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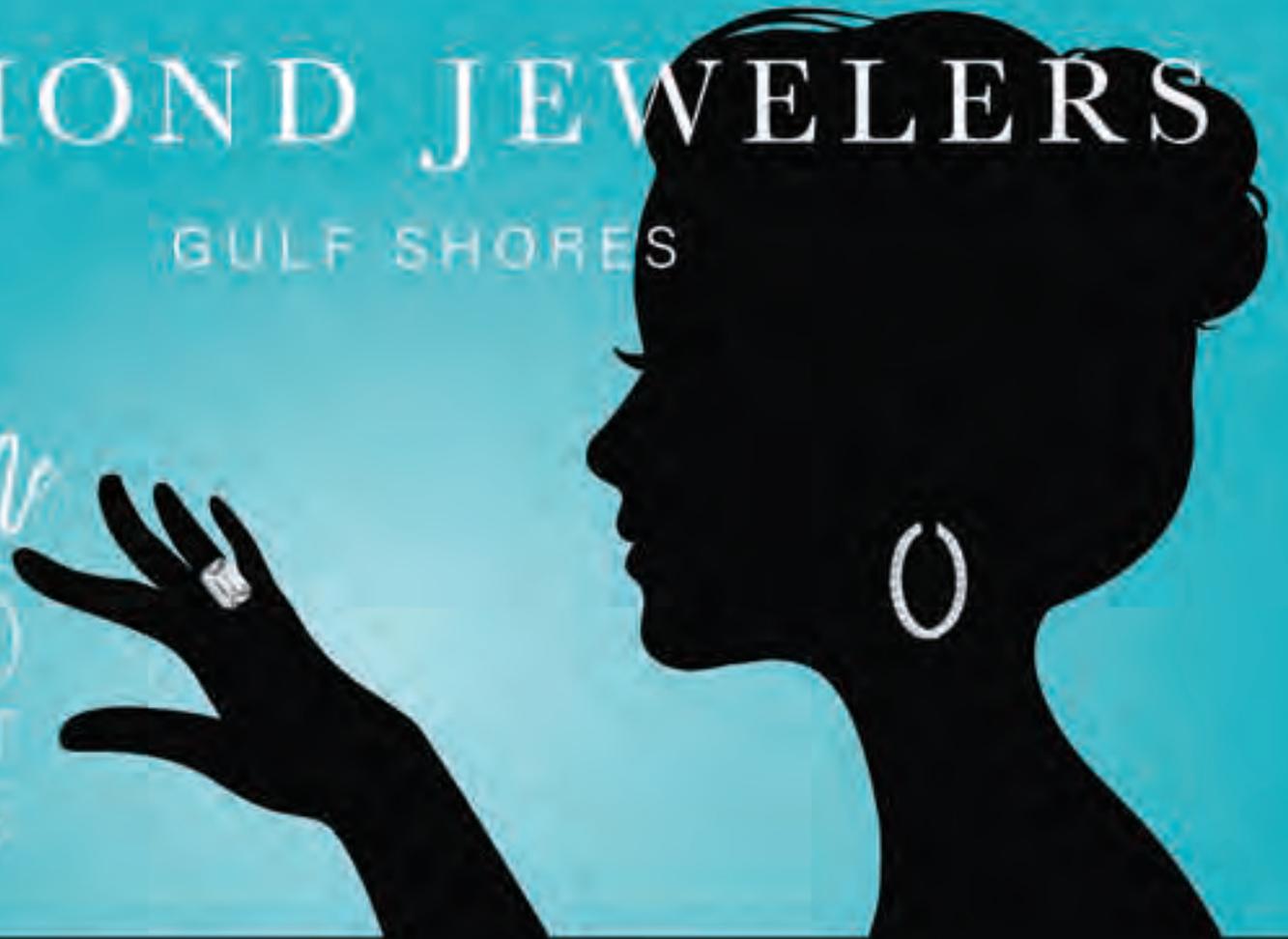
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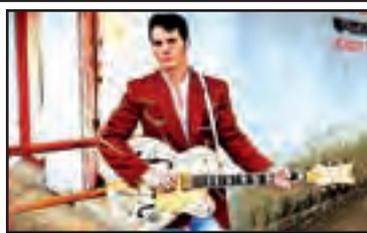
AROUND TOWN

Coast Guard Auxiliary safe boating class Aug. 7 in O.B.

The Coast Guard Auxiliary will conduct a safe boating class in Orange Beach on Saturday, August 7. The class meets the educational requirement needed to obtain a boating license in Alabama and other states. Course content includes safe and practical boating knowledge, trailer and ramp safety, navigation rules, safety equipment, responding to emergencies, boating laws, line handling, and fun with knots. Families are encouraged to attend. Register at malinmo@yahoo.com or call (251) 284-1461. Visit the Auxiliary website at cgaux.org for info and other class dates.

American Legion Post 199 Luau at The Tiki Bar Aug. 7

American Legion Post 199 will host its first annual Luau at the Tiki-Bar and Legion Beach on Saturday, Aug. 7 from 3-9 p.m. Tickets are \$30 per adult and \$15 for children under 12 for a family fun day with activities and entertainment that include live music, hula dancers, a pig roast and lots of kid and adult games. Only 300 tickets are being sold. Proceeds will go towards reconstruction of historic Post 199 from Hurricane Sally damage. Sponsorships are available. More info: Gerry Garcia (310-408-8120 – garcia6502@aol.com). Buy individual Luau tickets at the Tiki-Bar during normal business hours.



Modern Eldorados free at Meyer Park Aug. 19

The City of Gulf Shores sponsored Music at Meyer Park Summer Music Series concludes Aug. 19 with the popular rockabilly sounds of the Modern Eldorados. The band, formed in 1996 as a vehicle for (pictured) Gretsch Lyle's original brand of classic country music, has earned a loyal following for its wildly entertaining live shows that all but force people to get up and dance. Showtime is 6 p.m. Meyer Park is located at 400 E. 22nd Ave. The Blues Burger food truck will be on-site and the Coastal Alabama Business Chamber will be selling beverages at the concert. For more info, visit gulfshoresal.gov or call 251.968.1171.

Historic St. Peter's in Bon Secour hosts August 5 fish-fry

Historic St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Bon Secour will host its next monthly fishfry on August 5 from 5-7 p.m. A hugely popular monthly community event, the fish fries will also be held on the beautiful St. Peter's campus on Sept. 2.

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

Pictured: St. Peter's church began in 1878 when three women in the community organized the congregation. They were Mrs. Theresa Margaret Miller, Mrs. Mary Ann Witt and Mrs. Dena Billie. The congregation first met in the homes of the members of the church who lived on both sides of Bon Secour River. In 1885, a frame church was built. Clergy came to the church from Mobile by sail boat to conduct services. Local laymen were licensed so that services could be held when clergy were not available.



The boats that brought the clergy had no set schedule so a signal system was devised. If a priest arrived by day, a flag was flown from a staff in the church yard and if by night a lantern was hung from the belfry. Church members came to services by "pulling" a skiff or by walking across the marsh on planks. For 33 years a school operated by the church met the educational needs of the community. Then in 1928 the church burned to the ground. The present brick church was constructed in 1931. The Parish Hall was added in 1962, the rectory in 1967. St. Peter's church became a Parish at the Annual Convention of the Diocese of the Central Gulf Coast in 1982. Ten years later in 1992, the church called its first full-time priest

Jimmy Buffett includes Sept. 19 Wharf show on Flip Side tour

The Gulf Coast's own Jimmy Buffett will bring his Life on the Flip Side tour to Orange Beach on September 19. Tickets (\$49.75, \$89.75 and \$139.50 plus fees) are on sale through Ticketmaster with a limit of eight per customer.

The tour title refers to a collection of new songs Buffett released last year. The album, Buffett's first studio record in seven years, debuted at No. 2 on the Billboard 200.

Buffett, Pascagoula born and Mobile raised (his sister Lulu owns a great restaurant in Gulf Shores), tapped fellow Mobilian Will Kimbrough for four co-writes among the 14 songs on "Life on the Flip Side." Kimbrough also played guitar on the entire album.

Buffett met Kimbrough through mutual friend Todd Snider backstage at Tipitina's, which led to his being invited to contribute "Piece of Work" and other songs to the album, "License to Chill." Kimbrough played guitar in Buffett's band during the CMA awards ceremony that year also before 35,000 people at the 2010 Buffett concert at Gulf Shores Public Beach sponsored by BP Oil.

Buffett has been regaling audiences for over five decades with songs about the faces and places he's seen during his journey along the road less travelled.

With Hemingway's eye for detail and Mark Twain's inclination for mischievous humor, his music tells the stories of hustlers, beach bums and pirates he has encountered while traveling to all corners of the world.

Born on Christmas day 1946, Buffett saw the Gulf of Mexico as a doorway to a world of adventure, with the characters he heard about in his grandfather's stories were waiting to be discovered.

The siren call of exotic ports was in contrast to his days as a parochial school student and an altar boy in Mobile. It took only a guitar, which, of course, he started playing to meet girls, to take him off course from the life his parents had imagined for him.

After honing his skills playing frat parties at Southern Miss and Auburn, happy hours at Admiral Semmes Hotel and busking on Bourbon Street, Jimmy headed to Nashville to work for Billboard and try his luck as a folk-country singer.

The themes of escapism and an unbridled curiosity were evident on his first record, "Down To Earth," released in 1970. But it was a fateful trip to Key West with Jerry Jeff Walker in 1971 that inspired him to merge his musicality and wanderlust into stories about the wanderers, adventurers, smugglers, con artists and free-spirits who inhabited Key West back then. The city was filled with characters who simply couldn't run any further south in the mainland United States. Thrown into the midst of this eclectic mix, Buffett found his true voice as a songwriter.

His first hit was "Come Monday" from "Living and Dying in ¾ Time."

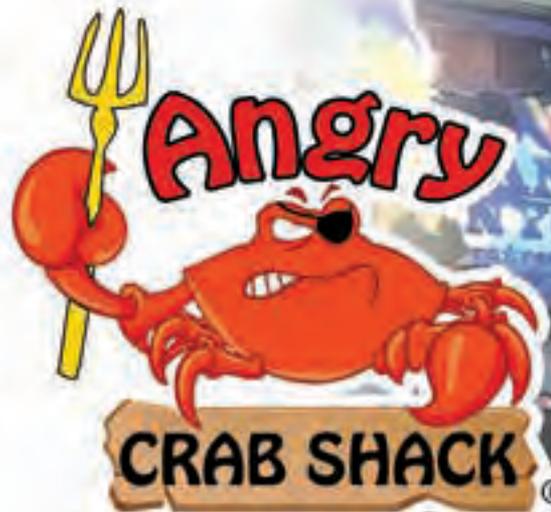
Then in 1977 came "Margaritaville," a 22 week mainstay on the Billboard chart that inspired a

business empire, which now includes 27 studio albums, New York Times bestselling books, a Broadway play, Grammy nominations, namesake casinos and hotels and CMA awards.

Buffett is credited with inventing trop-rock, a genre that incorporates elements of rock, reggae, country, caribbean, calypso and zydeco - sometimes in the same song. And it's still the music that inspires him and the horde of Parrotheads that will turn the Wharf parking lot into a huge pre-concert beach party.

Pictured: Brent Burns, a nationally recognized trop rocker himself and a 50 year Gulf Shores resident, visited Jimmy before Buffett's 2018 run of shows (a Parrothead mecca) at La Cigale, a historic 1,000 seat venue in Paris.





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AROUND TOWN



Aurora's Swanky Benefit Gala is Aug. 21 at The Port

By Nancy McMeekin

"Let's Get Swanky!" is the call to action for the 2021 "Swanky Gala," the benefit known for creative and funky evening attire. The Mystical Order of Aurora Mardi Gras organization is hard at work to make this the best event yet! Swanky Gala benefits Youth-Reach Gulf Coast, a Baldwin County faith-based residential program for young men struggling with addiction and other challenges.

Patrons at this year's Aug. 21 party at The Port at The Wharf will dance the night away to the eight-piece band Jesse and the Jets, led by local headliner Jesse Duncan. Ginny Lane will cater a heavy hors d'oeuvres buffet. And partygoers will enter to win big prizes, bid on fabulous silent auction items and be in the running for the inaugural Best-Dressed Award.

Swanky Gala tickets are \$100 per person (+ Eventbrite fee) and are available at Eventbrite.com. Tables of 10 are \$1300 and are available in limited numbers through Eva Keesee at (251) 979-4278 or evakeesee@gmail.com.

Swanky Gala is well known for encouraging creative evening attire. "You'll see tuxedo jackets combined with plaid shorts and flashing bowties," said Eva Keesee, President of the Auroras. "We call it creative black tie, so wear your flashiest formalwear, your most colorful cocktail dress. Of course, our focus for everything is to raise money for this worthy organization, Youth-Reach Gulf Coast."

Island Church Adventure Week VBS Aug. 2-4

The Island Church Adventure Week: Island Cruise August 2-4 from 6 - 8 p.m. on the church's Canal Rd. campus in Orange Beach. During the five day vacation bible school, kids will learn about why we sin, how sin entered the world, and how only Jesus can save us from our sin. Kids will learn about Jesus' love through crazy characters, epic Bible stories, exciting games, and fun crafts. Adventure Week is for kids Pre-K through 6th grade and the cost is \$25 per child. Register online at theislandchurch.tv.

South Baldwin Theatre annual meeting Aug. 15

The annual SBCT members meeting is August 15 at 2:30 p.m. at the theatre. If you have bought a ticket to a play, you are a member of South Baldwin Community Theater. Attend the meeting vote on board members, policies, etc. The theatre is located at 2022 W 2nd St. in Gulf Shores. For more info, call 251-968-6721 or visit sbct.biz.

Each year, three executive and three at-large board members are elected for two year terms. Steve Henry can and will serve a second term if re-elected treasurer, Barbara Campbell can and will serve a second term if re-elected secretary, and Ellen Henry and Meaghan Bratton can and will serve a second terms as as at-large board members if re-elected. Send nominees for board positions to f.wittman@gmail.com.

Volunteers needed at Big Lagoon State Park

Park Rangers at Big Lagoon State Park need additional volunteers to assist with several park functions. Those working as "Big Lagoon Ranger Station Assistants" would help with visitor check-in and selling park passes and Friends of Pensacola State Parks merchandise. Other volunteers are needed as "Campground Host" to help keep the park campgrounds safe and trash-free, clean showers and restrooms and provide campers with information about camp facilities. More info: 850 492-1595.

