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### St. Peter's in Bon Secour hosts June 3 take-out fish-fry

St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Bon Secour will begin hosting its summer fish fries the first Thursday of every month beginning June 3. A hugely popular monthly community event, the fish fries will also be held on the beautiful St. Peter's campus from 5-7 p.m. on July 1, Aug. 5 and Sept. 2.

Fried fish plates include sides of hushpuppies, baked beans, coleslaw, potato salad and dessert. The cost is \$10. And it is take out only. St. Peter's is located on the corner of County Rd.10 & County Rd. 49 at 6270 County Road 10 in Bon Secour.

"Due to Covid guidelines we can not seat anyone in our Parish Hall, so our only option to begin again was to offer take-outs. When Covid-19 restrictions are lifted, we will resume our inside dining," said church volunteer Shannon Longcrier.



### Food Pantry scheduled May 22 at O.B.'s The Island Church

The Island Church in Orange Beach will host it's next Island Mobile Food Pantry on Saturday, May 22. Baldwin County families that would like to receive a 50 pound box of food are asked to call Lisa in the office at 251.967.4840 to receive more details. The food will be distributed at 8:30 a.m. with a drive thru. Space is limited to the first 200 families that register through the office. The church is located at 25550 Canal Rd. in Orange Beach.

**Pictured:** Island Church Orange Beach Food Pantry volunteers preparing packages. For info about how to volunteer with the program visit theislandchurch.tv.

### Foley man wins \$1 million from Florida scratch-off lottery game

The Florida Lottery announced on May 11 that Calvin Holmes, 47, of Foley, claimed a \$1 million top prize from the 50X THE CASH Scratch-Off game Holmes chose to receive his winnings as a one-time, lump-sum payment of \$890,000.00.

Holmes purchased his winning ticket from Discount Tobacco Shop, located at 13120 Lillian Highway in Pensacola. The retailer will receive a \$2,000 bonus commission for selling the winning Scratch-Off ticket. The \$5 game, 50X THE CASH, launched in September 2020 and features more than \$131 million in cash prizes, including ten top prizes of \$1 million! The game's overall odds of winning are 1-in-3.97.

Scratch-Off games are an important part of the Lottery's portfolio of games, comprising approximately 75 percent of ticket sales and generating more than \$1 billion for the Educational Enhancement Trust Fund last year.



### 1,300 athletes in Gulf Shores for May 26-28 for NAIA National Outdoor Track Championship

The National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) will be back at the Gulf Shores Sportsplex for its 2021 Men's & Women's Outdoor Track & Field National Championship May 26-28.

Approximately 1,300 student-athletes competing in multiple events. The championship will be open to the public with health and safety protocols in place, but tickets can be purchased online only and will not be available at the gate. Three-day tournament passes are \$25 and daily passes are \$10. Masks are required, and social distancing is encouraged.

The meet starts with the first event of the men's decathlon (100-meters, Long Jump, Shot Put, High Jump, 400-meters) at 10 a.m. and the women's heptathlon (100-meter Hurdles, High Jump, Shot Put, 200-meters) at 10:30 a.m. on May 26 and ends with the women's and men's 4x400-meter relay finals beginning at 6:15 p.m. on May 28. The awards ceremony will follow at 6:50 p.m.

Gulf Shores, in cooperation with Gulf Shores - Orange Beach Sports Commission, has hosted

the championships since 2014. Michelle Russ, the Commission's vice president of sales, said the a contract is already in place to hold the 2022 meet at Blackwell Stadium.

The Gulf Shores area saw an economic impact of over \$3 million in 2018. The 2020 meet was a Covid casualty.

"They have been an excellent host and they continue to set the bar higher every year," said NAIA President Jim Carr.

"We are thrilled to be back in Gulf Shores for the championship to provide these student-athletes the ability to compete in a safe and healthy environment," said Courtney Fegter, championship sport manager for the NAIA. "With the necessary protocols in place, we look forward to feeling a bit of normalcy and getting back to competition this year with spectators in the stands."

Tickets are \$10 per day or \$25 for a three day pass. Visit NAIA.org for more information on the NAIA. For information on upcoming athletic events along Alabama's Gulf Coast, visit GSOB-sports.com, or call 1-800-745-SAND.



### S'mores on the Shore May 27 at Gulf Shores Public Beach

Campfires, music and s'mores will be the scene as the City of Gulf Shores hosts S'mores on the Shore Thursday, May 27. The fun will begin at 6 p.m. at Gulf Place, 101 Gulf Shores Parkway. This family-friendly event started in 2010 and has quickly become the perfect recipe for families of all ages who are looking for a little free fun and excitement.

The event will include free s'mores packets, a live DJ and a balloon artist on site. Families are encouraged to bring their blankets, chairs, friends and family and relax on the beautiful, white sand of the Gulf Shores Public Beach. For more info, call 251-968-1171 or visit gulfshoresal.gov.



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### Miss Flora-Bama Bikini Contest May 29

The Flora-Bama's Miss Memorial Day Bikini Contest will be held on Sturda, May 29 at 3 p.m. in the big tent at the famed Lounge on the line, with the winning women earning cash awards and a spot in the finals on Labor Day Weekend along with the top contestants in the Miss Mullet Toss and Miss Fourth of July contests. The top 3 winners are then eligible to compete in the Labor Day Bikini Contest Finale for a chance to win a \$5,000 Grand Prize!

Lauded as America's Last Great Roadhouse, The Flora-Bama takes its name from its location on Gulf of Mexico at the Florida-Alabama state line.



### GCAA Wild Things Art Fest May 22 at Al. Gulf Coast Zoo

The Gulf Coast Arts Alliance and the Alabama Gulf Coast Zoo will present the Wild Things Art Fest at the Alabama Gulf Coast Zoo on May 22 from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. The zoo is located at 20499 Oak Rd. E. in Gulf Shores.

With abundant space and set-up opportunity, this venue promises to be the ideal festival site for a sunny May display of local art! The goals of the GCAA are to bring awareness to the Gulf Shores community of the amazing talent of artists in the region and allow patrons to view the beauty and amenities of the City's expanded and updated Zoo.

The Wild Things Art Fest is free for all ages. Festival artists will receive free admission to the Zoo and GCAA members will receive a Zoo entry discount. Anyone associated with GCAA, members or artists, will also receive a discount to dine at the Zoo's Safari Club Restaurant. Please stop by the GCAA Gallery to pick up your discount cards.

On the day of the festival, there will be a face painting tent set up for the kiddos, and, Animal Art Demos from the Zoo's very own animal Picassos. Word is that Kevin Bacon, the pig, and Bruce Quillis, the porcupine, are super talented!

There will also be live music throughout the day. GCAA music teacher, Kim Shannon, and the Spinnaker Band will kick off the tunes at 11 a.m. and again at 1 p.m. Local musician, Destiny Brown, will take the stage at Noon and again at 2 p.m.

The Wild Things Art Fest is a great opportunity for local artists to step into the exciting venture of showing their art at the Zoo, meeting fellow artists, and being inspired by supporting the community through the two presenting non-profits, the Gulf Coast Arts Alliance and the Alabama Gulf Coast Zoo.

Artists can sign up at the GCAA Gallery or by calling 251-948-2627. The exhibiting fee is \$50 for members and \$60 for non-members. Artists will be given set-up instructions a week prior to the festival. Space is limited to only 45 artists! Get your space now! People will be "lion-ing" up!



### Nesting season on the Alabama coast is officially underway

Nesting season on the Alabama coast, under the auspices of Share the Beach volunteers, is officially underway.

Female sea turtles are making their way from hundreds of miles away to lay eggs, which will hatch from May through October on Gulf Coast beaches.

"Our volunteers are out every morning doing their part to find, document and protect new sea turtle nests," said Sara Johnson, Share the Beach Director. "Share these tips (see sidebar) with your fellow beachgoers so everyone can enjoy the experience, and most importantly, our sea turtles can continue to nest undisturbed."

**Pictured:** With help from super shoveler Ellen Murphy and water boy Stephen Hawkins, Sand Castle University ([sandcastleu.com](http://sandcastleu.com)) owner Janel Hawkins created a sand sculpture just east of the blue mats at Gulf Shores Public Beach to help announce the start of the turtle nesting season on Pleasure Island.

The turtle, named Big Mama, took most of the day to build and less than a minute to be trampled by young volunteers.

"We gave her back to the Gulf," Hawkins said. "Smashing our sculptures is necessary in order to prevent hazards for mama nesting or baby hatching turtles. While it may be hard to do, it is for a great cause."

Hawkins' custom sand sculptures have previously been featured on ESPN during the NCAA Beach Volleyball Championships.

"We drew quite a crowd and had so much fun sharing the Leave Only Foot Prints message,"

Murphy said. "It was a little sad to see her go, but it was kinda fun to see the kids having a blast smashing the sculpture at the end of the day so we could leave the beach just as we found it."

Sand Castle University presented information about how locals and tourists visiting the beach can ensure that it is a successful turtle nesting season.

"Something as simple as a red film, which is free at the Gulf Shores Welcome Center, for your flashlight, filling any holes you dig on the beach for fun and even smashing your beach sand castle before you leave can help keep nesting turtles safe," said Murphy, a former Share The Beach volunteer.

"Can't wait until our first real turtle mama makes her appearance," added Johnson.

#### Keep these tips in mind if you spot a sea turtle:

- **Stay back** (at least 30 feet), stay low, and stay quiet. Sea turtles only emerge from the water to nest, so give them space to do their mama stuff!
- **No white flashlights** and no flash photography. Bright lights are extremely disorienting to sea turtles and should be avoided on nesting beaches. If you must have a light, use a dim red LED flashlight, like ours from Maglite. And remember never to shine a light, even a red light, directly at a sea turtle.
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**GULF SHORES CITY COUNCIL**

# Skate park improvements put on hold

## FDOT approves light at Fort Morgan Rd. and West Second St.

**By John Mullen**

Improvements to the skate park at Sims Park was put on hold at the May 10 meeting of the Gulf Shores City Council. Bids were much higher than what was planned for in the

2021 budget and the work will likely be considered later. Three contractors' offers were way off from what was budgeted to complete the work.

“For a temporary solution we would go ahead and install the sidewalk to connect from kids’ park behind the rear of the skate park building.”

“It was interesting to see how far out of budget it was,” Craft said. “One of them was almost three times and there was nothing less than double.”

Bids ranged from \$180,000 to \$123,000 when the city was hoping to spend about \$60,000 to make a restroom at the skate park accessible from the outside of the building. “What we had proposed to do was to modify the existing skate park building and convert one of the interior restrooms into an exterior public restroom and install a sidewalk so you could come from the kids’ park and use the restroom there instead of having to walk to the concession stand restroom,” Construction Manager Clint Colvin told the council.

“We opened bids on April 13 and unfortunately all three bids we received were significantly over budget.”

Colvin recommended the council reject all the bids and look to include the project at a later date.

“We will reevaluate the situation and possibly include in a future project and future budget year,” Colvin said. “For a temporary solution we would go ahead and install the sidewalk to connect from kids’ park behind the rear of the skate park building to at least make it easier to get to the existing restroom.”

City Administrator Steve Griffin told Council that the Alabama Department of Transportation has backtracked its initial opposition and now approves of a traffic signal at Fort Morgan Road and West Second Street. When the city first improved the intersection of Fort Morgan Rd. and Hwy. 59 for a signal one block west at Second St., part of that work was to include a traffic signal, but that was not warranted by ALDOT, according to Griffin.

A consulting firm hired to help with the work and City Engineer Mark Acreman, Griffin said, persisted in pursuit of having the light approved.

“To Mark Acreman’s credit, Darryl Skipper with Skipper Consultants, they kept pressing and last week we got notice that traffic signal is warranted so we’re in the permitting stages,” Griffin said. “In the next several months I anticipate having that light erected. It makes for a much safer and better situation. That light should be up by the end of the year.”



## \$251K allocated for Bodenhamer Center lobby renovation

**By John Mullen**

During the May 17 council work session, Gulf Shores City Council heard a recommendation to award the Bodenhamer Center lobby renovations contract to Green-Simmons for \$251,000.

Renovations include the following: Demolition and removal of existing reception desk and retail center; Interior wall construction around new cardio equipment area; Removal of existing ceramic tile and vinyl tile flooring in the lobby and replace with new laminated vinyl flooring; New doors and storefront systems; Modified HVAC ducting for new layout.

also, modified/new electrical receptacles, data lines, coax cabling, and saw-cutting the existing slab as required for the new cardio and fitness areas to provide power and data to equipment; New light fixtures; Painting all walls; Installation of new reception desk by the main entrance; Construction of new retail location for city store merchandise; Construction of new coffee bar with cabinetry and casework.

