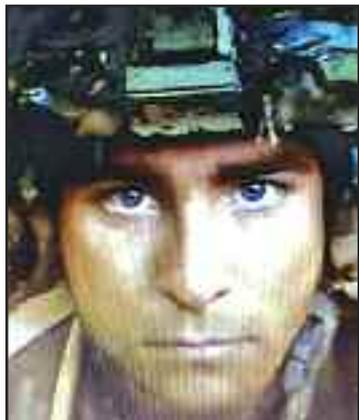
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WHAT'S HAPPENING



11th Annual Ride For The Fallen Sept. 12 at Gulf Shores American Legion Post 99

The 11th Annual Ride For The Fallen, in memory of Spc. Justin Coleman, will be held Sept. 12 at Gulf Shores American Legion Post 99 in Foley beginning at 8 a.m. Free biscuits and gravy will be served at sign-up and last bike out is at 10 a.m. Lunch will be served at American Legion Post 199 in Fairhope at noon and a huge party will follow the ride at Post 99 following the ride.

Stops on the approximately 115 mile ride include River Pub in Bay Minette, American Legion Post 199 in Fairhope, Alley Cats Alley in Silverhill, and The Office Lounge in Foley. Cost is \$20 and additional hands are available for \$10. First place prize for the best hand is \$100.

For more info, contact Sharon Button at 817-296-0984, Jennifer Stewart at 251-269-2792, Leigh Brewer at 251-979-9502 or Post 99 at 251-943-3114.

More than 100 bikes lined up to start the race last September, and Lost Bay Helicopters will again lead the bikes out of Foley.

The raffle will also start at 5 p.m. at Post 99 and prizes include liquor and gift cards.

All funds raised will benefit Racing4Vets, a non-profit that helps disabled U.S. military veterans get directly involved in motorsports by leveraging the power of the motorsports community. Its goal is to give back to the men and women who have sacrificed and protected the country as members of the U.S. Armed Forces, National Guard, Reserves, and Coast Guard.

Spc. Justin Coleman is the son of Post 99 Ladies Auxiliary member Penny Rauhuff.

Spc. Coleman (pictured) was killed in action in Nuristan province, Afghanistan on July 24, 2009. Just 21 years old, he was assigned to 1st Battalion, 32nd Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team out of Fort Drum, N.Y.. He died of wounds suffered when enemy forces attacked his unit using small arms and rocket-propelled grenade fires.

Spc. Coleman's was awarded the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart for his bravery. He enlisted right after graduating from Nature Coast Technical High School in Hernando County, Florida in 2007.

The family he left behind also included his wife of two years, Nicole Coleman. "He was a devoted husband," she said in the Military Times tribute to Spc. Coleman. "I'd say if we had kids, he would've made a great father." "The family he left behind also includes his wife of two years, Nicole Coleman." "He was a devoted husband," she said in the Military Times tribute to Spc. Coleman. "I'd say if we had kids, he would've made a great father."

Justin loved life, believed in what he was doing and had a bright future ahead of him. He was loved by all, and will be greatly missed, and always remembered.

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

WED, SEPT 2

- **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).
- **Gary Story & Friends:** 7; Marina Stage; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- **Artie Hopkins:** 5; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- **Karaoke:** 6; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- **Karaoke:** 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- **John Joiner & Darrel Roberts:** 7; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
- **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 9; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **BBRC Running Club:** 5:30 p.m.; Big Beach Brewery in Gulf Shores; lafleet-feet.com.
- **Karaoke & League Pool:** 7:30; The Office, Foley.
- **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.
- **Prayer Shawl Ministry:** Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Activities Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
- **Food Ministry For Hungry Families:** noon-1 p.m.; Grace Lutheran Church, corner of West 23rd Ave. and West 4th St. in Gulf Shores; 251-968-5991.
- **Bread Ministry:** 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.; Orange Beach United Methodist Church

Brook's Center.

- **Food Bank:** 9 - 11 a.m every Wednesday, Perdido Bay Baptist Church, 12600 Sorrento Rd. Pensacola; call for eligibility requirements at (850) 492-2604.
- **Gulf Shores Garden Club:** 9:30 a.m.; first Wednesday of each month September thru May; Harry Roberts Senior Community House; 300 E. 16th Avenue, Gulf Shores; new members and guests always welcome; 251-968-5683.
- **AA:** Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
- **AA:** 7:30 p.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

THU, SEPT 3

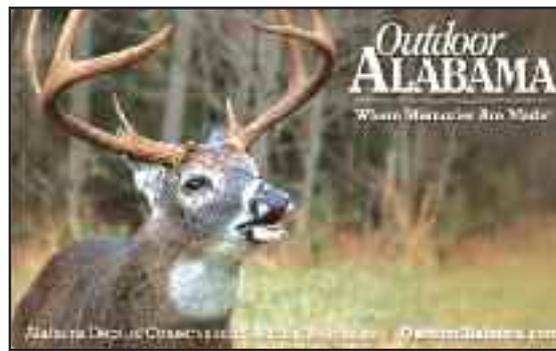
- **Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables:** 11 a.m. 'til; (includes Ole River Grill & Flora-Bama Yacht Club, Flora-Bama), Perdido Key.
- **Bama Beach Pickleball Club:** 9-noon; Church of Christ, 2414 West 1st St., Gulf Shores; (new members welcome).
- **Bar Trivia Night:** 6; Bar 45 Lounge at ONE CLUB, Gulf Shores.
- **Johnny McCann Band:** 6; Big Beach Brewing Company; Gulf Shores.
- **Karaoke:** 6; Tacky Jack's, Gulf Shores.
- **Karaoke:** 7:30; Live Bait, Orange Beach.
- **Danny Grady:** 2; Fraternal Order of Eagles; Foley.
- **Tim Roberts:** 6; The Tin Top Restaurant, Bon Secour.
- **Piano Bar:** 5; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke w. Kelly:** 7:30; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- **Noon Tunes w. Andrew:** 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:** 7; Tacky Jack's, Ft. Morgan.
- **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 9; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **Karaoke:** 9; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- **Texas Hold 'Em & League Pool:** 7:30; The Office, Foley.
- **Gulf Shores United Methodist Church Bread Ministry:** 9-10; every Thursday; room 103 on the south campus, next to Crossroad; 251 968-2411.
- **Grief Support Group:** noon-1:30 p.m.; First Presbyterian Church of Foley; 195 E. Berry Ave.; for all who are grieving; 943-8325.
- **AA:** Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
- **AA:** 7 p.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