Rouses Kids Fishing Tourney Aug. 21 at Wharf

Registration is now open for the Kids Win Fishing Tournament presented by Rouses Markets. Scheduled Aug. 21 at The Wharf Marina, the tourney makes every kid a winner with the chance to collect tons of prizes and trophies. This event is great for first-time or experienced young anglers and costs \$25 per entrant to participate. There are only 100 spots available. Any species fish may be caught and weighed, and fishing must take place within three miles of any shore.

Fishing begins on Friday, August 20 at 5 p.m. CT and will end on Saturday, August 21 at 10 a.m. Weigh-ins will be held at The Wharf Marina in Marlin Circle on Saturday, August 21 from 9 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. Contact Cindy Long at cindyl@alwharf.com for info.

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The day the bras fell on Flora-Bama

Wes Loper finds fodder in avalanche of unmentionables

By Fran Thompson

Wes Loper was not expecting to add a titillating video to his youtube channel when he arrived at the Flora-Bama dome stage to get the party started early one recent Sunday afternoon.



But a few songs into his set, while he was playing a request from a fan who was filming, a clothesline strewn

with hundreds of bras fell from the rafters above him to the dance floor in front of him.

The veteran entertainer immediately looked up towards the balcony that surrounds the stage, but when he “did not see any obvious signs of misconduct,” he started cutting up.

“Clean-up on Isle One. Clean Up On Aisle One, Two, Three, Four & Five,” he said as a few hundred bustiers of various sizes and shapes filled a good portion of the dance floor.

“That was bound to happen at some point. I say we all just dive in like a pile of leaves. Let’s do it,” he added. “I can now say I was there when there was one too many bras hanging at the Flora-Bama. Let’s just see how long it will stay there.”

Loper even made a call from the stage to Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis to see if the collapsed string of brassieres would be considered a state emergency.

“I’m in the entertainment industry. That’s what I was put on earth to do. So I just went with it,” Loper said. “It’s just par for the course at the Bama.”

“There is so much stuff that happens every day there. Even with social media, you can’t catch it all. If it happened in the middle of the night, somebody would have just come in that morning and cleaned it up. But it happened right in the middle of a song while I was playing a request (Southern Cross) for a friend who was videoing.”

All songwriters are storytellers by nature. So, it was natural for Loper to put down the story in words.

Thus, “The Bra Line Broke in the

Bama Dome” is on his facebook page and Youtube channel.

As expected, the facebook comments in response to Loper’s post were plentiful and often hilarious.

“Wes, your cup runneth over,” wrote Todd Cooley

“Keep me abreast of the situation,” wrote fellow musician Les Linton.

Milton Rittlemeier called Loper’s story “a bra(zen) attempt to make the most out of an epic tragedy.”

“I’ve seen a lot there, but bra angels is a first,” added La Shea Martin.

“Are you sure that it wasn’t a booby trap?” asked Jerry Tuel.

“I think I see mine,” wrote Bridget Miller-Hester.

“I’m sharing this with my breast friends,” added Andral Brown.

Loper has not put a melody behind the story yet. But if he does, it would not surprise Joel Payne.

“I feel a song coming, Bama Bras,” Payne posted. “You already have the album cover pic.”

Loper said he eventually will write a song about the incident that garnered more than 20,000 Facebook reaches in addition to hits on his youtube channel that were more than 20 times the total of anything else he has ever posted.

“I am not even sure what a reach means, and a big part was the Flora-Bama sharing it. But it seems like a lot of people saw it,” he said.

Loper has been blending rock, country, blues and folk into his own funky style at the Flora-Bama, Lulu’s, the SEC circuit and points beyond for more than 30 years.

The Mobile native released his first album, “Take Me Home,” in 2000. He released a second, “Keep on Growin,” in 2005 and a live album with his band as well as another studio album, “Somethin’ Real,” in 2012. He will release another album of new songs this fall.

For the past two years, he and his wife and two children have been traveling for gigs and living in an RV.

Although now living in a home without wheels, since their children are near high school age, the family will take off in August on a tour that will take them to North Carolina, up

the East Coast to New Hampshire and then west to Oklahoma.

IN LOPER’S OWN WORDS

Below is Wes’s facebook post in (mostly) his own words:

The Bra Line Broke in the Bama Dome, nearly missing an unsuspecting guest, Miss Lottie, as she walked across the empty dance floor during Wes Loper's Sunday show.

Miss Lottie said only one tattoo was grazed by a clasp and, by the Grace of God, she needed only one extremity amputated from the skin eating staff infection she contracted.

As a safety precaution, a Titnus shot was administered immediately to everyone within 38 ft. of the bra-haa, and, coincidentally, 38 ft. was the mean size of the bras, which collectively exceeded the weight limit of the nylon ski-rope that held the undergarments over head.

The Flora-Bama customer service staff, most of them with many military deployments behind them, were well trained to respond to such emergency situations.

Florida Governor DeSantis and Al-

abama’s own Governor, Me-Maw Ivey both called the Flora-Bama personally to make sure the situation was under control, as vibrations from the jolt caught the attention of seismograph station staff members in both capitals within minutes.

Both governors offered to send haz-mat teams. But once again, it was not necessary, as the many talented customer service representatives the Flora~Bama employs are well trained.

Before the staff could grab the Haz-Mat gear and establish a perimeter, a crazed beach bum (me) jumped in and made a snow angel in the pile of undergarments. He (me) later returned to the stage after a priest in attendance saw him (me) for an emergency confession on the upper deck. Video of the incident was caught by a super-fan and can be found at the official Wes Loper YouTube channel.

And that ladies and gents is why you should never miss a Wes Loper show.



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City to start regulating and registering golf carts in the fall

You will have to be 16 and a licensed driver to get behind the wheel of a golf cart

By John Mullen

Golf cart registration and regulation is coming to Orange Beach this fall after being delayed by larger events such as the pandemic and Hurricane Sally.

“It’s based on Alabama state law, we’re moving forward with an ordinance,” Mayor Tony Kennon said at the July 20 city council meeting. “It will be in the fall. Your golf cart will have to meet Alabama state regs and be street legal. Please start

educating yourselves and we’re going to try to get everything together so that you have access to what you need and what it’s going to cost you. It’s going to be painful, but we’ve got to do it, it’s got to be done.”

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New changes will require that all carts have headlights, tail lights, review mirrors, blinkers and may even require horns and windshields. City Administrator Ken Grimes said requirement of those items is yet to be determined.

Golf carts came up in the public discussion

following the joint regular and work sessions of the council. Also discussed were the Blue Angels inclusion of Orange Beach in the recent air show and the development of a new shooting range for the police and public to use.

One of the frequent issues with the golf carts are the number of kids driving them and others riding with them.

“When you call with an issue of kids on a golf cart by the time we get there they’re gone,” Kennon said. “It’s an issue.”

And, an issue the new ordinance will address through registration.

“You have to be 16 to drive a golf cart, a licensed driver,” Kennon said. “At registration the cart will have a number on it so that if we get a complaint and somebody calls and says cart 15 had a bunch of kids on it, we’ll find out who cart 15 belongs to and go have a talk with mom and dad.”

All of the improvements as far as adding equipment to the golf carts will have to be done prior to registration and then pass inspection by the city.

BLUE ANGELS FLY-BYS INCLUDE ORANGE BEACH

After last year’s plans for including an Orange Beach fly-by during the Blue Angels’ annual July

show was scrapped when COVID-19 concerns shut down the whole show, the Blues streaked across Orange Beach

three straight days as the culmination of each day’s show.

“Working with Ken Cooper (OBA Community Website) and a lot of different folks last year Chris Litton and a lot of our efforts for many years working with the Blue Angels and the Navy base has kind of come to fruition,” Grimes said. “This year a lot of folks were able to see the jets by for multiple days. I think it was as many as three days during the show. They are including us in their flight pattern so when the show ended, they would come through if the weather allowed. I know on the last day it went as far as West Beach in Gulf Shores before they made the turn.”

People turned out in droves a little before 3 p.m. each day and the Blues were there like clockwork.

“We’re extremely appreciative of the Naval base, the Blue Angels themselves and everybody that involved in the coordination of the show,” Grimes said. “I think it’s huge for our market, I think it’s huge for the people on the beach to be able to see that multiple days and they choose us over other places. Huge thanks to them.”

GUN RANGE FOR RESIDENTS

Back in January, the council passed a resolution awarding the bid for shooting range site clearing to GreenCo Services in an amount not to exceed \$48,825. Like just about everything else the rainy summer has hampered progress on the new range.

“But we are going to have an open shoot certain days with our instructors out there for the public,” Kennon said. “Obviously, it will be free for Orange Beach residents. I don’t know what we’re going to do for those outside. All law enforcement, first responders will have use of our range from anywhere or if they are visiting military. We hopefully will get the latest gun instruction going again.”

Kennon said he’d like to see gun safety and self-defense classes at the new gym and fitness center tied together. The range was formerly on the site of the new Orange Beach Middle and High School. The new one is planned for north of the Intra-

coastal Waterway on property the city owns on Russian road.

DURING REGULAR SESSION, COUNCIL:

- Approved a planned unit development for a 27-lot subdivision off of Mississippi Avenue in Bear Point.
- Passed a resolution authorizing the execution of a professional services agreement with Barter & Associates, Inc., for structural engineering and related inspection services in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.
- Passed a resolution authorizing execution of a professional services agreement for \$6,600 with Jacob Morris for Fall 2021 Dinner Theatre performance direction for the Expect Excellence program.
- Passed a resolution authorizing the execution of a performance contract with Brandy Reeves for tennis instruction services for the Expect Excellence program.
- Passed a resolution authorizing the sole source purchase of equipment to upgrade the Bear Point Lift Station from Jim House & Associates for the Utilities Department in the amount of \$34,728.
- Passed a resolution authorizing the purchase of a vacuum pump truck for the Utilities Department through Sourcewell in the amount of \$417,617.
- Passed a resolution authorizing the purchase of a vehicle for the police department from state bid in the amount of \$38,372 for a Chevrolet Tahoe four-wheel drive SUV.
- Passed a resolution authorizing execution of change order No. 1 with Metal Shark, for the police boat in an amount not to exceed \$5,248.
- Passed resolution authorizing a professional services agreement with Mary Courtney for Orange Beach schools consultative services.

DURING WORK SESSION, COUNCIL DISCUSSED:

- A resolution authorizing a franchise for Hoyer Rentals LLC to remove and dispose of commercial solid waste and to remove and transport construction and demolition debris.
- A resolution appointment Michael D. Davis, P.E, and reappointing Jeff Silvers to the Construction Board of Adjustment and Appeals.
- A resolution adopting a City of Orange Beach FY2022 transportation plan.
- Setting a public hearing date for an ordinance on a planned unit development for the Romar Beach Hotel in the former Romar Baptist Church building. Suggested date was Aug. 17.

Friends of Army Aviation Huey helicopter flights return to Orange Beach Aug. 18-19

The nonprofit Friends of Army Aviation group is scheduled to return to Orange Beach on August 18-19 to offer rides in a vintage Vietnam War-era Bell UH-1 “Huey” combat helicopter from the helipad near Orange Beach Event Center at The Wharf. The flights will begin at 8 a.m.,



weather permitting, and last until 7 p.m. on August 18 and 5 p.m. on August 19. Each flight will last approximately 10 minutes and the cost is \$70 per person. Tickets can be purchased onsite during flight days or in advance on the Friends of Army Aviation website: friendsarmyaviation.org.

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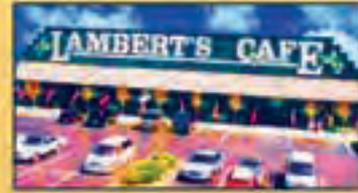
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City buys 7.5 acres for future connector between Coastal Gatewood Blvd. & County Rd. 6 or East Oak Rd.

By John Mullen

Gulf Shores is partnering with Baldwin County to install a left turn lane on County Road 6 at Stafford Boulevard at the entrance to the Adventura subdivision.

Baldwin County is making drainage improvements to County Road 6, Engineer Mark Acreman said, and is planning to start repaving the road in August. Developers of the subdivision paid the city \$200,000 to construct the westbound turn lane and the city is planning improvements to County Road 6 in 2025 with BUILD grant money.

Also, during the meeting, the council hired ETC for \$17,500 to conduct a resident satisfaction survey.

“We’ve been giving y’all reports about drainage improvements that have been occurring on County Road 6 in anticipation of a resurfacing project,” Acreman told the council. “The county highway department has been installing new culverts along County Road 6 west. Since they were already out there doing this work, I contacted the county engineer to ask him if he would consider constructing a left turn lane as part of that resurfacing project if we would give them the funds we received from that developer. The county engineer did support this request and is seeking county commission approval. This will expedite the construction of the left turn lane by about four years.”

The resurfacing project will be from State Route 59 on the east to Plash Island on the west. Councilman Steve Jones asked if the county’s work would help with flooding issues between State Route 59 and Andhurst Walk “where there has been terrible flooding.”

“What they have done is upsized

and increased the culvert capacity going under the road,” Acreman said. “There’s still some ditch maintenance that’s needed along County Road 6 and I think the combination of the two will ultimately help with the drainage. But I know there’s more work to be done on County Road 6.”

RESIDENTS’ SATISFACTION SURVEY

Mayor Robert Craft said citizens have been requesting more and better communication with city officials and staff and hopes this survey will bridge that gap.

“We’ve heard a lot about we didn’t communicate well enough and this is one of our continued efforts of trying to do more opportunities to hear from you so that we can react as you would like us to if we can,” Craft said.

Public Engagement Manager Lindsay Hart is leading that effort and says she hopes ETC can begin its work in August.

“While that type of engagement is necessary and beneficial it’s usually driven by residents bringing an issue to city staff to find a solution or based off of a grievance that they need to have taken care of,” Hart said. “We currently don’t have a tool in place to measure the overall satisfaction of residents of the city at large. The resident satisfaction survey will provide that data.”

ETC will mail out some surveys to a cross section of the community but the survey will also be available to all citizens on the city’s website.

“One of the benefits of using ETC is we’ll receive benchmarking data that compares our community to other similar communities throughout the U.S. and see where Gulf Shores is falling, if we measuring up or falling

short in certain areas,” Hart said. “This data is going to play a critical role in the planning process for Vision 2035. Vision 2025 is wrapping up rather quickly so it’s time to start planning what we’re going to do in the next 10 years.”

Some of the questions to be asked during the three-month project may include:

- Overall satisfaction with city services.
- Overall satisfaction with department-specific services like transportation, public works, public safety and parks and recreation, among others.
- Fiscal responsibility.
- Overall effectiveness of communication.