## More grants for airport

**By John Mullen**

Gulf Shores City Council discussed two FAA grants for the Airport Authority during its May 17 work session.

The FAA is providing Jack Edwards National Airport with funding of \$166,677 to for the purpose of performing pavement maintenance by crack sealing various locations on the airport.

The second one authorizing the mayor and city clerk to apply for and accept a \$23,000 FAA grant for the Airport Coronavirus Response Grant Program. The ACRGP is providing the airport with funding to reimburse various operational expenses as a result of the COVID 19 pandemic. To speed up the process on both grants, the FAA has requested that the city and airport

authority gain pre-approval for execution of the grant.

## \$30K for prescribed burns

During the May 17 work session, Council approved a \$30,000 contract with Volkert to develop a scope of work for bid purposes to install firebreaks and conduct prescribed burns on two city wilderness areas in Bon Secour and another on Oyster Bay.

Council also:

- Approved the reassigning the franchise for Harbor Communications to C Spire which bought all interest of Harbor Communications on Dec. 11.
- Approved a list of items for the spring surplus sale on govdeals.com from May 24 through June 7. Among the items are an SUV, two pickup trucks and a waverunner.

## 110 unit Phoenix Gulf Shores II includes 24-foot public beach access

During May 3 regular session, Gulf Shores City Council:

- OK'd a request by the developers of Phoenix Gulf Shores II to change the setbacks on the new project planning for East Beach Boulevard across the street from the Comfort Inn. It will be a 24-story, 110-unit building and will provide a 24-foot public beach access and the construc-

tion six-foot wide dune walk over boardwalk. Developers want to reduce west side yard setback from 35 feet to 24 feet.

- Heard a request to give a wetland waiver on 5.65 acres on the north shore of Little Lagoon by with the purpose of subdividing the land into 15 lots called North Lagoon Estates. The planning commission OK'd the subdivision on the condition developers received a wetland waiver. Only the city council can issue wetland waivers and will have to be read twice before it can come to a vote before the council.

- Voted for an amendment to the zoning ordinance's tree protection section to better protect and preserve the trees, Director of Planning and Community Development Lee Jones told the council. The amendment would add an element of landscape maturity to new developments thereby enhancing buffering and privacy. The proposal removes the exemption from the regulations for single-family and duplex lots less than one acre in size; adds standards for tree removal permit review; and creates a definition and protection standards for "Heritage

Trees.”

- OK'd assembly permits for the Phin Man Youth Triathlon on May 29 and the Bike Tour De Beach cycling event Sept. 18-19.
- OK'd a bid for apparel for the city store from Express Press Printing, as it was the lowest offer of five conforming bids. Express currently holds the contract for supplying apparel to the store.
- OK'd liquor licenses for Beachin' Eats at the Gulf State Park Pavilion and Comfort Inn's Beachside Bar on East Beach Boulevard.



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### Alabama coastal cities celebrate Lemonade Day

Orange Beach, Foley, and Gulf Shores recently proclaimed Saturday, May 15, 2021 as Lemonade Day Coastal Alabama at recent city council meetings.

The mayors and councils spoke on the benefits of the nationwide educational program, based out of Houston, Texas, which first came to the Coastal Alabama area back in 2018. The program is run by the Coastal Alabama Business and South Baldwin Chambers.

Students in Kindergarten through 5th Grade attended various workshops on topics (such as recipe development and stand building) to help prepare them for the big day where they ran their own stand at a designated location in the community.



### Music, a Movie and Heritage Park Marketplace Fridays through June 11 in Foley

Music and a Movie and Heritage Park Marketplace continued every Friday beginning at 4:30 p.m. and Heritage Park Marketplace continue in downtown Foley on Friday evenings through June 11. The marketplace showcases a variety of arts and crafts as well as plants, vegetables, fruits, and gift items. The marketplace will operate from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., with live entertainment beginning at 6 p.m., followed by a movie at dusk. The marketplace and Music and a Movie will continue every Friday through June 11. Those who come for the music and a movie are asked to bring a chair or a blanket for seating.

A variety of bands will be playing each week, including country, rock and a popular saxophonist playing selections from Broadway to movie tunes. Each week live entertainment will begin at 6 p.m., followed by a family-friendly movie presented on a 40-foot inflatable screen. Get the complete schedule each week on Facebook at Visit Foley Alabama or the [www.VisitFoley.org](http://www.VisitFoley.org).

Admission is free. Concessions are available for purchase on site. Boy Scout Troup 77 will be selling grilled burgers and hotdogs, plus other concession foods. Heritage Park is located at the intersection of Ala. 59 and U.S. 98 in downtown Foley.

For a complete movie and entertainment schedule please contact Sara Harkins at 251-943-1300, [sharkins@cityoffoley.org](mailto:sharkins@cityoffoley.org) or visit [visitfoley.org](http://visitfoley.org)

**Pictured:** Families enjoy music and a movie in Heritage Park, a five-week event held late May and June in Foley.



### Fundraiser for Innerarity native Cherry Fe Smith May 22 Purple Parrot hosts, numerous businesses support community event

Friends and family are gathering to raise funds for Innerarity Point native Cherry Fe (Fowler) Smith, as she continues to battle against melanoma cancer.

A fundraiser organized by Cherry's daughter Sarah Nell Ingersoll, niece Brittany Coffman, and sister Anita (Fowler) Gainer will be held for Cherry on Saturday, May 22 from 1-4 p.m. at the Purple Parrot Tiki Bar on Perdido Key, with owners Chris and Tracy Mull hosting.

The "party like a pirate" will include live music from John Fowler and others, a silent auction, a split-the-pot raffle, potluck refreshments and a pirate photo booth.

For more info or to find out what you can do to help, contact Brittany Coffman at 850-291-6846 or email [bcoffman639@gmail.com](mailto:bcoffman639@gmail.com).

Silent auction items include gift certificates from, among other businesses, Sail Wildhearts and Pirate Adventures (where Cherry worked as a captain) and Wahoo Watersports. Restaurants such as The Breakfast Club, Pirates Cove, Perdido Sports Bar and The Purple Parrot have donated gift certificates. And local artists such as William Johnson, Black Eye Susie's Studio and Lynn Gentry have donated their creations. The silent auction will also include lots of swag baskets.

"Dressing like a pirate is optional, but there will be lots of family and friends there, and it will be very family oriented," said Anita Fowler, Cherry's sister, who like her sister was raised on Innerarity Point as part of the Resmondo family.

"There will definitely be lots of food," Fowler added.

Dee Sweets & Bakery will bring deserts. Master Chef Pete Gainer will prepare his specialties and Janice Mayo Glass will make her famous pulled pork.

### Summertide Theatre back at SBCT beginning June 4

Tickets are now on sale for Summertide, the University of Alabama's professional summer theatre, which returns to Gulf Shores for its eighteenth season at South Baldwin Theatre from June 4 to July 2. This year's offering is Starting Here, Starting NowDee Sweets & Bakery. Tickets are currently available at [SummerTide.org](http://SummerTide.org) or by calling the SBCT box office after May 25 at 251-968-6721.

"We are excited for SummerTide Theatre to return to Gulf Shores after last year's hiatus," said director Matt Davis, assistant professor at The University of Alabama De-

partment of Theatre and Dance.

Since 2004, SummerTide has brought shows such as Ring of Fire, The Marvelous Wonderettes, and Pump Boys and Dinettes to entertain audiences in Gulf Shores and the surrounding areas.

With Music by David Shire and Lyrics by Richard Maltby, Jr., each song tells a story of modern romance or finding oneself. The audience is taken on a tour of love, heart-break and self-discovery with subjects ranging from loneliness and love triangles to anticipation and adventure.

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## AROUND TOWN



### Orange Beach Billfish Classic open weigh-ins May 21 & 22

Fishing commences May 20 at noon, and public weigh-ins will be held under the marlin at The Wharf Friday and Saturday during The 25th Annual Orange Beach Billfish Classic.

Weigh-ins are May 21 from 7-8 a.m. and 7-10 p.m., and May 22 from 6-10 p.m. for the tourney that has donated more than \$730,000 to The Billfish Foundation since its inception in 1996.

The OBBC includes tuna, wahoo and dolphin (mahi) in its optional cash categories but is primarily a blue marlin tournament and traditionally attracts competitive fishing teams from across the Gulf of Mexico. Prize money, not including optional cash categories, pays out to landed blue marlin and catch and release billfish.

This family run tournament emphasizes team participation and is the only tournament on the Gulf Coast owned and operated by tournament fishermen. It places emphasis on fairness, a sensible payout, a schedule that caters to fishing teams and billfish conservation. **Pictured:** 2020 Tournament Champions Pearl with a 603.2 lb. blue marlin.



**GSMS STUDENTS PUBLISHED IN CELEBRATING ART:** Congratulations to the five Gulf Shores Middle School art students that were chosen to be published in the Spring 2021 edition of the book, Celebrating Art. Celebrating Art is a national art contest and only the best artwork out of thousands of entries is chosen for publication. **Pictured:** Published students: Charles Bias- 8th grade; Ariana Daily- 7th grade; Beatriz Franca- 8th grade; Caitlynn Mote- 8th grade; Marley Singleton- 7th grade.

### Baldwin now state's 4th largest county

Baldwin County has replaced Montgomery County as the fourth largest in Alabama, according to Census Bureau estimates. While Montgomery County lost 5,000 residents, Baldwin County, the state's fastest growing county, added 47,000 people, a 26 percent increase in the past decade.

The Census Bureau estimates Baldwin's population at 229,000 residents.

Madison County, which includes Huntsville, added nearly 7,000 people between 2019 and 2020, according to Census estimates. Madison and Baldwin Counties accounted for more than 90 percent of the state's growth, adding a total of 12,600 people, while the state as a whole grew by just 13,600 people.

Baldwin County has been the fastest growing county in the state for much of the past decade. It added a staggering 47,000 people and grew by 26 percent since 2010.

According to the Census estimates data, the state's most populous county, Jefferson, lost more people between 2019 and 2020 than it did in the entire decade before that, losing 3,200 people in 2019.

### Perdido Key beach access gets state permit

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection has issued a final permit that will allow a much needed additional public beach access to the beach on Perdido Key.

The new access point at 16495 Perdido Key Dr. (next to The Crab Trap) will include 35 parking spots and give the public access to 300 feet of beachfront. Perdido Key Access No. 4, will be the largest county-owned public access area on Perdido Key. It is expected to be open by next spring.

Escambia County bought the property in 2013, and set aside \$228,000 to build the access point. But Commissioner Jeff Bergosh noted on his blog that the project could need an additional \$50,000 to \$70,000 in funding.

The Seafarer Condos Owners Association sued the county in 2018 to stop the development of the access site on grounds that it violated the county's land development code, according to the Pensacola News Journal.

Bergosh relentlessly pushed for the parcel to be used for public access over the objections of fellow commissioner Doug Underhill, who represents Perdido Key.

"When it opens, it is going to allow my constituents who live in District 1 access to a publicly owned beach on the west side of Pensacola at Perdido Key," said Bergosh on his blog. "It's going to allow people who don't have a boat or have a condo or have the ability to access waterfront to go to an Escambia County-owned piece of property and go fishing, go hang out. I just think that's the greatest thing."

### Blue Angels announce six June practices

Although Naval Air Station Pensacola has remained closed to the public since a terrorist attack on base in December of 2021, the world

famous Blue Angels will continue to practice on their home turf most Tuesdays and Wednesdays this summer. Practices start at 10:30 a.m. on May 19, June 1, 2, 8, 9, 15, 16 and 30, July: 7, 13, 14, 20 and 21, August 11, 17, 18, 24 and 25, September 8, 14, 15 and 21, October 20, 26 and 27 and November 2 and 3.



Open bleacher seating is available behind the Naval Air Museum and chairs are also available for rent.

Popular local areas to watch the Blues practice from outside NAS Pensacola include Johnson Beach and the Wal-Mart Parking lot at the corner of Blue Angel Pkwy. and Sorrento Rd. More info: [navalaviationmuseum.org](http://navalaviationmuseum.org).

### SBCT in need of volunteers on May 22

South Baldwin Community Theatre in Gulf Shores is looking for volunteers to help prepare the theatre for this summer's University of Alabama Summertime production. The first opportunity to help is this



Saturday, May 22 at 9:30 a.m. when the task will be cleaning up and organizing the set workshop and storeroom, affectionately called The Pit, in preparation for SummerTide.

The SBCT's all volunteer board of directors also

wants to recruit and train box office volunteers using its new ticketing system and constructing and designing sets.

Volunteers willing to learn how to operate lights and the sound system, and help with hospitality are also needed.

