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## Six local artists create various eco-systems on Gulf Shores Elementary School walls

Gulf Shores grads John David Swiger, Michael Swiger, Kelly West, Addison Bullard, Jordan Bodenhamer & Jaclyn Holland get help from current GSHS artists

Six local artists are giving back to Gulf Shores Schools in a way only artists can. John David Swiger, Michael Swiger, Kelly West, Addison Bullard, Jordan Bodenhamer and Jaclyn Holland, GSHS grads all, are working with Gulf Shores Elementary School students and teachers with the help of GSHS art students to recreate ecosystems in the school's hallways. Books about each ecosystem depicted on the walls were used by students as companion pieces to start the project. Teachers collaborated and formed plans for the transformation and/or wrote grant requests. The walls were repainted with base coats over Christmas break, and the local artists, with the assistance of current GSHS art students, began transforming the ideas to hallway walls last month.



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**PERDIDO PASS DREDGING PROJECT YIELDS 8.5 ACRES OF NEW BEACH:** The recently completed dredging of Perdido Pass resulted in 8.5 acres of sand replenishment west of the pass, from Grande Point to Island House, as documented in the above aerial photo. The project was completed last month.

### DJ Tony Nelson will spin Midday Melodies in Foley March 31

Midday Melodies, a new music-at-lunchtime event in Foley's Heritage Park, continues March 24 and 31 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. This is a safe, socially distanced event that will take place entirely outdoors near the fountain in the park. Picnic blankets or lawn chairs are welcome. Pick up a lunch from one of Foley's many restaurants or bring your own.

On March 24th, Leonard Houston of Fairhope will be performing on the keyboard and saxophone. Lastly, on March 31st, DJ Tony Nelson will spin tunes from all genres.

Free parking is available around the perimeter of the park located at 104 N. McKenzie Street, just across the pedestrian bridge on Hwy. 59. More info: [visitfoley.org](http://visitfoley.org) or 251-943-1300.

### Big Lagoon Kiwanis Club Golf Tournament April 17 at Lost Key

The Kiwanis Club of Big Lagoon Take Stock in Children Golf Tournament will be held on April 17 at Lost Key Golf Club on Perdido Key. Registration starts at 11 a.m. with lunch and the 1 p.m. shotgun start to follow. The tourney features a \$10K hole in one contest, a \$2,500 putting contest and a \$250 ball drop. To register, visit [kiwanisclubofbiglagoon.com](http://kiwanisclubofbiglagoon.com).

### Baldwin Co. Youth Orchestra concert in Lillian on March 28

The Baldwin County Youth Orchestra will perform a fundraising concert at the Lillian United Methodist Church Pecan Orchard on Sunday, March 28 at 2:30 p.m. This is a free event. But donations will be accepted to help us build a new location for BCYO students to practice and provide concerts, as its previous building was damaged during Hurricane Sally. Patrons can park and roll down your windows to listen to the concert from their vehicles or bring a lawn chair. The BCYO is a non-profit organization committed to the enhancement of classical music in young people. Its motto is "Something for everyone." Visit [bcyorchestra.com](http://bcyorchestra.com) for more information.

### Shred It Day April 22 behind Foley City Hall

The City of Foley will host its semi-annual Shred it Day on April 22 from 3-5 p.m. behind City Hall at 407 E. Laurel Ave. Bring you old bank statements, mortgages and and other any other paperwork that you wish to have destroyed. This is for residential recycle only. For more info, call 251-943-1545.

### Baldwin Master Gardeners Spring Plant Sale April 8-10

The Baldwin County Master Gardeners' Spring Plant Sale will be held April 8-10 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. across from Weeks Bay Reserve on Hwy. 98 (west of Fish River Bridge) in Fairhope.

Plant selections include annuals, perennials, trees, shrubs, hummingbird, and butterfly attractors. Plant sale proceeds benefit the BCMG Scholarship Fund and community outreach projects. There will be a raffle for a colorful, hand-painted rain barrel.



**TOM MYERS WINS \$250 FOR SKINS GAME ACE:** Tom Myers of Orange Beach won \$250 for a hole-in-one on Hole 9 at the Orange Beach Golf Center February Skins Game, winning \$250 from sponsor Big Fish Restaurant & Bar. Skins Games start again in September. There are Skins on all 18 holes, a closest-to-the-pin contest the sponsored \$250 prize for an ace on any of the 18 holes. **Picture:** Big Fish owner Leck Lilayuva, Hole-in-one winner Tom Myers.



### Elberta Sausage Fest March 27 in Town Park

The Elberta Sausage Festival returns to TownPark (13052 Main St. Elberta) on March 27 from 8 a.m. 'til 5 p.m. Admission is free. Held just north of the town's only stop light on Hwy. 98, the event attracts up to 20,000 revelers, according to organizers.

A 40-year tradition in the historic town, the festival is a major regional event that attracts a cross section of the community in what has become a reunion type atmosphere. It is also the main revenue source for the area's volunteer fire department.

Enjoy Elberta's famous German sausage and sauerkraut, plus continuous entertainment, and 200 arts & crafts booths. There will also be carnival rides.

Of course, there will also be a Bier Garten featuring a large selection of imported and domestic beers. Other scrumptious foods will include German-style filled cabbage, potato salad, goulash, red beans and rice, hamburgers, hot dogs, BBQ sandwiches, ice cream, popcorn, peanuts and homemade baked goods.

The Bellview Stumpfiddle Band will perform with the North End Stompers and other cloggers. There will also be polka, country and German music.

Spearheaded by Elberta's Volunteer Fire Department since 1978, festival proceeds are used for improving not only the fire department, but the town as well. Additionally, local non-profits benefit from the festival through proceeds from their booth sales and parking lot fees.

The festival is held twice a year – on the last Saturday of March and the last Saturday of October. Although it has been tweaked a bit over the years, the original secret recipe for Elberta's famous sausage is credited to Alfred Stucki, who managed Elberta's Locker Plant from 1953 until his death in 1973.

About 7,000 pounds of German Sausage are consumed at each fest. More info: [elbertafire.com](http://elbertafire.com).

### South Bald. Chamber Foundation community yard sale March 27

The South Baldwin Chamber Foundation (SBCF) is preparing for its first-ever community yard sale on Saturday, March 27 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Baldwin Center for Business Development at 19812 Underwood Rd. All proceeds benefit the SBCF to assist with enrichment programs that directly impact the schools served by the foundation.

Yard sale items have been donated by the community partners of the foundation. Everything from furniture and household items to clothing will be for sale. Enjoy Krispy Kreme's famous original glazed donuts while shopping.

"We hope people will come out to support this worthy cause," said Kylee Raulerson, Executive Director of SBCF.





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# Non-profit group's plan to light up Perdido Pass Bridge meets resistance

By John Mullen

A local group is making progress toward a project to luminate the Perdido Pass Bridge in Orange Beach.

"This is a volunteer, community-based project," Tom Clark, founder and CEO of the Perdido Pass Bridge Lighting Project, said. "There is a very small group that put this together and our

**"I just hate to see our focus on our gateway to the Gulf be man-made when you have all this natural beauty."**

strategy is to use corporate and private donations to fund this project. We have filed as a 501(c)3 nonprofit and we're working very, very close with all the agencies necessary to make sure that we have a good project in the end."

One of the biggest concerns to come out of the effort is determin-

ing how the lights will affect nesting sea turtles. One option may be not lighting the south side of the bridge or turning those lights off during nesting season.

"I think that's the only choice you've got. I don't think you can win," Mayor Tony Kennon said. "The north side is one thing but you can't light the south side. I think you will lose that battle."

Clark said that is a decision yet to be made and will be made by working with state and federal wildlife agencies.

"We are also working closely with the US Fish and Wildlife Service, for turtle safety, and the Alabama Department of Transportation for bridge enhancement," Clark said. "We're turning that over to the design team and the agencies and we're going to do what's best by all the guidelines that we are going to work with to make sure that's the right thing to do. This project is going to be designed very much with that consideration."

Retired elementary school science teacher Joyce Freshwater who has a condo at Grand Point just west of the pass praised the council for its work in preserving the wildlife in Orange Beach.

"I want to thank you because I think it's a testament to you as a council that your priorities are to keep the beaches beautiful, that you care about the wildlife here and you always have," Freshwater told the council.

But she also expressed concerns

about the turtle population and the amount of bright lights already in the area surrounding the pass.

"One of my concerns about the bridge lighting project is our sea turtle population which is probably one of Orange Beach's most important residents," Freshwater said. "Last year or the year before I think at the end of Grand Point's boardwalk there was a turtle nest there on the beach and my grandchildren sort of went crazy and since they have a science-oriented Nonna we learned a great deal about it."

Freshwater said the natural beauty of Orange Beach is evident enough without the bridge illumination.

"I just hate to see our focus on our gateway to the Gulf be manmade when you have all this natural beauty," Freshwater said.

Clark said the effort will be focused on more unintrusive lighting that would be more like background lighting rather than carnival lighting.

"This is adding soft illumination to the Perdido Pass bridge," Clark said. "We are working with an international company, they have several divisions. They are known as Phillips Lighting, they are internationally known as Signify. They are very well known for doing these types of projects. The most well-known is the Empire State Building, London Bridge, the Coronado Bridge in San Diego and many, many, many other bridges.

"If you saw the Heisman Trophy celebration in New York on the Empire State Building (illuminated in red and white to commemorate Alabama's Devonta Smith's Heisman win) that's their work. This is beautiful work this company is known for and we're proud to have them helping us put together a package."

Besides Fish and Wildlife, Clark said his group is also working with the Coast Guard, who requested a way to turn off the lights in the case of emergencies or other incidences, and the local Share the Beach volunteer sea turtle group.

*During the March 2 regular council meeting, the council:*

- Approved a liquor license for Pier House Restaurant and Bar which is opening in the old Big Wave's Dave space on beach road west of Ron Jon Surf Shop.
- OK'd a resolution accepting Saint Lucia Drive located in the Harbor Ridge Subdivision as a publicly owned street and sanitary sewer system for maintenance by the city. It passed on a 3-2 vote with Kennon and councilmem-

bers Joni Blalock and Jerry Johnson voting for and councilmembers Jeff Silvers and Annette Mitchell voting against.

- OK'd a resolution authorizing the execution of a professional services agreement with Thompson Engineering for land surveying and engineering services.

- OK'd a resolution authorizing the execution of a contract Harbor Communications to connect fiber to the new Sewer Department office building.

- OK'd a resolution authorizing execution of change order no. 1 with M. W. Rogers Construction Co. for the Sewer Office Building in an amount not to exceed \$1,596.17.

- Postponed vote on a resolution authorizing the submittal of a FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program application and authorizing the execution of a professional services contract for grant writing.

- OK'd a resolution authorizing the execution of a task order with McCollough Architecture to provide professional services for Fire Station No. 5 in an amount not to exceed \$84,000. Planned is an 8,500 square-foot Fire Station No. 5 on Canal Road west near The Wharf. According to a proposal submitted by Thompson to the city it will use the prototype from the Ono Island Fire Station No. 4 as the basis of the design with modifications. It estimates the cost of construction will be about \$3.5 million.

- OK'd a resolution authorizing a franchise for Beach Express Taxi to operate a taxi service within the city limits and police jurisdiction of the City of Orange Beach.

