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Ft. Morgan Vol. Fire Dept. Ladies Auxiliary fish-fry is Oct. 16

The Fort Morgan Volunteer Fire Department Ladies' Auxiliary will hold their annual Fish Fry fund-raiser on Saturday, October 16, from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. at Fire Station #1, located at 12105 State Hwy. 180, which is between the 12 and 13 mile markers.

For a donation of \$8, you will get fresh fried fish, hush-puppies, baked beans, cole slaw, and a choice of tea or coffee. You may eat at the station and take-outs are also available. There will also be a bake sale with all kinds of home-made cakes, pies, cookies, breads, and candies. There will be a "split the pot" raffle and the Fort Morgan Volunteer Fire Department Ladies' Auxiliary cookbook will also be for sale.

All proceeds benefit FMVFD's Firefighter Benevolence Fund to help first responders in need. For information, please call Kay Stevens at 251-540-7422.

Pictured: FMVFD Auxiliary members working past fish-fry benefits.



St. Peter's hosts final fish-fry Oct. 7

Historic St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Bon Secour will host its final monthly fishfry of the year on Oct. 7 from 5-7 p.m. A hugely popular monthly community event, the fish fries are a major fundraiser for the church's charities. Fried fish plates are available for dine-in or take-out and include sides of hush-puppies, 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.

BooLu's Spooktacular at Lulu's on Oct. 30

Enjoy spooktacular LuLu's Halloween festivities and kid's costume contest at BooLu's from 2 to 5 p.m. on Saturday, October 30.

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The spooky fun will have candy treats from LuLu's, mini-pumpkin decorating, kid's crafts and an inflatable play area. There will also be a dunking booth and trunk or treat.

Kids can partake in a fabulous costume contest in age categories 0-3, 4-7, 8-11, 12 & older, and family/group, with prizes for the winners. Contest registration begins at 2:30 p.m. and ends at 4:30 p.m., with awards at 4:45 p.m. Best of all, this day of fun BooLu's events is all free.

For more information, call 251-967-LULU (5858), or visit lulubuffett.com. LuLu's is located at 200 East 25th Ave. in Gulf Shores.

Gulf Shores Fire Rescue launches Community Connect program

Residents will be able to share critical info about their households

Gulf Shores Fire Rescue has been working closely with technology partner First Due to release Community Connect, an application focused on protecting residents and their property in the most effective way possible during an incident or major disaster.

"The critical information provided may assist in saving your life, or the life of a family member."

Community Connect is a secure, easy-to-use platform that allows residents to share critical information about their household in order to aid first responders and emergency service personnel to respond more efficiently and effectively, ultimately resulting in better incident outcomes. In addition to the residential portal, Community Connect also helps business owners and managers keep people at their commercial properties safe by giving

First Responders access to critical documents such as evacuation procedures, occupant rosters, hazardous material lists and more.

"I highly encourage our residents in Gulf Shores to create a Community Connect profile," said Gulf Shores Fire Chief, Mark Sealy. "The critical information provided may assist in saving your life, or the life of a family member."

Community Connect is completely voluntary, and residents are individually able to decide which information they are comfortable sharing.

Residents simply create a profile and enter critical property and occupant information which is then made available to public safety agencies at the time of dispatch. Data provided by residents within Community Connect is 100% secure and is used only for the purpose of better serving the resident during emergency situations.

For more information about the program and to create a profile for your household, please visit communityconnect.io/info/al-gulfshores.

Fort Morgan Historical Haunted Tour slated Oct. 30

Join the members of Second Sight Paranormal TV for a fully equipped ghost/paranormal investigation and historical haunted tour at Fort Morgan from 7-11 p.m. on Oct. 30. Organizers will provide a historical guide and ghost hunting equipment, but feel free to bring your own, as audio equipment & digital cameras are allowed. Reservations are required. Visit pensacolaghostevents.com or call 850-941-4321 for more info.

Fort Morgan has definitely seen its fair share of ghosts. One of the most haunted areas of Fort Morgan is the old barracks. In 1917, a prisoner committed suicide by hanging himself in the barracks of the fort. Since then, many people have reported hearing him cry during the late-night hours. During the Civil War, Fort Morgan experienced a heavy fire. While the Battle of Mobile Bay, the Union set the fort on fire. This historic battle resulted in many deaths. Construction began in 1819 and was completed in 1834. When Fort Morgan was built, it was considered the "finest example of military architecture in the New World."

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Midday Melodies Oct. 13, 20 & 27 at Heritage Park

Exit 105 Band, This Side of 49 & Leonard Houston set to perform

Fall is in the air and Midday Melodies is in Heritage Park! This music-at-lunchtime event will be held on three consecutive Wednesdays, Oct. 13, 20 and 27, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

On Oct. 13, the Exit 105 Band from Pace, Florida, will perform a variety of tunes, ranging from pop to sock-hop, country, and western swing. Line dancers are welcome. On Oct. 20, This Side of 49 will be performing original sounds with some classic favorites. Lastly, on Oct. 27, Leonard Houston of Fairhope will be performing on the keyboard and saxophone.

Midday Melodies is a safe, socially distanced event that will take place entirely outdoors near the fountain in Foley's Heritage Park. Picnic blankets or lawn chairs are welcomed. Pick up a lunch from one of Foley's many restaurants or bring your own. Or, take advantage of the food truck. The Chew Chew Truck will be taking orders onsite for a variety of stuffed grilled cheeses. With plenty of space in Foley's seven-acre Heritage Park, there is room to spread out and socially distance.

Bring a friend and your lunch and enjoy great music and the outdoors for Midday Melodies (weather permitting). Free parking is available around the perimeter of Heritage Park (104 N. McKenzie Street) and just across the pedestrian bridge on Hwy. 59. For more information, visit visitfoley.org or call the city of Foley at 251-943-1300.

Pictured: (Above) Jack and Jim Randolph started the Exit 105 Band in 1997 and moved the band to Northwest Florida in 2002. Jack has had the pleasure of working with members of the Grand Old Opry, and also made Billboard with the song "Shadows of a Honky Tonk" in 1975. The band takes pride in being able to deliver music, from the 40's, and 50's, classic country, classic rock and the latest hits. **(Below)** This Side of 49 is made up of Josh Aaron and Jarred Ashley from right here on the Alabama Coast. Their influences range from gospel to classic rock, and they blend those influences with experience, passion and a respect for music in every piece they create. Their latest album is expected to be released later this year.



Zoo Brew: Toast for Tamarins

Oct. 15 at Al. Gulf Coast Zoo

The Alabama Gulf Coast Zoo will host Zoo Brew: Toast for Tamarins on Friday, Oct. 15 from 6:30 - 9 p.m. Guests (21+ Only) will enjoy a fun-filled evening of beer tastings, delicious food, live entertainment, meet and greets with the Zoo's animal ambassadors.

VIP tickets featuring exclusive opportunities during the event, General Admission, and Designated Driver tickets are available. Tickets: givesmart.com.

Zoo Brew will raise needed funds for the Alabama Gulf Coast Zoo and support conservation efforts for the critically endangered cotton-top tamarin.

Sponsorships and Food Vendor opportunities are available click here or contact Paula White, Director of Development at development@algulfcostzoo.org.

Oct. 23 Boo at the Zoo

part of regular admission

Boo at the Alabama Gulf Coast Zoo in Gulf Shores will be held Saturday, October 23 from 9 a.m. - noon. Dress up your little ghosts and goblins and celebrate Halloween with the animals at the Alabama Gulf Coast Zoo. Enjoy trick or treat stations, activities, meet and greets with your favorite animal ambassadors. Boo at the Zoo is included with regular Zoo admission.

Mahoney Youth Fishing Tourney

slated Oct. 8-9 at Pirates Cove

Wolf Bay Watershed Watch hosts its annual Stan Mahoney Youth & School Competitive Team Fishing Tournament Oct. 8-9 at Pirates Cove Restaurant in Josephine. Tourney fishing is allowed on all inshore waterways within Baldwin County from Oct. 8 at 6 p.m. thru Oct. 9 at 11:30 p.m. Registration fees accepted at wolfbaywatch.org. Info: Call 251-923-4267 or email wolfbaywatershedwatch@gmail.com. Entry fee for both youth and school divisions is \$25, including t-shirt.

Divisions include 3- 8 Years; 9-13 Years; and 14-18 Years. There is also a competitive High School Team Division, recognizing 7th thru 12th grades. Youth contestants must be accompanied by an adult. Public fishing areas include the Josephine fishing pier at the county park on Roberts Bayou, the fishing pier under the Hwy. 59 Bridge, and the Intracoastal Waterway.



Civil War munitions exposed on Perdido Key beach following Ida Cannonballs detonated at Gulf Islands National Seashore

The effects of last month's Hurricane Ida exposed stockpiled Civil War era munitions on the beach in two different locations a half mile from Fort McRee on the southeastern end of Gulf Islands National Seashore on Perdido Key.

The remote area is only accessible by boat, foot or ATV and the 35-pound cannonballs, around 190 in all, were detonated, as it was believed there was a slight risk of them exploding, since there was no way of knowing if they may have still contained gunpowder.

The origin of the cannonballs is being investigated, according to Superintendent of the Gulf Islands National Seashore Darrel Echols.

"The park continues to monitor the area for newly discovered munitions and will secure the site should any be found in the future," said Echols. "Our goal is to ensure that the area is safe for the visitors and staff, and that cultural resources are protected."

The area where the munitions were found is closed and marked with signs. Park rangers will be monitoring and patrolling the area regularly in search of additional undiscovered munitions still buried.

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More than 190 cannonballs were detonated within park boundaries with help from other federal agencies.

Munitions found within national park boundaries are considered cultural artifacts and are protected by law. It is illegal for the public to harm, deface, damage, or remove these items. The National Park Service, Southeast Archaeology Center, and Florida State University began a cultural survey of the eastern end of Perdido Key in 2019.

Created in 1971, Gulf Islands National Seashore stretches 160 miles along the northern coast of the Gulf of Mexico in Florida and Mississippi, and includes barrier islands, maritime forests, historic forts, bayous, and marine habitat. Info: nps.gov/



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Freedom Fest is here to stay

Oct. 9 Shrimp Fest fill-in event at The Wharf will surely expand

By Fran Thompson

Roger Strick and Flo Rivers, who along with drummer Steve Jacobs, and Patrick Smitherman on bass, make up the band (pictured) Strickly Rivers, didn't know he would be part of the answer to a trivia question when he booked his band to play the inaugural Freedom Fest on Saturday, Oct. 9 at 9 a.m. on the Main St. stage at The Wharf.

But with Orange Beach Mayor Tony

Orange Beach announced plans for the fest just one day after the Shrimp Fest dropped the bombshell that it was cancelling the fest due to continued Covid concerns.

Kennon announcing that the Festival will be an annual event rather than just a one-off response to the Coastal Alabama Business Chamber cancelling the National Shrimp Fest for the second consecutive year, Strickly Rivers can now always lay claim to being the first

ever band to play at the festival. "The organizers originally reached out to some friends. They were not available and recommended me. We are delighted to be a part of the event," said Strick, who has been playing music on Pleasure Island since moving here from Birmingham nine years back.

"It's great that this is going to be an annual thing, and I know it means a lot to the people who will be participating and attending," he added. "I think it will be well attended and be a great event. I know I speak for a lot of people when I say I am delighted that Orange Beach stepped up."

"I wasn't sure it was going to be a continued every year, but that is fantastic," added Rivers, who was in the medical field before deciding to try to make making music her fulltime job.

Strickly Rivers, regulars at Papa Rocco's, Ginny Lane and the GT's/Cobalt/Cosmo's bistro group, expect to play its usual eclectic set at Freedom Fest.

"My roots are in classic rock and acoustic finger picking, but my influences I couldn't narrow down. They change all the time," Strick said.