The SBCT is a registered non-profit and can verify volunteer or service hours for schools, societies and scholarships. SBCT is located at 2022 W. 2nd St. in Gulf Shores. For more info, call 251-968-6721 or visit [sbct.biz](http://sbct.biz).

### Canal Rd. project meets Memorial day deadline

All five lanes of the 2.3 miles of Canal Road between Hwy. 161 and Williams Silvers Parkway is now almost complete and the project is expected to easily meet its goal of full completion by Memorial Day Weekend.



The main paving and road resurfacing is complete, but there will still be intermittent lane closures over the next few weeks, as the contractor resurfaces driveways and intersecting streets. The

construction of the Cypress Village decel lane will also commence after that.

If the roadway construction is not completed prior to the holiday weekend, the contractor has agreed to work during night hours. Once complete, there will be five lanes on this portion of Canal Road with 4-foot shoulders on each side.



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# FRIENDS OF THE ARTS THE GRAND EVENT AT COASTAL ARTS CENTER

Photos By Joe Busta

## THE GRAND EVENT - BETTING ON 21

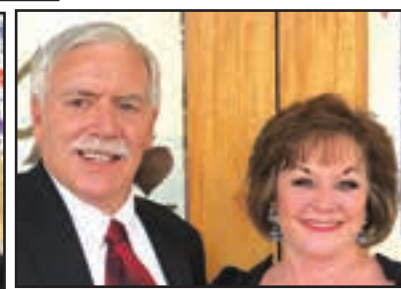
By Joe Busta

The Friends of the Arts hosted its annual Grand Event on April 29 at the Coastal Arts Center in Orange Beach. This year's theme was appropriately titled Betting on '21 to show the Friends were ready to get back to more good work this year to support the Performing and Visual Arts in the community.

This major event was enjoyed by over 100 "friends" featuring great food, good beverages, an auction, music and especially hot Blackjack tables! The Platinum Premier Band provided the dance tunes and the Food was catered by Alabama Coastal Connection (Cosmos/Cobalt).

Pam Jeffries led a group of hard working volunteers to include Susan Coyne planning the great food, Vivian Hanich and Dianne McElroy creating beautiful room and table decorations, Mary Ellen Davis coordinating the exciting Blackjack tables and Jeanne Fitzgibbons preparing the very successful silent auction. The Coastal Arts Center's Director Desiree Blackwell and her capable staff flawlessly handled all the event logistics.

The Event exceeded expectations and raised over \$4500 to help The Friends support visual and performing programs in the coming year. This signature fundraising event is held every year on the last Thursday of April. Mark your calendar for April 28, 2022!





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## AROUND TOWN



### Baby two-toed sloth added to Alabama Gulf Coast Zoo family

The Alabama Gulf Coast Zoo family is one sloth larger this month, as Silvia, a two-toed sloth, gave birth to a healthy and strong offspring. "Because keepers have such a great relationship with Sylvia, we were able to train a husbandry behavior within the first day," the zoo staff posted on facebook. "The goal is to let us weigh the baby and perform general health checks while mom remains calm and allows us to do so."

While the new family remains off exhibit, sloth encounters with sloths Speedy & Sonic will continue at the zoo.

Located at 20499 Oak Rd East in Gulf Shores, the zoo includes 500 animals such as lions, tigers, lemurs, monkeys, bears, and giraffes. The zoo also boasts a reptile house, a petting zoo and an aviary. It is open from 9 a.m. 'til 5 p.m. daily. Visit [alabamagulfcoastzoo.org](http://alabamagulfcoastzoo.org) or call 251- 968-5732 for more zoo info.

**Pictured:** The Alabama Gulf Coast Zoo's new family member.



### Alabama Federation of Women's Clubs convention June 4-5 at PBR SBWC & Beach Moms to co-host "The Island Goes Pink" in O.B.

The GFWC Alabama Federation of Women's Clubs state convention, hosted by its south district clubs, will be held June 4-5 at Perdido Beach Resort.

Around 75 from all over the state will attend, and Miss Alabama, Tiara Pennington will speak, as will Chandni Khadka, Director of International House at Jacksonville State University.

The convention chair is Marsha Andrews of GFWC South Baldwin Woman's Club. She said her club is planning its "Gulf Shores Goes Pink" event with the Gulf Shores Fire Dept in October and will do something similar, in conjunction with Beach Moms, with Orange Beach Fire Dept. at a later date.

"Last year we were at the Wharf for Girls Nite Out. We had the pink fire truck and both fire depts came. We will try to do this again. Make the island pink all month," she said.

**Pictured:** Sherri Killam-Albee, district director with GFWC Jubilee Woman's Club; Patricia McCullars, district treasurer GFWC Uriah Symposium Club, Joanne Gibson, asst. district director with GFWC Jubilee Woman's Club; Marsha Andrews, convention chairman and district secretary with GFWC South Baldwin Woman's Club.



## Gov. Ivey names DISL Estuarium the official Aquarium of Alabama

### Orange Beach resident Joe Busta suggests name change to better reflect facility's scope

Alabama Governor Kay Ivey, at the urging of an Orange Beach resident, has signed legislation naming the (DISL) Dauphin Island Sea Lab's estuarium the Aquarium of Alabama and designating it as the official aquarium of Alabama. The aquarium was created to improve ocean literacy and enhance public understanding and stewardship of our coastal resources, and how the health of the coastal ecosystem affects the entire state's ecosystem.

The official designation came at the suggestion of Ono Island's Dr. Joe Busta, who serves as a consultant to the Dauphin Island Sea Lab and its foundation for strategic planning, fundraising and marketing.

Busta also has a passion for aquaria.

After a trip to Maine and a visit to the Maine Aquarium he realized the Dauphin Island Sea Lab's Estuarium was not a name well understood by the general public and did not adequately convey the breadth and scope of this fine facility.

He then recommended to the Sea Lab's leadership they consider renaming and rebranding the Estuarium. The leadership agreed and worked

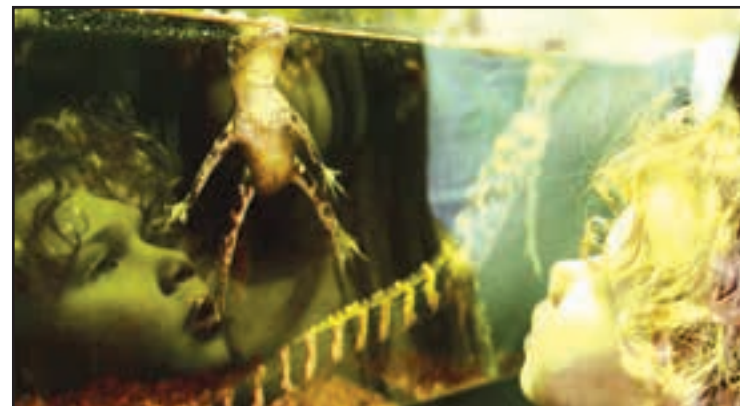
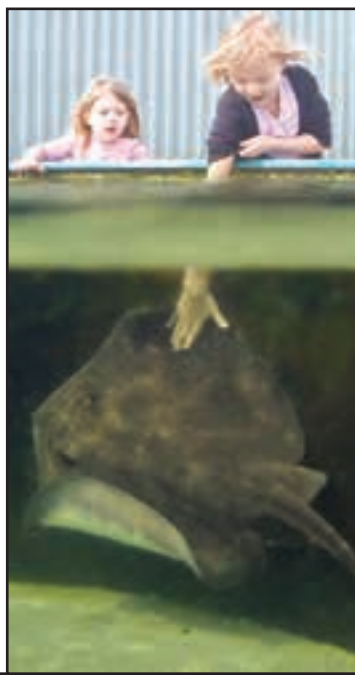
with their Alabama State Representative Chip Brown to create and pass legislation to designate the facility as the official Aquarium of Alabama. A full rollout of the new designation and branding plan will occur later this year. Upgrades to exhibits and new exhibits are also in the planning stages for this year.

The Aquarium ( Estuarium) is open daily and can be visited by Gulf Shores and Orange Beach residents and visitors by way of the ferry that runs multiple times a day round trip from Ft Morgan.

Since 1998, more than one million students and visitors have visited the aquarium. The visual and interactive exhibits take visitors on a journey through the Mobile Tensaw-Delta and Mobile Bay, along the barrier islands, and into the Gulf of Mexico.

The aquarium is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. from March 1 to September 1, and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. from Sept. 2 to Feb. 28. More info: [disl.edu](http://disl.edu) or 251-861-2141.

**Pictured:** An aerial view of DISL with Fort Gaines in the foreground; Kids can experience hands on encounters with sealife.





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# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## PIER & SHORE FISHING OUTLOOK

BY DAVID "THE PIERPOUNDER" THORNTON

The coastal angling version of making lemonade occurs whenever the weather isn't kind, or our primary target species is not available, or the beaches crowd out with swimmers as summer nears. T

his fortnight begins on all of those notes as the wind pattern has conspired to assure a rough period for at least the rest of the week. Springtime spawning patterns run their course with various fish species like pompano, which are rapidly thinning in numbers throughout the surf zone as we approach the full moon on May 26.

Of course, some pompano will still be available to interested anglers, and some limits are still being caught on set rigs. But savvy anglers should be prepared to alter their tactics, and even their focus if conditions are not in their favor.

Plus, the distraction of competing fish species (like ladyfish) rapidly filling into the near shore waters make targeting pompano all the more difficult in late May. The water temperatures have been languishing in the middle 70s, but are due to jump into the upper 70s to near 80 by month's end. This year, perhaps because of the frequency of late season cold fronts, the air and water temperature have lagged behind historic norms.

Best times to fish on the beach this time of year are before 9 a.m., and after 4 p.m. when there are far fewer folks in the water, and on the beach. If you want to fish all day, try a full-time fishing venue like the Gulf State Park Pier, Perdido Pass seawall, or Little Lagoon Pass. Better yet, walk a little farther to a more secluded spot to avoid the throngs of swimmers also invading the surf zone.

There are chunks of undeveloped shoreline even in Orange Beach and Gulf Shores. And the National Wildlife Refuge along the Fort Morgan peninsula offers miles of open beaches to fish. What we don't want (or need) is confrontations with swimmers or land owners about fishermen just trying to fish. Let's be smart!

Angling options still abound though, for those willing to "make lemonade" and adjust to the conditions and concentrate on whatever species are available.

Ladyfish (also called "skipjacks") are a fine example. They are good gamefish on light tackle, and can provide almost unending hours of fun for fishermen of all ages in the coming months, even in rough or dingy water. Newbie anglers especially, are rarely disappointed by their sporty leaps and sheer numbers. They are available now in droves from the pier, but also from the seawall at Alabama Point, and even from the gulf beaches at times. Likewise, blue runner (called "hard-tails") are readily available, pull hard, and strike a variety of small baits or lures intended for other species. They too are plentiful at the pier, Lagoon Pass and west jetty.

Both of these species also make surprisingly good eating, and "bleeding" any fish only makes it better for the table. The meat of the blue runner is firm and flavorful, not unlike their much larger cousins the amberjack. They are quite tasty when

pan-sauteed in olive oil with just a dash of salt & pepper, or Cavender's Greek Seasonings.

Ladyfish are a little more challenging because of the numerous "Y" bones in their fillets. But the flesh is very mild and light colored when cooked. The meat can be easily scraped from the fillet (leaving the bones and skin) with a fork or spoon. Then it can be steamed, boiled or baked with a little seasoning for fish salad, or formed into fish cakes. A fast, simple recipe shared by some friends on the pier is to season the meat in a bowl, add a little butter, and microwave it for a couple of minutes. Don't knock it if you haven't tried it!

Black drum fishing from the banks along the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway has gained much popularity this year. These brood fish usually weigh twenty pounds or more, and are tough fighters noted for their stamina because of the broad tail. A few "bull" redfish are caught by these anglers as well.

Canal fishing is a great alternative to fighting crashing waves and scores of folks vying for the same strip of sand on the beach. Drum may live to be 15 to 40 years old, and the larger specimens are coarse fleshed, and often riddled with spaghetti worms. A parasite that often infests members of the drum species like speckled trout. Though they are unsightly, they are harmless to humans and disappear when cooked. Mmm, yummy ;-). Big drum are good candidates for catch, photo, and release.

More conventional target species like spanish mackerel have been making recent showings at the pier, and even within reach of some beaches near Fort Morgan when the water has been fairly calm and clear. Some very fat mackerel near three pounds have been landed from the pier by anglers drifting live shrimp when lures weren't working nearly as well. Marauding sharks are almost always an issue to be dealt with on the pier. But that just adds to the thrill of the catch sometimes.