FRI, SEPT 4

- **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).
- **Emily Stuckey Band:** 6; Big Beach Brewing Company; Gulf Shores.
- **Doc Johnson Band:** 7:30; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- **Piano Bar:** 5; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke:** 7:30; Live Bait, Orange Beach.
- **Two Old Guys:** 5; Fraternal Order of Eagles; Foley.
- **In House Pool Tourney:** 6; The Office, Foley.

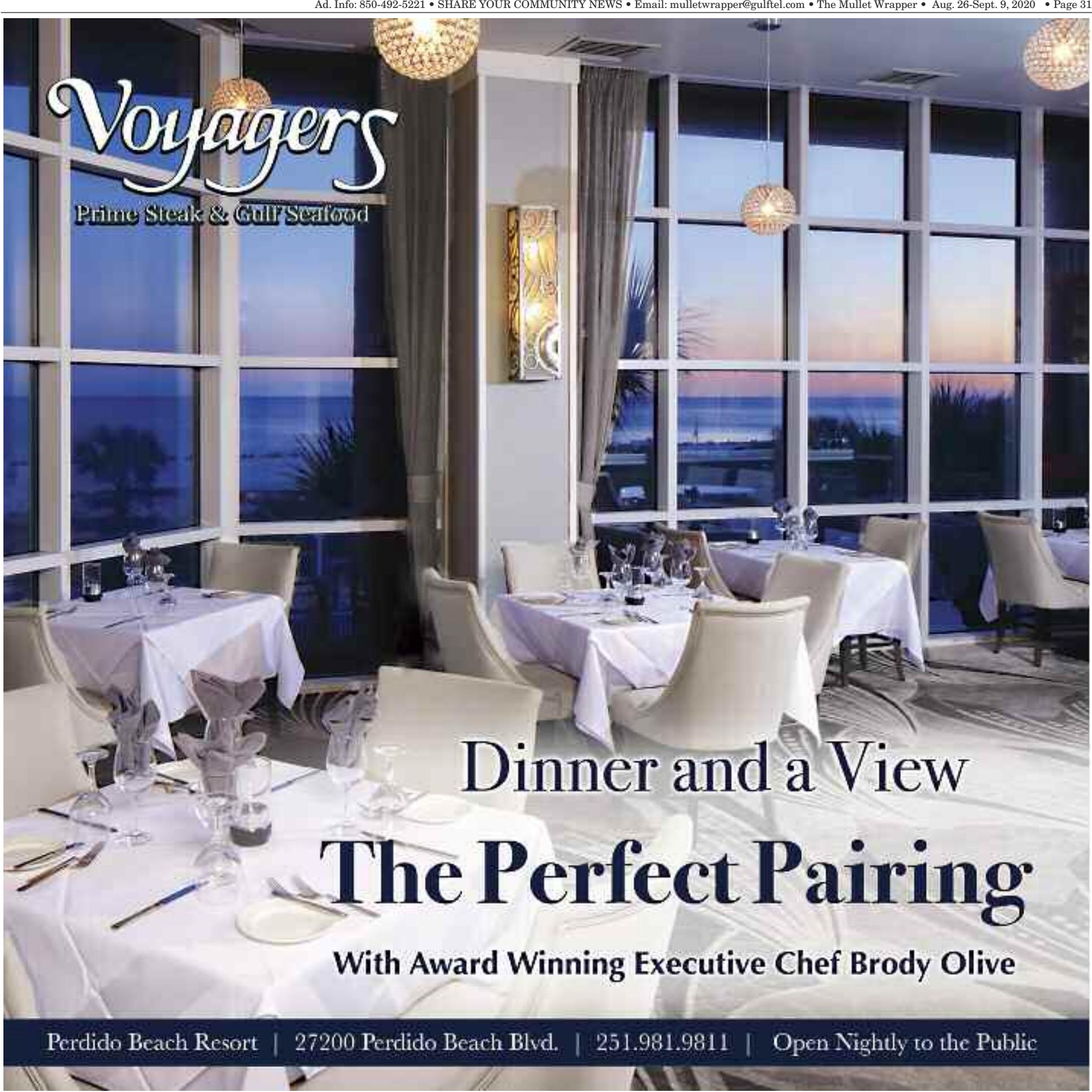


Alabama commissions six new hunting and fishing license cards

In continuing with its popular collector's editions, the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources will introduce a set of six new hunting and fishing license cards for the 2020-2021 license year which begins on Aug. 31. The state also issued a set of collectible hard-card licenses with a variety of outdoor scenes and wildlife in 2019. The art scenes include a mature white-tailed buck, strutting turkey, crappie, red-fish, wood duck, and a Second Amendment-themed card for shooting sports. A total of 32 license privileges are eligible for purchase as a hard card, including annual hunting and fishing licenses for residents and non-residents, state duck stamp, and Wildlife Heritage and bait privilege licenses. This feature is not available for trip licenses and no-cost privileges. Lifetime li-

censes will also now come on a beautiful new hard card.

To obtain a hard-card license, go online at www.outdooralabama.com and click the link to purchase a license, or request one when purchasing at a retail outlet. Buyers can choose one or all of the six new cards at \$5 per card. If a license has already been purchased, those who want to get a hard card can go online and click on the "Replacement/Additional Hard Card" link to purchase any or all of the six cards. The hard-card licenses will be mailed to buyers within 10 days of purchase. If you haven't received your hard card before you plan to hunt or fish, be sure to keep a paper copy of your license or have it available in the Outdoor AL app on your smartphone.