- OK'd a resolution authorizing the purchase of two vehicles for the police department from state bid in the amount of \$74,392.80 to purchase for two 2021 Chevrolet Tahoe four-wheel drive SUVs.

- OK'd a resolution authorizing the purchase of a pickup truck for the Police Department through Sourcewell in the amount of \$59,676 for a new 2021 Ford F-450 Super Duty Crew Cab four-wheel drive pickup truck with eight-foot bed.

- OK'd a resolution authorizing the purchase of three vehicles for the Police Department from state bid in the amount of \$80,623.78 for three 2021 Dodge Durangos.

- OK'd a resolution authorizing the purchase of Ambulance Equipment for the Fire Department through the National Association of State Procurement Officials in the amount of

\$81,000.

*During work session, the council discussed:*

- A request for vacation of right-of-way located within the Giles Canal Pines Subdivision. The strip of land runs behind four business locations on the north side of Canal Road near Canal Road Animal Hospital. According to a proposal by applicants Thomas Gross, Richard Russell and Lester Boheme they "hope to improve the functionality of the current businesses operating adjacent to the undeveloped street."

- A resolution authorizing the execution of an automatic aid agreement with the City of Gulf Shores for fire response within the Alabama Gulf State Park.

- A resolution authorizing the execution of a Covenant of Purpose, Use and Ownership with the Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council for the widening of Canal Road between State Highway 161 and Wilson Boulevard. According to city documents.

- A resolution authorizing the execution of a Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Construction Agreement with the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT) for funding of a sidewalk on Canal Road between Oak Street and William Silvers Park-

way. The estimated cost of the entire project of a complete sidewalk to The Wharf is \$900,000 to be paid out of capital line item.

**Public hearing about proposed beachfront restaurant w. public parking lot in partnership with city is April 20.**

TAP grant funds for the project are \$387,200.

- Resolutions authorizing a franchise renewals for Alabama Container Company, Baldwin Container Company, BFI Waste Serv-

ices, The Dumpster Guy, Waste Away Group and Waste Pro of Florida to remove and dispose of commercial solid waste and to remove and transport construction and demolition debris.

- A reminder of a public hearing for the CoastAL Beach Development on April 20. The proposal is from two of the owners of the Flora-Bama to build a restaurant with a parking lot in partnership with the city on beachfront property east of the Hampton Inn.

- Resolutions authorizing franchise renewals for A Better Cab, Bayside Taxi, Beach Buggy Taxi, Coast Cab, Coastal Express Shuttle and A-1 Taxi Service.





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### The Island Church sponsors March 27 Easter Egg Hunt

The Island Church will present its annual free easter egg hunt presented on The Wharf Marina Lawn on Saturday, March 27 beginning at 11:30 a.m. The lawn will be speckled with more than 5,000 colorful eggs for youngsters to claim, including several golden eggs. There will be separate age group areas designated for the hoppy hunt: 0-2, 3-4, 5-7 and 8-10.

A special section for children that are sensory sensitive or have special needs requiring guardian assistance will be available as well. A wide variety of free kids' activities will be offered onsite, including a bouncy house, inflatable slide, balloon artist, giant coloring sheets and more. Pony rides will be available for \$5. Kiddos can also cuddle up with live rabbits and snap a photo with the Easter Bunny, while dancing to the beat of DJ Silky's tunes. It's going to be one egg-citing event!

### Take the Cottontail Express at Wales West through April 3

Enjoy a family-friendly steam train ride on Dame Ann to meet the Easter Bunny on Saturdays and Sundays from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. through April 3 at Wales West's Socially Distanced Cottontail Express Ride in Sumnerdale. Guests will travel by train to the Bunny Hutch and enjoy an egg hunt, crafts, refreshments, a miniature train ride, hay-less hayride and multiple playgrounds.

Stop by the café for a snack or lunch and pick up some fun Easter goodies from the gift shop. Photos with the Easter Bunny, set in a socially distanced environment will be available. Guests must purchase tickets online before visiting for \$20, plus tax; ages 2 and under free. Wales West is located at 13670 Smiley Street in Silverhill. For more info, call 251.610.5539 or visit waleswest.com.

### Tanger Outlet Center in Foley offers Easter photo options

Tanger Outlets in Foley and David Hagood Photography will have Easter photos in suite 182 each weekend from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. (starting at noon on Sundays) through Good Friday. Photo sets will maintain appropriate social distancing protocols for optimal participant safety. Dates include March 27 & 28, and April 2 & 3. More info: 251-943-9303.



### Perdido Optimist Club Egg Hunt April 3 at Lillian Recreational Park

By Sally McKinney

The Optimist Club of Perdido Bay will host the Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 3 at the Lillian Recreational Park. Boys and girls ages one through 12 will meet at 10 a.m. in front of the pavilion to get instructions. After the hunt, the Easter Bunny will be available for photos, individual and family. Hot dogs and beverages will be provided for the families.

Children must be accompanied by an adult and everyone is asked to wear a mask when not able to social distance.

Thanks to area churches for donating the stuffed eggs. For information about the Easter Egg Hunt contact Jean Reed (931) 808-1043. **Pictured:** Brooks and Boone Kirkland with the Easter Bunny in 2019.



### Easter Bunny will "drop" into the Flora-Bama on April 3

The Flora-Bama will host its annual Easter Egg Hunt & Kids' Fun Day on Saturday, April 3 from noon 'til 3 p.m. There is no charge for this family fun day and the egg hunt is divided among four different age categories to ensure fair hunting for the kids looking for thousands of eggs hidden in the beautiful white sandy beaches behind the iconic lounge on the state line. Fun with crafts, games and face painting on broom. The Easter egg hunt begins at 1 p.m. and visitors are reminded to bring their own baskets. The Easter Bunny will drop (literally) in at 1:30 p.m. and be available to greet and have pictures taken with children of all ages beginning at 1:45 p.m. The Flora-Bama is located on the Gulf of Mexico at the Florida-Alabama state line. Visit florabama.com for more info.

### Photos with Easter Bunny offered April 3 & 4 at LuLu's

LuLu's in Gulf Shores will be offering photos with the Easter Bunny on April 3 & 4 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at its iconic restaurant located under the Hwy. 59 Intracoastal Waterway Bridge on the northside of the Intracoastal Canal. As owner Lucy Buffett puts it, "LuLu's is a state of mind, really. It's a great escape, a great family spot. We're all about good food, good folks, good music, and good times. A place to confirm that "life is good." More info:

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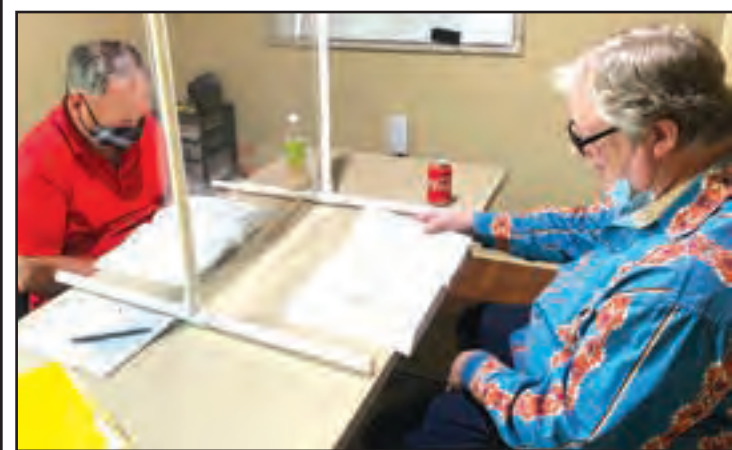


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## AROUND TOWN



### Gateway Initiative partners with SBLC to place grads in jobs

The Gateway Initiative, a work development foundation that is a collaboration between local businesses, educational organizations, Chambers of Commerce and municipalities, is now working directly with the South Baldwin Literacy Council to match graduates with job opportunities.

Combining SBLC programs and job-ready graduates with our business placement services has proven very effective, according to Gateway Director for Business Innovation Sally Westendorf. "Currently, Baldwin County is back to around 3% unemployment which means that for anyone who wants a job should be able to work," she said.

The SBLC each year offers tutoring, preparation, GED preparation, English as a Second Language classes, and career development programs to 500 residents.

The Gateway Initiative's mission is to invest in employees and the skills training necessary to keep up with the demand in South Baldwin's burgeoning hospitality and tourism industry, which impacts every other sector in the local economy.

### Easter sunrise service at Bon Secour's Morgan's Chapel Methodist

Morgan's Chapel United Methodist Church will hold an Easter Sunrise Service on April 4th at 6:30 am in the churchyard. Everyone is invited to bring a lawn chair and experience outdoor worship as we celebrate Jesus' resurrection. COVID precautions of masks and social distancing will be observed. In case of bad weather, Sunrise Service will be held in the Chapel.

An additional Easter morning service will be in the Chapel at 9:30 am. The 9:30 service will also be available online and on YouTube (links at [www.Morganschapel.org](http://www.Morganschapel.org)) or in the church parking lot at 91.7 FM. Morgan's Chapel is on County Road 10 in Bon Secour, across the street from Swift School.

### Flora-Bama Church offers additional Easter service at sunrise

Central Flora-Bama Church, a non-denominational Christian church, invites the entire community to join them in the celebration of Easter for a sunrise service in addition to the church's regular 9 & 11 a.m. Church officials expect the attendance to exceed the number of chairs offered and everyone is invited to bring along folding chairs or blankets for the experience under a huge tent that will be set up on the Flora-Bama beach. The church maintains its slogan "It's OK to not be OK" policy, which means everyone is welcome just as they are.

Can't make it for Easter? Central Church Flora-Bama holds regular Sunday experiences at 9 & 11 a.m. every week except Mullet Toss weekend at the Flora-Bama.

### April 2 G.S. Lions Golf Tourney raises funds for Miracle League

Registration and sponsorship opportunities are now open for the 46th Annual Gulf Shores Lions Club Max Wilson Memorial Golf for Sight Tournament scheduled Friday, April 2 at Peninsula Golf Club.

The tourney format gives everyone a fair chance to win regardless of handicap. The event also includes a post tournament meal, fabulous prizes and supports the many Lions Club charities.

Players are invited to sign up alone or with a partner. Entry fees is \$125 per player collected at sign-in on tourney day. Registration begins at 11 a.m. for the 4-ball tourney. A blind draw will be held to pair two person teams for a 1 p.m. shotgun start. The entry fee also includes green fees, cart rental, range balls, a raffle ticket, and three beverage tickets. Cash Prizes will be awarded on every hole in addition to prizes for the top three teams. Contact Luoma at 440-813-8424 or Brett Taylor at 251-747-5493 for more info.

All money raised will be used to support charities for the visually impaired and blind and the Miracle League of Coastal Alabama baseball field and boundless playground being built in Summerdale.

"We actually don't care what your golf handicap is because there is no way for anyone to sandbag with our format," said tourney director Nathan Luoma.



### Orange Beach closes small section of Perdido Pass popular with teens

A small section of Alabama Point East beach that is popular with young people and teens who like to jump from the nearby Perdido Pass bridge tenders will be closed until at least the end of spring break, and possibly through the summer tourist season.

This section of state beach at Perdido Pass by the bridge was closed last season as well and greatly helped the city and state's efforts to reduce crowding on the beach during the pandemic. Alabama's Safer at Home Health Order still requires individuals to maintain a constant 6-foot distance from others. Gov. Kay Ivey's next Safer at Home health order will be announced on April 9.