“This will be really neat for us to see how people are satisfied north of the canal, south, our beach district, our waterway district all based on where they live,” Hart said. “We hope to get it finalized by the end of August and then we’ll get it deployed.”

During the meeting, the council:

- Approved Morgen Szapiel as a designated signatory on the Norton Library board. She replaces Paula

Tiepel as treasurer and needs council authorization to sign check. The city requires two authorized signatures on all checks.

• OK’d \$90,000 to bring back the winter 2022 Entertainment Series that was canceled in 2021 because of COVID-19. According to city documents, the city sold 3,725 of the available 4,448 tickets, creating \$125,965 of revenue in 2020 and is anticipating the same revenue for the 2022 series.

• OK’d a public assembly permit for the Sunset Music Series at Gulf Place each Thursday in September from 6-8 p.m. on the town green. The city anticipates it will cost around \$15,000.

• OK’d an annexation request from Mr. and Mrs. Robert Sullivan to annex their property located in River Pines Subdivision. River Pines is located off of County Road 6 West.

• Delayed the business license revocation hearing two weeks for Gulf Shores Landfill LLC pending a letter from the Alabama Department of Environmental Management. The hearing was set for Aug. 2 at 4:30 p.m.

Ladder Spray & Fun Day at Gulf Shores Sportsplex Aug. 6

The City of Gulf Shores Fire-fighter Friday will be held Aug. 6 from 11 a.m. ‘til 1 p.m. at the Gulf Shores Sportsplex. The free water fun event is open to all, and activities include a ladder spray, popcorn, drinks and DJ Hank.

S’mores on the Shore Aug. 5 at Gulf Place

Celebrate the end of summer with the City of Gulf Shores at S’mores on the Shore set for Thursday, August 5. The fun will take place from 6-8 p.m. at Gulf Place, 101 Gulf Shores Pkwy.

This event will include free s’mores packets, a live DJ and a balloon artist on site. Families are encouraged to bring their blan-

kets, chairs and friends and relax on the beautiful, white sand of the Gulf Shores Public Beach.

For more information about S’mores on the Shore, contact the Special Events Division at 251-968-1171 or visit gulfshoresal.gov/specialevents.

Coastal Triathlon & Try-It-On Sept. 11 at Gulf Shores Beach

Swim the Gulf of Mexico then bike and run along Gulf Shores’ iconic beach boulevard for the annual Brett/Robinson Alabama Coastal Triathlon and Tri-It-On sprint event Sept. 11 at the Gulf Place Public Beach. The Olympic and sprint races are designated as the USA Triathlon 2021 Alabama State Championships for age group categories and high school triathletes. More info: visit GSOB-sports.com.

AROUND TOWN

Fairhope songwriter Mike Turner publishes debut poetry collection

Fairhope songwriter Mike Turner has published his first poetry collection, *Visions and Memories*, which is

described as taking readers on a journey from the limitless reaches of the Universe, to the very depths of the individual and collective soul, with poems of internal reflection, nature, music, love, loss, hope and redemption.

Turner, who retired to Fairhope in 2007 after a 27-year career as a federal law enforcement executive, began writing songs after taking a beginner's ukulele class. He has since written more than 150 songs.

"I enjoy songwriting, but find that some of its conventions, like repetition and verse/chorus structure, can be limiting in how I'd like to tell some stories," said Turner, "So I started writing poetry."

Turner has had more than 150 poems published in numerous print and on-line journals, magazines and anthologies. He was named Male Gospel Entertainer of the Year by both the Alabama Music Association (2016) and the North America Country Music Associations International (2017), and was featured on the "15 Minutes of Fame Stage" at the 2020 Monroeville Literary Festival. *Visions and Memories* is available for purchase in soft cover and e-book formats at amazon.com.

South Bald. Literacy Council Trivia Night Aug. 20 in Foley

The South Baldwin County Literacy Council will hold its annual trivia night fundraiser at the Foley Civic Center on Aug. 20. Doors open at 5 p.m., and trivia begins at 6:30 p.m.

The theme this year is "Your Favorite Book That Became A Movie." Supporters are welcome to decorate tables and dress in costumes to represent the theme. There will be prizes for best decorated table and best costumes.

Each table can have up to eight players. Sponsor a table for \$160 by calling 251-943-7323 or emailing Mitchell Lee at southbaldwinliteracycouncil@gmail.com. There will be 10 rounds of trivia, a silent auction, pick-a-pot, a live auction, and "heads or tails"

rounds. Bring your own food and drinks (including alcohol) for the night of fun.

Two Foley men arrested on multiple drug charges

Two Foley men, Demantre Stapleton Schultz, 21, and Cameran Shavon Williams, 25, were arrested on July 20 on multiple drug charges by the Foley Police Dept. Schultz is charged with distribution of a controlled substance, two counts of possession of a controlled substance, and possession of drug paraphernalia. Williams is charged with possession of a controlled substance, distribution of a controlled substance, first-degree possession of marijuana, certain person forbidden to carry a pistol and attempt to elude.

Jennifer Claire Moore Rodeo Aug. 5-7 at Foley Horse Arena

The Jennifer Claire Moore Foundation Professional Rodeo fundraiser will be held at the City of Foley Horse Arena August 5-7.

The rodeo features eight nightly events including Bareback Bronc Riding, Saddle Bronc Riding, Calf Roping, Steer Wrestling, Break Away Roping, Barrel Racing, Team Roping and Bull

Riding. The Rodeo kicks off each night at 8 p.m. with free children's activities beginning nightly at 6 p.m. General admission tickets are \$15 for adults, \$8 for children ages 3-12 years old, and free for ages 2 and under. Tickets are available at Summerdale Western Store on Highway 59 in Summerdale and Frances Holk-Jones State Farm Insurance at 315 E. Laurel Avenue in Foley. Tickets will also be available each night at the gate. Call 251-971-3633. The Jennifer Moore Foundation provides youth with the knowledge, resources and confidence to successfully navigate the pressures of day-to-day life issues and excel into adulthood.



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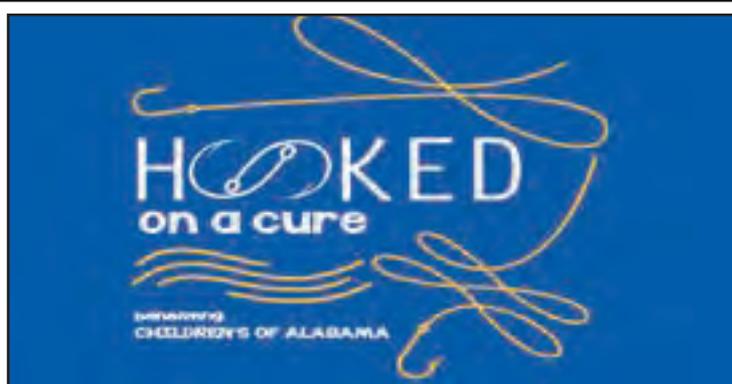
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Hooked On A Cure Fishing Touney Aug. 27-28 at OSO

The First Annual Hooked on a Cure Fishing Tournament, hosted by OSO at Bear Point Harbor will be held Aug. 27-28 in Orange Beach. The touney includes inshore and offshore divisions, and proceeds benefit cancer patients at Children's of Alabama.

Entry fee for four person teams is inshore - \$250 per boat, and offshore - \$500 per boat. There is also a calcutta, jackpot category and landlubber entry.

The captains party will be held Aug. 27 upstairs at OSO at Bear Point Harbor beginning at 5 p.m. It includes dinner, drinks, live music and a live auction.

The weigh-ins are from 4-8 p.m. on Aug. 28 and all boats must be under the bridge by 6 p.m. The awards ceremony follows. Registration forms are available at Bear Point Harbor (5749 Bay La Launch Ave., Orange Beach), or online at give.childrensal.org.

Since 1911, Children's of Alabama has provided specialized medical care for ill and injured children. Ranked among the best children's hospitals in the nation by U.S. News & World Report, Children's serves patients from every county in Alabama and nearly every state.

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Children's is the only health system in Alabama dedicated solely to the care and treatment of children. It is a private, not-for-profit medical center that serves as the teaching hospital for the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) pediatric medicine, surgery, psychiatry, research and residency programs. The medical staff consists of UAB faculty and Children's full-time physicians as well as private practicing community physicians.

USS Alabama Park Director Janet Cobb Aug. 3 Ancient Aviators guest speaker

The speaker at the August 3 meeting of the Ancient Aviators will be retired Army Major General Janet Cobb, the executive director of the USS Alabama Memorial Park. Cobb will review her career and give updates about repairs and improvements accomplished at the park during the long COVID-19 shutdown.



The group meets at American Legion Post 44 in Gulf Shores. There is

an optional (\$6) full hot breakfast available at 8:30 a.m.. The meeting starts about 9 a.m. and runs approximately 90 minutes. All are welcome.

The Ancient Aviators, formed in 2002, gives aviators and others a chance to "tell their story." The group meets the meet the first Tuesday of each month. Info: bensman84@aol.com or 251-990-8258.

Pictured: July's Ancient Aviators speaker was David Booth, who recently moved to Gulf Shores from Nashville. David shared some humorous stories from his aviation career that began in a Taylorcraft. David rented the airplane for a whopping \$8 per hour. He attended Spartan Aviation for his pilot ratings and his Airframe and Powerplant certificates. After a lengthy career, David was awarded the Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award and the Charles Taylor Master Mechanic Award from the FAA.

2nd Annual MAAAC Gala Aug. 14 at Perdido Beach Resort

The Orange Beach Makos Academics, Arts, and Athletics Club (MAAAC) will host its 2nd Annual MAAAC Gala in the recently renovated Grand Ballroom of Perdido Beach Resort on August 14 at 6 p.m. It will be a fun-filled party to kick-off fundraising for the year for Orange Beach Schools.

Single admission is \$100 and a table reservation with 12 seats is \$1,500. Visit perdidobeachresort.com for reservations and information. For Sponsorship info please email j.hogue@obmaaac.org or visit obmaaac.org

Attendees will enjoy a full array of heavy hors d'oeuvres, cash bar, dancing, live music by Jesse Duncan, and a silent auction. The ballroom foyer will open at 6 p.m., and the silent auction will remain open for bids throughout the evening. This spectacular night of food, fun, and fundraising cele-

brates all the accomplishments and successes of Orange Beach's next generation while thanking all that have supported the MAAAC over the past year.

The MAAAC is a non-profit organization that represents and funds the interests of children at the Orange Beach Elementary, Middle, and High School. MAAAC's core mission is to raise funds that directly support and enhance our children's experiences in academics, arts, and athletics. The Club is deeply committed to providing children with the best education possible with a full focus on our children's future.

Gov. Ivey says Alabama's unvaccinated choosing lifestyle of self-inflicted pain

During a July 22 press conference, in response to a question about rising COVID-19 cases in Alabama, Gov. Kay Ivey said those who choose not to get vaccinated are "letting us down" and "choosing a horrible lifestyle of self-inflicted pain."

The governor said she is not sure what else she can do to impress upon her constituency the importance of protecting themselves against the worst effects of the virus. Only 33.9 percent of the eligible population has been fully vaccinated in Alabama, according to the Washington Post. Baldwin County's vaccination rate is 30 percent.

"Folks are supposed to have common sense," Gov. Ivey said. "But it's time to start blaming the unvaccinated folks, not the regular folks. It's the unvaccinated folks that are letting us down."

"I've done all I know how to do," she added. "I can encourage you to do something, but I can't make you take care of yourself."

Baldwin County recorded 1,045 new cases between July 7-21.

"We're very concerned about the situation statewide. This delta variant, which makes up most of the cases in our country right now, is probably 10 times as infectious. We know that our vaccination rates aren't where they should be," said Dr. Scott Harris, AL. Dept. of Public Health Officer.

Baldwin County Commission Chair Joe Davis said the county will follow safety measures mandated by ADPH while encouraging all citizens to get vaccinated.

The message from public school officials is similar as classes are set to resume in just weeks.

Baldwin County Public Schools Superintendent Eddie Tyler said upon re-opening next month, schools will resume strict cleaning and sanitizing measures.

"Some parents are adamant that masks should be required, other parents say masks shouldn't be worn and it should be a choice. So, it will be a choice," he said.



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WHAT'S HAPPENING

PIER & SHORE FISHING OUTLOOK

By DAVID "THE PIERPOUNDER" THORNTON

August is that time of year when we slip into the doldrums, also called the dog days of summer. That's when we beg for a refreshing seabreeze, or at least a cloud to shield from the scorching hot sun.

During a typical day, the air temperatures can spike into the middle 90s, while the water temperature languishes in the mid to upper 80s.

Truly tropical-like conditions that can spawn fierce thundershower activity at almost any time, and occasionally even a hurricane.

We are approaching the most active part of the season, so let's hope and pray we are spared the worst this year. Weather vigilance and preparation are essential parts of every life along this stretch of the Emerald Coast.

Hopefully, the calmer conditions forecast as we begin August will continue for a while, so we might get rid of this persistent plague of June grass. The green algae growing throughout the surfzone has hampered beach and pier fishing efforts for several months now, very unusual for our part of the coast. Recently, there have been areas of improving conditions, and some beaches are now even completely clear. But the situation changes from day to day, especially nearer to inlets and bays. So, if you find yourself in the midst of the green goo, perhaps relocating to another venue will provide better conditions.

Many of the fish species are stressed by the heat as well. The best times to fish are usually early (5 to 9 a.m.), and late (5 to 9 p.m.). 85 degrees is about the upper limit of tolerance for some of our native fish species. Summertime die-offs of Scaled and False herring (locally called "LYs") are not unusual under these tepid conditions, and are nothing to be alarmed about.

In fact, nature has evolved that most of these dying or dead fish provide nourishment for pelicans, seas turtles, bottle-nose dolphins, sharks, tarpon and rays. Nothing is ever really wasted in the wild. Even gamefish will take advantage of an easy meal when LYs struggle near the surface. The flashing and splashing of a baitfish in dacker throes quickly gets the attention of hungry mackerel, bluefish and ladyfish. They will readily strike these baitfish or similar looking lures. Anglers can key off on this bite by using bubble rigs with a 3 or 4 inch floating plug, or a small tube lure or crappie jig. Or by using small live LYs hooked through the fore belly. Tension applied to the line forces the baitfish to turn sideways, mimicking the death dance of a compromised LY, which is an easy meal for predators.

The baits can be caught from piers, docks or seawalls with small hook Sabiki rigs, a red ribbon rig, or a 3/8" mesh castnet. Two to three dozen 3 inch long LYs can be kept alive in a 5 gallon bucket with an aerator for a while as long as the water doesn't get too hot. Warmer water holds less oxygen, and that is what causes them to die.

