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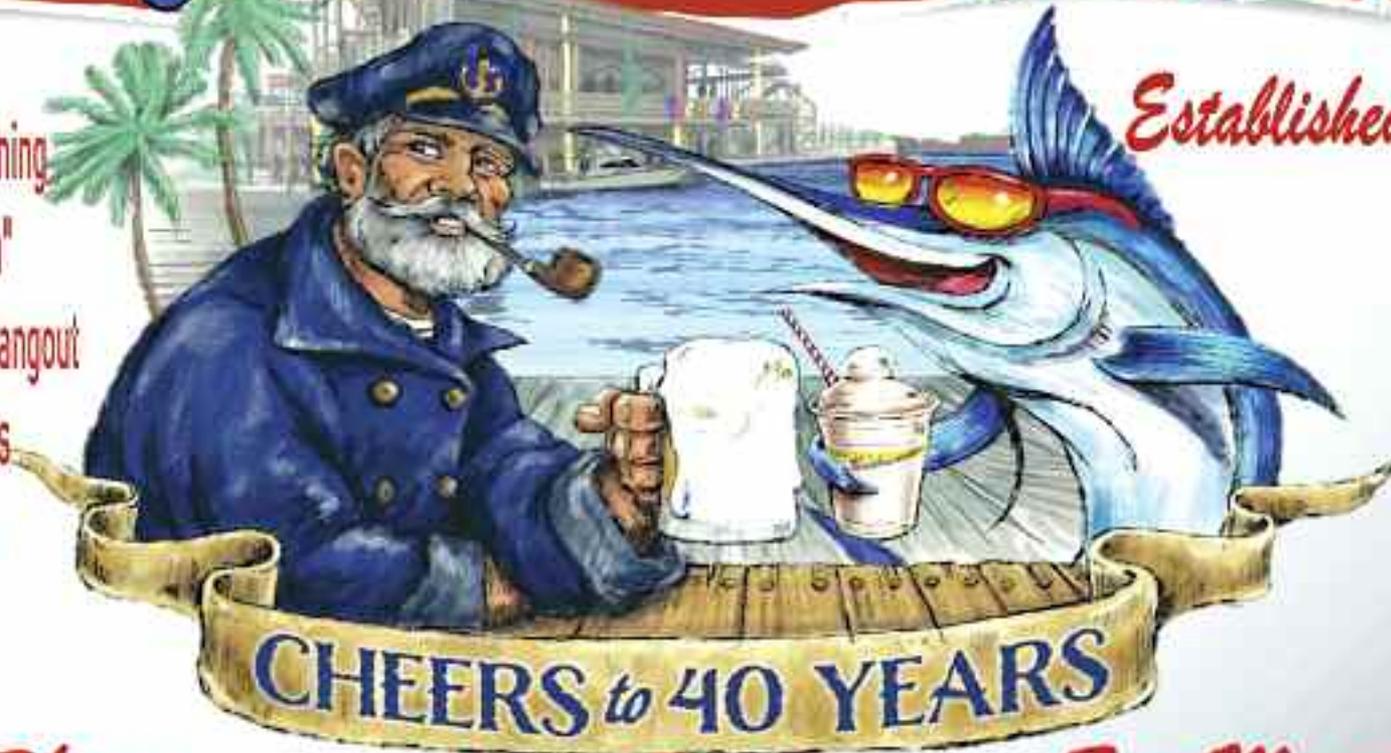
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ORANGE BEACH CITY COUNCIL

Site plan for new Dollar General on Canal Rd. denied

By John Mullen

The Orange Beach City Council upheld the decision of the city's Planning Commission in denying a site plan for a new Dollar General a Huntsville company wants to build on Canal Road near the Keg Lounge.

It was on a unanimous vote just like the vote of the Planning Commission.

"The Planning Commission does not act capriciously and it is very hard to get a unanimous vote," Councilwoman Annette Mitchell said. She also sits on the city's Planning Commission.

An attorney for the Broadway Group, builder of the three Dollar Generals in Orange Beach, one in Gulf Shores and several others in Baldwin County, said the company bought the parcel with the intention of building its fourth Orange Beach store.

"They told them about the proposed store, asked if there were any problems," Attorney Tod Dodgen said. "We've been doing this for a long time and so we ran the traps before bought the site and we were told everything was fine. This is actually a site that the Broadway Group has been talking with the city about since 2016. In 2016, we actually submitted some designs to the city and informally had discussions. Again, we were told there were no issues."

Mayor Tony Kennon said no promises were made by the city in those discussions.

"There was nothing in any way that guaranteed passage or denial," Kennon told Dodgen. "This was strictly our staff working with you."

Broadway is not asking for a rezoning and is building according to the rules for general business. In most cases, the Planning Commission can't deny site plans submis-

sions if they are within the confines of the zoning rules for that parcel. One exception to that is if it raises public safety concerns.

Both the Planning Commission and City Council agreed the plan for getting trucks onto the property, unloaded and back out on Canal Road presented safety issues in the park-

ing lot.

Some of the concerns were raised by issues caused at the State Route 161 store with trucks impeding access to parking or not allowing shoppers to leave until the trucks finish unloading.

Broadway representatives heard about those concerns at the March 9 Planning Commission meeting when the panel turned down the site plan.

Mitchell said Building Official Lannie Smith's car was blocked for almost an hour at the State Route 161 store. Councilman Jerry Johnson said his wife encountered the same issue and the store manager wouldn't ask the driver to move the truck so she could leave.

Company official Bob Broadway said at the Sept. 1 meeting he was unaware of the problem even though he was at the March 9 meeting when the same concerns were raised, Mitchell said. Dodgen said Dollar General has been a good citizen and there were no problems at the three stores already in the city.

Johnson disagreed. "I don't appreciate you saying there are no problems at the other three stores because there are," Johnson said.

"They have delivery trucks blocking the parking and blocking people in for 45 minutes without even moving. And that's what happens on 161 at that store because you don't have enough room for that truck. Your presentation says you've done

nothing wrong and we ought to trust you.

"Wrong answer again. That store has not operated at all efficiently because the delivery trucks block the parking places. And the delivery guy that's doing it will not move the truck. How do you reconcile that with we should trust you?"

"You do not have it on this site. The Planning Commission was struggling with this and I totally support their decision."

Dodgen presented results of a traffic study the company paid for and said Dollar General agreed to use only 50-foot trucks if allowed to build the new store. Councilman Jeff Boyd said he believed the company might be able to control company trucks but asked who would regulate other vendors.

"We don't have time to sit in the Dollar General parking lot and monitor delivery trucks," Boyd said.

City Attorney Wanda Cochran said the next step for any Broadway appeals would be to the Baldwin County Circuit Court.

During regular session, council:

- Passed a resolution authorizing a

license agreement with PowerSouth Energy Cooperative for use of an easement.

- Reappointed Shawn Goe and Rusty Hart to the Fire Code Board of Appeals.

- Awarded the bid for a new boat lift at Hudson Marina for the fire department to Apex Contracting Services in an amount not to exceed \$34,530.

- Passed a resolution authorizing execution of revision number one to the cooperative service agreement with the U.S. Department of Agriculture to implement a coyote management plan.

During Work session Council Discussed:

- A resolution authorizing a memorandum of agreement with the state regarding the removal and disposal of debris from state rights of way following a storm.

- Reappointing Chad Loper, Greg Kennedy, and Jeff Silvers to the Construction Board of Adjustment and Appeals.

- Resolution to provide Tier I retirement benefits to Tier II plan members.

- Set public hearing date of Oct. 6 for a change in the planned unit development, Broken Sound subdivision. It is a 36-lot near the corner of Canal Road and Lauder Lane.

Orange Beach adds tethering safeguard to its animal control ordinance

Orange Beach City Council recently approved additional safeguards to protect animals, especially dogs. The measure officially amends Section 10-29 of the city's Code of Ordinances entitled "Inhumane Treatment of Animals; Confinements and Leashes Generally" to add restrictions regarding animal tethering. As with all laws under the city's Animal Control ordinance, violators can be "punished by a fine not exceeding \$500.00 or by imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months. The additions include:

- It shall be unlawful for any person to tether any animal in an inhumane manner.
- It shall be unlawful for any person to leave an animal tethered without its owner or a competent person to care for it.

City will suspend live music permits for businesses with repeated issues

Orange Beach City Council recently voted for changes in the noise ordinances to allow Orange Beach Police to suspend a restaurant's music permit if there are repeated violations.

The restaurants can now appeal but keep having music until that appeal. This will halt the music until the appeal is heard before the council. Mayor Tony Kennon said he wanted the council to address noise in residential areas as well and Community Development Director Kit Alexander said her department was working on another amendment.



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GULF SHORES CITY COUNCIL

Boardwalk will connect West Lagoon trail to Sandpiper Lane

City to improve roadways in advance of SBRMC emergency room

By John Mullen

Gulf Shores discussed nearly \$3 million in improvements to the access of the Medical Village where the city is partnering with South Baldwin Regional Medical Center for a freestanding emergency department. The council normally meets on Mondays but instead met on Tuesday, Sept. 8, because of the Labor Day holiday.

Also, during the work session, the council discussed awarding the bid for Little Lagoon Pass Park improvements contract to Blade Construction to construct a boardwalk with a scenic overlook from Sandpiper Lane to the recently completed West Lagoon Avenue multi-use trail.

The ED will be built east of the airport and just south of the intersection of State Route 59 and Cotton Creek Drive or County Road 4. City staff recommended the council award the bid for the work to McElhenney Construction to build the various transportation infrastructure needed to support the new facility.

Included in this phase one of work at the Medical Village are improvements to the intersection of State Route 59 and 34th Avenue on the west side of the highway and improvements to the entrance of the Medical Village on the east side. Those improvements will include a full traffic signal at the intersection.

In the village itself, the new entranceway to be called Medical Village Boulevard will be built along with an extension of East Second Street which will run in from of the new ED. In phase two, a connector road with Cotton Creek Drive will be built behind the convenience store at State Route 59 and Cotton Creek Drive.

In July, the council awarded a bid for the traffic signal poles and mast arms equipment to Southern Lighting and Traffic Systems for \$49,200. Volkert was hired to do all the design and engineering on the project.

According to city documents, there is \$1.6 million budgeted this year and the remainder will be paid for in the 2021 budget. All expenditures will be part of the city's required matching costs for the \$14.4 million BUILD Grant received in November 2019.

On the Little Lagoon Park improvements, Blade Construction was the lowest conforming bidder with a price of almost \$131,000. The city plans to pay for the work with a \$150,000 grant from the Alabama Coastal Area Management Program administered through the Lands Division of the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to improve the park to provide expanded access to the beach and pier.

For the west end of the beach, Little Lagoon Park is a popular destination for families to enjoy fishing, kayaking, swimming, and wading. There is also access to the Gulf beaches from this parking lot as well.

Gulf Shores recently improved and expanded the parking lot at the park, added a fishing pier and boardwalks along the water front to connect to nearby neighborhoods. Grant money also

helped fund the earlier improvements.

The current project will enhance public access even more and improve connectivity to the surrounding neighborhood with a pedestrian pathway and an elevated wetland boardwalk with an overlook.

The new boardwalk will also meet handicap specifications per the Americans with Disabilities Act.

During work session, council also discussed:

- A request from Ryan Shamburger of Big Beach Brewing to amend the zoning ordinance to make the use of mobile food trucks in nonresidential areas as a "by right" usage. The city is currently conducting a one-year pilot program on food trucks to gather data and study their impacts on the city. That program ends in December and city staff recommended the council vote to table the proposed change until the pilot program has run its course.

- Amending ArchitectureWorks contract for the RESTORE-funded Gulf Coast Center for Eco-tourism & Sustainability Project to include additional design services identified as necessary through the planning and schematic design phases. The extra cost will be about \$65,000 and will be paid for with RESTORE money. Initially \$800,000 was in the 2020 budget for this project and \$269,000 was spent on preliminary planning and schematic design. \$214,320 will be in the 2021 budget to cover the total cost of design and engineering at \$1 million for the project.

- A conditional use permit approval for a 44-slip private marina and boat ramp on Waterway West Boulevard. The marina and boat ramp are an amenity for the approved 60-lot, Waterways Cottage Subdivision. Council action is needed to give the permit and the subdivision already has Planning Commission approval.

- Awarding a bid for a new roof on Fire Station No. 2 to Dobson Sheet Metal & Roofing for \$98,000. This is a contract to replace the roof on the station on West 10th Street across the street from the Waves store. According to city documents this roof was last replaced after Hurricane Ivan and is due for replacement.

- Items declared as surplus which will be auctioned through govdeals.com beginning Sept. 21 and ending Oct. 5. Some items are going to be donated to Gulf Shores City Schools. The list includes several vehicles and ATVs.

- A public assembly for the 33rd Alabama Coastal Cleanup with locations at the Gulf Place West Second Street pavilion and at Mo's Landing on Little Lagoon and just off Canal Road.

- An annexation application from Ms. Yula Ludeyeva to annex her property located in River Pines Subdivision. River Pines is located off of County Road 6 West.