Closing a section so popular spot with young spring breakers also helps address safety concerns the Orange Beach Police Dept. has had with rowdiness and bad behavior associated with young spring breakers, according to Orange Beach Mayor Tony Kennon.

Orange Beach still has eight miles of beach on the Gulf of Mexico that will remain open and ready for everyone to enjoy, according to (above) Orange Beach Administrator Ken Grimes.



### All are welcome to hear Russ Jester at Ancient Aviators April 6 gathering at Gulf Shores Legion

Russ Jester will talk about his Navy flying experiences in VietNam & the Middle East as well as his 31 years as an airline pilot at the Ancient Aviators breakfast meeting on April 6 at Gulf Shores American Legion Post 44. Jester flew some of the presidential candidates around during his career. Ancient Aviators are a loose knit group of people interested in telling and hearing aviation-related and general interest stories. They have been meeting the first Wednesday of each month since 2002. All men and women are welcome. Social distance protocols will be followed for this group gathering (with proper COVID-19 precautions). An optional hot breakfast for \$6 will be available beginning at 8:30 a.m. and the meeting starts at 9 a.m. For more info, call Dick Bensman at 251-990-8258. **Pictured:** Ancient Aviators at the group's March meeting. (Bill Cody picture).





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## GULF SHORES CITY COUNCIL

# Brett-Robinson seeks permit to build 110 unit condo on East Beach Blvd.

By John Mullen

On March 22, Gulf Shores heard Brett Robinson's request for a conditional use permit and site plan for a 24-story, 110-unit condo development, Phoenix Gulf Shores II, that will also provide a 24-foot public beach access on the Gulf on East Beach Boulevard on the east side of the Colonades.

According to the zoning ordinance, Brett Robinson could build 133 units on the site or 44 per acre. They are proposing 110 units or about 34.6 units per acre.

The condo will be across the street from a recently opened Comfort Inn and amenities will include indoor and outdoor pools, fitness room, a lazy river and slides. There will be 66 three-bedroom units and 44 two-bedroom units. Applicants are seeking two deviations from the zoning ordinance, a reduction in the west side yard setback from 35 feet to

24 feet and an extra story of habitable units above what is permitted by current zoning on the parcel.

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"They are below the maximum requirements for building coverage and impervious coverage in floor-area ratio," Planning and Zoning Director Lee Jones told the council. "They meet the requirement for parking spaces at 264 and there will be a five-story parking deck."

Jones told the council the plan complies with all the architecture requirements of the zoning ordinance.

"It will be stucco and painted shades of gray with gold trim," Jones said. "The zoning ordinance requires taller buildings to have a base, a middle and a cap. The architect went into great detail in creating that base with the parking deck, the center section and the ornamentation on the parapet with the Phoenix there

in the center."

This will be Brett Robinson's fifth development in Gulf Shores with Island Winds west of Gulf Place, Phoenix Gulf Shores I and Phoenix All Suites West on West Beach Boulevard, Phoenix All Suites North of the Pink Pony Pub and the proposed Phoenix Gulf Shores II on East Beach Boulevard. The company has one new development in Orange Beach nearing completion, Phoenix Orange Beach II, across Perdido Beach Boulevard from Zeke's Landing Marina, and Phoenix Gulf Towers is underway on the Gulf on the west side of Orange Beach.

## Medical Village Access

During the meeting, the council also approved plans for a connector road from Cotton Creek Drive to the South Baldwin Hospital's freestanding emergency department which is under construction on State Route 59 near the airport and expected to open May 1.

The city opened bids for the Phase 1B project on March 9 for the improvements and McElhenney Construction was the lowest conforming bidder with a bid of \$1.8 million. McElhenney also won the bid for the Phase 1 project which includes a road from State Route 59 to the new facility and an improved intersection with a traffic signal at the west entrance.

"This project will facilitate future medical opportunities for the citizens of Gulf Shores and relieve traffic congestion at the State Route 59 and Cotton Creek Drive intersection," City Engineer Mark Acreman said. "This project is expected to begin later this month and be completed by the end of the year."

This, access, Acreman said, will make the facility more readily accessible to emergency vehicles coming from Orange Beach and other points east of the Beach Express.

"Not only will this tie into the new infrastructure that's almost complete that's a direct connection from the FED to highway 59 it will connect that freestanding emergency department up to Cotton Creek Drive," Acreman said. "So, anybody coming from Orange Beach, any medical ambulance coming from the beach express coming from the Or-

ange Beach area will be able to access the FED directly off of Cotton Creek Drive. It will go north and south and connect to Phase 1."

The city owns several parcels of land containing more than 32 acres which could develop with more medical facilities in the future.

"The 32 acres that you see north from there divided by this road is available for future hospital potential," Mayor Robert Craft said. "I have to believe one day this island is going to require and need a hospital and in doing so we've acquired the property that can connect all that and have kind of a medical complex as we grow in the future. As well as the highway 59 side potential future commercial property. This roadway and connecting to this FED solves a lot of future questions to me about how do we continue to grow with the proper medical care, doctors in our community to provide a better medical opportunity for our people that live here but also our visitors."

The roadway itself will be a boulevard with two lanes of traffic and bike lanes, sidewalks and landscaping all of which are included in this bid package. There is \$2 million budgeted in 2021 for this project so it's about \$200,000 under budget, Acreman said. All expenditures will be part of the city's required matching costs for the \$14.4 million Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) grant the city received in November 2019.

"It is a potential location for a traffic signal," Acreman said of the Cot-

ton Creek Drive entrance. "That signal would be a city signal so if we see that it's warranted we would not have to permit it through another agency. It would just be coming back to the council and asking for the funding to make that signal happen."

## During the meeting, the council:

- Passed a cooperative maintenance agreement with the Alabama Department of Transportation for a new traffic signal on State Route 182, or East Beach Boulevard, and East Second Street. This is at the entrance to the residents parking lot at East Gulf Place. The city will be responsible for maintenance of the signal after it is installed which is planned for late summer or early fall.

- Heard about an amendment change to the ordinance regarding rental motorcycles and motor-driven cycles. The renters must be 18 years of age, and they must have a motorcycle endorsement regardless of the state they are from. The most significant change, Deputy Police Chief Dan Netermeyer told the council is it eliminates the termination clause to businesses operating rentals.

- Heard from Building Official Brandon Franklin who recommended a resolution to adopt the 2020 Baldwin County Hazard Mitigation Plan after it has gone through the public hearing process. The comprehensive plan takes a unified approach of all Baldwin County Communities for dealing with hazards associated with hurricanes, flooding, tornadoes and wildfires. The city first signed on to the plan in 2011 and renewed it in 2016. FEMA requires the plan be updated every five years.



**ZYDECO APPEARS TO BE A NO GO:** The City of Gulf Shores gave the OK for an assembly permit for the Zydeco Crawfish 5K in Waterway Village on April 17, but not the fest itself. The Zydeco Fest appears to be a victim of the pandemic again this year.





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## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### PIER & SHORE FISHING OUTLOOK

By DAVID "THE PIERPOUNDER" THORNTON

Well, winter's grip is slowly loosening from our area. And the Gulf water temperature has rebounded into the middle to upper 60s. As a result, resident fish and other sealife are becoming more active even as other species stream into the warming near shore waters. Right on cue, the first Spanish mackerel arrived on scene at the Gulf State Park Pier, and Alabama Point jetty. That trend has been growing, and reports of more numerous catches of 12" to 18" mackerel are being mentioned to our east from the Florida Panhandle piers. Typically a 'flood' of lean and very hungry Spanish mackerel make their way along the Alabama coast through the end of March.

The Gulf State Park Pier (even with its reduced length) is a good place to intercept this migration. Recent catches have been getting more dependable, practically every day since they arrived. Of course rough water may curtail the bite for a few days until we get another break in the weather, which will allow the water to clear some. And lurking close behind the mackerel schools are the Spinner and Blacktip and Sandbar sharks that keep mackerel fishermen on their toes. At least the pier is no longer 'chumming' the water with hundreds of mackerel carcasses. But the sharks are at times still an issue to be dealt with.

Most mackerel anglers from the pier throw lures on medium to medium heavy class 7 to 8 foot rods. The 'average' reel is a 3000 or 4000 series spooled with 150 to 250 yards of 10 or 12 pound monofilament line, or 15 to 20 pound braided line.

The added 'heaviness' of the rod and line are specifically to pull a hooked mackerel away from any pursuing sharks. There is another school of thought though, and that is to open the bail and allow the swift and agile mackerel to 'out-swim' the larger shark. This tactic works more often than not, and allows the angler to fish lighter line and gear for more enjoyment.

But IF your mackerel fish, get used to the idea some of your lures will be sacrificed to either mackerel or shark teeth. Most Spanish mackerel anglers simply use a foot long 'shock leader' of heavy, clear monofilament line (about 40 pound). Usually no swivel is added, because the mackerel often mistake that for a moving prey item and bite it. So good knot tying becomes critical to connect the heavy mono leader to the lighter main line with a less visible, small knot.

A Double Uni (aka Uni-to-Uni) knot works well, but I find a Surgeon's Knot faster and easier to tie, especially during a 'hot' mackerel bite. This time of year, the Spanish mackerel tend to stay deeper in the water column, so the 3/4 ounce Gotcha plug is a favorite lure, especially for 'beginners'. But this lure has a bad reputation of hooking anglers as well as fish with its dual swing treble hooks.

Be ever-mindful of your back swing when casting, or better yet, cast underhand. This tactic is much easier now with the new slanted railing on the pier which makes it more comfortable for most anglers to lean forward toward the water. Always be sure to compensate for the wind and current and cast perpendicular to the pier, so anglers' lines do not cross. That is inevitable to some degree when fishing a crowded pier, even with social distancing. But you will make friends faster if you do, and enemies faster if you don't!

The 5/8 and 3/4 ounce leadhead jigs with white or chartreuse paint and 'hair' (like the locally produced "Looney jigs") are much less expensive than other plugs or spoons, and at least as effective for catching mackerel. And they are safer with only a single, fixed hook to watch out for.

As the sheepshead bite winds down with the spawn centered on the full moon of March 28, anglers may be otherwise entertained with increasing numbers of pompano. Most pompano are caught in the 'surfzone' between the beach and longshore sandbar. This should help spread some fishing pressure away from the shortened 'end' of the pier when the Spanish mackerel are running. In fact this time of year it's not uncommon for anglers to catch a limit of mackerel, then switch location and tactics for a limit of pompano in the same day.

As with fishing from the beach, most pompano anglers use a set rig baited with pieces of shrimp and perhaps Fishbites or Fishgum. Just keep in mind the one-rod-in-use-at-a-time rule on the pier may make for some long waits between bites if the pompano are not near the pier. To remain more actively fishing, many savvy anglers prefer to jig for their pompano. This allows the angler to cover much more water, and not be locked down in a single location while waiting for the fish to come to them.

Surf anglers have been finding an increasing number of pompano, along with a fairly dependable whiting bite, and even a few smaller black drum, redfish, and sheepshead. All of these are excellent eating and add a bit of variety to the creel. But pompano will be getting more and more attention as we move farther into spring!