Light or medium spinning tackle (in the 6 to 12 pound class) is a great match up for the typical one

to three pound fish. But the sharp teeth of mackerel and bluefish necessitate the use of a heavy monofilament or light steel leader. Usually just a few inches of single strand wire is enough to protect the light line from getting cut off by these slashing predators. Live shrimp can also be used in lieu of baitfish, but they too are fragile in the heat. The hook can be a small #8 treble, or a long shanked #2 Aberdeen style. Tru-Turn hooks in this size are a great tool for hooking fast running, sharp toothed fish like the spanish mackerel from the pier or seawall. While catching limits isn't all that common this time of year, the fish are running good size (up to 3 pounds) and getting enough fish for a fresh caught dinner is not unusual at all.

You might even want to enjoy a nice fresh catch and cook meal at a local restaurant. That's what the Klecker family from Peoria did this past week after fishing from the shore in Orange Beach. Caden (14 yr) and Gavin (12 yr) had a great time with their dad catching enough spanish mackerel and whiting (Gulf kingfish) from the surf to make a nice meal. They were just using pieces of frozen cut shrimp and Easy-Flea Fishbites on light tackle to catch whiting close to shore, and artificial lures (spoons) on medium class tackle to catch mackerel and ladyfish farther out.

Another popular method for finding fish action on short fishing trips is to walk the shoreline at dawn or dusk while throwing plugs and spoons. This method allows the angler to cover a long stretch of beach in search of free roaming bluefish, spanish mackerel, ladyfish (skipjack), and blue runners (hardtails), and even speckled trout and redbfish. These species can be caught from the Gulf State Park Pier and Perdido Pass area as well, but the anglers have to wait for the fish to come to them there. Patience and persistence are keys to success, as is anticipation of the conditions one will face at any point during your fishing time. Weather forecasting tools, near time buoy reports, and radar scans are critical tools in knowing what to expect in the hours or days ahead. And the angler who does so will much more likely be successful than the one who just runs off chasing old fishing reports. How many times have we heard that old saying "The fish aren't biting today. You should have been here yesterday?"

The best way to prevent that frustration is to learn to interpret the conditions for yourself and adjust your target species, tactics and venue to take advantage of what is biting now! Watching week old videos and outdated internet reports and trying to repeat what they did is not going to replace having your feet in the sand and your eyes on the water looking for what swims in it.

The questions I hear most often from newcomers after "What is biting?" are "What kind of fish is this?", "Is it edible?" and "Can I keep it?" Anglers unfamiliar with the area can best prepare themselves by visiting outdooralabama.com or myfwc.com to obtain their fishing license and get an idea of the fishing regulations, species profiles, and general information about how to catch what. Also, phone apps like "Fish Rules" are good sources of this regulation and identification info. Specific details to target particular species, where to go, and what tackle to use is best gained by visiting some of our fine local tackle shops. Also, a lot of local knowledge can be gained by walking out on the Gulf State Park Pier and observing the anglers catching fish there. Most are more than willing to share tips about how they are doing it, so as to help you prepare to do it for yourself. The pier even rents out and sells rudimentary tackle in case you did not bring any tackle.

WED, JULY 28

- **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.
- **Wonder:** 6:30 & 8; free; spectacular show featuring water, air, earth, fire; OWA Downtown; Foley.
- **Bama Beach Pickleball Club:** 9-noon; Church of Christ, 2414 West 1st St., Gulf Shores; (new members welcome).
- **Jenna McClelland:** 7; Stephi Cocktails / Cuisine; Orange Beach.
- **Austin Thompson:** 5; Woodside Restaurant at Gulf State Park; Gulf Shores.
- **Steven Sylvester:** 5; Lulu's at Homeport Marina; Gulf Shores.
- **Groovy Ty:** 5; Angry Crab Shack; Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke & Dance on The Deck:** 7; Live Bait; Orange Beach.

- **Brent Burns:** 6; Ginny Lane; Orange Beach.
- **Justin Yawn:** 5; Lucy Buffett's LuLu's; Gulf Shores.
- **Brent Burns:** 6; Ginny Lane; Orange Beach.
- **John Brust:** 6; Ms. Nancy's Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach.
- **Groovy Ty:** 6; The Angry Crab; Orange Beach.
- **Chase Brown:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Fort Morgan.
- **Anthony Oliver:** 6; Live Bait; Orange Beach.
- **Jesse Howell:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.
- **Open Mic:** 5; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- **Mason Henderson's Saucy Fuzz:** 9; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- **Gary Story & Friends:** 8; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- **Scott Koehn Project:** 6; OSO; Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke:** 7; Bar 45 at ONE CLUB, Gulf Shores.
- **John Joiner & Darrel Roberts:** 6; Hub

Alabama red snapper fishing season will end when quota is filled

The Alabama Marine Resources Division, after monitoring Alabama's recreational red snapper landings through the Snapper Check program, has determined that the season can remain open for private and state charter vessel anglers until further notice. As of July 19, 751,507 pounds of Alabama's 1,122,662 pound federal quota had been harvested.

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.

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.

Florida's red snapper season ended July 28, may re-open in fall

Florida's Gulf red snapper recreational season ended on July 28, but there is a chance for a fall reopening if quota is available. The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) added a fall red snapper season for private recreational anglers and state for-hire operations in the Gulf of Mexico on three consecutive fall weekends in 2020. 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.

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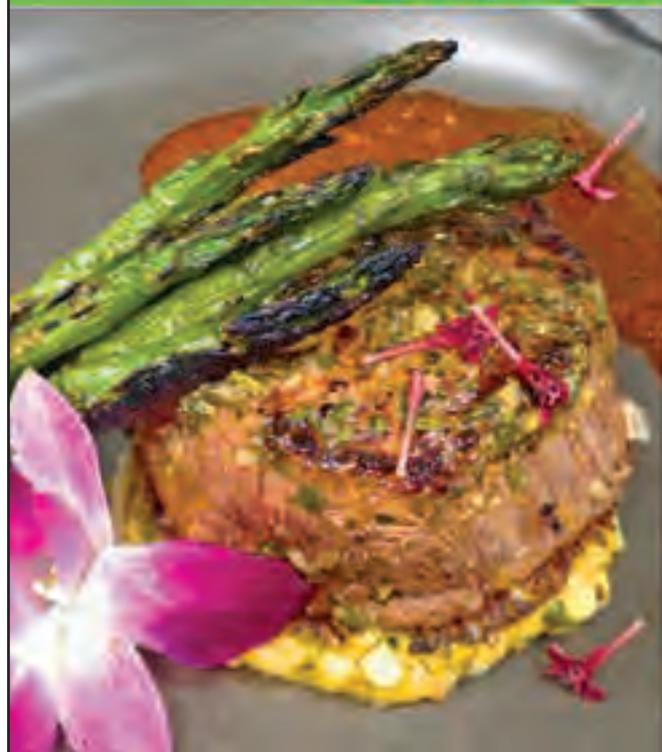
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Bacon & Brew Music Bash Aug. 28 at Heritage Park

Schedule

10 - Lynyrd Skynyrd Tribute
12:30 - Bacon Eating Contest
1 - False Identity
2 - Beer Stein Stacking
3 - Water Balloon Toss
4 - Beer Stein Holding
4 - Bon Jovi Tribute Band
5 - Bacon Eating Contest

The Bacon & Brew Music Bash is coming to Heritage Park in Foley on August 28. The event is from 10 a.m. - 7 p.m., with all food and snack vendors offering bacon menu items. Entry fee is \$5. Enjoy a large number of art and craft vendors, huge kids' zone, and live music throughout the day. Experience everything bacon, and build forever memories at this year's bash. Heritage Park is located at 200 N. McKenzie St. Info: BestFloridaFest.com or 352-875-6499.

Musicians, artists can apply for Oct. 16-17 Jubilee Fest

The Eastern Shore Chamber of Commerce is accepting applications from artists, food vendors and musicians for participation in the 33rd Annual Jubilee Festival of Arts on October 16-17 in Daphne's Lott Park. Deadline for artists is July 30, and other deadlines are August 25. Visit the chamber website or call 251-928-6387 for more info.

Tanger hosts its annual Back-to-School Bash on Aug. 7

Tanger Outlets Foley hosts its annual Back-to-School Bash on Saturday, Aug. 7 from noon - 4 p.m. An array of fun-filled offerings include food trucks, family-friendly games, treats, photo opportunities, music from Power Productions and the opportunity to register to win a \$100 Tanger Gift Card. The first 50 TangerClub Members to check-in at the Tanger Tent will receive a free gift! Shoppers will also have access to TangerStyle rewards by bringing their discount coupons, valid at participating stores. For more info, visit tangeroutlets.com/foley.

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- **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **Tim Richardson:** 5; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- **Gulf Shores Lions Club:** noon; 2nd & 4th Wednesday; noon; Adult Activity Center; Gulf Shores; 251-968-2823.
- **BBRC Running Club:** 5:30 p.m.; Big Beach Brewery in Gulf Shores.
- **Karaoke & League Pool:** 7:30; The Office, Foley.

THU, JULY 29

- **Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables:** Schedule on Page 28; Perdido Key.
- **Beach Games:** 11 a.m.; for kids 6-12; free lunch for participants; RSVP at tackyjacks.com; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- **Flora-Bama Family Friendly Bingo:** 1-4 p.m.; free; family friendly; Flora-Bama; Perdido Key.
- **Wonder:** 6:30 & 8; free; spectacular show featuring water, air, earth, fire; OWA Downtown; Foley.
- **Bama Beach Pickleball Club:** 9-noon; Church of Christ, 2414 West 1st St., Gulf Shores; (new members welcome).
- **Tyler Ward:** 7; Stephi Cocktails / Cuisine; Orange Beach.
- **JERI:** 5; Lulu's at Homeport Marina; Gulf Shores.
- **Jessie Howell:** 5; Angry Crab Shack; Orange Beach.
- **Mel Knapp & Charlie Wilson:** 5; Woodside Restaurant at Gulf State Park; Gulf Shores.
- **JJ Mack:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.
- **Candy & Matt:** 4; Sassy Bass Amazon Grill, Fort Morgan.
- **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **Marcus Elzinado:** noon; Splash Pool at Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach.
- **John Brust:** 6; Ms. Nancy's Lobby

Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach.

- **Shields Rhode:** 6; OSO; Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- **Karaoke w. Howard:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.
- **Bar Trivia Night:** 5; Bar 45 Lounge at ONE CLUB, Gulf Shores.
- **Tim Roberts:** 6; The Tin Top Restaurant, Bon Secour.
- **Karaoke w. Kelly:** 8; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- **Danny Grady:** 2; Fraternal Order of Eagles; Foley.
- **Karaoke:** 9; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- **Razor Hawk:** 6; Hub Stacy's Innerarity Point.
- **Kid Friendly Bingo:** 6-8 p.m.; drinks & snacks available to purchase; Bear Point Civic Assn; Orange Beach.
- **Bingo:** 5; open to all; Amvets Post 2018; 13085 Wisconsin St.; Elberta.
- **Bridge:** 11:30 a.m.; Orange Beach Senior Center, 251-981-3440.
- **Texas Hold 'em:** 7; The Office, Foley.
- **Fairhope Outdoor Farmers Market:** 3-6 p.m.; behind Fairhope Public Library.
- **Rotary Club of Gulf Shores/Orange Beach:** noon; Gulf Shores Golf Club; visiting Rotarians and guests invited.
- **Gulf Shores United Methodist Church Bread Ministry:** 9-10; every Thursday; room 103 on the south campus, next to Crossroad; 251 968-2411.
- **AA:** Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

FRI, JULY 30

- **Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables:** Schedule on Page 28; Perdido Key.
- **Flora-Bama Family Friendly Bingo:** 1-4 p.m.; free; family friendly; Flora-Bama; Perdido Key.

Tips to staying ahead of summertime heat

With heat indexes of 100 plus degrees the norm during Gulf Coast summers, practicing heat safety and knowing the potential risks associated with high temperatures are keys to safe summertime fun. Follow these tips to stay safe in the heat:

- Never leave a child, pet or anyone else in a parked vehicle, even for a short amount of time or with the windows rolled down. Temperatures inside a vehicle can become deadly within minutes.
- Stay hydrated. Drink plenty of water, even if you are not thirsty.
- Limit strenuous outdoor activities. If you must be outside, find shade, stay hydrated and take frequent breaks.
- Remember to check on the elderly, sick and those without air conditioning.
- Wear light, loose-fitting clothing. Wear sunscreen and a hat to protect yourself from the sun.

Stay in an air conditioned area if possible. Air conditioning is the strongest protective factor against heat-related illness. Know the warning signs of heat stroke and heat exhaustion:

If there are symptoms of heat stroke, call 911 and take immediate action to cool the person until help arrives. If there are symptoms of heat exhaustion, get to a cooler, air conditioned place, drink water (if fully conscious), and take a cool shower or use a cold compress. To learn more about heat safety, visit weather.gov/heat.