- Appointing Marcelinia Sumerlin to the Personnel Board to finish out the term of Jim Howell who recently passed away. Her term will run through March 27, 2023. Sumerlin serves as the HR Manager for the Gulf Shores City Schools.



Air traffic control tower going up at Jack Edwards Airport

\$6.3 in grants paves way; Elite Airways schedules services

The Airport Authority of Gulf Shores recently broke ground for the new air traffic control tower facility at Jack Edwards National Airport (JKA). The project is slated to be completed by July 30, 2021.

The groundbreaking event included tours of an Elite Airways CRJ 700 and an announcement made by John Pearsall, CEO of Elite Airways, of the intent to begin providing the residents of Gulf Shores with scheduled service in early 2021 pending FAA and TSA approval.

The airline's routes connect underserved communities with popular destinations that include New York City/Newark, White Plains and Albany NY, Portland ME, Asheville NC, Myrtle Beach SC, Orlando-Melbourne, Sarasota-Bradenton, and Vero Beach FL, and the island of Bimini in the Bahamas.

The new tower was made possible through \$6.13 million in grant funding from both the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and the Cares Act secured by the joint efforts of Senator Richard Shelby and Congressman Bradley Byrne. The \$700,000 in local Airport Authority funding set aside for the tower construction will now be reallocated to a future terminal project at JKA.

JKA currently ranks as the second busiest airport in operations (landings and takeoffs) in Alabama and will rank in the top 40 of 256 Federal Contract Towers nationwide once the tower is in operation.

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"Jack Edwards National Airport serves the thriving business and tourism market in Gulf Shores, South Baldwin County and the communities along the Alabama Gulf Coast," said Mayor Robert Craft. "This full-service airport is an outstanding asset creating jobs and diversification opportunities for new and existing businesses. JKA is vital to the development and continued economic growth of the area and provides a transportation hub for anyone traveling for business, recreation or relaxation."



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Tacky Jacks to celebrate 40 years of bushwhackers, waterfront views, live music & fireworks Sept. 19

By Fran Thompson

Tacky Jacks will celebrate its 40th anniversary with giveaways, commemorative cups, live music and special pricing on signature items such as burgers and bushwhackers at all three locations on Sept. 19.

Plus, balloons will fly, streamers will hang and assorted musicians will play short sets beginning at noon from a barge moored in Cotton Bayou at the original Orange Beach location, where an 8 p.m. fireworks show will honor the military and first responders.

Jack Hodges first opened Tacky Jacks in 1980, just as Orange Beach was taking off as a vacation destination.

After purchasing, expanding and renovating the original location, George (Buddy) Skipper opened Tacky Jacks Fort Morgan on Mobile Bay in 2005 and, with a group of fellow investors, opened Tacky Jacks Gulf Shores on the Intracoastal Waterway in 2011.

As marketing director Susan Sizemore pointed out, all three restaurants have their own unique character while serving the same breakfast, lunch and dinner menus. Besides being accessible by boat, all locations feature retail gift shops with souvenirs and items from local artists.

"It's amazing how many people find us for the first time by boat. And then they come in and are blown away by everything," said Ken Kichler, who has orchestrated four kitchen renovations at Tacky Jacks Orange Beach since taking over as company CFO in 2006.

"We are on the water and people want that when they come to the beach," Sizemore added. "We have a consistent menu, and people know what to expect. But each location is different and customers have their favorites.

"We are not the fanciest, but we focus on fun and that's what people come to the beach for. We're just kind of laid back, come-as-you-are. Well, you have to have a cover-up or shirt, but other than that, it is come as you are," she added.

"They are good business people, and they are good citizens. Tacky Jacks pays it forward, making Gulf Shores a better place to live," said Gulf Shores Mayor Robert Craft when Tacky Jacks was presented the Silver Alabama Retailer of the Year Award in 2016.

A longtime Make-A-Wish supporter, Tacky Jack's has also set up donation boxes next to marlin statues offering photo opportunities in the parking lot at each location. The company matches all customer donations in support of veterans.

Specifically, Tacky Jacks has purchased and donated to veterans six Action Track wheelchairs that allow access across any rough terrain. The chairs, which are life-changing for the veteran recipients, start at about \$11,000 per. The company has also made a tricked out chair with rubber wheels available for veterans to use while here on vacation. And it continues to raise money for the Alabama Gulf Coast Reef and Restoration Foundation through its Saltwater Mafia/Tacky Jacks t-shirts.

"It was hard to even get him (Skipper) to go to accept the Retailer of the Year award," said Sizemore. She added that Skipper's reputation as an easy touch when it comes to giving back to the military, first responders and the Pleasure Island community is well deserved.

"I remember when I first started working for Buddy, he gave \$25,000 for a bus to carry low income kids around to after school activities. I said that it would be a good human interest story. But he said nobody needs to know I'm doing that," she said.



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Tacky Jack Hodges will be back on Sept. 19 to help celebrate what he started 40 years ago

By Fran Thompson

Jack Hodges remembers it was a Friday because Friday was delivery day at the Cotton Bayou Marina & Lounge and Jack drove over from Mobile that morning to deal with a delivery problem.

He was in the middle of admonishing an employee about separating upstairs (the bar) and downstairs (everything else) invoices when a lifelong friend named Bettie Shinault came up with the name.

“Bettie would come down and have a couple martinis in the afternoon. We had a lot of deliveries for the weekend

and the tickets were all screwed up,” Hodges said.

“A friend of mine’s son was running the dock and Bettie walked up to me and said not to be fussing with that kid. She said I should call the place Tacky Jacks Tackle Store. I said that sounded good to me.

“It ended up being Tacky Jacks, and all of a sudden I became Tacky Jack, which probably suited me a little bit. Anyway, that’s how it all started.”

Hodges (pictured) said he thinks this all happened in 1980.

Bettie passed away earlier this year, but Camille Warren agrees on the year and the fact that her sister thought Hodges sometimes did not use the manners his parents taught him.

Camille’s late husband John was Hodges’ best friend even before they enrolled at Murphy High School in Mobile.

Bettie, whose husband Charlie was a highly decorated WWII fighter pilot, was always proudly outspoken,

according to her sister.

“We were more like cousins than friends. And that was certainly not the first time she told him he was being tacky,” Camille Warren said.

Hodges said he does not remember the exact date he bought the Cotton Bayou Marina. But it was definitely post Frederic (Sept. 12, 1979), the storm that started Pleasure Island’s building boom.

“I always fished out of Dauphin Island, but after Frederic blew the bridge down, the only way to fish would be to go to Dog River in Mobile,” Hodges said. “So I said to (friend) Jerry Phillips, ‘let’s ride over to Orange Beach and see if we can find a spot.’”

Hodges and four other boat owning friends ended up at Cotton Bayou Marina. They kept their boats there even after the owners defaulted and the SBA took over operations.

Hodges said he and his friends turned the electricity and water back on and kept boats at the marina for about five months when a representative from an auction company showed up for a property assessment.

Hodges called the SBA “to find out what was going on,” and the next thing he knew, he was in the marina business.

He was already running successful body shops in Foley and Mobile (Hodges Auto Collision) when he decided to buy what he originally named the Cotton Bayou Marina & Lounge.

“I didn’t know how to spell marina, restaurant or lounge, but they quoted me a price and I bought the thing,” he said.

Just the process of securing a county license was a difficult affair, according to Hodges.

“The day I went up to Bay Minette, the lady asked if we were going to

sell cokes. I said yes, and she said ‘you are going to need a soda fountain license.’ She asked if anybody was going to dance, and I said probably. She said, ‘well, you need a dance hall license.’ I ended up buying 21 licenses before I could open the place up. And I knew nothing about the business. The whole thing was fly by wire.”

Still, Hodges knew he made a good purchase when a real estate agent almost immediately offered him \$50K more than he paid. Hodges said he asked for \$100K more, and that ended the conversation.

“We didn’t do mechanical, but we were a full service marina and sold bait and tackle downstairs,” he said.

Camille and John Warren, living in Birmingham at the time, helped their lifelong friend get open, with John working outside and Camille inside.

“There was so much work to do. It was awful. We took vacation time and came for two weeks,” Camille Warren said.

The only reason she knew there had even been a restaurant on the second floor was because of the large number of dirty chairs spread around.

She eventually came up with a plan to pay her children a quarter a chair to clean them up.

“That was the only way we were able to finish,” she said. “It looked like it had been vacant for years, but it could have been Frederic that shut it down.”

Hodges said at capacity, his marina could accommodate 60 boats, including a couple of 60 ft. cruisers and a charter boat that docked directly in front of what is now the Tacky Jacks souvenir shop. Most of his outside seating was downstairs.

He said the channel out to the pass from Cotton Bayou ran right in front

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Orange Beach

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Hippy Jim: 1 p.m.

Jason Justice: 1:20 p.m.

Damian Lamb: 1:40 p.m.

Beave & Cleave: 2 p.m.

Jimmy Lee Hanniford: 2:20 p.m.

John Joiner: 2:40 p.m.

Greg Brown: 3 p.m.

JJ Mack: 3:20 p.m.

Gringo Fife: 4 -8 p.m.

Fort Morgan

Karaoke: 7 p.m.

of the marina. It has shifted way south since then.

“We sold quite a bit of gas to charter captains, but after Labor Day you could roll it up,” he said. “We had 120 days to make it. I had good local business in the bar, but we would close the fuel dock October-ish.”

Hodges gave keys to his friends who kept fishing boats there all year and put them on the honor system.

Camille Warren, whose house sits on a West First Ave. lot in Gulf Shores that her family purchased in 1946, said Hodges was a very good cook and good hearted. And he never met a stranger.

“Jack had a good personality for that job,” she said. “Even now, you can’t go anywhere with him without him running into a few people he



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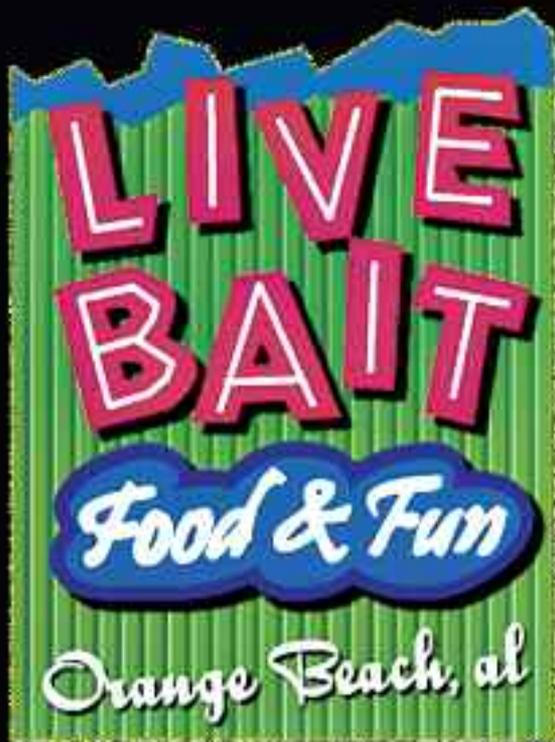
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Tacky Jack Hodges....

knows.”
At her bequest, Hodges sponsored and hosted a hugely successful shrimp boil to raise money for the Child & Youth Division of the Alabama Rehabilitation Assn. during the group's convention on Pleasure Island.

“There are some stories I could tell you about that place that were unreal,” Hodges said. “We didn't have but one sheriff and you wouldn't see him but about every two or three months. Everybody settled their own stuff.”

Hodges said that although he was asked to do so, he did not run for mayor when Orange Beach was chartered in 1985. He does remember the day the late Ronnie Callaway was elected as the city's first mayor.

Hodges' three daughters all grew up playing and working around Tacky Jacks. One of them, Sandy, began bartending and managing there as soon as she turned 18, eventually marrying Dwayne Yassick, a musician in Pleasure Island's most popular band at the time, Coop Deville. Sandy and Dwayne married on Phillips' boat, The Glass Cutter, at the marina.

“It was more of a family place than a bar. But after 8 p.m., I would tell people they had to get a baby sitter. The kids needed to go home,” Hodges said. “Then it became a jumping joint. We always had pretty good bands.”

Hodges said Tacky Jacks did not open for breakfast until after he sold the business to Marc and Elle Schorman in (he thinks) 1990.

“Elle was the one who wanted to try doing breakfast,” he said.

He threw a big shabang to celebrate his last night as the official owner.

“We were supposed to close the next day and I told the new owners that whatever was left, you can have in the

way of inventory. But we are going to have one helluva party before we leave. It was an affair to try to drink the bar dry. Everything was on the house,” he said.

“Marc and Elle had it until Ellie passed away with brain cancer and then Buddy (Skipper) wound up with it. He has had it ever since and has done a really good job with it.”

Hodges ended up living in Orange Beach for more than 25 years split between two houses on Martinique and another on Coronado.

He said personal circumstances led him to sell when he did.

“I had a good time and I met a lot of nice people that lived around there. It is a beautiful place. I probably could have sold it a dozen times to people who wanted to put condos there,” he said. “But my body shops were my main business. Tacky Jacks was a playhouse for me, and I had a good time with it. My mom says I was a rounder. But I tried to do what was right. My mom and dad taught me that.”

