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Registration for CSC Children's Christmas Cheer program open

Registration for the Christian Service Center Children's Christmas Cheer program for local families that need help providing a Christmas for their children is now open. This program is sponsored by our area churches, clubs, busi-

nesses and community members. The Center provides Christmas gifts from birth through high school in Orange Beach, Gulf Shores and Fort Morgan. Proof of residency is required through a current bill or lease agreement. Intake hours are from 12:30 - 2:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. There will be no intake during the week of Thanksgiving, and intake will end on De-

ember 15.

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Wreaths Across America Ceremony Dec. 19 at Barrancas Big Lagoon Kiwanians accepting sponsorships through Dec. 6

The Kiwanis Club of Big Lagoon is again spearheading the local effort to participate in the Wreaths Across America program to remember and honor our fallen veterans. The club is taking orders for wreaths specifically for Barrancas National Cemetery at NAS Pensacola through Dec. 6.

This year's Wreaths Across America ceremony and placement of wreaths at Barrancas will be on December 19 beginning at 9 a.m. Wreath sponsorships start at \$15 and payment can be made online with credit card or by check using the downloadable mail-in order form. You may pick up the wreaths or the Kiwanians and their helpers will place it for you. For more information, email barrancaswreaths@gmail.com, visit barrancaswreaths.com or call 850-207-1217.

"Take this opportunity to demonstrate your organizations gratitude for the sacrifices made by veterans," said Martin Haygood, a volunteer coordinator with the Kiwanis Club. "We ask that people please give generously and encourage others to give."

The Kiwanians, with help from the Bailey Middle School Builder's Club and the K-Kids Club,

placed wreaths on 12,000 headstones last year, providing an excellent opportunity to teach younger generations about the value of their freedoms and the importance of honoring those who sacrificed so much to protect those freedoms. Approximately 12,000 wreaths will be placed at Barrancas. This is inspiring, but it still leaves many grave sites unadorned.

Wreaths Across America is formed in 2007 as a nonprofit governed by a Board of Directors. Their day-to-day operations are overseen by Executive Director Karen Worcester.

WAA's mission is carried out by coordinating ceremonies at Arlington, as well as veterans' cemeteries in all 50 states. The organization has since expanded to include over 1,000 local charity groups that represent more than 800 cemeteries, military memorials, and other locations. In 2008, and each year since, Congress has issued a proclamation officially recognizing "Wreaths Across America Day" each December.

Pictured: In 1992, 5,000 wreaths were donated by Worcester Wreath Co. Years later, in 2005, an iconic photo of these wreaths in snow (**pictured**) became a viral sensation.

Sirens Treasure Trove Sale is Nov. 21 in Orange Beach

The Pleasure Island based Sirens of the Sea Mardi Gras krewe will host its annual Treasure Trove Sale featuring new and gently used clothing, home decor, jewelry and more on Saturday, November 21 at the Adult Activity Center in Orange Beach (26251 Canal Rd.) from 10 a.m. 'til 2 p.m. For more info, call 404-543-4913. **Pictured:** Siren sisters at the krewe's Oct. meeting.

Island Food Pantry Nov. 21 at O.B.'s The Island Church

Christian Life the Island Church in Orange Beach will host its next Island Mobile Food Pantry on Saturday, Nov. 21. Baldwin County families that would like to receive a 50 pound box of food are asked to call Lisa in the office at 251.967.4840 to receive more details.

The food will be distributed at 8:30 a.m. with a drive thru. The Island Church has been blessed by Convoy of Hope who will be bringing in 25,000 pounds of food for this event. Space is limited to the first 200 families that register through the office. The church is located at 25550 Canal Rd. in Orange Beach.

Planes, Trains & Automobiles is final Movie at Meyer Park Nov. 19

The Movies at Meyer Park series conclude at its namesake Gulf Shores neighborhood park on Nov. 19 with the showing of the classic Planes, Trains and Automobiles.

. It is a free event, and attendees bring their lawn chairs and blankets and snacks and beverages for a movie under the stars.

The movie begins at 6 p.m. Meyer Park is located in the Waterway Village District at 400 East 22nd Ave. Current COVID-19 regulations will be followed and social distancing will be required. For more info, call 251-968-1171 or visit gulfshoresal.gov.

Planes, Trains and Automobiles is a 1987 American comedy film written, produced, and directed by John Hughes. It stars Steve Martin as Neal Page, a high-strung marketing executive, and John Candy as Del Griffith, a goodhearted but annoying shower curtain ring salesman.

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ORANGE BEACH CITY COUNCIL

City considers spending \$212K to finish permit application for Hwy. 161 bridge

Funding in place, but agreements with landowners on the north side proved difficult

By John Mullen

Although the effort to build a Wolf Bay Bridge is stalled by a variety of factors, including the procurement of land on the north side of Wolf Bay, the Orange Beach City Council is considering spending a final \$212,000 to finish the application for a permit for the project from the Army Corps of Engineers.

“That is the end of the spending to move forward with a possible permit,” Mayor Tony Kennon said.

Council held a joint regular session and work session on Nov. 2. The Wolf Bay study funding was on the work session agenda and will likely be voted on at the Nov. 17 joint meeting.

“It’s just more or less what’s required by the Corps to finalize the permitting process so that they can make a decision,” Kennon said. “There’s no building the bridge unless the Corps gives us a permit. There’s no going forward. This will define what our options are. If they deny it then there is no Wolf Bay Bridge until sometime in the future, they change their mind.”

But that’s just one obstacle of many out of the way on a path to a Wolf Bay Bridge not the least of which is ironing agreements with landowners on the north side of the bay. Those include George Barber, owner of Bar-

ber Marina and Barber Dairy, and David Lawrenz.

“If they give us the permit all that does is give us the option to build but we still have a lot of hurdles in front of us between how we finance it going forward, what do we do to finance it, dealing with the landowners on the other side and having them become a part of Orange Beach,” Kennon said.

In September of 2017 both Gulf Shores and Orange Beach voted to raise the lodging tax 2 percent and to use the money on road projects and the Leave Only Footprints beach initiative. That raised the rate to 13 percent overall with the state getting 4 percent, each city collects 7 percent, and 2 percent goes to the island Convention and Visitors Bureau to woo tourists to vacation in both cities and the Fort Morgan peninsula.

But Kennon said uncertain times caused by many factors in 2020 doesn’t make funding the bridge through the added taxes a done deal.

“Even with the permit in hand doesn’t mean the bridge is going to get built any time soon,” Kennon said. “For me I think it’s extremely important that we be very, very conservative with what we do dollar wise and what we commit to. With COVID and things changing I think you have to

reevaluate everything now. At that point and time, we put (the lodging tax) in place we were in great shape, but I don’t think now you can take anything for granted going forward.”

The council will consider two resolutions on Nov. 17 authorizing contracts with Burk-Kleinpeter for project engineering services and for an environmental study and permitting of the Wolf Bay Bridge in an amount not to exceed \$212,942.

During regular session, council:

- Passed a resolution rescinding the declaration of emergency for Hurricane Zeta.
- Passed a resolution designating depositories and authorized signatures on bank depositories.
- Authorized a contract with Thompson Consulting Services to provide additional debris monitoring, emergency management planning and disaster grant consulting services related to Hurricane Sally in an amount not to exceed \$524,238.
- Postponed voting on a resolution authorizing the execution of a performance contract with the Alabama Gulf Coast Convention and Visitors Bureau for the purpose of hosting the SEC Soccer Championships at the Orange Beach Sportsplex.
- Passed a resolution authorizing a contract with Goodwyn, Mills & Ca-

wood to perform design services for the Orange Beach Soccer Stadium in an amount not to exceed \$169,250. The city is moving the SEC women’s championships to the smaller soccer stadium at the Sportsplex and will use the larger one for Orange Beach High School’s football team.

• Heard a request from developers of Bluffs of Orange Beach to allow for setbacks for seven of the 10 encroach two feet on the back setback for the

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decks and a setback variance for a pool as well. The council voted unanimously for the change with Councilman Jeff Silvers abstaining.

• Passed ordinances reappointing Renee Eberly as city clerk and to appoint Finance Director Ford Handley as city treasurer.

• Set a Nov. 17 public hearing date to appeal

the conditions of approval set by Planning Commission for the site plan review for Gulf Coast Rental Auxiliary Parking.

In work session, council discussed:

- Approving resolution approving the Fiscal Year 2021 Budget for the City of Orange Beach.
- A resolution extending the entertainment district at The Wharf and San Roc Cay Marina/Perdido Resort.
- A resolution authorizing the purchase of a portable generator for the Utilities Department through Sourcewell in the amount of \$79,864.
- A resolution authorizing the execution of a professional services agreement with Safe Span for post Hurricane Sally engineering and bridge inspection services.
- A resolution authorizing the execution of a professional services agreement with Sawgrass Consulting for civil engineering and land surveying services.
- A resolution awarding the bid for athletic uniforms.
- A resolution awarding the bid for Hurricane Sally HVAC Repairs at the Orange Beach Event Center.





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Pirates Cove will be back by Thanksgiving week

By Fran Thompson

Eileen Mueller, the matriarch of the business that has been in her family since 1956, said she is not sure how many times she has pulled clean up duty at Pirates Cove following a hurricane. But she hopes she does not have to do it again.

“When we got back out here, I just thought ‘how many more times are we going to have to do this,’ she asked.

Periodic Hurricanes are an occupational hazard for the bistro that sits on Arnica Bay, directly north of Bear Point in Orange Beach. The tornado that blew the roof off of the iconic Josephine landmark on August 29, 2002 was another matter.

Originally, a bunkhouse for CCA workers digging out the Intracoastal Waterway as part of FDR’s New Deal (putting young, single men back to work during the Great Depression), Pirates Cove comes by its name naturally. Arnica Bay and Roberts Bayou were havens for Civil War area pirates, who would enter Perdido Pass on the high tide and sail their low draft ships through the shallow waters of Wolf Bay towards Big Lagoon.

The Muellers, Eileen and her husband Paul Mueller, ran Pirates Cove until Paul died of cancer in 1986, at which point sons Paul and Karl stepped in to help Eileen.

Once an out of the way locals spot, Pirates Cove now attracts tourists who

come by car and boat. Its staff serves up to 3,000 bushwhackers in addition to pizza, hamburgers, onion rings and cold beer on a summer Saturday.

Eileen, Karl and Paul and all available employees have been working six days per week to get the bar back open since the day after Hurricane Sally made landfall in Orange Beach. They had to baton down the hatches for Hurricane Zeta while still cleaning up from Sally.

“Putting up storm preparations for Zeta and then taking everything down again set us back two weeks,” Paul Mueller said. “It’s been like Pandora’s Box cleaning out the building. We’re finding problems we didn’t know we had and we’re still finding places with dirt.”

Although the pizza ovens won’t be operational, the bushwhacker machines will be running when the bistro holds a soft re-opening, probably sometime this week.

Karl Mueller said he wouldn’t necessarily say his sixth hurricane cleanup was easier than the first five.

“They are all different, and every time we go through it, we do what we can to lessen the damage for the next time. We try to fortify it more every time,” he said.

Check the Pirate Cove’s social media platforms for an exact re-opening date.

Pictured: Karl, Eileen & Paul Mueller in front of their iconic bistro.



Rick Cheatwood has been tending bar from home for 34 years

By Fran Thompson

Rick Cheatwood hasn’t quite lived in a trailer - or sometimes a boat - at Pirates Cove for all of the 34 years since he moved to South Baldwin. But the native of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma (near Tulsa) has never held another job other than tending to the Pirates Cove riff-raff since making his way to the Gulf Coast.

Rick lived in an abode in Orange Beach for eight or 10 months before Pirates Cove’s patriarch, the late Paul Mueller Sr., offered him a billet on his boat, Miss Kitty, docked at the marina there.

“I’ve been working here going on 34 years,” Cheatwood said. “When I first started, sometimes I would work morning ‘til midnight doing everything from cooking to washing dishes to tending bar. Karl had just turned 13. I’ve watched both him and Paul grow up.”

The Mueller family bought the Pirates Cove property in 1956 and have operated a restaurant and marina there ever since. Paul Sr. passed away in 1986. But his wife, Eileen, and children Karl and Paul, have continued what Paul started.

A bonafide free spirit, Cheatwood also lived in Colorado before making his way here for what was supposed to be a short visit with his sister, who kept a boat at Pirates Cove.

“My plan was to move to Seattle. But I went shrimping and sailing and decided I did not want to leave this place,” he said.

Cheatwood still works sometimes long hours at the local institution during the tourist and boating seasons. But he has also made it a point to spend his winters even farther south.

An avid diver, he often went to Roatan in Honduras and has since settled on Oaxaca, Mexico to re-charge. The exceptions to his winter sojourns have been years like this, when hurricanes strike home.

“Sometimes I stay a month. Sometimes I stay three months,” he said. “When I first started working here, Paul told me as long as I worked from April to September every year, I could take off every winter and still have a job when I got back.”

Cheatwood spent the first two months after Hurricane Sally sleeping on friends’ couches while looking for a new home, as the storm destroyed his camper. Just last week he found one, a 2011 model he bought for \$5K.

“I’m glad to have my view back,” he said as he looked south to Bear Point. “I’ve had 30 years of looking at that. I love it.

“The Muellers have been very good to me over the years,” he added. “They provide us with cadillac insurance. You know they could have said they needed this camper space for more parking. But they didn’t. They said they were glad to have me back.”

Cheatwood won’t even attempt to estimate the number of bushwhackers he has made over the past 34 years, but the bar sometimes sells as many as 3,000 on a sunny Saturday.

“Tens of thousands for sure,” he said. “And I still enjoy talking to the people who come here. I tell people that I make my living with my mouth.”

Cheatwood has had a roommate for the past 16 years - his dog Maxine, who he is positive loves living on the Pirates Cove campus as much as he does.

“It’s like I told Mobile Monthly, when I die I want to come back as a Pirates Cove dog,” he said.



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AROUND TOWN



Dave Roever to speak at The Island Church on Nov. 29

Christian Life the Island Church will be hosting special guest Dave Roever on Sunday, November 29 during all three of its services (8:15 a.m., 9:30 a.m. & and 11 a.m.). The church is located at 25550 Canal Rd. in Orange Beach (251-967-4840).