Heat exhaustion:

Feeling faint or dizzy
Excessive sweating
Cool, pale, clammy skin
Nausea or vomiting
Rapid, weak pulse
Muscle cramps

Heat stroke:

Throbbing headache
No sweating
Body temperature above 103
Red, hot, dry skin
Nausea or vomiting
Rapid, strong pulse
May lose consciousness

- **Wonder:** 6:30 & 8; free; spectacular show featuring water, air, earth, fire; OWA Downtown; Foley.
- **Bama Beach Pickleball Club:** 9-noon; Church of Christ, 2414 West 1st St., Gulf Shores; (new members welcome).
- **Amanda Donald & Katrina Kolb:** 7; Stephi Cocktails / Cuisine; Orange Beach.
- **Charlie Wilson:** 5; Woodside Restaurant at Gulf State Park; Gulf Shores.
- **Ronnie Presley:** 5; Lulu's at Homeport Marina; Gulf Shores.
- **Rachel Lane:** 5; Carvers Steakhouse; Orange Beach.
- **Melodious Allen & The Funkheads:** 5; Angry Crab Shack; Orange Beach.
- **Southern Breeze:** 7; Lillian Community Club; Lillian.
- **Tim Spencer:** noon; Splash Pool at Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach.
- **John Brust:** 6; Ms. Nancy's Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach.
- **Delta Donnie:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Fort Morgan.
- **Greg Brown:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.
- **3 Bean Soup:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- **Charlie & The Hammerheads:** 7 'til; Live Bait; Orange Beach.
- **Red & The Revelers:** 7; OSO; Orange Beach.
- **Tyler Livingston & The Absolutes:** 9; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke w. Kelly Ann:** 6; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- **Karaoke:** 8; Snapper's; Orange Beach.
- **Amanda Pruitt:** 7; Hub Stacy's Innerarity Point.
- **Open Mixed Doubles Tennis:** 7:15 a.m.: all levels welcome; Gulf Shores Tennis Center; corner of West 19th Ave. and West 2nd St.
- **AA:** Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

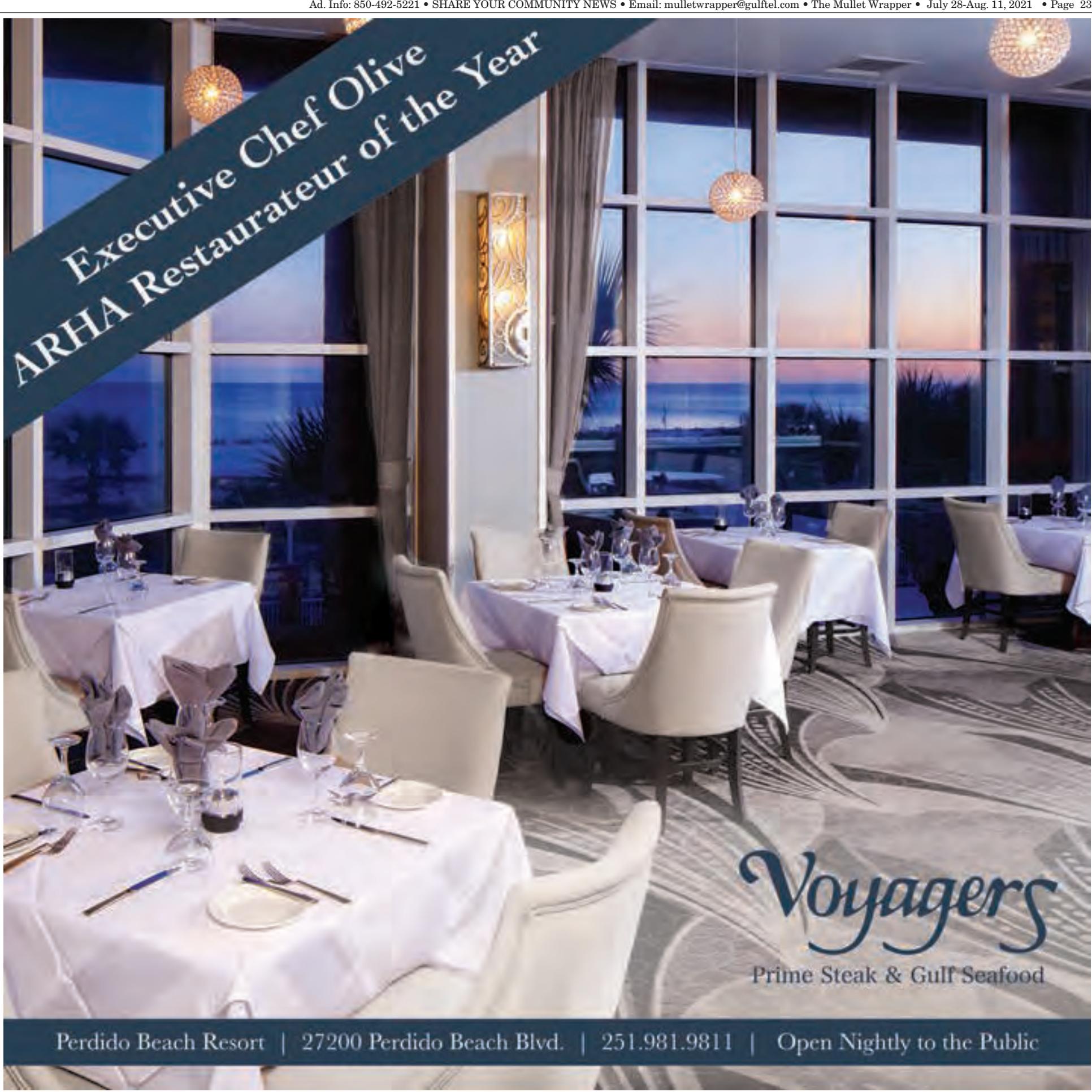
SAT, JULY 31

- **Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables:** Schedule on Page 28; Perdido Key.
- **Bill Barrow & The Westside Players:** 4; Pirates Cove, Josephine.
- **Spaces In Between:** 9; The Office, Foley.
- **Wonder:** 6:30 & 8; free; spectacular show featuring water, air, earth, fire; OWA Downtown; Foley.
- **Sand Bar Jam:** 1-4 p.m.; Pirates Cove; Josephine.
- **Roger Fleshman:** 4; American Legion Post 199 Tiki Bar; Fairhope.
- **Brent Kriner/Austin Thompson:** 5;

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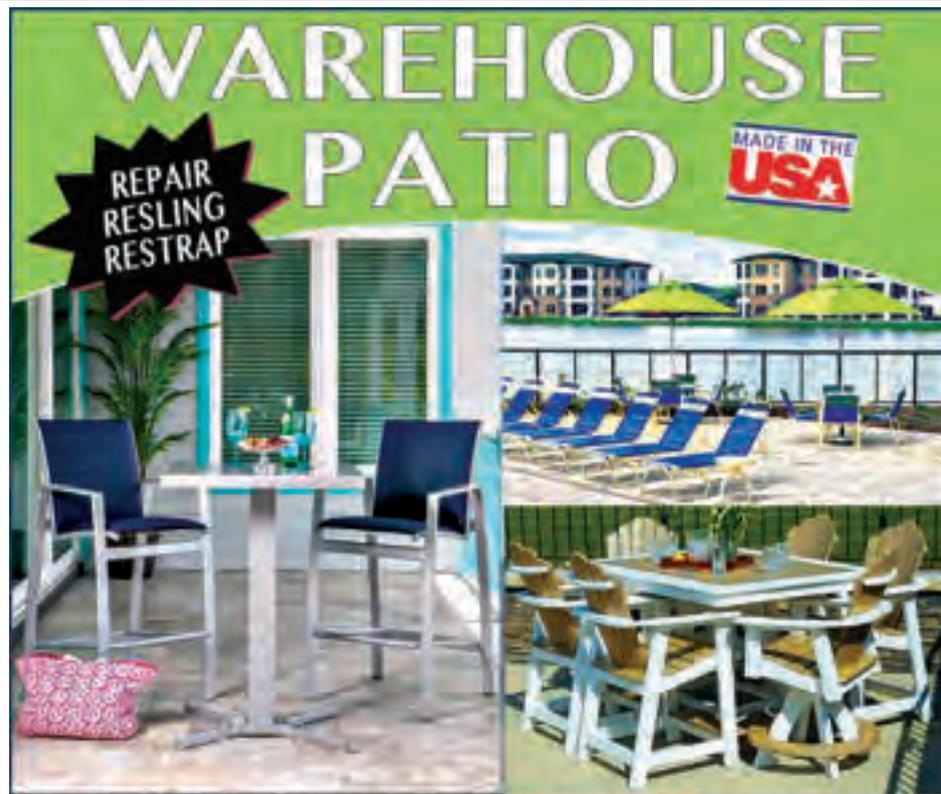


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Cromeans Foundation donates \$7,500 to Jensen's Heart of Gold in advance of Super Sluggers Tourney

For the last 11 years, Jensen's Heart of Gold Foundation has exponentially grown and succeeded in their mission to support local Baldwin County Families that have a child with cancer, affording them the opportunity to make memories with their family. Word of mouth and praise for a well run event has gotten them participation from at least 7 different states in their cornerstone event! The 11th annual Super Slugger Softball Tournament - an adult co-ed - will host 70 teams this year beginning Friday September 10th and will crown a new winner on Sunday September 12th at the Gulf Shores Sportsplex. Having grown from under 20 teams, this event has helped raise over \$750,000 in the last 10 years and each year memorializes Jensen's last childhood act, a backyard baseball game. Registration is full for this event but there is a waitlist and spectators can come enjoy the fun for free! Each team consists of 10-12 players. Each team must have male to female ratio of 5/5, 6/6, 6/4, or 7/5. Teams who register and pay by July 31st will be assigned a team name and jerseys based on a Super Mario Brothers theme - all in honor of our very first Super Slugger, Jensen Byrd. The waitlist will be initiated for any team not paid by the above deadline.

Team entry fee is \$350. Not playing ball? Consider volunteering! If interested in volunteering contact us as events@cromeansfoundation.com. For more information or to register visit JensenHeartofGold.com Jensen's Heart of Gold is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

Pictured: (Above) Gray Cromeans Director of the Joe and Mary Ann Cromeans Charitable Foundation recently donated \$7500 to Jensen's Heart of Gold. **(Below)** Playing softball for a cause at the 2020 Super Slugger Softball Tournament won by Cold Shot, aka, Tank Citys at the Gulf Shores Sportsplex. The 11th annual Jensen's Heart of Gold fundraiser will be held Sept 10-12. (Sam Whitt Photography)



Angry Crab Shack; Orange Beach.

- **Adam Holt:** 5; Lulu's at Homeport Marina; Gulf Shores.
- **Justin Colvard:** 5; Carvers Steakhouse; Orange Beach.
- **Charlie Wilson:** 5; Woodside Restaurant at Gulf State Park; Gulf Shores.
- **Luke Bryan:** 7; The Wharf Amphitheater; Orange Beach.
- **Wylle Pete:** 8; Stephi Cocktails-Cuisine; Orange Beach.
- **John Brust:** 6; Ms. Nancy's Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach.
- **Destiny Brown:** 5; Perch Restaurant at The Lodge at Gulf State Park; Gulf Shores.
- **Something Huge:** 7; Hub Stacey's at the Point; Innerarity Point.
- **Charlie & The Hammerheads:** 7; Live Bait; Orange Beach.
- **Tim Roberts:** 1 p.m.; Tacky Jacks, Fort Morgan.
- **Charlie Wilson:** 11 a.m.; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.
- **Tommy Morse:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.

- **JJ Mack:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.
- **Rhonda Hart Band:** 7; Playa del Rio RV Resort, Perdido Key.
- **Doc Johnson Band:** 7; OSO; Orange Beach.
- **Tyler Livingston & The Absoluts:** 9; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke & Dance on The Deck:** 7; Live Bait; Orange Beach.
- **Late Night DJ's:** 9; The Club at Live Bait; Orange Beach.
- **The Defrosters:** 2; Flying Harpoon II; Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke:** 9; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke w. Howard:** 8; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.
- **Southern Star:** 6:30; American Legion-Post 99, Foley.
- **Texas Hold'em:** 7; The Office, Foley.
- **Coastal Alabama Farmers and Fishermen Market:** 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.; 20733 Mifflin Rd. (County Rd. 20), Foley.
- **AA:** 10 a.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
- **AA:** 7 p.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship



Sept. 10 Shrimp Fest Challenge offers a.m. & p.m. tee-times

Money raised will fund Gulf Coast Chamber's Education Foundation

The National Shrimp Festival's Golf Challenge for Education, after record breaking (pictured) participation in 2020, is offering a choice of 8 a.m. or 1:30 p.m. starting times this year. The tourney is at Cotton Creek Course at Craft Farms in Gulf Shores on Friday, September 10. Players can sign up as foursomes or individuals for as little as \$125 per player and many sponsorship levels are also available. The event is one of Coastal Alabama's premier and longest running golf tournaments. Rotating between local courses, it offers golfers fun activities, food, and drinks between holes. More info: mygulfcoastchamber.com.



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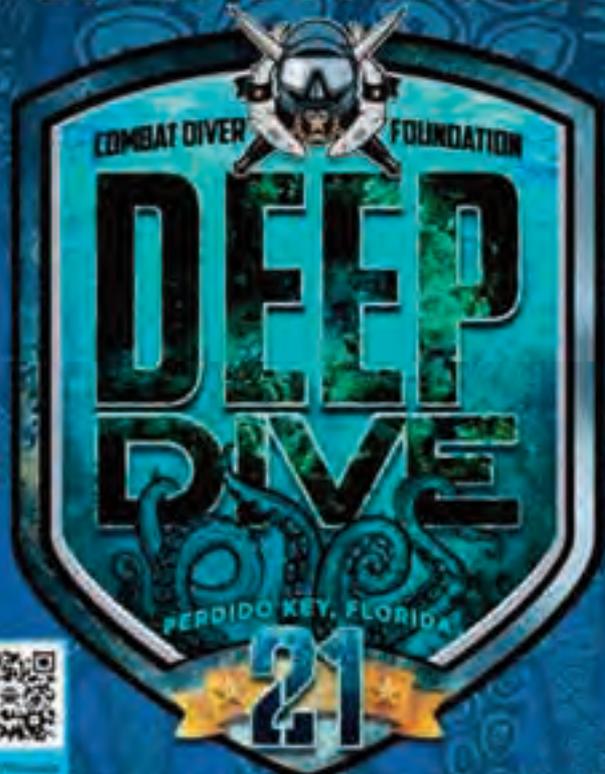
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WHAT'S HAPPENING

County traffic engineer to speak at Aug. 6 Perdido Chamber breakfast

The Perdido Key Area Chamber of Commerce will host the first in a series titled Breakfast Briefs at 8 a.m. on Aug. 6 at Hub Stacey's at the Point, located at 5851 Galvez Road. The featured speaker will be Christine Fanchi, Escambia County Transportation Engineer. Topics of discussion will include the construction project at the intersection of Gulf Beach Hwy. and Sorrento Rd. and the planned installation of the traffic circle on Perdido Key Dr. at Johnson Beach Rd. The event is free to attend for Perdido Key Chamber members, admittance for non-members is \$5. Guests can register online or pay at the door. Coffee, tea, and assorted pastries will be provided for attendees while supplies last. For more info, visit PerdidoChamber.com or call 850-492-4660.

"The purpose of the networking breakfast is to bring the community together to learn about and discuss important issues that affect local residents and businesses," said Chamber President Dana Pagador.

OBPD Citizens' Public Safety Academy application deadline is July 30

The Orange Beach Police Department is now seeking participants for the 2021 Citizens' Public Safety Academy scheduled August 17 to September 28 at the Orange Beach Police & Fire Depts. Classes are free on Tuesday evenings from 6:15 - 8 p.m. The academy is designed to provide the Orange Beach Community with an overview of the police and fire department's operations to increase the level of understanding and cooperation between the community and departments.

A number of topics will be presented to include the following: Patrol Operations, Narcotics, Investigations, Police Records, Dispatch, Officer Training Program, Traffic / DUI Enforcement, School Resource Officer Program, Marine Division, Vehicle Extrication Demo, Medical Response Demo, Live Fire Demo and Apparatus Display. All applicants must be at least 18 and go through a background check. Applications may be obtained at the Orange Beach Police Department or by calling 251-923-5805. Deadline is Friday, July 30.