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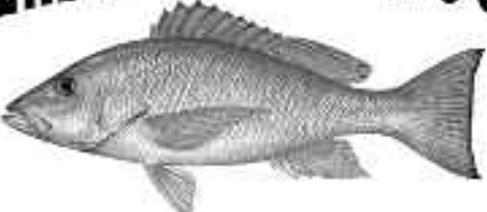
- **Open Jam:** 7; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.
- **Karaoke w. Kelly Ann:** 6; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- **Open Mixed Doubles Tennis:** 7:30 a.m.; all levels welcome; Gulf Shores Tennis Center; corner of West 19th Ave. and West 2nd St.
- **First Friday Art Walk:** 7 p.m. til; historic downtown Fairhope.
- **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, SEPT 5

- **Labor Day Car Show:** 9-5; Downtown OWA; Foley.
- **Fireworks Spectacular:** 8:45 p.m.; Downtown OWA; Foley.
- **Delayed Cinco DeMayo Party:** noon til; Fraternal Order of Eagles 4549, Foley.
- **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.
- **Doc Johnson Band:** 7:30; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- **Open Mic at The Sand Bar:** 1 p.m.; Pirates Cove; Josephine.
- **Bo Grant:** 9; Papa Roccas; Gulf Shores.
- **Karaoke:** 7; Tacky Jacks, Fort Morgan.
- **Jim McAdams:** 3; Fraternal Order of Eagles; Foley.
- **Bruti:** 6:30; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- **Open Juke Box:** 9; The Office, Foley.
- **Karaoke:** 7:30; Live Bait, Orange Beach.

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- **Open Mic:** 7; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.
- **Texas Hold 'Em & League Pool:** 7:30; The Office, Foley.
- **Optimist Club of Perdido Bay:** Breakfast every Saturday at 7 a.m. at the Lillian Community Club in Lillian; (251) 961-2620.
- **AA:** 10 a.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
- **AA:** 7 p.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
- **Ladies AA:** 9 a.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

SUN, SEPT 6

- **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.
- **Light Up Labor Day:** 7-11 p.m.; fireworks at 8:45 p.m.; The Wharf, Orange Beach.
- **Brandon Blackburn:** noon; The Tin Top Restaurant, Bon Secour.
- **Danny Grady:** 2; Fraternal Order of Eagles; Foley.
- **Open Mic at The Sand Bar:** 1 p.m.; Pirates Cove; Josephine.
- **Roger & Elaine:** 5; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- **Karaoke:** 7:30; Live Bait, Orange

- Beach.
- **Lisa Christian:** 4; Tacky Jack's, Gulf Shores.
- **League Pool:** 7; The Office, Foley.
- **AA:** 5 p.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

MON, SEPT 7

- **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 9; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **Cole Decker:** 7; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- **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.
- **League Pool:** 7; The Office, Foley.
- **Celebrate Recovery:** (Christ centered 12 step program); Monday evenings at 6 p.m.; Christian Life Church in Orange Beach; 251-967-4840.
- **Overeaters Anonymous: 6; Holy Spirit Episcopal Church;** Gulf Shores, 616 Ft. Morgan Rd.; 251-709-5907.
- **T.O.P.S. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly):** weigh-in 5:30; meeting 6; First Presbyterian Church of Foley; (Berry & Presbway 59).
- **AA:** Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (In-

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Gulf Shores & Orange Beach Tourism nationally recognized by PRSA

When the Public Relations Society of America (PRSA) released the 2020 Bronze Anvil Award recipients last month, Gulf Shores & Orange Beach Tourism (GSOBT) was among the nominees.

PRSA is the nation's leading professional organization serving the communications community. The Bronze Anvil Awards recognize outstanding public relations tactics — such as the use of social media, video, blogs, podcasts, annual reports, digital newsletters and websites — that contribute to the overall success of overall programs or campaigns.

Ally Mills Dorrrough (pictured), APR, TMP, communications and marketing specialist for the sales and Sports Commission arms of GSOBT was honored with a Bronze Anvil of Commendation for her case study examining the relaunch of the organization's webpages geared toward meeting planners.

"We needed to reevaluate the flow of the site to show planners why to choose Alabama's beaches and then give them solid resources to make planning easy," Dorrrough said. "It was truly a team effort to

make the revamped meetings website a reality, and I am honored to have played a major part in this process."

Since the inception of the project early in 2018, Dorrrough worked closely with GSOBT's communications and digital teams to develop a more comprehensive strategy for the meetings site to help planners choose Alabama's beaches and give them resources to efficiently plan.

With competitive meetings destinations such as New Orleans, Dallas and Indianapolis in mind, the team aimed to improve resources for meeting planners and to increase meeting and convention business to Gulf Shores and Orange Beach. During the first six months, the new webpages saw a 31.33% increase in traffic and a 31.39% increase in new visitors over the same time period the previous year. After the website's successful relaunch, Dorrrough compiled her research, planning, implementation and evaluation into the case study she submitted to PRSA.

"We are all very proud of Ally and appreciate all she did to help us launch our new website," said Beth Gendler, vice president of sales and sports. "She has been a tremendous asset to both sales and sports even before she joined us full-time and most especially since then. We love her can-do attitude, excitement and professionalism."

Out of 322 case studies entered, only 67 organizations were awarded a Bronze Anvil Award of Commendation. In each category, only one Bronze Anvil is awarded, and no more than three Bronze Anvil of Commendations are awarded.

"The Bronze Anvil Award of Commendation is a highlight of my career and truly showcases my passion for travel public relations," Dorrrough said. "I am overwhelmed to have received this honor on behalf of Gulf Shores & Orange Beach Tourism."