Roever (pictured) is a hero of the faith, called to ministry as a teen, and a decorated Vietnam veteran of solid character. At the height of the Vietnam War, he joined the U. S. Navy and served as a river boat gunner in the elite Brown Water Black Beret — until tragedy occurred. His survival and ensuing life with his faithful wife at his side are miraculous. A superb multi-generational speaker, Dave Roever travels the globe, sharing his gripping testimony with engaging humor, imparting hope in the face of seemingly insurmountable obstacles, and delivering the Word of God with convincing power. God uses Dave's ministry in churches, crusades, youth and men's conventions, and in the "marketplace" — in public schools, business conventions and with the U. S. military world-wide, including war zones such as Kosovo, Iraq, and Afghanistan.

Roever and team reach out to the people of Vietnam via multiple projects. Since 2007, at the organization's Eagles Summit Ranch facilities in Westcliffe, Colorado, and in Junction, Texas, and at other excellent facilities, Dave Roever and his team help to restore hope, provide keys for success, and train today's wounded warriors to have meaningful futures or for Christian ministr. He has won the Purple Heart & other service medals and was named The Outstanding Civilian Service Medal, by the US Department of the Army in April of 2012 (More info: DaveRoever.org)

O.B. Community Assn. Christmas Dinner is Dec. 7

By Dianne McElroy

The Orange Beach Community Association will host its Christmas Pot Luck Dinner on December 7 at 6 p.m. Everyone in the community is invited to bring a covered dish or dessert. If you are unable to bring anything and wish to join us, there is a \$5 charge for the meal. The entree will be Turkey and is furnished by the OBCA. We will probably join in with a few Christmas carols at this dinner. New members are always welcome. Dues is \$13 for a single member and \$25 for a family per year. Come join in for a festive Christmas dinner!

GULF SHORES CITY COUNCIL

City hopes to complete hurricane debris pickup by Dec. 13

By John Mullen

Cleanup from Hurricane Sally continues in Gulf Shores and city officials said at the Nov. 9 council meeting they hope to have it completed in mid-December.

"Right now, we are sitting pretty good with all of our cleanup," Assistant Public Works Director Noel Hand said. "We're working on stump removals of stumps that are in the right of way. Also, we're working on the Fort Morgan Trail bike path. We are going to this week put a notice out to residents that we'll probably have our ending date of picking up hurricane debris on Dec. 13."

Also, during the meeting, the council OK'd the renegotiation of a line of credit with Truist bank that will save the city about \$117,000 in interest over a year.

Hand said notices will go out to residents soon to let them know about the program ending.

"It's almost a month away for people to get the last push in and we'll be able to hopefully get everything picked up by Dec. 13," he said. "That's our target date for the contractor to stop going throughout the city and picking up debris. We'll be on our regular route but they'll still be at the airport and winding down most of their material that's still sitting on the ground."

Work for city crews for storm cleanup and fixing city infrastructure damaged in the storm will likely continue for months. Councilman Joe Garris said he was concerned some of the pine limbs he's seeing in ditches around town could stop up the drains if another rain event happens.

"We're pretty much doing complete streets," Hand said. "We're going through there once the debris is off of there, we're going back through there fine-tuning ditches. We've done a lot of them. Of course, we know we've got plenty more to go, straightening up street signs, putting back up stop signs.

"Everything's been crooked and we want to get everything up standing right. That's going to be a process that's two to four

months' worth of doing that."

The council also OK'd a new agreement with Truist to lower the interest on a \$13.5 million taxable line of credit originally obtained in 2016 from BB&T. Truist and BB&T have merged since the original 2016 BB&T taxable Line of credit for 10 years at 2.85 percent interest when it was issued.

Truist has offered to lower the interest rate to 1.98 percent and allow the line to increase by six million to \$19.5 million from Dec. 1 to Nov. 30, 2021 in order to use the line for clean-up, repair and restoration of city property from Hurricanes Sally and Zeta. It will save the city \$117,450 in interest payments during that period.

This line of credit will help the city save its own money until money comes from FEMA reimbursements, a Restore Act grant and a BUILD or the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development grant.

"Having the line increased temporarily by \$6 million will enable the City to continue capital projects planned while waiting for FEMA and insurance reimbursement," a city document states.

During the meeting, the council also:

- OK'd the 2021 budget will will have more than \$90 million in revenues with \$89 million going out in expenses, according to a report given to the council by Finance Director Cindy King.
- OK'd a request from Crozzzzcabz seeking a taxi franchise to operate a 2013 Ford E350 Super Duty van on city streets.
- OK'd a bid from Sports Graphics to provide new backstop padding at the Gulf Shores City School women's varsity softball and men's varsity baseball fields for about \$13,000.
- OK'd a request from the fire department to buy five new CPR devices for about \$66,000 and nine cardiac monitors for about \$281,000. Reimbursement for both purchases is available through the CARES Act or the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act passed by Congress in March.

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AROUND TOWN

Foley Art Center's Trim-A-Tree open at Tanger through Dec. 23

The Foley Art Center's 53rd Annual Trim-A-Tree, an annual annual six week holiday fine arts and crafts event, will be open at its location in Suite 182 in the Tanger Outlet (next to Zumiez in the center on the South side) through Dec. 23 from 10 a.m. – 7 p.m. Monday thru Saturday and 11 a.m. – 6 p.m. on Sundays.

Trim-A-Tree features wonderful creations by over 125 artist & craftsmen from throughout the southeast. All vendors are members of the Foley Art Center, and their work has been juried to participate. For more info, call 251-943-4381 or visit foleyartcenter.com.

Gifts and Holiday decorative items for sale include ornaments, florals, wood carvings, stainglass, fused glass mosaics, textiles, driftwood trees, quilts, rugs and jewelry. Original art in oils, watercolors, mixed media, prints, photographs, gourds and hand woven textiles will also be on sale.

For almost fifty years The Foley Art Center has served the Gulf Coast area with programs in local schools, scholarships for students seeking advanced degrees in the arts and art classes for children and adults. From the dreams of fifteen local citizens, it has become a vital force in the cultural development of Baldwin County. Trim-A-Tree and its Mother's Day weekend Art in the Park in the John B Foley Park are its two primary fundraisers.

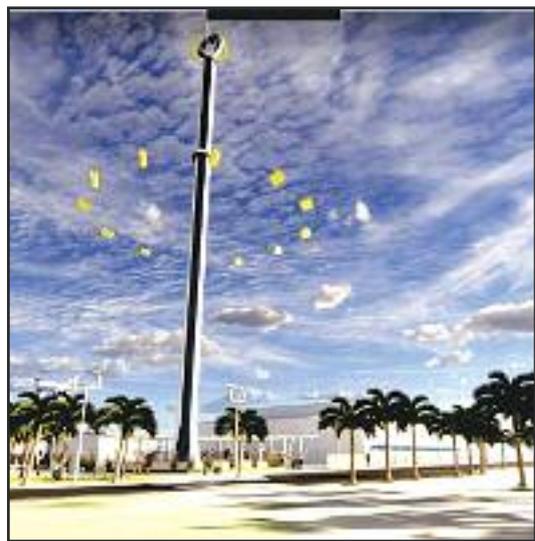
Flora-Bama hosts annual Thanksgiving Day potluck

The community is invited to join Flora-Bama Lounge friends and family for the Lounge on the Line's annual Thanksgiving Day potluck beginning at noon with food service at 1 p.m. in the Flora-Bama Tent. Bring a covered dish and get all the turkey and ham your belly can stand for free or pay only \$3 and enjoy a spectacular buffet. The Flora-Bama helps take the stress out of your holiday cooking. So throw

those pans out and do it on the line at this wonderful feast. And, of course, just like during the other 364 days of the year, the Flora-Bama's possible-probable musicians will be playing tunes.

G.S. Library hosts Dec. 9 sleepover for stuffed animals

Twas the Night before Christmas and all through the house, not a creature was stirring, except your stuffed animal. Bring your furry friend to spend a fun filled night at Gulf Shores Public Library. Drop off is between 4:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. on December 9. All babies have to be tucked in by 5:30 p.m. Library elves will capture all the mischief your babies get into. Come back and pick them up on December 10 at 10:30 a.m. Pictures of the overnight shenanigans will be available online for download. Call the library today to reserve your spot at 251-968-1176. Registration is required before Friday, Dec. 4.



Hangout delays request for 213 ft. Starflyer until at least Jan.

By John Mullen

An effort to add a new high-flying attraction at the Hangout has been postponed twice and owner-operator Shaul Zislin says the application for a conditional use permit will be delayed until after Jan. 1.

Citizens living in the area, including Cheryl Connell, a recent candidate for a City Council place, are already organizing opposition to the 213-foot tall Starflyer swing attraction. Connell posted email addresses for the mayor, city council and planning commission members on Nextdoor.

"I think this would be an unbelievably tacky addition to the beach not to mention a waste of perfectly good beautiful sand," she stated. "I understand someone wanting to provide waiting customers with something to do so they don't leave. With that goal in mind I believe the Hangout can come up with something far more suitable for the beach and far less visible to everyone else. Other restaurants have been able to incorporate entertainment that suits their environment. Perhaps the Hangout planners can look around."

The email also encouraged the residents to send emails to city officials to voice opposition.

"Many of you work and won't be able to attend this meeting," it states. "You can still be heard."

The following are the email addresses for the mayor, city council and planning staff. I could not find emails for the Planning and Zoning Commission. Please email them and let them know where you stand."

According to documents filed with the city by the Hangout, the new attraction would be within the current Hangout footprint in the southwest corner where there is currently a bus that sells ice cream and other treats.

"The attraction is commonly described as a family vertical swing attraction," the Hangout's filing states. "In other destinations comparable to Gulf Shores these attractions have quickly become known icons of the area due to their photogenic appeal, elegant aerial design and family participation."

According to other information in the filing, the model is commonly known as a Starflyer and can be installed on a 30-foot radius of land. The Hangout model will reach a maximum height of 213 feet and will be designed and built by a European manufacturer, Funtime Rides. There are more than two dozen models in operation including the world's tallest at 450 feet in Orlando.

The Hangout asked the item be deferred from the November Planning Commission meeting on Nov. 17 and Zislin told the Mullet Wrapper it would not be presented again until after Jan. 1.

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SWANKY GALA RAISES \$18K FOR YOUTH-REACH GULF COAST

The Nov. 7 Swanky Gala at the Flora-Bama was a resounding success, raising \$18,000 for Youth-Reach Gulf Coast. The Mystical Order of Aurora and the world-famous Flora-Bama hosted the event for the residential ministry in Summerdale for young men ages 18-22 who are struggling to overcome addiction and other roadblocks to a productive and happy life. In addition to music from The Tin Tops, those in creative cocktail attire participated in a silent auction and drawdown. For more Youth-Reach Gulf Coast info, call (251) 967-4809 visit Youth-Reach.org or email Info@Youth-Reach.org.

Pictured: Swanky fun at the Nov. 7 Swanky Gala.



Youth-Reach breaks ground on transitional facility

Duplex will be built on 81-acre Summerdale campus

Youth-Reach Gulf Coast recently broke ground on a transitional living facility that will include six bedrooms and four bathrooms and serve as an extended support facility to help young men aged 18-22 transition back into mainstream society.

The duplex facility includes two 1,600-ft. family-living quarters with two full kitchens and living areas. The facility will allow the nonprofit residential ministry to better serve graduates on the ministry's 81-acre campus east of Summerdale. Construction is expected to be completed next summer.

"The new facility will provide our graduates with opportunities to receive additional ministry support, mentoring, job skills training, and other valuable resources to help them successfully transition back into mainstream society," said David Williams, YRGC Director.

Other speakers at the groundbreaking included Curt Williams, YRGC Founder and Executive Director; Melanie Martin, owner of Melanie Martin Interiors; Cole Irvin, YRGC graduate; Jackson Bentley, YRGC Operations Coordinator; and Billy Berrey, Gulf Shores Police Department Retired Officer.

"Our transitional living facility will be available as an option to all residents who don't have housing plans after successfully completing the requirements for graduation – as space allows," Williams said. "The home will provide young men with the support they need to continue their journey into Biblical manhood."

Funding for the project was provided by the Mike Martin Change-a-Life Foundation and members of the com-

munity. "We genuinely appreciate all who have invested in this important initiative that have made this expansion of our ministry possible," Williams said. "Your generosity will have a deep and lasting impact on this generation and generations to come."

Youth-Reach residents and their families are never burdened by the high costs associated with providing a full-service, 24/7 residential program. Its mission is completely community supported.

Pictured: Groundbreaking for the Youth-Reach extended support facility



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Daniel Epperson, Carter Lowery, Tiffany Long earn top OB employee honors

Medals of Valor presented to emergency responders in the midst of Sally

By Marc D. Anderson, City of Orange Beach

At the recent Orange Beach Community Center Association police and fire awards ceremony, Firefighter Daniel Epperson was named the 2020 Firefighter of the Year, Cpl. Carter Lowery earned the 2020 Police Officer of the Year award, and Animal Control Officer Tiffany Long was named the police department's 2020 Civilian Employee of the Year.

Firefighter of the Year - Daniel Epperson

Epperson was Firefighter of the Fourth Quarter of 2019 and Firefighter of the Third Quarter for 2020. Blake Hartley earned Firefighter of the First Quarter and Fire Medic Johnnie Sundie earned Firefighter of the Second Quarter.

"In April, the Fire Department received a dispatch for one unconscious shortly after shift change in the morning," Fire Chief Mike Kimmerling said. "Firefighter Daniel Epperson was his way home after being relieved of duty and received the call over our Active 911 app on his phone. He was in the vicinity of the call location and responded directly; notifying our responding unit he was doing so. He arrived first on scene and initiated lifesaving measures, including CPR for the victim and assisted the arriving crews with transports and got this victim loaded up."

"It's just divine intervention as far as I'm concerned. And it's who we are and what we are. And it shows in our police and fire and, dadgum, y'all are a brave bunch of guys and ladies."

