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Gulf Shores seeks Laguna Cove restoration project input

The City of Gulf Shores will host a Neighborhood Meeting for the Laguna Cove NRDA Restoration Project (above) on Thursday, June 3 at 4 p.m. at the Erie Meyer Civic Center. Residents are encouraged to attend to learn more about the project and provide input on how the site will be restored.

In 2019, the City received \$4.4M in Natural Resource Damage Assessment funding from ADNR for the acquisition and protection of 53 undeveloped acres of property located on the south shore of Little Lagoon near the west end of W. Beach Blvd. The City has acquired the property and is currently planning the habitat restoration work and the design of limited, passive recreational access facilities

"We will give a short presentation to update you on the status of the project, and then have a comment/discussion period," said For more information concerning this project, please contact Dan Bond, Environmental Coordinator for Gulf Shores (251-968-1124).

The project overview said ideally it will conserve and restore natural resources and provide limited outdoor recreation opportunities, as the property has 6100 feet of shoreline on Little Lagoon, and significant areas of critical wetlands and dune habitats.

Those areas will be protected and restored in coordination with State and Federal agencies as part of the implementation plan with ADCNR.

Passive recreational uses will include birding, kayaking, nature trails, wetland boardwalks, and interpretive educational areas.



St. Peter's in Bon Secour

June 3 fish-fry is take-out

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.

Public input meeting June 8 for new G.S. community park

City set to build on 40 acres Southside of Coastal Gateway Blvd.

The City of Gulf Shores invites all residents to attend a public input meeting to discuss the opportunity of a new community park and recreation amenities in North Gulf Shores. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 8, at 6 p.m. at the Erie H. Meyer Civic Center.

The proposed community park is set to be constructed on 40 acres of City-owned property located on the south side of Coastal Gateway Boulevard (formerly County Road 8) directly between the Crimson Ridge and Craft Farms North Subdivision.

The meeting will begin with a presentation provided by City department heads that will give an overview of the new community park project. After the presentation, the meeting will transition to an interactive, open house format where residents will be asked to provide direct input on what amenities they would like included in the project by visiting interactive displays around the room and talking with City staff.

Due to the interactive nature of the meeting, this will be an in-person event. After the meeting concludes, displays and information provided will be available at gulfshoresal.gov with the ability for residents to provide input online. For additional info, email communications@ gulfshoresal.gov.

"Now, as our community grows with a substantial number of new homes being built north of the Intracoastal Waterway, we believe it is time to build a new community park that is easily accessible by these residents," said Recreation and Cultural Affairs Director Grant Brown.

"Resident input is critical," he added. "We want to hear from our young families, active seniors, and everyone in between to make sure we are providing the amenities that our community needs and really wants."

Magnolia Springs Library summer reading program begins on June 12

The Magnolia Springs Library summer reading program starts on Saturday, June 12 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. with an outdoor program of fun, crafts, and activities. Firefighters of the Magnolia Springs Fire Department will be here with a fire truck to assist kids in taking the Mardi Gras beads off of our tree to start. MSVFD gifts will be handed out and participants can tour the truck, if they wish. Reading Program bingo cards will be distributed for those who wish to participate. All ages are included, so let the Summer Reading Challenge begin. All ages are included.



Free seeds available at Magnolia Springs Library

Check out the seeds available to grow and harvest in your garden at the at the Magnolia Springs Public Library. The only requirement to pick up the new and organic/heirloom seeds is that you have a library card anywhere in Baldwin County. If you fail in your attempts to grow these seeds, you won't be fined. See you at the library! Magnolia Springs Public Library is located at 12440 Magnolia Avenue, Suite 600, in Magnolia Springs. fro more info, call 251-965-2305. Call for hours. All are welcome. Ad. Info: 850-492-5221 • SHARE YOUR COMMUNITY NEWS • Email: mulletwrapper@gulftel.com • June 2-16, 2021 • Page 5

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Makos make history by ending first year with a state championship

"Leave it to the kids to lift up our community," said Marc Anderson, whose job with the City of Orange Beach includes editing the city newsletter.

"From Hurricane Sally to softball-sized hail, we've been battered to say the least over the past eight months. All of that extra weight got much lighter

"It's not just sports, it's excellence from top to bottom, side to side throughout our school." thanks to a group of young, determined and resilient student-athletes who took the AHSAA 2A State Softball Championship tournament by storm this week. They are shining stars for our city."

John Mullen, the Mullet Wrapper's reporter/delivery guy, added that when you are witness to a story like this, "make sure you don't mess it up. This is a special story."

Orange Beach High School, fielding its first ever varsity

softball team, went to Oxford and stunned Pisgah 3-2 to claim the Class 2A state title at Signature Field at Choccolocco Park on May 20.

The Makos won with a phenomenal group of girls who were also phenomenally young - two 11thgraders, one 10th-grader and the rest seventh through ninth-graders. The team included seven players who are still in middle school.

You read that correctly. There were no seniors on the Mako team that was the first ever to win a high school state championship in Alabama in its first year as a school. In fact, Orange Beach High School will not even welcome its first group of 12th graders until this fall.

Orange Beach's championship game win was as dramatic as it was unlikely considering that the team and the high school did not exist in 2019.

With her team down 2-1 in the bottom of the ninth inning, seventh-grader Ava Hodo fulfilled every player's field of dreams by hitting a walk-off, tworun home run to win a championship. From the crack of the bat, there was no doubt that Hodo's line drive was going the distance. Daigle Wilson, who had walked in front of her, was responsible for the other winning run.

"This is awesome," Hodo told al.com after scoring Wilson with her bomb. "I just wanted to hit a line drive to get my team going and start something. To get a walk-off, it's something you dream about.

"I'm so excited. I'm just over the moon. At the first of the year, Coach [Shane Alexander] told us he was going to throw us in the deep end to see if we could swim. It turns out we really could. I know this is the best feeling ever. It's something I'll never forget."

The Makos scored a run in the opening inning when MVP Teagan Revette walked, stole second and scored on a passed ball. The Eagles put together two hits to tie the game at 1-1 in the second.

Eighth-grader Justine Henderson got the win on the mound, holding off a powerful Pisgah team.

Leading up to the championship, Henderson pitched three complete games, beating Sumiton Christian 6-4, and Spring Garden 3-1. The Makos and Henderson then avenged a regional loss to 2A defending champion G.W. Long with a convincing 7-1 win.

Hodo, Henderson and Revette were named to the all-tournament team.

The Orange Beach community turned out to welcome the police-escorted team bus back home on May 21.

"Just so you know, this group went undefeated. They beat the defending 2A state champion and the defending 3A state champion to bring home the blue map to Orange Beach, Alabama," said Principal Dr. Robbie Smith at the welcome reception.

"It don't get any better than that. This school wouldn't be possible without Mayor (Tony) Kennon and our City Council in a perfect combination with Baldwin County schools. We have been able to accomplish what no one else has before. We have won a state title as a first-year program. Never happened before."

Coach Alexander also won a softball championship at Hartselle and has a baseball title on his resume as well.

"I don't know what to say," said Alexander, per al.com. "We've had such great support in the com-

munity. It's really unbelievable to bring this back to Orange Beach. There might be a party or two in Orange Beach this weekend. I can promise you that."

Pisgah won five straight titles from 2001-05, and also won state championships in 2008, 2011, 2013, 2017 and 2019. Most of the Eagles' titles were in Class 3A.

"Really, I don't have the words," Alexander added. "I love these girls. They've battled all year and done everything I've asked of them. When we started the season, we really challenged them. We took them to big tournaments and challenged the big 7A and 6A schools, and they never backed down."

"We set our goals just to get here. We were excited just to get here. But then once we got here, then we started thinking, 'Why not us?' It's phenomenal."

O.B. Mayor Tony Kennon said the softball team has now set the standard for Mako Athletics.

"But it also sets the standard for academics and our arts," he said. "It's not just sports, it's excellence from top to bottom, side to side throughout our school. This is also a testament to our community. So thank y'all so much."

The title will forever be a testament to a first year high school varsity team that included seven middle schoolers and no seniors.

In so doing, the Makos will go down as the only program to ever win a state title in a high school's first year, and they did it by answering their own question.

"Why not us?"



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Championship season was a dream come true for volunteer coach David McLain

Retired Orange Beach Police Sgt. David McLain had already been coaching Pleasure Island girls basketball and softball teams for more than 27 years between rec leagues in Orange Beach and the program at Gulf Shores Middle School when Orange Beach High School welcomed its first students to a brand new building on August 12, 2020.

He had watched Orange Beach grow in both pop-



ulation and prosperity during those years. But he was as surprised as the rest of the island's residents when Gulf Shores formed its own school system the same week that Baldwin County announced plans to build a new middle school in Orange Beach back in 2018.

He also saw it as an opportunity to fulfill a dream.

"When I was coaching on the sideline in rec league here or at the middle school in Gulf

Shores, I always said if Orange Beach had a high school, I would love to coach there. But it was more like my dream," McLain said after helping the Makos win the Class 2A state softball championship as a volunteer assistant. "God has blessed me. I've been coaching since the year I got here. It's community. It's home."

McLain added that what he is now experiencing is as great as he thought it would be.

"I'm telling you once you win a state championship there is nothing quite like it. It's an incredible feeling. And I feel like all the girls I ever coached are part of it. They have kept me going and kept me motivated for all these years."

McLain retired from the Orange Beach Police Department in early 2018, but he still works part-time at the Orange Beach Rec Center, coaches Makos' JV and middle school girls basketball and is the logistics coordinator for Coach Chase Smith's OBHS football program.

"There are very few people who have had that kind of an impact for so long to the kids of Orange Beach and Gulf Shores," said O.B. City Manager Ken Grimes.

The cross country and track team captain at Troup High School in LaGrange, Georgia, McLain began coaching baseball in Huguley two weeks after graduating from high school in 1985.

He would go on to coach football, basketball and softball at Valley High School during his seven years with the Lanett Police Dept. He followed Lanett Police Chief Robert Vinson when Vinson took that same position in Orange Beach in 1995.

He immediately began coaching softball. Within two years, he was working as the OBES resource officer.