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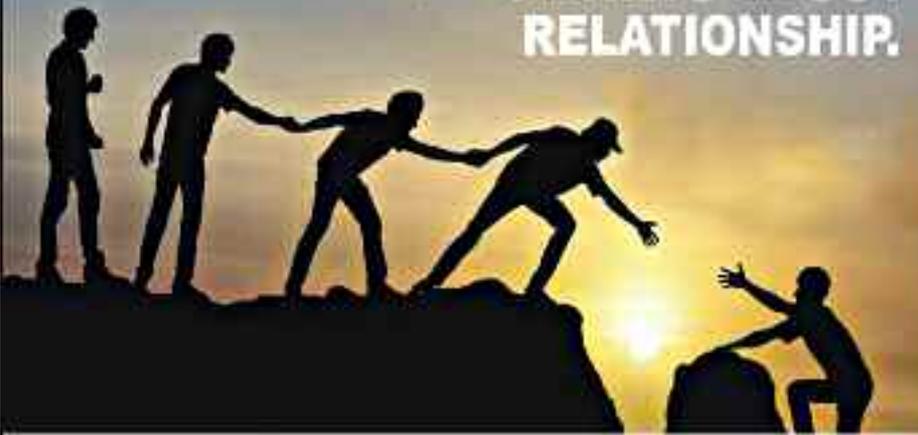
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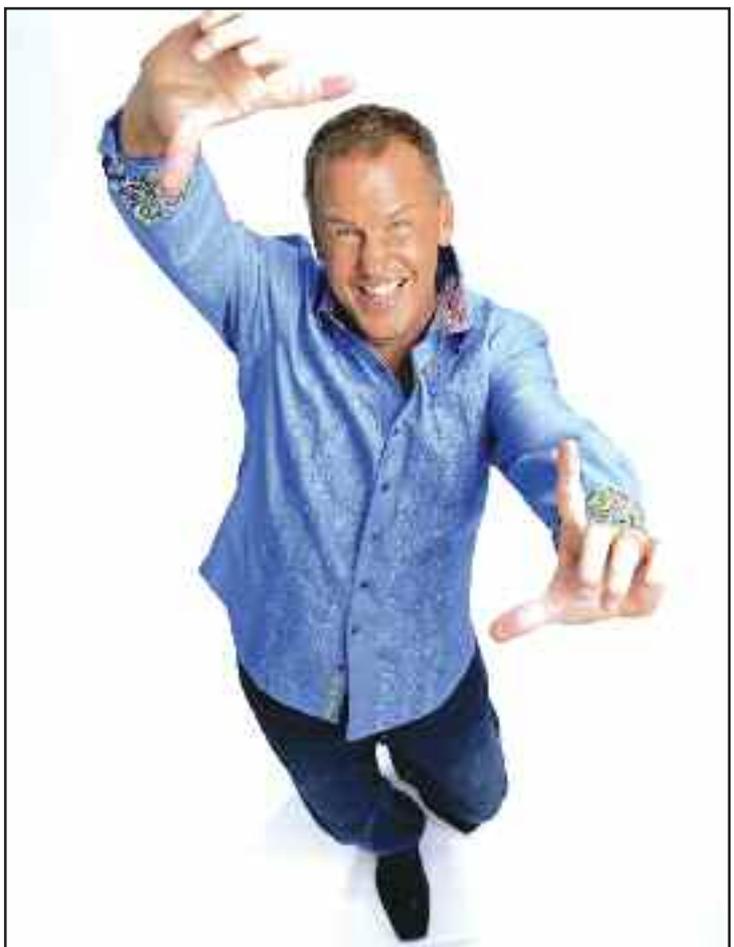
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TUE, SEPT 8

- **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).
- **Bingo: 5;** 45 Restaurant & Bar; One Club, Gulf Shores.
- **Karaoke w. Kelly:** 7:30; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- **Line Dancing:** 6; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- **Texas Hold 'Em & League Pool:** 7:30; The Office, Foley.
- **Orange Beach Grief Support Group:** 10 a.m.; Orange Beach Senior Activity Center, 26251 Canal Rd.; 251-943-5015.
- **Celebrate Recovery Meeting:** 6; includes free dinner; open to all; Orange Beach United Methodist Church; 251-981-6751 or 850-419-1141.
- **Orange Beach City Council Meeting:** 5 p.m.; City Hall; 980-INFO.

- **Overcomers Outreach:** 7 p.m.; First Baptist Church of Orange Beach; 980-1705.
- **Gulf Shores Kiwanis Club:** Palmer Dining Room at Craft Farms; noon; new members and guests always welcome; 251-981-9999.
- **Kiwanis Club of Foley:** Noon on Tuesdays at Ryan's in Foley; 251-968-6288.
- **AA:** Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
- **Al-Anon:** Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Ac-

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

WED, SEPT 9

- **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

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Family comedian Kingston plays free Sept. 18-19 gigs at Woodside

Nationally known comedian Kenn Kingston will bring his family oriented comedy show to Woodside Restaurant Sept. 18-19 at Gulf State Park for free shows beginning at 7:30 p.m. each night.

Woodside Restaurant is located at 20249 State Park Rd. in Gulf Shores, just east of the park entrance at Ft. Morgan Rd. (Info: 251-923-3100).

Guests can arrive at 6 p.m. for counter service dinner and then go outside for the free one hour comedy show in a beautiful setting around the restaurant's amphitheater.

Kenn is one of the most popular comics on XM radio and performs regularly across the country as both a comedian and a motivational speaker. He has written two bestselling books on relationships and records a regular radio show/podcast that inspires thousands to experience life to the fullest.

Kingston promised that attendees will be entertained, encouraged, challenged and inspired by his show. And you will also leave with hope, clarity, insight and motivation from a truly a unique experience.

Kingston, billed as one of the most popular Christian comics in the country, has appeared on Comedy Central and also works as a motivator, having spoken to hundreds of companies and organizations, including SunTrust, Marriott, Siemens, NBA, PGA, Joe Gibbs Racing, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Lockheed-Martin and CNN. His regular radio show/podcast "inspires thousands to experience life to the fullest."