"Firefighter Epperson also responded to a swimmer in distress call under extremely high and rough surf conditions. It was a red flag day with extremely rough conditions out in the Gulf. The conditions were severe enough that the Officer in Charge had already determined that we would not be able to respond offshore with our boat. Unfortunately we then received a call for multiple swimmers in distress and sent multiple rescuers in the water. That would be our Surf Rescue division. The Officer on scene asked if Station 2 could get our water assets out of the pass due to the situation. Fire Boat 2 and both skis headed to the pass with Fire Boat 2 remaining inside. Both skis navigated through and to the rescue location. By this time the victims had been removed to shore, but two of our rescuers remained in the water. Firefighter Epperson picked the first rescuer up and brought him to shore, the second rescuer was caught in a heavy rip current and brought him back to shore. Firefighter Epperson did this under extremely heavy and unpredictable surf conditions. The rescue personnel he assisted were in extreme danger in this situation. Firefighter Epperson's heroic actions and skilled use of the ski under extreme conditions were critical factors in making sure the outcome in this situation was positive. So I'd like to ask Firefighter Daniel Epperson to step up here."

Epperson thanked his wife and family for always supporting him. Be it overtime or extra weekend or holiday shifts, he said his wife always has his back. He went on to say that a hat could be filled with names of Orange Beach firefighters and any name that was picked would be equally deserving of the award.

"So it's truly an honor to get it," Epperson said. "And I want to thank the mayor and City Council for all the support they give us to let us go to classes and train. It really means a lot and helps us out. Thank y'all."

Police Officer of the Year - Carter Lowery

Police Chief Steve Brown said in selecting Carter Lowery, he was honoring a long-time city employee not only for his service to the police department but to the city and community.

"Since 2010 he has progressed to the rank of corporal and he's also our supervisor over a very important program to this community in our

schools and that's our school resource officers."

After handing Lowery the award and the applause died down in the Community Center, Chief Brown looked over at Carter and said, "Carter has done an extremely good job in carrying on a tradition that was set forth by Cpl. Joey Brown and David McLain as an SRO, but Carter has taken this to a whole other level."

"And we also now have the middle and high schools that we're going to be striving to get the Attorney General's award of excellence like we have for the elementary school," Chief Brown added.

"Carter has an overwhelming desire to keep the children of our schools as safe as possible. And his attention to detail in knowing who's on campus or who belongs where is amazing. I admire you for your ability to be a good dad, good grandpa, good husband and do this job. And I appreciate it."

Chief Brown also recognized everybody wearing a uniform that night. "You wear the shoulder pads of the Orange Beach Police Department," Chief Brown said. "This community appreciates the job you do. You don't hear it enough. I try to tell you that but I'm doing it right here in a public forum. I appreciate every one of you and I've told every one of you I work for you. You don't work for me, you work under me but you work for the City of Orange Beach and that's the people you serve and that's the people you work for."

Cpl. Lowery thanked his wife. "She's my biggest cheerleader and I can't say enough," he said.

"I have to thank Patrol for all the help that they give. I have to thank Support Services. These guys come out and they help me. They help the entire unit anytime we need someone for traffic control, need vehicles moved. I've got to thank my guys who work under me because I couldn't do it without them. So I want to thank Matt Simmons and Caleb Winfield for being the amazing individuals that they are. These guys reach out and build relationships with all of these children and they are super good at it, guys. And it is at times I have to say I am in awe of them in the way that they are able to get that part of the job done."

He also thanked principals, teachers and school staff, saying they work together very well. "And again that partnership is stronger now than ever and we get nothing but support and cooperation from our school. It is just an outstanding working relationship. And I'm very proud to say that right now."

He also thanked the mayor and council, for their leadership and support.

"This community is amazing. It's an honor to serve in this capacity in this community," he said.

Civilian Employee of the Year - Tiffany Long

An Orange Beach Animal Control Officer, Long has been with the department since 2017 and was able to fill big shoes when Tom Conerly left as Animal Control Officer.

Long was more than an Animal Control Officer during Hurricane Sally. "Anything that needed to be done, she was there," Chief Brown said. "And typically you're not having to ask for it to get done, it's just getting done because she saw a need and recognized that and just got it handled."

"This is just such a wonderful community," Long said. "We do have a great partnership and everyone here is a team and I mean I can't do what I do without everyone else. Every single day I wake up and want to go to work. It's really an honor. And everything starts at the top and goes down."

Hurricane Sally response recognition

In addition to the annual awards, Chief Kimmerling took the opportunity to recognize the city's response to Hurricane Sally, and recognize the sacrifices first responders and their families make so the community can be kept safe.

"Y'all know this hurricane was quite an event for the city and for the community," Chief Kimmerling said. "It was also quite an event for both the police and fire departments in the community. ...

"Our crews rescued multiple victims from their homes while battling



extreme elements and without any hesitation and regards for their own personal safety. We had over 120 calls in less than six hours. So, I again want to credit the teamwork approach with the police department and their [all-terrain] vehicle and our staff.

"Our staff operated in zero visibility, water conditions, people calling and I'll tell you, there were times when we should have suspended response but we didn't. And the reason why we didn't is because we all knew that no one had an opportunity to get out. So we had to make those calls. And it was tough. I can only credit the staff and tell you how brave and how much the actions of those involved, especially on that night were. We're going to be issuing the Medal of Valor to the members of the department who were involved with those rescued. And there's quite a few of them because with the size of the department, two thirds of the department was here that night."

Those receiving the Medal of Valor: Asher Michon; Zach Lavender; Will Hearn; Caleb Terry; Ben Pelt; Brian Cranford; BJ Rye; Kellie Spence; Jeremy White; Michael Osborn; Hunter Williams; Jordan Flynt; Brian Hester; Blake Hartley; Jake Lambert; Nicki Fontaine; Jeremy Lewis; Robert Simpson; Chad Hartley; Blakely Douglas; James Kinkead; Tyler Newkirk; David Grant; Saylor Hammett; Jim McMurry; Austin Lesinger; Noah Parker; Aaron Saenz; Joseph Driggers; Dray Resmondo; Kevin Lanford and Brian Turk.

"And I will just tell you," Chief Kimmerling said, "what happened that night was just nothing short of amazing. And I just thank God that they are all with us here today because it was a very, very, very difficult night. Not only for the people being rescued but also for the rescuers who made those efforts."

Chief Brown said the departments work extremely well together. "There is an overwhelming spirit of cooperation among those departments," he said.

Mayor Tony Kennon said he doesn't think people realize just what the city's officers and firefighters went through on the night that the eye of hurricane Sally sat directly over Orange Beach for around three hours, responding to scenes with flying debris and wading through chest deep flood waters. He said some of the rescued families he saw that night at the Community Center told the story.

"It's all a blur but it must've been 3:30 or 4 (a.m.)." Mayor Kennon recalled. "Anyway some of the folks they rescued were here and if you wondered what a shell-shocked soldier of World War II looked like, that's what these people looked like when I walked in and saw their faces. They didn't know what happened. There were some of them that literally thought they were fixin' to die. That's not an exaggeration, that not just me, they thought they were going to die and these guys came out of nowhere."

"I'm telling you, guys, and when they go into the surf the way some of these guys do, I'm telling you they don't get enough credit. All of them. Our police department was right there with our fire department. It's better than it's ever been and there's not one person or place to look at it's just divine intervention as far as I'm concerned. And it's who we are and what we are. And it shows in our police and fire and, dadgum, y'all are a brave bunch of guys and ladies. I appreciate y'all."

Pictured: Carter Lowery, Tiffany Long, Daniel Epperson; (below) Orange Beach Community Center Association police and fire awards ceremony.

O.B. Council recognizes Chandler Rayborn for his life-saving actions during house fires

By Marc D. Anderson, City of Orange Beach

The Orange Beach City Council has recognized the heroic actions of resident Chandler Rayborn (pictured) in the aftermath of Hurricane Sally during a devastating fire on Jubilee Point Road at the home of his neighbors. They were unaware of the blaze and Rayborn's quick actions to notify his parents of the fire saved their neighbor's lives.

Chandler woke up to go to the restroom and when he did his window was open and he saw orange flames and went and woke his parents up, said Councilman Jeff Boyd. "He got them up and got them outside and

went next door to the neighbor's house. They were sound asleep, dead asleep. And they banged and they banged and they banged. Needless to say guys they were in water chest deep and waist deep getting to it. Had Chandler not woke his parents up, he would have never gotten the Saunders out of the house," said Boyd.

"The second part of that story is that as they got the Saunders out of the house and the firemen were coming over, swimming hoses down Jubilee Point to get there. The Rayborns - Melissa, Jack and Chandler - had to stand and watch the fire jump from the one house to their house and both houses burned to the ground. The Saunders may not be here had you not done the heroic act that you did," Boyd said.

Boyd said he had kayaked to the scene of the fire that night. "All of

those fire guys, with their love, they swam those hoses to the fire to save the third house. Had they not swam to the houses, we would've lost a third and it possibly could have gone through the neighborhood."

Boyd presented Chandler with the framed letter of commendation signed by Mayor Tony Kennon and the entire council and also a city challenge coin. Challenge coins are presented to individuals who go above and beyond the call of civic duty to make a difference in the community. The coin represents the city's values: "Integrity, Excellence and Family." Additionally, Chief Kimmerling presented Chandler with a special Orange Beach Fire Rescue helmet.

"Without these quick actions: recognition of this being an emergency, making that call to 911, directing us to where we need to be, we may not have been able to make the difference that happened that night," chief Kimmerling said. "So I again want to commend you very much for your work to do this."



Development possible for prime O.B. condo row property

Family restaurant, green space, condo under consideration

A company owned by Flora-Bama co-owners John McInnis and Cameron Price is considering buying a large beachfront lot in Orange Beach at the intersection of Orange Beach Blvd. (S.R. 161) and Perdido Beach Blvd. (the beach road).

Plans could include a family-friendly beachfront restaurant, a large green space, and Orange Beach resident parking. O.B. City Council rescheduled a public hearing for the project on Dec. 15.

“While most of us that live here believe you should be legally entitled to do what you want with your property, I don’t think anybody’s going to be upset at losing 100s of condos and providing space for the residents or the public,”

“We do have a contract to purchase that property owned by Gulf Coast Opportunity Fund,” McInnis said. “It’s approximately 830 feet on the beach. Our goal is to possibly build a restaurant, greenspace, and a condo. We have had a very preliminary discussion with the city about incorporating some type of city resident parking/beach access and significantly decreasing or eliminating condos entirely if we can find a way to make it work. The property is currently entitled for hundreds of condos or hotel rooms but our goal is to significantly reduce what is built on that property. It is the viewing corridor for the public when they hit the beach road from 161, so we would love to see that property remain mostly open and available for the public’s use.”

Nothing was concrete as of Oct. 26 but McInnis said he is seriously considering a restaurant on the spot just east of the Hampton Inn.

“If a restaurant does go there it would be completely family-friendly, open air,” he said. “It would be something totally different and unique for Orange Beach. There are no guarantees this happens but we are working on it.”

The property was previously given city approval to build two massive towers on the parcel, Grace and Ascension. Another tower called Transcendence was also approved on the lot east of the parcel McInnis is considering both owned by the Gulf Coast Opportunity Fund.

Grace and Ascension would have both topped 35 stories and added 277 vacation rental units and Transcendence would have added 166. Now on the Transcendence site the Bluffs of Orange Beach is underway with plans calling for a 10-lot single family dwelling subdivision.

McInnis said even though condos may eventually be part of the plan it won’t be anywhere near the 277 approved in 2017.

“While most of us that live here believe you should be legally entitled to do what you want with your property, I don’t think anybody’s going to be upset at losing 100s of condos and providing space for the residents or the public,” McInnis said. “This is probably the highest-zoned density property left in the city of Orange Beach.”

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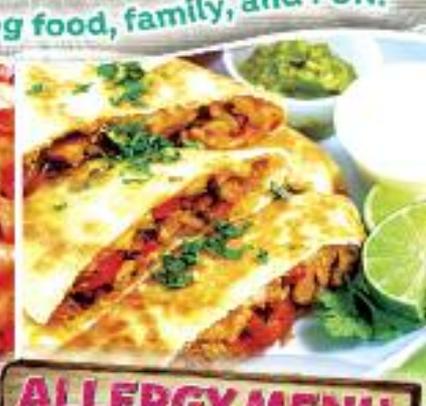


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Drive-in Movie & Holiday Craft Fair Dec. 5 at Greyhound Track

The Perdido Key Area Chamber of Commerce will host a holiday craft fair & drive-in movie on Saturday, December 5 at the Pensacola Greyhound Park. The Craft Fair will be followed by a special Holiday Edition of Flicks on the Field free drive-in movie. The festivities will begin at noon with unique handmade or locally-sourced crafts and holiday goods to browse while checking off that holiday shopping list in a festive outdoor setting. Concessions will be available.

There will be no charge for vendors to participate in the safe, socially-distant, outdoor holiday shopping event. Interested vendors should contact the Chamber at 850-492-4660 or email Lori@PerdidoChamber.com to register.

The featured film will be the Christmas classic, ELF will begin at dusk. Guests will be able to enjoy the film from the comfort and safety of their vehicles by tuning in to the soundtrack via FM radio.



CSC AWARDED GRANT: The Erie Hall Meyer Charitable Fund, Inc. recently awarded a generous grant to the Christian Service Center. This donation will help the Center continue to help local families facing a financial crisis during these difficult times. Due to the ongoing Covid 19 pandemic and the recent hurricane, CSC has seen a huge increase in the number of clients seeking help with both food and emergency financial aid. The Center is grateful, as the grant will bolster the Center's mission to serve families in need in Gulf Shores, Orange Beach, and Ft. Morgan. **Pictured:** Herb Malone, Chairman, Erie Hall Meyer Charitable Fund, & CSC president Linda Chappelle.



GSMS POSTER WINNERS: Congratulations to the 2020 Lion's Club Peace Poster Gulf Shores Middle School winners: (above) 1st place was Marlie McCartney and 2nd place was Amanda Larenas. Honorable Mention are: Tereza Mojs, Ella Gilbert, Kayleigh Jacks, Serenity Stainbrook, Phoenix Wallace, Lydia Marshall, Reagan Myers, Dujon Edwards, Ethan Carias, Anayia McCutchen, Kristian Barmettler, Amberly Arthur, Kylee McElveen.