"The first year I was here they asked me to start coaching softball and we became pretty successful," he said. "I had a rough childhood. Coaches were a big, big influence in my life. They knew what I was going through and they took me underneath their wings. And that's the reason why I coach today. I feel God has put me into a position for this. I want to give back what they gave me."

McLain said Makos varsity softball coach Shane Alexander was aware that he had worked with many of the girls on his team since youth league, and he readily accepted McLain's offer to help out wherever needed.

"Coach Alexander has done an incredible job," McLain said. "You can see why he was so successful before he got here. He lets the other coaches coach. Coach Hodo (whose 7th grade daughter Ava hit the walk-off championship winning homer) was incredible, too. He is recognized as one of the best hitting instructors in the southeast. and Mrs. Rebekah (Mathis) worked with our pitcher and had a multi-purpose role. We all worked really well together."

McLain said he knew the Makos, although young, were talented and had successful travel ball players in key positions.

"We thought we were pretty talented. Our goal was to win the area and get to regionals and then see what we could do once we qualified for regionals," he said. "I thought we had a chance.'

McLain said it was at Regionals that the team rallied behind the idea that manifested into what would eventually become its mantra: "Why Not Us?"

"When we won the first two at Regionals, Coach Alexander said, 'Why not us? Why not just go out and win it all?" McLain said it helped that the Makos had played a difficult schedule on their way to a final 35-9 record, playing only five games against schools not above their classification.

They beat Hoover in a tourney in Gulf Shores. They beat Mountain Brook and Huntsville as well.

"We were down 6-0 to Huntsville and we came back and beat them. That is when the girls really started to believe in themselves. We might be 2A, but we beat a lot of 7A schools," McLain said.

"We beat Robertsdale twice and they usually have a pretty good softball team up there. We were not ranked that high in the state, but we had a slogan that said 'prove them wrong.' And That is what we did. The last three games of the tourney, we beat the No. 2, No. 3 and No. 1 teams in 2A."

In addition to Orange Beach City Council being so supportive of the Makos during the season, the cohesion and friendships that developed among the players' parents also paved the way for the championship, according to McLain.

"Our parents were so instrumental in this run. They were absolutely incredible," he said. "Everybody was so close knit. There was such a closeness there among them. Softball is a long season with some long days. But there was never any fussing between parents. They stepped up to give us whatever we needed."

He is well aware of the adage that it is difficult to repeat. But McLain also knows that his entire team returns intact.

"If they come back and work hard, and I know that they will, there is a very good chance that we will repeat," he said. "We have great girls and I know they won't be satisfied. I believe they will stay hungry."



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Front Row (hands on knees) Amiah Beebe, Mari Hayden Reeves, Caroline Ivie, Lynden Graves, Audrey Boles, Lilly Fagan, Addison Hodo. Back row (standing): Rebekah Mathis, David McLain, Ava Hodo, Krystin Kennell, Madison Cogswell, Posey Motichek, Teagan Revette, Falyn Beebe, Daigle Wilson, Justine Henderson, Georgia McDonald, Kaitlyn Harrington, Laynie Vicknair, Jody Hodo, Shane Alexander.



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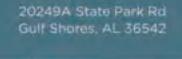
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World Ocean Day event June 8 on Perdido Key

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.

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 Čoast 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.

The Perdido Key Area Chamber of Commerce is dedicated to endorsing the Perdido Area's growth of regional businesses and community prosperity through advocacy, leadership, economic development, education, and associations across state lines.

Alabama alligator hunt registration now open

The Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (ADCNR) opened online registration for the state's regulated alligator hunts on June 1. Registration must be completed by 8 a.m., July 14. To register, visit alabamainteractive.org.

A total of 260 Alligator Possession Tags will be distributed among five hunting zones. The Southwest zone will have 100 tags covering public waters in Baldwin and Mobile counties north of interstate 10. The Coastal zone, which includes private and public waters in Baldwin and Mobile counties south of Interstate 10 will be appropriated 50 tags, with hunting dates from sunset on August 12 until sunrise on August 15, and sunset on August 19, until sunrise on August 22.

The administrative fee to apply for an Alligator Possession Tag is \$22 and individuals may register one time per zone. While the tag is free, the selected hunters and their assistants are required to have valid hunting licenses in their possession while hunting.

Only Alabama residents and Alabama lifetime license holders ages 16 years or older may apply for tags. Alabama lifetime license holders may apply for an Alligator Possession Tag even if they have moved out of the state.

Hunters will be randomly selected by computer to receive one Alligator Possession Tag each (the tags are non-transferable). The random selection process will utilize a preference point system. The system increases the likelihood of repeat registrants being selected for a hunt as long as the applicant continues to apply. The more years an applicant participates in the registration, the higher the likelihood of being selected. If an applicant does not register for the hunt in a given year or is selected and accepts a tag for a hunt, the preference point status is forfeited.



Flora-Bama's "funnest" Fishing Tourney June 11-12

The 8th Annual Flora-Bama Fishing Rodeo, advertised as the "funnest" fishing tournament on the Gulf Coast will be held June 11-12, with a captains party the evening before and an awards party the day after.

A recreational and competitive event featuring 40 categories with 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place prize packages for each, the tourney raises funds for Operation ReConnect, a non-profit started locally by Ryan Charrier to provide combat veterans well-deserved family vacations.

No boat required for this annual "everyman's" tourney.

Divisions will range from catfish to billfish, and the tourney includes a spearfishing category and everything in-between. Tournament headquarters are downstairs at the Flora-Bama Ole River Grill, across the street from the world famous Lounge on the Line. The tourney is a three day beach party that includes daily weigh-ins, a fish viewing area, live music, great food, vendor booths and the Flora-Bama's renowned hospitality.

A portion of ticket sales will be donated to Operation ReConnect - A nonprofit organization geared toward providing combat veterans with well-deserved family vacations.

Entry fee for the kid's division (12 & younger)

is \$25 per angler, and the fee for adults (13 & older) is \$50 per angler.

Eligible inshore species include Almaco Jack, Black Drum, Blackfish (Tripletail), Blue Runner, Bluefish, Flounder, Gafftopsail Catfish, Ladyfish, Redfish, Sheepshead, Spanish Mackerel, Speckled Trout and Stingray. Eligible off-shore species are Barracuda, Blackfin Tuna, Bonito, Cobia, Jack Crevalle, King Mackerel, Mahi-Mahi, Red Snapper, Scamp, Swordfish, Vermilion Snapper, Wahoo, White Snapper (Red Porgy) and Yellowfin Tuna.

Spearfishers will weigh in Red Snapper, Grouper and Flounder (1st, 2nd, 3rd place - aggregate weight). The Lionfish division will award 1st place largest - quantity; 1st place smallest; and 1st place - largest lbs.

The June 10 captains party starts at 6 p.m. and fishing commences at 12 a.m. on June 11 and closes at 7 p.m. the following evening. The weigh-in stations will be open on Friday from 2-7 p.m. and Saturday from noon-7 p.m., and fish can be brought to the weigh-in by auto or boat. (King mackerel is by boat only). The awards ceremony slated for June 13 at 11 a.m. on the Flora-Bama Yacht Club Stage.

For more info, visit florabama.com, call 251-980-5222 or email rachel@florabama.com.



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Papa Rocco's Pizza & Oyster Bar • Quarter Mile North of Beach on Hwy. 59 • Live Music Nightly • More Pictures At Mulletwrapper.com

Papa Rocco Bill McGinnes said there was no use fretting that he has less old pals to celebrate with every year as he sat among friends during his recent birthday party at the iconic Hw. 59 eatery that doubles as his moniker.

McGinnes also lost his wife Rose on March 12, 2017, and has fought through a few health issues himself in the past year. But he is back exercising and remains upbeat about the life that led him to Pleasure Island.

"Of course, it doesn't feel good when you lose friends, but it's part of life and at least you had such good friends in life," he said. "You have to jus plug along and make the best of things, and be happy you had friends along rthe wy tht you can look back at the good times."

Since opening on March 15, 1985, McGinnes hs not changed much about his businesss. He wanted a simple menu. He wanted live music every night, even in the winter. He wanted to serve food 'til midnight. He knew serving good pizza was a good idea. And he knew there wasn't another oyster bar open year round in Gulf Shores. None of that has changed. And customers still decide how crispy they want their wings by the number of times the wings pass through the pizza oven.

A native of Scotland, Bill was 12 when the family settled near other family members in Detroit. He would go on to serve six years in the Army before returning home, marrying his sweetheart Rose and starting his first career as a mechanical engineer.

"This was something that I always knew I would like to do," McGinnes said. "So, more than anything I am just thankful for the people that are here and my customers - both new and old."

The original Papa Rocco's menu featured pizza, gumbo, chili, red beans & rice and baked and fresh oysters. That was about it.

As for the future, McGinnes said he has a foundation set up for his favored charities "It hurts when they start dying off and you realize they are not coming back. But I would not trade my life for anything."

Also grand marshall of the annual St. Paddy's Day Walking Parade, McGinnes said he is already looking forward to next birthday party and sharing memories with his friends new and old.

"I do beleive if you think about someone who has passed every day, you are keeping them alive. Thinking about good times and good memories with them, and they will last forever.'



























AROUND TOWN

Dual rated Air Force pilot to speak June 1 at G.S. Legion

LtCol. Len Knitter, a dual-rated Air Force pilot, will share his experiences, including ditching in the Gulf of Mexico at the June 1 Ancient Aviators gathering at American Legion Post 44 in Gulf



Shores. Breakfast starts at 8:30 a.m. and the meeting at 9 a.m.

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

The Ancient Aviators group, 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 meet the first Tuesday of each month. Info:

bensman84@aol.com or 251-990-8258.

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.

Bornholt to talk "old time medicine" June 12 at Foley Library

Jeanette Bornholt (**pictured**) will give a presentation titled 'Spoonful of Whiskey ... Explaining old time illness and remedies" during the June 12 Baldwin County Genealogical Society meet-



ing at Foley Public Library. The meeting starts at 10 a.m. and guests are welcome.

