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COASTAL CHRISTMAS



Billy Claus & The LuLuBelles at LuLu's Dec. 11

Enjoy a memorable family Holiday experience at LuLu's Gulf Shores Annual Billy Claus and The LuLuBelles free event on Saturday, December 11. The fun starts at 1 p.m. Billy Claus, Santa's warm weather-loving brother, will arrive at 2 p.m.

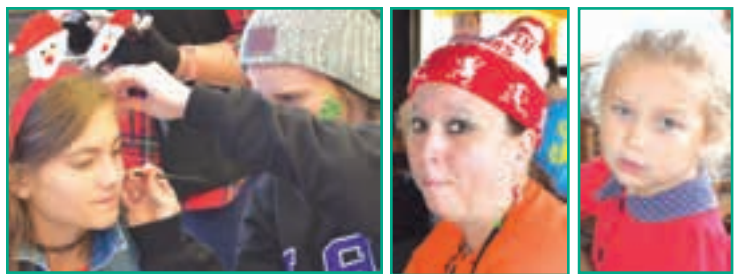
For those wishing to make a full day of it, the LuLu's Christmas Lighted Boat Parade leaves from LuLu's Homeport Marina at dusk.

Bring a toy to donate to LuLu's Toy Drive benefiting the Christian Service Center! All toys must be new and unwrapped. If you or someone you know is in need please visit cscgs.com

In addition to kid's arts & crafts activities, there will also be a 1:45 p.m. reading of Billy Claus and the Spirit of Christmas children's book written by Lucy Buffett.

Billy lives in the Caribbean but comes this way to help Santa during the Holiday season. The LuLuBelles are Billy's fun version of Santa's elves. Billy visit with children and pass their wish list to his brother. Billy and the LuLuBelles will be available for photos with the children. LuLu's is located in Gulf Shores under the HWY 59 Bridge, next to Homeport Marina. For more Billy Claus information, call (251) 967-5858 or visit LuLuBuffett.com.

Pictured: Family fun during past visits from Billy.



Rep. Steve McMillan to lead

Dec. 11 Lillian Optimist Parade

State Representative Steve McMillan, a loyal member of the Perdido Bay Optimist Club, will be grand marshal of the Annual Lillian Christmas Parade scheduled at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 11. It will kick off at the Lillian Community Club at US Highway 98 and Santa Piedro Street. The route will continue east to the Lillian bridge where it will turn north on Sixth Street, west on Barclay Road and south on Santa Piedro Street. Businesses, groups, clubs and individuals who want to participate in the parade should contact Judy Wargo, 586-383-1206 or by email, paulwargo@gmail.com.

Rep. McMillan has been elected by the voters of the district every term since 1980 and is retiring after serving more than 40 years. Before he was elected in 1980, he was a real estate broker and had his own company. A 1964 graduate of Auburn, he got into politics when his brother, who was a State Representative, was appointed commissioner of Department of Conservation and Natural Resources in 1980. He ran for office to fulfill his brother's unfinished term, finished that term and many more.

"I will be forever grateful to the citizens of Baldwin County for the opportunity to serve all these years," he said. "Gayle and I have two children and have been blessed with six grandchildren, the oldest of which is a 2021 graduate of the US Naval Academy. I enjoy fishing, reading, cooking and every aspect of public service, in particular campaigning." **Pictured:** Steve McMillan with Judy Wargo, parade chair.

Taste of the Island Dec. 3 at O.B. Event Center

The Mystics of Pleasure Baldwin County Benevolent Fund and the Krewe de Swan will present the Annual Taste of the Island on Friday, Dec. 3 at beginning at 6 p.m. at The Event Center at The Wharf in Orange Beach. Tickets are on sale now for \$60 per or you can buy a table of 10 for \$600. The annual fundraiser includes tastings from more than 30 restaurants, an open bar, a fabulous silent auction with lovely baskets and live music from Tyn Tymes. Dress is Island Casual. The Marines will be collecting Toys for Tots at the door so please bring an unwrapped toy for a boy or girl or both! For more information or to purchase tickets, call Gene Carden at (205) 807-4697, or email gcarden1954@hotmail.com.

White Christmas In The Tropics Dec. 3 at PBR

Local mardi gras krewe, The Auroras are hosting White Christmas In The Tropics on Dec. 3 beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Perdido Beach Resort main ballroom.

The evening will include dinner and dancing to tunes provided by Jesse & The Jets. Ladies are encouraged to wear white, but it is not required. Ties and jackets are suggested for men. Please bring an unwrapped Toy to build our tree. All proceeds and the collected toys will be presented to the Christian Service Center, a Pleasure Island based non-profit with a goal of giving people "a hand up rather than a hand out." The 21 and over event will also include a silent auction. Tickets are \$75 per person. VIP reserved tables of 10 are available for \$1000. Ticket info: eventbrite.com.

G.S. Christmas Celebration/Snowball Drop Dec. 3

The City of Gulf Shores will kick off its Christmas celebrations Dec. 3 from 6-8 p.m. with a Christmas celebration at Johnnie Sims Park. Families can enjoy pictures with Santa, holiday treats, crafts, and the 6th Annual Snowball Drop, a man-made blizzard featuring 4,000 ping pong balls dropped from above by Santa. Winning snowballs will have a number that correlates with a prize.