Rivers met Strick when she worked with his wife Diane, a nurse, during her stint as the clinic coordinator at South Baldwin Clinic in Gulf Shores.

A native of McIntosh, she has been singing all her life, but it is just since joining Strickly Rivers three years ago that she has made it her primary job.

"My love for music has always been there," she said. "But since I've been working at it fulltime we've had an amazing run. The tourists and the hometown folks have been great and we are playing a lot of private parties."

Rivers attended Faulkner State on a performing arts scholarship and was part of the Sun Chiefs Sound. She said Strickly Rivers is working some original music into their sets, but do not expect them to limit any performance to one genre.

"We sing a little bit of everything from Patsy Cline to Elton John to Bill Withers," she said. "We're super excited to be playing the first fest. We are hearing that it's going to be a good event and I think the weather is going to be really nice."

"People have the right to choose what they wish to attend and decide the risk they are willing to take, just like sitting in a sold-out football stadium with 100,000 other folks."

age and man the event," the shrimp Fest committee stated in their release.

The local chamber did not make any attempt to recruit replacement or first time volunteers who were not part of their core group, which was a major complaint among naysayers.

The original intent of the Freedom Fest was to provide a venue for artists and guests who has already made plans to be on Pleasure Island for the weekend, but the Orange Beach community has since stepped up to provide support.

The response has been overwhelming, according to Mayor Kennon, who said Freedom Fest is here to stay and will definitely be a yearly event during the traditional Shrimp Fest weekend.

"People can pick and choose what they want to do. But we are going to put together a festival every year without concern for what the Shrimp Fest is doing," he said. "We have the Event Center, The Port and the Amphitheater at The Wharf. We have the new Performing Arts Center. We have the new beachfront property. There are too many venues

Orange Beach announced plans for the fest just one day after the Shrimp Fest dropped the bombshell that it was cancelling the fest due to continued Covid concerns.

"A large number of volunteers have voiced legitimate concerns over their safety, equating to a reduced ability to adequately man-



here not to have something going on. And October is a beautiful month here."

Whether Freedom Fest expands to other locations has yet to be determined, but Mayor Kennon is certain that it is going to expand in some way.

"We could have different concerts day and night. We just don't know where it will go, but we have so much flexibility that we can really make it happen and put on something special," he said.

The response from vendors and artists has been as extraordinary as the support from the Orange Beach community, Mayor Kennon said.

"People are pumped up for this festival," he said. "So many businesses have been willing to jump in and help out. It's been eye opening. You can see how badly people want to return to their normal life."

A Brooks & Dunn concert and Orange Beach Expect Excellence production of The Addams Family Musical Comedy dinner theater at the Orange Beach Event Center (see page 12 story) were already on the books for that weekend.

"People have the right to choose what they wish to attend and decide the risk they are willing to take, just like sitting in a sold-out football stadium with a hundred thousand other folks. We know that it is late notice and we may not be able to pull this off, but we do need to make a statement that this virus will not dominate and control our lives," said Mayor Kennon.

Freedom Fest, which is being promoted

as "a fun annual arts weekend," will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and include 100 artists covering a wide variety of mediums and crafts.

In addition to Strickly Rivers, the fest will feature shows by Brown Barnes Band, Cole Sitzlar and Tres Amigos.

Miss Alabama, Lauren Bradford from Gulf Shores, will also take the stage around lunchtime. A kids zone and the Singing for Scholarships student competition (see sidebar) are also attractions. Commemorative merchandise will be sold.

There will be cajun pistols, thanks to Bon Temps PoPoys, which will also serve jambalaya. Other menu items will include empanadas, BBQ, Hawaiian shaved ice and Acai fruit bowls. The Wharf's many restaurants will be also be open and offer dine in, al fresco and take-out options.

The Wharf has vast parking areas, but if there is a need for overflow parking, an off-site shuttle system will be initiated from the Orange Beach High School parking lot and then the Orange Beach Sportsplex.

The local Mardi Gras Krew, The Marshals, will host the Let Freedom Roar Run and Rally at noon, leaving from the Orange Beach Event Center. Registration fee is \$20 per motorcycle/Jeep (all passengers are free). Proceeds benefit Youth-Reach Gulf Coast, a Christ-centered residential ministry for young men ages 18-22. Participants can register at the departure sight before the run.

Singing For Scholarships will now be held at Freedom Fest

With the cancellation of the National Shrimp Festival, Singing for Scholarships event will now be held at the Oct. 9 Freedom Fest at The Wharf. The competition starts at 10 a.m. at The Port. Deadline is Oct. 1 or when all slots are filled. For more information, email Allison Pryor at shrimpfestivalSFS@gmail.com.

Created in 2013 to support local Baldwin County High Schools and the talented youth in our region, the singing competition features one contestant chosen to represent their high school, virtual school or home school. Scholarships are awarded to the top three participants as well as to each of their high schools as follows: 1st Place: \$1000 to student & \$500 to school; 2nd Place: \$500 to student & \$500 to school; 3rd Place: \$250 to student & \$500 to school. The event is sponsored by The Port at The Wharf, The City of Orange Beach, Friends of The Arts, Cowbell Rolled

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Video seems to prove golfer was the aggressor at Craft Farms

Air horn prank gone bad story picked up by national media

By Fran Thompson

Thank goodness the incident was recorded on video, which was the idea behind the prank gone wrong in the first place.

Unfortunately, as of press time, only the original story was picked up by media from all over the country, including the Miami Herald and USA Today. Headlines included "Three golfers ambushed by camouflage-clad attackers" and "Jackass' Copycats Beat Up Golfers After Confrontation." The New York Post even featured the story, describing the victims as "the three elderly golfers." GSPD Lt. Jason Woodruff was contacted by TMZ.

The three golfers, who were definitely not elderly, were participating in a tourney at Craft Farms when someone hiding in the woods blew an air horn while each was attempting to hit their ball from the tee at the no. 3 hole during a tourney at Cotton Creek at around 1 p.m. on Sept. 26.

I watched the video. I thought it was funny.

According to the original WKRG report that went viral, when the golfers confronted the honker, they were assaulted by a man and several other suspects who were hiding in the woods. The suspects were all wearing face paint and camouflage. One of the victims was hospitalized to be treated for a head cut and broken teeth, according to the report. Police were able to identify the accused from a picture a witness in a nearby neighborhood took of the car they left in and its license plate.

GSPD determined an assault had taken place and initiated an investigation. In response to the accusations, the pranksters released a video (currently available on the WKRG website) that they claim proves they were victimized after they admittedly purposely antagonized the golfers in order to gain hits on their youtube channel.

"Do you need me to beat someone up here," said one of the golfers in the video while walking towards the direction from which the horn was blown.

"You don't need to keep taking pictures. I'm liable to slap you in the head," he added on video while approaching a man near the woods.

"I'm with Auburn University. I'm trying to get pictures of red hawks in the area," the younger man being threatened said.

That did not sit well with the golfer.

"Know who you're messing with before you do that. I kill people for a living," said the golfer on the video.

The pranksters claim a member of their video crew was tackled and beaten by a golfer. They posted a youtube of the incident titled, "Three Alabama Golfers Attack. The Truth Will Shock You."

"We did not attack anyone, we were attacked and it was a prank that led to violence," Seth Randall told WKRG.

"We find it fun. We weren't trespassing. We were at a homeowner's house who lived at Craft Farms," Seth Randall said.

"I'm going to say we were on the right side of it all which led to a few men being very aggressive," Chaidy Mack added.

GSPD decided not to arrest anyone after reviewing the evidence. But the report that went viral is that three golfers were pranked, and then attacked. And one man then attempted to steal their golf cart. How one golfer reportedly ended up hospitalized with broken teeth is still not public knowledge.

What is clear in the video is that the golfer was a good 35 years older than the immature prankster he walked towards and threatened.

What is unfortunate for our national reputation at least during one 24 hour news cycle, is that the golfer's response to the prank was even less mature.

Luckily, mature adults, in the way of GSPD, did get involved. And they did not find enough evidence to file charges against anybody.

"I get that it may have been a prank. but it all could have just as easily been avoided. It was just unnecessary really," said Lt. Woodruff.

Dinner Theatre Oct. 7-10 at Orange Beach Event Center

"Addams Family - A New Musical Comedy" by Expect Excellence Theater

By Jessica Langston

Fall slowly works its way to the Gulf Coast and beach season fades into the background, but that doesn't mean your entertainment options are over. What better way to kick off the Halloween season than to revisit everyone's spooky and kooky favorites in "The Addams Family" - A New Musical Comedy, presented by the Expect Excellence Community Theatre.

The play will be presented as a dinner theater for \$50 per person at the Orange Beach Event Center, located at the Wharf, on October 7-9 at 7 p.m. with a matinee performance on Oct. 10 at 2 p.m. Tickets are currently on sale through the City of Orange Beach website at OrangeBeachAL.gov.

The show is rated PG, and theatergoers ages 12 and younger will receive free tickets and kids' meals. Children's tickets must be reserved through the website to account for seating and food preparation. Catering for the event is being handled by The Wharf Catering Group, which is operated by the owners of local restaurant favorites: Ginny Lane Bar & Grill; YoHo Rum and Tacos; and Villaggio Grille.

Two of the people helping bring the production to the stage are actually sisters, and while they both have been performing since early childhood, the Addams Family production will have them collaborating from different perspectives of the performance.

Polly Pittman, the Expect Excellence After-School Program administrator, will be playing Morticia, the matriarch of the Addams family. Trained more as a vocal performer, Pittman has an Associates Degree in Music Vocal Performance from the East Central Community College in Decatur, Mississippi, and a Bachelor's in Church Ministry and Leadership from University of Mobile.

Her sister, Olivia Vaughn, who also graduated from UM with both a Bachelor's and Master's in Musical Theater, is helping coax the best possible version of Morticia out of her sister, as the show's assistant director.

"Actually, playing Morticia has been very difficult for me," Pittman said. "Olivia has been very helpful in interpreting what they want out of my character, because Morticia's personality couldn't be further from me as a human being. Olivia

has been very helpful...in finding the right tone for Morticia."

When asked what it has been like directing her sister, Vaughn, who is seven years younger than Pittman, said, "It's been so much fun. I have loved it. I was really excited to see her in something out of her comfort zone and let her try something new. And, while it's definitely been a process for her, I think it's really been a blessing having me on this side of the table because I've been able to help her if she doesn't understand a direction, because we have a certain sister telepathy, and I am able to describe things in a manner that she more readily understands."

City of Orange Beach staff members say that ticket sales are moving briskly and they advise everyone not to wait until the last minute to reserve a seat to the dinner theater production, as the city is selling a limited number of tickets to each performance to allow for social distancing.

Pictured: Polly Pittman (left), playing Morticia Addams, and Olivia Vaughn (right), assistant director of "The Addams Family - A New Musical Comedy" are part of Expect Excellence Community Theatre's upcoming Halloween show.



Perdido invites artists, vendors to sign up for holiday craft fair

The Perdido Key Area Chamber of Commerce vendor booths for its outdoor holiday craft and vendor fair on Saturday, November 13 from noon 'til 5 p.m. at Innerarity Point Park, located at 5828 Cruzat Rd. on Innerarity Point.

"To celebrate and promote Shop Local Saturday, we are hosting this outdoor craft fair, followed by a free holiday-themed outdoor movie," said Dana Pagador, President and CEO of the

Chamber.

Space is available for \$25 for chamber members, \$50 for non-members, and \$100 for commercial entities. Vendor registration forms are available on the event page at PerdidoChamber.com. Interested vendors are encouraged to contact the chamber at 850-492-4660 or email Lori@PerdidoChamber.com.

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AROUND TOWN

Gulf Shores mayor addresses Ancient Aviators on Nov. 9

The speaker at the Nov. 9 meeting of the Ancient Aviators will be Gulf Shores Mayor Robert Craft. 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 at about 9 a.m. and runs approximately 90 minutes. All are welcome.