While researching your family, you come upon strange named illnesses, causes of death that can cause chill bumps; such as African consumption, ague, dropsy, bladder in the throat, chin cough, dock fever, kruchhusten, screws, just to name a few and the remedies for curing or trying to cure are just as scary.

But, have no fear as Jeanette Bornholt will try to explain some of these old time illnesses and the remedies to aid to cure or trying to cure. From personal experience, she will tell you why 'Spoonful of Whiskey' just might be one of the cures. Jeanette is librarian for the Alabama, Local History & Genealogy Collections of the Foley Public Library, which is the largest collection in the county. She has been with the city of Foley's Library for thirty years and has assisted untold numbers in researching their family histories, local histories and beyond during that time.

Baldwin's British history is topic of Mike Bunn's June 22 lecture

Mike Bunn will present a program titled The 14th Colony on June 22 at 2 p.m. at Foley Public Library in the upstairs meeting room.



Did you know Baldwin County was once part of an original British Colony? Bunn (**pictured**), a local historian and author, does. And he will share that information from his latest publication, The 14th Colony: The Forgotten Story of the Gulf South During America's Revolutionary Era. The presentation includes fascinating information that has been hidden concerning the Gulf Coast and its part as a British Colony. Seating is limited so a reservation is required. For

more info about this presentation or any of our other upcoming programs, call 251-943-7665, visit foleylibrary.org or Facebook.



Free kids' surf fishing clinic June 5 at GSP Beach Pavilion

Gulf State Park will host a free kids' surf fishing clinic on Saturday, June 5 from 8 a.m. until noon at the Gulf State Park Beach Pavilion. More info: email gulf events.statepark@dcnr.alabama.gov.

The how to clinic is for children six and older and bait and a limited number of fishing poles will be provided. There will also be a maritine resources boat on display during the clinic.

Gulf Shores Library summer programs will start on June 4

The Gulf Shores Public Library sponsored Tails & Tales free summer reading program, consisting of four free events, starts June 4 with the 2B Wild West Show. Registration is required. Call 251-968-1176 or visit gulfshoresal.gov for info. The first three programs are at the Adult Activities

Center at 260 Clubhouse Drive, and all four programs start at 10:30 a.m.

• June 4 - Wild West Show program includes a story about animals, trick roping, the art of the bullwhip, and a trail drive.

• June 18 - Freedom Ranch program includes quality education, inspiration and adventure with live animals.

• July 16 - Animal Tales program is about different exotic animal tails and how they use them.

July 30 - Michelle's Magical Poodles at Gulf Shores Cultural Center (19470 Oak Rd W) will showcase fun and quirky dog tricks with an educational twist.

Slots available for Brent Burns' September tour of Greece

Friends of Pleasure Island based entertainer Brent Burns will be sightseeing by both coach and ship during Burns' 2021 tour. Scheduled Sept. 27-Oct. 4, the Brent Burns Greece Tour will in-



clude visits to six cities in two countries over six days. The package consists of a four day coach tour of Greece and a three day Aegean cruise. The tour, originally planned for 2020, will include numerous performances from Burns and fellow trop rock superstar Jerry Diaz.

"Due to the cancellation last year, our numbers decreased considerably. We had dropped to 26 from 74 people attending," said tour operator Dana Flowers. "We are cautiously optimistic that it will proceed as planned."

Flowers added that seven more reservations are needed in order to fill a 37 passenger coach.

A twice wounded Vietnam vet and Purple Heart recipient, Burns scored his first hit with a song he wrote in response to the 1979 oil shortage, Cheaper Crude or No More Food, which sold 200,000 copies the first day it was released.

In 2008, Burns won three awards in the first ever Trop Rock Music Gala and he has continued to collect Trop Rock awards ever since, including twice winning Best CD and Best Song in the same year. He also plays numerous benefits and donates a portion of every CD he sells to various charities. He plays happy hour gigs every Wednesday at Ginny Lane and Thursday at Mile Marker 158 Dockside. Both restaurants are locate atd The Wharf in Orange Beach. He also travels the country playing house concerts at Parrothead events.

Burns has previously led his friends and fans on tours of Ireland and Scotland and Italy and a Rhine River cruise. Collaborating songwriters Gary Phillips and Bill Whyte have joined him on past tours.

Krista Marcum a finalist for Alabama Teacher of the Year

The Alabama State Department of Education has named Krista N. Marcum of Gulf Shores City Schools one of 16 finalists for Alabama 2021-2022 teacher of the year.



Marcum, who teaches marine science and Gulf Coast ecology at GSHS, was nominated as the District I secondary teacher of the year. The state winner will be announced in August.

Alabama's teacher of the year spends the majority of the school year serving as a full-time ambassador for education and the teaching profession while also presenting workshops around the state.

Marcum formerly taught 6th, 7th, and 8th Grade science at Saraland Middle School. She

is the chair of the Gulf Shores City Schools National Board Leadership Team and earned her National Board Certification in AYA Science in 2017. She has a Master's degree from Indiana Wesleyan University and a Bachelor's Degree from Indiana University. This is her 14th year of teaching, and she serves as the assistant cheerleading coach.

She is an avid environmental education enthusiast and encourages her students to be good stewards of the environment. She serves as a volunteer firefighter for Oyster Bay Volunteer Fire Department.

Her professional organizations include Alabama NBCT Network, Alabama Science Teacher's Association, and the National Science Teacher's Association.

"Each of these Alabama Teacher of the Year 16 Finalists truly demonstrate outstanding classroom leadership and are elevating our profession to new levels of success," said Alabama's current teacher of the year, Andrew Jackson.





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PIER & SHORE FISHING OUTLOOK By David "The Pierpounder" Thornton

Though we are still technically in spring, conditions for shore and pier fishing have recently changed to an early summer pattern. Rough and dingy water seem like distant memories now with the Gulf being so calm and clear.

Plus, the water temperature has finally reached 80 degrees. And that slow warming trend should slowly continue throughout this month.

The flies in the ointment for shorebound anglers seem to be finding hungry fish during the mid day period, and dealing with an outbreak of June grass. That is the local name for a fine filamentous green algae which intermittently invades the surfzone during the summer months. These often occur after a prolonged period of rough surf which releases a lot of nutrients into the water column near shore.

Though harmless, this suspended "green slime" is easily trapped on fishing line and lures, causing untold miseries for anglers. Until it clears out, the only remedy is to try a different location, or time, as the masses of green goo slowly creep along the shoreline. The situation may be exasperated by slighter tides expected during and around the NEAP tide period June 4th and 5th.

The June grass has even affected fishing recently from the Gulf State Park Pier, though the problem usually decreases farther from shore. Of course the sharks don't seem to care much, but popular target species like spanish mackerel, pompano, speckled trout and even spadefish have been relatively scarce around the pier lately.

We can expect that to change for the better though, as we move into the new moon period during the coming fortnight. The amount of moonlight can have a profound effect on all shallow water fishing when that water is calm and clear, as has been the case. Even a slight increase in clouds, wind and waves should help get fishing back on track. Meanwhile, ladyfish (skipjack), and blue runners (hardtails) should be around the pier in sufficient numbers to entertain those so inclined. And intermittent incursions by jack crevelle and "bull" redfish will really get things stirred up!

With the current limited fishing options available on the shortened pier, savvy anglers would take one of three approaches. Light tackle (4 to 10 pound class spinning rigs) to target baitfish, spadefish, even whiting near the beach, or to throw small jigs for spanish mackerel, pompano, ladyfish and blue runner. Or to freeline live shrimp for speckled trout or spanish mackerel. Medium tackle (12 to 20 pound class) for throwing bubble rigs, Gotcha plugs, or fishing for pompano.

And heavy tackle (30 to 65 pound class spinning rigs on 8 to 10 foot rods) for casting large jigs or plugs, or drifting live baits for bull redfish, jack crevelle, etc. There should be something available to please just about everyone in the course of each day. But patience and kindness are essential ingredients for a good time on the pier!

Surf casting with set rigs to target pompano is

still quite viable. But their numbers have vastly diminished in the surf zone since the May full moon and spawn. There will be increasing numbers of 'bycatch' for these anglers of ladyfish, blue runner, bluefish, stingrays, small sharks, etc.

Those intent on catching pompano would do much better wadefishing the shallow beach points and casting to the deeper troughs with jigs like the Goofy jig or Silly willy rig. These consist of a brightly painted ½ or ¾ ounce banana jig with an unweighted fly tied on a 10 inch loop knot made of 10 to 20 pound clear fluorocarbon leader. By methodically working the edges around the points, an angler can cover a lot more water in search of hungry pompano. Bring spare components though, as ladyfish and spanish mackerel will take their toll on the thin leader material. But this method is very often successful.

Also worth the effort, is waking up very early to greet the dawn while plugging the shoreline for speckled trout. With the calm water and waning moon, anglers should get into position to cast topwater plugs even before the eastern sky turns color, for what many call "the magic hour." That's when hordes of hungry trout invade the shallow surf zone in search of an early meal. The action can be fast and furious for about an hour, until the sun breaches the horizon. Then, like a switch being thrown, they suddenly disappear. You might catch a few more by wading into the water and casting sinking or suspending lures like MirrOdines or even Zoom flukes on a ¼ ounce jig head.

But for the most part, this is a very early bite. Though they may binge again late in the afternoon as the tide is falling. Locate a nice rip current near the beach sandbar and work lures there until it is too dark to see. If it is a good spot, the trout should return for a late snack!

So many options and so little time. ;-)

Pictured: The early morning speckled trout bite on the beach has been very good for prepared anglers like Dusty Hayes of Orange Beach.



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 Koy.

• 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).
- Karaoke & Dance on The Deck: 7; Live
- Bait; Orange Beach. • Anthony Oliver: 6; Live Bait; Orange
- Beach. • Jesse Bumann: 6; The Angry Crab; Or-
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 Brent Burns: 6; Ginny Lane; 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

Alabama state waters are open for shrimping through Dec. 31

ALl inside waters not permanently closed by law or regulation will open for shrimp harvesting in Alabama until sunset on New Year's Eve. This includes Mobile Bay, Bon Secour Bay, Mississippi Sound, Perdido Bay, Arnica Bay, Wolf Bay and Little Lagoon. More info: outdooralabama.com.