**Pictured:** The Pier Pounder says Spanish mackerel numbers are increasing almost daily, and the sheepshead spawn/bite is in full swing along the Alabama Coast.



### WED, MAR 24

- **Murder at Mama's Dinner Theatre:** dinner at 6; show at 6:45; Luna's Eat & Drink, lunaseatanddrink.com; Orange Beach.
- **Legends In Concert Las Vegas Show w. Cher, Lady Gaga, Sinatra & Elvis:** 7:30; OWA, Foley; visitowa.com
- **Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables:** Schedule on Page 28; Perdido Key.
- **Flora-Bama Family Friendly 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).
- **Lisa Zanghi:** 6; Ms. Nancy's Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach.
- **Alvarado Road Show:** 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's; Gulf Shores.
- **Anthony Oliver:** 5; Live Bait; Orange Beach.
- **Open Mic:** 5; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- **Bingo:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.
- **Charlie Wilson:** 5; The Woodside Rest. at Gulf State Park; Gulf Shores.
- **Austin Thompson:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Fort Morgan.
- **Mason Henderson's Saucy Fuzz:** 9; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- **Gary Story & Friends:** 8; Sandshaker at

The Wharf; Orange Beach.

- **Scott Koehn Project:** 6; OSO; Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke:** 7; Bar 45 at ONE CLUB, Gulf Shores.
- **Tim Richardson:** 5; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- **John Joiner & Darrel Roberts:** 6; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
- **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **BBRC Running Club:** 5:30 p.m.; Big Beach Brewery in Gulf Shores.
- **Karaoke & League Pool:** 7:30; The Office, Foley.

### THU, MAR 25

- **Legends In Concert Las Vegas Show w. Cher, Lady Gaga, Sinatra & Elvis:** 7:30; OWA, Foley; visitowa.com
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Nicole Davis Woerner wrote the grant application, and Battalion Chief Bruce Nelson, Lt. Jeremy L. White, Lt. James Kinkead, Firefighter Johnny Ray Harrison, Fire Chief Michael Beth Kimberling, Deputy Chief Jeff Smith, Mayor Tony Kennon and City Council also contributed to the effort to bring the boat to Pleasure Island.

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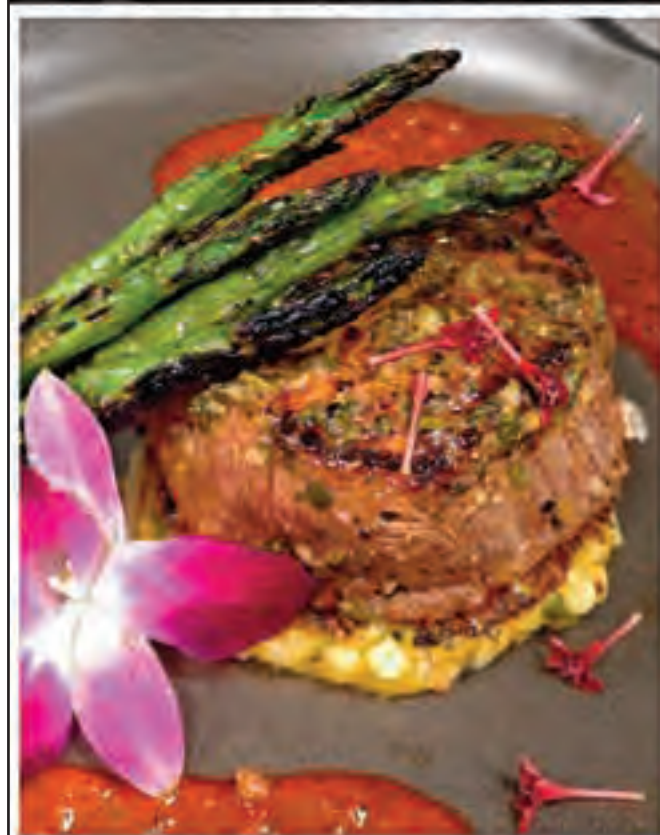
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BY CAROLYN GODFREY

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- 1 Tbsp. lemon juice
- 1/2 cup sliced green onions
- 1/8 tsp. Tabasco
- 12 oz. bottled chili sauce
- 1 Tbsp. horseradish
- 12 oz. small shrimp, cooked

In a small bowl, beat the first 6 ingredients together until smooth. Spread onto bottom of a shallow one-quart. dish. Mix chili sauce, and horseradish. Spread this over cream cheese mixture. Top with shrimp. Serve cold with crackers. **Enjoy!**

Beach.

- **Kenny on the Keys:** 6; Meyer Park; Gulf Shores.
- **Elaine Petty:** 5; Live Bait; Orange Beach.
- **JJ Mack:** 5; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.
- **Alvarado Road Show:** 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's; Gulf Shores.
- **Ryan Dyer Trio:** 6; OSO, Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke & Dance on The Deck:** 7; Live Bait; Orange Beach.
- **Razorhawk:** 6; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
- **Mel Knapp:** 5; The Woodside Rest. at Gulf State Park; Gulf Shores.
- **Karaoke:** 5; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- **Karaoke:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.
- **Bar Trivia Night:** 5; Bar 45 Lounge at ONE CLUB, Gulf Shores.
- **Tim Roberts:** 6; The Tin Top Restaurant, Bon Secour.
- **Karaoke w. Kelly:** 8; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- **Danny Grady:** 2; Fraternal Order of Eagles; Foley.
- **Karaoke:** 9; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 4-8 p.m.; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **Bingo:** 5; open to all; Amvets Post 2018; 13085 Wisconsin St.; Elberta.
- **Texas Hold 'em:** 7; The Office, Foley.
- **The Favorites Band:** 7; Al Gulf Coast Music Hall; 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, MAR 26

- **Legends In Concert Las Vegas Show w. Cher, Lady Gaga, Sinatra & Elvis:** 7:30; OWA, Foley; visitowa.com
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# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## McMillan sponsors bill allowing pet dogs in outdoor dining areas

A bill sponsored by Rep. Steve McMillan (R – Foley) to allow pet dogs in outdoor dining areas at restaurants recently passed the Alabama House now heads to the Senate.

McMillan said he was inspired to create the bill, HB-235, after receiving a lot of feedback from constituents that wanted to be able to dine with their dogs in appropriate venues.

“Here in Baldwin County, and especially in my district, we’ve got a lot of restaurants that offer outdoor dining, so it just makes sense that we allow folks to bring their furry friends with them.”

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

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

“This was not just a Baldwin County issue, though that’s who I heard the most from,” McMillan said. “If a restaurant has an outdoor area and wants to allow people to bring their dogs with them, they ought to be able to do so.”

McMillan introduced the same bill last session, which passed the House, but got delayed in the Senate due to the pandemic.

“The bill was making good progress before all of this COVID-19 mess happened, so I thought it would be something we’d want to continue in another session to get it through and get it signed,” McMillan said. “I haven’t seen any major opposition come out against it, last session or this session. Hopefully, we’ll be able to get it over the line this session.”

Under the proposed bill, the owners of food service establishments would decide whether to allow pet dogs in their outdoor dining areas. If they chose to do so, the owner would file for a waiver with the State Health Department and agree to follow prescribed rules. Signage stating the designated outdoor dining area would be available for patrons with pet dogs would also be required, as would a separate outdoor entrance for the pet dogs to enter without going through the food service area. The pet dogs would not be allowed on the chairs, benches, seats or other fixtures of the outdoor dining area.

“I’m going to keep pushing this bill, and, based on the large number of statewide dog owners, I think we’ll see positive results for all Alabamians on this, including our four-legged canine friends,” McMillan said.



## Murder at Mama’s Dinner Theatre Wednesdays at Luna’s Eat & Drink

Murder at Mama’s, a dinner theatre event hosted in Magnolia Hall at Luna’s Eat & Drink in Orange Beach, will continue its run every Wednesday evening through April. Dinner service begins at 6 p.m. and the two hour show starts at approximately 6:45 p.m.

Written by Darren Butler and performed by local and out-of-town talent, the play’s first act is scripted, while the intermission and the second act include audience participation. The outcome of the mystery is steered by the participation of the audience. For ticket and menu info, visit [lunaseatanddrink.com](http://lunaseatanddrink.com).

- 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).
- **Friends of the Foley Library Half-Price Book Sale:** 1-4 p.m. Foley Library, 319 E. Laurel Ave., Foley.
- **The Destination:** 7; OSO, Orange Beach.
- **Ben Jernigan Trio:** 6; Big Beach Brewery; Gulf Shores.
- **JERI:** 5; Lucy Buffett’s Lulu’s; Gulf Shores.
- **Augie Savage & Darrell Roberts:** 8; Stephi Cocktails-Cuisine; Orange Beach.
- **Brandon Blackburn:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.
- **Late Night DJs:** 9; The Club at Live Bait; Orange Beach.
- **80’s Dance Party w. Hollard:** 9; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- **Kim Carson:** 5, Angry Crab; Orange Beach.
- **Justin Wall:** 5; Carver’s Steak House; Orange Beach.
- **Charlie Wilson:** 5; The Woodside Rest. at Gulf State Park; Gulf Shores.
- **Charlie & The Hammerheads:** 5; Live Bait; Orange Beach.
- **Delta Donnie:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Fort Morgan.
- **Tim Spencer:** noon; Splash Pool at Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- **John Brust:** 6; Ms. Nancy’s Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach.
- **3 Bean Soup:** 5; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- **Scott Koehn Project:** 6; Flora-Bama; Perdido Key.
- **Bo Grant:** 7; Papa Rocco’s Gulf Shores.
- **Famous Nameless:** 7; Hub Stacy’s, In-n-erarity Point.
- **Karaoke on the Tiki Deck:** 7 ‘til; Live Bait; Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke w. Kelly Ann:** 6; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- **Karaoke:** 8; Snapper’s; Orange Beach.
- **Open Jam:** 8; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.
- **Open Mixed Doubles Tennis:** 7:15 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, MAR 27

- **Legends In Concert Las Vegas Show w. Cher, Lady Gaga, Sinatra & Elvis:** 7:30; OWA, Foley; visitowa.com
- **Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables:** Schedule on Page 28; Perdido Key.
- **Elberta Sausage Festival:** 8-5; Elberta Town Park, 13052 Main St., Elberta.
- **Easter Egg Hunt presented by The Island Church:** 11:30 a.m.; The Wharf Marina Lawn; Orange Beach.
- **John Brust:** 6; Ms. Nancy’s Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach.
- **Bo Grant:** 7; Papa Rocco’s Gulf Shores.
- **Rufus McClack:** 6; Big Beach Brewery; Gulf Shores.
- **Augie Savage & Darrell Roberts:** 8; Stephi Cocktails-Cuisine; Orange Beach.
- **Destiny Brown:** 5; Perch Restaurant at The Lodge at Gulf State Park; Gulf Shores.
- **Doc Johnson Band:** 7; OSO, Orange Beach.
- **Charlie Wilson:** 5; The Woodside Rest. at Gulf State Park; Gulf Shores.
- **Charlie & The Hammerheads:** 5; Live Bait; Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke & Dance on The Deck:** 7; Live Bait; Orange Beach.
- **Marc Matthew Kaul:** 5, Angry Crab; Orange Beach.
- **Adam Holt:** 5; Lucy Buffett’s Lulu’s; Gulf Shores.
- **Tyler Ward:** 5; Carver’s Steak House; Orange Beach.
- **Late Night DJs:** 9; The Club at Live Bait; Orange Beach.
- **Brittany Grimes:** 11; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.
- **Fat Lip:** 9; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- **JJ Mack:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.
- **Crawfish (11 a.m.) & Karaoke (noon):** Tacky Jacks; Gulf Shores.
- **Adam Calvert:** 5; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- **Doc Johnson Band:** 7; OSO, Orange Beach.