GROWING GRATITUDE GATHERING: First Presbyterian Church in Gulf Shores held an outdoor Growing Gratitude Gathering where participants posted on a Gratitude Wall, brought items for the church Blessing Box and Thanksgiving donations for families in need. **Pictured:** ittlest First Pres. grateful girl, Enya Meyer, with her mother, Cristina.



POST 99 THANKS CAR SHOW SPONSORS: American Legion Post 99 wishes to thank sponsors for making its recent cars show a resounding success as well as Mike's American Muscle Cars for setting the event up. Sponsors included Napa Auto Parts, Moyer Ford, Custom Truck Access, GT Auto Accessories, Auto Zone, Advanced Auto Supplies, O'Reilly's Auto Parts, Halls Auto Supply.

O.B. Tree Lighting Dec. 1 at The Wharf

The annual City of Orange Beach Christmas Tree Lighting will be held Tuesday, December 1 at The Wharf at 5:30 p.m. The evening will feature performers singing Christmas carols and will end with a tree lighting. Due to the state's Covid guidelines, there will be some changes to the program to allow for more social-distancing space. The latest information will be posted on the city's website. The tree-lighting ceremony will be streamed live on the city's Facebook page.

3v3 National Soccer Championship in Foley

More than 300 teams from around the country will compete for the title of national champions in 3v3 soccer Nov. 28-29 at The Foley Sports Complex (920 E Pride Dr.) For more info, call 251-970-3042 or visit foileysportstourism.com.

3v3 is a much faster paced, and higher scoring game than traditional full-sided soccer. The speed of the attack, the use of triangulation, and the strategies bring aspects of hockey into the game.

The quick shift from one end of the field to the other after a goal is scored, or upon loss of possession is reminiscent of basketball. It requires the blending of individual skills with teamwork.

The sport's gain in popularity is largely due to every member of the team getting equal playing time, and roughly equal touches on the ball.

All players on the field are a part of the play. Because of the speed of the game, and the fact that players are constantly in motion, there are frequent substitutions.

There are no permanently assigned positions, giving each team member equal status and equal

importance. This helps to develop individual skills. The field used typically is 30 yards wide by 40 yards long,

Foley Christmas Parade gets Dec. 4 green light

The Annual Foley Kiwanis Club Christmas Parade has been given the green-light and will be rolling through the streets of downtown Foley on Saturday, Dec. 5 at 10 a.m. The parade will follow the same route as in previous years. Lineup will begin at 8 a.m. between the Foley Armory and the Foley Public Library. The Foley Kiwanis Club is asking that those in attendance follow state guidelines concerning COVID-19 at the time of the parade. Applications are now being accepted for those who would like to participate. For more info, go to foyleykiwanisclub.com.

O.B. Fire Dept. sponsors smoked turkey fundraiser

The Orange Beach Fire Rescue will host a turkey fundraiser to benefit Captain Jeremy McKissack of Bay Minette Fire Dept. Grab a whole, smoked turkey for only \$35. Turkey pickup will be Wednesday, November 25 between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. at Orange Beach Fire Station #1 located at 25855 John Snook Drive in Orange Beach (right behind City Hall).

Pre-orders are being accepted now by calling (251) 981-6166. You can also email Neeli Faulkner at nfaulkner@orangebeachal.gov. Checks can be made to OBPFPA Local 4309.

All proceeds from this fundraiser will benefit the McKissack family as they continue Jeremy's difficult battle with a brain tumor. The OBFDR will be cooking 250 turkeys.



Pirates of Lost Treasure seeks Secret Santa sponsors

The Pirates of Lost Treasure, the Perdido Key based Mardi Gras krewe, has postponed its annual Mardi Gras Flotilla until 2022 due to COVID-19 restraints, but the Perdido Key based krewe will continue its 20 plus year tradition of raising money for its Secret Santa program to provide a Merry Christmas to needy families. Every December, members of the Pirates of Lost Treasure take the parent shopping and spend \$100 on each child. Sometimes these are the only gifts these children receive and they often ask for things like shoes and coats. The Pirates usually help around 100 children each year.

Recipients are mostly referred to the program by Southwest Escambia County churches and schools. Pirates also help kids have a Christmas from word of mouth referrals. For more info, email perdidosecretsanta@gmail.com or call (850) 748-3222, or mail donations to PLT/Secret Santa, 10447 Sorrento Road Suite 101, PMB 76, Pensacola FL 32507.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

PIER & SHORE FISHING OUTLOOK

By DAVID "THE PIERPOUNDER" THORNTON

From shore fishing has been shaping up marvelously this month with the influx of some cooler, drier air. But the weather pattern has been two steps forward and one step back with periods of summer-like warm temperatures lingering. This has resulted in the water temperature lagging a few degrees higher than the lower 70s it is more typically this time of year. But it sure

looks like these most recent fronts will bring the air and water temp down to more seasonable levels.

Some of the most positive news on the fishing front has been the first sheepshead of the fall season being caught from the sea-

wall at Alabama Point. As the inshore waters cool down, sheepshead will move toward the Gulf. They often stage around Perdido Pass as well as other hard structures (rocks and piling) in the lower bays and in the Intercoastal Waterway. Small live shrimp are always a favorite bait for tasty sheepshead. But fiddler crabs may work better now to get through the hordes of ravenous pinfish and grunts. These can be especially pesky along the seawall at Perdido Pass and the jetties until the water cools down some more.

Many of the most successful anglers use minimal tackle setups to target sheepshead. Medium class spinning tackle in the 10 to 12 pound class is more than a match for most sheepshead which average two to 4 pounds in weight. Still a landing net on a rope, or a long handle will help you from loosing the ones you do hook. They have excellent eyesight and are usually very tackle wary. So keep the terminal gear to a minimum. Many anglers simply tie on a small hook (single, kahle or treble) and add a splitshot or two depending on wind and current.

Sheepshead aren't particularly fond of swimming in a strong current, so at those

times it may be more advantageous to fishermen to concentrate their efforts in the quiet corners of the pass or behind current breaks. The NEAP tide period centering on November 22nd and 23rd will provide the least current for anglers to contend with. But those days can be tricky as the tide vacillates back and forth. Any wind over about 10 miles per hour can influence the tidal flow, especially on these days. So anglers should pay close attention to the details of predicted tide flow and wind speed/direction to be more successful.

Days with more tidal change, or with moderate surf may better serve anglers on the Gulf beaches. Surf fishing along the coast seems to be getting better with each passing front. Most anglers are targeting pompano which have re-surged in numbers since the storms. The recent calm periods between fronts have allowed the beach sandbars to rebuild and some very 'fishy' troughs and points are developing along the beaches. These troughs old timers would call holes are just a few feet deeper than the surrounding areas of sea bottom. But they provide respites for whiting, pompano, and drum to rest from the waves and find food. Waves breaking over the shallow sandbars may dislodge potential prey items for the fish which seem to always be hungry in anticipation of winter.

The great thing about these near shore sand structures is they are within reach of even light gear. Just about any 6 ½ to 7 foot 6 to 10 pound class spinning tackle is suitable for this close in fishing. Even ultra-light tackle may be employed to have more fun and detect more bites from these wary mini-game fish. Standard terminal gear would be a Fishfinder Rig (Carolina rig). That is a 12 inch mono leader with a #6 or #4 kahle hook. The weight would vary upon conditions of wave height and wind speed and direction. But typically a ¼ to one ounce egg sinker is sufficient. Bait would be a small fresh dead shrimp, or pieces of larger shrimp cut in pieces about an inch long. Sandfleas, ghost shrimp or pieces of cut crab may be even more effective at times when the fish may be warier. Whiting (Gulf kingcroaker) are the primary fish caught with this method, though pompano are the intended quarry. Red and black drum, along with other by-catch like permit may show up as well.

WED, NOV 18

- **Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables:** schedule on page 15; (includes Ole River Grill & Flora-Bama Yacht Club, Flora-Bama), Perdido Key.
- **Flora-Bama Bingo:** 1-4 p.m.; free; family friendly; Flora-Bama; Perdido Key.
- **Bama Beach Pickleball Club:** 9-noon; Church of Christ, 2414 West 1st St., Gulf Shores; (new members welcome).
- **Les Linton:** 7; Tacky Jacks, Fort Morgan.
- **Karaoke:** 7; Bar 45 at ONE CLUB, Gulf Shores.
- **Gary Story & Friends:** 7; Sandshaker at The Wharf, Orange Beach.
- **Bingo:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.
- **John Joiner & Darrel Roberts:** 6; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
- **Karaoke w. J.W. Baker:** 6; Purple Parrot Tiki Bar; Perdido Key.
- **Karaoke & League Pool:** 7:30; The Office, Foley.
- **Coastal Alabama Farmers and Fishermen's Market:** 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.; 20733 Mifflin Rd. (County Rd. 20), Foley.
- **Karaoke:** 6; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 9; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **Artie Hopkins:** 5; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- **Bingo:** 10 a.m.; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- **Karaoke:** 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- **BBRC Running Club:** 5:30 p.m.; Big Beach Brewery in Gulf Shores; lafleet-foot.com.
- **Open Mixed Doubles Tennis:** 7:30 a.m.; all levels welcome; Gulf Shores Tennis Center; corner of West 19th Ave. and West 2nd St.
- **Food Ministry For Hungry Families:** noon-1 p.m.; Grace Lutheran Church, corner of West 23rd Ave. and West 4th St. in Gulf Shores; 251-968-5991.
- **Food Bank:** 9 - 11 a.m every Wednesday, Perdido Bay Baptist Church, 12600 Sorrento Rd. Pensacola; call for eligibility requirements at (850) 492-2604.
- **Bread Ministry:** 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.; Orange Beach United Methodist Church Brook's Center.
- **AA:** Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

THU, NOV 19

- **Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables:** schedule on page 15; (includes Ole River Grill & Flora-Bama Yacht Club, Flora-Bama), Perdido Key.
- **Flora-Bama Bingo:** 1-4 p.m.; free; family friendly; Flora-Bama; Perdido Key.
- **Movies at Meyer Park:** 6; free; Planes, Trains and Automobiles Meyer Park; Gulf Shores.
- **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.
- **Ronnie Presley:** 5; Lucy Buffett's LuLu's; Gulf Shores.
- **Karaoke:** 5; Tacky Jack's, Gulf Shores.
- **Karaoke:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Fort Morgan.
- **JW Karaoke:** 6; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.

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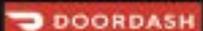
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Nov. 21 is Doctor Who Day at Foley Public Library

The Foley Public Library presents "Doctor Who Day" on Saturday, Nov 21 from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Come to play Where's the Doctor? – a scavenger hunt throughout the library to locate all 13 Doctors and enter your name to win a Doctor Who prize. Gift bags will be given to the first 8 who show up in costume and free bookmarks, stickers, coloring pages, and puzzles pages will be available. The library will also have photo opportunities with the TARDIS. Have your photo taken by library staff to be placed on the library's Facebook page. For more information, visit foleylibrary.org or call 251-943-7665. **Pictured:** Alisha Dailey as the 11th Doctor in 2019.



FOLEY WOMAN'S CLUB: Foley woman's club member Joanna James presents program presenter Michele Landrum from Diamond Defensive a gift certificate following the club's Nov. meeting. The Club's Christmas luncheon will be Dec. 7 at Local & Co. For more club info, call Barbara McCamish at 251-987-1628.

South Baldwin Literacy Council is seeking volunteers to help tutor

The South Baldwin Literacy Council is in need of volunteers to help tutor community members who want to make a better life for themselves and their families. Programs and educational services offered from SBLC's base in Foley include job search assistance, GED preparation, in school and after school youth tutoring, adult basic education, three levels of english as a second language classes, driver's license test preparatin, computer classes and citizenship preparation. The SBLC was established in 1985 as a volunteer based, non-profit. Its major fundraiser of the year, a trivia contest, was cancelled this year. Donations to SBLC can be mailed to its physical address, 21441 Hwy 98 East, Foley, AL, 36535 or at southbaldwinliteracycouncil.com. For more program info, go online or call 251-943-7323.

- **Karaoke w. Kelly:** 7:30; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- **Tim Roberts:** 6; The Tin Top Restaurant, Bon Secour.
- **Skyline Kings:** 6; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity.
- **Danny Grady:** 2; Fraternal Order of Eagles; Foley.
- **Skyline Kings:** 6; Hub Stacey's; Innerarity Point.
- **HartStrings:** 6:30; The Point; Innerarity Point.
- **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 9; Papa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **Rick Whaley & Tommy Mazzulo:** 6; Purple Parrot Tiki Bar; Perdido Key.
- **The Legends Band:** 6; Alabama 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, NOV 20

- **Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables:** schedule on page 15; (includes Ole River Grill & Flora-Bama Yacht Club, Flora-Bama), Perdido Key.
- **Flora-Bama Bingo:** 1-4 p.m.; free; family friendly; Flora-Bama; Perdido Key.
- **Fish Fry & Music by Southern Star:** 5:30; Gulf Coast Elks Lodge; Foley.
- **Men's Senior Softball (50 and over):** 9 a.m.; Orange Beach Sportsplex; all skill levels welcome; 225-313-8516.
- **Chris Spies, Issac Eady, Ben Jernigan:** 5:30; Big Beach Brewery; Gulf Shores.
- **Bo Grant:** 7; Pappa Roccas; Gulf Shores.
- **Henry Burt:** 7; Tacky Jacks, Fort Morgan.
- **Barstool Revival:** 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's; Gulf Shores.
- **Mid-Life Crisis:** 9; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- **Justin Fobes:** 1; Purple Parrot Tiki Bar; Perdido Key.
- **Johnny Barbato Duo:** 6; Purple Parrot Tiki Bar; Perdido Key.
- **Bama Beach Pickleball Club:** 9-noon; Church of Christ, 2414 West 1st St., Gulf Shores; (new members welcome).
- **Two Old Guys:** 5; Fraternal Order of Eagles; Foley.
- **The Legends Band:** 6; Alabama 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.
- **Jay Williams:** 7; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity.
- **Brandon Styles Magic Show:** 7; OWA; Foley.
- **Open Mixed Doubles Tennis:** 7:30 a.m.; all levels welcome; Gulf Shores Tennis Center; corner of West 19th Ave. and West

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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!