Alabama red snapper fishing season will end when quota is filled

Alabama state waters and federal waters are open Friday through Monday 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. Federally permitted for-hire vessels have their own 63-day season that started on June 1 and continues through Aug. 2.

The exact Alabama private angler quota has not yet been provided by the National Marine Fisheries. 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.

Alabama residents will be able to fish without a license 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.

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. 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. For more on recreational snapper regulations, visit MyFWC.com.

- Shores.
- Scott Koehn Project: 6; OSO; Orange Beach.
- John Brust: 6; Ms. Nancy's 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.
- Artie Hopkins: 5; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- 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; lafleetfeet.com.
- Karaoke & League Pool: 7:30; The Of-
- fice, Foley. • **Bingo:** 10 a.m.; American Legion Post 99: Foley.
- Open Mixed Doubles Tennis: 7:15 a.m.;
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COOKIN' WITH CAROLYN BY CAROLYN GODFREY

Light King Ranch Chicken Casserole

- 1 large onion, chopped
- 1 large green bell pepper, chopped
- vegetable cooking spray

2 cups chopped cooked chicken breasts (from rotisserie chicken)

- 1 (10-oz.) can fat-free cream of chicken soup, undiluted
- 1 (10-oz.) can fat-free cream of mushroom soup, undiluted
- 1 (10-oz.) can diced tomato and green chilies
- 1 tsp. chili powder
- 1/2 tsp. pepper
- 1/4 tsp. garlic powder
- 12 (6-in.) corn tortillas

1 (8-oz) block reduced-fat Cheddar cheese, shredded Saute onion and bell pepper n a large skillet coated with cooking spray over medium-high heat 5 min. or until tender. Stir in chicken and next 6 ingredients; remove from heat. Tear tortillas into 1-in. pieces; layer one-third tortilla pieces in bottom of a 13- x 9-in. baking dish coated with cooking spray. Top with one-third chicken mixture and onethird cheese. Repeat layers twice. Bake at 350 degrees for

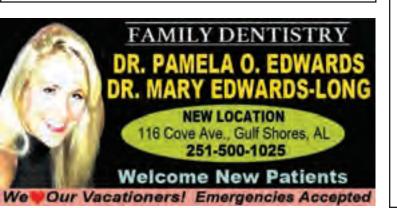
30-35 minutes or until bubbly. Serves 8. Enjoy! **Note:** Freeze casserole up to 1 month, if desired. Thaw in

refrigerator overnight, and bake as directed.

Tip: Use a pizza cutter to cut tortillas. Its' way easier.

Christian Comedy Event returns to OWA June 4-6

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





O.B.'s Chris Litton earns hunter education award

Chris Litton, the logistics and safety coordinator for the City of Orange Beach, has been awarded the Gladney Davidson Memorial Award from the International Hunter Education Association – USA.

The award is IHEA-USA's highest of service award and is in recognition of Litton's important and innovative contributions to the field of hunter education.

"I was honored to even have been considered for the award," Litton says. "We certainly could not have achieved the things we've accomplished without all the volunteer support and the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources' staff that have been so quick to support everything we do."

For over a dozen years, Litton has worked with the city to establish firearm safety and training for the youth of Orange Beach. The children have fun, but Litton says the main goal is firearms and hunter safety as well as hunter ethics. With so many kids immersed in video games, Litton says hunter education gives them hands-on, real-life experiences.

"It is not a game," he said. "These things are real and need to be handled properly. My number one goal is to change the way the kids think about hunting safety. If we can change the way they think about it, their actions will follow."

Litton has been involved in Hunter Education since 2006 and certified since 2008. Over the years, he has coordinated hunting trips for special-needs children as well as other people who would not otherwise have an opportunity to go hunting.

Litton is now assisting with the new Orange Beach Middle / High School clay shooting team.

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.

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

• Food Ministry For Hungry Families:

noon-1 p.m.; Grace Lutheran Church, corner of West 23rd Ave. and West 4th St. in Gulf Shores; 251-968-5991.

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

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

• Gulf Shores Garden Club: 9:30 a.m.; first Wednesday of each month September thru May; Gulf Shores Adult Activity Center; new members and guests always welcome; 251-233-3375.

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

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

THU, JUNE 3 • Beach Games: 11 a.m.; for kids 6-12; free lunch for participants; 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). • Karaoke & Dance on The Deck: 7; Live

Bait; Orange Beach.

ONE CLUB hosts June 4 golf tourney to raises funds for 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 or call 251-968-3232 for more info.

"Theres nothing more important than giving back, and it matters now more than ever," said Dan Palmier, ONE Foundation founder and CEO of UC Funds.

Six tacklebox essentials to prepare you for deep-sea fishing trip

So you're ready to conquer the high seas of Alabama's Gulf Coast and reel in some beautiful fish-perhaps even a few for dinner. Alabama Gulf Seafood wants to make sure your trip is as successful as possible with this list of things that every Gulf Coast tacklebox needs, courtesy of Chris Blankenship, commissioner of the Alabama Dept. of Conser. & Nat. Resources.

• Needle-Nose Pliers: A good pair of pliers will take you a long way. Since you'll be setting multiple lines throughout the day, you'll need pliers to take care of all that.

• Dehooker: Hooking a fish is (sometimes) the easy part, but unhooking your catch can get a bit tricky. A good dehooking tool will allow you to safely, cleanly remove the hook from your fish, which is especially important when you're throwing one back.

• Venting Tool: Speaking of throwing your catches back, if you'll be fishing in deep water, it's important to not just dehook the fish you don't keep but vent them as well. In order to preserve the fish's swimbladder (and thereby keep the fish alive), you'll need a venting tool handy.

• Measuring Tape or Ruler: A measuring tape is great for sizing up your catches and bragging to all your friends about your trophy fish. But it's also important for following the rules for catch limits and size restrictions. Make sure you have a measuring tool in case you have to throw your catches back.

• Assortment of Hooks: You may have some hooks handy from various other fishing trips, but keep in mind that certain fish are easier to catch with specific hooks. This includes varieties like circle hooks that can help you target the catches you want.

• Gloves: Once you reel those beauties in, you have to hold on to 'em! There are gloves specifically made for deep-sea fishing, and a good pair will not only keep your catches safe, they'll prevent you from cutting up your hands with sharp-edged species.

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• Late Night DJ's: 9; The Club at Live Bait; Orange Beach.

• Elaine Petty: 6; Live Bait; Orange Beach. • Boukoo Groove: 6; Big Beach Brewery, Gulf Shores.

• **Kristi Dees & Bad Juju:** 6; Hub Stacey's at the Point; Innerarity Point.

Gringo: 2; Sassy Bass; Ft. Morgan.
 Spaces In Between: 6; The Angry Crab; Orange

Beach. • John Brust: 6; Ms. Nancy's Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach. • Bar Trivia Night: 5; Bar 45 Lounge at ONE

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Orange Beach.

• Karaoke w. Howard: 7; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan. • Karaoke: 9; The Undertow; Orange Beach.

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Foley.

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

• Fora: 6; OSO; Orange Beach.

• Brent Burns; 6; Mile Marker 45; Orange Beach. • Bingo: 5; open to all; Amvets Post 2018; 13085 Wisconsin St.; Elberta.

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

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

 Baldwin Senior Softball Group: 10 a.m.; 50 and over; 10.am.; call 225/313-8516 for info & location.
 Fairhope Outdoor Farmers Market: 3-6 p.m.; be-

hind Fairhope Public Library.
Gulf Shores United Methodist Church Bread Ministry: 9-10; every Thursday; room 103 on the south campus, next to Crossroad; 251 968-2411.
Grief Support Group: noon-1:30 p.m.; First Presbyterian Church of Foley; 195 E. Berry Ave.; for all

who are grieving; 943-8325. • AA: Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point)

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

FRI, JUNE 4



SBRMC's new freestanding emergency department now open in Gulf Shores

South Baldwin Regional Medical Center's new freestanding emergency department (FED), located at 3590 Gulf Shores Parkway, is now open for business to provide residents and visitors of Gulf Shores and surrounding areas quicker access to critical emergency medical care.

Open 24/7 with lab and imaging equipment, the freestanding ED can treat a wide variety of serious illnesses and injuries, including chest pain, severe allergic reaction, respiratory distress, broken bones, cuts requiring stitches, concussions and other conditions.

"In an emergency situation, patients and caregivers want to rely on the expertise, care and treatment they receive," says Eric Roach, CEO of South Baldwin Regional Medical Center. "Patients will receive the same quality care they've come to expect at our main campus in a more convenient location."

Like hospital-based emergency services, the new ED will be equipped to treat patients with illnesses and injuries that require a higher level of care than urgent care facilities offer. Many conditions can be managed effectively at freestanding emergency departments without a hospital admission.

The 14,400 square-foot facility includes nine private patient rooms with radiology and lab services on-site. In addition, a helipad will allow quicker treatment for some patients.

"The helipad gives us significant outreach capability, further than we've been able to serve in the past," Roach said. "Our goal is to enhance services for all the communities we serve, and this is a step forward. The site was selected to improve accessibility and better serve the growing populations who live and work on the Gulf Coast."

If a higher level of care or admission is required, patients can be transported quickly to the main campus.

The addition of the FED completes another step in the City's Vision 2025 for Sustainability, which includes providing leading-edge healthcare opportunities for residents and visitors.

"This is great news for our community," said Mayor Robert Craft. "The completion of this Freestanding Emergency Department brings us one step closer to providing our residents with quality medical care right here in town."



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POST 99 DISTRICT OFFICERS: Congratulations to American Legion Post 99 in Foley's District 33 officers (l to r) Auxiliary Chaplain Betty Morris, Auxiliary President Janet Carver, Commander Don Madden, Sgt. Ar Arms Van Hubbard and District Chaplain Bob Seyfried.

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.