Hodges still drops into the original Tacky Jacks when he is in Orange Beach. Sometimes he asks the servers about the restaurant's history.

“Most of them think Tacky Jack was a parrot,” he said.

Hodges has downsized significantly since his days living in Orange Beach. He sold a 6000 sq. ft. house on Martinique Dr. and built a similar home with a barn and pool on three acres in Fairhope (The Hodges Hilton), where he lived and entertained his family for four years before deciding to completely downsize.

He currently lives in what he describes as an “assisted living RV park” in Fairhope in a tricked out 5th wheel. “The rent is reasonable. There are nice people living here and there is no grass to cut,” he said.

The 5th wheel includes a wine cooler, a fire place, a center aisle, and a full sized refrigerator. He can control everything from the temperature inside to the awnings

and slides outside with a few taps on his phone.

He was sitting on a recliner sharing a chicken salad sandwich with his dog Cocoa when the Mullet Wrapper caught up with him.

He said if he had not passed up on deals such as buying Sportsman Marina for \$350K in the early 1980's, he could be living in a condo penthouse. But he has no regrets, as even bypass and hip surgeries have not slowed him down or diminished his curiosity and zest for life.

“I can't complain at all,” he said. “I've been damn lucky. And I am going to keep on having fun until they put me underneath that tarp. And when everybody leaves the cemetery, I want them to play Sinatra: ‘I did it my way.’”

Pictured: (Page 10) TJ's three waterfront locations; (Below) Jack's daughter Sandy (a TJ's manager) & husband Dwayne, (a TJ's entertainer); Bettie Shinault, the woman who gave Tacky Jacks its name.



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The Christian Service Center is working hard to respond to the increased emergency situations caused by Covid-19. The number of people who have come to us for help has risen dramatically. Your help is sorely needed, and here is a painless way for you to give it.



The Christian Service Center has a Jar Project where small jars are provided for you to drop your change in each day. You won't miss the money, it's just a penny or nickel here and a dime or quarter there, but over time, the jar will fill and small change then becomes a significant amount. Just empty the jar into a plastic bag and start over. You can bring the coin bags to the Center or to your local church and have them call the Center and we will have

someone come pick it up. Your change can help us continue to respond.

You can pick up your jar at the Christian Service Center, or just start saving your coins in a plastic bag now. You will be surprised at how easy and habit forming this can be and how good it feels to know that you are helping people in our community. The Christian Service Center is a "Hand Up" rather than a "Hand Out" agency. Clients are given immediate emergency aid as well as guidance on finding solutions to their problems. The CSC is a 100% volunteer agency funded by the churches of Pleasure Island, various community organizations, including the United Way of Baldwin County, and interested individuals. For more information please call the CSC at 251-968-5256 or visit cscgs.com.



Flora-Bama now has its own 24/7 iHeart Radio station

The Flora-Bama celebrates a colorful past and a bright future with its partnership alongside iHeartRADIO for the 24/7 online streaming station. Legendary characters, infamous stories and notes of music across the gamut of genres, the radio station mirrors the wide variety of musical styles patrons dance barefoot to throughout the year with cocktails in hand at this beachside watering hole.

Relive all the energetic performances, newly made friendships, smell of the salty seas, tastes of the bushwackers, unforgettable memories and take the Flora-Bama with you everywhere you go with the click of a button.

The iconic beach bar and entertainment venue, straddling the Florida-Alabama line, has been bringing live music to the Gulf Coast for 56 years, boasting 3500 performances a year with live music 365 days a year among its 6 stages.

Through fires, floods, and hurricanes, the Flora-Bama has remained steadfast in its service to seaman, senators and students alike, treating "all who enter with equal respect, expecting only that same respect for all in return". That philosophy has resulted in the cast of characters that make the nationwide landmark what it is today, with a camaraderie that will endure for another 50 years and beyond.

Flora-Bama Radio is available via the iHeartRADIO app or iheart.com. A recent visit to featured songs from Brantley Gilbert, Michael Ray, Dierks Bentley and Kenny Chesney.

O.B. Community Assn. buffet dinner is Oct. 5

By Dianne McElroy

The Orange Beach Community Association Board of Directors recently made plans to resume our dinners beginning Monday, October 5 at 6 p.m. Due to the Safer at Home order that has been put into place by our Governor, we will be handling our dinners a little different than when we last met.

We are requesting that no potluck dishes be brought with you at this time. We are hoping to resume our regular potluck meals on November 5. The Community Association Board will be furnishing and preparing the dinner for October. The food will be served buffet style by volunteers and we will practice socially distance in setting up for this dinner.

Hand sanitizer will be provided before getting into buffet line, where you will need to wear masks and socially distance yourself 6 feet if not a family member with you while in buffet line.

Since all food, tea, paper products and flatware is being provided by the Orange Beach Community Association at this time, we are encouraging a small donation be made for your dinner.

We will also be collecting yearly dues for the 2020-2021 year from members or anyone wishing to join this association, which are \$25 for a family and \$13 for an individual. (Visitors that plan to be here for only 3 months or less are welcome to join for \$5.)

Membership covers the period of September thru May. We do not meet in June, July and August as many are busy with vacationing and family events during summer months. We will also have some type program provided after the dinner.

Gulf State Park earns four Tripadvisor Traveler awards

Gulf State Park earned several awards, including one each for Gulf State Park Campground, Gulf State Park Fishing Pier, The Lodge at Gulf State Park and the park itself have been honored with Tripadvisor.com's 2020 Travelers' Choice Awards.

Travelers' Choice, formerly known as Certificate of Excellence winners, recognizes businesses that earn consistently great user reviews.



GCAA Outdoor Art Market returns on Sept. 19 Local artists to exhibit at Gulf Shores Presbyterian Church

It's time to get outside and enjoy the arts. With the beautiful coastal weather and so many talented artists, the GCAA Outdoor Art Market will present the works of local and regional artists on September 19 at the Gulf Shores First Presbyterian Church 309 E 21st Ave., Gulf Shores.

All tents will be 6 feet apart and vendors will be wearing masks. Visitors are also encouraged to wear masks and sanitizing stations will be set up at several points at the venue. With these guidelines in place, the event should be a fun and safe open-air opportunity to view and buy local and regional art.

Among those displaying their art will be Julie Liepelt, Anne Webb and Anne Morrison.

Julie is primarily a watercolorist, but she also works with small crafts such as hand-created pottery as well as sea turtle wall hangings from oyster shells and sea glass. As a painter, she is drawn to animals and plant forms. It's not surprising that her artwork reflects the things she embraces and living in Gulf Shores, the coast has presented a feast of natural beauty for her to explore creatively.

Anne Webb (pictured) is a potter from Magnolia Springs. Her work speaks for itself. For more than thirty years, Anne has been turning out the most beautiful, cutting edge pottery in the area. She creates both utilitarian pottery and very creative, unique pieces that make her one of the most collected potters along the Gulf Coast.

Anne Morrison, a Fairhope resident, has been creating jewelry for five years. She uses fresh water pearls and gemstones from all over the world. She selects wood from Africa and Indonesia and uses India mala beads to create some of the most unique jewelry in the coastal area.

The Gulf Coast Arts Alliance is a non-profit organization with office and Gallery at 225 E 24th Ave. in the Waterway Village district of Gulf Shores. To sign up for the Art Market, or to obtain more information, call 251-948-2627, visit www.gulfoastartsalliance.com or email gulfoastartsalliance@gmail.com.

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Alabama Gulf Coast Zoo After School Adventures Program starts Sept. 14

By Fran Thompson

The Alabama Gulf Coast Zoo in Gulf Shores is kicking off its new School Adventures after school program with a three week session from September 14 – October 2.

The Zoo will extend operating hours until 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. Admission on those days will also include a free daily adventure program from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. (see sidebar). The programs are all fun and educational.

Zoo admission is \$19.95 for adults (ages 13-54), \$16.95 for seniors 55 and up and military personnel, and \$14.95 for children ages 3-12. Children 2 and under are admitted free. Prices do not include tax. The Zoo also offers yearly family memberships allowing unlimited visits as well as a 10 percent discount year-round to locals.

The School Adventures program will provide parents another outdoor option for their kids' after school activities while also introducing children to the world of animals and exposing young minds to a fun, educational experience.

"The COVID crisis created many challenges for parents, students, and teachers. We hope our program will provide our community uplifting support as they navigate these difficult times," said Joel Hamilton, the Zoo's executive director.

The zoo opened in March, just prior to Alabama Gov. Ivey's first Covid-19 quarantine executive orders.

The zoo is easily able to accommodate social distancing with more than 25-acres for patrons to roam.

Giraffe encounters, limited for a time to comply with Alabama's Pandemic Response Executive Order, are again being offered, with Benjamin and Akayla available at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. visits daily. The domestic animal barn is also open daily for guests to enjoy mingling with sheep, goats, pigs and other barnyard animals.

"We do require guests to wear masks while participating in the giraffe feedings," Hamilton said. "We also only allow one family group at a time into the feeding area."

Additional zoo attractions such as the Soaring Eagle Zipline are open for business. The zipline offers views

of the entire park as well as the Gulf of Mexico and Pleasure Island. Monkey Island, The Reptile House, The bird sanctuary and Lemur Island are other zoo draws.

"Come visit, learn a little about the animals, conservation, and the world around us," Hamilton said.

The mission of the not-for-profit zoo is to create compelling experiences that connect people and communities with wildlife and inspire personal responsibility for the conservation of the natural world.

To further that mission, the zoo established its Sustainable Life Centre to highlight the idea of being stewards for the planet through demonstrations of animal conservation, rainwater harvesting, organic gardening and sustainable technologies.

Local business owners Clyde Weir and Andrea Weir Franklin, his daughter, donated 25 acres of prime property north of the Intracoastal Waterway (20499 Oak Road E.) to build the new zoo away from Gulf of Mexico storm surges.

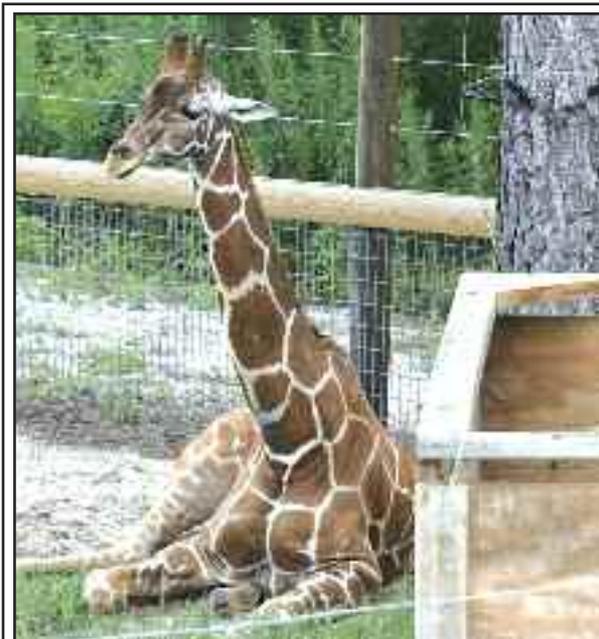
The story of "The Little Zoo That Could" was perfectly documented in a still popular Animal Planet reality series about the Alabama Gulf Coast Zoo. The series – in 13 episodes – told the story about the Noah's Ark type evacuation from downtown Gulf Shores to property owned by retired zoo director Patti Hall in Elberta before Hurricane Ivan took a direct hit on Hwy. 59 back in September of 2004.

With no other option, Hall and her staff of 39 moved 275 exotic animals to her family farm in Elberta. It was the first U.S. zoo to conduct a full-scale evacuation during a natural disaster. The hit series led to boom in visitors and vast media attention. (The zoo's 12 ft. alligator, Chucky, escaped its pen area during Ivan's storm surge, which was an international news story).

Hall and her staff also evacuated the zoo during Hurricanes Dennis and Katrina in 2005.

As the first ZAA-accredited U.S. built in the United States in more than 20 years, the zoo provides a spacious and modern haven for more than 300 animals, including 22 critically endangered, endangered, vulnerable or near threatened species.

A private investment firm purchased \$26.26 million in tax exempt bonds that funded the new facility on



Zoo's after school program activities

- **Magic Monday** will highlight one of the Zoo's most popular animal ambassadors--Magic, the 11-foot yellow anaconda, and other amazing reptiles.
- **Celebrity Tuesday** will feature the Zoo's social media stars – Bruce Quillis, Kevin Bacon, or Piggy Smalls.
- **Wacky Wednesday** will highlight a free ticket to one of the Zoo's amusement rides.
- **Giraffe Thursday** is all about the Zoo's tallest members; learn about giraffes and get to feed Benjamin or Akayla.
- **Feathered Friday** is for the birds; guests will enjoy up-close encounters & keeper chats with the Zoo's feathered friends

25 acres off County Road 6 East.

The land, 4.3 miles north of its original location, was donated by the Weir family back in 2006.

The bond money was also used to purchase 71 acres adjacent to the property which will be used for expansion and additional parking.

The zoo has also secured a \$1 million grant from the City of Gulf Shores to help with operational expenses while it transitioned across the Intracoastal Waterway.