Heavy rain in Foley lifts caskets at Southside Baptist Cemetery

A July 16 rainstorm, as five inches in three hours, left many areas of Foley under water and lifted a casket from its grave at Southside Baptist Cemetery, located on the campus of its namesake church in the city's Beulah Heights neighborhood. A total of two graves were exposed during the storm, and water was at least a foot deep in some sections of the cemetery. Neighbors said this was not the first time caskets have been exposed at the cemetery. Increased development and a lack of drainage ditches in the neighborhood were cited among causes. The casket was placed in the cemetery mortuary until the water subsided.



New wake park opens at OWA

A new wake park is making a huge splash as the next development in watersports on a 14-acre lake in OWA's Downtown entertainment district in Foley. The first of its kind in Coastal Alabama, UNIT ParkTech features set it apart from the rest. Grab a board or a tube and get ready to #ShareTheStoke at Gravity Island Watersports.

Qualified instructors are able to guide and coach participants via a waterproof speaker attached to the safety helmet. Gear is available to rent or guests can bring their own.

Crowds gathering for live music on OWA Island have a good view of the action on the water. That area is also home to Aqua Play, an inflatable obstacle course.

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

SUN, AUG 1

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

- **Wes Loper:** 5; Music Under The Marlin's; The Wharf.
- **Mel Knapp:** 5; Woodside Restaurant at Gulf State Park; Gulf Shores.
- **Doc Rodgers and the Rock Dodgers:** 4; American Legion Post 199 Tiki Bar; Fairhope.
- **Charlie Rees:** 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's; Gulf Shores.
- **Robert Wingfoot:** 5; The Angry Crab; Orange Beach.
- **Dave Dale:** 5; Carver's Steakhouse; Orange Beach.
- **Jonathan Newton:** 5; Woodside Restaurant at Gulf State Park; Gulf Shores.
- **Wonder:** 6:30 & 8; free; spectacular show featuring water, air, earth, fire; OWA Downtown; Foley.
- **Hippie Jim:** 11 a.m.; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.
- **Tyler Ward:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.
- **Cadillac Attack:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Fort Morgan.
- **Karaoke on the Tiki Deck:** 7 'til; Live Bait; Orange Beach.
- **Sand Bar Jam:** 1-4 p.m.; Pirates Cove; Josephine.
- **Bends & Brews Yoga:** 11 a.m.; in the courtyard; Big Beach Brewery; Gulf Shores.
- **Coconut Radio:** 2; Sassy Bass Amazin' Grill, Fort Morgan.
- **Lisa Zanghi:** 6; Ms. Nancy's Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach.
- **False Identity:** 8; Sandshaker at The Wharf; 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, AUG 2

• **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.
- **Wonder:** 6:30 & 8; free; spectacular show featuring water, air, earth, fire; OWA Downtown; Foley.
- **Austin Thompson:** 5; Woodside Restaurant at Gulf State Park; Gulf Shores.
- **Charlie Rees:** 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's; Gulf Shores.
- **JERI:** 5; Lulu's at Homeport Marina; Gulf Shores.
- **Damian Lamb:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.
- **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **Karaoke & Dance on The Deck:** 7; Live Bait; Orange Beach.
- **Open Mic w/Dave:** 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 Legion Post 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, AUG 3

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

- **Flora-Bama Family Friendly Bingo:** 1-4 p.m.; free; family friendly; Flora-Bama; Perdido Key.
- **Ancient Aviators Military Gathering:** 8:30 a.m.; American Legion Post 99; 6781 Hwy. 59; Gulf Shores; visitors welcome;

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WHAT'S HAPPENING



GSUM's Re-Sale Heaven presents \$2,000 to All About Dogs

Volunteers from Re-Sale Heaven, the on-campus thrift & consignment store that is part of the ministry at Gulf Shores United Methodist Church, presented a check for \$2,000 to All About Dogs. More info: resaleheaven.org or 251-968-1182. Located at 1720 Gulf Shores Pkwy. (between Crossroads & Tuesday Morning), it is open Monday thru Thursday from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. **Pictured:** Re-Sale Heaven & All About Dogs volunteers with Shelby.



G.S. native Joseph Swiger earns Billboard Top 100 notice

Gulf Shores native Joseph Swiger, a sound engineer and music producer based in Baton Rouge has had a second project that he has contributed to listed among the US Billboard Top 100 list. Swiger was one of the vocal engineers for 'Lately' for Fredo Bang feat. Seven Hardaway from the album, "In the name of Gee." The track peaked at #93 in the US Top 200 album chart for three weeks straight in 2020. "In the Name of Gee/Still Most Hated" landed at #40 on the US Billboard top albums chart for three consecutive weeks earlier this year. **Pictured:** Swiger with plaques commemorating the accomplishment a Swiger Studio near downtown Baton Rouge.



Gulf Shores' Tyler Bjorgum 9th at AL. Jr. Championship

Tyler Bjorgum of Gulf Shores tied for ninth place in a 155 player field at the recent three-day, 54-hole Alabama State Boys Junior Championship at Lakewood Golf Club's Dogwood Course. Bjorgum was 5 under for the journey and, along with Mobile's Michael Crocker, was the highest placing golfer from South Alabama in the Alabama Golf Association sponsored event.

In March, Bjorgum, an honor student, placed 4th out of 137 golfers in the Blue-Gray Invitational at Wynlakes Golf and County Club, which will be his home course when he tees up for Huntingdon College this fall.



Blast Off To School event Aug. 14 at Bayside Baptist

Bayside Baptist Church in Lillian will host its Blast Off To School event on Saturday, Aug. 14 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. on the church campus at 13677 Hwy. 98 (across from the Chevron Station). Visitors will enjoy popcorn, snow cones, hot dogs, a bouncy house and special guests. All activities are free. For more info, call 812-371-2323.

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- **Albert Simpson:** 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's; Gulf Shores.
- **Brent Varner:** 5; Woodside Restaurant at Gulf State Park; Gulf Shores.
- **Karaoke:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- **Zoey Burdett:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.
- **Defroster Duo:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Fort Morgan.
- **Greg Brown:** 2; Sassy Bass Amazin' Grill, Fort Morgan.
- **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.
- **Jayson Harper:** 6; Live Bait; Orange Beach.
- **Chris Beverly Experience:** 9; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- **Bridge:** 11:30 a.m.; Orange Beach Senior Center, 251-981-3440.
- **Bingo:** 5; 45 Restaurant & Bar; One Club, Gulf Shores.
- **Line Dancing:** 6; American Legion Post 99, Gulf Shores.
- **Smoky Otis & Mark Laborde:** 8; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **Karaoke w. Kelly:** 8; Sandshaker at The

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WHAT'S HAPPENING



Deep Dive Memorial 5K Aug. 21 at Flora-Bama

The Flora-Bama will host the Deep Dive 2021 Memorial 5K for WO1 John Michael Wirka Jr. on Aug. 21 beginning at 9 a.m. Wirka passed away due to a non-combat-related event in San Salvador in 2020. He is survived by his wife, Erica Anne Wirka, daughter, Audrey Mae Wirka, and their dog, Archer.

The 5K begins and ends on the beach at the Flora-Bama, and the entire run will take place on the Florida side of the state line. Registration is now open and includes a t-shirt, raffle ticket and food and drink tickets for the post-race buffet at Flora-Bama. Virtual runners are also welcome to enter the event and register for the post-race auction. Register at combatdiver.itsyourrace.com or on race day.

Wirka graduated from FSU with a degree in mechanical engineering and worked briefly in the engineering field before seeking a higher purpose by enlisting in the U.S. Army in 2010 and gravitating to U.S. Army Special Forces. Sgt. Wirka was assigned to Eglin Air Force Base as a member of Special Forces Operational Detachment-Alpha and deployed multiple times to Afghanistan, including as a SFC in support of Operation Freedom's Sentinel.

A friend described him as “quiet, but when he spoke, he spoke with intention. As a dive instructor, he always brightened the students’ moods when times were hard. John was the epitome of what a Green Beret should be; hardworking, intelligent, humble, funny, kind, and dedicated. He was one of the few people that even when everything was going wrong, he found the positive side and would make a joke to keep the guys going.”



Anthony Stroeter wins \$3K at Treasures of Isle fundraiser

Anthony Stroeter, an employee of the Gulf Coast Steamer, shows off the \$3000 prize he won with the winning ticket in the Treasures of the Isle Mardi Gras Krewe spring fund raising event.

Pictured: Cindy Bishop (holding the winning ticket), Anthony Stroeter (holding thirty one hundred dollar bills), and Tom Clark, past president and Mardi Gras King. Tom sold the winning ticket to Anthony.

- Wharf; Orange Beach.
- **JW Karaoke:** 6; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
- **Baldwin Senior Softball Group:** 10 a.m.; 50 and over; 10 a.m.; call 225/313-8516 for info & location.
- **Bingo:** 10-2; Gulf Coast Elks Lodge; Foley.
- **Texas Hold 'em:** 7; The Office, Foley.
- **Pool Tourney:** 7; Snapper's; Orange Beach.
- **Orange Beach City Council Meeting:** 5 p.m.; City Hall; 980-INFO.
- **Foley Kiwanis Club:** noon; Vallarta's, 1145 S. McKenzie St., Foley; 859-771-6091.
- **AA:** Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
- **AA:** 7 p.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
- **Al-Anon:** Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Activities Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

WED, AUG 4

- **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.
- **Wonder:** 6:30 & 8; free; spectacular show featuring water, air, earth, fire; OWA Downtown; Foley.
- **Bama Beach Pickleball Club:** 9-noon; Church of Christ, 2414 West 1st St., Gulf Shores; (new members welcome).
- **Albert Simpson:** 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's; Gulf Shores.
- **Brent Varner:** 5; Woodside Restaurant at Gulf State Park; Gulf Shores.
- **Marc Kaul:** 5; The Angry Crab; Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke & Dance on The Deck:** 7; Live Bait; Orange Beach.
- **Jenna McClelland:** 7; Stephi Cocktails / Cuisine; Orange Beach.
- **Anthony Oliver:** 6; Live Bait; Orange Beach.
- **Brent Burns:** 6; Ginny Lane; Orange Beach.
- **Gerry Gambino:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Orange

- Beach.
- **Chase Brown:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Fort Morgan.
- **Mason Henderson's Saucy Fuzz:** 9; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- **Davo:** 4:30 Sassy Bass Amazin' Grill, Fort Morgan.
- **Open Mic:** 5; Tacky Jacks, Gulf 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.
- **Karaoke:** 7; Bar 45 at ONE CLUB, Gulf Shores.
- **John Joiner & Darrel Roberts:** 7; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
- **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **BBRC Running Club:** 5:30 p.m.; Big Beach Brewery in Gulf Shores; laffetfeet.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.
- **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 eligibility 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



Inaugural Gulf Shores Fire/Rescue Golf Scramble Sept. 24 at Craft Farms

The First Annual Gulf Shores Fire/Rescue Assn. 4-Person Golf Scramble will be held on Friday, Sept. 24 at Craft Farms Golf Resort. Registration begins at 6 a.m., and play begins at 8 a.m. Cost is \$500 per 4-person team. Registration forms are available on facebook or can be dropped off to Gulf Shores Fire Station 1 located at 1921 West First St. For more info, call Brandon Thomas at 251-215-9208 (bthomas@gulfshoresal.gov) or Micheal Lucas at 251-269-1082 (mlucas@gulfshoresal.gov). **Pictured:** (Left to Right) Nick Scheer, Zeke Brasher, Cole Fincher, Battalion Chief Kevin Tolbert, Gulf Shores Fire Chief Mark Sealy, Brandon Thomas, Cody Campbell and Nick Russell.

Investigative genealogist to speak Aug. 14 in Foley

Olivia McCarter, an investigative genetic genealogist will present a program titled Solving Cold Cases Using Investigative Genealogy at the Aug. 14 meeting of the Baldwin Genealogy Society at 10 a.m. at the Foley Public Library upstairs meeting room (319 East Laurel Ave.). Guests are most welcome, but pre-registration is required by emailing BaldwinGenealogy@gmail.com.

Olivia is majoring in anthropology at USA. She also is an investigative genetic genealogist with Redgrave Research Forensic Services, where she helps law enforcement around the continent close decades-old cold cases, including the case of an unidentified eighteen-month-old toddler thrown off of a bridge in Jackson County, Mississippi in December of 1982.

Olivia's presentation will be about what investigative genealogists do in order to solve these decades-old cold cases for law enforcement. How they use GEDmatch. Also, an in-depth look into the genealogy used to solve the 1984 murder of nine-year old Christine Jessop. Olivia will be going over case synopsis for a few of her cases but will talk about some of the actual genealogical work she did for the notorious Christine Jessop murder case.

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

THU, AUG 5

- **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.
- **Mel Knapp:** 5; Woodside Restaurant at Gulf State Park; Gulf Shores.
- **Wonder:** 6:30 & 8; free; spectacular

show featuring water, air, earth, fire; OWA Downtown; Foley.

- **Patrick Cross:** 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's; Gulf Shores.
- **Bama Beach Pickleball Club:** 9-noon; Church of Christ, 2414 West 1st St., Gulf Shores; (new members welcome).
- **Tyler Ward:** 7; Stephi Cocktails / Cuisine; Orange Beach.
- **Lauren Murphy:** 5; The Angry Crab; Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke & Dance on The Deck:** 7; Live Bait; Orange Beach.
- **Late Night DJs:** 9; The Club at Live Bait; Orange Beach.
- **JJ Mack:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.
- **Bridge:** 11:30 a.m.; Orange Beach Senior Center, 251-981-3440.
- **Elaine Petty:** 6; Live Bait; Orange Beach.
- **Jason Truemann:** 4; Sassy Bass; Ft. Morgan.
- **John Brust:** 6; Ms. Nancy's Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach.
- **Bar Trivia Night:** 5; Bar 45 Lounge at ONE CLUB, Gulf Shores.
- **Karaoke:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- **Karaoke w. Kelly:** 8; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke w. Howard:** 8; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.
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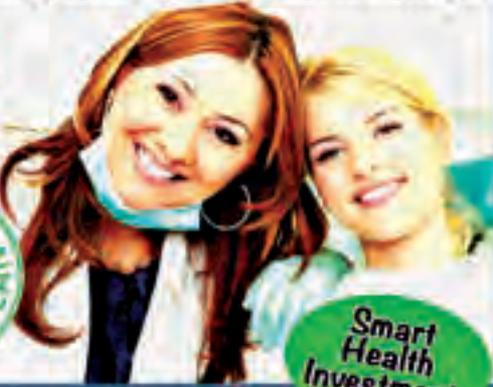
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WHAT'S HAPPENING



SONORA MASONIC LODGE INSTALLS OFFICERS: Sonora Masonic Lodge No. 635 of Free & Accepted Masons (F&M) in Summerdale held its annual installation of lodge officers recently. Grand Lodge District Lecturer Jim McGee of Greeno Lodge No. 598 F&M in Fairhope conducted the installation with the assistance of Eric Parmer of Foley Lodge # 766 as installing marshal. Sonora Lodge meets on the second and fourth Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. at 202 E. Jackson Street in Summerdale. For more information visit Facebook or email edeanmott@gmail.com. **Pictured:** New lodge officers for 2021-22 include, (l-r.): Ben Griffiths, treasurer; Rodger Stoner, senior steward; Chris Roberson, senior warden; Randy Farris, senior deacon; Mike Blankenship, worshipful master; Dean Mott, secretary; Bruce Falson, junior deacon; Dean Gray, marshal; Randy Smith, junior warden and Mike Salter, junior steward. Not pictured: Cody Hitchcock, chaplain; David Brown, historian and Randy Borg, tiler.