Group puts memory, balance testing on hold for the winter

By Sam Shite

TESTING 1,2,3 has made the decision that it will not be holding its usual, free memory screening and balance testing events this winter. For the last five years this all volunteer organization has been offering free memory screenings and balance testing for residents of South Baldwin County as well as for visitors and Snowbirds. Twice a year (February and November) we held these events but we had to cancel our November events and now our February events due to Covid.

We shall return! Hopefully next fall we will once again be able to provide this service to our residents. In the meantime, please remember to do your balance exercises so that you minimize your chances of falling. In addition, stay active -- mentally and physically -- just about the best medicine there is! Stay healthy and we hope to see you in the fall of 2021.

If you would like a free virtual memory screening, you can do so by making an appointment with the Alzheimer's Foundation of America. Call 1-866-232-8484 and you can schedule your screening on Mondays or Wednesdays anytime between 9am and 3pm CST or on Fridays from 9am to 1pm. These screenings are free, totally confidential and only take 15 minutes. It is the same screening test that we offer locally -- it's just done virtually.

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, NOV 21

- **Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables:** schedule on page 15; (includes Ole River Grill & Flora-Bama Yacht Club, Flora-Bama), Perdido Key.
- **Annual Country Bazaar:** 8-5; Saint John's Catholic Church; Magnolia Springs.
- **Dennis O'Hagan:** 5:30; Big Beach Brewery; Gulf Shores.
- **False Identity:** 9; The Office, Foley.
- **Creek Crawl:** 8 a.m.; Graham Creek Nature Preserve; 4 mile obstacle course; Foley.
- **JERI:** 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's; Gulf Shores.
- **Bo Grant:** 7; Pappa Roccos; Gulf Shores.
- **Mid-Life Crisis:** 9; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Fort Morgan.
- **Jim McAdams:** 3; Fraternal Order of Eagles; Foley.
- **Open Jam:** 8; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.
- **John Fowler:** 1; Purple Parrot Tiki Bar; Perdido Key.
- **John Joiner & Darrel Roberts:** 6; Purple Parrot Tiki Bar; Perdido Key.
- **The Light Travelers:** 3 p.m.; Tiki Bar at American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.
- **Bruti:** 6:30; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- **The Legends Band:** 6; Alabama Gulf Coast Music Hall; Foley.
- **Premier Platinum:** 7; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity.
- **Coastal Alabama Farmers and Fishermen's Market:** 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.; 20733 Mifflin Rd. (County Rd. 20), Foley.
- **Texas Hold'em:** 7; The Office, Foley.
- **Brandon Styles Impressions, Comedy & Magic Show:** 7; OWA; Foley.
- **Baldwin County Republican Executive Committee:** 10 a.m.; Robertsdale City Hall Building; 251-379-0748 or don@mcgriffaw.com
- **Optimist Club of Perdido Bay:** break-

fast 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) Pensacola.

SUN, NOV 22

- **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 page 15; (includes Ole River Grill & Flora-Bama Yacht Club, Flora-Bama), Perdido Key.
- **Riffs on the Bay Blues Festival:** 1-8 p.m.; 7 bands; \$10 cover; Tiki Bar at American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.
- **Josh Newcom:** noon; Tin Top Restaurant, Bon Secour.
- **Justin Jeansonne:** noon; Tin Top Restaurant, Bon Secour.
- **Annual Country Bazaar:** 9-1; Saint John's Catholic Church; Magnolia Springs.
- **Strickly Isbell:** 7; Pappa Roccos; Gulf Shores.
- **Steve & Joe Piano Show:** 3:30; Big

Beach Brewery; Gulf Shores.

- **Lefty Collins:** 5; Lucy Buffett's LuLu's; Gulf Shores.
- **Johnny Barbato:** 1; Purple Parrot Tiki Bar; Perdido Key.
- **Gary Story & Rickstar:** 5; Purple Parrot Tiki Bar; Perdido Key.
- **League Pool:** 7; The Office, Foley.
- **Open Mic at The Sand Bar:** 1 p.m.; Pirates Cove; Josephine.
- **Danny Grady:** 2; Fraternal Order of Eagles; Foley.
- **Karaoke:** 7:30; Live Bait, Orange Beach.
- **Roger & Elaine:** 5; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- **Lisa Christian:** 4 p.m.; Tacky Jack's, Gulf Shores.
- **John Joiner & Friends:** 4; Hub Stacy's at the Point; Innerarity Point.
- **9 Ball APA:** 6; The Office, Foley.

MON, NOV 23

- **Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables:** schedule on page 15; (includes Ole River Grill & Flora-Bama Yacht Club, Flora-Bama), Perdido Key.
- **Flora-Bama Bingo:** 1-4 p.m.; free; family friendly; Flora-Bama; Perdido Key.
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WHAT'S HAPPENING



Retired fighter pilot John Baehr enjoyed music, 'Bama, friends, family

By Fran Thompson

I most often ran into John Baehr while listening to music in the main room at the Flora-Bama. We both preferred stools by the corner of the bar at the front end. It was long enough ago that I agreed with him that Lillian's own Guthrie Trapp, even at 16 years old, was formidable enough on guitar to hold his own with the likes of John Joiner and Luther Wamble. Guthrie left for Nashville back in 2001.

"He was the nicest person and, like so many characters who spent time at the Flora-Bama, even when he knew he was dying, he would come in and listen to music and watch the people and hang around," said Flora-Bama co-owner Joe Gilchrist. "I guess it's partly to remember all the fun he had here when he was a kid and partly to savor what time he had left."

John loved shooting pool, listening and dancing to live music, and meeting friends at the Flora-Bama.

"He loved the Pink Pony as well. That was usually his second stop, followed by a bushwhacker at Tacky Jacks and then a drop in at Hub Stacy's on his Sunday runs," said John's son JP.

It is no coincidence that all of those bistros feature live music on Sunday afternoons.

Friends and family, including JP and John's other son, Lamar, and their families gathered at the Flora-Bama for a musical send-off for John on Nov. 7.

Two of his favorite Flora-Bama players, LeaAnne Creswell and Rick Whaley, played and shared stories about their friend. Creswell dedicated one of his favorite songs, Kenny Chesney's "You and Tequila," to John.

"He would always say 'glad you got to see me today' when he left," Whaley said.

According to his obituary, John was appointed to the U.S. Naval Academy by Barry Goldwater in 1958. He lettered with a gold star as captain of the tennis team while in Annapolis and played on Navy's 1961 national champion squash team.

He received his wings in Pensacola and flew F8 Crusaders off the aircraft carrier USS Shangri La. He later returned to Pensacola as an instructor.

He also worked in real estate in his wife's (Paula Black) hometown of Spartanburg, where he served as the mayor, chaired the National League of Cities Public Safety Committee and won multiple national tennis and squash titles.

He returned again to Pensacola in 1985 to fly again with the Navy as a civilian pilot trainer until his retirement.

John loved music and socializing, but more than anything, he loved hanging with his sons and visiting their families in Spartanburg for fishing, Panther football, and other adventures.

Shores; (new members welcome).

- **Open Mic w/Hippy Jim Sloan:** 7; Sand-shaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 9; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **Brent Burns:** 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's; Gulf Shores.
- **Sandy Key Records Songwriters Night:** 6; Purple Parrot Tiki Bar; Perdido Key.
- **Bingo:** 6; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- **Big Beach Trivia:** 7; Big Beach Brewing Company; Gulf Shores.
- **Open Mixed Doubles Tennis:** 7:30 a.m.; all levels welcome; Gulf Shores Tennis Center; corner of West 19th Ave. and West 2nd St.
- **League Pool:** 7; The Office, Foley.

- **Hall-O-Week:** various free events sponsored by YoHo Rum + Tacos, Villaggio Grille, Mile Marker 158 Dockside & Ginny Lane; The Wharf, Orange Beach.
- **Overeaters Anonymous:** 6; Holy Spirit Episcopal Church; Gulf Shores, 616 Ft. Morgan Rd.; 251-709-5907.
- **Celebrate Recovery:** (Christ centered 12 step program); Monday evenings at 6 p.m.; Christian Life Church in Orange Beach; 251-967-4840.
- **T.O.P.S. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly):** weigh-in 5:30; meeting 6; First Presbyterian Church of Foley; (Berry & Highway 59).
- **Alcoholics Anonymous:** noon; Perdido Bay UMC Activities Center; 13660 Innerarity Pt. Rd.; 850-492-3056 or 492-6362.

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

TUE, NOV 24

- **Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables:** schedule on page 15; (includes Ole River Grill & Flora-Bama Yacht Club, Flora-Bama), Perdido Key.
- **Flora-Bama Bingo:** 1-4 p.m.; free; family friendly; Flora-Bama; Perdido Key.



CYPRESS GATES POOCH PARADE: The community of Cypress Gates, in the heart of Foley, celebrated the beautiful weather on Halloween with their first annual Halloween Pooch Parade! No problem social distancing with these costumed cute, comical, clever and even creepy Furry Friends. (Submitted by Pat Grant)

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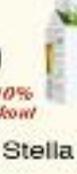
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Riffs on the Bay Blues Fest Nov. 22 at Fairhope American Legion Post

Seven bands will be participating in The Riffs on the Bay Blues Festival scheduled on Sunday, Nov. 22 from 1-8 p.m. at American Legion Post 199 (700 Mobile St.) in Fairhope. The requested donation is \$10 at the gate, and food will be available from All Greek to Me, Just My Dogg, and Small's BBQ.

Bands slated to play on the Legion's spectacular beach include Brad Lawley, Ric McNaughton, The Lucky Doggs, Tobascalooa, Johnny No, Rebecca Barry & Bust and Al & The Smoking Section.

Proceeds from the fest will be used to help the Post reopen its main building and continue in its primary mission of serving veterans.

Santa will "drop into" Flora-Bama to visit with children on Dec. 12

Santa Claus has made time in his busy schedule to "drop in" and visit local girls and boys on Saturday, December 12 at the Flora-Bama Lounge & Oyster Bar on Perdido Key. Festivities begin at 11 a.m. with children's activities, free snacks, hot drinks and live music. Weather permitting, Santa will parachute in at 1 p.m. Otherwise, he may arrive by fire engine. Santa will be available for pictures afterwards. And Ms. Claus, her elves and U.S. Marines will be on hand to collect non-perishable items for the Manna Food Bank and/or Toys for Tots in exchange for a free drink card.

The Flora-Bama is located on Perdido Key at the Alabama-Florida line. For more info, call 850-492-0611 or 251-980-5118 or go to flora-bama.com.

Annual St. John's Country Bazaar Nov. 21-22 in Magnolia Springs

The Annual Country Bazaar at Saint John's Catholic Church in Magnolia Springs will be held Saturday, November 21 (8 a.m. to 5 p.m.) and Sunday, November 22 (9 a.m. to 1 p.m.) on the oak-shaded church grounds. Five-star Seafood Gumbo and blue-ribbon Shrimp Creole will be available.

Pre-order takeouts online at stjohms.com (go to "Bazaar" tab). Silent auction of handmade crafts, gift baskets, baked goods. "Basket of Cheer" raffle worth \$500; tickets \$5 each. General raffle (tickets \$1 each; drawings Sunday at 12:30 p.m.) – 1st prize: \$150 cash; 2nd prize: coastal boat trip; 3rd prize: Thanksgiving dinner basket; 4th prize: \$25 Walmart gift card. Soft drinks available. Free parking. More info: 251-988-1468 or 251-942-9067. GPS address: 10800 Saint John's Lane, Foley, AL 36535. Or, take County Road 49 south out of Magnolia Springs for 2 miles, then turn west on County Road 26 and follow the signs for 2 miles to Saint John's.

Next Orange Beach Golf Center Skins Game scheduled on Dec. 6

The Orange Beach Golf Center will host its monthly Skins Game on Sunday, Dec. 6, 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. Info: 251-981-GOLF (4653).

- **Ladies Golf Clinic:** 3:30; Glen Lakes Golf Course; Foley.
- **Bama Beach Pickleball Club:** 9-noon; Church of Christ, 2414 West 1st St., Gulf Shores; (new members welcome).
- **Bingo/Karaoke:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- **Light Travelers:** 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's; Gulf Shores.
- **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 9; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **Bar Bingo:** 6:30; Purple Parrot Tiki Bar; Perdido Key.
- **JW Karaoke:** 6; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
- **Tiki Trivia:** 7; Purple Parrot Tiki Bar; Perdido Key.
- **Bingo:** 5; 45 Restaurant & Bar; One Club, Gulf Shores.
- **Bingo:** 10-2; Gulf Coast Elks Lodge; Foley.
- **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.
- **Line Dancing:** 6; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- **Coastal Alabama Farmers and Fishermen Market:** 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.; 20733 Mifflin Rd. (County Rd. 20), Foley.
- **Brandan Styles Impressions, Comedy & Magic Show:** 7; OWA; Foley.

- **South Baldwin Republican Women:** Gift Horse Rest., 11:30 a.m.; 4th Tuesday of Every Month, public invited, Info: 251-978-6178.
 - **Orange Beach City Council Meeting:** 5 p.m.; City Hall; 980-INFO.
 - **Overcomers Outreach:** 7 p.m.; First Baptist Church of Orange Beach; 980-1705.
 - **Kiwanis Club of Big Lagoon:** Breakfast meeting each Tuesday at 7:30 a.m.; speaker first three Tuesdays and a business meeting the fourth Tuesday; Perdido Bay UMC Activities Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Road, Pensacola, 262-749-4241.
 - **Foley Lions Club:** noon; Wolf Bay Lodge, Foley.
 - **Foley Kiwanis Club:** noon; Vallarta's, 1145 S. McKenzie St., Foley; 859-771-6091.
 - **AA:** Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
 - **Al-Anon:** Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Activities Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
- WED, NOV 25**
- **Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables:** schedule on page 15; (includes Ole River Grill & Flora-Bama Yacht Club, Flora-Bama), Perdido Key.