The zoo's residents include big cats, Eurasian Eagle owls, kookaburras and encounter animals such as kangaroos, reptiles, sloths, lemurs and anteaters.

Insects exhibits include one of the world's most valuable collection of butterflys and moths that are part of the Dirk Beyer Butterfly Observation Outpost. There is also a special space for beehives.

The Safari Club Restaurant, located just outside the entrance to the zoo, is open for lunch and dinner daily, and brunch is available on weekends. There is also locations in the park to purchase food and drinks.

Pictured: Rani, the zoo's beautiful standard bengal tiger, has a sassy, feisty personality and is very affectionate with her keepers; the zoo's three spider monkeys include Katy, age 17, Toto, age 30, and Precious, who is 26; Tupari, a 16 week old common marmoset, enjoys a tasty hibiscus flower; giraffe encounters are offered twice daily at the zoo; One of the zoo's pigs, Kevin Bacon, can be seen in the domestic animal barn





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WHAT'S HAPPENING

PIER & SHORE FISHING OUTLOOK

BY DAVID "THE PIERPOUNDER" THORNTON



Bait & Tackle Tips

Whichever general method an angler chooses to fish with, they need to be well equipped and informed. This is best accomplished by visiting one of the local fishing stores. Many visitors have the misconception that tackle is more expensive in these specialty shops, but that is often not the case. Besides carrying live bait and unique fishing tackle for our area, the experienced local employees can provide first hand fishing knowledge and make specific recommendations to make their customers more successful anglers. Something you usually can't get at the big box stores.

Local Tackle Shops:
 Lost Key Tackle; (pictured) 850-361-1145, 1290 Gulf Beach Hwy (Winn Dixie Shopping Center), Pensacola. Sam's Bait & Tackle; 981-4245, Orange Beach; 27122 Hwy 180 (Canal Rd 1.2 mile east of Hwy 161). J&M Tackle; 981-5460, Orange Beach; Canal Rd Hwy 180 (under the blue water tower). Lost Bay Tackle; 981-4665, Orange Beach; Perdido Beach Blvd Hwy 182 (Rouse's shopping center); Hooked Up Bait & Tackle 955-5550, 100 E 20th Ave. Gulf Shores (on the left at foot of bridge); The Reel Bait & Tackle Shop 504-9693, 804 State Highway 59 Summerdale. Gulf Shores Marina 540-2628, 1577 AL Hwy 180 (1 mile east of Fort Morgan).
- By David Thornton

Here we are in early September when it certainly still feels like summer in lower Alabama. Thank goodness we dodged the double barrel tropical bullet from tropical storm Marco and hurricane Laura. But the waves topped near 12 feet, and sustained over 6 feet for several days thereafter which caused a bit of beach erosion in some places. Now that the water has calmed down and cleared some, these locations have the potential to become great fishing spots.

Along the beach look for the tell-tale sandy scarps and landward curves in the beach that signify a nearby trough. There are usually points and sandbars surrounding these beach troughs which attract bait and fish as well. The steep slope on the beach side of a near shore sandbar is about the closest thing to 'structure' fish will find along the otherwise featureless beaches. Schooling fish (like ladyfish, bluefish and even speckled trout) will use the shallow edges of sandbars to trap baitfish. And the shoreward slope provides a respite from waves and currents for whiting, redfish and flounder. So don't overlook giving these a try, as they are within easy casting or wading distance from shore.

Depending on the level of the water, these 'holes' may hold anything from baitfish and blue crabs to flounder, whiting, ground mullet, ladyfish, bluefish, redfish, speckled trout and even pompano. Just be prepared to try different lures and baits and move around a bit to find the best pattern each day.

The strongest tidal movement of this fortnight will be between September 9-16. This should bode well for excellent beach fishing opportunities as the visible moon wanes through the period. Coincidentally, high tides in the morning and low tides in the evening will provide predictably dependable fishing patterns on a day to day basis through what has the potential to be a relatively stable weather pattern with light to moderate winds and seas. Watch out for thunderstorms though!

Most beach anglers either set fish, with bait (usually cut shrimp) fished on the bottom. Or they throw lures (spoons, plugs or jigs) to target the variety of free roaming gamefish. Casting ½ to 1 ounce silver spoons in the surf is a great way to locate schooling fish such as ladyfish, bluefish or spanish mackerel. Occasionally they even catch speckled, redfish and flounder. A typical cast and retrieve routine is a great way to cover a lot of water to find fish, or pinpoint a good feeding location. Keep in mind a few of these species have sharp teeth (mackerel & bluefish) or rough mouths (ladyfish), so a foot or two long shock leader of 30# to 50# clear monofilament will help prevent getting your lure cut off. It is no fun to repeatedly lose \$3 to \$6 lures!

Topwater lures (like Skitterwalk or Heddon Spook) are a great way to target hungry fish in the surf when the waves are calm. But the action is early and usually short-lived, ending once the sun peeks over the horizon or clouds. But it sure can be fun for an hour or so with numerous visible strikes. And it may be productive for speckled trout, bluefish, etc. After that initial flurry, anglers can turn to slow-sinking or suspending hard baits (like Mirrolure, Unfair, etc.). The same fish that chased the topwater lures often move into slightly deeper water a little farther from shore for the next couple of hours.

By mid to late morning, most gamefish have moved into the longshore trough where the light is not as bright and they are relatively safe from predators. They can still be caught using jigs which can sink to the bottom. ½ to ¾ ounce leadhead jigs are relatively inexpensive standard fish finding lures. Some (like Looney Jigs) have been locally produced and catching fish along the Alabama coast for decades. The lure can be worked fast for mackerel, bluefish, and jacks. Or dragged along the bottom with a strip of fresh cut fish or Fishbites for flounder and redfish. In lieu of that later setup, a 3" or 4" Gulp shrimp fished on a naked jighead along the bottom works just about as well.

A relative newcomer lure to the Alabama Gulf Coast is the Goofy jig or Silly Willie jig setup. This is actually a brightly colored weighted 'banana jig' (½ to ¾ ounce) coupled with a 1 ½ inch long bait quill (fly) by tying a large loop knot. When cast, the jig sinks faster than the unweighted fly and they separate to each end of the loop. As the jig is 'crawled' along the bottom the fly hops up above it creating the illusion of a beach ghost shrimp chasing a smaller ghost shrimp. Fish attracted to the action often strike the tiny fly as well as the larger jig. This rig works well in clear water to target pompano. But also catches a lot of ladyfish, juvenile jack crevalle, whiting, redfish, etc.

When fishing is slow, the jig may be tipped with a 1 inch long strip of Fishbites, or a piece of cut shrimp. Often the problem with using shrimp this time of year is the plethora of small 'bait stealers' (pinfish, tiny pompano, whiting and small jacks). Fishbites is a good way to get around that because it stays on the hook so well and leaves a scent trail as it slowly dissolves in the warm water.

WED, SEPT 9

- **Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables:** schedule on pages 26-27; (includes Ole River Grill & Flora-Bama Yacht Club, Flora-Bama), Perdido Key.
- **Legends in Concert w. Elvis, Britney Spears, Michael Jackson & Luke Bryan:** 7:30; OWA; Foley.
- **Bama Beach Pickleball Club:** 9-noon; Church of Christ, 2414 West 1st St., Gulf Shores; (new members welcome).
- **Adam Holt:** 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's; Gulf Shores.
- **Gary Story & Friends:** 7; Marina Stage; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- **Open Mic:** 5; Tacky Jack's, Gulf Shores.
- **Scott Koehn:** 6; OSO; Orange Beach.
- **Troy Martin:** 1; Purple Parrot Tiki Bar; Perdido Key.
- **Karaoke w. J.W. Baker:** 6; Purple Parrot Tiki Bar; Perdido Key.
- **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 9; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **Artie Hopkins:** 5; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- **Brookside Turkey Shoot Band:** 7; AL Gulf Coast Music Hall, 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; 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.
- **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.

Gulf State Park Pier could be open mid-September; Meanwhile, enjoy fishing for free at Al. Point seawall

If the remaining refurbishment work on the Gulf State Park Pier is completed and approved as scheduled, the long awaited reopening should occur around the middle of September. This news according to Lamar Pendergrass (Operations Supervisor Alabama State Parks – South Region) in a September 2 video interview with WKRG's Debbie Williams.

Most of the work involves putting the final touches on the new wooden deck, refinishing all the concrete, and hooking up the electrical and plumbing fixtures.

Also there will be a fish carcass grinder installed at the cleaning station located on the middle octagon.

The parking lot and pier now feature shorter light poles with more 'turtle-friendly' shielded LED lighting, and the end platform now sports a 10 foot high (20 foot by 50 foot) observation platform which includes an elevator lift for wheelchair bound observers.

This will keep observers a safe distance from the sometimes hectic fishing action on the end of the pier. A date has not yet been announced for the official reopening, but stay tuned to local social media which should be abuzz once that news becomes public.

In the meantime, many anglers are still taking advantage of the unique (free) fishing venue provided along the seawall at Alabama Point (Perdido Pass) in Orange Beach. This popular spot saw a downturn in mackerel catches during the recent period of rough tropical weather. At that time anglers had their best luck with the plentiful mangrove snapper, caught using live shrimp or bull minnows. Keep in mind Alabama has a 12" minimum size limit on these tasty, popular inshore snapper.

Note: All fishing licenses expired August 31, so it is now time to renew them. In addition to having a regular saltwater fishing license, anglers must have a \$10 Reef Fish Endorsement (even those fishing from shore, inshore, or over age 65) to legally retain mangrove snapper (or any other reef fish in Alabama). Also, they must fish with non-stainless steel circle hooks to harvest reef fish, such as mangrove snapper.

The clearing inshore waters coupled with strong tidal flow over the next couple of weeks should bring back plenty of ladyfish, bluefish, and spanish mackerel within casting range of these shore bound anglers. Also, look for increasing numbers of redfish around the rocks and the bridge. Since we are now into September, many redfish move to the pass and surrounding waters to take advantage of the plentiful schools of baitfish both day and night. A long handled landing net is a valuable asset for landing larger fish from the seawall or rocks.

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- 1 can (10-3/4 oz.) condensed reduced-fat reduced-sodium cream of chicken soup
- 1 can (11 oz.) Green Giant Mexicorn whole kernel corn with ted and green peppers, undrained
- 1 tsp. taco seasoning mix (from 1-oz. package)
- 1-1/4 c. shredded reduced-fat Cheddar cheese (5 oz.)
- 1 c. tortilla chips

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Spray 2-qt. casserole with cooking spray. In casserole, stir chicken, rice, tomatoes, soup, corn, taco seasoning mix and 1 cup of the cheese until well mixed. Cover and bake about 1 hour or until rice is tender and mixture is heated through. Top with tortilla chips; sprinkle with remaining 1/4 cup cheese. Bake about 10 min. longer or until filling is bubbly and cheese is melted. Servings: 5. Enjoy!

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MARY'S SHELTER GULF COAST SUPPORTS HURRICANE LAURA RELIEF EFFORT: Mary's Shelter Gulf Coast, a Lilliam home for homeless pregnant women who choose life for their child, is donating dozens of diapers and about 50 pounds of rice and beans to those affected by Hurricane Laura in Louisiana. "We are very fortunate to receive donations for our moms and babies," said Executive Director Kay Trattles. "Sometimes we are overwhelmed and we don't have enough storage space." When Trattles and the staff at the home in Elberta heard that Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church in Gulf Shores was sending supplies, they searched the shelves and closets and found an abundance of diapers of all sizes and an abundance of rice and beans. "We are happy to be able to help others, when so many good people help us," she said. **Pictured:** Mary's Shelter Gulf Coast Director Kay Trattles met with Our Lady of the Gulf parishioners Buck Eller and Greg Filiatreault who were collecting the items at the church.