OB RECOGNIZES LEMONADE DAY PARTICIPANTS: Orange Beach Mayor Tony Kennon and the City Council recognized Lemonade Day Coastal Alabama participants at a recent council meeting. The program is geared toward teaching children enrolled in K through 5th grade the fundamentals of business. Over a dozen participants from Orange Beach were recognized. Three of the teams earned first-place prizes. **Pictured:** E-Lemon-Ators, made up of Ryder Burkhart, Jon Thomas Bulman and Beau Bulman; and Sisters Lemonade, made up of Gabriella Meehan and Sophia Meehan, Mayor Kennon and "Zesty" - the Lemonade Day mascot.

Dex Daley and JAM-X will play Aug. 7 Caribbean Day at OWA

The 2nd Annual Caribbean Day at OWA in Foley will feature a live art competition, music, vendors, drum clinics, stilt walkers and kids' activities. This free event will take place from 4-10pm on Saturday, August 7 in Downtown OWA. Live music from Dex Daley and JAM-X will play on the OWA Island Stage from 4-6:30pm. Grab a seat on the OWA Island Amphitheater, and enjoy their unique blend of reggae, ska and Caribbean roots music featuring steel drums.

The Defrosters will close out the live music for the evening, playing from 8:30-10pm.

A highlight of the event is the live sidewalk chalk art competition. Categories include both Pro and Youth, and OWA will give away cash prizes for the top three picks in each division.

Guests can mingle their way through the many activities set up throughout Downtown OWA. Kid's activities will include hair braiding, pineapple bowling, a hula hoop contest, sand art, and a photo wall! Complimentary brewed Mango Tango or Blue Raspberry Crush tea will be available while supplies at The Spice & Tea Exchange. VisitOWA.com for more info.

Bayside Baptist welcomes pastor

By Sharon Davis

Bayside Baptist Church is excited to introduce you to our new Pastor, Gregory Brown. He is a 2005 graduate of the Southern Baptist Seminary in Louisville, Ky. He has previously served two churches in Indiana as their Pastor and as a Hospice Chaplain in Houston for five years. Greg and his wife Debbie



are the parents of three adult children and one grandchild and are excited to be a part of Bayside Baptist Church. We at Bayside would love to have you join us and meet Pastor Greg. We think you will really enjoy getting to know him and his wife, Debbie. Our church is located at 33679 US Hwy 98, Lillian Alabama. The Sunday morning services began with Sunday School at 9:30 and Church at 10:30; Sunday evening Bible Study at 5 with Church at 6. We also have a Women's Bible Study on the "Names of God's" Friday mornings at 10. Wednesday evening prayer time at 6. For more information about our church, please call 812-371-2323.

gles; Foley.

- **Tim Roberts:** 6; The Tin Top Restaurant, Bon Secour.
- **Skyline Kings:** 6; Hub Stacey's at the Point; Innerarity Point.
- **Kid Friendly Bingo:** 6-8 p.m.; drinks & snacks available to purchase; Bear Point Civic Assn; 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 a.m.; call 225/313-8516 for info & location.
- **Fairhope Outdoor Farmers Market:** 3-6 p.m.; behind 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, AUG 6

- **Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables:** Schedule on Page 28; Perdido Key.
- **Flora-Bama Family Friendly Bingo:** 1-4 p.m.; free; family friendly; Flora-Bama; Perdido Key.
- **Night Star:** 6; Elks Lodge; Foley
- **Josh Newcom:** 5; Woodside Restaurant

at Gulf State Park; Gulf Shores.

- **Lefty Collins:** 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's; Gulf Shores.
- **Jessi Bumann:** 5; The Angry Crab; Orange Beach.
- **Hunter Landry:** 5; Carver's Steakhouse; Orange Beach.
- **Wonder:** 6:30 & 8; free; spectacular show featuring water, air, earth, fire; OWA Downtown; Foley.
- **Amanda Donald & Katrina Kolb:** 7; Stephi Cocktails / Cuisine; Orange Beach.
- **Charlie & The Hammerheads:** 7 'til; Live Bait; Orange Beach.
- **Soul Food Junkies:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- **Tim Roberts:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.
- **Shelby Brown:** 6; Tacky Jacks, 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.
- **Doc Johnson Band:** 9; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- **Platinum Premier:** 7; Hub Stacey's at the Point; Innerarity Point.
- **Karaoke on the Tiki Deck:** 7 'til; Live Bait; Orange Beach.
- **Nikki Nelson & Steve Oliver Band:** 7; Playa del Rio RV Resort, Perdido Key.
- **Karaoke w. Kelly Ann:** 6; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- **Open Mixed Doubles Tennis:** 7:15 a.m.; all levels welcome; Gulf Shores Tennis Center; corner of West 19th Ave. and West 2nd St.
- **First Friday Art Walk:** 7 p.m. til; his-



Morgan's Chapel offering pre-registration for free groceries for South Baldwin families on Aug. 14

On Saturday, August 14, Morgan's Chapel United Methodist Church in Bon Secour will host a drive-through food distribution beginning at 9 a.m. Supported by a grant from the Alabama-West Florida Conference, Morgan's Chapel is preparing 100 boxes of non-perishable food items to distribute to area families, especially those with school-age children. They will also be giving away basic school supplies. Families are asked to preregister no later than Friday, August 13, by calling the church answering machine at 251-949-7400 and leaving their name & phone number so the church can call back to confirm their reservation. Food boxes will be given away beginning at 9 a.m. and recipients should plan to join the carline no later than 9 a.m. Morgan's Chapel also holds a weekly food pantry every Wednesday at 8 a.m. All are welcome. Morgan's Chapel is at 6325 Bon Secour Hwy (County Rd 10), across from Swift School.

Pictured: Volunteers at Morgan's Chapel in Bon Secour prepare for their weekly drive-thru food pantry. They will hold a special "Back to School" food pantry on August 14 for 100 families in south Baldwin County.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING



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

SAT, AUG 7

• **Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables:** Schedule on Page 28; Perdido Key.
 • **Spaces In Between:** 9; The Office, Foley.
 • **Ja Rhythm:** 4; Pirates Cove, Josephine.
 • **Wonder:** 6:30 & 8; free; spectacular show featuring water, air, earth, fire; OWA Downtown; Foley.
 • **Justin Colvard:** 5; Woodside Restaurant at Gulf State Park; Gulf Shores.
 • **Adam Holt:** 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's; Gulf Shores.
 • **Wiley Pete:** 7; Stephi Cocktails-Cuisine; Orange Beach.
 • **Alan Renfro:** 5; Th Angry Crab; Orange Beach.
 • **Scott Riggs:** 5; Rotolo's Pizzeria; Fairhope.
 • **Phil Tittle:** 5; Carver's Steakhouse; Orange Beach.
 • **Charlie & The Hammerheads:** 7 'til; Live Bait; Orange Beach.
 • **Destiny Brown:** 5; Perch Restaurant at The Lodge at Gulf State Park; Gulf Shores.
 • **Sand Bar Jam;** 1-4 p.m.; Pirates Cove; Josephine.
 • **Coastal Fire:** 7; Hub Stacey's at the Point; Innerarity Point.
 • **Karaoke on the Tiki Deck:** 7 'til; Live

Bait; Orange Beach.
 • **Doc Johnson Band:** 9; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
 • **The Defrosters:** 2; Flying Harpoon II; Orange Beach.
 • **Late Night DJ's:** 9; The Club at Live Bait; Orange Beach.
 • **John Clayton:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
 • **Karaoke w. Howard:** 8; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.
 • **Zoey Burdett:** 11 a.m.; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.
 • **JJ Mack:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.
 • **John Brust:** 6; Ms. Nancy's Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach.
 • **Karaoke:** 9; The Undertow; 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 p.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
 • **Ladies AA:** 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

SUN, AUG 8

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

• **Wonder:** 6:30 & 8; free; spectacular show featuring water, air, earth, fire; OWA Downtown; Foley.
 • **Destiny Brown and Chase Brown:** 5; Music Under The Marlins; The Wharf.
 • **Ryan Balthrop:** 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's; Gulf Shores.
 • **Cowboy Blues Band:** 5; Th Angry Crab; Orange Beach.
 • **Jonathan Newton:** 5; Carver's Steakhouse; Orange Beach.
 • **Bends & Brews Yoga:** 11 a.m.; in the courtyard; Big Beach Brewery; Gulf Shores.
 • **Karaoke & Dance on The Deck:** 7; Live Bait; Orange Beach.
 • **Sand Bar Jam;** 1-4 p.m.; Pirates Cove; Josephine.
 • **Liza Zanghi:** 6; Ms. Nancy's Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach.
 • **Zoe Burdett:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
 • **Matt & Candy:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.
 • **Hippie Jim:** 11 a.m.; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.
 • **Les Linton:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.
 • **Josh Newcom:** 5; The Daquari Bar; Wharf in 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., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

Tickets on sale for 'Bama's Sept. 9-11 Bulls On The Beach

Tickets are now on sale for Bulls On The Beach, one of the Flora-Bama's most anticipated events of the year. Bring the family out Sept. 9-11 to experience the ultimate adrenaline rush with three nights of live rodeo action featuring professional bull riders from all around the country.

Once again this year, Thursday night will feature a coloring contest bike giveaway for both a lucky little boy and girl followed by bull riding (Info: florabama.com/both-color-page).

All three nights will feature adult and junior bull riders, and patrons can try their own skills riding the infamous mechanical bull immediately following the rodeo at the Flora-Bama. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the competition is from 6-9:30 p.m. Tickets are \$30 daily for adults and \$15 daily for kids 7 o 17. Three day weekend passes are \$50 for adults and \$25 for children. Kids 6 years & under are free

Luke Bryan July 31 & Alabama Aug. 6 at Wharf Amphitheater

The Wharf Amphitheater in Orange Beach will host (pictured) Luke Bryan with Dylan Scott & Caylee Hammack on July 31 and Alabama with Martina McBride opening on August 6. Tickets are available online at Ticketmaster.com, by phon at 800-745-3000 or a the Wharf Amphitheater Box Office from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. weekdays and from 10 a.m. 'til showtimes on concert days.



The Wharf Amphitheater lineup: Thomas Rhett with Rhett Akins and Gabby Barrett on August 13 & 14; Lady A with Carly Pearce, Niko Moon and Tenille Arts on August 19; Jason Aldean with Hardy, Lainey Wilson and Dee Jay Silver on August 27 & 28;

Chris Tomlin with Kari Jobe and Bethel Music on September 2; Whiskey Myers September 8 & 9 at The Port; Chris Stapleton with The Marcus King Band & Yola on September 18; Brooks & Dunn with Travis Tritt & Elvie Shane on Oct. 9.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

MON, AUG 9

- **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).
- **Scott Mangene:** 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's; Gulf Shores.
- **Chase Brown:** 5; Woodside Restaurant at Gulf State Park; Gulf Shores.
- **Karaoke & Dance on The Deck:** 7; Live Bait; Orange Beach.
- **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **Alan Renfroe:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.
- **Damian Lamb:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.
- **Open Mic w/Davo:** 7; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- **Open Mic w/Chris Beverly:** 6; OSO; Orange Beach.
- **Sandy Roots Records Songwriters Night:** 6; Purple Parrot Tiki Bar; Perdido Key.
- **Bingo:** 6; American Legion Post 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 459).
- **AA:** Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship

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

TUE, AUG 10

- **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; Orange Beach.
- **Bama Beach Pickleball Club:** 9-noon; Church of Christ, 2414 West 1st St., Gulf Shores; (new members welcome).
- **Stephen Sylvester:** 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's; Gulf Shores.
- **Karaoke:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- **Austin Thompson:** 5; Woodside Restaurant at Gulf State Park; Gulf Shores.
- **Tim Roberts:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.
- **Greg Brown:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.
- **Jayson Harper:** 6; Live Bait; Orange Beach.
- **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **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.
- **Bridge:** 11:30 a.m.; Orange Beach Senior Center, 251-981-3440.
- **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, AUG 11

- **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.
- **Austin Thompson:** 5; Woodside Restaurant at Gulf State Park; Gulf Shores.
- **Jason Treuman:** 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's; Gulf Shores.
- **Jenna McClelland:** 7; Stephi Cocktails / Cuisine; Orange Beach.
- **Groovy Ty:** 5; Th Angry Crab; Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke & Dance on The Deck:** 7; Live Bait; Orange Beach.
- **Bama Beach Pickleball Club:** 9-noon; Church of Christ, 2414 West 1st St., Gulf Shores; (new members welcome).
- **Anthony Oliver:** 6; Live Bait; Orange Beach.
- **John Brust:** 6; Ms. Nancy's Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach.
- **Delta Donnie:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.
- **Tim Roberts:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Orange

- Beach.
- **Open Mic:** 5; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- **Brent Burns:** 6; Ginny Lane; Orange Beach.
- **Mason Henderson's Saucy Fuzz:** 9; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- **Gary Story & Friends:** 8; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- **Scott Koehn Project:** 6; OSO; Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke:** 7; Bar 45 at ONE CLUB, Gulf Shores.
- **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-foley.com.
- **Karaoke & League Pool:** 7:30; The Office, 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.