Some pompano are still being caught, along with occasional flounder. Though many of both have been just undersized. Seems that is often the plague to anglers these days. Another good alternative species to target is spadefish. These unregulated, tasty panfish have a really small mouth, so using hooks of smaller size (#6 or even #8) will increase the catch rate. They will bite small pieces of cut shrimp, although small strips of squid or Fishbites will stay on the hook much longer.

So far this spring speckled trout fishing has not seemed quite as strong as in recent years. Perhaps the cooler water or rougher conditions have contributed to that. But the large numbers of sharks prowling the surf zone this spring hasn't helped the trout fishing either. This should be prime time to surf cast for speckled trout, especially nearer to Fort Morgan. Once the wind and seas calm down, we should see a rapid warm up in air and water temperatures. And that would be better conditions for topwater plugging for trout in the early mornings. But don't forget the suspending and slow sinking plugs and spoons, because you never know what conditions you may have to adjust to, or what may bite.

Good luck!

## WED, MAY 19

- **Orange Beach Billfish Classic:** The Wharf Marina, Orange Beach.
- **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).
- **Sound Decision:** 6; Tacky Jacks; Orange Beach.
- **Chase Brown:** 5; Woodside Rest. at Gulf State Park; Gulf Shores.
- **Tim Roberts:** 6; Tacky Jacks; Fort Morgan.
- **Anthony Oliver:** 6; Live Bait; Orange

Beach.

- **Lisa Zanghi:** 6; Ms. Nancy's Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach.
- **Jenna McClelland:** 8; Stephi Cocktails-Cuisine; Orange Beach.
- **Open Mic:** 5; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- **Mason Henderson's Saucy Fuzz:** 9; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- **Gary Story & Friends:** 7; 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.

## Florida's recreational red snapper season is June 4-July 28

Florida's Gulf red snapper recreational season is set to open June 4 and run through July 28, with a possible fall reopening if quota is available.

"This will be the longest summer season anglers will have since the FWC started setting seasons for fishing in the Gulf state and federal waters off Florida," Gov. Ron DeSantis said in a news release.

The season is open to those fishing for red snapper from private recreational vessels in Gulf state and federal waters and those fishing from charter vessels that do not have a federal reef fish permit and are limited to fishing in state waters only.

"Anglers across the state look forward to red snapper season each year," Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Chairman Rodney Barreto said. "Our agency looks forward to providing 55 days of red snapper opportunities in Gulf state and federal waters."

Those fishing for red snapper in state or federal waters from a private recreational vessel, even if you are exempt from fishing license requirements, must sign up as a State Reef Fish Angler at [GoOutdoorsFlorida.com](http://GoOutdoorsFlorida.com). For more on recreational snapper regulations, visit [MyFWC.com](http://MyFWC.com).

## Alabama open for red snapper fishing weekends beginning May 28

Alabama state waters and federal waters will open to private vessel anglers for red snapper fishing on Friday, May 28. The season will consist of four-day weekends, Friday through Monday, beginning Friday, May 28, and continue until the private angler quota is projected to be met.

These dates only apply to anglers fishing from recreational vessels and state-licensed Alabama commercial party boats that do not hold federal for-hire fishing permits. Anglers fishing from federally permitted for-hire vessels have their own 63-day season beginning June 1 at 12:01 a.m. local time through August 3 at 12:01 a.m. local time.

As in recent years, Alabama will use Snapper Check to monitor landings during the season and will provide semi-weekly updates at [www.outdooralabama.com](http://www.outdooralabama.com). The exact Alabama private angler quota has not yet been provided by the National Marine Fisheries service but is anticipated to be similar to the 2020 quota which was 1,122,662 pounds. When the quota is anticipated to be met, MRD will announce a closure date.

Weekends are defined as 12:01 a.m. Friday through 11:59 p.m. Monday. The daily bag limit will be two red snapper per person, per day with a minimum size limit of 16 inches total length. Anglers over the age of 16 must have an Alabama saltwater fishing license, and even Alabama residents 65 or older and lifetime saltwater license holder must have a current saltwater angler registration. The saltwater angler registration is free and available at [outdooralabama.com](http://outdooralabama.com).

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## COOKIN' WITH CAROLYN

BY CAROLYN GODFREY

### Fresh Raspberry Pie

- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1 Tbsp. cornstarch
- 1 cup water
- 1 pkg. (3 oz.) raspberry gelatin
- 4 cups fresh raspberries
- 1 graham cracker crust (9 inches)
- Whipped cream, opt.

In a saucepan, combine sugar and cornstarch. Add the water and bring to a boil; stirring constantly. Cook and stir for 2 min. Remove from heat; stir in gelatin until dissolved. Cool for 15 min. Place raspberries in the crust; slowly pour gelatin mixture over berries. Chill until set, about 3 hours. Garnish with whipped cream if desired. Yield: 6-8 servings. **Enjoy!**



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## Gulf State Park & Lodge job fair for all positions is May 25

Gulf State Park and The Lodge at Gulf State Park will host a job fair along with the Foley Career Center on Tuesday, May 25 from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Gulf State Park Beach Pavilion (22250 East Beach Blvd.) in Gulf Shores. Numerous positions are available at multiple businesses associated with GSP.

The Lodge, open year-round, has full and part-time opportunities for people with passion for hospitality who want a fun job, make steady money and enjoy great benefits including a sharp uniform, PTO, health, dental and vision. More employment info about GSP and The Lodge at Gulf State Park are also available online.

## Christian Comedy Event returns to OWA June 4-6

Award-winning comedians Andy Forrester and Lee Hardin (pictured) will deliver 90 minutes of family friendly fun during the June 4-6 Christian Comedy Fest at OWA Theatre in Foley.



Forrester has been creating laughter since 1999 and has appeared on the PureFlix

Comedy All-Stars program, Forrester has created a name for himself in the world of comedy.

Hardin travels the country performing at comedy clubs, colleges, and corporate events. He has appeared on CMT and Comedy Central.

Showtimes are June 4 at 7 p.m., June 5 at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m., and June 6 at 4 p.m. Tickets are available online at VisitOWA.com. General admission is \$24.95. Special pricing discounts are available for 10 or more. Email Theater@VisitOWA.com or call 251-369-6100 for more info.

- **Karaoke & League Pool:** 7:30; The Office, Foley.
- **Coastal Alabama Farmers and Fishermen's Market:** 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.; 20733 Mifflin Rd. (County Rd. 20), Foley.
- **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **Bingo:** 10 a.m.; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- **BBRC Running Club:** 5:30 p.m.; Big Beach Brewery in Gulf Shores; lafleet-foot.com.
- **Open Mixed Doubles Tennis:** 7:15 a.m.; all levels welcome; Gulf Shores Tennis Center.
- **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.
- **Food Ministry For Hungry Families:** noon-1 p.m.; Grace Lutheran Church, corner of West 23rd Ave. and West 4th St. in Gulf Shores; 251-968-5991.
- **Food Bank:** 9 - 11 a.m. every Wednesday, Perdido Bay Baptist Church, 12600 Sorrento Rd. Pensacola; call for eligibility requirements at (850) 492-2604.
- **Bread Ministry:** 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.; Orange Beach United Methodist Church Brook's Center.
- **AA:** Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

## THU, MAY 20

- **Caricature artist Alanzo:** 11-3; Stacy's Drugs; Downtown Foley; Have your caricature drawing done by Alanzo. Great gift idea.
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- **Brittany Grimes:** 5; Woodside Rest. at Gulf State Park; Gulf Shores.
- **Elaine Petty:** 6; Live Bait; Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke & Dance on The Deck:** 7; Live Bait; Orange Beach.
- **Late Night DJs:** 9; The Club at Live Bait; Orange Beach.
- **John Brust:** 6; Ms. Nancy's Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke:** 5; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- **JJ Mack:** 6; Tacky Jacks; Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke w. Howard:** 7; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.
- **Karaoke:** 9; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- **Ryan Dyer Trio:** 6; OSO; Orange Beach.

- **Bar Trivia Night:** 5; Bar 45 Lounge at ONE CLUB, Gulf Shores.
- **Karaoke w. Kelly:** 8; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- **Skyline Kings:** 6; Hub Stacey's at the Point; Innerarity Point.
- **Tim Roberts:** 6; The Tin Top Restaurant, Bon Secour.
- **Danny Grady:** 2; Fraternal Order of Eagles; Foley.
- **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **Fairhope Outdoor Farmers Market:** 3-6 p.m.; behind Fairhope Public Library.
- **Texas Hold 'em:** 7; The Office, Foley.
- **The Favorites Band:** 7; Gulf Coast Music Hall, Foley.
- **Texas Hold 'em:** 7; The Office, Foley.
- **Baldwin Senior Softball Group:** 10 a.m.; 50 and over; 10 a.m.; call 225/313-8516 for info & location.
- **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, MAY 21

- **Orange Beach Billfish Classic:** The Wharf Marina, Orange Beach.
- **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.
- **Charlie & The Hammerheads:** 7; Live Bait; Orange Beach.
- **JB Dyess:** 8; Stephi; Orange Beach.
- **Bo Grant:** 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **Chase Brown:** 5; Woodside Rest. at Gulf State Park; Gulf Shores.
- **Ryann & Jesse Band:** 6; Big Beach Brewery; Gulf Shores.
- **Shazam:** 9; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- **Three Bean Soup:** 6; Tacky Jacks; Gulf Shores.
- **Les Linton:** 6; Tacky Jacks; Orange Beach.
- **David Wiley:** 5; Angry Crab Shack, Orange Beach.
- **Kelly Poole:** 5; Carver's Steakhouse, Orange Beach.
- **Lee Carrean:** 6; Tacky Jacks; Fort Morgan.
- **Yeah Probably:** 7; OSO; Orange Beach.
- **Bama Beach Pickleball Club:** 9-noon; Church of Christ, 2414 West 1st St., Gulf Shores; (new members welcome).
- **Late Night DJs:** 9; The Club at Live Bait; Orange Beach.
- **John Brust:** 6; Ms. Nancy's Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke on the Tiki Deck:** 7 'til; Live Bait; Orange Beach.
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Point; Innerarity Point.

- **Karaoke w. Kelly Ann:** 6; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- **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, MAY 22

- **Orange Beach Billfish Classic:** The Wharf Marina, Orange Beach.
- **Bald Eagle Bash:** Tonsmeire Weeks Bay Resource Center, 11401 U.S. 98, Fairhope.
- **Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables:** Schedule on Page 28; Perdido Key.
- **Bo Grant:** 7; Papa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **Charlie & The Hammerheads:** 7; Live Bait; Orange Beach.
- **Wylle Pete:** 8; Stephi Cocktails-Cuisine; Orange Beach.
- **Leroy Clark:** 5; Angry Crab Shack, Orange Beach.
- **Charlie Wilson:** 5; Carver's Steakhouse, Orange Beach.
- **Johnny Hayes Band:** 6; Big Beach Brewery; Gulf Shores.
- **Tyler Ward:** 5; Woodside Rest. at Gulf State Park; Gulf Shores.
- **Reatha Pittman:** 6; Tacky Jacks; Gulf Shores.
- **Jason Truemann:** 3; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.

- **Shazam:** 9; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- **Greg Brown:** 11; Tacky Jacks; Orange Beach.
- **JJ Mack:** 6; Tacky Jacks; Orange Beach.
- **John Brust:** 6; Ms. Nancy's Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach.
- **Southern Star:** 6:30; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- **Ryann & Jesse:** 7; OSO; Orange Beach.
- **Destiny Brown:** 5; Perch Restaurant at The Lodge at Gulf State Park; Gulf Shores.
- **Karaoke & Dance on The Deck:** 7; Live Bait; Orange Beach.
- **Late Night DJs:** 9; The Club at Live Bait; Orange Beach.
- **Christina Christian Band:** 7; Hub Stacey's at the Point; Innerarity Point.
- **The Defrosters:** 2; Flying Harpoon II; Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke:** 9; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke w. Howard:** 7; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.
- **Texas Hold'em:** 7; The Office, Foley.
- **Coastal Alabama Farmers and Fishermans Market:** 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.; 20733 Mifflin 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.



## Commercial flights from Jack Edwards to start in June

Southeast Beach Express will begin seasonal commercial flights in and out of Jack Edwards Airport in and Gulf Shores on 30-seat executive jets (pictured) beginning in June 4.

The airline will offer round trip service to Atlanta, Cincinnati and Baton Rouge on Thursdays and Mondays, according to info posted May 18 on ultimateairshuttle.com.

An early April press release included info about service to Nashville instead of Cincinnati, and flights to and from Jack Edwards daily from Thursday through Sunday. Cost for a round trip service is \$490 to Baton Rouge, \$590 to Atlanta and \$590 to Cincinnati, according to the company website.