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**O.B. GARDEN CLUB YARDS OF THE MONTH:** The Orange Beach Garden Club has selected Yards of the Month for March. The residential winner is Audra and Ricky DeBlieux of 5149 Washington Blvd. Pictured (above) with Ricky is Susan Grant, club member. In the commercial category, White Caps, located at 24900 Perdido Beach Blvd. was selected. Pictured (below) is HOA President Mike Brent with club member Renita Myers.



### FSU edges LSU in beach volleyball at Gulf Shores Public Beach

Those teams, TCU, Tulane, Southern Miss back in Gulf Shores April 17-18

For the second time this season, the Florida State Seminoles beat rival LSU in beach volleyball tourney play, this time at the recent March to May Invitational hosted by UAB at Gulf Shores Public Beach.

The FSU vs. LSU match was tied up at two when all eyes turned to court three, where the Seminoles trailed 13-9 before storming back to take the final six points.

FSU returns to Pleasure Island to host an April 17-18 tournament in which they welcome TCU, Tulane, Southern Miss. and LSU to the Gulf Shores Public Beach.

In addition to 2nd ranked FSU, 3rd ranked LSU, 9th ranked Grand Canyon, 10th ranked TCU, 17th ranked Georgia State and 20th ranked Tulane also participated in UAB's recent tourney in Gulf Shores.

"That was the strongest resistance we've faced so far this year and we definitely responded well to it," said LSU head coach Russell Brock after his team won four of its five matches. "The effort the team showed was incredible. It's tough to lose one so close."

The NCAA Championship tournament will feature the nation's top eight teams in Gulf Shores on May 7-9.

Beach.  
 • **The Defrosters:** 2; Flying Harpoon II; Orange Beach.  
 • **Karaoke:** 9; The Undertow; Orange Beach.  
 • **Karaoke:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.  
 • **Open Jam:** 8, American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.  
 • **Texas Hold 'em:** 7; The Office, Foley.  
 • **Coastal Alabama Farmers and Fishermen Market:** 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.; 20733 Miflin 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, MAR 28

• **Legends In Concert Las Vegas Show w. Cher, Lady Gaga, Sinatra & Elvis:** 3 p.m.; OWA, Foley; visitowa.com  
 • **Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible**  
**Probables:** Schedule on Page 28; Perdido Key.  
 • **Baldwin County Youth Orchestra Fundraiser:** 2:30; Lillian United Methodist Church Pecan Orchard.  
 • **Lisa Christian:** 2; Tacky Jacks, Gulf

Shores.  
 • **Mike Diamond:** noon; The Tin Top Restaurant; Bon Secour.  
 • **Lauren Murphy Duo:** 4; Big Beach Brewery; Gulf Shores.  
 • **Glow Yoga & Brews:** 11 a.m.; Big Beach Brewery; Gulf Shores.  
 • **The Flavors:** 5; OSO, Orange Beach.  
 • **Gypsey Pearl:** 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's; Gulf Shores.  
 • **Bruce Smelley:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Fort Morgan.  
 • **Charlie Wilson:** 5; The Woodside Rest. at Gulf State Park; Gulf Shores.  
 • **Hippie Jim:** 11; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.  
 • **Les Linton:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.  
 • **Destiny Brown:** 7; Papa Rocco's Gulf Shores.  
 • **The Defrosters:** 2; Flying Harpoon II; Orange Beach.  
 • **Lisa Zanghi:** 6; Ms. Nancy's Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach.  
 • **League Pool:** 7; The Office, Foley.  
 • **Danny Grady:** 2; Fraternal Order of Eagles; Foley.  
 • **John Joiner & Friends:** 4; Hub Stacey's at the Point; Innerarity Point.  
 • **9 Ball APA:** 6; The Office, Foley.

### MON, MAR 29

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

**Probables:** Schedule on Page 28; Perdido Key.  
 • **Bama Beach Pickleball Club:** 9-noon; Church of Christ, 2414 West 1st St., Gulf Shores; (new members welcome).  
 • **Jesse Duncan:** 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's; Gulf Shores.  
 • **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 9; Papa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.  
 • **Sandy Roots Songwriters Night:** 6; Purple Parrot Tiki Bar; Perdido Key.  
 • **Open Mic w/Davo:** 7; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.  
 • **Bingo:** 6; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.  
 • **Open Mixed Doubles Tennis:** 7:15 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.



### Cow Pasture Pool Golf Society presents Eslava's hole-in-one check to The Haven

The Alabama/Florida District of The Cow Pasture Pool Golf Society is proud to award another Hole-In-One Achievement to Buddy Eslava on his 9 iron shot on hole number 15 of Cypress Bend of Craft Farms. Jimmy Monnier presents Buddy Eslava a check for \$3,200 that was given to The Haven of Fairhope. The Haven is a "no-kill" animal shelter. The \$3,200 collected from the hole-in-one members participating was donated to help animals that need a good, caring home. The chapter meets each Wednesday to enjoy golf and has selected The Great Gary P. Nunn's song "Cow Pasture Pool" as its official song. The song contains the lyrics "hitting five, hollering fore, writing down three for my score" as its slogan. Strict USGA Rules of Golf are followed and the weekly game includes low net handicap adjusted scores, closest to the pin on par 3's, and a skins game. CPP has a yearly member/guest tournament, a CPP Ryder Cup tournament, and five social events with the wives and guests of CPP to promote social interchange. Various other events played during the year include a Cha, Cha, Cha event, a 6/6/6 event and other golf games, road trips and social activities.

Cow Pasture Pool Golf Society was founded in 1996 by Dr. Van Crocker, Jimmy Monnier, Billy Ezell and Robert Woodward. CPP is open to new members in the senior division with tee assignment based on age and golf handicap indexes. CPP is a peer review golf club and licensed by the USGA.

**Pictured:** Jimmy Monnier presenting a check to Buddy Eslava before it was donated to The Haven Animal Shelter. Others pictured: right to left and front to back: Jim Hutto, Randy Smith, Cleve Lovelace, Ted Pearson, Jimmy Monnier, Buddy Eslava, Dr. Van "Percy" Crocker, Todd Strange, Dave Rauch, Glenn Gremillion, Norman Allen Lewis, Doug King, Jule Herbert, Dean McCrary, Mark Holibaugh. Taking the picture was Fred Ball.

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**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, MAR 30

**Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables:** Schedule on Page 28; Perdido Key.  
**Flora-Bama Family Friendly 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).  
**The Chris Beverly Experience:** 9; The Undertow; Orange Beach.  
**Brandon & Willie:** 6; OSO, Orange Beach.  
**Bingo:** 5; 45 Restaurant & Bar; One Club, Gulf Shores.  
**JW Karaoke:** 6; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.  
**Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.  
**Karaoke w. Kelly:** 7:30; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.  
**Pool Tourney:** 7; Snapper's; Orange Beach.  
**Texas Hold 'em:** 7; The Office, Foley.  
**Foley Kiwanis Club:** noon; Vallarta's, 1145 S. McKenzie St., Foley; 859-771-6091.

## WED, MAR 31

**Murder at Mama's Dinner Theatre:** dinner at 6; show at 6:45; Luna's Eat & Drink, lunaseatand-drink.com; Orange Beach.  
**Legends In Concert Las Vegas Show w. Cher, Lady Gaga, Sinatra & Elvis:** 7:30; OWA, Foley; visitowa.com  
**Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables:** Schedule on Page 28; Perdido Key.  
**Midday Melodies:** 11 a.m.; free; Heritage Park;

Foley.  
**Flora-Bama Family Friendly Bingo:** 1-4 p.m.; free; family friendly; Flora-Bama; Perdido Key.  
**John Brust:** 6; Ms. Nancy's Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach.  
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**Anthony Oliver:** 5; Live Bait; Orange Beach.  
**Scott Koehn Project:** 6; OSO; Orange Beach.  
**Food Ministry at Morgan's Chapel United Methodist Church:** 8-9 a.m.; 6325 Cty Rd 10, Bon Secour, (across from Swift School); 251-979-2005.  
**John Joiner & Darrel Roberts:** 7; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.  
**Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.  
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# WHAT'S HAPPENING



## Blue Angels practices open only to card holders & their guests

The world famous U.S. Navy Blue Angels flight demonstration team are back on their home base, but practice flight access to NAS Pensacola on Tuesdays and Wednesdays is open only for those holding Dept. of Defense ID cards and their guests. Access to the flight line behind the Naval Air Museum opens at 9 a.m. and the Blues fly at 10 a.m. The pilots will be flying brand new F/A-18 E/F Super Hornets in anticipation of the first scheduled show, the April 17-18 Sun N' Fun Aerospace Expo in Lakeland. After 34 years of dazzling fans nationwide, the team took their final flight in their Legacy Hornets last November, a well publicized send-off that was viewed by thousands of fans from Navarre Beach to Fort Morgan. The new C-130J Super Hercules Fat Albert is also expected to perform for the first time in Lakeland.

The Blues are currently only promoting a one-day Pensacola Beach Air Show on July 10, in addition to their annual homecoming shows at NAS Pensacola November 5-6.

(Photo by Petty Officer 2nd Class Cody Hendrix)

## CACC & Auburn team up to offer culinary science degree

Coastal Alabama Community College and Auburn University have signed a culinary science agreement that will allow CACC students to take courses toward a new Bachelor of Culinary Science Degree at Auburn. The University of North Alabama is the only other Alabama university offering a similar degree, and CACC is expected to announce a culinary arts agreement with UNA later this year. CACC is also developing courses to complement an apprenticeship program recently created by the South Baldwin Chamber of Commerce. More than 140 area students have signed up for the program. Credits may be used toward culinary degrees at Auburn and UNA.

The partnership follows several years of agreements in hospitality and event planning focused on pathways toward associate's degrees in Applied Science, but this is the first for pursuit of a bachelor's degree in the culinary field.

- Gulf Shores.
- **Karaoke w. Kelly:** 7:30; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
  - **Pool Tournery:** 7; Snapper's; Orange Beach.
  - **Texas Hold 'em:** 7; The Office, Foley.
  - **Foley Kiwanis Club:** noon; Vallarta's, 1145 S. McKenzie St., Foley; 859-771-6091.

## WED, MAR 31

- **Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables:** Schedule on Page 27; Perdido Key.
- **Midday Melodies:** 11 a.m.; free; Heritage Park; Foley.
- **Flora-Bama Family Friendly Bingo:** 1-4 p.m.; free; family friendly; Flora-Bama; Perdido Key.
- **John Brust:** 6; Ms. Nancy's Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach.
- **Charlie Wilson:** 5; The Woodside Rest. at Gulf State Park; Gulf Shores.