DOUG ACKER IS POST 99 LEGIONNAIRE OF THE YEAR: Congratulations to American Legion Post 99 Junior Vice Commander Doug Acker on his selection as Legionnaire of the year. His service to the Legion went way beyond what was required of his position in the Post. as house committee chairman. "Your devotion to Post 99, our veterans, your community and American Legion special events and programs made Acker a fantastic choice for the award. Pictured; Commander Don Madden presented Acker his award during the May 20 officers induction ceremony. "We could not have made a better choice," Madden said.

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- Flora-Bama Family Friendly Bingo: 1-4 p.m.; free; family friendly; Flora-Bama; Perdido Key.
- Jessie Howell: 6; Carver's Steakhouse; Orange Beach.
- Skyline Kings: 7 'til; Live Bait; Orange Beach.
- The Destinations: 6; Big Beach Brewery, Gulf Shores.
- Vickie Bailey: 6; The Angry Crab; Orange Beach.
- JB Dyess: 8; Stephi Cocktails-Cuisine; Orange Beach.
- Doc Johnson: 9; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
 John Brust: 6; Ms. Nancy's Lobby
- Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach.
- Bama Beach Pickleball Club: 9-noon; Church of Christ, 2414 West 1st St., Gulf
- Shores; (new members welcome). • Late Night DJ's: 9; The Club at Live
- Bait; Orange Beach.
- Platinum Premier: 7; Hub Stacey's at the Point; Innerarity Point.
- Karaoke on the Tiki Deck: 7 'til; Live Bait; Orange Beach.
- Karaoke w. Kelly Ann: 6; American Le-
- Yonder Grove: 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. • First Friday Art Walk: 7 p.m. til; his-
- toric downtown Fairhope. • AA: Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship
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- **Mel Knapp:** 5; Woodside Rest. at Gulf State Park; Gulf Shores.
- Charlie & The Hammerheads: 7 'til; Live Bait; Orange Beach.
- Destiny Brown: 5; Perch Restaurant at

- The Lodge at Gulf State Park; Gulf
- Shores • Dennis Grossman: 3; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- Doc Johnson: 9; Sandshaker at The
- Wharf; Orange Beach.
- Charles Wilson: 6; Carver's Steakhouse; Orange Beach.
- Spaces In Between Band: 9; The Office, Foley.
- Yonder Grove: 6; Big Beach Brewery, Gulf Shores
- Melodious Allen: 6; The Angry Crab; Orange Beach.
- Coastal Fire: 7; Hub Stacey's at the Point; Innerarity Point.
- Karaoke on the Tiki Deck: 7 'til; Live
- Bait; Orange Beach. **The Defrosters:** 2; Flying Harpoon II;
- Orange Beach. Late Night DJ's: 9; The Club at Live Bait; Orange Beach.
- Karaoke w. Howard: 6; Tacky Jacks,
- Fort Morgan. • John Brust: 6; Ms. Nancy's Lobby
- Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach.
- Karaoke: 9; The Undertow; Orange
- Beach • Bruti: 6:30; American LegionPost 99,
- Foley. False Identity: 7; OSO; Orange Beach.
- Texas Hold 'em: 7; The Office, Foley.
 Optimist Club of Perdido Bay: Breakfast every Saturday at 7 a.m. at the Lillian Community Club in Lillian; (251) 961-2620.
- AA: 10 a.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
- AA: 7 pm.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (In-nerarity Point) Pensacola.
- Ladies AA: 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

SUN, JUNE 6 • Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables: Schedule on Page 28; Perdido Key

- Karaoke on the Tiki Deck: 7 'til; Live Bait; Orange Beach.
- Shelby Brown: noon; Tin Top Restau-

rant; Bon Secour.

- Hollywood Unplugged: 6; The Angry Crab; Orange Beach.
- Rock Bottom w. Brent Varner: 4; Big
- Beach Brewery, Gulf Shores. Sammy Qadan: 6; Carver's Steakhouse;
- Orange Beach. Jimmy Maraventano: 4:30 Sassy Bass
- Amazin⁷ Grill, Fort Morgan.

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

- Lisa Christian: 2; Tacky Jacks, Gulf
- Shores.
- Lee Yankie's Secret Stash: 5; OSO; Orange Beach.
- The Defrosters: 2; Flying Harpoon II; Orange Beach.
- John Joiner & Friends: 4; Hub Stacy's; Innerarity Point.
- Danny Grady: 2; Fraternal Order of Eagles; Foley.
- League Pool: 7; The Office, Foley.

• **AA:** 5 p.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

MON, JUNE 7

• Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables: Schedule on Page 28; Perdido Kev

 Flora-Bama Family Friendly Bingo: 1-4 p.m.; free; family friendly; Flora-Bama;





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- Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde: 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores
- Karaoke & Dance on The Deck: 7; Live Bait; Orange Beach.
- Open Mic w/Davo: 7; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- Open Mic w/Chris Beverly: 7; OSO; Orange Beach.
 Bingo: 10-2; Gulf Coast Elks Lodge; Foley.
- Bingo: 6; American LegionPost 99, 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.
- Celebrate Recovery: (Christ centered 12 step program); Monday evenings at 6 p.m.; Christian Life Church in Orange Beach; 251-967-4840.
- Overeaters Anonymous: 6; Holy Spirit Episcopal Church; Gulf Shores, 616 Ft. Morgan Rd.; 251-709-5907
- T.O.P.S. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly): weigh-in 5:30; meeting 6; First Presbyterian Church of Foley; (Berry & Highway 59).
- AA: Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola
- Ladies AA: 10 a.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

- TUE, JUNE 8 Hands on Habitat: 11 a.m.; All-ages educational • World Ocean Day: 10 a.m.; Perdido Key Visitor's
- Center; Perdido Key • 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. • Karaoke & Dance on The Deck: 7; Live Bait; Or-
- ange Beach.
- 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.
 Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde: 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores
- Jason Trueman: 2; Sassy Bass; Ft. Morgan. • Bingo: 5; 45 Restaurant & Bar; One Club, Gulf Shores
- Chris Beverly Experience: 9; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- Karaoke w. Kelly: 8: Sandshaker at The Wharf: Orange Beach.
- Brittany Grimes: 7; OSO; Orange Beach.
- Bingo: 10-2; Gulf Coast Elks Lodge; Foley. • JW Karaoke: 6; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
- Texas Hold 'em: 7; The Office, Foley.
- Baldwin Senior Softball Group: 10 a.m.; 50 and over; 10.am.; call 225/313-8516 for info & location.
- Orange Beach Grief Support Group: 10 a.m.; Orange Beach Senior Activity Center, 26251 Canal Rd.; 251-943-5015.
- **Celebrate Recovery Meeting:** 6; includes free dinner; open to all; Orange Beach United Methodist Church; 251-981-6751 or 850-419-1141.
- Orange Beach City Council Meeting: 5 p.m.; City Hall; 980-INFO.
- Overcomers Outreach: 7 p.m.; First Baptist Church of Orange Beach; 980-1705.
- Foley Kiwanis Club: noon; Vallarta's, 1145 S. McKenzie St., Foley; 859-771-6091.
- Foley Lions Club: noon; Wolf Bay Lodge, Foley. • 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, JUNE 9

• 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.



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-WHAT'S HAPPENING

Plans for commercial flights out of Jack Edwards Airport canceled

Plans to offer regular flights from Jack Edwards Airport in Gulf Shores to Atlanta, Cincinatti and Baton Rouge were canceled due to a lack of passengers. The Southeast Beach Express flights were supposd to start June 3, with daily service between Thursday and Sunday. Round-trip flights to Baton Rouge were priced at \$490 Flights were priced at \$590 to Atlanta and \$590 to Cincinnati, according to info posted last month on ultimateairshuttle.com.

Lack of significant inventory of beach lodging and rental cars were factors in the lack of bookings, according to a Southeast Beach Express press release. The airline hopes to test the Gulf Shores market again in the summer of 2022.

ALDOT will remotely synchronize lights to help Foley traffic flow

The Alabama Department of Transportation will now be able to synchronize 17 traffice lights on Hwy. 59 from Couty Rd. 29 south to County Rd. 10 remotely, which should help traffic flow more freely through the city on busy tourist weekends.

In the past, traffic light settings had to be changed manually. "We have ALDOT personnel on standby to pull up the traffic signals and change the timing plans as needed during busy travel weekends," said ALDOT engineer Daniel Driskell about the statewide project. "With higher traffic volumes, you're still going to see some congestion but for the most part, traffic should move, and flow better than it has in the past with more people arriving on green lights versus red lights."

Jeep drawdown tickets available for Pirates Cove 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 wlak, 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 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 funraiser 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." Karaoke & Dance on The Deck: 7; Live Bait; Orange Beach.
Bama Beach Pickleball Club: 9-noon;

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 Anthony Oliver: 6; Live Bait; Orange

Beach. • **Trey Rowell:** 6; The Angry Crab; Orange Beach.

• John Brust: 6; Ms. Nancy's Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort, Orange

Open Mic: 5; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
Brent Burns: 6; Ginny Lane; Orange

Beach. • Mason Henderson's Saucy Fuzz: 9; The Undertow: Orange Beach

Undertow; Orange Beach. • Jenna McClelland: 8; Stephi Cocktails-



Pirates of Treasure earn carnival pin award

Pirates of Lost Treasure Past-President, David Jolly accepted a Pin & Bead Festival award from Krewe Of Blues President, Duane Watson. Watson's krewe annually holds the Pin and Bead Festival in Seville Square. The fest is open to all krewes in the Pensacola area. PLT won the award for Best Krewe Pin design. Pictured: Vice President, Tim Kizziah and Membership Chairman, Donna Slawson with the award.

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McMillan's bill allowing pet dogs in outdoor dining areas signed by Gov.

A bill sponsored by local Rep. Steve McMillan to allow pet dogs in outdoor dining areas at restaurants was recently signed into law by Alabama Gov. Kay Ivey. McMillan said he was inspired to create the bill, HB-235, after receiving a lot of feedback from constituents that wanted to be able to dine with their dogs in appropriate venues. The law goes into effect August 1.

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

Owners of food service establishments would decide whether to allow pet dogs in their outdoor dining areas. Signage stating the designated outdoor dining area would be required, as would a separate outdoor entrance. The pet dogs would have to be leashed and would not be allowed on the chairs, benches, seats or other fixtures of the outdoor dining area. Restaurant employees are prohibited from touching or having direct contact with the pet.