Southeast Beach Express features all the amenities of private air, including executive terminal departures and arrivals, hassle-free security screening, 15-minute pre-boarding show-times and no-cost luggage.

"We developed Southeast Beach Express to meet the demand for quicker and more convenient access to Gulf

Shores and Orange Beach," said Jay Taffet, founder of Southeast Beach Express. "The air service naturally works in reverse, giving Baldwin County direct, scheduled flights to Atlanta, Nashville and Baton Rouge without the commute to Pensacola or Mobile for airline connections. And with daily flights Thursday through Sunday, our service schedule is optimized for both business and leisure travel to all our destinations."

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# WHAT'S HAPPENING



## GULF SHORES HONORS POLICE OFFICER JUSTIN SCHULZ:

Officer Justin Schulz was named 2020 Patrol Officer of the Year. Officer Schultz, 30, has been with GSPD since 2014, and he and wife Raegan have three sons. Officer's Schulz responded to 799 calls for service, made 28 arrests (five for felony charges), issued 52 traffic citations and 30 warnings. He received the award for Officer of the Month in February, August and December of 2020. In addition, he serves as a Field Training Officer and a member of the SWAT Team. Beyond that Schulz effectively applied his knowledge about trauma and injuries at least twice in 2020 rendering life sustaining aid to two different stab victims in two separate incidents. Officer Schulz's values, courage and constant willingness to learn continue to make him an outstanding servant to the Police Department, the city and most importantly to the citizens at large. (By Chief Edward Delmore). **Pictured:** From left, Deputy Chief Dan Netemeyer, Officer Justin Schulz, Chief Edward Delmore.

## Next Perdido Chamber of Commerce Flicks on the Field is June 11

The Perdido Key Area Chamber of Commerce will host its next Flicks on the Field on Saturday, on Friday, June 11 at the Pensacola Greyhound Park. The free, family-friendly drive-in movie will start at dusk on the Wind Creek Casino outdoor movie screen. Enjoy the movie from the comfort of your vehicle, or bring lawn chairs or a blanket to watch while safely socially distancing. Concessions will be available. The movie, in recognition of World Ocean Day, is *Dolphin Tale*, inspired by the remarkable true story of a courageous dolphin named Winter and the compassionate people who banded together to save her life.



## SOUTH BALD. CHAMBER HONORS FOLEY TOP STUDENTS:

The South Baldwin Chamber of Commerce proudly hosted the 64th annual Academic Banquet honoring the top academic students in the 2021 graduating class from Foley High School. The 15 outstanding students honored took the highest-level courses offered on campus and will receive their Alabama High School Diploma with Baldwin County college preparatory distinction endorsement. The Chamber also celebrated and recognized Foley High School's Teacher of the Year Marjorie LoVette. Award winning students were: Jeremiah Battaglia, Kathryn Blake, Erin Boutwell, Ariana Crepeau, Jordan Drake, Kathrine Faulk, Kendall Hall, Ryleigh Harrison, Noe Hawkins, Makalea Lymon, Paul Maurin, Madison Messick, Shelley Moore, Samuel Smith and Tyler Sutton.

## SUN, MAY 23

### • Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible

Probables: Schedule on Page 28; Perdido Key.

• **Jared Higgenbotham:** 6; Tacky Jacks; Gulf Shores.

• **Karaoke & Dance on The Deck:** 7; Live Bait; Orange Beach.

• **Gary Story & Bad Habit:** 5; Angry Crab Shack, Orange Beach.

• **Jim Sloan:** 5; Carver's Steakhouse, Orange Beach.

• **Mike Diamond:** noon; Tin Top; Bon Secour.

• **Destiny Brown:** 8; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.

• **The New Cahoots:** 4; Big Beach Brewery; Gulf Shores.

• **Lisa Christian:** 2; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.

• **Hippie Jim:** 11; Tacky Jacks; Orange Beach.

• **Beave & Cleave:** 6; Tacky Jacks; Orange Beach.

• **Lee Yankie:** 5; Woodside Rest. at Gulf State Park; Gulf Shores.

• **Greg Brown:** 2; Sassy Bass; Ft. Morgan.

• **Henry Burt:** 4; Tacky Jacks; Fort Morgan.

• **The Flavors:** 5; OSO; Orange Beach.

• **Josh Newcom:** 5; The Daquari Bar; Wharf in Orange Beach.

• **The Defrosters:** 2; Flying Harpoon II; Orange Beach.

• **Lisa Zanghi:** 6; Ms. Nancy's Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach.

• **League Pool & Brews:** 11 a.m.; community yoga; Big Beach Brewery; Gulf Shores.

• **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, MAY 24

### • 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).

• **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.

• **Sound Decision:** 6; Tacky Jacks; Orange Beach.

• **Brittany Grimes:** 5; Woodside Rest. at Gulf State Park; Gulf Shores.

• **Open Mic w/Chris Beverly:** 7; OSO; Orange Beach.

• **Open Mic w/Davo:** 7; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.

• **Sandy Key Records Songwriters Night:** 6; Purple Parrot Tiki Bar; Perdido Key.

• **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.

• **Alcoholics Anonymous and Alon:** Holy Spirit Episcopal Church in Gulf Shores at noon; Alon 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.

• **Beave & Cleave:** 6; Tacky Jacks; Orange Beach.

• **Karaoke w. Kelly:** 8; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.

• **Mason Henderson:** 6; OSO; Orange Beach.

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

• **Baldwin Senior Softball Group:** 10 a.m.; 50 and over; 10 a.m.; call 225/313-8516 for info & location.

• **Coastal Alabama Farmers and Fishermen Market:** 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.; 20733 Mi-

• **Beave & Cleave:** 6; Tacky Jacks; Orange Beach.

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

• **Greg Brown:** 4:30 Sassy Bass Amazin' Grill, Fort Morgan.

• **Jayson Harper:** 6; Live Bait; Orange Beach.

• **Chris Beverly Experience:** 9; The Undertow; Orange Beach.

• **Paper Dolls:** 5; Woodside Rest. at Gulf State Park; Gulf Shores.

• **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.

• **JW Karaoke:** 6; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.

• **Bingo:** 5; 45 Restaurant & Bar; One Club; Gulf Shores.

• **Bingo:** 10-2; Gulf Coast Elks Lodge; Foley.

• **Pool Tourney:** 7; Snapper's; Orange Beach.

• **Karaoke w. Kelly:** 8; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.

• **Mason Henderson:** 6; OSO; Orange Beach.

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

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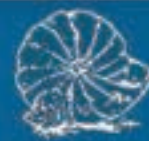
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## WHAT'S HAPPENING

fflin Rd. (County Rd. 20), Foley.

• **South Baldwin Republican Women:** Gift Horse Rest., 11:30 a.m.; 4th Tuesday of Every Month, public invited, Info: 251-978-6178.

• **Orange Beach City Council Meeting:** 5 p.m.; City Hall; 980-INFO.

• **Overcomers Outreach:** 7 p.m.; First Baptist Church of Orange Beach; 980-1705.

• **Kiwanis Club of Big Lagoon:** 7:30 a.m.; (1st, 3rd, and 4th Tue); Point Church, 13801 Innerarity Point Rd., Pensacola.

• **Foley Kiwanis Club:** noon; Vallarta's,

1145 S. McKenzie St., Foley; 859-771-6091.

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

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

### WED, MAY 26

• **NAIA Men's and Women's Outdoor Track & Field National Championships:** Mickey Blackwell Stadium, Gulf Shores.

• **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).

• **Chase Brown:** 5; Woodside Rest. at Gulf State Park; Gulf Shores.

• **Jerry Gambino:** 6; Tacky Jacks; Orange Beach.

• **Lisa Zanghi:** 6; Ms. Nancy's Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort, Orange



## Ballyhoo Fest will return to shores of Lake Shelby March 5-6, 2022

It will take more than a worldwide pandemic to stop the Ballyhoo Fine Arts Festival from holding its event in 2022. The fest will be held for the second time on the shores of Lake Shelby at Gulf State Park in Gulf Shores March 5-6, 2022.

Although it is a showcase for fine art from all over the Southeast, the fest is at its core a cultural exchange with the Poarch Band of Creek Indians, and that will continue with two tribal dance performances from the tribe on Saturday. Learn about Poarch heritage as tribal members perform original tribal dance in ceremonial regalia. Each dance has a specific meaning and the audience will be invited to join the tribe for their last tribal dance at both of their performances. The Poarch Creek Indians are descendants of a segment of the original Creek Nation, which once covered almost all of Alabama and Georgia. Unlike many southeastern tribes, the Poarch Creeks were not removed from their tribal lands, and have lived together for over 150 years at Poarch, Alabama. They are the only nationally recognized tribe in Alabama.

The fest will again include Sunday banjo and fiddle competitions sponsored by Flora-Bama Lounge & Package and the Frank Brown International Songwriters Festival. Both competitions include separate youth (under 18) and adult divisions, and a total of \$1500 in cash for the top three players on both instruments. The competitions are open to all, and entry forms are available online at [ballyhoofestival.org](http://ballyhoofestival.org).

"We already have a great cultural exchange event either the Poarch Band of Creek Indians on the first day of the festival," said event founder Eloise Thomley. "Early Americana music is becoming a lost art form, and we would like to present its history through description and the music itself."

As always, Ballyhoo will include a plethora of children's activities, train rides, a children's art tent and animals from the Alabama Gulf Coast Zoo. Food and beverages will be available. More info: [ballyhoofestival.org](http://ballyhoofestival.org).

**Pictured:** The 2022 Ballyhoo Fine Arts Festival committee includes Brittany Roh, GS-OB Tourism; Millie Shamburger, Big Beach Brewery; Autumn Marks, Ballyhoo Publicity Director; Katherine Assad, Ballyhoo Volunteer; Andy Haynes, Frank Brown International Songwriters Festival; Jenifer Parnell, Marketing Director, FloraBama; Eloise Thomley, Gulf Coast Arts Alliance; Cindy Langston, Gulf State Park; Cody Hicks, Ballyhoo Grounds Dir.; Katie Avant, Ballyhoo Chair; Michael Swiger, Swiger Studio; Hannah White, Marketing Asst., Kiva Dunes.



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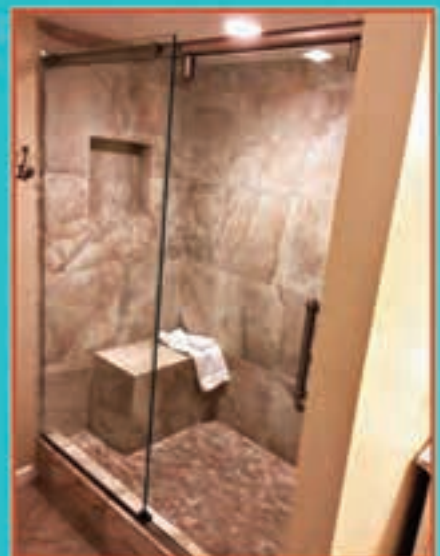
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## WHAT'S HAPPENING



### Southern Cal claims NCAA beach championship in G.S.

Southern Cal won the 2021 beach volleyball championship, for the third time in the five year history of the sport, stunning two time champ and top seed UCLA 3-1 in the final played at Gulf Shores Public Beach on May 9. USC did not give up more than one dual point in any match on their way to the title.

Although the NCAA will allow only 700 spectators per day for the three-day championship, all matches were either televised live or streamed by ESPN networks. Gulf Shores will also host the tourney in 2023 and 2024, before the event moves to Huntingdon Beach for 2025 and 2026. Gulf Shores will try to negotiate a contract to permanently host the event beginning in 2027, giving it a signature spring family weekend, as opposed to the raucous Hangout fest. A national qualifying junior beach volleyball tourney drew 480 teams to Gulf Shores Public Beach the same weekend.

Gulf Shores Public Beach has been the tourney site for nine years, including four AVCA Championships before the sport earned its NCAA sanction.

- Beach.
- **Anthony Oliver:** 6; Live Bait; Orange Beach.
  - **Open Mic:** 5; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
  - **Jenna McClelland:** 8; Stephi Cocktails-Cuisine; Orange Beach.
  - **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.
  - **John Joiner & Darrel Roberts:** 6; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
  - **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
  - **Artie Hopkins:** 5; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
  - **Gulf Shores Lions Club:** noon; 2nd & 4th Wednesday; noon; Adult Activity Center, Gulf Shores; 251-968-2823.
  - **BBRC Running Club:** 5:30 p.m.; Big Beach Brewery in Gulf Shores.
  - **Karaoke & League Pool:** 7:30; The Office, Foley.
  - **Bingo:** 10 a.m.; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
  - **Open Mixed Doubles Tennis:** 7:15 a.m.; all levels welcome; Gulf Shores Tennis Center.
  - **Food Bank:** 9-11 a.m every Wednesday, Perdido Bay Baptist Church, 12600 Sorrento Rd. Pensacola; call for eligibility requirements at (850) 492-2604.
  - **Bread Ministry:** 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.; Orange Beach United Methodist Church Brook's Center.