Upcoming speakers include: Dec. 7: Art Giberson; Jan. 4: Dayre Lias; Feb. 1: Janet Cobb.

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.

Hill Goodspeed, the historian at the National Naval Aviation Museum for more than 25 years, spoke at the October Ancient Aviators meeting. The author or editor of five books, Goodspeed is the recipient of the Admiral Arthur W. Radford Award for Excellence in Naval Aviation History and Literature. He talked about the history of many of the airplanes currently in the museum.

Gulf Shores Woman's Club to host Feb. 19 scavenger hunt

On Saturday, February 19, the Gulf Shores Woman's Club will be hosting a Scavenger hunt for its scholarship and charity fundraiser in place of its usual home tour. Tickets will go on sale after the first of the year at the following retail stores: Coastal Cakes; Fran's on 59; Southern Shore Coffee; Too Hot Mamas; Wildflowers. Prize winners will be awarded at the end of the Scavenger Hunt. GSWC members look forward to seeing everyone on February 19.

Foley Rotary Oyster Run Nov. 13 at Orange Blossom Square

The 28th Annual Foley Rotary Club Oyster Run will be held Saturday, November 13 at Orange Blossom Square in downtown Foley. The event consist of a 5k Run/Walk that will begin at 8 a.m. and a One Mile Fun Run that will begin at 9 a.m. The course is flat and fast and is certified by the USATF. Awards will be presented for all age group winners.

Each participant will receive an Oyster Run T-Shirt and other assorted swag. Race after-party will include beer, raw oysters, gumbo and pizza.

Registration information can be found at Runsignup.com or Foleyrotary.org. Race day registration will be from 6:30-7:30 a.m. All race packets can be picked up at registration on the day of the event. For more information, email Foleyoystrun@gmail.com or call 251-923-9675.

This is the largest fundraiser for the Foley Rotary Club with proceeds going to the Alabama Sherriff's Boys Ranch, Jennifer Claire-Moore Foundation, Ecumenical Ministries and other local charities.

Race sponsors include Ascend Performance Materials, Bon Secour Fisheries, Wolf Bay Lodge and South Baldwin Regional Medical Center, the Foley Police Department, The Foley Interact Club and Mellow Mushroom.

SEC Women's Soccer Tourney starts Oct. 31 in Orange Beach

The top 10 teams in the conference will compete for a championship during the 2021 Southeastern Conference Soccer Championship beginning with two games on Oct. 31 and concluding with the championship match on Nov. 7 at the Orange Beach Sportsplex. All nine tourney matches will be broadcast live nationally on the SEC Network.

South Carolina, Tennessee, Arkansas, Georgia, Ole Miss, Alabama and Auburn are among the teams that will try to dethrone defending champion Vanderbilt in the tourney.



You Talking To Me?

Scenes from the upcoming movie, "About My Father," which stars Robert De Niro, were filmed in Loxley's Steelewood subdivision on September 28. The movie's production team has also been filming in West Mobile. Greg Walker of Loxley (pictured) was able to get a picture with the two-time Academy Award winner. Heidi Bellerjeau also posted pictures on her facebook page with De Niro as well as Emmy Award-nominated actor actor Kim Cattrall (pictured), who is also in the cast. The film is being produced by Lionsgate. Laura Terruso is directing.



Baldwin Pops concert Oct. 17 at O.B. Arts Center courtyard

The Baldwin Pops: Fall Reflections concert set for Oct. 17 at Coastal Arts Center. The concert will be held from 5 - 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, October 17th at the Coastal Arts Center of Orange Beach courtyard, 26389 Canal Road.

Bring blankets, lawn chairs, picnics and favorite beverages. Tablecloth prize will be awarded for best table or picnic setup. The concert is brought to you free of charge by the City of Orange Beach and Gulf Shores & Orange Beach Tourism. For more info, contact Orange Beach Parks & Recreation at 251-981-1524.

Monthly Skins Game returns to Orange Beach Golf Center

The Orange Beach Golf Center will host skins games on the first Sunday of each month through March, with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. The public is welcome. There are Skins on all 18 holes, a closest-to-the-pin contest, and \$250 for a hole-in-one on any of the 18 holes. The 2021-2022 hole-in-one sponsors are Big Fish, Big Mike's Steakhouse, Cactus Cantina, Cobalt, Cosmo's, Cox Pools, Ginny Lane restaurant, Island Air Conditioning & Heating, and The Meat Mart. Cost is \$5.50 for Golf Center members and \$22 for non-members. Registration starts at noon. Each player places \$5 to a pot for Skins and \$2 in a pot for closest-to-the-pin.

There are nine Orange Beach merchants sponsoring the hole-in-one prize. Free hot dogs, chips and drinks will be served prior to the tournament.

The Orange Beach Golf Center is located at 4700 Easy Street, off of Canal Road. The 9-Hole, Par-3 Course is open daily from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and the lighted Driving Range is open from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. For more information, call 251-981-GOLF (4653).

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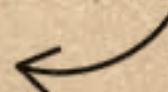
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ORANGE BEACH CITY COUNCIL

Washington Blvd. development goes back to planning commission

108 unit Terry Cove condo - marina complex & yet another Surf Style also on agenda

By John Mullen

A group seeking to develop a parcel of land at the northeast corner of Washington Blvd. and Canal Rd. are going back before the Orange Beach Planning Commission after a second plan was rejected by the city council on June 15. The council expressed concerns about parking in the development.

The plan presented in June called for 24 single-family lots but also asked for some variances from the zoning ordinance concerning setbacks, lot sizes and the percentage of land covered by the homes, among other things.

At the Oct. 11 Orange Beach Planning Board meeting at 4 p.m. in City Council chambers, the developers will come back with a plan that calls for 15 single-family lots and multi-family apartments containing 18 units. The apartments will be built on the Canal Road side. There will be a public hearing and a site plan review on the plans.

Also, during the meeting, the commission will hear about plans for a 108-unit condo and marina complex just east of the Port Washington parcel on Terry Cove. And Surf Style is looking to build another store in Orange Beach just east of Cotton's Restaurant on the north side of beach road.

On Port Washington, the council rejected the June plan that called for using the street right-of-way to meet the number of parking spaces required.

"Right-of-way parking cheapens the entire development," Councilman Jerry Johnson said at the June 15 meeting. "When you allow right-of-way parking that means you park in front of the house. That means it's just another Cypress Village. I like Cypress Village, I like the layouts but there was never enough parking. You're on a postage stamp lot. And that's what they are proposing here. Reducing the setbacks and reducing the square footage (of

lots)."

An overflow crowd from the East Orange Beach neighborhood showed up for the June 14 Planning Commission meeting and 24 of those spoke against Port Washington. The commission gave it an unfavorable recommendation at that meeting, 3-4, and the council voted it down unanimously, 6-0 the next day.

Another plan was voted down in 2016 because of neighbors' concerns over driveways from the subdivision coming out on Washington Boulevard. The plan presented in June had two access points out of the subdivision unto the roadway.

BILLFISH BAY

Developer Ray Nestlehutt will seek approval for a site plan request for a mixed-unit development on the south end of Captain Trent Lane on land zoned marine resort. Plans call for 108 condos, 36 apartment units, marina with wet slips and dry storage, restaurants, retail and commercial space and a parking garage. It is directly east of the Walker Key development.

Also, on Oct. 11, the commission will consider a site plan for a new 23,000-square-foot Surf Style store at the corner of Perdido Beach Boulevard and Russell Drive. Surf Style has two stores in Orange Beach, two in Gulf Shores including an Island Market on East Beach Boulevard, Trading Co. stores in Gulf Shores and Orange Beach and one Surf Style store in Perdido Key. They are owned by the owners of the Hangout Hospitality Group.

The commission will also conduct a public hearing for subdivision of property in East Orange Beach. Thomas and Rhonda Davidson seek to resubdivide Lot 7 of Emerald Point subdivision and lots 1-6 of East Orange Beach subdivision into four lots. They are located at 5411 and 5413 Magnolia Circle.

By John Mullen

At the Oct. 5 Orange Beach City Council meeting, the council voted to spend about \$77,000 to equip 12 Tahoes bought for the police department at the Sept. 7 meeting with lighting and siren systems including the cost to have it installed and shipped.

With the Tahoes, the police department has now bought 20 new vehicles and three used vehicles in 2021. Many were hail damaged in the freak April 10 storm and others were at the end of their service prompting the purchases. The Tahoes will have a new

paint scheme and be predominantly white. The new SUVs bought on Sept. 7 cost more than \$425,000.

"We're very proud of the Orange Beach wraps," Councilman Jerry Johnson said during the Sept. 7 meeting. "You're going to really like them on the road. A softer approach."

During the regular session, the council:

The only item on the work session agenda was to discuss setting a meeting of the Solid Waste Authority on Oct. 19 at 4:45 p.m. just ahead of the council regular and work sessions on that date.



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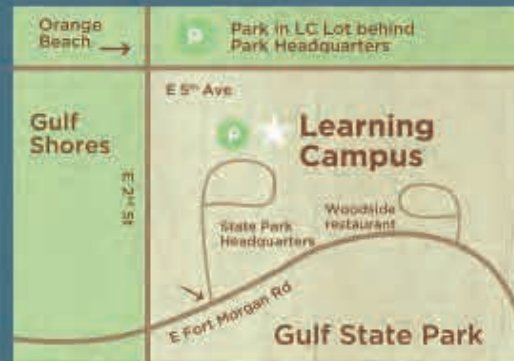


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Big Beach Brewery 5th Anniversary weekend is Oct. 7-10

Grayson & Corky, Red Clay Strays, Crab Riot, Jesse McGraw Trio will play

Big Beach Brewing Company will celebrate their five-year anniversary by opening their doors to locals and tourists alike for music, beer releases, food truck fare, and a good time Oct. 7-10.

You can expect to see a hustle and bustle amongst the Big Beach Brewing grounds in the next week in celebration of five years of success, with gratitude in no small part to our loyal customers that have supported them along the way. Don't forget to grab a 5th Anniversary commemorative glass. Big Beach is located in the Gulf Shores Waterway District at 300 E. 24th Ave. More info: bigbeachbrewing.com

THE FULL LINEUP:

- Thursday, October 7th: Crab Riot, 5:30pm + Cajun Pistol Double Hazy IPA Release
- Friday, October 8th: Red Clay Strays, 7pm + Birthday Suit Birthday Cake Stout Release
- Saturday, October 9th: Grayson Capps & Corky Hughes (pictured), 6pm + Small Batch Sour Release with Blueberry, Blackberry, & Graham Cracker
- Sunday, October 10th: Jesse McCraw Trio, 4pm + Game, Blouses: Maple Barrel-Aged Bottle Release

Community Hospice fundraiser

Nov. 5 at The Port in O.B.

The Community Hospice Foundation of Baldwin County (CHFBC) will host its annual Harvest for Hope fundraising event on Friday, Nov. 5 from 6 - 11 p.m. at The Port, located at The Wharf in Orange Beach. A \$100 ticket purchase admits two guests and includes one ticket for the \$5,000 drawdown.

Proceeds will help support individuals and families of those affected by a terminal illness by offering financial support, education, bereavement and advocacy.

The Tip Tops, a high-energy Motown dance and show band, will play. Event goers can also purchase additional drawdown tickets and peruse the silent auction table. Delicious food and select beverages including a signature drink will be provided. Tickets are available at communityhospiceAL.org and Eventbrite. The CHFBC is currently seeking sponsors. If your company is interested, please contact Susan Cox at 251-424-3307.

"When a specific, special need arises in our community, we do our best to help," said Community Hospice Foundation board member Martha Allegri. "Whether it be putting food on the table, helping cover travel expenses for a family member or building a wheelchair ramp for a community member, we want people to know they are not alone during this challenging time."