Pictured: Pirates Cove in Josephine has always been know for its affinity for bow-wows, even hosting an annual Cove Dog Olympics in celebration of canines.

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.)



lunch is provided to those attending the event open to boys and girls aged two to 12. Children and teens

A hot dog

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.

- Cuisine; 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. Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde: 7; Pappa
- Rocco's; Gulf Shores. • John Joiner & Darrel Roberts: 7; Hub
- Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
- Tim Richardson: 5; American Legion Post 99; Foley.

• BBRC Running Club: 5:30 p.m.; Big Beach Brewery in Gulf Shores; lafleet-

- feet.com Karaoke & League Pool: 7:30; The Office, Foley
- Bingo: 10 a.m.; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- Open Mixed Doubles Tennis: 7:15 a.m.; all levels welcome; Gulf Shores Tennis Center.
- Orange Beach Friends of the Library: 10; Library meeting room; 978-4106.

 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, cor-ner of West 23rd Ave. and West 4th St. in Gulf Shores; 251-968-5991.

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

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

• Gulf Shores Woman's Club: 11 a.m.; Palmer Room at Craft Farms; all interested women invited to attend; 251-980-5722.

• Gulf Shores Lions Club: noon; 2nd & 4th Wednesday; noon; Adult Activity Center, Gulf Shores; 251-968-2823

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

THU, JUNE 10

• Beach Games: 11 a.m.; for kids 6-12; free lunch for participants; RSVP at tackyjacks.com; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores. • Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables: Schedule on Page 28; Perdido

- 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).
- Karaoke & Dance on The Deck: 7; Live
- Bait; Orange Beach. • Late Night DJ's: 9; The Club at Live
- Bait; Orange Beach.
 - Woody & Sunshine Band: 5; Big Beach
 - Brewery, Gulf Shores. • Mel Knapp: 6; Hub Stacey's at the
- Point: Innerarity Point.
- Frank Fletcher: 6; The Angry Crab; Or ange Beach.
- Elaine Petty: 6; Live Bait; Orange Beach.
- Greg Brown: 2; Sassy Bass; Ft. Morgan

• John Brust: 6; Ms. Nancy's Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort, Órange Beach.

- Karaoke: 6; Tacky Jacks; Gulf Shores Late Night DJ's: 9; The Club at Live
- Bait; Orange Beach. • Karaoke: 7; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.
- Karaoke w Howard: 5; Tacky Jacks, Gulf
- Shores.
- Bar Trivia Night: 5; Bar 45 Lounge at ONE CLUB, Gulf Shores.
- Karaoke w. Kelly: 8; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- Karaoke: 9; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- Tim Roberts: 6; The Tin Top Restaurant, Bon Secour.
- Jesse Duncan: 7; OSO; Orange Beach. • Brent Burns: 6; Mile Marker 45; Orange Beach.
- 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. • 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.am.; 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.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

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

FRI, JUNE 11

• Flicks on the Field: dusk; free showing of Dolphin Tale; Pensacola Greyhound Track.

• Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables: Schedule on Page 28; Perdido Kev

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

NATURALGAS

COREDITED

• Charlie & The Hammerheads: 7 'til; Live Bait; Orange Beach.

- Tyler Livingston & The Absoluts: 9; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach
- **JB Dyess:** 8; Stephi; Orange Beach. **Gary Story:** 6; Carver's Steakhouse; Or-
- ange Beach •The Satin Dogs: 6; Big Beach Brewery, Gulf Shores.
- Chris Cavanaugh: 6; The Angry Crab;
- Orange Beach. Karaoke & Dance on The Deck: 7; Live Bait; Orange Beach.
- Late Night DJ's: 9; The Club at Live Bait; Orange Beach.

• Oliver Twist: 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.
 Saucy Fuzz: 7; OSO; Orange Beach.
 Bama Beach Pickleball Club: 9-noon;
- Church of Christ, 2414 West 1st St., Gulf Shores; (new members welcome).
- Karaoke w. Kelly Ann: 6; American Le gion 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





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May 22 Xfinity Series Race

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Jennifer Hartswick per-

at the Circuit of The Ameri-

cas road course in Austin.

nied on stage by the Gulf

Hartswick was accompa-

Coast's most famous Dead-

head, Jake Peavy, along with Ben Jernigan, Owen Finley

and Chris Spies. Sponsors were Shure Audio and Pick-

Also a trumeter, Hartswick (above) is an original mem-

ber of the Trey Anastasio

Band and has recorded and shared the stage with Herbie Hancock, Phish, Christian McBride, Tom Petty, Aaron Neville, Carlos Santana, The Rolling Stones, Big Gigantic and Dave

A 15 years in the major leaguer, Paeavy (left) owns

Recording Studio in his Mobile hometown, Peavy won the World Series with

Dauphin Street Sound

Boston in 2013 and San Francisco in 2014. He won the Cy Young Award in 2007 and a Gold Glove in 2012.

He is also heavily involved

in his own Jake Peavy Foundation philanthropies.

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- Kev • Late Night DJ's: 9; The Club at Live
- Bait; Orange Beach. Charlie & The Hammerheads: 7 'til;
- Live Bait; Orange Beach. • Jason Trueman: 3; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- Hollard Band: 9; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- Wylle Pete: 8; Stephi Cocktails-Cuisine; Orange Beach.
 Destiny Brown: 5; Perch Restaurant at
- The Lodge at Gulf State Park; Gulf Shores.
- Chris Hergenroder: 6; Carver's Steak-• The Light Travelers: 5:30; Big Beach
- Brewery, Gulf Shores. Rob & Blade: 6; The Angry Crab; Or-
- ange Beach.
- John Brust: 6; Ms. Nancy's Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach.
- The Defrosters: 2; Flying Harpoon II; Orange Beach.
 Karaoke w Howard: 6; Tacky Jacks, Ft.
- Morgan.
- Late Night DJ's: 9; The Club at Live Bait; Orange Beach. • Shoes & Strings: 7; OSO; Orange
- Beach.
- RazorHawk: 7; Hub Stacey's at the Point; Innerarity Point.
- Karaoke on the Tiki Deck: 7 'til; Live Bait; Orange Beach.
- Karaoke: 9; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- Bruti: 6:30; American LegionPost 99, Foley.
- Free Veteran's Breakfast: 9-10 a.m.; • Texas Hold 'em: 7; The Office, Foley.
- Coastal Alabama Farmers and Fisher**mans Market:** 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.; 20733 Mi-flin Rd. (County Rd. 20), Foley.
- Baldwin County Genealogical Society: 10 a.m.; public invited; Foley Library;
- Optimist Club of Perdido Bay: breakfast every Saturday at 7 a.m. at the Lillian Community Club in Lillian; (251) 961-2620.

• **AA**: 10 a.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (In-nerarity Point) Pensacola. • **AA**: 7 p.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13260 Inconstitute Ball (In

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

• Ladies AA: 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Activities Center, 13660 Inner-arity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

SUN, JUNE 13

- Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables: Schedule on Page 28; Perdido Kev
- Karaoke & Dance on The Deck: 7; Live Bait; Orange Beach. • Mike Diamond: noon; Tin Top Restau-
- rant; Bon Secour.
- Phil Tittle: 6; Carver's Steakhouse; Orange Beach.
- The Runaway Grooms: 4; Big Beach
- Brewery, Gulf Shores. Them Again: 6; The Angry Crab; Orange Beach
- Liza Zanghi: 6; Ms. Nancy's Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach
- Josh Newcom: 5; The Daquari Bar; Wharf in Orange Beach.
- Rock Bottom: 5; OSO; Orange Beach. • The Defrosters: 2; Flying Harpoon II;
- Orange Beach. • **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.
- AA: 5 p.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (In-nerarity Point) Pensacola.

MON, JUNE 14 • Orange Beach Planning Commission: 4

p.m. (work session at 3 p.m.) Orange Beach Council Chambers.

• 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). Karaoke & Dance on The Deck: 7: Live
- Bait; Orange Beach.
- Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde: 7;
 Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
 Open Mic w/Davo: 7; Sandshaker at



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- **Bingo:** 6; American LegionPost 99, 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. • Celebrate Recovery: (Christ centered 12 step program); Monday evenings at 6 p.m.; Christian Life Church in Orange

Beach; 251-967-4840.

- Overeaters Anonymous: 6; Holy Spirit Episcopal Church; Gulf Shores, 616 Ft. Morgan Rd.; 251-709-5907.
- T.Ö.P.S. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly): weigh-in 5:30; meeting 6; First Presbyterian Church of Foley; (Berry & Highway 59).
- AA: Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
- Ladies AA: 10 a.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

TUE, JUNE 15

• Hands on Habitat: 11 a.m.; All-ages educational fun; RSVP at tackyjacks.com; Gulf Shores.

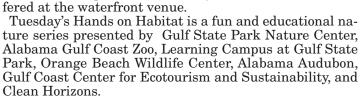
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Bait; Orange Beach.

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



Tacky Jacks Gulf Shores starts Summer of Fun lunches

Tacky Jacks Gulf Shores presents its 9th Annual Summer

of Fun each Tuesday through Thursday beginning June 1.

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Hands on Habitat, Art al Fresco and Tacky Jacks Beach

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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).



ORANCE BEACH GARDEN CLUB MAY YARDS OF THE MONTH: The Orange Beach Garden Club proudly presented the honor of May Residential Yard of the Month to its very own club member, Susan Grant and her husband Danny Grant (pictured in their front yard at 29900 Bayshore Dr. South). Susan and Danny have worked very hard to restore their yard that was destroyed by Hurricane Sally, and their yard is beautiful. Commercial Yard of the Month for May was awarded to Phoenix on the Bay II, located at 27582 Canal Road. Bruce Morton accepted the honor, and garden club members were delighted to hear that the complex does their own landscaping and has worked very hard to recover from the hurricane as well. Bruce is pictured with club member, Renita Myers. Congratulations to both winners!



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• Jason Trueman: 2; Sassy Bass; Ft. Morgan.