- **Lee Yankie:** 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's; Gulf Shores.
- **Chse Wesley Brown:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Fort Morgan.
- **Jenna McClelland:** 6; Stephi Cocktails-Cuisine; Orange Beach.
- **Anthony Oliver:** 5; Live Bait; Orange Beach.
- **Scott Koehn Project:** 6; OSO; Orange Beach.
- **Food Ministry at Morgan's Chapel United Methodist Church:** 8-9 a.m.; 6325 Cty Rd 10, Bon Secour, (across from Swift School); 251-979-2005.
- **John Joiner & Darrel Roberts:** 7; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
- **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **Lisa Zanghi:** 6; Ms. Nancy's Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach.
- **Mason Henderson's Saucy Fuzz:** 9; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke:** 7; Bar 45 at ONE CLUB, Gulf



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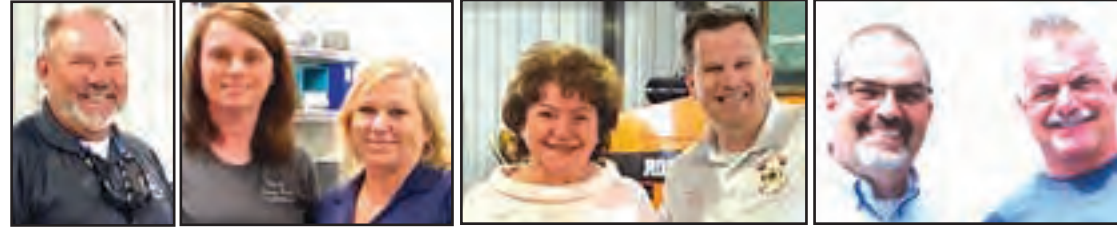
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# WHAT'S HAPPENING



## Landing a great white shark from the beach is rare

Mullet Wrapper Fishing Columnist David Thornton said the great white shark landed by a surf fisherman earlier this month on Pensacola Beach was notable because great whites are not common in these waters and even less commonly encountered from anglers fishing from the shore.

"There are many more tigers and hammerheads, dusks, bulls and other large shark species around that can get even larger than that specimen," Thornton said. "But all apex sharks are important predators that keep the smaller coastal shark species (blacktip, spinner and sandbar sharks) in check."

The great white shark, estimated to be about 12 ft. long and weigh 1200 lbs., was landed after a 35 minute fight by an angler from Idaho fishing with Big John Shark Fishing Adventures.

"You just caught a great white," Big John McLean (pictured) tells the fisherman in a YouTube video. "This is the rarest thing ever. Dude that is something you will never see."

"It is rare to catch one from the beach, that's a fact. It's not particularly rare that they are in the area. It's cool but it's not rare," said Dr. Marcus Drymon of the Mississippi State Coastal Extension and Research Center. "I'll say the anglers did a good job of getting the fish released as quickly as possible and you could tell they had the fish's best interest in mind. They should be commended for that for sure."

"Apex sharks are important predators that keep the smaller coastal shark species in check (blacktip, spinner, and sandbar sharks). It's good they (and many other large sharks) are protected though, to help maintain a healthy balance in the Gulf waters," added Thornton.

**Cher, Lady Gaga, Sinatra & Elvis:** 7:30; OWA, Foley; visitowa.com

- **Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables:** Schedule on Page 28; Perdido Key.
- **Flora-Bama Family Friendly Bingo:** 1-4 p.m.; free; family friendly; Flora-Bama; Perdido Key.
- **Gulf Coast Comedy Fest:** 6 & 8:30; Brandon Styles Theatre at OWA; Foley.
- **Bama Beach Pickleball Club:** 9-noon; Church of Christ, 2414 West 1st St., Gulf Shores; (new members welcome).
- **Mel Knapp:** 5; Woodside Restaurant at Gulf State Park; Gulf Shores.
- **Adam Holt:** 6; Meyer Park; Gulf Shores.
- **Elaine Petty:** 5; Live Bait; Orange Beach.
- **John Brust:** 6; Ms. Nancy's Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach.
- **Bar Trivia Night:** 5; Bar 45 Lounge at ONE CLUB, Gulf Shores.
- **JJ Mack:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- **Karaoke w. Kelly:** 8; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke w. Howard:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.
- **Karaoke:** 9; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- **Danny Grady:** 2; Fraternal Order of Eagles;

Foley.

- **Tim Roberts:** 6; The Tin Top Restaurant, Bon Secour.
- **Greg Lyon:** 6; Hub Stacy's Innerarity Point.
- **Bingo:** 5; open to all; Amvets Post 2018; 13085 Wisconsin St.; Elberta.
- **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **Texas Hold 'em:** 7; The Office, Foley.
- **Gulf Shores United Methodist Church Bread Ministry:** 9-10; every Thursday; room 103 on the south campus, next to Crossroad; 251 968-2411.
- **Grief Support Group:** noon-1:30 p.m.; First Presbyterian Church of Foley; 195 E. Berry Ave.; for all who are grieving; 943-8325.
- **AA:** Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
- **AA:** 7 p.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

## FRI, APRIL 2

- **Legends In Concert Las Vegas Show w. Cher, Lady Gaga, Sinatra & Elvis:** 7:30; OWA, Foley; visitowa.com
- **Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Prob-**

bles: Schedule on Page 28; Perdido Key.

- **Flora-Bama Family Friendly Bingo:** 1-4 p.m.; free; family friendly; Flora-Bama; Perdido Key.
- **Lee Yankie:** 5; Woodside Restaurant at Gulf State Park; Gulf Shores.
- **John Brust:** 6; Ms. Nancy's Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach.
- **Doc Johnson Band:** 9; The Sandshaker at the Wharf, Orange Beach.
- **Bama Beach Pickleball Club:** 9-noon; Church of Christ, 2414 West 1st St., Gulf Shores; (new members welcome).
- **Adam Tyler Brown:** 7; Papa Rocco's; Orange Beach.
- **The Satin Dogs:** 6; Big Beach Brewery; Gulf Shores.
- **Matt & Candy:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.
- **Shelby Brown:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.
- **Soul Food Junkies:** 5; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- **Angie Savage & Darrell Roberts:** 8; Stephi Cocktails-Cuisine; Orange Beach.
- **Charlie & The Hammerheads:** 5; Live Bait; Orange Beach.
- **Late Night DJ's:** 9; The Club at Live Bait; Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke on the Tiki Deck:** 7 'til; Live Bait;

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# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## Free support materials for AL Spring Clean-up participants

Baldwin County Solid Waste is participating in the Don't Drop It On Alabama Spring Cleanup by offering free supportive cleanup materials, including large trash bags, recycle bags and participation forms to individuals and groups. The cleanup lasts throughout April. Supplies can be picked up at Magnolia Landfill (15140 County Rd 49) in Summerdale, Eastfork Landfill (17917 CC Rd) in Elberta and the Baldwin Central Annex Rear parking lot drive-up window (22251 Palmer St) in Robertsdale. Trash can only be collected in the bags provided unless otherwise approved by Baldwin County Solid Waste and will be weighed and reported to Alabama PALS to track the event's success. For more info, call 251-972-6878.



## Stacy Watts is #SBAwesome

Congratulations to Stacey Watts with P.S. Taco Company in Foley for being named #SBAwesome for March in recognition of her outstanding customer service. The South Baldwin Chamber program, sponsored by 5 Star Air Conditioning, and recognizes employees who make a difference not only at their place of business but ultimately in the community.

## Foley Kiwanis Motorcycle Run April 17 at Heritage

The Foley Kiwanis Club has rescheduled its Motorcycle Poker Run, a victim of Hurricane Sally, not the Covid pandemic, will be held on Saturday, April 17 beginning with 8 a.m. registration at Heritage Park. The run starts at 10 a.m. for club and group riders, and 10:30 a.m. for non-group riders. Participants must check in at five designated stops on the 100 mile route to be eligible for prizes. Awards and prizes will be presented at Heritage Park at 3 p.m. Entry fee is \$40 for licensed bikers and \$20 for passengers. Extra hands and card exchanges will be available. Register online at [foleykiwanisclub.godaddysites.com](http://foleykiwanisclub.godaddysites.com). For more info, call Russ Morrison at 859-771-6091, email [foleykiwanisclub@mail.com](mailto:foleykiwanisclub@mail.com) or visit facebook

- Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke w. Kelly Ann:** 6; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- **Platinum Premier:** 7; Hub Stacy's Innerarity Point.
- **Open Mixed Doubles Tennis:** 7:15 a.m.; all levels welcome; Gulf Shores Tennis Center; corner of West 19th Ave. and West 2nd St.
- **First Friday Art Walk:** 7 p.m. til; historic downtown Fairhope.
- **AA:** Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
- **AA:** 7 p.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

## SAT, APRIL 3

- **Legends In Concert Las Vegas Show w. Cher, Lady Gaga, Sinatra & Elvis:** 7:30; OWA, Foley; [visitowa.com](http://visitowa.com)
- **Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables:** Schedule on Page 28; Perdido Bay.

- **Historic Downtown Foley Walking Tours:** 10 a.m.; free; FoleyWelcome Center.
- **Karaoke on the Tiki Deck:** 7 'til; Live Bait; Orange Beach.
- **Tim Robinson:** 7; Papa Rocco's; Orange Beach.
- **Charlie Wilson Trio:** 6; Big Beach Brewery; Gulf Shores.
- **Mel Knapp:** 5; Woodside Restaurant at Gulf State Park; Gulf Shores.
- **Hippie Jim:** 5; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- **Destiny Brown:** 5; Perch Restaurant at The Lodge at Gulf State Park; Gulf Shores.
- **Tim Spencer:** 9; The Sandshaker at the Wharf, Orange Beach.
- **Doc Johnson Band:** 9; The Sandshaker at the Wharf, Orange Beach.
- **Charlie & The Hammerheads:** 5; Live Bait; Orange Beach.
- **JJ Mack:** 6; Tacky Jacks; Orange Beach.
- **Damian Lamb:** 11 a.m.; Tacky Jacks; Orange Beach.
- **Crawfish (11 a.m.) & Karaoke (noon):**

## Asst. principal & daughter accused of fixing homecoming queen election at Pensacola Tate High School

Laura Rose Carroll, 50, an assistant principal at Bellview Elementary School in Pensacola, and her 17 year-old daughter, Emily Rose Grover, were both arrested by the Florida Department of Law Enforcement for allegedly using the mother's access to the Escambia County School District's internal system to cast fraudulent votes for Grover in Tate High School's 2020 Homecoming Court vote. FDLE agents discovered that the fraudulent votes originated from the IP addresses

tied to Carroll and Grover's computer usage. The daughter won the vote and was named homecoming queen. According to a FDLE press release, Carroll had district-level access to its student information system and in October 2020, hundreds of votes for Tate High School's Homecoming Court were flagged as fraudulent. Also, multiple students reported that the daughter described using her mother's account to cast votes, according to the release.

The investigation also found that beginning August 2019, Carroll's FOCUS account accessed 372 high school records and 339 of those were of Tate High School students. Carroll was released on a \$6,000 bond. Carroll's daughter was taken into custody and transferred to the Escambia Regional Juvenile Detention Center. The mother is also accused of allowing her daughter to use her access to FOCUS to access hundreds of students' personal files, including their test scores.