Gulf Shores High Boys Basketball

Golf Scramble Oct. 23 at One Club

The 1st Annual Gulf Shores Boys Basketball Team Golf Scramble will be held on Saturday, Oct. 23 at One Club Golf Club in Gulf Shores. Entry fee for the three person scramble is \$225 per team for 18 holes with a cart. Mulligans will also be available and prizes will be awarded to the top three in the championship flight and the top two in the first flight. There will also be closest to the pin and longest drive awards. For more info, call 256-339-2884.

Foley Public Library hosts

lots of Halloween events

Foley Public Library has three exciting late October happenings. Lots of events to get you in the mood for Halloween!

- On Sat, Oct 23rd, 4-6 pm, the library will host its annual Halloween Extravaganza, but this year it is a drive-thru event. Maps for the special route can be acquired at the library during regular business hours. Come with your children and let them gather goodies from library staff and sponsors. There will even be a balloon artist on hand to give out twisted balloon animals. This is a free family-friendly event and no reservation is required
- Coffee & Donuts With an Author will occur on Wed, Oct 27 @ 10 am. Local author Randolph

E. Crew will discuss his books, A Killing Shadow and One-Way Mission, both are based on his time as a military pilot. He is working on a murder mystery novel, The Trick or Treat Corpse, for middle-schoolers or young-at-heart seniors and will briefly discuss his progress. He will end his presentation with a Q&A session.

Crew has led an interesting life serving in the Marine Corps, receiving Naval Aviation wings, flying combat missions in South Vietnam & Laos, serving as a pilot in the Marine Corps Reserves and then having a civilian life that includes being a counselor, a teacher, and a writer. Free coffee & donuts will be served at this program. Reservations should be made by Tues, Oct 26 @ 5 pm by calling 251-943-7665 or by going online to the library's website, foleylibrary.org.

• Curt Strutz will be returning with a new and different "Visiting the Beyond" presentation on Fri, Oct 29 @ 1 pm. Reservations are required for this program as well. Call the library or RSVP at the website. Strutz was part of a ghost debunking cable show, Paranormal Generation, in 2009. He has many interesting stories to share and is interested in what you have to share as well. Come prepared for an interactive presentation full of history & ghosts.

Fraternal Order of Eagles

fall bazaar slated Oct. 22-23

The Fraternal Order of Eagles #4549 in Foley will host is hosting a fall bazaar October 22-23 from 9 a.m. 'til 3 p.m. at their headquarters at 8380 Hwy 59 in Foley. There will be food, fun, crafts, flea market & bake sale. Space is available for \$10 for those wishing to participate. The community is invited to come and browse. All proceeds benefit FOE charity functions. For more information, call 251-971-4549.

10 week grief support group

starts Oct. 11 at Foley's SBCC

A 10-week Grief Support Group starts Tuesday, October 11, at South Baldwin Christian Church, 19489 W. Keller Road, Foley. The group is open to the community, yet is limited to twelve adults. Cost for each participant is \$25.00 which covers both a book and a journal given out at the first meeting. Each session runs for about ninety minutes and begins at 6:30 p.m. For more information, contact the group's facilitator, Gary West, (863) 632-1726.

O.B. community cook-out is Oct. 30

The 2021 Orange Beach Police and Fire Community Cookout will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, October 30 at Waterfront Park. Join the Orange Beach police and fire departments for a lunch of hamburgers and hot dogs that will be provided free to the community they love to serve.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

PIER & SHORE FISHING OUTLOOK

By DAVID "THE PIERPOUNDER" THORNTON

Intermittent drier and slightly cooler air should continue to infiltrate the lingering summer heat and humidity as we head deeper into October. This is our time of seasonal transition, though summer-like weather is only grudgingly, and temporarily displaced. And we are still in the active part of hurricane season, though we have been spared the worst for a while. No time to let down our guard though, as tropical systems occasionally do spawn in the southwestern Gulf of Mexico this time of year.

The drier weather has allowed the Perdido River to recede, and the tannin-stained waters released on each outgoing tide into the Gulf do seem to be easing. Most fish don't really care all that much, though mackerel and pompano prefer the clearer, saltier green water we are accustomed to.

The shorebound bite lately has been mostly centered around the abundance and movements of schools of small herring ("LYs"). Most everything that swims from flounder to mackerel relish these three inch long minnows. And they are key to getting in on the most active bites.

A 3/8 inch mesh castnet or LY ribbon is the easiest way to gather enough baits to fish with. And that may be a lot, because they tend to go quickly with all the bluefish, ladyfish, etc. around. Though throwing a one ounce silver or gold spoon is often a great imitation of the 'real thing', and plenty of mackerel and bluefish are caught on these lures.

Bubble rigs have been working well on the Gulf State Park Pier lately, and have accounted for many of the bluefish and ladyfish landed there. And some of the spanish mackerel too. At least the ones that could be muscled in between the numerous Blacktip sharks that seem to be constantly hanging around the pier looking for an easy meal. But far more fish have been hooked on the small live LYs.

Meanwhile, catches of large redfish ("bull reds") are becoming more common along the beaches, especially around Perdido Pass and Fort Morgan Point. That long walk out to the point has paid off for several groups of anglers lately with multiple catches of reds from shore. And the action should only get better this month as more menhaden ("pogies") move out of the bays with the inland waters cooling off. So it should not be long before large schools of redfish 'blitz' the surfzone in general. And that is a time of year many anglers look forward to. Heavy tackle is required for these surfzone 'brutes'.

Bottom fishing from the beach continues to improve as the waters become 'greener' and have a little chop on them. Reports are fairly common of a good number of pompano (mostly undersized)

being caught from shore. Though scattered catches of "whiting" (Gulf kingfish) with a few occasional limits of 'keeper-sized' pompano, mostly using ghost shrimp. Some days that is not easy, especially with calm surf. Persistence and perhaps even relocation are essential to catching some of these prized surf fish.

Speaking of 'prized', how about this recent permit catch by (pictured below) Nate Ferguson? While renting a house in west Gulf Shores with family from north Georgia, Nate hooked what he thought was a very nice pompano because he saw it jump a couple of times during the fight. As the battle persisted, with several blistering runs he realized this was no ordinary pompano. And once landed, he knew it was a "ridiculously special fish."

A 21 1/2" long (fork length) permit, which would easily weigh 5 to 7 pounds. He knew it would 'crush' the current Alabama record of 4 pounds and 12.8 ounces, caught in August 2020.

Nate has long been a "lover of fishing," but even more so, loves his family by putting them above it all. Even though he realized right away the significance of his catch as a likely state record, he also realized the efforts to have it weighed and certified would take "most special" vacation time away from his beloved wife, four children (ages 8 years to 8 months), and other family members in attendance.

So, being a "fan of conservation," Nate quickly made the decision to release his fish after a few quick photos. An outstanding act, and selfless act all us fishermen should applaud and appreciate. Nate stated catching this permit was a "culmination of doing things right."

And he most certainly did!



WED, OCT 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.

• **Tributes to Tina Turner, Cyndi Lauper, Celine Dion & Whitney Houston:** 7:30; OWA Legends Theater; Foley.

• **Lefty Collins:** 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's; Gulf Shores.

• **Chase Brown:** 6; Tacky Jacks; Fort Morgan.

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

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

• **Anthony Oliver:** 6; Live Bait; Orange Beach.

• **Brent Burns:** 5; Ginny Lane; Orange Beach.

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

• **Open Mic:** 5; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.

• **Scott Koehn Project:** 6; OSO; 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.

A large white sign for the Orange Beach Golf Center stands on a green lawn. The sign features a logo with palm trees and a golf flag, and the text "ORANGE BEACH GOLF CENTER Orange Beach, Alabama". Below the sign is a promotional flyer with a torn-edge design. The flyer has a large headline "You'll love our greens." in red. It lists "9 Hole Par 3 Course" (Open to the Public, Tee times not required), "Lighted Driving Range" (Covered mats, Practice bunker), and "Daily Green Fees" (\$15.00 to walk, \$20.00 to ride). It also advertises "Play all day for \$30.00" with "Membership & Lessons Available". The flyer includes three small photos: a clubhouse, a golfer on a green, and a golf course landscape. At the bottom, it provides the phone number (251) 981-GOLF/4653 and the address 4700 Easy Street (off Canal Road).

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Gulf Shores Movies at Meyer Park Series begins October 21

The City of Gulf Shores fourth annual Movies at Meyer Park series is scheduled to begin Thursday, October 21 with The Addams Family. Bring lawn chairs and blankets and join us at Meyer Park for a free movie under the stars. Movies at Meyer Park will feature a series of five films and also includes: October 21 – 1991 Version (PG-13); October 28 – A Quiet Place (PG-13); November 4 – Luca (PG); November 18 – Top Gun (PG); December 16 – The Grinch – Illumination Version (PG).

All Movies at Meyer Park showings are free to the public and begin at 6 p.m. Meyer Park is located in the Waterway Village District at 400 East 22nd Avenue in Gulf Shores. To receive important updates and alerts from the City of Gulf Shores through email or text notifications, sign up for "Notify Me" by visiting the City's website at gulfshoresal.gov.



Registration is open for CSC Christmas Cheer program

The Christian Service Center Christmas Cheer program for kids has started and, because of COVID, requests are only being taken via phone (251-968-5256) from the CSC parking lot. Those requesting gifts must be in the parking lot, as there is information that must be shared about gift pick-up. Christmas food box requests will be taken at the same time. Intake is between 12-30 – 2:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays (add Wednesdays in November) until November 23. There will be no intake after November 23. The earlier you request gifts, the more likely your child will receive just what is requested for them.

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- **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **BBRC Running Club:** 5:30 p.m.; Big Beach Brewery in Gulf Shores; lafeet-feet.com.
- **Karaoke & League Pool:** 7:30; The Office, Foley.

THU, OCT 7

- **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.
- **Tributes to Tina Turner, Cyndi Lauper, Celine Dion & Whitney Houston:** 7:30; OWA Legends Theater; Foley.
- **Bama Beach Pickleball Club:** 9-noon; Church of Christ, 2414 West 1st St., Gulf Shores; (new members welcome).
- **JJ Mack:** 5; Tacky Jacks; Orange Beach.
- **Light Travelers:** 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's; Gulf Shores.
- **Karaoke & Dance on The Deck:** 7; Live Bait; Orange Beach.
- **Mel Knapp:** 5; Woodlands Restaurant at Gulf State Park; Gulf Shores.

- **Skyline Kings:** 6; Hub Stacy's; Innerarity Point.
- **Bridge:** 11:30 a.m.; Orange Beach Senior Center, 251-981-3440.
- **Elaine Petty:** 6; Live Bait; Orange Beach.
- **John Brust:** 6; Ms. Nancy's Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach.
- **Bar Trivia Night:** 5; Bar 45 Lounge at ONE CLUB, Gulf Shores.
- **Karaoke:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- **Karaoke w. Kelly:** 8; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke w. Howard:** 7; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.
- **Karaoke:** 9; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- **Tim Roberts:** 6; The Tin Top Restaurant, Bon Secour.
- **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.
- **William Gibson:** 5; Perch Restaurant at

- The Lodge at Gulf State Park; Gulf Shores.
- **Texas Hold 'em:** 7; The Office, Foley.

FRI, OCT 8

- **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.
- **Tributes to Tina Turner, Cyndi Lauper, Celine Dion & Whitney Houston:** 7:30; OWA Legends Theater; Foley.
- **Gypsy Rhythm Section at the Piano:** 5; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- **The Bad Seed:** 7:30; South Baldwin Community Theater; Gulf Shores.
- **Bo Grant:** 7; Papa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **Tim Robinson:** 6; Tacky Jacks; Gulf Shores.
- **Les Linton:** 6; Tacky Jacks; Fort Morgan.
- **Brittany Grimes:** 5; Tacky Jacks; Orange Beach.
- **Josh Newcomb:** 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's; Gulf Shores.
- **Shazam:** 9; Sandshaker at The Wharf;

Volunteers needed to clear our cogon & vitex Oct. 30

Volunteers are needed to help remove invasive plants like beach vitex and cogon grass from Gulf Islands National Seashore on Oct. 30. To help with this year's Halloween, contact Rick O'Connor at roc1@ufl.edu.