- **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:** schedule on pages 26-27; (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).
- **Willie Traywick Band:** 7; Island Time Daiquiri Bar; Orange Beach.
- **Lefty Collins:** 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's; Gulf Shores.
- **Bar Trivia Night:** 6; Bar 45 Lounge at ONE CLUB, Gulf Shores.
- **Gringo Five Duo:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.
- **Greg Lyons:** 6; Hub Stacy's; Innerarity Point.
- **Chris Morreau:** 1; Purple Parrot Tiki Bar; Perdido Key.
- **Jesse & Brent:** 6; OSO; Orange Beach.
- **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.
- **Tim Roberts:** 6; The Tin Top Restaurant, Bon Secour.
- **Rick Whaley & Tommy Mazzulo:** 6; Purple Parrot Tiki Bar; Perdido Key.
- **Danny Grady:** 2; Fraternal Order of Eagles; Foley.
- **The Favorites Band:** 7; AL, Gulf Coast Music Hall, Foley.
- **Karaoke:** 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **Bingo:** 5; open to all; Amvets Post 2018; 13085 Wisconsin St.; Elberta.
- **Karaoke:** 7; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.
- **Texas Hold 'em:** 7; 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:** schedule on pages 26-27; (in-

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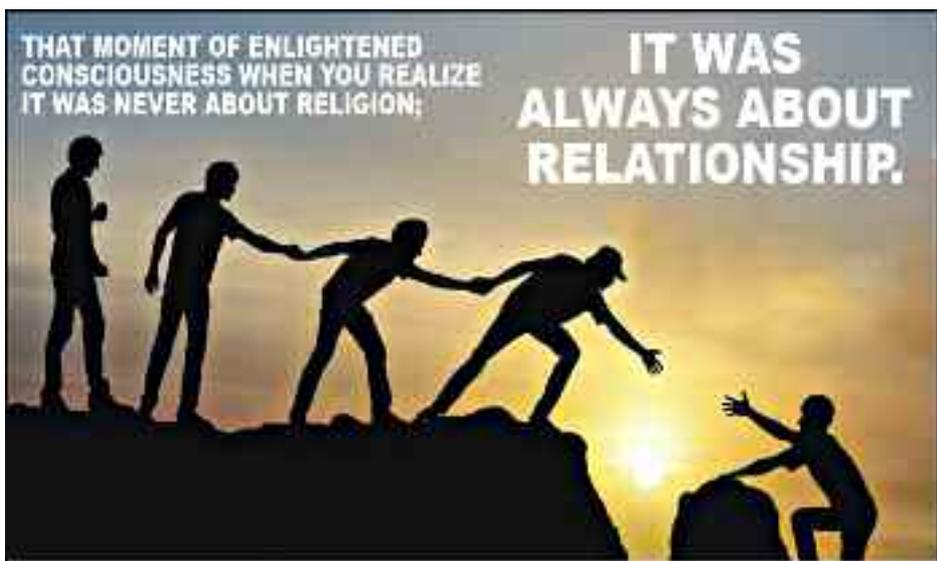
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WHAT'S HAPPENING



Alabama Coastal Clean-up is a one week event Volunteers to collect & submit trash documentation Sept. 19-27

The 2020 Alabama Coastal Cleanup is a week long event this year, as select zones will have dumpsters in place from September 19-27. Now in its 33rd year, Coastal Cleanup is the Alabama's largest annual volunteer event. Zone Captains will be at zones at 8 a.m. on Sept. 19 to hand out supplies. But you don't have to zone up to clean up.

Using your own supplies is acceptable and volunteers can choose to clean either on Sept. 19 or anytime during the week, as dumpsters should remain at select zones through Sept. 27. Volunteers will be asked to record trash collection data on the CleanSwell App. To become involved, visit AlabamaCoastalCleanup.com for a zone nearest you or call 251-928-9792.

In an effort to minimize contact between volunteers, organizers ask that groups send just one or two people to the site to pick up supplies and abide by state recommendations of social distancing and wearing face coverings. Volunteers should bring their own

face coverings and gloves, and all documentation will be collected through the Clean Swell app rather than data cards.

The Coastal Cleanup, normally held on the third Saturday of September brings together citizens, school groups, businesses and clubs who walk or boat in 28 different zones throughout Mobile and Baldwin Counties. Volunteers pick up what they find and record the data, which is submitted to The Ocean Conservancy to track what is getting into our oceans.

The information is used for education on sources of debris and its effect on the environment. During the past 32 years, more than 77,000 volunteers removed over 1.5 million pounds of marine debris from Alabama's valued coastline and waterways. Come prepared with sunscreen, a hat, gloves, shoes and lots of water.

Pictured: Coastal Cleanup volunteers from the Orange Beach Fire Dept.; The Little Lagoon Preservation Society and Riviera Utilities.

- cludes 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).
- **Soul Food Junkies:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- **Bo Grant (formerly of the Platters):** 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **Gringo Fife Duo:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.
- **Willie Traywick Band:** 7; Island Time Daiquiri Bar; Orange Beach.
- **Kristi Dees:** 7; Hub Stacy's; Innerarity Point.
- **Karaoke:** 7:30; Live Bait, Orange Beach.
- **Midlife Crisis:** 7; OSO; Orange Beach.
- **Les Linton:** 7; Tacky Jacks, Fort Morgan.
- **Rock Bottom:** 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's; Gulf Shores.
- **Justin Fobes:** 1; Purple Parrot Tiki Bar; Perdido Key.
- **Justin Wall & Chris Hergenoder:** 6; Purple Parrot Tiki Bar; Perdido Key.
- **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.
- **The Favorites Band:** 7; AL Gulf Coast Music Hall, Foley.
- **Open Mixed Doubles Tennis:** 7:30 a.m.; all levels welcome; Gulf Shores Tennis Center; corner of West 19th Ave. and West 2nd St.
- **Bingo:** 5:30; Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5659; Elberta.
- **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. & 11 a.m.; Foley United Methodist Church, 915 N Pine St.
- **Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables:** schedule on pages 26-27; (includes Ole River Grill & Flora-Bama Yacht Club, Flora-Bama), Perdido Key.
- **OWA Island Movie Night:** 7; Amphitheater in Downtown OWA, Foley.
- **Bo Grant (formerly of the Platters):** 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **Willie Traywick Band:** 7; Island Time Daiquiri Bar; Orange Beach.
- **Tyler Livingston & The Absolutes:** 7:30; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- **Gambino:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.
- **Eric Stone:** 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's; Gulf Shores.
- **Gear Head:** 7; The Office, Foley.
- **Soul Food Junkies:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- **Razorhawk:** 7; Hub Stacy's; Innerarity Point.
- **Darrel Roberts:** 1; Purple Parrot Tiki Bar; Perdido Key.
- **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.
- **The Favorites Band:** 7; AL Gulf Coast Music Hall, Foley.
- **Free Veteran's Breakfast:** 9-10 a.m.; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- **Karaoke:** 7; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.
- **Texas Hold'em:** 7; The Office, Foley.
- **Coastal Alabama Farmers and Fishermen Market:** 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.; 20733 Mifflin Rd. (County Rd. 20), Foley.
- **Baldwin County Genealogical Society:** 10 a.m.; public invited; Foley Library; 319 East Laurel Ave.
- **Optimist Club of Perdido Bay:** breakfast every Saturday at 7 a.m. at the Lillian Community Club in Lillian; (251) 961-2620.
- **AA:** 10 a.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship

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WHAT'S HAPPENING



TENNESSEE TOURIST DROWNS TRYING TO HELP OTHERS: Karen Graham, a 53-year-old tourist from Collierville, Tennessee who was staying at The Beach Club during a girls getaway trip, drowned on Aug. 30 while leading a human chain of up to 20 people trying to save other swimmers in distress on Sept. 1. "Someone started hollering for help and Karen took off running to help," Graham's mother, Laura Carrigan, told NBC 15. "She swallowed water directly in to her lungs. The doctor told her husband she actually died of a heart attack from salt build up." Fort Morgan Assistant Fire Chief Michael Ludvigsen told NBC 15 that the actions the people on the beach took were admirable, but he highly discourages people to use human chains to save swimmers in trouble. "There have been times when human chains have been successful. It's extremely dangerous. You're putting so many more people in danger," he said. "I'm hurt, of course, that she's gone, but I know she worked really hard to save those girls' lives," said Graham's mother. Graham was an organ donor. So she was saving other lives even after giving up her own through an act of bravery.

Monthly skins game returns Oct. 4 to Orange Beach Golf Center

The Orange Beach Golf Center will host the first Skins Game of the 2020-21 fall/winter season on Sunday, October 4th, and then on the first Sunday of each month through March, with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. The public is welcome.

There are Skins on all 18 holes, a closest-to-the-pin contest, and \$250 for a hole-in-one on any of the 18 holes. Cost is \$5.50 for Golf Center members and \$22 for non-members. Registration starts at noon. Each player places \$5 to a pot for Skins and \$2 in a pot for closest-to-the-pin.

There are nine Orange Beach merchants sponsoring the hole-in-one prize. Free hot dogs, chips and drinks will be served prior to the tournament.

The Orange Beach Golf Center is located at 4700 Easy Street, off of Canal Road. The 9-Hole, Par-3 Course is open daily from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and the lighted Driving Range is open from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.

For more information, call 251-981-GOLF (4653). The Orange Beach Golf Center hosts the Skins Game each year on the first Sunday of each month from October through March.

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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. & 11 a.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Activities Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

SUN, SEPT 13

- **The Church at the Flora-Bama:** 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.; Flora-Bama Tent Stage, Perdido Key.
- **Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables:** schedule on pages 26-27; (includes Ole River Grill & Flora-Bama Yacht Club, Flora-Bama), Perdido Key.
- **Open Mic at The Sand Bar:** 1 p.m.; Pirates Cove; Josephine.
- **Gypsy Pearl:** 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's; Gulf Shores.
- **Southern Puffer:** 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **J Hawks:** 1; Purple Parrot Tiki Bar; Perdido Key.
- **Shelby Brown:** 11; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.
- **Gary Story & Rickstar:** 6; Purple Parrot

- **Tiki Bar:** Perdido Key.
- **Greg Brown:** noon; The Tin Top Restaurant, Bon Secour.
- **The Hi-Fi Band:** 6; OSO; Orange Beach.
- **Danny Grady:** 2; Fraternal Order of Eagles; Foley.
- **Karaoke:** 7:30; Live Bait, Orange Beach.
- **Lisa Christian:** noon; Tacky Jack's, Gulf Shores.
- **Roger & Elaine:** 5; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- **John Joiner & Friends:** 4; Hub Stacey's at the Point; Innerarity Point.
- **League Pool:** 7; The Office, Foley.
- **AA:** 5 p.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

MON, SEPT 14

- **Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables:** schedule on pages 26-27; (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.



ORANGE BEACH YARDS OF THE MONTH: The Orange Beach Garden Club has selected the home of Jaelyn & Zac Reddell as its residential yard of the month, and Dr. Erika McCoy and the City of Orange Beach Landscaping Crew as its Commercial Yards of the month for the new Orange Beach Middle and High School grounds. Jaelyn & Zac Reddell have a beautiful yard at 28350 Canal Road that Zac works very hard to maintain. Included in the landscaping is liriopie, hydrangeas, crepe myrtles, and sago palm. The landscaping at the new school complex is beautiful. **Pictured:** Pictured with Jaelyn and Zac are Parker and Abigail and Susan Grant of the OB Garden Club. Pictured with Dr. Erika McCoy is the Orange Beach Landscaping Crew and Renita Myers of the Orange Beach Garden Club.

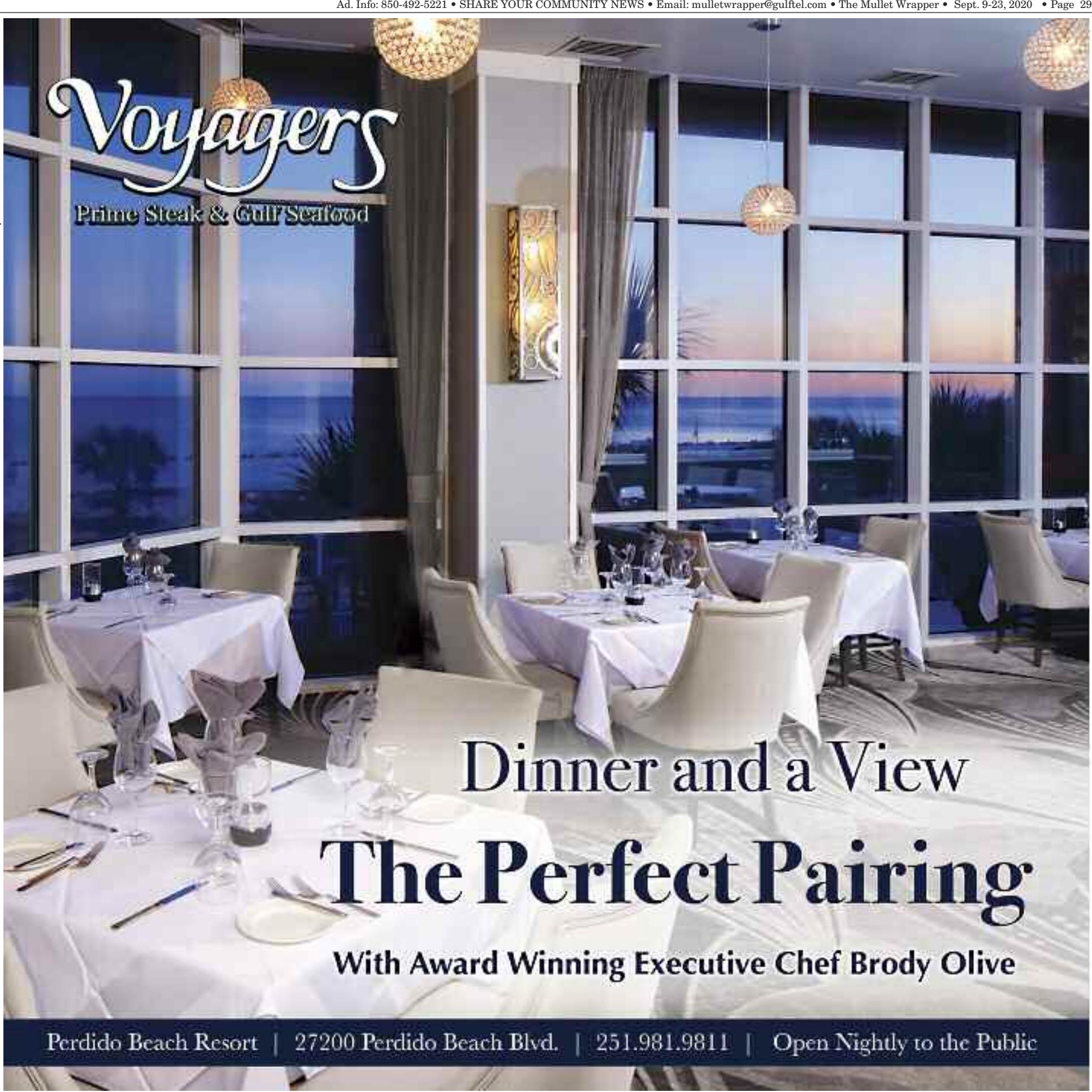


- **Brent Burns:** 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's; Gulf Shores.
- **Brittany Grimes:** 6; OSO; Orange Beach.
- **Hippie Jim:** 1; Purple Parrot Tiki Bar; Perdido Key.
- **Sandy Roots Records Songwriters Night:** 6; Purple Parrot Tiki Bar; Perdido Key.
- **Cole Decker:** 7; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- **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.