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

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

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

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

• Karaoke w. Kelly: 8; Sandshaker at The

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

• Anthony Oliver: 6; OSO; Orange Beach.

Texas Hold 'em: 7; The Office, Foley.
Baldwin Senior Softball Group: 10 a.m.; 50 and over; 10.am.; call 225/313-8516 for info & location.
Coastal Alabama Farmers and Fishermans Market: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.; 20733 Mi-

flin Rd. (County Rd. 20), Foley. • Foley Kiwanis Club: noon; Vallarta's, 1145 S. McKenzie St., Foley; 859-771-6091.

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

WED, JUNE 16 • Art al Fresco: 11 a.m.; fee includes

Unch & art project; RSVP at tackyjacks.com; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.

• Perdido Key Chamber Business After Hours: 5; The Sports Bar; Perdido Key. • Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables: Schedule on Page 28; Perdido Key

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• Karaoke & Dance on The Deck: 7; Live

Bait; Orange Beach. • Anthony Oliver: 6; Live Bait; Orange Beach. • John Brust: 6; Ms. Nancy's Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach.

• **Marc Kaul:** 6; The Angry Crab; Orange Beach.

Jenna McClelland: 8; Stephi Cocktails-Cuisine; Orange Beach.
Open Mic: 5; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.

• 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

Silverhill man's stray arrow pierces 3-year old next door

A 35-year old Silverhill man, Ryan Archer, has been charged with second degree assault after piercing a 3-yearold girl with an arrow during a May 22 graduation party in Silverhill.The child was airlifted to the hospital and is now at home. The arrow narrowly missed vital organs, but the girl is expected to fully recover.

Archer told police he shot the blunt tip arrow at a dirt target, but it bounced and struck the girl, who was playing on an inflatable at a party next door.

Police said the second degree assault because, even though it was uninentional, Archer' behavior was wreckless and caused injuries.

Police charge 21-year old O.B. man with sexually assaulting child

Gulf Shores police arrested 21-year-old Dylan Bay Burnett on charges of sexually assaulting a young child. Burnett was taken into custody on May 25 and charged with one count of sodomy in the first degree, attempted sodomy in the first degree and sexual abuse of a child under 12, according to the police report. Orange Beach Police and the Al. Dept. of Hurman Resources assisted in the arrest.

Man arrested on McKenzie St. for possessing child pornography

Foley Police arrested a man in possession of child pornography outside a store on S. McKenzie St. around 1 p.m. on May 24. Police made the arrest after responding to a call about a suspicious male harassing citizens outside a store. When officers arrived, they came in contact with a white male identified as Michael Norris Jr., 39, police said.

Michael Norris Jr., 39, was also arrested on a warrant for failure to appear in Gulf Shores Police Dept. and was in possession of several meth pipes, children's underclothing, women's underclothing and adult paraphernalia. His phone contained images and videos of child pornography, according to Foley police.

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-WHAT'S HAPPENING-

Cocaine bundles wash up on Gulf Shores beaches

At least 34 bundles of cocaine, in one kilo packages, washed ashore in Gulf Shores, mostly around a quarter mile west of the 6th Street Public Beach Access and the Fort Morgan Peninsula, according to Gulf Shores Police. Thirty kilos were recovered on the evening of May 17 on West Beach. And an additional package washed up and was recovered the following morning. Four more kilos were found washed up along the Fort Morgan peninsula on May 20. All of the drugs had different markings, and some of the bricks were decorated with a photo of infamous drug kingpin Pablo Escobar's mugshot.

Some of the packages were covered in barnacles, indicating they had been in the water for a while. Gulf Shores Police said that the pure volume of packages that washed up is unusual, but there is little chance of finding the source of the illicit drugs, which were given to United States Customs for lab testing.

Season's first turtle nest is near Johnson Beach

Fort Morgan had its first turtle nest of the season on May 18, and it was an endangered Kemp's Ridley, which is very rare to have nest in our area, according to Sara Johnson, the Share the Beach director for the Alabama Coastal Foundation.

"This was a perfect example of exactly what to do when you spot a sea turtle come onto the beach," Johnson posted afterwards. "All observers present kept a safe distance while she nested, stayed quiet, and called in to the hotline. (866-SEA-TURTLE). We were able to respond quickly and our volunteers and biologist had the good fortune to watch her nest and go back to the water. We will be anxiously awaiting the emergence of these special babies in about two months.

Gulf Islands National Seashore reported its first sea turtle nest of the season, a Loggerhead, east of Johnson Beach on May 27.

Loggerheads, Greens, Leatherbacks and the rare Kemp's Ridley all nest on Gulf Coast beaches from May through October. And Loggerheads are the most common, accounting for over 90 percent of the nests laid each year. Once laid, the eggs will incubate for around 60 days, after which hatchlings emerge under the cover of darkness and make their way to the Gulf.

Furniture, tents and toys left on the beach overnight create obstacles that can trap or injure them during a nesting attempt. White lights on the beach may deter them from nesting or cause them to abandon a nesting attempt, also known as a false crawl. There had been several instances of false crawls reported on Pleasure Island as of the start of Memorial Day Weekend.

Citizens can help by observing the following common sense practices.

• Remove all furniture and toys from the beach when you're done for the day, including hammocks, tents, canopies, chairs, toys and sports equipment.

• Female turtles prefer dark, quiet beaches for

nesting and hatchlings need dark skies to find the Gulf of Mexico. Leave the flashlights and cell phones at home or use a red flashlight when on the beach at night. Turn off beach-facing lights and close windows and curtains to keep our beaches dark.

• Trash and food waste can entangle turtles and other wildlife and attract unwanted predators. Always dispose of trash in the proper receptacle and refrain from feeding wildlife.

• Large holes are hazardous to both wildlife and people. Avoid digging large holes and fill in any holes, trenches or moats at the end of your visit.

"We want to remind beachgoers to leave no trace and follow guidance to protect our sea turtles this season," said Escambia County Natural Resources Management Director Tim Day in a press release.

"Adult and hatchling sea turtles can easily become disoriented by artificial light sources like flashlights, headlights and sky glow from neighboring cityscapes," added Jennifer Manis, a biologist a Gulf

Islands National Seashore. "Artificial light draws turtles away from the Gulf of Mexico and inland. These disoriented turtles then often die from dehydration, predators or vehicle strikes."

Tedeschi-Trucks next up for busy Wharf season

A sold out Memorial Weekend show from country artist Riley Green marked the start of what will be a very busy concert season at The Wharf Amphitheatere in Orange Beach.

Other concerts scheduled at the 10,000 capacity venue include Tedeschi Trucks: Fireside Live on June 16; Jon Pardi on June 18 & 19; Luke Combs on July 3 & 4, Brantley Gilbert on July 17; Three Doors Down on July 23; Luke Bryan on July 31; Thomas Rhett on Aug. 13 & 14; Lady A on Aug. 19; Jason Aldean on Aug. 27 & 28; Chris Stapleton on Sept. 18 and Brooks & Dunn on Oct. 9.

The Wharf amphitheater, which was nominated for the 2019 Academy of Country Music Awards Outdoor Venue of the Year, has been upgraded during the pandemic before getting back to what it does best by welcoming NEEDTOBREATHE for a socially distanced show on April 25.

Black bear sighted in Belforest neighborhood

Social media lit up with shares and likes in the Belforest community the morning of May 24, as video of a black bear galloping through a neighborhood along County Rd. 54.

JJ McCool of Wildlife Solutions in Fairhope told NBC-15 that most black bear sightings are more likely to happen in the north end of the County, adding that black bears are reclusive and move at night or early in the morning to avoid people. Belforest is located around the Hwy. 181 corridor, about three miles east of Daphne. McCool said all the growth in Baldwin County is likely reducing their habitat and there was another black bear sighting in Belforest in 2020.

If confronted by a bear, never run away from or approach him. Make yourself look as big as possible and make as much noise as possible. Beach. • Karaoke: 7; Bar 45 at ONE CLUB, Gulf Shores.

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

 John Joiner & Darrel Roberts: 6; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
 Brent Burns: 6; Ginny Lane; Orange

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• **BBRC Running Club:** 5:30 p.m.; Big Beach Brewery in Gulf Shores; lafleetfeet.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, JUNE 17

• Beach Games: 11 a.m.; for kids 6-12; free lunch for participants; 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).

• **Skyline Kings:** 6; Hub Stacey's at the Point; Innerarity Point.

• Hollywood Unplugged: 6; The Angry Crab; Orange Beach.

• Elaine Petty: 6; Live Bait; Orange Beach.

• Karaoke & Dance on The Deck: 7; Live

Bait; Orange Beach. • Greg Brown: 2; Sassy Bass; Ft. Morgan.

• Late Night DJ's: 9; The Club at Live

Bait; Orange Beach.

• John Brust: 6; Ms. Nancy's Lobby

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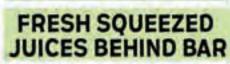
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By Ron "Bones" Jones



My boss always laughed at my jokes at work, but she never laughs at them in Zoom chats. I asked her why.

"Because your jokes aren't re-motely funny," she said.

How long have you been working at that office?"

"Ever since they threatened to fire me."

......... Wife: "I'm convinced my mind is almost completely gone!" Husband: "I'm not surprised. You've been giving me a piece of it every day for the past twenty years."

Just once, I want a username and password prompt to say: "Close Enough.'

I'm a multi-tasker. I can listen, ignore and forget all at the same time!

In the confessional a man admitted that for years he had been stealing building supplies from the lumberyard where he worked.

"What did you take?" his priest asked.

"Enough to build my own house and enough for my son's house. And houses for our two daughters and our cottage at the lake."

"This is very serious," the priest said. "I shall have to think of a far-reaching penance. Have you ever done a retreat?" "No, Father, I haven't," the man replied. "But if you can get

the plans, I can get the lumber."

Husband: Why isn't the house clean.? You are home all day. Wife: Why aren't we rich? You

are at work all day?

"Hi! Did you clean the house?" "Uhh...Yes" "OK, I'm coming home. Need anything?"

"Yes, about 2 hours."

Never, under any circumstances, take a sleeping pill and a laxative on the same night.