Listed as one of the "Top 10 Worst Weeds in the World," cogon grass is a perennial grass with varying color and "long, fuzzy-white seed heads" that can spread readily and displace native plants. For more on cogon grass, visit plants.ifas.ufl.edu.

OWA's Doggie Howl-o-ween on Oct. 9 includes adoption

The inaugural doggie Howl-o-ween costume contest and dog adoption event on Saturday, October 9 from 5-7pm. OWA will pay half of the adoption fee for each animal adopted at the event and offer cash prizes for contest winners. That evening will kick off the weekly Island Movie Nights event, featuring a spooky lineup of free, seasonal films. There will also be a special Monster Bash costume contest with cash prizes on Oct. 23. There are cash prizes for a variety of categories. Info: Visi-tOWA.com.

Haunted Hustle 5k & Fun Run, Witches Ride Oct. 16 at Gulf Place



The City of Gulf Shores will host the Haunted Hustle Haunted Hustle 5K, Fun Run, Witches on Wheels, and a live DJ on Oct. 16 at Gulf Place, with proceeds benefiting the Dolphin Foundation for Education and Arts. The Witches on Wheels bicycle ride kicks off the evening at 6 p.m. with a parade on W. Beach Blvd and the Town Green throwing beads and candy to bystanders. The Fun Run will begin promptly at 6:30 p.m. The Haunted Hustle 5K will begin promptly at 7 p.m. The 5K course will begin and end in front of Gulf Place Town Green. For more info, including a registration link, swag info and packet pick-up dates and times, go to gulfshoresal.gov/halloween.

Spin Doctors on Oct. 15, Anders Osborne on Oct. 24 close out Live at 5



The Spin Doctors (Pocket Full of Kryptonite) will be the Oct. 1 Live at Five Concert Series headliners, with Johnny Hayes and the Love Seats opening. Anders Osborne with Flow Tribe opening on Oct. 29 is the final show of the Series at the Halstead Amphitheater (450 Fairhope Ave.) on the campus of Coastal Alabama Community College in Fairhope. The cover charge varies by show. And as the title states, concerts start at 5 p.m., with the main act scheduled at 6:30 p.m. Tickets are available at eventbrite.com. There is at least one food truck at every show and attendees are welcome to bring coolers and picnic food to the family-friendly event. Well-behaved dogs are also welcome. There is no seating provided. So bring blankets and/or chairs.

Pictured: The seminal jam act Spin Doctors developed their live show and built a following with frequent late '80s gigs in Manhattan before entering the national spotlight with their 1991 studio album Pocket Full of Kryptonite and it hits "Two Princes" and "Little Miss Can't Be Wrong." The band was a part of the inaugural H.O.R.D.E. Tour in 1992 with Phish, Blues Traveler, Widespread Panic, Col. Bruce Hampton & The Aquarium Rescue Unit and Bela Fleck & The Flecktones. After a number of lineup changes, decades of touring and multiple studio albums, the original members are back in place. Their latest, If The River Was Whiskey, was recorded completely live.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Edward Evans of Silverhill honored by Purple Heart project

U.S. Army Command Sergeant Major Edward Evans (Ret.) of Silverhill, a Korean War veteran and Purple Heart recipient, has been chosen to represent Alabama's Purple Heart Veterans as part of the 2021 Purple Heart Patriot Project. He recently traveled to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point to be honored at the National Purple Heart Hall of Honor.



Mr. Evans enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1948 and was wounded in Korea in 1950. Following his 20-year career in the military, Mr. Evans started a small business and spent 23 years as a missionary and church builder.

The Purple Heart Patriot Project is a program of the National Purple Heart Honor Mission. Evans' all-expense-paid trip included tours of historic Washington's Headquarters, and other tributes to service.

"Service is about a commitment to one's country. It was an honor to serve my country during times of war and peace," Evans said.



A twenty-year veteran of the U.S. Army, former CSM Evans enlisted in September 1948. His career took him across the country and around the world. Evans earned his Purple Heart during his tour of duty in Korea in September 1950, when then-SGT Evans was acting as a forward observer with G-Company, 9th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division. Evans and his unit came under mortar fire. When the shelling stopped the men started advancing. When a new round of shelling started, a mortar landed right behind him in his foxhole. Evans was evacuated to a Tokyo hospital.

In addition to his Purple Heart, Mr. Evans received numerous commendations and awards, including the Bronze Star with valor, Army Commendation Medal.

After retiring from the Army, Evans started his own swimming pool business. For 23 years, prior to the death of his wife, he also served with U.S. Missions, Assembly of God, as a U.S. church builder. Evans and his late wife, Mildred, had three children. He was nominated to take part in the mission by his daughters, Karla Dauzat and Marcia Evans.

The National Purple Heart Hall of Honor is located just north of West Point, New York, at the site where General George Washington first awarded the Medal for Military Merit in 1782 during the Revolutionary War. The badge, shaped like a purple heart was the forerunner of today's medal. In addition to creation of the museum, supporters of the National Purple Heart Honor Mission were instrumental in the creation of the Purple Heart Forever stamp now issued by the US Postal Service, and are leading the effort in Congress to pass the National Purple Heart Commemorative Coin Act.



NEW ORANGE BEACH POLICE OFFICERS: Four new Orange Beach police officers were sworn in by Municipal Judge Julian B. "Buddy" Brackin during the City Council meeting on Sept. 21. The new officers (pictured) were introduced by Police Chief Steve Brown. He said he found that in Officer Kimberley Neuner, Officer David Zotz, Officer Christopher "Luke" Franklin and Officer Louis Edward Williams, Jr. "It's my honor and privilege to lead this department and in saying that it's very important that we bring on board those who are going to replace me and folks on the command staff," Chief Brown said.

With the mindset of "Protecting Paradise" in Orange Beach while looking for new officers, Chief Brown said, "We want the right fit. we want the right mindset and we want the right heart."

"This is Orange Beach, Alabama and we have a lot of officers who want to move to the beach but very few make the cut," Mayor Tony Kennon said. "So when you see these guys standing there having made the cut, they are very high performance and we appreciate them very much. We will never let y'all down, I promise you."



Office Lounge sending two teams to World Pool Championships

The Office Lounge in Foley is sending both 8-ball and 9-ball APA League teams to Las Vegas this month to compete in the World Pool Championship for as much as \$25,000. The 8-Ball World Championship starts on Oct. 21 and the 9-Ball World Championship on Oct. 25.

The Office will host a spaghetti dinner fundraiser for Vegas bound pool teams Chalk Is Cheap and Family Traditions on Oct. 16 from 1 p.m. until the food is gone. Cost for a plate of spaghetti with salad, roll & dessert is \$10. Family Traditions is holding 50/50 raffle drawings every Sunday at The Office Lounge. Tickets are \$1 each or \$5 for six. You don't have to be present to win the drawing.

For more local league info, visit gulfcoast.apaleagues.com or Facebook. To learn more about the upcoming APA World Pool Championship, visit APAWorldPoolChampionship2021.com.

Thank you

Pictured: Chalk Is Cheap includes Captain Frank Mason, Co-Captain Christina Mason, Donna Westmoreland, Jon Traudt, Craig, Josh McCormick, Tim Gier and Daniel Owens. Family Traditions includes Michelle Szidon-Ewing, Gary Slaughter, Amanda Ewing, Louis Ewing Jr, Ricky "Allen" Moss, Janice Thomas, Cody Wible and Andy Schnider.



Red Snapper season re-opens Oct. 15 for charter boats in federal waters

The 2021 Gulf of Mexico (Gulf) red snapper fishing season in federal waters for vessels with federal for-hire (charter/headboat) reef fish permits will reopen on Oct. 15 and remain open through Nov. 6, according to a press release from the NOAA Fisheries Council. The original 63 day season for charter boats ended on Aug. 3. But based on updated landings data, NOAA Fisheries determined that the red snapper recreational for-hire sector's annual catch target was not reached during the open season, and is allowing Gulf for-hire fishermen opportunity to catch the remaining allocation. This reopening does not affect the recreational private angler season, which is determined by state agencies and is currently closed in Alabama and Florida state waters.

The red snapper total recreational quota is 7,399,000 pounds whole weight. The private angling component is allocated 57.7% and the for-hire component is allocated 42.3%. The annual catch target for the federal for-hire component is 2,848,000 pounds whole weight, which is 91% of the quota. The estimated number of days for the federal for-hire component to harvest the remaining red snapper allocation was projected using recent catch rates and the average weight of harvested fish. For more info, visit fisheries.noaa.gov.

Orange Beach.

- **Multi-N-Funk:** 7; Hub Stacy's; Innerarity Point.
- **Open Mic:** 6; The The Tiki Beach Bar; American Legion Post 199, Fairhope.
- **Chase Brown:** 5; Perch Restaurant at The Lodge at Gulf State Park; Gulf Shores.
- **Destiny Brown:** 5; Woodlands Restaurant at Gulf State Park; Gulf Shores.
- **Darrell Roberts:** 7; Stephi Cocktails / Cuisine; Orange Beach.
- **Charlie & The Hammerheads:** 7 'til; Live Bait; Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke & Dance on The Deck:** 7; Live Bait; Orange Beach.
- **Late Night DJs:** 9; The Club at Live Bait; Orange Beach.
- **John Brust:** 6; Ms. Nancy's Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach.
- **Bama Beach Pickleball Club:** 9-noon; Church of Christ, 2414 West 1st St., Gulf Shores; (new members welcome).
- **Karaoke w. Kelly Ann:** 6; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- **Open Mixed Doubles Tennis:** 7:15 a.m.; all levels welcome; Gulf Shores Tennis Center; corner of West 19th Ave. and West 2nd St.
- **Bingo:** 5:30; Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5659; Elberta.
- **Alcoholics Anonymous:** noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center; 13660 Innerarity Pt. Rd.; 850-492-3056 or 492-6362.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING



FBISF Autism Awareness Concert & Auction Nov. 10 at Sunset Cork Room

Organizers are already securing various items and gift certificates for the The Frank Brown International Songwriters Fest, Autism Awareness Night and Silent Auction hosted by Nina Martin at the Sunset Cork Room in conjunction with Autism Pensacola on November 10.

Bidding on the wonderful donations will begin on Nov. 2 and continue until 8 p.m. on concert night, which promises to be filled with music for a great cause, said event chair Patsy Anne Stout.

Autism Pensacola is a nonprofit serving the families surrounding the Pensacola, Gulf Shores area. Its mission is to educate the general public about Autism. And provide a support network for parents and professionals.

"Our mission with this Silent Auction is to provide opportunities for local children the opportunity to attend summer camp and other enriching activities," Stout said. "It is our hope with love and compassion to give them a voice of empowerment to be able to contribute back to the community." "I sincerely thank each and every one of our generous donors from the bottom of my heart," she added.

To donate to the silent auction, contact Autism Awareness Silent Committee members (pictured) Patsy Anne Stout, 330-697-8688; Lori Hansen, 309-335-0487; Rosslyn Beard, 615-419-4086; and Donna Eaton, 501-762-9725. Or drop items off at the Sunset Cork Room.

FBISF will celebrate its 37th year bringing original music to 24 venues on Pleasure Island, Perdido Key and its surrounding communities Nov. 4-14. Besides giving seasoned and aspiring songwriters and musicians from all over the world a chance to have their songs heard, the fest gives Gulf Coast audiences a chance to learn the stories behind the lyrics.