First Presbyterian of G.S. welcomes new minister

The First Presbyterian Church in Gulf Shores welcomed a new Minister, Rev. Christina Ennen, on August 1. The church is holding virtual services online which can be watched at any time. They can be accessed on its website and Facebook page. Rev. Ennen also offers Morning and Evening Prayers, as well as "From the Pastor's Pen", each week. Among its many offerings in response to the current pandemic, First Presbyterian has become a monthly site for American Red Cross Blood Drives, has initiated a new project, "Take 'n' Bake" (Casseroles for GSCS Teachers) and has a Blessing Box in its southern parking lot to help those in need.



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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Kiwanis Club of Foley

Poker Run is Oct. 3

The Kiwanis Club of Foley will host a poker ruin on Saturday, Oct. 3. All licensed bikes and riders are welcome.

Sponsored by Vallarta's Mexican Restaurant, the ride starts at Heritage Park, 100 North McKenzie, Highway 59 in Foley. Registration begins at 9 a.m. and motorcycles go out at 10 a.m. The ride fee is \$40 for the rider and \$20 for a passenger playing a poker hand. Extra hands can be purchased for \$20. Draw a joker and receive \$25. There will be no wildcards.

The ride will be approximately 100 miles and will include five stops, with the first and last being at Heritage Park. Cash prizes include \$300 for the best hand, \$200 for second best, and \$100 for third best. The ride ends with a party that includes door prizes, and a 50/50 drawings at 3 p.m. at Heritage Park.

For more information go to foleykiwanisclub.com or call (859) 771-6091. All proceeds will be used to support youth of Southern Baldwin County.

Sept. 12 Ride For The Fallen honors Spc. Justin Coleman

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 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 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 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." 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.

Open baptism to follow 11 a.m. service Sept. 20 at Flora-Bama

Following its 11 a.m. service on September 20 at the Flora-Bama Lounge, the The Central Flora-Bama Church will host a baptism ceremony in the Gulf of Mexico at the Fl-Al state line. It is open to anybody who has not been baptized since becoming a believer of Christ.

"Baptism does not save us, but it shows others that we are believers and demonstrates our love and obedience to Christ. Join us for this special celebration," said pastor Rick Long.

To sign up to be baptized or to learn more information about the ceremony or the church, email florabama@centralonline.tv, visit florabama.churchcenter.com or call 251-256-0858.

The church is non-denominational and meets at the world famous Flora-Bama Bar for 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. services every Sunday. It is a place where "It's Okay to not be Okay!"

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. For more info, call 251-943-5550.

Participants include Direct Auto Insurance, Long's Human Resource Services, OWA, Craft Farms Golf Resort, Homecare Companions, Waffle House, Meyer Vacation Rentals and more.

- **T.O.P.S. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly):** weigh-in 5:30; meeting 6; First Presbyterian Church of Foley; (Berry & Highway 59).
- **AA:** Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
- **Ladies AA:** 10 a.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

TUE, SEPT 15

- **Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables:** schedule on pages 26-27; (includes Ole River Grill & Flora-Bama Yacht Club, Flora-Bama), Perdido Key.
- **Bama Beach Pickleball Club:** 9:00; Church of Christ, 2414 West 1st St., Gulf Shores; (new members welcome).
- **JW Karaoke:** 6; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
- **Justin Yawn:** 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's; Gulf Shores.
- **Tiki Trivia:** 7; Purple Parrot Tiki Bar; Perdido Key.
- **Clay Connor & John Cook:** 6; OSO; Orange Beach.
- **Bingo:** 5; 45 Restaurant & Bar; One Club, Gulf Shores.
- **Wingbeat:** 6; AL. Gulf Coast Music Hall, Foley.
- **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 9; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **Karaoke w. Kelly:** 7:30; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- **Sandy Roots Songwriters Series:** 6:30 p.m.; The Point, Innerarity Point.
- **Pool Tournery:** 7; Snapper's; Orange Beach.
- **Texas Hold 'em:** 7; The Office, Foley.
- **Coastal Alabama Farmers and Fishermen Market:** 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.; 20733 Mifflin Rd. (County Rd. 20), Foley.
- **Foley Lions Club:** noon; Vallarta's, 1145 S. McKenzie St., Foley; 859-771-6091.

WED, SEPT 16

- **Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables:** schedule on pages 26-27; (in-

- cludes Ole River Grill & Flora-Bama Yacht Club, Flora-Bama), Perdido Key.
- **Bama Beach Pickleball Club:** 9:00; Church of Christ, 2414 West 1st St., Gulf Shores; (new members welcome).
- **Open Mic:** 5; Tacky Jack's, Gulf Shores.
- **Les Linton:** 7; Tacky Jacks, Fort Morgan.
- **John Joiner & Darrel Roberts:** 6; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
- **Troy Martin:** 1; Purple Parrot Tiki Bar; Perdido Key.
- **Adam Holt:** 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's;

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 • **Don Stafford's All-Time Country Hits Show:** 7; AL Gulf Coast Music Hall, Foley.
 • **Karaoke w. J.W. Baker:** 6; Purple Parrot Tiki Bar, Perdido Key.
 • **Scott Koehn:** 6; OSO; Orange Beach.
 • **Gary Story & Friends:** 7; Marina Stage; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
 • **Karaoke & League Pool:** 7:30; The Office, Foley.
 • **Coastal Alabama Farmers and Fishermen's Market:** 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.; 20733 Millin Rd. (County Rd. 20), Foley.
 • **Karaoke:** 6; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
 • **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 9; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
 • **Artie Hopkins:** 5; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
 • **Bingo:** 10 a.m.; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
 • **Karaoke:** 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
 • **BBRC Running Club:** 5:30 p.m.; Big Beach Brewery in Gulf Shores; lafleet-

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 • **Open Mixed Doubles Tennis:** 7:30 a.m.; all levels welcome; Gulf Shores Tennis Center; corner of West 19th Ave. and West 2nd St.
 • **Food Ministry For Hungry Families:** noon-1 p.m.; Grace Lutheran Church, corner of West 23rd Ave. and West 4th St. in Gulf Shores; 251-968-5991.
 • **Food Bank:** 9 - 11 a.m every Wednesday, Perdido Bay Baptist Church, 12600 Sorrento Rd. Pensacola; call for eligibility requirements at (850) 492-2604.
 • **Bread Ministry:** 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.; Orange Beach United Methodist Church Brook's Center.
 • **AA:** Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
THU, SEPT 17
 • **Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables:** schedule on pages 26-27; (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.
 • **Soul Food Junkies:** 5; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
 • **JJ Mack:** 6; Tacky Jacks; Orange Beach.
 • **Skyline Kings:** 6; Hub Stacy's; Innerarity Point.
 • **Karaoke:** 7; Tacky Jacks, Fort Morgan.
 • **Ronnie Presley:** 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's; Gulf Shores.
 • **Bell & Bull:** 6; OSO; Orange Beach.
 • **John Michael:** 1; Purple Parrot Tiki Bar; Perdido Key.
 • **JW Karaoke:** 6; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
 • **Piano Bar:** 5; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
 • **Karaoke w. Kelly:** 7:30; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
 • **Karaoke:** 7:30; Live Bait, Orange Beach.
 • **Tim Roberts:** 6; The Tin Top Restaurant, Bon Secour.
 • **Danny Grady:** 2; Fraternal Order of Eagles; Foley.

• **HartStrings:** 6:30; The Point; Innerarity Point.
 • **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 9; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
 • **Rick Whaley & Tommy Mazzulo:** 6; Purple Parrot Tiki Bar; Perdido Key.
 • **The Favorites Band:** 7; AL Gulf Coast Music Hall, Foley.
 • **Texas Hold'em:** 7; The Office, Foley.
 • **Karaoke:** 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
 • **Gulf Shores United Methodist Church Bread Ministry:** 9-10; every Thursday; room 103 on the south campus, next to Crossroad; 251 968-2411.
 • **AA:** Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
FRI, SEPT 18
 • **Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables:** schedule on pages 26-27; (includes Ole River Grill & Flora-Bama Yacht Club, Flora-Bama), Perdido Key.
 • **Comedian Kenn Kingston:** 7; free family oriented show; Woodside Restaurant; Gulf State Park, Gulf Shores.

• **Greg Brown:** 6; Tacky Jacks; Orange Beach.
 • **Bama Beach Pickleball Club:** 9-noon; Church of Christ, 2414 West 1st St., Gulf Shores; (new members welcome).
 • **Southern Puffer:** 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
 • **The Defrosters:** 7; Tacky Jacks, Fort Morgan.
 • **Jay Williams:** 7; Hub Stacy's; Innerarity Point.
 • **Three Bean Soup:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
 • **Greg Brown:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.
 • **Piano Bar:** 5; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
 • **Barstool Revival:** 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's; Gulf Shores.
 • **Justin Fobes:** 1; Purple Parrot Tiki Bar; Perdido Key.
 • **Gary Story & Rickstar:** 6; Purple Parrot Tiki Bar; Perdido Key.
 • **The Charlie Wilson Band:** 7; OSO; Orange Beach.
 • **Midlife Crisis:** 7:30; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.

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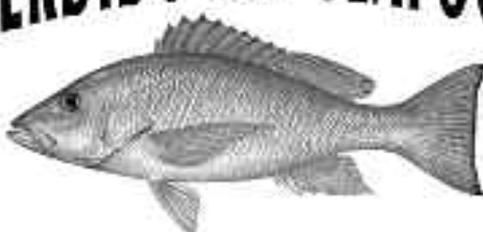
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WHAT'S HAPPENING

COASTAL WILDLIFE & NATIVE PLANTS

BY JOHN MARSHALL

Mosquitoes

Of all the wildlife along the Gulf Coast, none are more loathed than mosquitoes. Mosquito is Spanish for “little fly”, and they are indeed members of the fly family. They have only one pair of wings and both males and females feed mostly on flower nectar.



Only when the female is preparing to lay eggs does she take a “blood meal” from an animal. Most of those animals are birds and mammals, but some mosquitoes feed only on reptiles and amphibians.

Some mosquito species lay a single egg, while others may lay over 300 at a time (several times over). Mosquitoes lay their eggs in standing water, like marshes and lakes or at the edge of wet areas where

they lay dormant for long periods until water levels rise (they are called flood water mosquitoes). Other species lay their eggs in containers, like buckets, bird baths and knot holes in trees.

After hatching, the mosquito become larvae, often called “wigglers”, looking a little like caterpillars. They feed on algae and rotten organic matter and can be seen near the surface of the water. Here they take oxygen from the air through a tub called a siphon. They will remain in the larval stage for one or two weeks, depending on the species and water temperature. They will go through a series of molts called “instars” as they grow. After the last instar, the mosquito larva becomes pupa. At this stage they look like a comma and stop feeding. The pupa stage lasts a day or two, after which the adult emerges.

Most adult mosquitoes are weak flyers, only traveling a few hundred feet from where they hatch. Some of the large salt marsh species, however, can fly up to a mile. Most species can only fly about 1.5 miles per hour and less than 25 feet above the ground.

While some mosquitoes are active during the day (like the permanent water species), others are most active around sunset. Once the air temperature drops below 50 degrees Fahrenheit, most mosquitoes become inactive. Also, they won't fly when wind speeds get over 10 miles per hour, due to their small size.

While some mosquito species die off in the winter, others leave their eggs and larvae to carry on. Larval mosquitoes have been seen swimming under the ice in northerly climates. Some adults will over winter in storm drains and tree holes. Mosquitoes are not just the bane of southerners, but are found as far north as northern Canada and Alaska.

Of the more than 3000 species of mosquitoes world-wide, only a handful are dangerous to humans and domestic animals. These species, however, are considered among the deadliest species on earth, acting as vectors for such diseases as malaria, yellow fever, dog heartworm and Eastern equine encephalitis.

The best way to not get bitten by mosquitoes is to eliminate breeding sites, especially around the home. This is where “container” mosquitoes are most active. Emptying standing water from containers, cleaning out bird baths and changing pet water dishes will work wonders to reduce the likelihood of becoming a “blood meal” for a mama mosquito.