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### Post 99 Memorial Day ceremony planned at Max Griffin Park

A Memorial Day ceremony, sponsored by American Legion Post 99, will be held on May 31 at 11 a.m. at Max Griffin Park in Foley. The park is located at 300 W. Roosevelt St. Memorial Day honors the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military. Join Post 99 members at Max Griffin Park to honor our fallen veterans. If weather is bad, ceremony will be held at the Post 99 bingo hall. Info: 251-943-3114. Originally known as Decoration Day, it originated in the years following the Civil War and became an official federal holiday in 1971. The public is invited and welcome at always at Post 99.

### Optimists will provide American flags to display during holidays

The Optimist Club of Perdido Bay for 10 years has sponsored a community-wide program that provides American flags to residents and businesses to display five times a year. For a yearly fee of \$40 per flag, club members will install a 3 x 5-foot American flag on a 10-foot pole in front yards or in front of businesses before Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, Labor Day and Veterans Day. Flags fly three days before the holiday and three days after. The fee includes replacement of soiled, damaged or stolen flags at no additional cost. Proceeds from the program are used to help bring out the best in kids. For more info, call Sally McKinney at 251-979-7383.



**ORANGE BEACH YARDS OF THE MONTH:** Orange Beach's April yards of the Month selected by the Orange Beach Garden Club were presented to Melissa and Hal McLarty of 28196 Burkhardt Dr. for the Residential Division and to Dr. Julianna Taylor of the Canal Road Animal Hospital for the Commercial Division. Congratulations to these winners!



### Optimist Club of Perdido Bay free fishing tourney June 5 in Lillian

The Optimist Club of Perdido Bay annual Fishing Rodeo will be held Saturday, June 5 from 9 a.m. to noon at Schaff Pond, located at 32695 Bartel Street in Elberta. (From Lillian turn north on County Road 93 for one mile. Go west on Bartel Road four tenths of a mile and the pond is on the right.)

A hot dog lunch is provided to those attending the event open to boys and girls aged two to 12. Children and teens must be accompanied by an adult and everyone is asked to wear a mask when not social distancing.

Awards are given in a variety of categories. Door prizes will also be presented. Participants are asked to bring their own chairs, poles and bait. A few poles and bait will be available. Catch and release all catfish, but bass and crappie may be kept. Permission forms will be available at the pond.

**Pictured:** Evan Carroll cast his line many times during the 2019 Fishing Rodeo.

- **Food Ministry For Hungry Families:** noon-1 p.m.; Grace Lutheran Church, corner of West 23rd Ave. and West 4th St. in Gulf Shores; 251-968-5991.
- **Gulf Shores Lions Club:** noon; 2nd & 4th Wednesday; noon; Adult Activity Center; 251-968-2823.
- **AA:** Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

### THU, MAY 27

- **NAIA Men's and Women's Outdoor Track & Field National Championships:** Mickey Blackwell Stadium, Gulf Shores.
- **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).
- **Jason Trueman:** 4:30 Sassy Bass Amazin' Grill, Fort Morgan.
- **Late Night DJ's:** 9; The Club at Live Bait; Orange Beach.
- **Destiny Brown & Chase Brown:** 5; Big Beach Brewery; Gulf Shores.
- **The Favorites Band:** 7; Gulf Coast Music Hall, Foley.
- **JJ Mack:** 6; Tacky Jacks; Orange Beach.
- **Austin Thompson:** 5; Woodside Rest. at Gulf State Park; Gulf Shores.
- **John Brust:** 6; Ms. Nancy's Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach.
- **Elaine Petty:** 6; Live Bait; Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke & Dance on The Deck:** 7; Live Bait; Orange Beach.
- **Late Night DJ's:** 9; The Club at Live Bait; Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke:** 5; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- **Karaoke w. Howard:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.
- **Bar Trivia Night:** 5; Bar 45 Lounge at ONE CLUB, Gulf Shores.
- **Karaoke w. Kelly:** 8; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- **RazorHawk:** 6; Hub Stacey's at the Point; Innerarity Point.
- **Danny Grady:** 2; Fraternal Order of Eagles; Foley.
- **Karaoke:** 9; The Undertow; Orange Beach.

- **Johnny Hayes:** 6; OSO; Orange Beach.
- **Bingo:** 5; open to all; Amvets Post 2018; 13085 Wisconsin St.; Elberta.
- **Texas Hold 'em:** 7; The Office, Foley.
- **Baldwin Senior Softball Group:** 10 a.m.; 50 and over; 10 a.m.; call 225/313-8516 for info & location.
- **Fairhope Outdoor Farmers Market:** 3-6 p.m.; behind Fairhope Public Library.
- **Texas Hold 'em:** 7; The Office, Foley.
- **Marine Corps League of South Baldwin County:** 6 p.m. on 4th Thursday; The Gulf Bowl, 2881 S. Jupiter St., Foley; current and former Marines and Corpsman welcome.
- **Rotary Club of Gulf Shores/Orange Beach:** noon; Gulf Shores Golf Club; visiting Rotarians and guests invited.
- **Gulf Shores United Methodist Church Bread Ministry:** 9-10; every Thursday; room 103 on the south campus, next to Crossroad; 251 968-2411.
- **AA:** Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

### FRI, MAY 28

- **NAIA Men's and Women's Outdoor Track & Field National Championships:** Mickey Blackwell Stadium, Gulf Shores.
- **Riley Green:** 7; Wharf Amphitheater; Orange Beach.
- **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).
- **Charlie & The Hammerheads:** 7; Live Bait; Orange Beach.
- **JB Dyess:** 8; Stephi; Orange Beach.
- **Saucy Fuzz:** 6; Big Beach Brewery; Gulf Shores.
- **Rhonda Huette:** 5; Angry Crab Shack, Orange Beach.
- **Tyler Wilson:** 8; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **Jessie Hudson:** 5; Carver's Steakhouse, Orange Beach.
- **Charlie Wilson:** 5; Woodside Rest. at Gulf State Park; Gulf Shores.
- **Six Piece Suits:** 9; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- **Soul Food Junkies:** 6; Tacky Jacks; Gulf Shores.



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**Tuesday** – Bar-B-Q Meat Loaf

**Wednesday** – Chicken-N-Dumplings

**Thursday** – Beef Tips over Rice

**Friday** – Parmesan Encrusted Flounder

# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## Pirates Cove Autism FUNraiser

### Jeep drawdown tickets available for Autism FUNraiser

The draw down board is up and tickets offering the opportunity to win two 2021 Jeep Wranglers are available for the 15th Annual Autism FUNraiser at Pirates Cove in Josephine.

Festivities are scheduled from July 23-25, and separate drawdowns for the jeeps start at noon on Saturday and Sunday.

Jeep tickets are \$100 each and are available at Pirates Cove and online at HighHopes4Autism.org. Only 500 raffle tickets per jeep will be sold. Tickets to the event are \$10 per day, which is included in the price of a jeep raffle ticket.

High Hopes is the local nonprofit specializing in language development and social behavior therapy for school-age children.

The FUNraiser features three days of food and fun, a local art walk, a silent action and live music from an eclectic assortment of talented bands and musicians. The highlights of the weekend are the drawdowns for the 2021 Jeeps, provided by Gulf Chrysler Dodge Jeep in Foley.

For more information, to buy drawdown tickets or to volunteer to help with the fundraiser, go to [highhopes4autism.org](http://highhopes4autism.org) or call (251) 986-7007.

High Hopes 4 Autism was founded in 2009 and is located on the campus of Saint Benedict Catholic School in Elberta. The organization serves preschool age children and families affected by Autism Spectrum Disorder, specializing in language development and social behavior necessary for integration in a traditional classroom environment.

The fundraiser annual raises around \$60,000 for the non-profit, and, like the school itself, has continued to expand since 2009.

“So many people look forward to this event each year, and we couldn’t be more pleased with the community support,” said Rachael Mueller, director of High Hopes 4 Autism. “Not only is it a fun beach weekend, but it is our center’s only fundraising source throughout the year. Our supporters really get behind it.”

### Junior golf clinics & league play start in June at GlenLakes

PGA Golf Pro David Musial will be hosting junior clinics at GlenLakes Golf Club in Foley beginning in June. Cost is \$105 per student for five instructional clinics held on Fridays at five playing opportunities on Saturdays. Students, including beginners, will also play league matches at GlenLakes on June 5, June 19, June 26, July 10 and July 17. The clinics and league are geared for boys and girls 8 to 16 who want to learn how to golf in a low-pressure environment. For more info, call (251) 955-1220.

- Shores.
- **Brandon Blackburn:** 6; Tacky Jacks; Orange Beach.
  - **Delta Donnie:** 6; Tacky Jacks; Fort Morgan.
  - **Late Night DJs:** 9; The Club at Live Bait; Orange Beach.
  - **Modern Eldorados:** 7; Hub Stacey's at the Point; Innerarity Point.
  - **John Brust:** 6; Ms. Nancy's Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach.
  - **Karaoke on the Tiki Deck:** 7 'til; Live Bait; Orange Beach.
  - **Karaoke w. Kelly Ann:** 6; American Legion Post 99; Foley.

- **Nerf The World:** 7; OSO; Orange Beach.
- **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, MAY 29**  
 • **Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables:** Schedule on Page 28; Perdido Key.

- **Memorial Day Weekend & Fireworks:** Downtown OWA, Foley.
- **5:50 Express Band:** 9; The Office, Foley.
- **Charlie & The Hammerheads:** 7; Live Bait; Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke & Dance on The Deck:** 7; Live Bait; Orange Beach.
- **Late Night DJs:** 9; The Club at Live Bait; Orange Beach.
- **Mark Kaul:** 5; Angry Crab Shack, Orange Beach.
- **Chris Hergenroder:** 5; Carver's Steakhouse, Orange Beach.
- **Wylie Pete:** 8; Stephi Cocktails-Cuisine; Orange Beach.
- **Jenna McClelland Band:** 6; Big Beach

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# WHAT'S HAPPENING



**GARDEN CLUB SUPPORTS GULF SHORES CITY SCHOOLS:** The Gulf Shores Garden Club recently donated \$1,000 to support horticultural programs at Gulf Shores City Schools. **Pictured:** Jessica Samples, career TEC supervisor; Amanda Talantis, hospitality & tourism teacher; Will Tuggle, agriscience, environmental management teacher; Charlotte Higgins, GSGC Treasurer; Sharon Smith, master gardener. (Submitted by Diane Farnham).



## June 4 ONE CLUB Golf Tourney raises funds for AL. Gulf Coast Zoo

ONE Foundation, ONE CLUB in Gulf Shores and Craft Farms are teaming up once again for a unique two-course, 18-hole charity golf Tournament on Saturday, June 5 in support of the Alabama Gulf Coast Zoo. Tourney proceeds will be 100 percent matched by the ONE Foundation. The fundraising weekend includes night golf, live music and djs, a bagpipe band, food, drinks, giveaways and contests for hole in one (\$10,000 or NFL season tickets); closest to the pin, closest to the line and longest drive. Registration is \$100 per player. Register at [charity.gofundme.com](http://charity.gofundme.com) or call 251-968-3232 for more info. "There's nothing more important than giving back, and it matters now more than ever," said Dan Palmier, ONE Foundation founder and CEO of UC Funds.



**OB PURCHASES 600 COPIES OF SPANGRUD'S BOOK :** Orange Beach Mayor Tony Kennon and City Council approved the purchase of 600 copies of local author Linda Spangrud's book, "Miss Sandra and the Turtle People," for Orange Beach Elementary School students. The book will help educate students at an early age to protect the turtles and the environment. Spangrud signed each of the books with a personal message of importance for each student. Each OBES student received a copy just in time for sea turtle nesting season, which began May 1.

## Free Fishing Day is June 12

This year's Alabama Free Fishing Day is set for June 12 and is part of National Fishing and Boating Week, which runs June 5-13, 2021.

## World Ocean Day event June 8 on Perdido Key

Tuesday, June 8 will be a day of environmentally focused games, activities, and art projects at the Perdido Key Area Chamber of Commerce and Visitor's Center.

The event will run from 10 am to 2 pm and is free to attend. The Chamber of Commerce is at 15500 Perdido Key Dr. For more info, go to [VisitPerdido.com](http://VisitPerdido.com).