FBISF Songwriters On The Half Shell postponed until Nov. 12

Songwriters on the Half Shell, a fundraising concert for the Frank Brown International Songwriters Fest Foundation, has been postponed until Nov. 12 beginning at noon at Pearls of Bon Secour Oyster Ranch (8683 Dixie Graves Pkwy. - across from The Club on Fort Morgan). Songwriters Dave Latiolais and Jim McCormick will perform at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$75 per person or \$100 per couple.

The fundraiser will feature an open bar and off-bottom oysters prepared by chefs from Lucy's Retired Surfer Bar and Kiva Dunes Beach Club followed by one of America's hottest songwriters' shows. For tickets, visit frankbrownsonsongwriters.com.



Oct. 9 Hound Dog Music Fest benefits Humane Society

Hidden Lake Barn and Chapel in Silverhill will be the host site for the Hound Dog Music Festival benefiting the Baldwin County Humane Society on Saturday, Oct. 9 from 4-8 p.m. The Leavin' Brothers, Them Again, The Marlow Boys and The Ayers Brothers are the bands playing and cost is \$35 per ticket or \$45 at the gate. For more info, call 251-928-4585 or visit baldwinhumane.org.

Pictured: Leo is one big perfect angel and available for adoption. He's around three and he's a bully mix. He gets along with most dogs, he seems curious about his feline friends but not in an aggressive way. He was a little chonky and he's been slimming down. He'd be a perfect fit for an active family. He's been neutered, he's up-to-date on all of his shots, and he's heartworm negative.

- **Opera Boris Godunov by Mussorgsky:** 11:55 a.m.; high definition from The Metropolitan Opera, Cobb Pinnacle 14; Gulf Shores.
- **Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables:** Schedule on Page 28; Perdido Key.
- **Freedom Fest:** 9-4; Music, food, crafts, motorcycle ride; The Wharf, Orange Beach.
- **Bo Grant:** 7; Papa Roccas; Gulf Shores.
- **Gypsy Pearl:** 9; The Office; Foley.
- **Wiley Pete:** 7; Stephi Cocktails-Cuisine; Orange Beach.
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- **Late Night DJ's:** 9; The Club at Live Bait; Orange Beach.
- **Chase Brown:** 5; Woodlands Restaurant at Gulf State Park; Gulf Shores.
- **Charlie & The Hammerheads:** 7 'til; Live Bait; Orange Beach.
- **Amanda Donald & Katrina Kolb:** 7;

- Stephi Cocktails / Cuisine; Orange Beach.
- **Destiny Brown:** 5; Perch Restaurant at The Lodge at Gulf State Park; Gulf Shores.
- **John Brust:** 6; Ms. Nancy's Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach.
- **The Defrosters:** 2; Flying Harpoon II; Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke w. Howard:** 7; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.
- **Late Night DJ's:** 9; The Club at Live Bait; Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke on the Tiki Deck:** 7 'til; Live Bait; Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke:** 9; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- **Free Veteran's Breakfast:** 9-10 a.m.; American Legion Post 99, Gulf Shores.
- **Texas Hold'em:** 7; The Office, Foley.
- **Coastal Alabama Farmers and Fishermen's Market:** 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.; 20733 Milfin Rd. (County Rd. 20), Foley.
- **Baldwin County Genealogical Society:** 10 a.m.; public invited; Foley Library; 319 East Laurel Ave.

SUN, OCT 10

- **Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables:** Schedule on Page 28; Perdido Key.
- **The Bad Seed:** 2; South Baldwin Community Theater; Gulf Shores.
- **Strictly Rivers:** 7; Papa Roccas; Gulf Shores.
- **Tributes to Tina Turner, Cyndi Lauper, Celine Dion & Whitney Houston:** 3:30



CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S CONNECTION: Pictured are those in attendance at the September meeting of Stonecroft Ministry's South Baldwin Christian Women's Connection held monthly at The Gift Horse Restaurant in Foley. All women are welcome to the next luncheon and program on Thursday, October 14th at 10:45am. This month's Stonecroft guest speaker Nada Decker presents the "WOW Factor." Cost is \$12.00 for buffet and program. To make a reservation for the Oct. 14 luncheon, email emuddconnelly@gmail.com or call Elizabeth at 251-943-7142 by Oct. 12.



OPTIMIST CLUB OF PERDIDO BAY PATRIOTS REMEMBER : The Optimist Club of Perdido Bay recently hosted a Patriots Remembrance Day Breakfast to remember those who perished on 9/11 and to honor the members of the Lillian Community who are first responders, active duty military and veterans. Members of the Lillian Volunteer Fire Department, Lower Alabama Search and Rescue (LASAR) and members of the Optimist Club who have served in the military were thanked for their service.



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p.m.; OWA Legends Theater; Foley.

- **Jessie Duncan:** 4; Tacky Jacks; Gulf Shores.
- **Hippie Jim:** 11; Tacky Jacks; Orange Beach.
- **Jonathan Puzan:** 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's; Gulf Shores.
- **Jimmy Maraventano:** 5; Sassy Bass; Fort Morgan.
- **Al & Cathy:** noon; The Tin Top, Bon Secour.
- **Justin Colvard:** 5; Woodlands Restaurant at Gulf State Park; Gulf Shores.
- **Bends & Brews Yoga:** 11 a.m.; in the courtyard; Big Beach Brewery; Gulf Shores.
- **Karaoke & Dance on The Deck:** 7; Live Bait; Orange Beach.
- **Liza Zanghi:** 6; Ms. Nancy's Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach.
- **The Defrosters:** 2; Flying Harpoon II; Orange Beach.
- **John Joiner & Friends:** 4; Hub Stacey's at the Point; Innerarity Point.

MON, OCT 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.
- **Bama Beach Pickleball Club:** 9-noon; Church of Christ, 2414 West 1st St., Gulf Shores; (new members welcome).
- **Karaoke & Dance on The Deck:** 7; Live Bait; Orange Beach.
- **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **Brent Burns:** 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's; Gulf Shores.
- **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.

TUE, OCT 12


- **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.
- **Tributes to Tina Turner, Cyndi Lauper, Celine Dion & Whitney Houston:** 7:30; OWA Legends Theater; Foley.
- **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.

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- 1/2 tsp seasoned salt
- 2 eggs

1/3 cup grated Parmesan cheese

5 Tbsp. butter, melted

2 cups (16 oz.) 4% cottage cheese

4 cups (16 oz.) part-skim shredded mozzarella cheese

Cook spaghetti according to package directions. Meanwhile, in a large skillet, cook beef and onion over medium heat until meat is no longer pink; drain. Stir in spaghetti sauce and seasoned salt; set aside. In a large bowl, whisk the eggs, Parmesan cheese and butter. Drain spaghetti; add to egg mixture and toss to coat. Place half of the spaghetti mixture in a greased 13 x 9-in baking dish. Top with half of the cottage cheese, meat sauce and mozzarella cheese. Repeat layers. Cover and bake at 350 degrees for 40 minutes. Uncover; bake 20-25 minutes longer or until cheese is melted. Yield: 10 servings.

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Boozy Spelling Bee Oct. 24 at 'Bama

Have you been personally victimized by a grade school spelling bee that left you questioning whether you really knew English?

Get your revenge by signing up for the Flora-Bama-Boozy Adult Spelling Bee scheduled on Sunday, Oct. 24 from 4-5 p.m.

The 10 contestant spots available will be selected from a random draw of all registrants signed up by the October 18 deadline.

The Boozy Bee is free to play, and contestants should be prepared to mix alcohol consumption with the vocabulary competition. For each word, a contestant may ask for the definition and its use in a sentence.

Hosts will try to on-the-spot create a topical and comedic use of the word.

Boo Fest Oct. 31 at 'Bama Yacht Club

The inaugural family friendly Boo Fest will be held on Sunday, Oct. 31 from 3-6 p.m. at the Flora-Bama Yacht Club, located across from the iconic Flora-Bama Lounge on the Al-F1 state line. Bring the whole family for an afternoon full of full of games, arts and crafts, a boat decorating contest, a kids' costume contest, and more on the beautiful beach overlooking Old River.

- **Karaoke:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- **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.
- **JW Karaoke:** 6; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
- **Texas Hold 'em:** 7; The Office, Foley.

WED, OCT 13

- **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.
- **Tributes to Tina Turner, Cyndi Lauper, Celine Dion & Whitney Houston:** 7:30; OWA Legends Theater; Foley.
- **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).
- **Delta Donnie:** 6; Tacky Jacks; Fort Morgan.
- **Lefty Collin:** 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's; Gulf Shores.
- **Tim Richardson:** 5; American Legion Post 99, Foley.
- **Anthony Oliver:** 6; Live Bait; Orange Beach.
- **John Brust:** 6; Ms. Nancy's Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach.
- **Brent Burns:** 5; Ginny Lane; 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.
- **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **John Joiner & Darrel Roberts:** 7; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
- **Bingo:** 10 a.m.; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- **BBRC Running Club:** 5:30 p.m.; Big Beach Brewery in Gulf Shores; lafleetfeet.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.

THU, OCT 14

- **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.
- **Tributes to Tina Turner, Cyndi Lauper, Celine Dion & Whitney Houston:** 7:30; OWA Legends Theater; Foley.
- **JJ Mack:** 5; Tacky Jacks; Orange Beach.
- **Ryan Balthrop:** 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).
- **William Gibson:** 5; Perch Restaurant at The Lodge at Gulf State Park; Gulf Shores.



SOUTH BALD. CHAMBER WINNERS: Congratulations to South Baldwin Chamber of Commerce #SBAWESOME winners (l to r) Heather Butler of Wolf Bay Restaurant & Bar, Laura Garza of Long's Human Resource Services and Matthew Mullins of Fausak Tires & Service.



KEEPING OBES TRASH FREE: 2nd graders at Orange Beach Elementary participated in a Good Citizenship project by picking up trash on the playground and keeping the campus clean.

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MAGNIFICENT MAKO LEADERS: Magnificent Mako Leaders at Orange Beach Elementary School picking up garbage around campus.



PERDIDO KEY COASTAL CLEANUP: International Coastal Cleanup at Perdido Key State Park was a big success despite rainfall during half the cleanup period. Almost 30 volunteers gathered multiple bags of trash and other debris from the Perdido Key Area of Gulf Islands National Seashore to the Alabama border. The annual event was organized by the Perdido Key Association, Friends of Pensacola State Parks, and local Florida State Park officials. Sponsors included the Flora-Bama, Perdido Key Sports Bar, and Vacasa vacation rentals.

Orange Beach Elementary one of five Blue Ribbon schools in AL.

Orange Beach Elementary School are among only five schools from Alabama that earned National Blue Ribbon status, announced U.S. Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona. The recognition is based on a school's overall academic performance or progress in closing achievement gaps among student subgroups. Cardona made the announcement while visiting one of the nation's 325 awardee schools on Sept. 21.

"This year's cohort of honorees demonstrates what is possible when committed educators and school leaders create vibrant, welcoming, and affirming school cultures where rich teaching and learning can flourish," said Cardona. "I commend all our Blue Ribbon honorees for working to keep students healthy and safe while meeting their academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs. In the face of unprecedented circumstances, you found creative ways to engage, care for, protect, and teach our children. Blue Ribbon Schools have so much to offer and can serve as a model for other schools and communities so that we can truly build back better."

- **Mel Knapp:** 6; Hub Stacy's; Innerarity Point.
- **Austin Thompson:** 5; Woodlands Restaurant at Gulf State Park; Gulf Shores.
- **Karaoke w. Howard:** 7; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.
- **Tim Roberts:** 6; The Tin Top Restaurant, Bon Secour.
- **Karaoke & Dance on The Deck:** 7; Live Bait; Orange Beach.
- **Late Night DJ's:** 9; The Club at Live Bait; Orange Beach.
- **Elaine Petty:** 6; Live Bait; Orange Beach.
- **John Brust:** 6; Ms. Nancy's Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke:** 6; Tacky Jacks; Gulf Shores.
- **Late Night DJ's:** 9; The Club at Live Bait; Orange Beach.
- **Bar Trivia Night:** 5; Bar 45 Lounge at ONE CLUB, Gulf Shores.
- **Karaoke w. Kelly:** 8; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke:** 9; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.