## Legends in Concert Las Vegas Theatre Show continues at OWA

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# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## 4-laning of Canal Rd. expected to be completed by May 25

Expect delays on certain sections of road right up until then

Orange Beach's Canal Road widening project is scheduled to be complete before Memorial Day, weather permitting, as the project contractor is on the final stretch of widening construction on the south side. Paving is scheduled to take place on the expanded south side of Canal Road between William Silvers Parkway and Oak Street March 21-25. This will complete the entire 2.3 miles of resurfacing the roadway between Hwy. 161 (Doc's) and William Silvers Pkwy. The placement of temporary and permanent striping on the road is the next step towards the end of May completion date.

The contractor is scheduled to resurface the roadway April 5-23, with crews working two weekends during that period. The resurfacing and the associated lane closures will impact both eastbound and westbound traffic. Unlike past weekends, significant traffic congestion will not be considered, as it is necessary to complete scheduled paving for each day. There is a two-week asphalt curing period following resurfacing before work can begin on permanent striping. Expect delays through the end of March and the week of April 4 when Baldwin schools are on spring break.

No construction is scheduled to occur on Easter Sunday or April 23-25 (Mullet Toss at Flora-Bama, Bama Coast Cruisin' at The Wharf). But the contractor will work weekends. The schedule is tentative and subject to change due to weather conditions and unforeseen issues.

- Tacky Jacks; Gulf Shores.
- **The Defrosters:** 2; Flying Harpoon II; Orange Beach.
- **Augie Savage & Darrell Roberts:** 8; Stephi Cocktails-Cuisine; Orange Beach.
- **Late Night DJs:** 9; The Club at Live Bait; Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke w. Howard:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Fort Morgan.
- **John Brust:** 6; Ms. Nancy's Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke:** 9; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- **Open Mic:** 7; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.
- **Coastal Fire:** 7; Hub Stacy's Innerarity Point.
- **Texas Hold 'em:** 7; The Office, Foley.
- **Optimist Club of Perdido Bay:** Breakfast every Saturday at 7 a.m. at the Lillian Community Club in Lillian; (251) 961-2620.
- **AA:** 10 a.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
- **AA:** 7 p.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
- **Ladies AA:** 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

## SUN, APRIL 4

- **Easter Brunch Buffet:** Foodcraft; The

- Lodge at Gulf State Park; (251) 923-2950.
- **Legends In Concert Las Vegas Show w. Cher, Lady Gaga, Sinatra & Elvis:** 3 p.m.; OWA, Foley; visitowa.com
- **Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables:** Schedule on Page 28; Perdido Key.
- **Adam Tyler Brown:** 7; Papa Rocco's; Orange Beach.
- **Brandon Blackburn:** 5; Woodside Restaurant at Gulf State Park; Gulf Shores.
- **Pete Henry:** 4; Big Beach Brewery; Gulf Shores.
- **Al & Cathy:** noon; The Tin Top Restaurant; Bon Secour.
- **Charlie Wilson:** 5; Tacky Jacks; Orange Beach.
- **Lee Carreon:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.
- **Hippie Jim & Crawfish Boil:** 11 a.m.; Tacky Jacks; Orange Beach.
- **Lisa Zanghi:** 6; Ms. Nancy's Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach.

- **Lisa Christian:** 2; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- **Glow Yoga & Brews:** 11 a.m.; Big Beach Brewery; Gulf Shores.
- **The Defrosters:** 2; Flying Harpoon II; Orange Beach.
- **John Joiner & Friends:** 4; Hub Stacy's; Innerarity Point.
- **Danny Grady:** 2; Fraternal Order of Eagles; Foley.
- **League Pool:** 7; The Office, Foley.
- **AA:** 5 p.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

## MON, APRIL 5

- **Monthly Community Potluck:** 6pm; Orange Beach Community Center (Sept. thru May).
- **Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables:** Schedule on Page 28; Perdido Key.
- **Flora-Bama Family Friendly Bingo:** 1-4 p.m.; free; family friendly; Flora-Bama;



**O.B. GARDEN CLUB THANKS TEACHERS:** The Orange Beach Garden Club thanked local teachers for their hard work and dedication to their students with \$50 to use toward supplementing classroom supplies. We appreciate our teachers. **Pictured:** Orange Beach Elementary School principal Ryan Moss, Orange Beach Garden Club President Virginia Burkhalter and first grade teacher Shelly Ford; Orange Beach Middle and High School principal Dr. Robbie Smith with Orange Beach Garden Club members Linda Tucker. Photo taken by Tori McCrary, high school student.



**PRE-SCHOOLERS VISIT ESCAMBIA COUNTY SHERIFF'S PERDIDO PRECINCT:** Preschoolers from Perdido Bay United Methodist Church visited the Escambia County Sheriff's Dept. Perdido Precinct earlier this month. The children toured the newly opened building and learned about the mounted unit, K-9 unit and other units at the ECSO. The officers enjoyed seeing all of their smiling faces!



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- Perdido Key.
- **Tyler Ward:** 5; Woodside Restaurant at Gulf State Park; Gulf Shores.
  - **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
  - **Open Mic w/Davo:** 7; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
  - **Bingo:** 10-2; Gulf Coast Elks Lodge; Foley.
  - **Bingo:** 6; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
  - **Open Mixed Doubles Tennis:** 7:15 a.m.; all levels welcome; Gulf Shores Tennis Center; corner of West 19th Ave. and West 2nd St.
  - **League Pool:** 7; The Office, Foley.
  - **AA:** Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
  - **Ladies AA:** 10 a.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

## TUE, APRIL 6

- **Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables:** Schedule on Page 28; Perdido Key.
- **Flora-Bama Family Friendly Bingo:** 1-4 p.m.; free; family friendly; Flora-Bama; Perdido Key.
- **Ancient Aviators Military Gathering:** 8:30 a.m.; American Legion Post 44; 6781 Hwy. 59; Gulf Shores; visitors welcome; 251 990-8258
- **Bama Beach Pickleball Club:** 9-noon; Church of Christ, 2414 West 1st St., Gulf Shores; (new members welcome).
- **Paper Dolls:** 5; Woodside Restaurant at Gulf State Park; Gulf Shores.
- **Chris Beverly Experience:** 9; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- **Bingo:** 5; 45 Restaurant & Bar; One Club, Gulf Shores.
- **Line Dancing:** 6; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 8; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **Karaoke w. Kelly:** 8; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.

- **JW Karaoke:** 6; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
- **Bingo:** 10-2; Gulf Coast Elks Lodge; Foley.
- **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.
- **AA:** Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
- **AA:** 7 p.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
- **Al-Anon:** Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Activities Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

## WED, APRIL 7

- **Murder at Mama's Dinner Theatre:** dinner at 6; show at 6:45; Luna's Eat & Drink, lunaseatand-drink.com; Orange Beach.
- **Legends In Concert Las Vegas Show w. Cher, Lady Gaga, Sinatra & Elvis:** 7:30; OWA, Foley; visitowa.com
- **Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables:** Schedule on Page 28; Perdido Key.
- **Flora-Bama Family Friendly 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).
- **Austin Thompson:** 5; Woodside Restaurant at Gulf State Park; Gulf Shores.
- **Mason Henderson's Saucy Fuzz:** 9; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- **Chase Wesley Brown:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.
- **Open Mic:** 5:30; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- **Scott Koehn Project:** 6; OSO; Orange Beach.
- **Anthony Oliver:** 5; Live Bait; Orange Beach.
- **Lisa Zanghi:** 6; Ms. Nancy's Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach.
- **Gary Story & Friends:** 7; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.

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**THE KEG TAILGATE COOK-OFF**  
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# Local Life OBA takes top prize

By John Mullen

In nine years of having a tailgate cookoff to benefit local cancer victims at the Keg Lounge in east Orange Beach, General Manager Joe Coe says this past event on March 19 produced the best food of all the rest. Even though there were only seven contestants.

“Oso did these fantastic chicken wings,” Coe said. “It had two different sauces on it. Those were the best damn chicken wings I’ve ever had.”

Another entry getting Coe’s admiration was a simple fish dish but also delicious.

“The Galley came in third and they did fish ‘n’ chips and that’s the best damn fish ‘n’ chips I’ve had in my life,” Coe said

That Oso at Bear Point Harbor or the Galley on County Road 10 were not the winners is a testament to how good the overall food was at ninth cookoff.

“It gets better and better every year and this is the best one yet,” Coe said. “What I saw yesterday was a culmi-

nation of all of the talent the Gulf Coast has. These chefs that prepared that food in an outside tailgate setting. It showcases the type of talent we have here on the Gulf Coast. They were truly amazing. It’s getting better and better. It’s becoming more known for a food destination.”

Local Life OBA (right), a new restaurant at the east end of The Wharf on the north side of Wharf Parkway came away as the winner.

“Local Life cooked a mojo pork,” Coe said. “He pickles his own cucumbers, had Havarti cheese. It was just amazing how he made that taste. He put it on a sandwich. They’re going to put it on the menu now. The food was amazing this year the judges took 45 minutes to an hour before they came out with the winner.”

In the end, more than \$4,000 was raised for cancer patient Anthony Grimm. He has been diagnosed with stage four pancreatic cancer and is father to several children.

“We do it every year for a different cancer patient this year it just happened to be a close personal friend of mine,” Coe said.

The first year the proceeds went to St. Jude’s but in the next eight years the money was raised directly for a local cancer patient, Coe said.





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By Ron "Bones" Jones



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A lady calls the police to report her husband is missing. The police arrive and ask for a description. She tells them he's 6 foot 2 inches tall, blonde wavy hair, and has a smile that makes

everybody love him.

The police then go to the next neighbor to verify this report and the lady next door tells the police, "You can't believe her. He's 5'4", has no hair and he wears a perpetual frown on his face."

The neighbor then goes and asks the lady why she gave the police such a false report.

She replies, "Just because I reported him missing doesn't mean I want him back!"

My friend pulls all his savings under his pillow every night. He wants people to know he has enough money to retire on.

Patient: "Doctor, I need is something to stir me up. Something to get me fired up and put me in a fighting mood. Can you give me something to do that?"  
Doctor: "Yes. Your invoice."

Son: "Dad, what music did you like when you were growing up?"

Dad: "Well, I was a huge fan of Led Zeppelin."

Son: "Who?"

Dad: "Yeah, I liked them too."

Patient: Doctor, I have a tendency to gain weight in certain

places. What would you recommend?

Doctor: Stay out of those places!

Friend 1: Let's go for a movie.

Friend 2: I've got a doctor's appointment today.

Friend 1: Just cancel it, tell him you're sick.

Doctor: "Would you have the money if I said you needed an operation?"

Patient: "Would you say I needed an operation if you thought I didn't have the money?"

Tim: I went riding this morning.

Tom: Horseback?

Tim: Oh, sure. He got back two hours before I did."

*Nine Words Women Use...*

• Fine: This is the word women use to end an argument when they are right and you need to shut up. This means your facts may be right but you are still wrong.

• Five Minutes: If she is getting dressed, this means a half an hour. Five minutes is only five minutes if you have just been given five more minutes to watch the game.

• Nothing: This is the calm be-

fore the storm. This means something, and you should be on your toes. Arguments that begin with nothing often end in fine.

• Go Ahead: This is a dare, not permission. Don't Do It!

• Loud Sigh: A loud sigh means she thinks you are an idiot and wonders why she is wasting her time standing here and arguing with you.

• Thanks a lot: This is sarcasm and she is not thanking you. Do not say 'you're welcome.'