- **Two Old Guys: 5;** Fraternal Order of Eagles; Foley.
- **The Favorites Band: 7;** AL. Gulf Coast Music Hall, Foley.
- **Roger & Elaine: 7;** American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- **Karaoke w. Kelly Ann: 6;** American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- **Open Jam 7;** American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.
- **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 19

- **Tacky Jacks 40th Anniversary Party:** noon 'til; Tacky Jacks; Orange Beach. Gulf Shores & Fr.Morgan locations.
- **Jessie Black: noon-4;** Tacky Jacks; Gulf Shores.
- **Comedian Kenn Kingston: 7;** free family

- oriented show; Woodside Restaurant; Gulf State Park, Gulf Shores.
- **Free Milk Giveaway: 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.;** Foley United Methodist Church, 915 N Pine St.
- **Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables:** schedule on pages 26-27; (includes Ole River Grill & Flora-Bama Yacht Club, Flora-Bama), Perdido Key.
- **Saucy Fuzz: 7;** Island Time Daiquiri Bar; Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke: 7;** Tacky Jacks, Fort Morgan.
- **JERI: 5;** Lucy Buffett's Lulu's; Gulf Shores.
- **Platinum Premier: 7;** Hub Stacy's; Innerarity Point.
- **False Identity Band: 7;** The Office, Foley.
- **Jesse Bumann: 1;** Purple Parrot Tiki Bar; Perdido Key.
- **Josh Newcom: 6;** Purple Parrot Tiki Bar; Perdido Key.
- **Jay Williams: 7:30;** Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- **Ryan Balthrop & Friends: 7;** OSO; Orange Beach.
- **Bruti: 6:30;** American Legion Post 99;

- Foley.
- **Jim McAdams: 3;** Fraternal Order of Eagles; Foley.
- **Open Mic at The Sand Bar: 1 p.m.;** Pirates Cove; Josephine.
- **Open Jam: 8;** American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.
- **The Favorites Band: 7;** AL. Gulf Coast Music Hall, Foley.
- **Coastal Alabama Farmers and Fishermen Market: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.;** 20733 Mifflin Rd. (County Rd. 20), Foley.
- **Texas Hold 'em: 7;** The Office, Foley.
- **Baldwin County Republican Executive Committee: 10 a.m.;** Robertsdale City Hall Building; 251-379-0748 or don@mc-griffaw.com
- **Optimist Club of Perdido Bay:** breakfast every Saturday at 7 a.m. at the Lillian Community Club in Lillian; (251) 961-2620.
- **AA: 10 a.m.;** Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
- **Ladies AA: 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.;** Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pen-

Sept. 26-27 Jubilee Fest in Daphne is still a go

The Eastern Shore Chamber of Commerce's September 26-27 Jubilee Festival of Arts is being moved to Lott Park (2000 Main St. in Daphne) to allow more space for social distancing. Hours are 10 a.m. 'til 5 p.m. each day rain or shine.

The park space allows for 10 ft. of distance between vendors along the oak-lined streets of Olde Towne Daphne. The fest features more than 100 local and regional artists, a market for local food makers, entertainment, and a “Grab and Go Kids Art” tent. Kids can pick up supplies, then follow along online with featured artist Ricky Trione as he teaches a virtual art class.

Team Alabama chefs will offer cooking demonstrations all weekend, and high school students will compete and exhibit their work in various mediums.

More info: thejubileefestival.com.

Coastal Al. Chamber presents summer Island Spirit Awards

The Coastal Alabama Business Chamber recognized honored Arletheia Keil of Rouses Markets in Gulf Shores, Katie Hamm of The Beach House Kitchen & Cocktails in Gulf Shores and Leah Griffin of the Holiday Inn Express on the Beach in Orange Beach and Cassie Trattles of The Southern Grind Coffee House at The Wharf in Orange Beach with Island Spirit Award during the summer months.

The efforts of these employees are greatly appreciated and needed in order for our

area to thrive in its busiest months!

The Island Spirit Award is presented monthly by the Coastal Alabama Business Chamber and Beachball Properties to give recognition to individuals who make special contributions to the quality of life we enjoy in the Coastal Alabama region. Leslie Haley chairs the Island Spirit Committee. More info: mygulfcoastchamber.com/islandspiritaward.

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.



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THE GOODY PET

BY PETE DECKER

10 Foods You Should Never Feed Your Dog

We know it's difficult to resist those big brown eyes and adorable grin, but it can sometimes be as simple as throwing them a piece of your chocolate bar or leftovers from dinner that could trigger all kinds of nasty symptoms. As always, if you think your pet has eaten any of the following foods, and is displaying any signs of illness, contact your local veterinarian and seek some advice.

- **Garlic (Inc. Herbs & Chives):** Vegetables such as garlic, herbs and chives can cause quite serious gastrointestinal that could lead to dangerous internal damage. Whether the garlic is cooked, raw or powdered, it can kill your dogs red blood cells resulting in anaemia.
- **Chocolate:** If your dog consumes chocolate, their heart will start to beat rapidly as the heart rate rises. Chocolate contains a substance called methylxanthines which can be found in cocoa seeds. This can cause vomiting, diarrhoea, panting and more than normal urination. In some worse cases, hyperactivity and seizures may occur. Depending on the size of your dog and the amount they digest is also a factor. The bottom line is though that all chocolate is bad for your dog, even white chocolate.
- **Raw Eggs:** Within a raw diet, some owners feed their dogs uncooked eggs, which some would consider a bad idea. Raw or uncooked eggs have a high chance of containing bacteria like salmonella or E. coli which can result in food poisoning for your dog.
- **Grapes & Raisins:** For some reason, dogs are attracted to the smells of sweet fruit but unfortunately, these foods can be highly toxic. Right now, it's known that we as owners don't have an exact reason why this is. All we know is, dogs eating things like grapes and raisins can cause kidney failure. Least to say, it's best to keep them well away.
- **Macadamia Nuts:** When ingested, macadamia nuts can be fatal to dogs. Sometimes, within as little as 12 hours, this can cause dogs to show symptoms of poisoning which can include weakness, depression, tremors, vomiting and increased body temperature. Due to the high fat and oil content in these nuts, even a small amount consumed can cause these symptoms to last for up to 48 hours.
- **Alcohol:** It seems an obvious one, right? However, it's known that some dog owners think it's amusing to watch dogs stumble, intoxicated. This is not a laughing matter and under no circumstances should you let your dog consume any alcohol, not even a drop. Letting your dog have some alcohol is cruel and very dangerous. Even the smallest amount consumed can cause vomiting, diarrhoea, depression, difficulty breathing, coma and even death. The toxicity level is 100% in dogs with death occurring 12 to 24 hours after ingestion.
- **Bones (Raw & Cooked):** Cooked bones or raw bones, including those that come from leftovers, are not safe for your dog. Bones can splinter into shards that can cause choking and serious damage to the dog's mouth, throat, or intestines. On top of that, your dog's teeth could be at risk too. This could result in an expensive dentist bill.
- **Avocado:** Avocado pulp is okay, the skin and meat are okay and not toxic to dogs. It's the pit. The pit doesn't digest in a dog's intestinal system and is likely cause a blockage. The only option left would be to surgically remove it. Bottom line is to keep your pup away from avocados.
- **Salty Snacks:** Having too much salt can cause symptoms including dehydration if they eat more than they should. It's unfortunate that salt is so very tasty to dogs.
- **Yeast or Raw Bread Dough:** Dough is a don't. Yeast dough will still rise even when the dog has consumed it, releasing toxic levels of ethanol into the dog's bloodstream. This can be painful for your dog and cause the stomach to bloat and potentially become life threatening. Another danger with raw dough is that the fermenting yeast creates ethanol. This can cause alcohol poisoning in your dog which can be fatal. Symptoms to be aware of are difficulty breathing, panting, drooling, vomiting, weakness or, disorientation.

Pete Decker, the lead editor at The Goody Pet. Pete loves to share his passion for pet. You can find more of Pete at his website, Twitter or Facebook.

Fraternal Order of Eagles offering line dance lessons

By TK Kipp

The Fraternal Order of Eagles #4549 in Foley are gearing up some fun activities to help raise money for charities. All of our functions are kept in accordance to health codes and sanitization takes place regularly. Our address is 8380 Highway 59 South, Foley. Our phone number is 251-971-4549

The fun starts on September 14 with line dance lessons on Monday evenings with Paula Ann Demonic. They will be an hour long and only cost \$5 per person per session. Due to limited floor space, we are holding the class to 12 at the present time. Call the Club at 251-971-4549 to reserve your spot. And pay when you arrive. Time is 5 to 6 p.m. Ladies will be receiving a dollar off their drinks!

We continue being crazy as we wind up the flamingos for a race for charity! \$5 gets you a flamingo for each race on September 19.

Don't forget our musical entertainment which starts off on Thursdays at 2 P.M. with Danny Grady; Fridays it's Two Old Guys 5 to 8 PM; Saturdays is Jim McAdams 3 to 7 PM; and we have Danny Grady with us again on Sundays starting at 2 PM

On October 10, the club is going to have our own shrimp gala starting at 2 PM but the day will start with a Motorcycle show at 11 AM till 3 PM. There is no entry fee for the bikes, but the shrimp plate will be \$10.00 to sample all.

October 23 will start our Bazaar and bake sale and the Life South Van will be here so you can donate blood. Cost to rent a 10x10 space is \$10 for the 2 days, 23rd and 24th. The sale will start at 9 AM.

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SUN, SEPT 20

- **The Church at the Flora-Bama:** 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.; Flora-Bama Tent Stage, Perdido Key.
- **Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables:** schedule on pages 26-27; (includes Ole River Grill & Flora-Bama Yacht Club, Flora-Bama), Perdido Key.
- **J & J:** 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **JJ Mack:** 11; Tacky Jacks; Orange Beach.
- **Danny Grady:** 2; Fraternal Order of Eagles; Foley.
- **The John & Stan Show:** 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's; Gulf Shores.
- **Darrel Roberts:** 1; Purple Parrot Tiki Bar; Perdido Key.
- **Skyline Kings:** 6; Purple Parrot Tiki Bar; Perdido Key.
- **Brittany Grimes:** noon; The Tin Top Restaurant, Bon Secour.
- **Hundred Dollar Car:** 6; OSO; Orange Beach.
- **Open Mic at The Sand Bar:** 1 p.m.; Pirates Cove; Josephine.
- **Karaoke:** 7:30; Live Bait, Orange Beach.
- **Lisa Christian:** noon; Tacky Jack's, Gulf Shores.
- **Roger & Elaine:** 5; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- **John Joiner & Friends:** 4; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
- **League Pool:** 7; The Office, Foley.
- **AA:** 5 p.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

MON, SEPT 21

- **Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables:** schedule on pages 26-27; (includes Ole River Grill & Flora-Bama Yacht Club, Flora-Bama), Perdido Key.
- **Bama Beach Pickleball Club:** 9-noon; Church of Christ, 2414 West 1st St., Gulf Shores; (new members welcome).
- **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 9; Papa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **Brent Burns:** 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's; Gulf Shores.
- **Chris Morreau:** 1; Purple Parrot Tiki Bar; Perdido Key.
- **Cole Decker:** 7; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- **Brittany Grimes:** 6; OSO; 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.
- **League Pool:** 7; 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:** 6; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- **Take Off Pounds Sensibly:** 5-7 p.m.; Foley Presbyterian Church; 965-2737. songwriters all original open mic from 9:00-12:00 pm.
- **AA:** Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

TUE, SEPT 22

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Magnolia Springs Public Library is located at 12440 Magnolia Avenue, Suite 600, in Magnolia Springs. for more info, call 251-965-2305.

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!

Sponsors for Bama Coast Cruise include O'Reilly Auto Parts, the City of Orange Beach, The Wharf, Wharf Rental Management, Young's Suncoast Rentals and the Alabama Gulf Coast Convention and Visitors Bureau.

- **Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables:** schedule on pages 26-27; (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.
- **Light Travelers:** 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's; Gulf Shores.
- **JW Karaoke:** 6; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
- **Tiki Trivia:** 7; Purple Parrot Tiki Bar; Perdido Key.
- **Jesse & Brent:** 6; OSO; Orange Beach.
- **Bingo:** 5; 45 Restaurant & Bar; One Club, Gulf Shores.
- **Pool Tourney:** 7; Snapper's; Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke w. Kelly:** 7:30; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- **Texas Hold 'em:** 7; The Office, Foley.
- **Wingbeat:** 6; AL. Gulf Coast Music Hall, Foley.
- **Line Dancing:** 6; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- **Coastal Alabama Farmers and Fishermen Market:** 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.; 20733 Milfin Rd. (County Rd. 20), Foley.
- **South Baldwin Republican Women:** Gift Horse Rest., 11:30 a.m.; 4th Tuesday of Every Month, public invited, Info: 251-978-6178.
- **Orange Beach City Council Meeting:** 5 p.m.; City Hall; 980-INFO.

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PICTURES OF THE WEEK



Courtney Gibb shares the beauty of Orange Beach.