FRI, OCT 15

- **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.
- **Tim Robinson:** 7; Papa Roccas; Gulf Shores.
- **Tributes to Tina Turner, Cyndi Lauper, Celine Dion & Whitney Houston:** 7:30; OWA Legends Theater; Foley.
- **Gypsy Rhythm Section at the Piano:** 5; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- **Mid-Life Crisis:** 9; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- **Greg Brown:** 5; Tacky Jacks; Orange Beach.
- **Soul Food Junkies:** 6; Tacky Jacks; Gulf Shores.
- **Ronnie Pressley:** 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's; Gulf Shores.
- **False Identity:** 7; Hub Stacy's; Innerarity Point.
- **Open Mic:** 6; The The Tiki Beach Bar; American Legion Post 199, Fairhope.
- **Michael Rowland:** 5; Woodlands Restaurant at Gulf State Park; Gulf Shores.
- **Chase Brown:** 5; Perch Restaurant at The Lodge at Gulf State Park; Gulf Shores.
- **Darrell Roberts:** 7; Stephi Cocktails / Cuisine; Orange Beach.
- **Charlie & The Hammerheads:** 5; Live Bait; Orange Beachh.
- **Bama Beach Pickleball Club:** 9-noon; Church of Christ, 2414 West 1st St., Gulf Shores; (new members welcome).

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Alabama Creek Indians topic of Oct. 9 lecture

Lou Vickers speaks to Genealogical Society at Foley Library

Atmore author Lou Vickers will talk about his book "Alabama Creek Indians" at the October 9 meeting of the Baldwin County Genealogical Society at 10 a.m. in the Foley Public Library's meeting room (319 East Laurel Ave.). Pre-registration is required for all members and interested public by emailing your name to BaldwinGenealogy@gmail.com. Pre-registration ends October 6 and seating is limited.

Vickery is an Alabama Creek Indian through the Moniac lineage, one of the original Poarch Creek families. His book has been described as a well-thought-out and thoroughly researched book that offers the reader a fascinating journey into the history of the Muscogee and Creek Indians.

Vickery offers a timeless material that helps the reader truly navigate the historical, genealogical and biographical base of the Alabama Creek Indians. Topics will include the Creek tribal government and its lifeways evolved over the last several centuries, how Europeans settled and integrated in Creek country, and the construction of the Federal Road in the early 1800s.

Vickery draws this information from first person accounts, letters, government reports, and records.

A Troy State grad, Vickers is a Fairhope resident and former professional baseball player. He hosts a weekly TV show on BLU TV entitled UP TALK.



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- **John Brust:** 6; Ms. Nancy's Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke on the Tiki Deck:** 7 'til; Live Bait; Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke w. Kelly Ann:** 6; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- **Open Mixed Doubles Tennis:** 7:15 a.m.; all levels welcome; Gulf Shores Tennis Center; corner of West 19th Ave. and West 2nd St.
- **Bingo:** 5:30; Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5659; Elberta.
- **Alcoholics Anonymous:** noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center; 13660 Innerarity Pt. Rd.; 850-492-3056 or 492-6362.

SAT, OCT 16

- **Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables:** Schedule on Page 28; Perdido Key.
- **Tributes to Tina Turner, Cyndi Lauper, Celine Dion & Whitney Houston:** 7:30; OWA Legends Theater; Foley.

- **Tim Robinson:** 7; Papa Roccas; Gulf Shores.
- **Jubilee Festival of Arts:** 10-5; More than 140 arts and crafts vendors, food, children's activities; W.O. Lott Park, Daphne.
- **Spaces In Between:** 9; The Office; Foley.
- **Tonya Gallagher:** 11; Tacky Jacks; Orange Beach.
- **Something Huge:** 9; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- **Brittany Grimes:** 5; Tacky Jacks; Orange Beach.
- **Jimmy and Fred Duo:** 5; Sassy Bass; Fort Morgan.
- **JERI:** 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's; Gulf Shores.
- **Wiley Pete:** 7; Stephi Cocktails-Cuisine; Orange Beach.
- **Charlie & The Hammerheads:** 7 'til; Live Bait; Orange Beach.
- **Lee Carreon:** 6:30; American Legion Post 99, Foley.
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- **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.
- **Late Night DJ's:** 9; The Club at Live Bait; Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke on the Tiki Deck:** 7 'til; Live Bait; Orange Beach.
- **The Defrosters:** 2; Flying Harpoon II; Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke:** 9; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke w. Howard:** 7; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.
- **Coastal Alabama Farmers and Fishermen Market:** 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.; 20733 Mifflin Rd. (County Rd. 20), Foley.

SUN, OCT 17

- **Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables:** Schedule on Page 28; Perdido Key.
- **Bends & Brews Yoga:** 11 a.m.; in the courtyard; Big Beach Brewery; Gulf Shores.
- **Strickly Rivers:** 7; Papa Roccos; Gulf Shores.
- **Tributes to Tina Turner, Cyndi Lauper, Celine Dion & Whitney Houston:** 3 p.m.; OWA Legends Theater; Foley.
- **Jessie Duncan:** 4; Tacky Jacks; Gulf Shores.

- **Jimmy Lee Hanniford:** 11; Tacky Jacks; Orange Beach.
- **Charlie Rees:** 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's; Gulf Shores.
- **Brittany Grimes:** noon; The Tin Top, Bon Secour.
- **Chase Brown:** 5; Woodlands Restaurant at Gulf State Park; Gulf Shores.
- **Karaoke on the Tiki Deck:** 7 'til; Live Bait; Orange Beach.
- **Lisa Zanghi:** 6; Ms. Nancy's Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach.
- **The Defrosters:** 2; Flying Harpoon II; Orange Beach.
- **John Joiner & Friends:** 4; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.

Bad Seed continues Oct. 8-10 at South Baldwin Theatre Auditions for Neil Simon's God's Favorite start on Oct. 9

South Baldwin Community Theatre's production of "Bad Seed" continues October 8-10, with Friday and Saturday shows set to start at 7:30 p.m., and the Sunday matinee at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are available at sbct.biz and are priced at \$15 for students and \$18 for adults.

South Baldwin Community Theater is located at 2022 West 2nd St. in Gulf Shores. Volunteers are always in need to build sets, set up for intermission food, greet patrons and clean the theater before and/or after shows. For more info or to buy tickets, visit sbct.biz or call 251-968-6721.

The dramatization of William March's novel includes the following cast members: Rhoda Penmark - Anne Russell West; Christine Penmark - Jessica Jackson; Col. Kenneth Penmark - Ronnie Jackson; Monica Breedlove - Liz Reed; Emory Breedlove - Kyle McCartney; Leroy - Don Roberts; Miss Fern - Paula Dumas; Regina Tasker - Ashley Nowling; Mrs. Daigle - Sharon Watson; Mr. Daigle - Dominic DeMonico; Richard Bravo - Bill Groves.

The Bad Seed tells the story of Rhoda Penmark, an excellent student and talented pianist. She is tidy, mannerly and a delight to her loving parents, friends, and neighbors, but there is a darkness hiding behind the beautiful facade. And it is revealed during the bone-chilling and heart-breaking psychological drama unfolds on our stage. Discretion is advised, as the content includes adult themes, murder, violence, and suicide. Discretion is advised.

Auditions for the January production of Neil Simon's God's Favorite will be held Oct. 9 at noon and Oct. 11 at 6:30 p.m. Performances are Jan 6-16. SBCT is also producing a Christmas show, Wingbeat, with auditions scheduled Oct. 16 at noon and Oct 18 at 6 p.m. Performances are Dec. 11 & 12.

Perdido Key Chamber Trunk or Treat Oct.29

The Perdido Key Area Chamber of Commerce will host a Trunk or Treating and a costume parade at Baars Field on October 29 beginning at 5:30 p.m. An outdoor movie featuring the family favorite classic, E.T. The Extra-Terrestrial will follow at dusk on a large inflatable screen. Area businesses and individuals are invited to partner with the Chamber by decorating a trunk or by donating candy to help keep the treats flowing all evening. Anyone interested in helping the Chamber with this event, call 850-492-4660.

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Gulf Shores police arrest man for meth on West Beach Blvd.



Gulf Shores Police arrested Chandler Thomas Hawkins for being in possession of 36 grams of methamphetamine after receiving a tip about a suspicious vehicle parked at a condominium on West Beach on Sept. 30. A female passenger was found to be in possession of a small amount of meth and charged with possession of a controlled substance. Hawking of Fultondale was charged with drug trafficking.

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• **League Pool:** 7; The Office, Foley.
 • **AA:** 5 p.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

MON, OCT 18

• **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).
 • **Brent Burns:** 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's; Gulf Shores.
 • **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 7; Papa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
 • **Open Mic with Chris Beverly:** 6: OSO; Orange Beach.
 • **Open Mic w/Davo:** 7; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
 • **Sandy Roots Songwriters Night:** 6; Purple Parrot Tiki Bar; Perdido Key.
 • **Bingo:** 6; American Legion Post 99, Gulf Shores.
 • **League Pool:** 7; The Office, 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.

TUE, OCT 19

• **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).
 • **Light Travelers:** 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's; Gulf Shores.
 • **Karaoke & Dance on The Deck:** 7; Live Bait; Orange Beach.
 • **Chris Beverly Experience:** 9; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
 • **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 7; Papa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
 • **Bingo:** 10-2; Gulf Coast Elks Lodge; Foley.
 • **Karaoke w. Kelly:** 8; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
 • **Pool Tourney:** 7; Snapper's; Orange

Beach.
 • **Texas Hold 'em:** 7; The Office, Foley.
 • **Baldwin Senior Softball Group:** 10 a.m.; 50 and over; 10 a.m.; call 225/313-8516 for info & location.
 • **Coastal Alabama Farmers and Fishermen Market:** 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.; 20733 Mifflin Rd. (County Rd. 20), Foley.
 • **Foley Kiwanis Club:** noon; Vallarta's, 1145 S. McKenzie St., Foley; 859-771-6091.
 • **Kiwanis Club of Big Lagoon:** 7:30 a.m. (1st, 3rd, and 4th Tue); Point Church, 13801 Innerarity Point Rd., Pensacola.

Patrick Conley & Liam Bickham complete a maritime adventure for the ages Swim For Alligator Lighthouse one of world's most challenging open water swims

By Tim D. Smith

They're Patrick Conley and Liam Bickham, Gulf Shores High School students not Moby Dick's Ishmael, and they already live in a "watery part of the world." The lure of ocean adventures beckoned, though, from

"Mo pretty much said, 'I'm not going to swim this with him and you need to', so I agreed."

hundreds of miles away, and led them on the adventure of a lifetime. The challenge: Swim for Alligator Lighthouse, according to Tom Ward of RedBull.com "one of the eight most challenging swims in the world", eight miles of open water to Alligator Light off the coast of Islamorada in the Florida Keys, sitting equidistant between Key West and the mainland. Two years ago, Liam swam a one-mile leg when the course was

shortened by a hurricane. Sometimes nature wins. This time, he and Patrick planned to take turns and swim the entire eight miles, four out and around the lighthouse and four returning, taking turns paddling a kayak in support, a task in itself that provided little true rest for the person not swimming. Lighthouse Larry, a world-renowned local artist, founded the feat of skill and endurance almost a decade ago after completing the swim and telling friends he thought everyone should try it. Proceeds sponsor scholarships for high school students and go toward restoring the dormant Alligator Lighthouse, named for U.S. Navy schooner Alligator which went aground on coral reef (now also known as Alligator Reef) in 1822 while serving as part of a Navy Anti-Piracy unit in 1822.