• Of course I'm against sin; I'm against anything that I'm too old to enjoy.

• A man has reached middle age when he is cautioned to slow down by his doctor instead of by the police.

• Middle age is having a choice of two temptations and choosing the one that will get you home earlier.

• You know you're into middle age when you realize that caution is the only thing you care

to exercise.

• Don't worry about avoiding temptation. As you grow older, it will avoid you.

• The aging process could be slowed down if it had to work its way through Congress.

• You're getting old when getting lucky means you find your car in the parking lot.

• You're getting old when you're sitting in a rocker and you can't get it started.

"You need glasses," the eye doctor said.

"I'm already wearing glasses," replied the patient.

"In that case," the doctor said, "I need glasses."

The opposite of isolate is yousoearly.

*Been awhile since you've heard Jeff Foxworthy You know you're a redneck when Jokes?*

• You've been kicked out of the zoo for heckling the monkeys.

• You think a subdivision is part of a math problem.

• You've bathed with flea and tick soap.

• Your kids take a siphon hose to show and tell.

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## ORANGE BEACH COMMUNITY CENTER POTLUCK

More Pictures At Mulletwrapper.com

### By Dianne McElroy

Everyone is invited to bring a covered dish or dessert and join us for the April 5 Orange Beach Community Center potluck at the Orange Beach Community Center at 6 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m. Dinner starts at 6:30 p.m. and a program will start at 7 p.m. Everyone is invited; just bring a side dish to share for 8 to 10 people. The Orange Beach Community Center is located at 27235 Canal Rd. If you are unable to bring anything, cost for the meal is \$5. Membership dues are \$13 for a single and \$25 for a family.

We invite you to join the Orange Beach Community Association. We meet on the first Monday of each month at the Community Center at 6 p.m. from September thru May. Look forward to seeing everyone. **Pictured:** Attendees at the St. Patrick's Day themed March gathering.





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# Perdido Pass fishing wall will be open for summer tourist season

## Options for Waterfront Park Pier repairs are still to be determined

By John Mullen

Going on six months since Sally roared across the Alabama Gulf Coast things are still being put back together both for private residents and local governments.

In Orange Beach, two iconic locations are still awaiting repairs from storm damage, Waterfront Park Pier and the Perdido Pass fishing wall (pictured)

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and the city will likely take a different approach on bringing each back on line. With the pier, a popular fishing spot and gathering spot at sunset, officials are looking at a process that will take more time. But they hope to get the fishing wall repairs done much more quickly with an eye on summer-time crowds who gather there. “It’s not a quick fix,” City Administrator Ken Grimes said of the pier. “The damage is fairly extensive in the middle and the outer section as far as the pilings and how it was washed. At this point, there are four or five different ways it could go and unfortunately none of them are fast. It’s going to be an expensive venture no matter what we do on the pier.”

When it goes out for bid, Grimes said the city is asking for two different proposals to compare the two to see how the city will proceed.

Men fishing and talking at the Perdido Pass fishing wall in Orange Beach, Alabama.

“The bid will be a full redo of the pier as it sits today and how it looks with the length of it and everything,” Grimes said. “Then we’ll have another option that would be a pier but a shorter pier from a standpoint of still a place to go as far as the public park so we can see what is the difference of the full pier versus half the pier. We don’t really know what that extent will be and what that cost will be.”

To apply for FEMA help with the replacement also adds time to the

process and that will play a role in the future of the Waterfront Park Pier.

“We do have some insurance coverage on the structure itself,” Grimes said. “We can apply the insurance toward what we want to do and then we will apply through FEMA because it’s a public facility for potential reimbursement and be able to rebuild depending. If we chose that route it would take longer to get it back in place but it would be heavily funded by some of the dollars that would be available for public facilities reimbursements.”

Damage to the Perdido Pass fishing wall from Hurricane Sally in Orange Beach, Alabama.

Grimes said hopefully bids on the pier options will go out within a month or so. The biggest problem will likely be finding a company available to get to the pier given the other waterfront damage all over the city and the island.

“The reality is everybody that’s in the pier reconstruction business, pilings, dock repair, everybody is slammed,” Grimes said. “And will probably be slammed for two years. That means pricing is going to be high just by the nature of demand. That’s the unfortunate side of that project but we’re going to definitely get something back at the public facility which they enjoy going out over the water.”

The new seawall/boardwalk at Waterfront Park also sustained some damage from the storm and is in need of repairs. Some of it remains open to the public.

Also, at Waterfront Park, Grimes said the city is making plans to put new

equipment at the playground there and hopes it can be complete by summer. Most of it was torn down before Sally due to rot but swings and a pirate ship apparatus both are still intact and available for public use.

A great blue heron hanging out at the Perdido Pass fishing wall in Orange Beach, Alabama.

### PERDIDO PASS FISHING WALL

This area was damaged years ago and basically abandoned by the state because of the prohibitive cost of having it repaired. Orange Beach stepped in and asked for permission to pay for the repairs to keep this unique and popular spot open to the public.

“Do we want to try to fix under FEMA, do we want to scale back some of them?” Coastal Resources Director Phillip West asked. “If we fix them under FEMA it’s going to take a lot longer. Then there will be questions are you going to mitigate like Waterfront Park Pier. Are you going to try to ask for a mitigation grant to elevate it or put in bigger pilings next time? There’s just a lot to consider because all that takes time. Some people are OK with that – I would be. Other people aren’t.

“The seawall park, I want to fix that as soon as we can. I don’t want to wait to go through some sort of mitigation program for that we just want to get it fixed. Hopefully we’ll be moving forward on that pretty soon.”

Grimes says no decisions have been made on how to proceed with the repairs but he also is hopeful it can be open for the summer season.

“The land is owned by the state and the city has funded the improvements



that were there,” Grimes said. “I don’t have specific details yet but we’re going to try to get that one open by summer to where the boardwalk’s back in place, the benches. I think there’s been some decisions as to working with the state and trying to figure out what’s the best way and quickest way. The city will probably tackle that in getting it back open. Every time I go down you can see the sections that are open and how many people are starting to show up and we’re not even to the busy season.”

### BACK COUNTRY TRAIL

Most of the trail is usable with two small exceptions, Sawgrass Grass Trail that runs west of the campground storage area and had some boardwalk burned. The cabin trail that connects to the cabins on Lake Shelby is also closed because none of the cabins are usable.

In Orange Beach, the gravel trail south of the Sportsplex that is a connector from the trailhead there to the 10-foot sidewalk is the only trail closed there.





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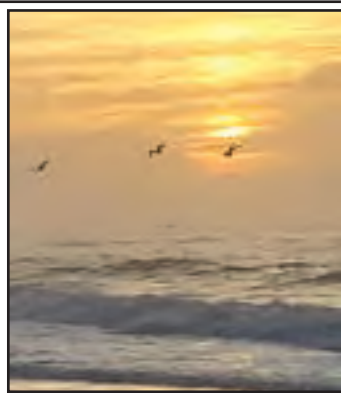
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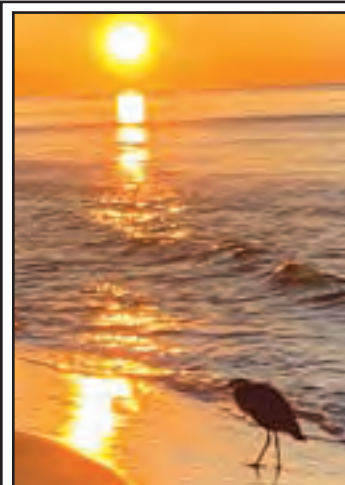
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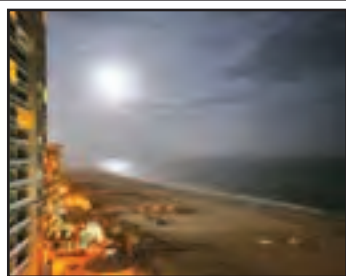
Geckos and sunrises on West Lagoon from Phillip Thomas.



Sunrise on west beach with Phillip Thomas.



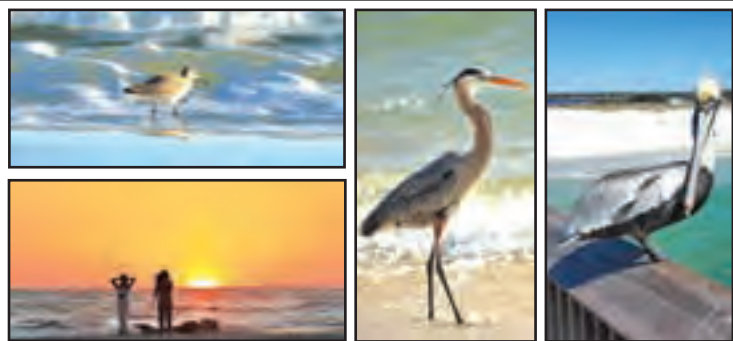
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Joyce Hildreth from Minnesota shares a shot she took from Romar Place.



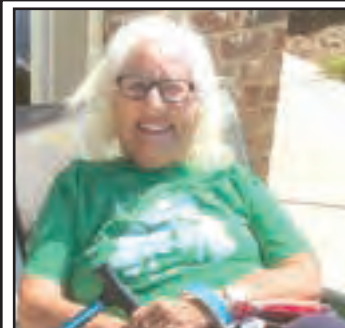
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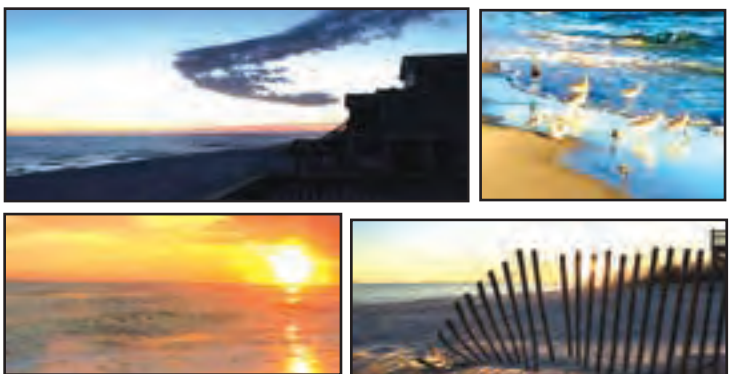
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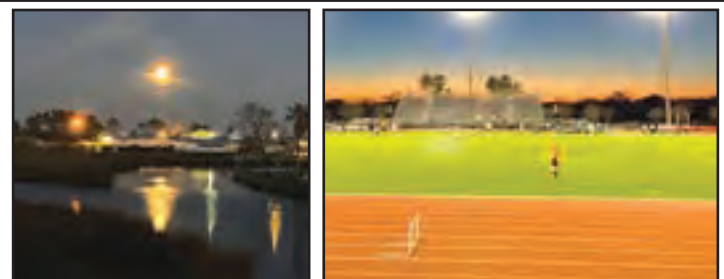
From Kerri Melissa Manuel.



A selfie from 81 year old Mary Falkenberg. "Guaranteed Irish," she wrote.



From Kenneth Herrmann.



"The first is from the Gulf Shores Sportsplex. I chose this because of the colors created by the sunset. The second is an awesome shot of the moon and its reflection from the bayou behind the Original Oyster House," writes Lonnie Ellis.



"Successful seashell hunting on West Beach," writes Kathy Fosterling.



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