The August full moon courtesy of Joey Lorio.



Full moon was setting & the sun was coming up," writes Cathy Deal.



"Storm coming in over Phoenix on the Bay II," from Richard Tursi



"This was taken at the Beach Club on Ft.Morgan Rd.," writes Kim Turner.



From Jim Smith.



"Marco/Laura storm exposes an old ship wreck in Fort Morgan," writes Kendra



Donnie Canaan shares pictures from Boggy Point.

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PICTURES OF THE WEEK



“Morning at Gulf Place,” from Dennis Whitney.



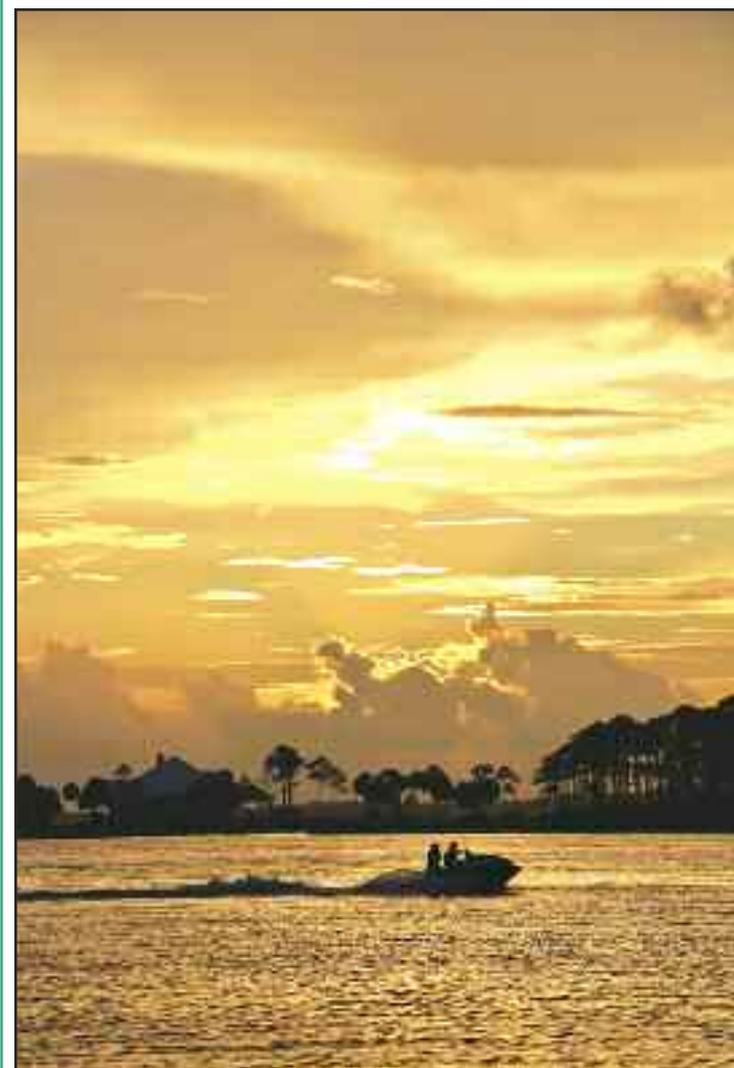
Found this seaweed bouquet after the storm made completely by nature. Charlene



Catch of the Day by Raquel Spiegel from Gulf Shores.



“Ernie looking at his shadow in W. 6th Ave canal,” writes Sherry Byrd.



From Cathy Deal: “Taken Monday night, 6/29/20, at sunset from Innerarity Point as a few locals are trying to enjoy the last of daylight. The Sahara Dust Plume certainly has given us hues of yellow & burnt orange that we typically do not see at sunset.”



Storm approaching Gulf Place submitted by Flannary Thompson.



Sunset over Cotton Bayou, courtesy of Jim Lawson of Orange Beach.

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Family comedian Kingston free shows Sept. 18-19 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 (pictured left), 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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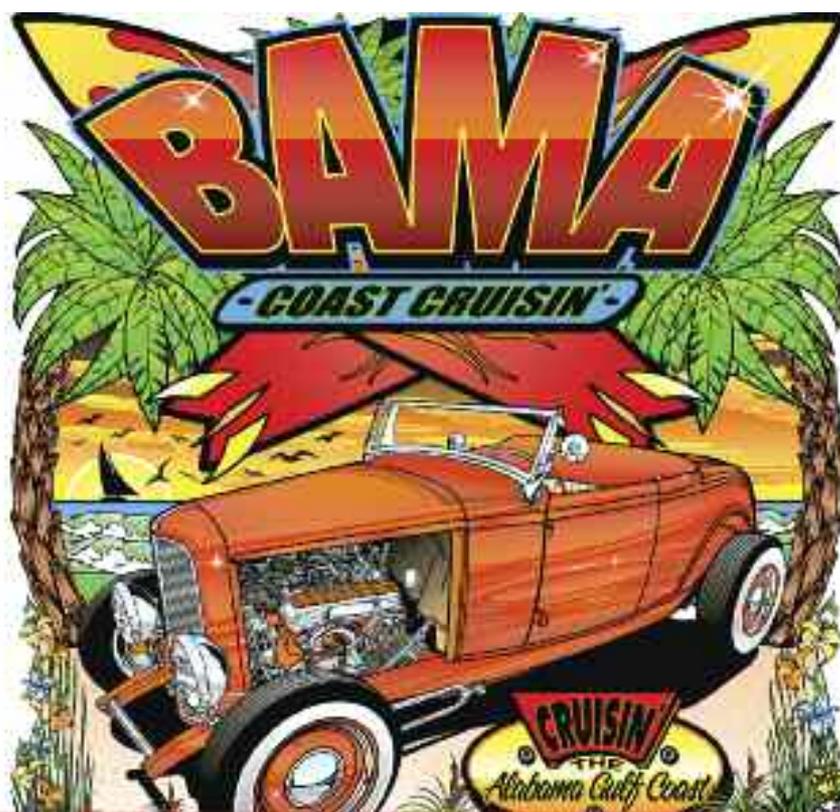
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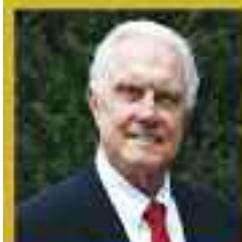


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Funny Bones

By George Ridder



If you rearrange the letters of Mailmen...They get really upset.

Student: "Professor, I can't go to class today."

Professor: "Why?"

Student: "I don't feel well."

Professor: "Where don't you feel well?"

Student: "In class."

Husband: "I sure wish you could learn to make the kinda of bread my mother use to make."

Wife: "And I wish you would learn to make the dough my father used to make."

Mother: I think you is going to be an astronaut.

Father: What makes you think that?

Mother: I spoke to his teacher today. She said he is taking up space.

A man entered a pet shop, wanting to buy a parrot. The shop owner pointed out two identical parrots on a perch and said, "The parrot to the left costs 500 dollars."

"Why does that parrot cost so much?" the man wondered.

The owner replied, "Well, it knows how to use a computer." The man asked about the next parrot on the perch.

"That one costs 2,000 dollars." "And what does that one do?" the man asked.

The owner replied, "I've never seen him do a thing, but the

other one calls him boss!"

A couple wanted a watchdog to guard their premises at night. So they bought the largest dog that was for sale in the kennels of a nearby dealer.

Shortly afterwards the house was entered by burglars, who made away with a good haul while the dog slept. The householder went to the kennel dealer and told him about it.

"Well, what you need now," said the dealer, "is a little dog to wake up the big dog."

I accidentally sprayed deodorant in my mouth.

Now when I talk, I have this weird axe scent.

What is the sole purpose of a middle name?

So a child can tell when they're really in trouble!

"I'm suffering dreadfully from insomnia. I've tried all sorts of remedies, but I can find nothing that will send me to sleep." "Why don't you try talking to yourself?"

Boss: "Where have you been? I've been trying to find you all morning!"

Me: "Good employees are hard to find!"

At a local gun show two guys were bragging about their wife's abilities.

"My wife's a fine shot. She can hit a dollar every time."

"That's nothing. My wife goes through my trousers and never misses a dime."

Did you hear about the four walruses who decided to form a rock band?

They have just completed their album, "I Am The Beatle."

Arriving late for a political conference, the college student asks another student standing by the door, "How long has the candidate been talking now?"

"Half an hour."

"And what is he talking about?"

"That I wouldn't know, he hasn't said."

My wife said that my granddaughter had me wrapped around her little finger.

I said, "That's not true. I said 'no' to her just yesterday."

"What did she ask you?" "She asked me if you was

anything I wouldn't give her."

There are three kinds of men in this world...

Some remain single and make wonders happen.

Some have girlfriends and see wonders happen.

The rest get married and wonder what happened?

Growing up, I was really jealous of my best friend. His grandmother lived in a two story house which he went over to visit quite often.

My grandmother lived in a one story house - "The Little Engine That Could."

When alchemists die, they barium.

I know a guy who's addicted to brake fluid, but he says he can stop any time.

I'm reading a book about anti-gravity. I just can't put it down.

I did a theatrical performance about puns. It was a play on words.

Did you hear about the cross-eyed teacher who lost her job because she couldn't control her pupils?

When you get a bladder infection, urine pencil.

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O.B. developer buys largest riverboat in world; Pensacola a possible final destination

Orange Beach developer Larry Wireman has purchased the largest riverboat in the world, The Glory of Rome, and it is now making its way towards what could possibly be a permanent home in Pensacola.

After traversing the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers, the riverboat moored at at the mouth of the Mississippi River just south of Venice Louisiana waiting for storm related waves in the Gulf of Mexico to calm down.

“She’s the largest riverboat and gaming boat they’ve ever made,” Wireman said. “She’s got an occupancy rate of 5,000 people plus crew. She’s a big ol’ baby.”

dido Key this month on its way to dockage in Pensacola sometime in the next week.

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The ship housed a casino across the river from Louisville, Kentucky, until Indiana ended its requirement that casinos be housed in operating riverboats. The ship left Indiana on Aug. 11.

Glory of Rome, built in 1998, is 452 feet long and 100 feet wide. It is powered by six 2,000-hp engines used for propulsion and ship operations.

Wireman also owns the second largest riverboat in the world, the Argosy, which is about 10 feet shorter than The Glory of Rome. It is currently going through repairs in Bayou La Batre.

“I wasn’t losing enough money on her so I thought I’d get another one,” Wireman chuckled. “I’m going to turn it into a convention center, a hotel and maybe a dance studio. And a big restaurant,” he said. Unlike the Argosy, the Glory of

Rome doesn’t need much work unless Wireman decides to turn part of it into a hotel.

“It depends on what we do with it,” he said. “It’s got three restaurants on it now and we could open it up today for a convention center. But if we turn it into hotel rooms, we would have to do quite a bit of work on it.”

There’s a possibility it will find a permanent home in Pensacola and that would suite Wireman just fine.

“We’re talking to two or three different groups right now,” he said. “We are talking to Pensacola, and we’re pretty far along with discussions. I love Pensacola. I am just a little concerned if it’s got enough people. This is a big boat.”

It would also be a potential shot in the arm for the Pensacola economy.

“It will go to the port of Pensacola and the Pensacola Pass and right up to the port,” Wireman said.

“We’re talking to the port about making a deal with them. As you can imagine, we’ll have to have a lot of cars and a lot of parking. I think we can really help and bring a lot of people into town if that’s what they want. We’ll probably put 250 to 300 people to work.

“I love the people in Pensacola. I think we can work something out with them.”

Jacksonville is also in the running for a permanent home for the riverboat.

“We’re talking to Jacksonville very strongly,” Wireman said. “Back before the virus, we were talking to Key West really strongly. It would be housing in Key West more than anything else and that was for the Argosy VI.”

Both riverboats could also be used for cruising, but Wireman said that’s really not what he’s looking to do.

“We could haul passengers, but I just don’t think I’m planning on hauling passengers,” he said. “I think I’m going to put her on maybe permanent mooring and let her go up and down with the waves, but I think that’s going to be it.”

When it first opened as casino in 1997, the Argosy VI laid claim to being the largest riverboat in the world and was docked in Cincinnati.

According to a published report its use as a casino ended in 2009 and it was sold in 2015, but the story didn’t identify Wireman as the

buyer.

Port of Pensacola Director Amy Miller told the Pensacola News Journal in an email that the ship may dock at the port before getting work done to convert it to a restaurant, entertainment and conference center. She also confirmed the port is in negotiations with the ship’s owner to have it docked at Pensacola permanently.

“If we are able to reach an agreement with the company, we are looking at potentially developing a site on the east side of the port in the area identified in the Port Vision Plan for non-traditional, maritime-related uses,” Miller said to Jim Little of PNJ. “This would include development of new public access to that area.”

Miller told PNJ that specifics about the negotiations were confidential under Florida’s public records laws, but she said any agreement would ultimately have to be approved by the City Council, adding that the port was a long way from a deal at this point.

“We think this could potentially add a fun and unique entertainment venue to the Downtown waterfront and could fit nicely with the overall plan for developing the underutilized property on the east side of the Port,” Miller said.



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