The comedy shows are definitely family friendly, as Kingston also regularly brings his positive message to youth groups at conferences and summer camps.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Summerdale set to soar with DesignAlabama Revitalization Initiative Public invited to participate in Aug. 27 Charrette Aug. 27 at Alumni Building

DesignAlabama is at it again with their DesignPlace initiative and this time, eyes are set on Summerdale. As the third fastest growing municipality in the state and minutes away from the Alabama Gulf Coast, Summerdale is an up-and-coming prime locale with exciting design and revitalization plans in store for the near future.

A charrette, an intensive and inclusive planning session, will be hosted by DesignPlace at the Summerdale Alumni Building on August 27. This event will bring together Summerdale community members interested in contributing creative thoughts toward the project while also learning more about the project origin and outline. The event will last one hour, 5:30 PM to 6:30 PM, and is a casual, come-and-go meeting. All state and local Covid-19 guidelines will be followed to ensure the safety of attendees. A survey will also be available for those unable to attend.

Two days after the charrette, the preliminary vision will be presented to the community. This session is open to the public so residents are able to know what their town has in store for its bright future.

After months unable to safely explore Summerdale due to Stay-At-Home directives, the DesignPlace initiative will be a great way to give residents a positive outlook on the rest of 2020. Being actively involved in the design and plans moving forward for this project will bring forth eagerness and hope – emotions many citizens lost during the COVID-19 outbreak.

DesignAlabama is bringing that zeal back by providing Summerdale with updates that will influence future recreational, residential, and retail venues in a positive way.

As small towns throughout Alabama continue to reinvent themselves, Summerdale has definitely joined this rejuvenation movement with fervor. They plan to officially kick off their revitalization endeavors in August thanks to an award granted by DesignPlace, a program of the nonprofit organization DesignAlabama, whose mission is to advocate for the collaboration of the design arts and their importance in creating and enhancing places in Alabama. As a partner with Summerdale, DesignPlace professionals will provide design, planning and community identity assistance through a series of intensive visits where they will survey the community, review issues to be addressed, meet with community groups and leaders, develop recommendations, and outline strategies for implementation.

"Summerdale has a rich history and wonderful citizens. With our population having climbed over 75% in the last decade, I am often told by new residents that they consider it to be a hidden gem of Baldwin County," said Mayor David Wilson.

Holmes Museum seeks names of docs & nurses on the staff

Do you know of any doctors or nurses that worked at Sibley Holmes Memorial Hospital in Foley or did one of those doctors or nurses from the hospital to your home to treat you?

The staff at the museum is working on a display to remember and honor all the doctors and nurses that ever worked at the hospital for a display at the museum.

Contact Museum Director Bill Swanson at bswanson@cityoffoley.org or 608.206.1016 or during museum hours, 251.970.1818, if you can provide assistance with the project.

Located above a still-working drugstore, the Holmes Medical Museum housed Foley's first hospital from 1936 to 1958. When the hospital closed, the rooms were preserved just as they looked. Visitors can stroll through the operating room and patient rooms of the four-bed hospital. Steel tools used to pinch, poke, and prod are laid out in cases and on stark metal trays.

The museum is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. It is located at 111 W Laurel Ave, (Hwy. 59) in Foley.

Shores; (new members welcome).

- **Gary Story & Friends:** 7; Marina Stage; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- **Open Mic:** 6; Tacky Jack's, Gulf Shores.
- **Karaoke w. J.W. Baker:** 6; Purple Parrot Tiki Bar; Perdido Key.
- **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:** 7; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
- **BBRC Running Club:** 5:30 p.m.; Big Beach Brewery in Gulf Shores; lafleef-feet.com.
- **Karaoke & League Pool:** 7:30; The Office, Foley.
- **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.
- **Orange Beach Friends of the Library:** 10; Library meeting room; 978-4106.
- **Food Ministry For Hungry Families:** noon-1 p.m.; Grace Lutheran Church, corner of West 23rd Ave. and West 4th St. in Gulf Shores; 251-968-5991.
- **Bread Ministry:** 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.; Orange Beach United Methodist Church Brook's Center.
- **Food Bank:** 9 - 11 a.m every Wednesday, Perdido Bay Baptist Church, 12600 Sorrento Rd. Pensacola; call for eligibility requirements at (850) 492-2604.
- **Gulf Shores Woman's Club:** 11 a.m.; Palmer Room at Craft Farms; all interested women invited to attend; 251-980-5722.
- **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, SEPT 10

- **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).
- **Bar Trivia Night:** 6; Bar 45 Lounge at ONE CLUB, Gulf Shores.
- **Karaoke:** 6; Tacky Jack's, Gulf Shores.
- **Piano Bar:** 5; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke w. Kelly:** 7:30; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- **HartStrings:** 6:30; The Point; Innerarity Point.
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Island Mobile Food Pantry Sept. 5 at The Island Church

The Island Church in Orange Beach continues to provide a minimum of 50 pounds of food to Baldwin County residents free of charge. The next food distribution will be Saturday, September 5 at 8:30 a.m. This is a drive-thru distribution.

The Island Church is an agency of Feeding the Gulf Coast Food Bank, and all food items are purchased from GCFB.

Recently, the Island Church held its annual golf tournament fundraiser for the food pantry. Over 65 golfers played at Glen-Lakes and helped raise over \$21,000. To participate in the Sept. 5 food pantry, call Lisa at 251-967-4840.

Flicks on The Field Aug. 28 at Pensacola Greyhound Track

The Perdido Key Chamber of Commerce Flicks on the Field Drive-In Movie will be held August 28 at 7:45 p.m. on the grounds of Pensacola Greyhound Track, located at 951 Dogtrack Rd. in Pensacola. The free, family-friendly event allows friends and neighbors to enjoy a night out while safely socially distancing. The feature film will be the animated classic, Space Jam. Show starts at dusk and concessions are available on-site. For more information please about which film is playing, call 850-492-4660 or email lori@perdidochamber.com.