- **Flora-Bama Bingo:** 1-4 p.m.; free; family friendly; Flora-Bama; Perdido Key.
- **Bama Beach Pickleball Club:** 9-noon; Church of Christ, 2414 West 1st St., Gulf Shores; (new members welcome).
- **Porch Ninjas:** 5; Big Beach Brewery; Gulf Shores.
- **Adam Holt:** 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's; Gulf Shores.
- **Bingo:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke:** 7; Bar 45 at ONE CLUB, Gulf Shores.
- **Gary Story & Friends:** 7; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke w. J.W. Baker:** 6; Purple Parrot Tiki Bar; Perdido Key.
- **Karaoke:** 6; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- **Artie Hopkins:** 5; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- **John Joiner & Darrel Roberts:** 6; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
- **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 9; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **BBRC Running Club:** 5:30 p.m.; Big Beach Brewery in Gulf Shores; laffet-foot.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



St. Patrick's Ladies Christmas Bazaar Dec. 4-5 in Robertsdale

The St. Patrick's Ladies Auxiliary 46th Annual Christmas Bazaar will be held Dec. 4-5. Doors will open from 7am to 5 pm at St. Patrick's Center on 23035 Hwy 59 in Robertsdale. Masks and social distancing are encouraged.

The Bazaar will feature over 100 hand crafted gift baskets along with fresh baked Stollen (coffee cakes) and nut filled Kifles. There will also be a Jam Stand filled with jams, jellies, and sauces made by local cooks. The church ladies, including baking prize winning baker, Sylvia Pulliam, will present homemade cakes, candies, and cookies for sale. Unique hand crafted items are also in the spotlight. Starting with handmade quilts, Afghans, baby items, soaps, and shabby chic. The Christmas tree stand is always a place to stop and gaze at not only the gorgeous trees, but all sorts of arrangements. Proceeds will benefit community charities and St. Patrick School.

Pictured: Front – L to R Pam Ackis, Sylvia Pulliam, Fran Frayne; Second Row – L to R Cheryl Connor, Jennifer Sprock, Carolyn Bell; Third Row – L-R Linda Eubanks, JoAnne Kinsey, Susan Mullek, Barbara Gander, Felicia Weimer, Margaret O'Hara.



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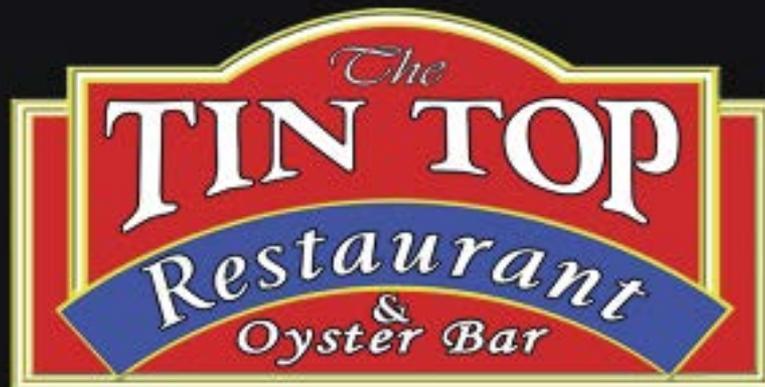
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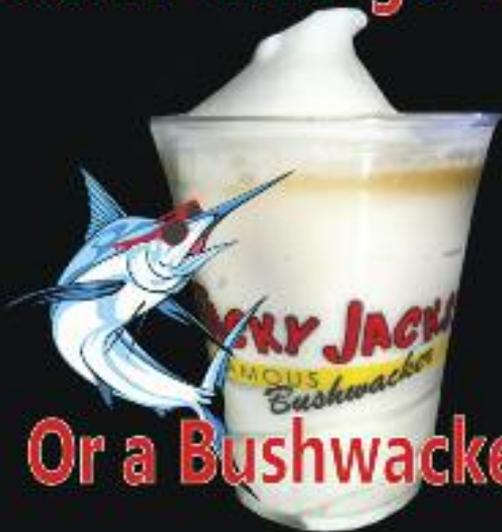
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 • **Food Bank:** 9-11 a.m every Wednesday, Perdido Bay Baptist Church, 12600 Sorrento Rd. Pensacola; call for eligibility requirements at (850) 492-2604.
 • **Bread Ministry:** 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.; Orange Beach United Methodist Church Brook's Center.
 • **Food Ministry For Hungry Families:**

noon-1 p.m.; Grace Lutheran Church, corner of West 23rd Ave. and West 4th St. in Gulf Shores; 251-968-5991.
 • **Gulf Shores Lions Club:** noon; 2nd & 4th Wednesday; noon; Gulf Shores Community House, 300 E. 16th Avenue; 251-968-2823.
 • **AA:** Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

THU, NOV 26

• **Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables:** schedule on page 15; (includes Ole River Grill & Flora-Bama Yacht Club, Flora-Bama), Perdido Key.
 • **Flora-Bama Bingo:** 1-4 p.m.; free; family friendly; Flora-Bama; Perdido Key.
 • **Bama Beach Pickleball Club:** 9-noon; Church of Christ, 2414 West 1st St., Gulf



Anytime Fitness helps YMCA with Silver Sneakers classes

After losing their home base at the YMCA in Foley while it is being renovated after receiving extensive damage from Hurricane Sally, members got in touch with Anytime Fitness (8154 Highway 59, Suite 216) and the staff there agreed to offer Silver Sneakers classes on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays at 10 a.m. Any person who has Silver Sneakers membership through their supplemental insurance will be able to take the classes at no charge and will not have to join Anytime Fitness to do so. For more info or for an appointment to fill out registration forms, call 251-923-5550.

Silver Sneakers is a fitness program provided through certain Medicare supplement insurance plans. Those who do not have a membership to Silver Sneakers can take this exercise class by joining Anytime Fitness or any gym that offers the option. The program helps with cardiovascular health, flexibility, balance and endurance for the 65 and over group.

Pictured: L-R Dax Smith, Emily Logan of Anytime Fitness, and program participants Carol Hardy and Nancy McMeekin.

SMALL TOWN, BIG TREES NURSERY RIBBON CUTTING: The City of Gulf Shores, the Gulf Shores Beautification Board and Gulf Shores City Schools are jointly sponsoring the Small Town, Big Trees Nursery behind the gymnasium at Gulf Shores High School. The long term goal of this community-based tree planting project is to dramatically increase the number of trees planted in the Gulf Shores area through restoration projects, school programs, public outreach, partnering with public and private entities, volunteer plantings, and existing planting efforts (Arbor Day, street trees, city landscaping). The City received funding from the 2020 Gulf Coast Resource Conservation and Development Council Grant Program for initial costs. High school students will work to cultivate seedlings in the nursery greenhouse, and seedlings will then be transplanted to 3-gallon trade containers and grown out in the nursery. Saplings will then be made available to the public in various ways. According to the program's mission statement, sustaining healthy community forests is integral to residents' quality of life., as trees provide protection from the elements, and clean the water we drink and the air we breathe while connecting future generations to earlier generations who planted and tended the trees. **Pictured:** Small Town, Big Trees Nurs-



ORANGE BEACH GARDEN CLUB YARDS OF THE MONTH: The Orange Beach Garden Club proudly presented its November Commercial Yard of the Month award to Luna's Eat & Drink, located at 25689 Canal Road. Bert Scott, manager of Luna's, was happy to receive the honor. Kutter's Grounds Maintenance is credited for maintaining the beautiful landscaping on the grounds. The Residential Yard of the Month was awarded to Tammy and Doug Warren. They have a beautiful yard located at 5189 Bay Drive. Congratulations to the Warrens. **Pictured:** Tammy Warren with Orange Beach Garden Club member Susan Grant; Bert Scott with Orange Beach Garden Club member Renita Myers.

SEC Women's Soccer Tourney final Nov. 22 at O.B. Sportsplex

The Vanderbilt v. Tennessee winner and LSU v. Texas A&M winner will square off in one semifinal, and the Auburn v. Arkansas winner (7:30 p.m.) and the Missouri v. South Carolina winner (9:30 p.m.) will play in the other on Thursday, Nov. 18 for a chance to vie for the SEC Women's Soccer Championship at the Orange Beach Sportsplex (4389 William Silvers Pkwy.). The championship match will be played on Sunday, Nov. 22 at 1 p.m.

LSU is the only team among the eight quarterfinalists to pull off an upset in the tourney's first two rounds, as the Tigers, seeded 14th, beat 11 seed Alabama and six seed Ole Miss to get to the quarterfinals.

Tickets will be available at the gate. Adult tickets are \$5 per game and children (K-12) will be admitted for \$2 per day.

Arkansas is seeded first and Tennessee second going into the tourney, which was won by South Carolina in 2019.

The tourney winner receives the SEC's automatic bid to the NCAA Division I Women's Soccer Championship. The field of 64 teams includes 31 conference champions, with the balance selected at-large by the NCAA.

Orange Beach-Gulf Shores Tourism is expected to announce a contract extension to host the tourney in Orange Beach through 2025.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

CSC "angel" cards a way to spread Christmas cheer to local kids

By Mary Lee Harms

Christmas Cheer at the Christian Service Center is now in full swing. Parents are coming into the Christian Service Center, wishes are being taken by the elves, angels are made, and being passed on to our local churches and businesses. Last year, our angels helped over 450 area needy children have the best Christmas we could help them have.

Please pick up your angels at your church, or, because of the pandemic, we have several generous business partners who will also distribute the angels. Please feel free to also pick up angels at the Christian Service Center, Lulu's Restaurant, and DeSoto's Restaurant in Gulf Shores; Wildflowers Boutique, Reflections Hair Salon, and J&M Tackle in Orange Beach; and Fulcrum Construction in Daphne. The angels will be available at these locations by November 16.

Once you purchase the gift requested on the angel, please tape to your unwrapped gift, and deliver it to Toyland. Toyland is in The Island Church, located at 25550 Canal Rd. in Orange Beach, next to Orange Beach Family Dentistry.

Toyland is open the following hours: Tuesday, Dec. 1, 3, 4, 7, 8 10, 11, 14, 15, 16, 17 & 18 from 9 a.m. til noon and 1-4 p.m.

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Shores; (new members welcome).

- **Bar Trivia Night:** 6; Bar 45 Lounge at ONE CLUB, Gulf Shores.
- **Karaoke w. Kelly:** 7:30; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- **Tim Roberts:** 6; The Tin Top Restaurant, Bon Secour.
- **Danny Grady:** 2; Fraternal Order of Eagles; Foley.
- **Karaoke:** 5; Tacky Jack's, Gulf Shores.
- **Karaoke:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.
- **Rick Whaley & Tommy Mazzulo:** 6; Purple Parrot Tiki Bar; Perdido Key.
- **HartStrings:** 6:30; The Point; Innerarity Point.
- **Karaoke:** 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 9; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **The Legends Band:** 6; Alabama Gulf Coast Music Hall; Foley.
- **Bingo:** 5; open to all; Amvets Post 2018; 13085 Wisconsin St.; Elberta.
- **Texas Hold 'em:** 7; The Office, Foley.
- **Marine Corps League of South Baldwin County:** 6 p.m. on 4th Thursday; The Gulf Bowl, 2881 S. Jupiter St., Foley; current and former Marines and Corpsman welcome.
- **Rotary Club of Gulf Shores/Orange Beach:** noon; Gulf Shores Golf Club; visiting Rotarians and guests invited.
- **Gulf Shores United Methodist Church Bread Ministry:** 9-10; every Thursday; room 103 on the south campus, next to Crossroad; 251 968-2411.
- **AA:** Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

FRI, NOV 27

- **Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible**

- **Probables:** schedule on page 15; (includes Ole River Grill & Flora-Bama Yacht Club, Flora-Bama), Perdido Key.
- **Flora-Bama Bingo:** 1-4 p.m.; free; family friendly; Flora-Bama; Perdido Key.
- **Bama Beach Pickleball Club:** 9-noon; Church of Christ, 2414 West 1st St., Gulf Shores; (new members welcome).
- **Men's Senior Softball (50 and over):** 9 a.m.; Orange Beach Sportsplex; all skill levels welcome; 225-313-8516.
- **The Defrosters:** 7; Tacky Jacks, Fort Morgan.
- **Rufas McBlack:** 5:30; Big Beach Brewery; Gulf Shores.
- **Gypsy Pearl:** 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's; Gulf Shores.
- **Hollywood Vagabonds:** 9; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- **Rhonda Ray:** 5; Tacky Jack's, Gulf Shores.
- **Full Circle:** 9; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- **Justin Fobes:** 1; Purple Parrot Tiki Bar; Perdido Key.
- **Johnny Barbato Duo:** 6; Purple Parrot Tiki Bar; Perdido Key.
- **Two Old Guys:** 5; Fraternal Order of Eagles; Foley.
- **Roger & Elaine:** 7; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- **Ben Jernigan Trio:** 7; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity.
- **Karaoke w. Kelly Ann:** 6; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- **Karaoke:** 8; Snapper's; Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke:** 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- **The Legends Band:** 6; Alabama Gulf Coast Music Hall; Foley.
- **Open Jam:** 8; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.

- **Brandon Styles Magic Show:** 7; OWA; Foley.
- **Open Mixed Doubles Tennis:** 7:30 a.m.; all levels welcome; Gulf Shores Tennis Center; corner of West 19th Ave. and West 2nd St.
- **Bingo:** 5:30; Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5659; Elberta.
- **Alcoholics Anonymous:** noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center; 13660 Innerarity Pt. Rd.; 850-492-3056 or 492-6362.