Lawyer: "Well Barney, so you want me to defend you? Have you got any money?" Barney: "I ain't got no money, but I do get a 1928 Ford Car!" Lawyer: "Well you can raise money on that. Now let's see, just what do they accuse you of stealing?"

Barney: "A 1928 Ford Car."

Bob stood over his tee shot for what seemed an eternity. He waggled, looked up, looked down, waggled again, but didn't start his back swing.

Finally his exasperated partner asked, "what the hell is taking so long?"

"My wife is up there watching me from the clubhouse," Bob explained. "I want to make a perfect shot."

"Good lord!" his companion exclaimed. "You don't have a

snowball's chance in hell of hitting her from here."

Our computers went down at work today, and we had to do everything manually. It took me 10 minutes to shuffle the cards for solitaire.

Why did the man give up being a taxi driver? There was too much talking behind his back.

A lawyer and an engineer were fishing in the sunny Caribbean.

Lawyer: "I'm here because my house burned down, and everything I owned was destroyed by the fire. The insurance company paid for everything."

Engineer: That is quite a coincidence. "I'm here because my house and all my belongings were destroyed by a flood, and my insurance company also paid for everything."

Lawyer: "How do you start a flood?"

My wife dated a clown before she started going out with me. I had some pretty big shoes to fill.

I googled 'lost medieval ser-

vant boy. The result was, "This page cannot be found."

A grocer put up a sign that read: "Eggplants, \$0.25 each or three for a dollar.'

All day long, customers came in exclaiming: "Don't be ridiculous! I should get four for a dollar!"

The tailor next door had been watching these antics and finally asked the grocer, "Aren't you going to fix the mistake on your sign?"

"What mistake?" the grocer asked. "Before I put up that sign no one ever bought more than one eggplant."

Vincent Van Gogh's lesser known relatives:

His really obnoxious brother -Please Gogh.

His brother who ate prunes -Gotta Gogh.

His dizzy aunt - Verti Gogh. His aunt who taught positive thinking - Wayto Gogh.

His magician uncle - Wherediddy Gogh.

• Why is the man who invests all your money called a broker? • Why is the time of day with the slowest traffic called rush hour?



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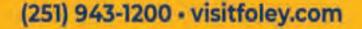
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on Little Lagoon. (Submitted

by Phillip Thomas)

A beautiful Gulf Shores sunset from her back deck, courtesy of Pam Threlkeld.



"Just had to snap this predawn picture of the sky reflecting in the Little Lagoon Bayou! Colors galore," writes Lonnie Ellis.



Douglas Hamm captures a Royal Tern taking flight at Gulf State Park.



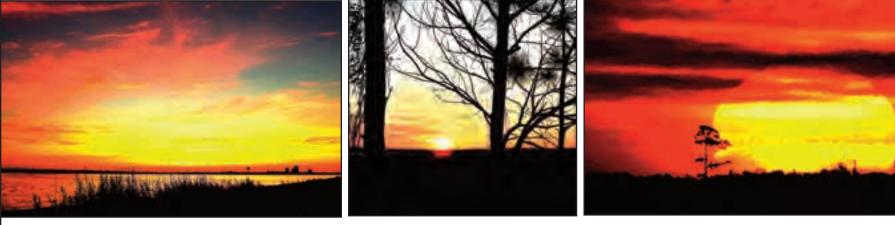
Doug Walker of Gulf Shores shares a picture from Gulf State Park.







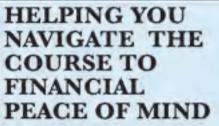
David Kriegler Sunrise and lunar eclipse



Sunrise over Lake Shelby from David Kriegler.



"Towering Inferno Sunset" is the way Pat Thornton aptly describes this picture he took from the top floor of Phoenix 9.



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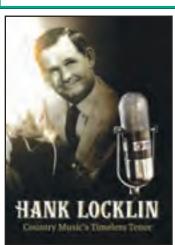




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Former South Bald. Chamber Director honored for documentary

Mary Riker, a former South Baldwin Chamber of Commerce executive director and a resident of Robertsdale, produced a recent documentary that has garnered WSRE public television station and its staff four 2021 Telly Awards for excellence in video and television production.

The station was awarded its first Gold Telly in the Television: Documentary category for "Hank Locklin: Country Music's Timeless Tenor." The one-hour documentary follows the music career of country artist Hank Locklin and features music industry icons, including Bill Anderson, Vince Gill, William Lee Golden, Jeannie Seely, Dolly Parton, Marty Stuart and Dwight Yoakam.

The film was produced by Riker, who has been WSRE's marketing & communications director since 2014, and directed by James Roy. Emily Hudson Mitchell was associate producer; Ted King was assistant director; and Tracey Burgess created the graphics. Roy was also awarded two Bronze Telly Awards for directing and editing the Hank Locklin film, one of 15 documentaries to win the Gold Telly in its category and put WSRE in company with (among others) Florentine Films, Smithsonian Channel, ESPN and Al Jazeera Media Network.

Work to begin this month on O.B. Intracoastal Waterway boat launch

Launching boats into the Intracoastal Waterway at a new ramp adjacent to the Beach Express toll bridge should become a reality by the spring of 2022, as a contractor has been hired and work will begin this month on the 48 acre county owned parcel.

"I am excited," Baldwin County Engineer Joey Nunnally said with a laugh. "This is one of the best ones I've been associated with being with the county. I'm as excited over this as I am building the Baldwin Beach Express. This is going to be a really nice boat launch, very sorely needed and it can't get done quick enough."

County leaders caused a bit of a stir when they announced plans to buy 48 acres on the Intracoastal Waterway just west of the Beach Express toll bridge in Orange Beach in 2018. They immediately announced plans to use it to build a boat launch on the site and it is finally ready to go out to bid.

"The Corps held us up just a little bit but we had to delay this about a month waiting on the Corps to get us what we needed but we got it," Nunnally said. "We have a mooring pier, we're going to have a restroom facility, we're going to have a break-water pier, some courtesy docks, six 12x18 picnic pavilions and then one large 20x30 grand pavilion."

Boating wise, there will be 152 spots to park trailers and an overflow trailer parking lot on gravel that can accommodate 46 more boats. There will be 86 regular parking spots for cars. Construction costs will be about \$9.4 million and both the land purchase and construction will be paid by GOMESA money out of the portion of the oil and gas lease money the state receives from Gulf of Mexico wells.

Orange Beach officials are giving the project a thumbs up.

"In the current configuration, we support it," Mayor Tony Kennon said. "Initially it was too big and we thought it would be a real problem in that location with the bridge. It's roughly 150 spots. I think that it's going to be a good addition and the right size in the right place."

When the project was first announced officials said there would be room for 12 boat launches with parking for about 450 trailers and another 50 spaces for vehicles.

Two huge areas are marked for future development and Nunnally already has some other things he'd like to see at the site including nature trails on the east side of the property.

The state provided \$2.6 million for the construction of the launch and \$7.5 million for procurement of the property from the GOMESA fund. The launch project to be located just west of the Foley Beach Express on Brown Lane on the northside of the Intracoastal Waterway. The multi-million dollar project will allow boaters access to the ICW, Mobile Bay, Perdido Bay and the Gulf of Mexico.

"Great cooperation between the City of Orange Beach the Baldwin County Commission and state officials to make this project a reality," State Rep. Chris Elliott said when the construction funds were released. "I would like to particularly thank DCNR Commissioner Chris Blankenship for his strong advocacy for this project."

When the project was first announced officials said there would be room for 12 boat launches with parking for about 450 trailers and another 50 spaces for vehicles. The site would also have two kayak launches and picnic areas. This is what the 40-plus acres could hold but the final product is expected change based on what the federal permits will allow.

Pictured: Rending of plans for a new boat launch on 48 acres of county owned property on the Intracoastal Waterway in Orange Beach. The plan includes more than 20 acres that will be set aside for future improvements.



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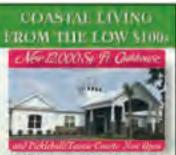
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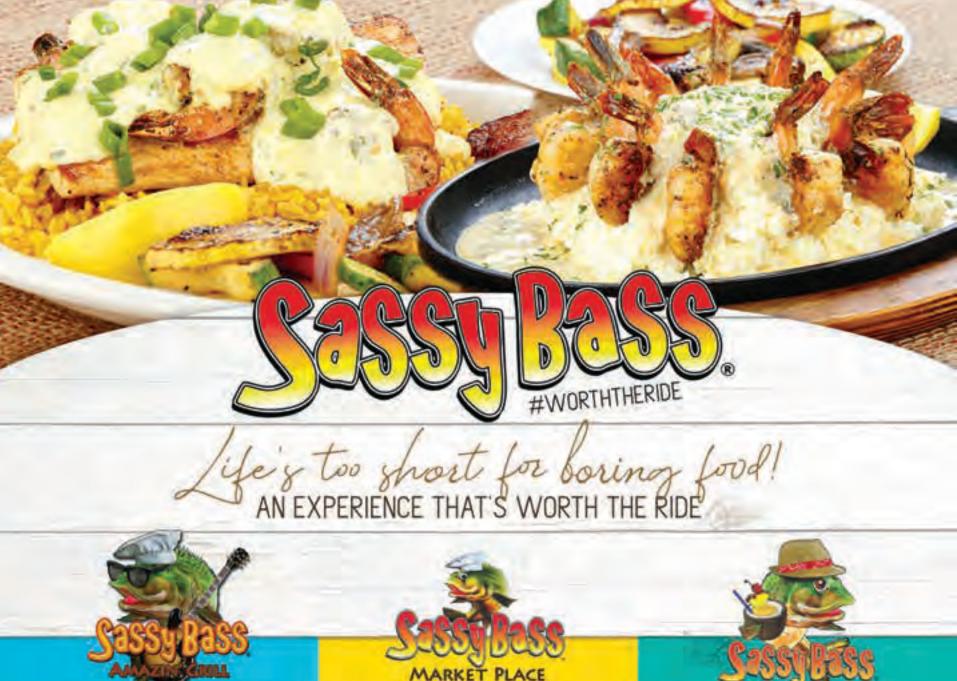


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