Liam was the first person Patrick met on the bus to swim practice a year ago after Patrick moved from Alaska to Gulf Shores. It's pretty easy to imagine Liam with his big grin welcoming the new young man. They became friends, and as this year's challenge approached, Liam's mom Mo, who is an accomplished swimmer in her own right, told Patrick he needed to do the swim with Liam.

Patrick remembered the conversation. "Mo pretty much said, 'I'm not going to swim this with him and you need to', so I agreed."

Liam had already been to Florida's Islamorada Key, where the curious and enchanted can discover warm ocean breezes and views, quaint shops, and art galleries filled with landscape paintings and sculptures of sport-fish. His first journey had been tame in comparison to

this undertaking. The same area that tempted Hemingway, creating Santiago's "salao", the worst form of unlucky, greeted Liam's friend Patrick upon their arrival.

"Iguanas everywhere," Patrick recounted, thinking back to his first impressions. "The smell." Cars and iguanas don't coexist well. The ocean breezes dawned hot and sultry on September 11, 2021, not a good mix for an adventure, even if you're considered some of the top endurance athletes in the world.

For what it's worth, no albatross was slain, but Patrick and Liam couldn't help but sense an ominous foreboding as they began. The current battered Patrick on his first twenty-minute leg as he struggled to see through the murky depths, usually pristine and clearer than bath water but now clouded with seaweed and jelly fish, which stung him mercilessly. When Liam's turn came, the pair swamped their kayak and dumped their support supplies into the Atlantic's depths.

"I never found out how others managed to prevent that," Patrick said with his characteristic wry smile. Luckily, they salvaged some of the Gu, snacks, and water bottles intended for nourishment and sustenance on the trek.

Even though Liam and Patrick began after almost all the other swimmers due to the staggered start, Liam passed every other team during that second leg. They found themselves charting the course for everyone else.

Buoyed by the fact that officials floated in boats and jet skis along the route, their quest took a turn for the better about half-way out when the water began to miraculously clear, providing a spectacular view of the seabed and the coral. Patrick wasn't as appreciative of the scene, though, when on his second leg he saw a barracuda dash into view to devour a smaller fish, bringing the swimmer to a halt for a moment before continuing.

Luckily, when they rounded the rusty lighthouse, the current changed to give them a push. Unfortunately, it wouldn't last as the waves managed to not only obscure the marker buoys each 400 meters but also push them off course and add distance and fatigue that only Odysseus could have appreciated.

"You have to embrace the suck," Liam says, "you know, make the best of the situation. It was so hot."

Late in the swim, Patrick thought, "Everyone else is

doing it. It would be a shame if I gave up." But almost everyone else labored behind them at this point as the pair was clocking almost thirty-minute miles under stark conditions. Patrick had grown dehydrated due to the limited drinking water, and his lips were parched and salty.

Liam put the finishing touches on the swim, and as he approached for the homestretch, he still had enough energy to break into a strong butterfly stroke, to the delight of the announcer and fans. They finished in four hours and nine minutes, and the adventure was complete.

So how do you top that?

"Next time, we're each going to do the whole thing," Liam said.

You have to believe, if anyone can do it, these two can.

Pictured: Gulf Shores High swimmers Patrick Conley, a junior, and Liam Bickham, a sophomore, recently completed the Alligator Light in the Florida Keys. The eight mile, open water competition has been described as "one of the eight most challenging swims in the world."

Tim D. Smith is an English teacher at Gulf Shores High School. His young adult novel The Ghosts of Sand Island Lighthouse will be published by Touchpoint Press in the spring of 2022.





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By Ron "Bones" Jones



A magician was working on a Caribbean cruise ship. The audience was different each week, so the magician allowed himself to do the same tricks over and over again.

There was only one problem: The captain's parrot saw the show every week and began to understand what the magician did in every trick. Once he understood, he started shouting in the middle of the show:

"Look, it's not the same hat!"
"Look, he's hiding the flowers under the table!"

"Hey, why are all the cards the Ace of Spades?"

The magician was furious but couldn't do anything; it was the captain's parrot after all. One day the ship had an accident and sank. The magician found himself on a piece of wood, in the middle of the ocean, and of course the parrot was by his side. They stared at each other with hate, but did not utter a word.

This went on for several days. After a week the parrot finally said: "Okay, I give up. What'd you do with the boat?"

Success is relative. The more success, the more relatives!

SCUBA is an acronym for Self Contained Underwater Breathing Apparatus. Tuba is also an acronym: Terrible Underwater Breathing Apparatus.

My friend is making an absolute fortune by selling pictures of salmon dressed up in human clothes.

It's like shooting fish in a barrel.

Three sisters, ages 92, 94, and 96, live together. One night the 96-year-old draws a bath. She puts one foot in and pauses. "Was I getting in the tub or out?" she yells.

The 94-year-old hollers back, "I don't know, I'll come up to see."

She starts up the stairs and stops. She shouts, "Was I going up or going down?"

The 92-year-old is sitting at the kitchen table having tea, listening to her sisters. She shakes her head and says, "I sure hope I never get that forgetful," and knocks on wood for good measure.

Then she yells, "I'll come up and help both of you as soon as I see who's at the door."

First Student: "How far are you from the correct answer?"
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Barney: I have a three-season bed.

Wilma: What is a three-season bed?

Barney: One without a spring.

Blanche: Herb, if you don't

stop snoring, I'm going to toss you out on your ear!

Herb: Does it upset you that much?

Blanche: Not just me, the entire congregation.

Went to see a psychic who was in a bad mood.

Then I saw a clairvoyant who was really grumpy.

I'm just trying to find a happy medium.

I threw a ball for my dog. It's a bit extravagant I know, but it was his birthday and he looks great in a tuxedo.

When my wife told me that the Prime Minister of Canada got re-elected, I thought she was lying.

It's Trudeau.

Suzy: "Mom, did you want a boy or a girl?"

Mom: "I just wanted to watch a movie."

A woman searching for an open parking space noticed a couple walking just ahead.

"Going out?" she asked.

"No," the man said, "we're just friends."

Questioned by an IRS agent about his tax return, the deli owners responded, "Why don't you people leave me alone? I work like a dog, everyone in my family helps out, the place is only closed three days a year. And you want to know how I made \$80,000?"

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"Yes. It's true. We deliver anywhere," he answered.

I was hesitat to attend my 30th class reunion from nursery school because I've put on 90 or 100 pounds since then.

Cockroaches are found to be capable in surviving a nuclear holocaust, yet one swat with a newspaper and it would die.

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- If you ate both pasta and antipasto, would you still be hungry?

- If you try to fail, and succeed, which have you done?

- Whose cruel idea was it for the word "Lisp" to have "S" in it?



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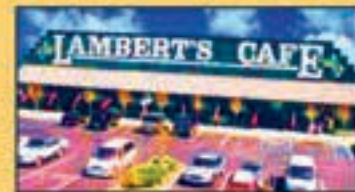
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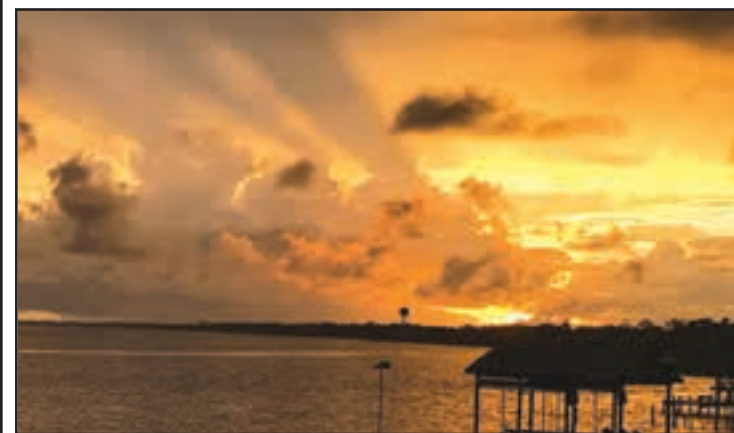


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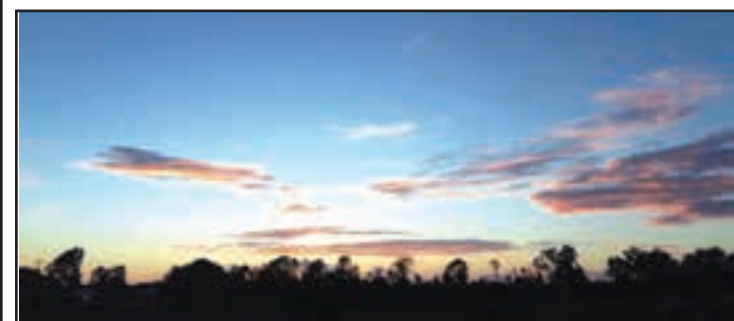
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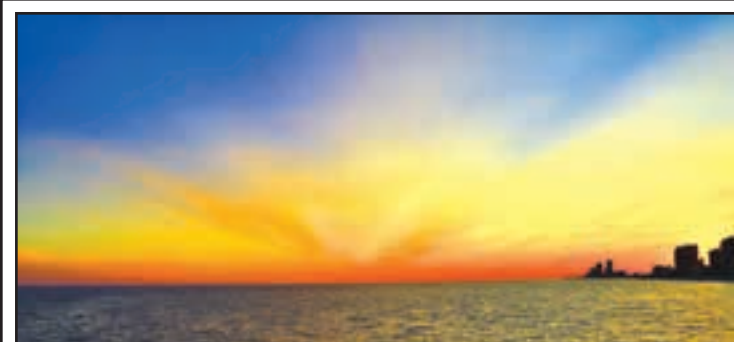
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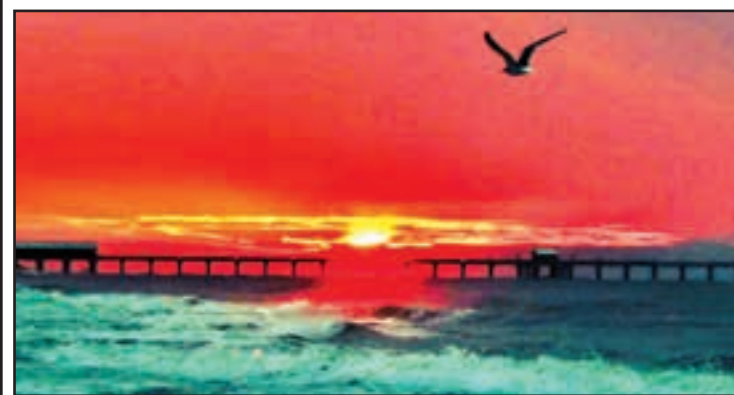
"Another amazingly beautiful sunset over Little Lagoon," writes Dennis Hendrickson of Brigadoon Trail in Gulf Shores.



"What a beautiful sunset over Foley," writes Melissa Kitchens.



From David Kriegler.



"Mr. Frog safe in the rain gauge," writes Courtney Gibb.



Sunset from the Flora-Bama Yacht Club submitted by Mike Yeager of Moreland, GA.



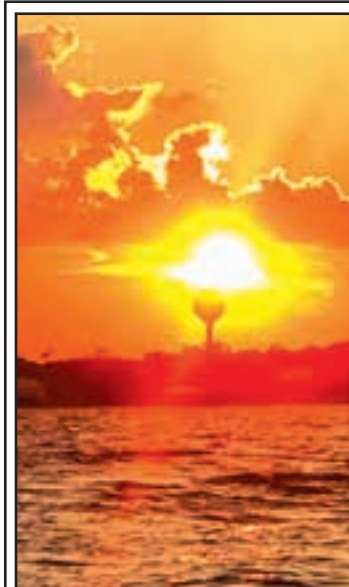
From Robby Berthume.



Robbie Gilliam shares a picture of Champ & Scout hanging out at Gulf Place.



Sunrise on West Beach by Phillip Thomas.



From Lesa Redd.

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