Dates announced for Foley Art Center's Trim-A-Tree

The Foley Art Center has announced dates for Trim-A-Tree, its annual six week holiday fine arts and crafts event at Tanger Outlet (Suite 182).

Grand opening is Friday, November 13 and the final day is December 23. Hours are 10 a.m. – 7 p.m. Monday thru Saturday and 11 a.m. – 6 p.m. on Sundays.

Trim-A-Tree features wonderful creations by over 200 artist & craftsmen from throughout the southeast.

All vendors are members of the Foley Art Center. For more info, call 251-943-4381, email oleytrimatree@gmail.com or visit foleartcenter.com.

Gifts and Holiday decorative items for sale include ornaments, florals, wood carvings, stainglass, fused glass mosaics, textiles, driftwood trees, quilts, rugs and jewelry.

Original art in oils, watercolors, mixed media, prints, photographs, gourds and hand woven textiles will also be on sale.

For almost fifty years The Foley Art Center has served the Gulf Coast area with programs in local schools, scholarships for students seeking advanced degrees in the arts and art classes for children and adults.

From the dreams of fifteen local citizens, it has become a vital force in the cultural development of Baldwin County. Trim-A-Tree and the Mother's Day weekend Art in the Park are its two primary fundraisers.

Baldwin Fair, Shrimp Fest cancelled due to coronavirus

The Sept. 22-27 Baldwin County Fair at the Robertsdale Coliseum, and the Oct. 8-11 National Shrimp Festival at Gulf Shores Public Beach have both been cancelled due to coronavirus concerns, according to organizers.

This would have been the fair's 70th anniversary, and it is the longest running fair in the state.

The National Shrimp Festival is a major fundraiser for the Coastal Alabama Chamber of Commerce. It was cancelled after numerous meetings with event stakeholders, in consideration of Gov. Kay Ivey's social distancing guidelines.

"Our goal is to begin preparing now for the 2021 National Shrimp Festival and work toward making it the best yet here in Gulf Shores," said chamber president Greg Alexander.

South Baldwin Literacy Council is seeking volunteers to help tutor

The South Baldwin Literacy Council is in need of volunteers to help tutor community members who want to make a better life for themselves and their families.

Programs and educational services offered from SBLC's base in Foley include job search assistance, GED preparation, in school and after school youth tutoring, adult basic education, three levels of english as a second language classes, driver's license test preparatin, computer classes and citizenship preparation.

The SBLC was established in 1985 as a volunteer based, non-profit. Its major fundraiser of the year, a trivia contest, was cancelled this year. "This event typically brings in close to \$20K that allows us to keep providing free services for Baldwin County," said executive director Mitchell Lee. Donations to SBLC can be mailed to its physical address, 21441 Hwy 98 East, Foley, AL, 36535 or at southbaldwinliteracycouncil.com.

- Rick Whaley & Tommy Mazzulo:** 6; Purple Parrot Tiki Bar; Perdido Key.
- **Danny Grady:** 2; Fraternal Order of Eagles; Foley.
- **Karaoke:** 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **Karaoke:** 7; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.
- **Texas Hold 'Em & League Pool:** 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, SEPT 11

- **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).
- **Karaoke:** 7:30; Live Bait, Orange Beach.
- **Tyler Livingston & The Absolutes:** 7:30; Sandshaker at The Wharf, Orange Beach.
- **Piano Bar:** 5; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- **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.
- **Two Old Guys:** 5; Fraternal Order of Eagles; Foley.
- **In House 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, SEPT 12

- **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.
- **OWA Island Movie Night:** 7; Amphitheater in Downtown OWA, Foley.
- **Tyler Livingston & The Absolutes:** 7:30; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- **Jim McAdams:** 3; Fraternal Order of Eagles; Foley.
- **Karaoke:** 7:30; Live Bait, Orange Beach.
- **Open Mic at The Sand Bar:** 1 p.m.; Pirates Cove; Josephine.
- **Stone Country:** 6:30; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- **Free Veteran's Breakfast:** 9-10 a.m.; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- **Karaoke:** 8; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.
- **Texas Hold 'Em & League Pool:** 7:30;

Bama Coast Cruise rescheduled for Sept. 25-26

Most unique automotive event on Gulf Coast returns to Wharf

Bama Coast Cruisin' returns to Orange Beach September 25 & 26! After being shut down due to government mandates in April of this year, Event Producer, Sonny McLean immediately began working to reschedule the popular show. The event showcases the absolute finest in customized, modified and restored vehicles. Show participants will fill The Wharf in Orange Beach with every style, make and model of vehicles for the most unique automotive event the Alabama Gulf Coast has ever seen.

Set up is Thursday, September 24, and the show will be open to the public Friday, from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM and Saturday from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. The event will wrap up the festivities with a police escorted parade of show cars leaving The Wharf and traveling east on Canal, south on 161 and then east on Perdido Beach Blvd. to the Perdido Pass Bridge and back to The Wharf.

Bama Coast Cruisin' is presented by O'Reilly Auto Parts, it is family friendly and is sponsored by The City of Orange Beach, and The Wharf as well as a host of local restaurants and businesses. Bama Coast Cruisin' is an "open show" and welcomes all makes and models of specialty vehicles, customs, classics, street rods and hot rods, plus antique and original vehicles.

Sonny McLean likes to say, "If it is special to you, it is special to us, come on out and enjoy the Alabama Gulf Coast!" In addition to the vehicles, there will be vendors, music and plenty of Family Fun for everyone!

Go to BamaCoastCruisin.com for info on registering your vehicle, being a vendor, being a sponsor or just enjoying the event as a spectator. Don't miss your chance to view the most amazing vehicles ever seen on the Alabama gulf coast!

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Chuck Sykes, Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Director, said other states have successfully packaged licenses to take the guesswork out of the requirements.