SAT, NOV 28

- **Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables:** schedule on page 15; (includes Ole River Grill & Flora-Bama Yacht Club, Flora-Bama), Perdido Key.
- **Vacasa Coastal Half Marathon and 5K Run:** Orange Beach Sportsplex; 4385 William Silvers Pkwy; Orange Beach; (251) 981-6626.
- **3v3 Live National Soccer Championship:** Foley Sports Tourism Complex, 920 E Pride Dr., Foley.
- **Warp Speed Sulu:** 9; The Office, Foley.
- **Iron Bowl Chili Cookoff:** noon (judging at halftime), The Office, Foley.
- **Adam Holt:** 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's; Gulf Shores.
- **Delta Donnie:** 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **Jim McAdams:** 3; Fraternal Order of Eagles; Foley.
- **Karaoke:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.
- **Open Jam:** 8; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.
- **Hollywood Vagabonds:** 9; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- **John Fowler:** 1; Purple Parrot Tiki Bar; Perdido Key.
- **John Joiner & Darrel Roberts:** 6; Purple Parrot Tiki Bar; Perdido Key.

Final phase for debris pickup on state and U.S. highways Dec. 1

Although a specific end date has been determined yet for local municipalities' Hurricane Sally debris pickup, the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) contractor CrowderGulf will begin the final pass of Hurricane Sally debris pickup for residents who live along U.S. highways and state routes in Baldwin County on Tuesday, December 1. Residents should place debris on the public right-of-way by Monday, November 30 or it may not be collected.

Public right-of-way is the area of residential property that extends from the street to the sidewalk, ditch, utility pole or easement. Residents are urged to separate the debris as follows:

- Whole trees, tree stumps, tree branches, tree trunks and other leafy material)
- Damaged components of buildings and structures such lumber and wood, wall board, glass, metal, roofing materials, tile, furnishings, and fixtures)

- Materials that are ignitable, reactive, toxic or corrosive such as paints, cleaners, pesticides, etc.)
- Refrigerators, freezers, air conditioners, heat pumps, ovens, ranges, washing machines, clothes dryers and water heaters)
- Computers, televisions, office electronic equipment, etc.)

Only loose debris will be collected, bagged debris should not be placed on the public right-of-way

Do not place debris near a water meter vault, fire hydrant or any other above-ground utility. Only debris placed on the public right-of-way will be eligible for collection until further notice. Debris should not be placed in the roadway shoulders. The attached flyer provides residents with a visual overview of the proper method to set debris on the right-of-way.

Baldwin County Routes: U.S. Highway - 31, 90, 98, State Routes: State Highway - 9, 104, 180, 181, 182, 225, 287. In Orange Beach this includes Canal Road West (180) and Perdido Beach Boulevard (182).

O.B. youth dove hunt & clay shoot is Dec. 19

The rescheduled Orange Beach Youth Dove Hunt will now be held in conjunction with the annual clay shoot on Saturday, December 19 at Alligator Alley in Summerdale.

The events are open to children ages 8 to 15. Only children will shoot. There will be one adult, one child and one gun per station. No automatic shotguns for kids under 12.

Participants are asked to arrive at 10:30 a.m. and to bring eye and ear protection. A potluck lunch will start at 11 a.m. and the clay shoot and dove hunt will follow lunch. Entree and drinks will be provided. Participants are asked to bring a side or dessert. Alligator Alley is at 19950 County Road 71.

For registration and information, call Chris Litton at 251-980-5946.



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36th Annual Frank Brown Songwriters Festival



- **Southern Star:** 6:30; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- **The Legends Band:** 6; Alabama Gulf Coast Music Hall; Foley.
- **Texas Hold'em:** 7; The Office, Foley.
- **Karaoke:** 10; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- **Smokey Otis Band:** 7; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity.
- **Brandon Styles Impressions, Comedy & Magic Show:** 7; OWA; Foley.
- **Coastal Alabama Farmers and Fishermen Market:** 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.; 20733 Midflin Rd. (County Rd. 20), Foley.
- **AA:** 10 a.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
- **AA:** 7 p.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
- **Ladies AA:** 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

SUN, NOV 29

- **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 page 15; (includes Ole River Grill & Flora-Bama Yacht Club, Flora-Bama), Perdido Key.
- **3v3 Live National Soccer Championship:** Foley Sports Tourism Complex, 920 E Pride Dr., Foley.
- **Justin Jeansson:** noon; Tin Top Restaurant, Bon Secour.
- **Barstool Revival:** 3:30; Big Beach Brewery; Gulf Shores.
- **Destiny Brown:** 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **Danny Grady:** 2; Fraternal Order of Eagles; Foley.
- **Chauncy Crandall:** 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's; Gulf Shores.
- **Gary Story & Rickstar:** 5; Purple Parrot Tiki Bar; Perdido Key.
- **Roger & Elaine:** 5; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- **Lisa Christian:** 4; Tacky Jack's, Gulf Shores.

- **John Joiner & Friends:** 4; Hub Stacey's at the Point; Innerarity Point.
- **League Pool:** 7; The Office, Foley.

MON, NOV 30

- **Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables:** schedule on page 15; (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).
- **Men's Senior Softball (50 and over):** 9 a.m.; Gulf Shores Sportsplex; all skill levels welcome; 225-313-8516.
- **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 9; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **Open Mic w/Hippy Jim Sloan:** 7; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- **Sandy Roots Songwriters Night:** 6; Purple Parrot Tiki Bar; Perdido Key.
- **Bingo:** 6; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- **Big Beach Trivia:** 7; Big Beach Brewing Company; Gulf Shores.
- **Open Mixed Doubles Tennis:** 7:30 a.m.; all levels welcome; Gulf Shores Tennis Center; corner of West 19th Ave. and West 2nd St.
- **League Pool:** 7; The Office, Foley.
- **Overeaters Anonymous:** 6; Holy Spirit Episcopal Church; Gulf Shores, 616 Ft. Morgan Rd.; 251-709-5907.
- **Celebrate Recovery:** (Christ centered 12 step program); Monday evenings at 6 p.m.; Christian Life Church in Orange Beach; 251-967-4840.
- **T.O.P.S. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly):** weigh-in 5:30; meeting 6; First Presbyterian Church of Foley; (Berry & Highway 59).
- **Alcoholics Anonymous:** noon; Perdido Bay UMC Activities Center; 13660 Innerarity Pt. Rd.; 850-492-3056 or 492-6362.
- **Alcoholics Anonymous and Alanon:** Holy Spirit Episcopal Church in Gulf Shores at noon; Alanon at Orange Beach Presbyterian Church in Orange Beach at 7 p.m.; 800-477-1104.
- **Ladies AA:** 10 a.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Activities Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

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

TUE, DEC 1

- **Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables:** schedule on page 15; (includes Ole River Grill & Flora-Bama Yacht Club, Flora-Bama), Perdido Key.
- **Flora-Bama Bingo:** 1-4 p.m.; free; family friendly; Flora-Bama; Perdido Key.
- **Ladies Golf Clinic:** 3:30; Glen Lakes Golf Course; Foley.
- **Bama Beach Pickleball Club:** 9-noon; Church of Christ, 2414 West 1st St., Gulf Shores; (new members welcome).
- **Bingo:** 5; 45 Restaurant & Bar; One Club, Gulf Shores.
- **Bingo/Karaoke:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- **Tiki Trivia:** 7; Purple Parrot Tiki Bar; Perdido Key.
- **Line Dancing:** 6; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 8; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **Open Mixed Doubles Tennis:** 7:30 a.m.; all levels welcome; Gulf Shores Tennis Center; corner of West 19th Ave. and West 2nd St.
- **Karaoke w. Kelly:** 7:30; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- **Texas Hold'em:** 7; The Office, Foley.
- **Pool Tourney:** 7; Snapper's; Orange Beach.
- **Orange Beach City Council Meeting:** 5 p.m.; City Hall; 980-INFO.
- **Gulf Shores Kiwanis Club:** Palmer Dining Room at Craft Farms; noon; new members and guests always welcome; 251-981-9999.
- **Kiwanis Club of Big Lagoon:** 7:30 a.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Activities Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Road, Pensacola, info: Sarah De Lazzar, 262-749-4241.
- **Foley Kiwanis Club:** noon; Vallarta's, 1145 S. McKenzie St., Foley; 859-771-6091.
- **AA:** Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
- **AA:** 7 p.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship

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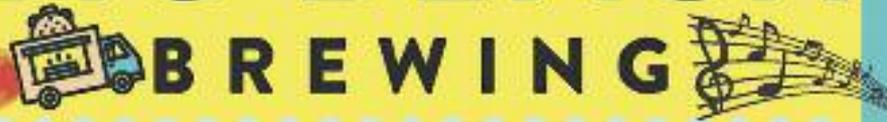


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Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

• **Al-Anon:** Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Activities Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

WED, DEC 2

• **Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables:** schedule on page 15; (includes Ole River Grill & Flora-Bama Yacht Club, Flora-Bama), Perdido Key.
 • **Flora-Bama Bingo:** 1-4 p.m.; free; family friendly; Flora-Bama; Perdido Key.
 • **Evergreens in Winter:** 10 a.m.; Graham Creek Nature Preserve; Foley.

• **Bama Beach Pickleball Club:** 9-noon; Church of Christ, 2414 West 1st St., Gulf Shores; (new members welcome).

• **Karaoke:** 7; Bar 45 at ONE CLUB, Gulf Shores.

• **Bingo:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.

• **Gary Story & Friends:** 7; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.

• **Artie Hopkins:** 5; American Legion Post 99; Foley.

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

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

• **John Joiner & Darrel Roberts:** 7; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.

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

• **BBRC Running Club:** 5:30 p.m.; Big Beach Brewery in Gulf Shores; lafleetfeet.com.

• **Karaoke & League Pool:** 7:30; The Office, Foley.

• **Bingo:** 10 a.m.; American Legion Post 99; Foley.

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

• **Prayer Shawl Ministry:** Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Activities Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

• **Food Ministry For Hungry Families:** noon-1 p.m.; Grace Lutheran Church, corner of West 23rd Ave. and West 4th St. in Gulf Shores; 251-968-5991.

• **Bread Ministry:** 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.; Orange Beach United Methodist Church Brook's Center.

• **Food Bank:** 9 - 11 a.m. every Wednesday, Perdido Bay Baptist Church, 12600 Sorrento Rd. Pensacola; call for eligibility requirements at (850) 492-2604.

• **Gulf Shores Garden Club:** 9:30 a.m.; first Wednesday of each month September thru May; Harry Roberts Senior Community House; 300 E. 16th Avenue, Gulf Shores; new members and guests always welcome; 251-968-5683.

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

• **AA:** 7:30 p.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

THU, DEC 3

• **Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables:** schedule on page 15; (includes Ole River Grill & Flora-Bama Yacht Club, Flora-Bama), Perdido Key.

• **Flora-Bama Bingo:** 1-4 p.m.; free; family friendly; Flora-Bama; Perdido Key.

• **Movies at Meyer Park:** 6; E.T.; free; Meyer Park; Gulf Shores.

• **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.

• **Danny Gray:** 2; Fraternal Order of Eagles; Foley.

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

• **Karaoke:** 5; Tacky Jack's, Gulf Shores.

• **Karaoke:** 6; Tacky Jack's, Fort Morgan.

• **Karaoke w. Kelly:** 7:30; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.

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

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

• **Greg Lyon:** 6; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity.

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

• **Karaoke:** 9; The Undertow; Orange Beach.

• **Texas Hold 'em:** 7; The Office, Foley.

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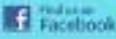
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Parks officials working to reopen portion of Gulf State Park Pier

By David Rainer

Al. Dept. of Con. & Natural Resources

Gulf State Park on Alabama's beautiful Gulf Coast will be a beehive of activity now and into the future.

One of the priorities is to get a portion of the popular Gulf State Park Pier open after Hurricane Sally collapsed a 175-foot section near the end octagon.

Although no estimate is available as to when the collapsed portion can be replaced, Alabama State Parks officials are working diligently to open a segment of the pier as soon as possible.

Lamar Pendergrass, State Parks' South Region Operations Supervisor, said Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) bridge inspection divers inspected the pier after Sally to make sure the standing portions of the pier are structurally sound.

"The divers also inspected and took pictures of the collapsed portion of the pier," Pendergrass said. "We're going to have assess what is the most feasible way to proceed with that section. That hasn't been determined at this point."

"We have damage to the main water line, a 4-inch line that went all the way to the octagon. The electrical service that supplied the up lights and down lights has been damaged."

The good news is the electrical supply to what Pendergrass calls the T, where the restrooms are located in the middle of the pier, is intact.

"We already have the lights in that area on and working," he said. "After inspection, it looks like we will be able to open about a 40-foot section beyond the T. We will section it off and have it available for fishing."

The contractor who had just finished a \$2.4 million renovation to the pier days before Sally hit is on-site and working to get the pier repaired.

"We have the contractor who did the

remodel under contract," Pendergrass said. "He has a team of individuals working on the pier to put back the panels that were displaced during the storm."

The 1,540-foot pier was built with panels designed to blow out to mitigate the damage to the structure. More than 200 of those panels were recovered after Sally.

"Those workers are replacing those panels, repairing the ones that were

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damaged and building new ones for the panels we weren't able to recover," Pendergrass said. "This week, the crew that installed the handrails should be on-site and start repairing the handrails that were damaged. The handrails around the restroom area took a good bit of damage."

Pendergrass said a definite timetable on when the work might be completed is hard to determine right now.

"It's very hard to say," he said. "We're really just scratching the surface. The electrical and water have to be addressed."

"We're probably looking at winter. But we don't want to put a date on it. We're definitely going to open as soon as possible."

The aforementioned renovations to the pier included replacing the pine decking and handrails with ipe (pronounced ee-pay), a hardwood from South America

with a projected lifespan of 30 years, compared to 10 for pine.

The grand reopening of the pier was scheduled the day that Sally made a direct hit on the Alabama coast with 105-mph winds and a forward motion of 2 mph, which caused the coast to be pummeled for hours and hours with hurricane-force winds.

Pendergrass said Parks officials heard from many pier users during the renovations and in the aftermath of the storm.

"A lot of people in this area and people who visited the area are very disappointed they don't have the pier to come to and fish and share the fellowship with the other fishermen," he said. "But we have the support of those people who know that when we do open the pier back up, we're going to have a very nice facility."

In addition to the repairs to the pier, a new \$3.6-million project is starting at Gulf State Park that encompasses several areas in the 6,150-acre park.