Council of Catholic Women meet this fall at Perdido Beach Resort

The Archdiocesan Council of Catholic Women Annual Convention will be held Oct. 31 to Nov. 2 at Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach. The event will be hosted by members of the Baldwin-Escambia Deanery of the ACCW. The theme for this year is "Hope Anchors the Soul." Emphasis will be placed on suicide prevention. The event will feature a panel discussion titled "Lifeline to Hope," as well as other programs throughout the day. A special "Fun Night" will be held at Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church in Gulf Shores. **Pictured:** Planning for the event are standing from left, Liz Reed, Margaret Kenney, Joyce Gaar, Judie Flanigan, Merrie Henderson, and Terri Russell. Seated are Martha Walker, Ann McAdams, Jacque Odom, Lisa Boos and Martha Kelley.

South Baldwin Theatre kicks off 50th season with Clue

South Baldwin Theatre will kick off its 50th season begins August 19-29 with a production of Clue sponsored by the City of Gulf Shores. Clue is a musical based on the board game Clue. The plot concerns a murder at a mansion, occupied by several suspects, while the ending is decided by the audience. There are six characters, six murder weapons and nine rooms, leaving the audience to decide between 324 possibilities. The theatre is located at 2022 W 2nd St. in Gulf Shores. For more info, call 251-968-6721 or visit sbct.biz.

SBCT will follow Clue with a Oct. 1- 10 production of The Bad Seed

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Funny Bones

By Ron "Bones" Jones



Did you know Bruce Lee has a faster older brother? Sudden Lee.

Jean-Paul Sartre is sitting at a French cafe, revising his draft of Being and Nothingness. He says to the waitress, "I'd like a cup of coffee, please, with no cream."

The waitress replies, "I'm sorry, Monsieur, but we're out of cream. How about with no

milk?

I never got along well with my dad.

Kids used to come up to me and say, "My dad can beat up your dad."

I'd just say, "Yeah, when?"

When the Sargent asked a woman how long her husband's been missing she says, "Since last winter."

Astonished, the Sargent asked, "Why did you wait till spring to report him missing?"

The landscaper replies, "Because the landscaping company is asking too much money to mow the lawn."

As a kid, I got lectured for only doing the bare minimum to complete a task.

As an engineer, I get paid to do just that.

Diner: "I want to compliment you on your very clean kitchen."
Manager: "Clean kitchen? Have you seen our kitchen?"

Diner: "No, but it must be clean because all the food tastes like soap."

How does an attorney sleep? First he lies on one side, then

he lies on the other side.

I have a few jokes about unemployed people, but none of them work.

How do you make holy water? You boil the hell out of it.

Will glass coffins be a success? Remains to be seen.

What's the difference between a hippo and a zippo?

One is really heavy and the other is a little lighter

Hear about the new restaurant called Karma?

There's no menu - you get what you deserve.

I went to buy some camouflage trousers yesterday but couldn't find any.

What do you call a bee that can't make up its mind? A maybe

I tried to sue the airline for losing my luggage.

I lost my case.

When everything is coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.

She had a photographic memory, but she never developed it

Is it ignorance or apathy that's destroying the world today?

I don't know and don't really care.

Which country's capital has the fastest-growing population? Ireland. Every day it's Dublin.

My ex-wife still misses me. But her aim is starting to improve.

The guy who invented the door knocker got a no-bell prize.

I saw an ad for burial plots, and I thought: "That's the last thing I need!"

Need an ark? I Noah guy.

I used to think I was indecisive; now I'm not so sure.

What did the grape say when it got stepped on?

Nothing - but it let out a little whine

What do you call a super articulate dinosaur? A Thesaurus.

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• You burn your yard rather than mow it.

• You think the Nutcracker is something you did off the high dive.

• The Salvation Army declines your mattress.

• Your entire family sat around waiting for a call from the Governor to spare a loved one.

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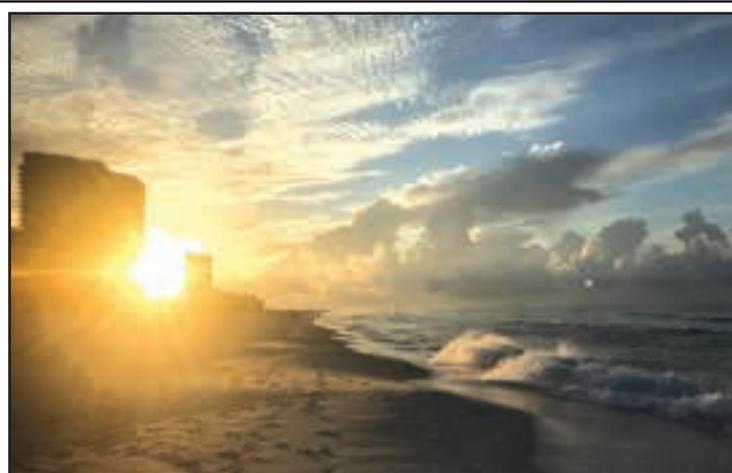
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PICTURES OF THE WEEK



Steve Easley of Gulf Shores shares a few of his beautiful Pleasure Island pics.



A beautiful Orange Beach sunrise shared by Devan Hidalgo.



Cathy Deal shares a picture from Johnson Beach.



Al Fowler shares a shot from Perdido Key.



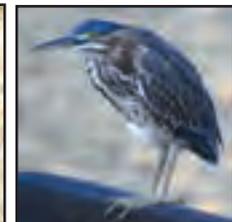
Pat Thornton: "Fred says altogether sing."



"Taken from our balcony at the Beach Club Resort," writes Becky Maddox.



Douglas Hamm shares wildlife photos he took at Gulf State Park this summer.





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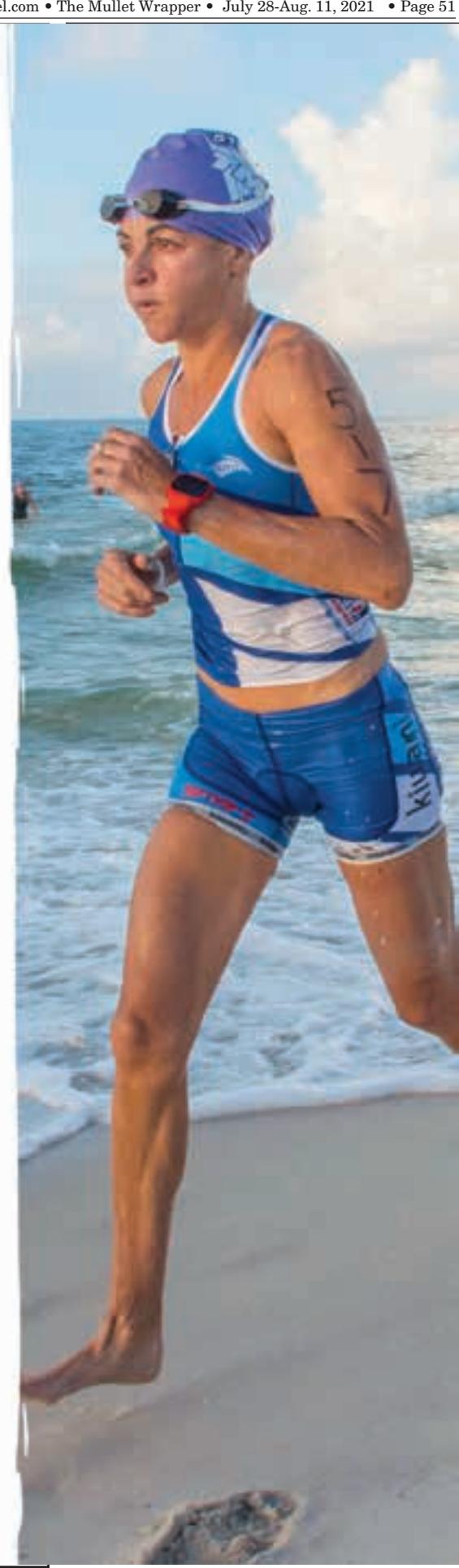
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Guys from YouTube's The Hunting Public match wits with Al. turkeys

By David Rainer
Al. Dept. of Con. & Natural Resources

The guys from YouTube sensation The Hunting Public made a swing through the state early this turkey season and found out how much work it takes to bag an Alabama bird.

Aaron Warbritton, Greg Clements and Zack Serenbaugh had previously worked together at Midwest Whitetail, a deer video website, and all were in between jobs when this new venture was considered.

“From the get-go, we tried to show people this is doable. There are plenty of places to do it, and we’ve tried to show that over the years.”

show people that they could get together with family and friends and go out hunting. You didn’t have to have a bunch of money or fancy gear. From the get-go, we tried to show people this is doable. There are plenty of places to do it, and we’ve tried to show that over the years.”

Since the inception of The Hunting Public with deer hunting videos in 2017, the crew has hunted in about 30 states and has made multiple trips to Alabama, one deer hunting trip and four to chase turkeys. The team has hunted turkeys in northwest, northeast and south Alabama.

“All of us grew up hunting public land or private land with permission,” Warbritton said. “We’re from different parts of the world, but we all grew up hunting public land. We’ve got a lot of experience dealing with property where there are other hunters. Over time, that experience has helped us be more comfortable in those environments.

“Alabama certainly has a lot of hunters, especially early in turkey season. That’s what we were dealing with on our recent hunt, for sure. But you can use that hunting pressure to your advantage. If you communicate with other folks, you can ensure everybody is having a good experience. That’s a big part of it. We always talk to other hunters when we run into them.”

Warbritton said the videos stress the courtesy aspect of hunting on public land and how not to infringe on other people’s hunts.

“That’s the way we’ve always operated,” he said. “It’s sort of an unwritten rule for public land. If there is one access point into a relatively small area, and they beat us there, we let them have it. Or if we’re moving in on a turkey, and somebody is already set up, we ease out and let them work the bird. We hope they would do the same for us.”

Although Warbritton says Alabama has plenty of

turkey hunters, the state also has a good population of wild turkeys. However, early-season birds seem especially difficult to deal with.

“We’ve never had a problem finding a turkey to hunt on public land,” he said. “But when we go there early in the season, we found that the turkeys were flocked up, henned up and pretty quiet. At times, you have to deal with adverse weather conditions. You occasionally have cold fronts and the turkeys get quiet. The henned-up birds don’t make much noise. They don’t gobble as much.”

To deal with the early-season obstacles, Warbritton and pals have developed a reconnaissance strategy before they even try to hunt.

“We try to locate birds first thing in the morning, even if we only hear them gobble one time,” he said. “We try to find birds in as many locations as we can. First thing in the morning, we’re listening. Throughout the day, we’re scouting for turkey sign – tracks, scratching, droppings in the woods around potential roosting areas.

“Once we have a handful of areas with turkeys, we go about hunting them. We bounce from one to the other throughout the day until we get on a turkey that wants to play. At the same time, we’re gaining more options if we pull into an area that is being hunted by somebody else. Then we don’t have all our eggs in one basket.”

If their schedule had allowed, Warbritton would prefer to hunt Alabama’s tough turkeys in the middle of the season.

“As turkey season progresses, especially in Alabama, fewer hunters are going to the woods,” he said. “The pressure has slacked off. Turkeys realize that. They start going back to what they were doing before that hunting pressure moved in. The hens are also starting to nest. As the woods continue to green up and temperatures get warmer, turkeys are going to start gobbling more.

“If I was coming to Alabama, I’d probably pick this time frame to hunt. The gobblers that remain are going to gobble more than they did earlier in the season. There are a lot of advantages to hunt the whole season in Alabama. If I was a resident of Alabama, I’d just spend the first part of the season scouting and finding all the areas with turkeys. I’d have a lot of spots on the map where I’d heard or seen turkeys.”

Warbritton applauded the efforts of the Alabama Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division and its wildlife management areas (WMAs).

“That’s one thing about Alabama,” he said. “They do a good job of maintaining good turkey habitat. The most diverse habitat is going to hold the most turkeys. They do a good job with prescribed burns, and they have different stands of timber.”

Warbritton said he depends heavily on the Outdoor AL and OnX apps during hunting season.

“We use the Outdoor AL app a bunch,” he said. “We use the app to check in and out of WMAs, but we also read specific regulations about those WMAs. Each is managed a little differently. There is tons of information on the app. We also use the OnX maps that we can download to our phones when we’re offline. We’re constantly flipping back and forth between the apps as we’re hunting.

“When we’re looking at maps, we’re looking for areas with habitat diversity like creeks and rivers or clearcuts and burns. We get an idea of the areas we want to check out. Then we go in with boots on the

ground and see if it’s good turkey habitat. If we find turkey sign, we’ll drop pins on the map.”

While Warbritton says “a turkey is a turkey,” he admits that birds in the South are generally tougher to deal with early in the season.

“But that’s why we love to come down there to hunt,” he said. “We love the challenge of hunting turkeys in Alabama. We learn a lot about turkeys doing that.”

During this year’s trip to Alabama, Warbritton managed to bag a bird., Ted Zangerle, another The Hunting Public team member, also scored on a bird late in the afternoon. Zangerle’s bird never gobbled, but he could hear him drumming.

“We struggled to get on birds at first,” Warbritton said. “We dealt with the hunting pressure, but we stayed persistent and were able to kill a couple of turkeys in a week’s time. If we go into any new area in any state, that’s pretty good. It’s about all we could ask for.”

On Warbritton’s fateful hunt (Episode 11), he had to belly-crawl into a position to be able to spot the turkey strutting on a ridge. After his accurate shot, he celebrated for several minutes.

“Man, I love turkey hunting,” he said. “I got excited about this one. We had struggled in Alabama and north Florida. We got our butts whipped in Florida. We came to Alabama and had adverse weather conditions and a lot of hunting pressure. It was difficult. Combined, we had been hunting about 11 days without a bird. I was really pumped when I got that bird.”

Warbritton admits he doesn’t quite understand the popularity of The Hunting Public, which has 363,000 YouTube subscribers. Warbritton and Zangerle were gracious enough to do an interview on the Outdoor Alabama YouTube page.

“I really don’t know why people decide to watch,” he said. “Most people say it reminds them of themselves or their own group of friends and buddies who hunt. That’s pretty much who we are. We’re just a bunch of average guys who love spending our time hunting.

“A lot of young people use YouTube for entertainment and to learn how to do stuff. Kids these days use the internet to solve all kinds of problems. You have to be on there quite often so when they Google how or where to go turkey hunting, your page will pop up.”

Warbritton said not to be surprised if 2022 turkey hunts from Alabama show up on YouTube.

“We plan to come down next year,” he said. “We love coming to Alabama.”

Pictured: (Courtesy of The Hunting Public) Aaron Warbritton shows off a beautiful gobbler taken in south Alabama.



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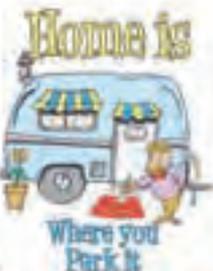
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