"We're trying to make it easier on people who are hunting and fishing in Alabama, especially non-residents or new hunters and anglers who don't really know exactly what they need," Sykes said. "People can go online and look for what activity they want to do, and we're providing everything they need to do it with one click.

"I know when I go hunting out of state, a lot of times it can be fairly daunting trying to figure out exactly what licenses I need, like a regular hunting license, a WMA (wildlife management area) license or a stamp of some sort. What this does is eliminate the confusion and make it as easy as possible. When people come into Alabama and say they want to deer hunt, then here's everything they need to deer hunt, or here's everything they need to fish. We just want to provide easier access for hunters and anglers in Alabama."

For the ultimate bundle, consider the new All Access Sportsman's Package, which includes annual licenses for All Game Hunting, WMA License, Bait Privilege License, Alabama State Duck Stamp, Harvest Information Program (HIP) Stamp, Freshwater Fishing, Saltwater Fishing, Saltwater Reef Fish Endorsement, and Spear Fishing. The All Access Sportsman's Package will cost \$127.95 for residents and \$533.25 for non-residents.

The All Access Hunting Package includes All Game Hunting, WMA Li-

cense, Bait Privilege License, State Duck Stamp, and Harvest Information Program Stamp. Prices for the hunting package are \$73.15 for residents and \$407.45 for non-residents.

The All Access Fishing Package covers anglers from the abundant freshwater fishing opportunities to the bounty of Alabama coastal waters and the Gulf of Mexico. The fishing package includes Freshwater Fishing, Saltwater Fishing, Saltwater Reef Fish Endorsement and Spear Fishing. The fishing package prices are \$54.80 for residents and \$125.80 for non-residents.

ADCNR will offer a variety of additional packages for residents and non-residents for those who fish only in saltwater.

Anglers can purchase the Resident Annual Saltwater Pier Fishing Package, which includes Pier Fishing and the Gulf Reef Fish Endorsement. The price is \$16.45. Additional permit fees apply at Gulf State Park Pier.

For those who love to catch red snapper and other reef fish in Alabama's unparalleled artificial reef zones, the Resident Annual Saltwater Reef Fish Package will include Annual Saltwater Fishing and Gulf Reef Fish Endorsement. The price is \$34.75. A Resident 7-Day Trip Saltwater Reef Fish Package is available for \$20.30.

For those who like to hunt their fish underwater, there is a Saltwater Spear Fishing package, which includes a Spearfishing license, Annual Saltwater Fishing and Gulf Reef Fish Endorsement. The price is

\$40.75 for residents.

"What I like about the packages is that it groups together commonly purchased licenses," said Marine Resources Director Scott Bannon. "It helps people make sure they have everything necessary to legally participate in an activity. For instance, if you're going to spearfish in saltwater, most people do that offshore and would need a spearfish license, saltwater license and Gulf reef fish endorsement.

Using the package option makes it easier and clearer.

"With our new license purchase format that groups licenses into a drop-down menu by activity, we're hoping to make it more user friendly for people to purchase their licenses. The packages are an extension of that. And the All Access Sportsman's Package makes it easy for those who participate in everything we do in the outdoors in Alabama."

Visit outdooralabama.com for a link to the new license options. An auto-renew feature is also available on the licenses page at outdooralabama.com.

Also new for the 2020-2021 hunting seasons is an updated requirement for hunters who harvest deer and turkeys to maintain proper paperwork when transferring possession of that animal to a processor, taxidermist or any another individual.

Jonathan Stone, Assistant Chief of WFF's Law Enforcement Section, said the recording and reporting requirements remain the same in Game Check. The update concerns possession of the game by someone other than the hunter.

"What

this means is that whoever is in possession of all or part of a deer or turkey that is not their own must retain written documentation with the name of the hunter, the hunter's Conservation ID number, the date of the harvest and Game Check confirmation number," Stone said. "That information can be on a piece of paper, or they can use the transfer of possession certificate available in the Alabama Hunting & Fishing

Digest or online at outdooralabama.com.

"That documentation has to be kept in possession as long as that person is in possession of that deer or turkey. It's the responsibility of the hunter who harvests the deer or turkey to enter that animal into the Game Check system and

maintain in their possession a valid confirmation number for that animal."

Hunters still have 48 hours to report the harvest through Game Check to attain a confirmation number. However, the game cannot be transferred to another individual until a valid Game Check confirmation number has been acquired.

"Anyone who takes possession of a harvested deer or turkey, which includes taxidermists and processors, must receive and maintain documentation containing the valid Game Check confirmation number, the name of the hunter and other necessary information," Stone said. "Those who take possession of that animal need to make sure they have that information prior to receiving it."

Stone also wants to remind hunters that there are two ways to enter their harvests through Game Check.

The easiest by far is to download the Outdoor AL smartphone app. The other is to go to outdooralabama.com and click on "Game Check." For those who don't have internet access, WFF has self-service kiosks at all district offices.

"It only takes a few seconds to plug in that information and you're done."

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Pictured: The Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources will offer six new hard-card licenses for the 2020-2021 seasons.

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Funny Bones

By George Ridder



While visiting a water show a tourist asked one of the divers, "Why do scuba divers always fall backward off their boats? To which the diver replied, "If they fell forward, they'd still be in the boat."

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A guy, desperate for a drink walks into a candy store. He looks around and after a while the storekeeper says, "Can I help you with anything?" The guy replies, "Yeah, I really need a drink! Got any liquor?" "Well, I'm not sure but there is this here," replies the storekeeper. "It's liquor-ish."

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A woman rushed into the supermarket to pick up a few items. She headed for the express lane where the clerk was talking on the phone with the back on the phone. "Excuse me," she said, "I'm in a hurry. Could you check me out, please?" The clerk turned at her for a second, stared at her and down and said, "Not bad."