The Chamber along with multiple partner agencies will be presenting information on protecting our beaches and marine habitat. Kids will enjoy lots of interactive games and wildlife encounters with wildlife.

The open house will feature presentations by Florida Fish and Wildlife on the impact of invasive lionfish, including a live feeding of the lionfish which are housed in the educational display tank at the Perdido Key Visitor's Center. Niuhi Dive Charters and Ocean Strike Team will educate on lionfish removal efforts through spearfishing while scuba diving.

The Alabama Gulf Coast Zookeepers will be on site with several indigenous species of mammals and reptiles for up-close encounters.

Clean Horizons will unveil art made from plastics picked up off our local beaches and Escambia County Marine Resources will offer fun and games including a recycle relay and a beanbag throw to knock stuffed lionfish off a reef while missing the native species that belong there.

The Perdido Chamber will provide marine-themed coloring murals for young artists to help complete and ECUA's "Quench Buggy" will be onsite offering water and lessons on protecting the aquifer.

Brewery; Gulf Shores.

- **Delta Donnie:** 7; Papa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **Tyler Ward:** 5; Woodside Rest. at Gulf State Park; Gulf Shores.
- **Greg Brown:** 11; Tacky Jacks; Orange Beach.
- **Open Mic w/Davo:** 7; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- **Shawn Williams:** 3; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- **JJ Mack:** 6; Tacky Jacks; Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke w. Howard:** 7; Tacky Jacks; Fort Morgan.
- **John Brust:** 6; Ms. Nancy's Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach.
- **Stone Country:** 6:30; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- **Destiny Brown:** 5; Perch Restaurant at The Lodge at Gulf State Park; Gulf Shores.
- **Kristi Dees:** 7; Hub Stacey's at the Point; Innerarity Point.
- **The Defrosters:** 2; Flying Harpoon II; Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke:** 9; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.
- **Doc Johnson Band:** 7; OSO; Orange Beach.
- **Texas Hold 'em:** 7; The Office, Foley.
- **Coastal Alabama Farmers and Fishermen Market:** 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.; 20733 Mifflin Rd. (County Rd. 20), Foley.
- **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.

## SUN, MAY 30

- **Cornhole Classic:** OWA, Foley.
- **Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables:** Schedule on Page 28; Perdido Key.
- **Paradise Island 5K:** 7:30; The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke & Dance on The Deck:** 7; Live Bait; Orange Beach.
- **False Identity:** 6; Live Bait; Orange Beach.
- **Jessie Howell & The Cowboy Blues Band:** 5; Angry Crab Shack, Orange Beach.
- **Stephanie Leigh Hall:** 5; Carver's Steakhouse, Orange Beach.
- **Jesse McCraw Trio:** 4; Big Beach Brewery; Gulf Shores.

- **Hunter Bemis:** noon; Tin Top; Bon Secour.
- **Destiny Brown:** 8; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **Hippie Jim:** 11; Tacky Jacks; Orange Beach.
- **Charlie Wilson:** 5; Woodside Rest. at Gulf State Park; Gulf Shores.
- **Marty McIntosh:** 5; Tacky Jacks; Orange Beach.
- **Josh Newcom:** 5; The Daquari Bar; Wharf in Orange Beach.
- **Gringo:** 7; Tacky Jacks; Fort Morgan.
- **Lisa Zanghi:** 6; Ms. Nancy's Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach.
- **Mid-Life Crisis:** 6:30; OSO; Orange Beach.
- **The Defrosters:** 2; Flying Harpoon II; Orange Beach.
- **Lisa Christian:** 2; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- **Danny Grady:** 2; Fraternal Order of Eagles; Foley.
- **John Joiner & Friends:** 4; Hub Stacey's at the Point; Innerarity Point.
- **League Pool:** 7; The Office, Foley.

## MON, MAY 31

- **Memorial Day Ceremony:** 11 a.m.; Griffin Park, Foley.
- **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).
- **Falsed Identity:** 6; Live Bait; Orange Beach.
- **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 8; Papa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **Charlie Wilson:** 5; Woodside Rest. at Gulf State Park; Gulf Shores.
- **Sandy Roots Songwriters Night:** 6; Purple Parrot Tiki Bar; Perdido Key.
- **Pine Hill Haints:** 4; Big Beach Brewery; Gulf Shores.
- **Gerry Gambino:** 6; Tacky Jacks; Orange Beach.
- **Open Mic w/Davo:** 7; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- **Open Mic w/Chris Beverly:** 7; OSO; Orange Beach.
- **Shawn Williams Trio:** 6; OSO; 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

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# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## Tacky Jacks Gulf Shores Summer of Fun starts June 1

Tacky Jacks Gulf Shores presents its 9th Annual Summer of Fun each Tuesday through Thursday beginning June 1. The fun starts at 11 a.m. and online reservations are required. A monthly schedule of events is online at tackyjacks.com.

Hands on Habitat, Art al Fresco and Tacky Jacks Beach Games make up a series of weekly lunchtime activities offered at the waterfront venue.

Tuesday's Hands on Habitat is a fun and educational nature series presented by Gulf State Park Nature Center, Alabama Gulf Coast Zoo, Learning Campus at Gulf State Park, Orange Beach Wildlife Center, Alabama Audubon, Gulf Coast Center for Ecotourism and Sustainability, and Clean Horizons.

Wednesday's Art al Fresco is a lunch & learn for starving artists of all ages. Create different works of art & crafts. Projects include: tie-dye shirts, Hurricane Sally wood slice painting, shell and lionfish jewelry and plastic pollution mosaics.

Thursday's Beach Games are all about a little friendly competition. Kids ages 6-12 compete in games, challenges and more! All participants get a free lunch from Tacky Jacks, prizes, and get to be on TV! Parents can compete in a friendly game of water balloon dodge ball for prizes! The event is free to attend for ages 6-12 every Thursday from 11am-12pm (arrive 15 minutes early).



## Starfish Swim Team is back!

After more than a year without their favorite sport, the Gulf Shores Starfish Special Olympics Swim Team will be back in the pool at 10 a.m. June 5 in the Bodenhamer Recreation Center, under the direction of head coach Sharon Brindle. The program is open to any disabled child or adult. Those of any age who do not know how to swim may participate in swimming classes. For more information, contact Judie Flanigan, 251-554-4889 or email judithflanigan@gmail.com. The Starfish Special Olympic Swim Team is sponsored by the city of Gulf Shores.

**Pictured:** Sissy Flanigan, a member of the Gulf Shores Starfish Special Olympics Swim Team, participated in the 2018 Special Olympics held in Seattle. She won three medals, one gold, one silver and one bronze. Her team took the top prize in the 4x25M Relay.

West 2nd St.

- **League Pool:** 7; The Office, Foley.
- **Overeaters Anonymous:** 6; Holy Spirit Episcopal Church; Gulf Shores, 616 Ft. Morgan Rd.; 251-709-5907.
- **Celebrate Recovery:** (Christ centered 12 step program); Monday evenings at 6 p.m.; Christian Life Church in Orange Beach; 251-967-4840.
- **T.O.P.S. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly):** weigh-in 5:30; meeting 6; First Presbyterian Church of Foley; (Berry & Highway 59).
- **Alcoholics Anonymous:** noon; Perdido Bay UMC Activities Center; 13660 Innerarity Pt. Rd.; 850-492-3056 or 492-6362.
- **Alcoholics Anonymous and Alanon:** Holy Spirit Episcopal Church in Gulf Shores at noon; Alanon at Orange Beach Presbyterian Church in Orange Beach at 7 p.m.; 800-477-1104.
- **Ladies AA:** 10 a.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Activities Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
- **AA:** Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

## TUE, JUNE 1

- **Hands on Habitat:** 11 a.m.; All-ages ed-

ucational fun; RSVP at tackyjacks.com; Gulf Shores.

- **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).
- **Jayson Harper:** 6; Live Bait; Orange Beach.
- **Chris Beverly Experience:** 9; The Underdow; Orange Beach.
- **Bingo:** 5; 45 Restaurant & Bar; One Club, Gulf Shores.
- **Line Dancing:** 6; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- **Elaine Petty:** 2; Sassy Bass; Ft. Morgan.
- **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 8; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **Karaoke w. Kelly:** 8; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- **B-Willie:** 3 p.m.; OSO; Orange Beach.
- **JW Karaoke:** 6; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity

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# WHAT'S HAPPENING

- Point.
- **Baldwin Senior Softball Group:** 10 a.m.; 50 and over; 10 a.m.; call 225/313-8516 for info & location.
- **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.
- **Foley Kiwanis Club:** noon; Vallarta's, 1145 S. McKenzie St., Foley; 859-771-

- 6091.
- **AA:** Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
- **AA:** 7 p.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
- **Al-Anon:** Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Activities Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

## WED, JUNE 2

- **Art al Fresco:** 11 a.m.; fee includes

- lunch & art project; RSVP at tackyjacks.com; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- **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).
- **Anthony Oliver:** 6; Live Bait; Orange

- Beach.
- **Mason Henderson's Saucy Fuzz:** 9; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- **Davo:** 4:30 Sassy Bass Amazin' Grill, Fort Morgan.
- **Open Mic:** 5:30; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- **Scott Koehn Project:** 6; OSO; Orange Beach.
- **Lisa Zanghi:** 6; Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach.
- **Gary Story & Friends:** 7; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.

- **Jenna McClelland:** 8; Stephi Cocktails-Cuisine; Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke:** 7; Bar 45 at ONE CLUB, Gulf Shores.
- **John Joiner & Darrel Roberts:** 7; 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; lafleet-feet.com.
- **Bingo:** 10 a.m.; American Legion Post 99; Foley.



## All invited to June 1 Ancient Aviators gathering in G.S.

Len Knitter, retired Air Force LtCol., Philip Kinard will talk about the many different types of aircraft he flew during his 24 year career at the June 1 Ancient Aviators social group gathering at American Legion Post 44 in Gulf Shores. The meeting starts at 8:30 a.m.

The Ancient Aviators, formed in 2002, gives aviators and others a chance to "tell their story." A full breakfast is available for \$6, and visitors are always welcome. The group meets the first Tuesday of each month. Info: bensman84@aol.com or 251-990-8258.

LtCol. Knitter flew fixed wing and helicopters such as the Jolly Gitters and Blackhawks. He retired in Gulf Shores.

**Pictured:** Last month's Ancient Aviators speaker was noted multi-media artist & historian Dean Mosher, who described the painstaking research that goes into his many projects such as the large mural of the Wright Bros. flying around the Statue of Liberty in 1909. This piece, commissioned by the Smithsonian, is on permanent display at the Air & Space Museum in Washington, DC.

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# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## 86 year old Ray Jones bags his 400th turkey

By David Rainer.

Ray Jones of Huntsville did not bag his first turkey until he was 26. But the 86 year old from Huntsville reached and surpassed a milestone this season by bagging turkeys no. 400 and 401.

"We really didn't have any turkeys north of Birmingham when I was a young boy," Jones said. "They had all been killed during the Depression. We hunted squirrels. We didn't even have any deer."

During the middle of the 20th century, the Alabama Game and Fish Division (now Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries) started an extensive restocking effort of white-tailed deer and Eastern wild turkeys across the state. Jones recalled being contacted by Game and Fish in the late 1950s.

"They called and asked if we didn't mind if they turned loose deer and

turkey on our Jackson County place," Jones said. "They said the only thing is you can't hunt it for five years. I told them that would be all right. The only thing was the turkeys walked up into Tennessee, so we didn't have any for a while. The deer did well, and the turkeys finally backfilled into Alabama."

Jones, who graduated from Auburn with a degree in agriculture, didn't go on his first turkey hunt until he was 26, and it wasn't on his farm. It was in the storied Alabama Black Belt.

"I sold some cattle to a man in Boligee," he said. "Part of the deal was I was to come go turkey hunting with him in the spring. We stayed at his ranch, some bottomland called Shady Grove. It was teeming with wildlife, every kind of wildlife you could imagine."

To say Jones was instantly hooked would be a monumental understatement. In the following 60 years, turkey hunting has been his passion. His 400th turkey was a Rio Grande taken near Haskell, Texas. Recently, Number 401 was a nice gobbler he bagged just across the line in Tennessee.

Jones has hunted all over the United States, and even ventured into Mexico. He has bagged five of the six species of wild turkey – Eastern, Osceola, Rio Grande and Merriam and Gould's, earning him the NWTFF's Royal Slam designation.

The only wild turkey he hasn't bagged is the ocellated, and he doesn't plan to hunt the bird, which is located in Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula.

"I did not go ocellated hunting," he said. "The old boy we were supposed to go with told me he went. He said we had to shoot them out of a tree. I said I sure don't want to do that, so I never did go. And they don't gobble. There's not much to turkey hunting if they don't gobble."