Additional parking spaces are being added near the pier and The Lodge at Gulf State Park.

Significant upgrades are also planned in other areas of the park, including around Lake Shelby and the Beach Pavilion to the east of the main park complex.

With the exception of trail access, Lake Shelby will be closed to the public during the renovations, which are expected to be completed by the summer of 2021.

The Lake Shelby area enhancements will include a modern playground with three areas for different age groups, separate small and large dog parks with covered seating and water fountains, new bathrooms, improved parking, a new tram stop and a bikeshare station for public use within the park.

A parking area and tram stop will be constructed across from the middle beach walkover where South Campground Road intersects East Beach Boulevard.

The Beach Pavilion will be upgraded to better accommodate volunteers, staff, weddings and other events. Also, traffic signs will be updated throughout the park.

"We are pleased to announce these improvements to Gulf State Park," Chris Blankenship, Commissioner of the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, said. "This project has been in the works for several months. Thankfully, we were able to remain on schedule as we also continue the extensive cleanup and repairs associated with Hurricane Sally. In recent years this park has become a model for how to blend environmental sustain-



ability with public access to our beautiful coastal landscape. We are looking forward to sharing these new enhancements with the public in the coming months."

Pendergrass said work is underway to repair damage from Sally in the Gulf State Park Campground.

"We lost several electrical distribution panels during the storm," he said. "We should have those repairs done this week. We are checking each panel box to make sure the breakers are good and there is no water damage. We want to make sure if campers do hook up, they will have electricity. We plan to open the entire campground up this week. That will give us 500 sites instead of the 175 we had available after the storm."

Pendergrass said the work continues to clean up after Sally. Weeks later, Hurricane Zeta came close enough to the Alabama coast to add to the cleanup work.

"We're riding daily through the park, picking up limbs and debris after the storms," he said.

Pendergrass was especially appreciative of the Alabama State Parks Strike Teams that came from other parks around the state to help at Gulf State Park after Sally.

"Individuals from strike teams from almost ever park came to help us out," he said. "The Lakepoint Strike Team came twice. They cut trees and removed debris. They did a tremendous job of helping this park out. This is just something we do when we have an emergency or tragedy; we send help to each other. And it's greatly appreciated."

Pictured: (Kelly Reetz, David Rainer) Workers are busy replacing floor panels that were blown out during Hurricane Sally. A 175-foot section of the pier collapsed from the pounding of Hurricane Sally's surge. Lamar Pendergrass, right, and Park Ranger Alex Prickett check out the South American hardwood being using for railing at the pier.



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"Found this cute ghost crab on a walkabout in Perdido Key this morning," writes Butch Wootten.



Wendy Clark of Foley shares another beautiful West Beach sunset.



Jim Peters shares a shot of the Blue Angels final flyover in their F/A-18 Legacy Hornets just for their hometown fans.



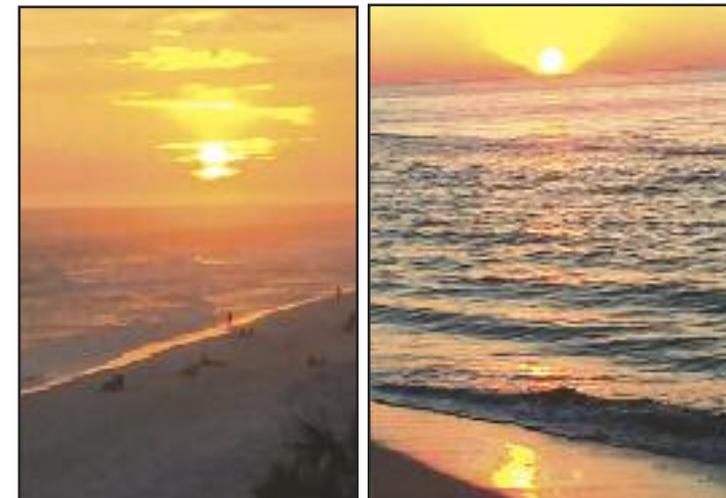
Jack Wedekind shares a Gulf Shores vacation picture.



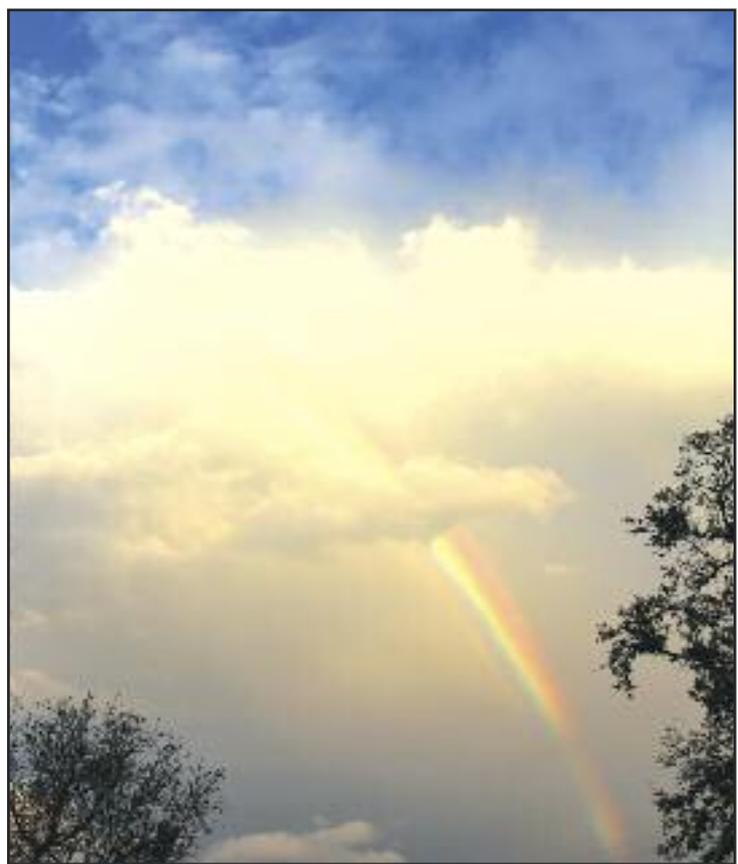
"Chilling at a pond in Gulf Shores," writes Bunny Harlow.



"We love enjoying the beach at sunset with camera ready," writes Terri Kalapach. "I took this picture of my husband, Drew, taking a picture last week in front of the Phoenix IV."



Sundown and sunrise on West Beach from Phillip Thomas.



"Took this from my driveway! Bet it was gorgeous everywhere," writes Cathy Deal.

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Funny Bones

By George Ridder



December is the month when the kids begin to discuss what to get Dad for Christmas.

Some insist on a shirt. Others insist on a pair of socks. The argument always ends in a tie.

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I changed my car horn to gun-

shot sounds. People get out of the way much faster.

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Thoughts When in Quarantine Too Long...

- If poison passes its expiration date, is it more poisonous or is it no longer poisonous?
- Which letter is silent in the word "Scent," the S or the C?
- Do twins ever realize that at least one of them is unplanned?
- Why is the letter W, in English, called double U? Shouldn't it be called double V?
- Maybe oxygen is slowly killing you and it just takes 75-100 years to fully work.
- Every time you clean something, you just make something else dirty.
- The word "swims" upside-down is still "swims"
- 100 years ago everyone owned a horse and only the rich had cars. Today everyone has cars and only the rich own horses.
- At a movie theater, which arm rest is yours?
- If people evolve from monkeys, why are monkeys still around?
- Why is there a 'D' in fridge, but not in refrigerator?
- Who knew what time it was when the first clock was made?

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I was in the chemist lab and I said to the assistant, "What gets rid of germs?"

She said, "Ammonia cleaner." I said, "Oh sorry, I thought you worked here."

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If a woman says she'll be ready in 15 minutes, she will be. There's no need to remind her every half hour.

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My landlord texted me saying we need to meet up and talk about how high my heating bill is. I replied back: "Sure, my door is always open."

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I'm giving up drinking until Christmas! Sorry, bad punctuation. I'm giving up, drinking until Christmas.

.....
A number of 12 year old girls were beginning to use lipstick and would put it on while in the school bathroom. That was fine, but after they put on their lipstick they would press their lips to the mirror, leaving dozens of little lip prints.

Every night, the maintenance man would remove them and the next day, the girls would put them back.

Finally the principal called all the girls to the bathroom and met them there with the maintenance man. She explained that all these lip prints were causing a major problem for the custodian.

To demonstrate how difficult it had been to clean the mirrors, she asked the maintenance man to show the girls how much effort was required.

He took out a long-handled squeegee, dipped it in the toilet, and cleaned the mirror with it. Since then, there have been no lip prints on the mirror.

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At one point the IRS tax auditor exclaimed, "We feel it is a great privilege to be allowed to live and work in the USA. As a citizen you have an obligation to pay taxes, and we expect you to eagerly pay them with a smile."

"Thank goodness," I replied, "I thought you were going to want me to pay with cash."

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After my 91-year-old mother finished having her hair cut and shaped, the stylist announced, "There, now you look ten years younger!"

My mother, unimpressed, replied, "Who wants to look 81

years old?"
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Attorney: What were you in at the moment of the impact?
Witness: Gucci sweats and Reeboks.

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While a farmer was milking his cow, a bug flew into the cow's ear. The farmer didn't think much about it until the bug squirted out into his bucket.

It went in one ear and out the udder.

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• "What do you? Thanksgiving dinner?" "A har-vest."
• "Why didn't the cook season the Thanksgiving turkey?" "There was no thyme!"
• "What's a turkey's favorite Thanksgiving food?" "Nothing—it's already stuffed."
• "Which holiday is Dracula's favorite?" "Fangs-giving."
• "What's the best dance to do on Thanksgiving?" "The turkey trot."

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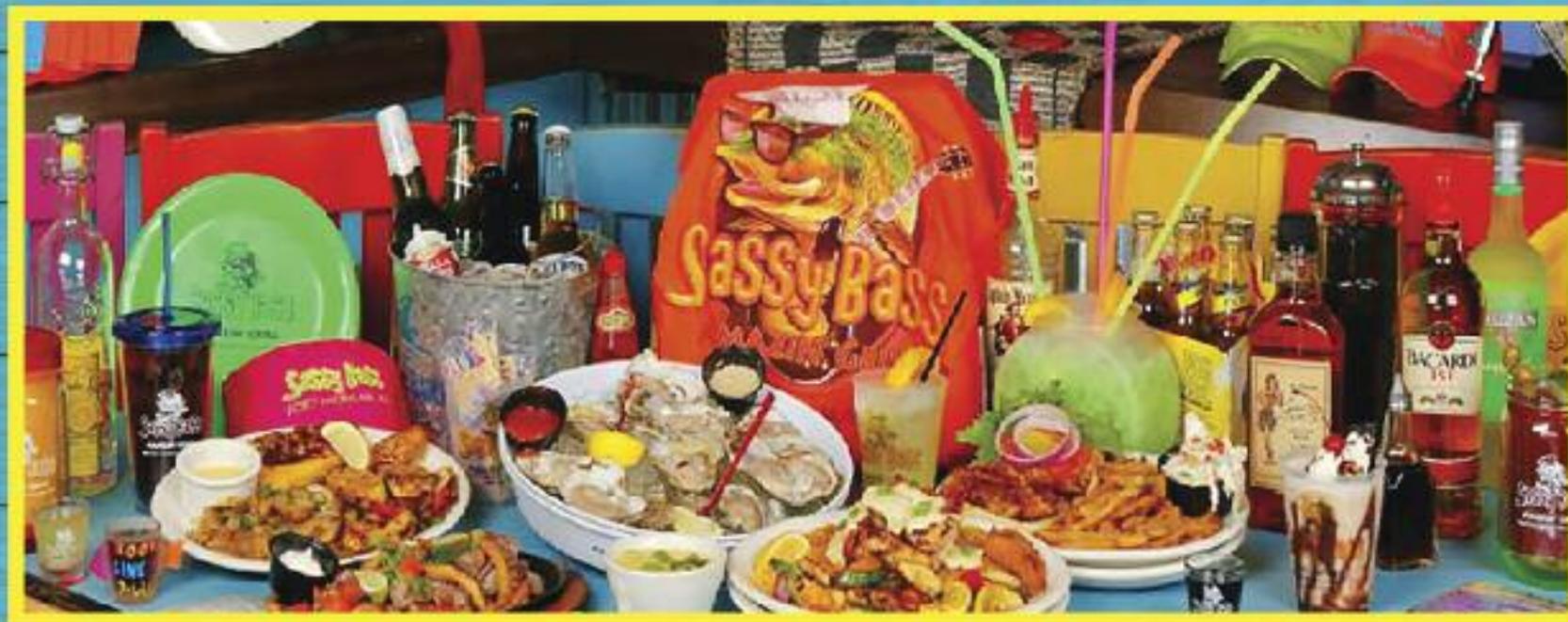
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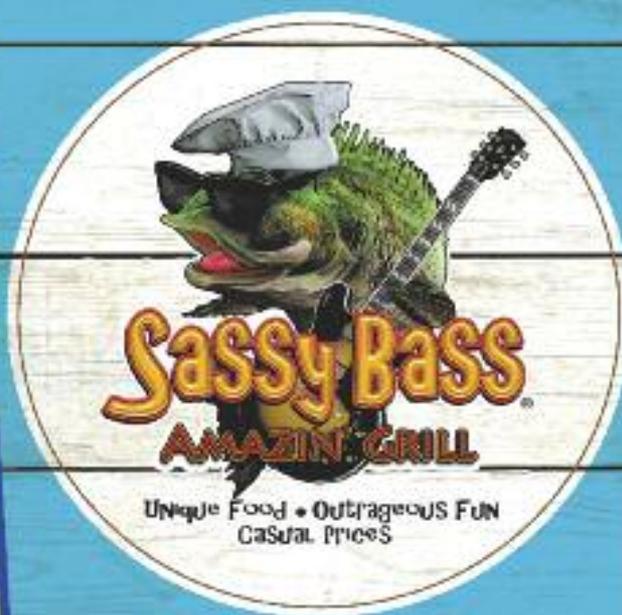
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