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Before celebrating a baptism, the deacon approached the young father and said solemnly, "Baptism is a serious step. Are you sure you're prepared for it?" "I think so," the man replied. "My wife has made appetizers and we have a caterer coming to provide plenty of cookies and cakes for our guests." "I don't mean that," the deacon replied. "I mean, are you prepared spiritually?"

"Oh sure," he said. "I've got a keg of beer and a case of whiskey."

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I accidentally sprayed deodorant in my mouth. Now when I talk, I have this weird axe scent.

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The pastor of a local church was visited by a man evidently worse for liquor, and a young lady.

She said to the minister, "Please, sir, we've come to be married."

"I can't marry you with this man in this condition," said the clergyman. "Besides haven't you been here twice before, and haven't I told you the same thing?"

Yes," replied the lady. "But when he isn't drunk, I can't get him to come with me."

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How was your blind date?" a college student asked her roommate.

"Terrible!" the roommate answered. "He showed up in his 1932 Rolls Royce."

"Wow! That's a very expensive car. What's so bad about that?" "He was the original owner!"

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A bunch of men were sitting

around the playing poker.

"I win!" said Johnson.

Henderson threw down his cards, "That's it! I've had it! Johnson is cheating!!!"

"How can you tell?" Phillip asked.

"Those aren't the cards I dealt him!"

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A politician visited a remote little rural village and asked the inhabitants what the government could do for them.

"We have two big needs," said the village headman. "First, we have the village headman."

The politician whipped out his cellphone, spoke for a while and then said, "I have sorted it out. A doctor will arrive here tomorrow. What is your other need?"

"We have no cellphone reception at all in our village."

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Taylor was desperate for business, and was happy to be appointed by the court to defend an indigent defendant. The judge ordered Taylor, "You are to confer with the defendant in the hallway, and give him the best legal advice you can."

After a time, Taylor re-entered the courtroom alone. When the judge asked where the defendant had gone, Taylor replied,

"You asked me to give him good advice. I found out that he was so guilty, so I told him to split."

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A wealthy Arab Sheik was admitted to hospital for heart surgery. As the gentleman had a rare type of blood, it couldn't be found locally, so the call went out. Finally, a Scotsman was located and he willingly donated his blood for the Arab. After the surgery, the Arab sent the Scotsman a new BMW, 5 carats of diamonds, and \$50,000 dollars.

A couple of days later, once again, the Arab had to go through a corrective surgery. The hospital telephoned the Scotsman again.

After the second surgery, the Arab sent the Scotsman a thank you card and a box of chocolates. The Scotsman was shocked that the Arab did not reciprocate his kind gesture as he had before.

"I thought you would be generous again, that you would give me another BMW, diamonds and money. But you only gave me a thank you card and a box of chocolates."

To this the Arab replied: "Aye laddie, but I now have Scottish blood in ma veins."

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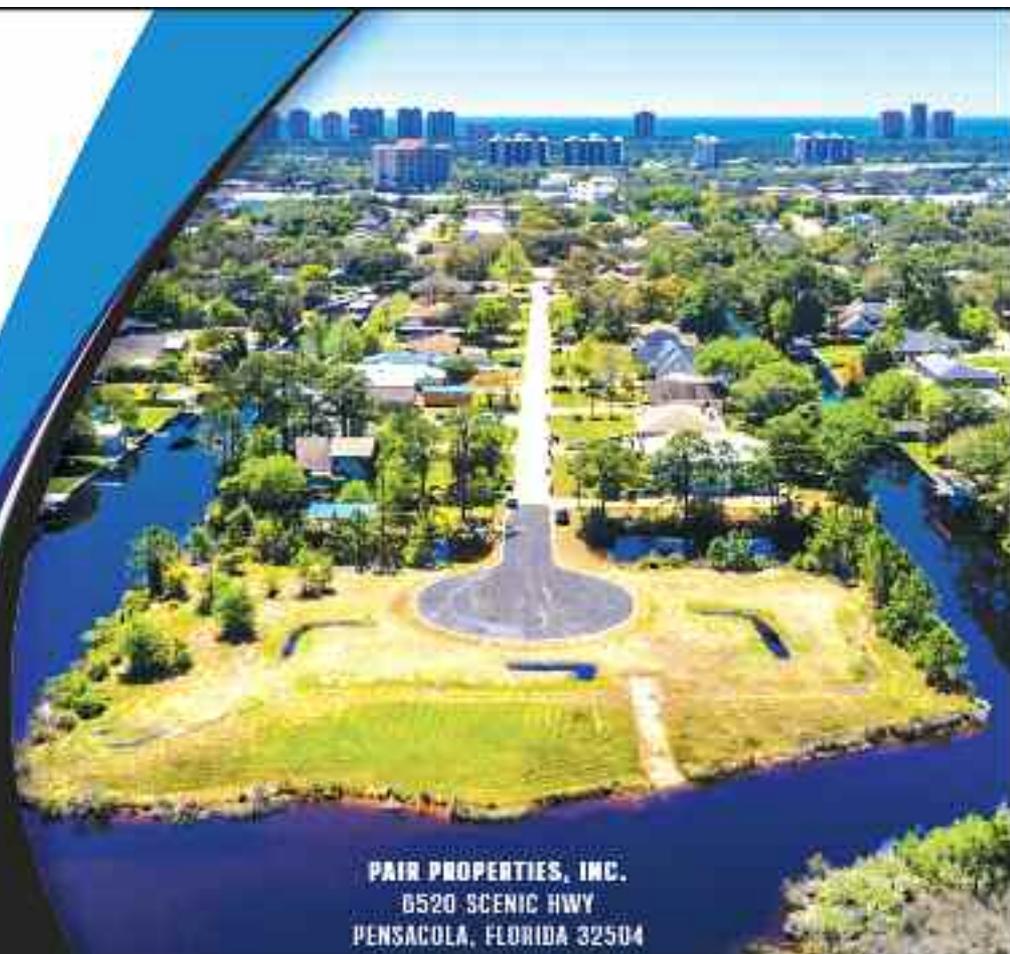
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