Before turkeys became abundant in north Alabama, Jones hunted a great deal in Marengo and Wilcox counties in the Black Belt.

"We really enjoyed our hunting in Marengo and Wilcox," he said. "That's where we learned how to hunt turkeys. We really didn't have turkeys up here until a few years ago. But they had the turkeys down there."

Late legendary turkey hunter and Game and Fish wildlife biologist Paul Maddox, who was heavily involved in the turkey trapping and restocking efforts in Alabama, was a good friend of the Jones family and joined them to hunt the Wilcox property.

"Paul was the best turkey hunter I've ever been around," Jones said. "He taught us a lot. Mr. Claude Kelley (late Conservation Commissioner) hunted with us, too."

"What made the place in Wilcox special was the people as much as anything. As we said later on, you really can't reproduce that. We really enjoyed our time there. We hunted there 17 years and killed a lot of turkeys, but the main thing was the people."

In the last decade, Jones has focused on Eastern turkeys in north Alabama. "Now we have turkeys," he said. "We've got as many as anywhere."

Jones penned a book, Southern Turkey Hunting, a Family Affair, about his life in the turkey woods. "There are some stories about some of the turkeys I killed," he said. he also writes of the history of turkey conservation. in this country. "It's a real success story as far as conservation is concerned," he said.

Jones has no plans to slow down.

"It's a real addiction," he said. "No doubt about it. Somebody asked me

if I've really killed 400 turkeys. I said around 400. They said, 'What does that represent?' It represents a lot of lost sleep."

"It's just a way of life with us. Still today, we plant for them. We put in warm-season grasses and other things that will help the turkeys expand. We are now able to kill our limit in north Alabama. We weren't able to do that 20 years ago."

Jones bagged a turkey in Marshall County earlier this spring on his way to 400.

"He was off in a swamp," Jones said. "I hunted him twice. The last time I hunted him, the hens flew over and landed right in front of me, about 10-12 steps. They walked off and I kept yelping. I knew he knew where they flew to. It wasn't long until he flew over to the same spot. He was a nice turkey. He had 1 3/8-inch spurs."

It was only a couple of days later that Jones added to his total just across the line in Tennessee.

"I climbed up a mountain and he wasn't there," he said. "But I could hear just a whisper."

Jones relocated and climbed another mountain to get into position.

"I climbed and climbed and climbed," he said. "I was hearing him good. He was gobbling good. I stopped 150 yards from him. I found a tree, but I didn't like it much and moved to another one. It was near an intersection of

two roads. I said, he's going to come down one those roads. I was cackling and yelping, and he would answer me. I knew he was on the ground, but he wouldn't come."

"I yelped and carried on. He answered me pretty good. I said, well he knows where I am. I laid my box call down. I could tell he was coming. But he didn't come down those roads. He came right between the two roads. He got his head behind a big tree, and I got my gun up. He came out from behind the tree and I shot him at 18 steps. He was a big turkey. He weighed 24 pounds with a 10 3/4-inch beard and 1 1/8-inch spurs. That's a nice turkey."

Despite bagging his milestone turkey, one of Jones' proudest accomplishments is calling up turkeys with his family.

"My son, Raymond, I called in his first turkey when he was 7," said the elder Jones. "He made a good shot. That was in Marshall County. And I called in a turkey for his son, Raymond III, when he was 7. That was in Jackson County."

"I think I've killed a turkey with every one of my grandsons. I really enjoy that."

"I called in my son's first turkey when he was 7. That was in Marshall County. I called in a turkey for his son when he was 7. That was in Jackson County."



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# Funny Bones

By Ron "Bones" Jones



I joined our neighborhood watch program last night... There's 30 of us though so I only get to wear it 1 day a month.

Two guards are changing shifts in the morning. "You know that a prisoner ran off in the night?" The other guard sighs, "Ah finally, no more of that dang hammering!"

I hate telling people I'm a taxidermist. If they ask what I do, I answer, "You know, stuff."

A motorcycle cop was rushed to the hospital with an inflamed appendix.

All went well at the hospital, but the patrolman kept feeling something pulling at the hairs on his chest. He pulled his hospital gown down enough so he could look at what was making him so uncomfortable.

Taped firmly across his hairy chest were three wide strips of adhesive tape and a note: "Get well soon. The nurse you gave a ticket to last week!"

Wife: "Whenever I keep money in my purse, our son steals it! I don't know what to do?"  
Husband: "Hide it in his books. I know he will never touch them."

Husband: I was going to dance down a spiral staircase for your birthday, but I decided not to.

Wife: Why not?  
Husband: Because I am a Fred Astaire.

Husband: Tell me what you'd like for your birthday.  
Wife: Frankly, I'd like a divorce.

Husband: Yikes! I wasn't planning on spending that much!

Why didn't the frog sit on the toadstool?

Because there wasn't mushroom.

"If you had one dollar and you asked your father for another, how many dollars would you have?"

"One dollar."  
"You don't know your arithmetic."  
"You don't know my father!"

Dentist: "You need a crown."  
Patient: "Finally, someone who understands me."

"Darling, I think the new dryer is shrinking my clothes."  
"No, sweetie, that was the fridge."

What do you call the soft tissue between sharks teeth? Slow swimmers.

I don't buy my flowers from monks. I'm just doing my bit to prevent florist friars.

I used to run a dating agency for chickens. But I was struggling to make hens meet!

• Adult: A person who has stopped growing at both ends and is now growing in the middle.  
• Beauty Parlor: A place where women curl up and dye.  
• Chickens: The only animals you eat before they are born and after they are dead.

• Committee: A body that keeps minutes and wastes hours.  
• Dust: Mixed with the juice squeezed out.  
• Egotist: Someone who is usually me-deep in conversation.  
• Handkerchief: Cold Storage.  
• Inflation: Cutting dollars in half without damaging the paper.  
• Mosquito: An insect that makes you like flies better.  
• Raisin: A grape with a sunburn.  
• Secret: Something you tell to one person at a time.

Never miss a good chance to shut up.  
• Beginning today, when I look at my butt in the mirror I will think, Good grief, look how smart I am!  
• After many years of trying to find steady work, I finally got a job as a Historian - until I realized there was no future in it.

• My last job was working in Starbucks, but had to quit because it was the same old grind.

Keeping a healthy level of insanity: Tell Your Children Over dinner, 'Due To The Economy, We Are Going To Have To Let One Of You Go.'

Sometime this year, we taxpayers will again receive another 'Economic Stimulus' payment. This is indeed a very exciting program, and I'll explain it by using a Q & A format:  
Q. What is an 'Economic Stimulus' payment?  
A. It is money that the federal government will send to taxpayers.  
Q. Where will the government get this money?  
A. From taxpayers.  
Q. So the government is giving me back my own money?  
A. Only a smidgen of it.  
Q. What is the purpose of this payment?  
A. The plan is for you to use the money to purchase a high-definition TV set, thus stimulating the economy.  
Q. But isn't that stimulating the economy of China?  
A. Shut up.

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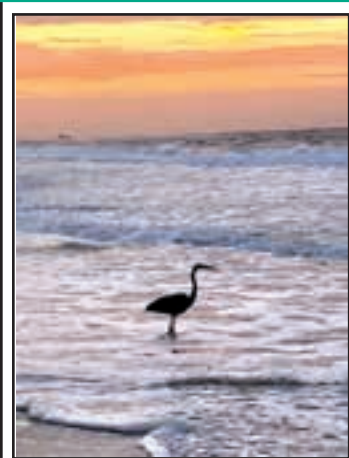
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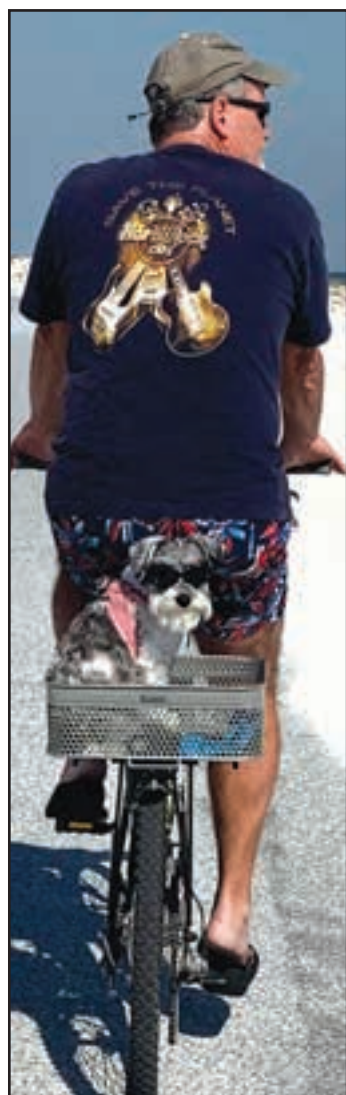
West beach sunrise by Phillip Thomas.



Jim Peters shares a pic of a surf fisherman looking for a hot spot.



From Jimbo Thompson.



“Here is a picture of me and my dog Hazel on Johnson Beach,” writes Tim Mooney. (Photo by DeAnna Carnes)



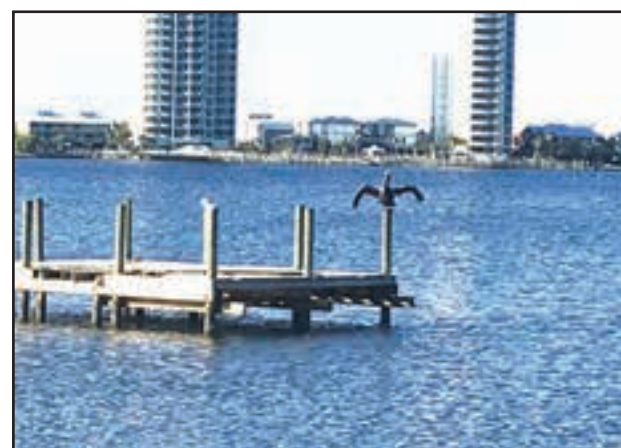
From Rebecca Smalley.



Sargassum grass, a Sunday sunrise and photogenic Fred from Pat Thornton.



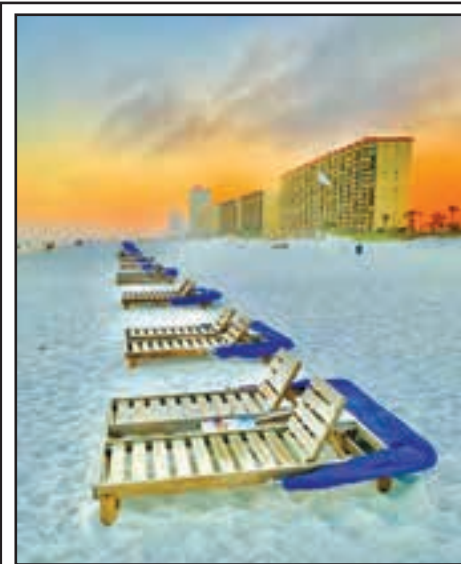
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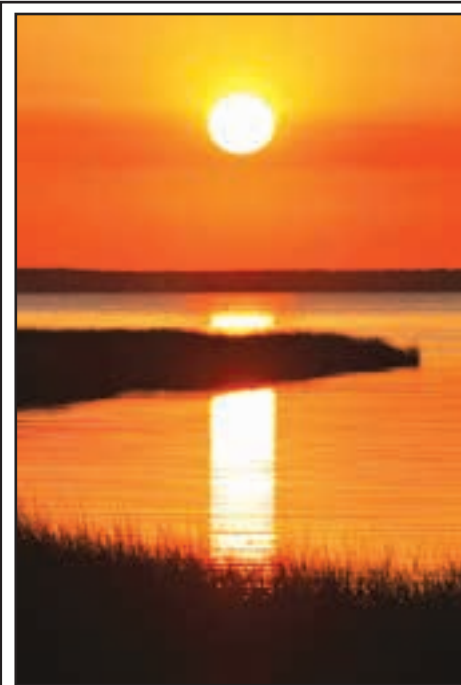
“This guy was strutting his stuff on Little Lagoon waiting for me to catch a fish and toss it to him,” writes Dennis Hendrickson of Gulf Shores.



A sunset on Ole River from Al Fowler.



Beach chairs at sunset from Ricky Walker.



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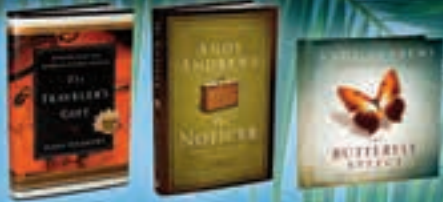
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