Santa will cruise G.S. on fire truck Dec. 4 & 11

Santa is taking some time off during his busy month to drive through the City of Gulf Shores on Dec. 4 & 11. He will be accompanied by some of his dear friends from the North Pole and the Gulf Shores High School Steel Drum Band. Route information and a live Santa Tracker will be available on the City's website during the event For info on G.S. holiday events, visit gulfshoresal.gov/Christmas.

Optimist Breakfast W. Santa Dec. 18 at Lillian Community Club

Santa and Mrs. Claus have notified the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay that they will be dropping by for the annual Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, Dec. 18 in the Lillian Community Club.

Last year's event was held outside with everyone masked and no Santa hugs. This year's event will be back to a full breakfast for boys and girls through age 12 and their families. The fun begins at 9 a.m. with the Optimist Club's famous breakfast of eggs, biscuits and gravy, grits and other delicious items.

After the breakfast, the youngsters will visit with Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus to share their Christmas wishes. Each boy and girl will receive an age-appropriate gift. Parents are welcome to take photos of this special occasion.

This will be the third Christmas-sponsored program hosted by the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay. The members organize the Annual Lillian Christmas Parade and provide transportation for Santa Claus to visit special needs classes in Elberta Schools. He also distributes gifts to all the boys and girls, based on secret tips from their teachers so the gifts would be appropriate for age and abilities. **Pictured:** Carson and Dominique Woodcock.





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Foley Art Center Trim-A-Tree now open at Tanger Outlet

The Foley Art Center's Trim-A-Tree, its annual annual six week holiday fine arts and crafts event, is open at its location in Suite 230 in the Tanger Outlet (next to Zumiez in the center on the South side) through Dec. 23 from 10 a.m. – 7 p.m. Monday thru Saturday and 11 a.m. – 6 p.m. on Sundays.

Trim-A-Tree features wonderful creations by over 200 artist & craftsmen from throughout the southeast. All vendors are members of the Foley Art Center, and their work has been juried to participate. For more info, call 251-943-4381 or visit foleyartcenter.com.

Gifts and Holiday decorative items for sale include ornaments, florals, wood carvings, stainedglass, fused glass mosaics, textiles, driftwood trees, quilts, rugs and jewelry. Original art in oils, watercolors, mixed media, prints, photographs, gourds and hand woven textiles will also be on sale.

Trim-A-Tree and its Mother's Day weekend Art in the Park in the John B Foley Park are the Foley Art Center's two primary

O.B. Community Center Potluck on Dec. 6 will include caroling

The final Orange Beach's monthly potluck dinner of the year will be held s will be resuming for the season on Dec. 6 at the Orange Beach Community Center. Doors open at 6 p.m. Dinner starts at 6:30 p.m. and Christmas Carol singing will commence following dinner. Everyone is invited. Just bring a side dish to share for 8 to 10 people.

The Orange Beach Community Center is located at 27235 Canal Rd. If you are unable to bring anything, cost for the meal is \$5. For those who want to join, membership dues are \$13 for a single and \$25 for a family. The potlucks are held the first Monday of each month from September thru May.

Gulf Coast Art Alliance Gallery Christmas Open House is Dec. 4

The Gulf Coast Arts Alliance Gallery will open its doors to the public on December 4 with an invitation to attend their Christmas Open House from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Visitors can browse the many original pieces of art and crafts, which will make excellent unique Christmas gifts. The gallery is located at 225 E 24th Ave. in the Waterway Village district of Gulf Shores. Hot apple cider and other refreshments will be served and holiday music will fill the store to make the visiting experience more festive.

Orange Beach Police host Dec. 13 Party with Santa

The Orange Beach Police Department will host its annual Kids' Christmas Party with Santa from 5:30-7:30 p.m. on Dec. 13 at Magnolia Hall, behind BuzzCatz at 25689 Canal Road.

Families are encouraged to enjoy games, crafts and photos with Santa. Kids can wear their favorite Christmas pajamas and parents can wear their ugliest Christmas sweater. Light food and beverages will be provided. Optimist Club of Perdido Bay
Sally McKinney, 251-979-7383

HYPERLINK "mailto:alabamagrama@gmail.com" alabamagrama@gmail.com.

GCAA Art Market Dec. 4 at G.S. Presbyterian

A Gulf Coast Arts Alliance art market on Dec. 4 from 9 a.m. 'til 3 p.m. on the ground of First Presbyterian Church in Gulf Shores (309 21st Ave.) This market also features original local and regional artists. For additional information, call 251-948-2627 or email gulfcoastartsalliance@gmail.com.

Baldwin Pops Dec. 6 in Foley, Dec. 7 in Gulf Shores

The Baldwin Pops Band will present A Gulf Coast Christmas concerts on Dec. 6 at The Foley Civic Center and Dec. 7 at the Gulf Shores Cultural Center. Both concerts start at 7 p.m. The family friendly, festive concerts are free and Santa plans to drop in for a short visit. Pictures with Santa will be available for \$5 during intermission. A Toys for Tots representative from the U.S Marine Corps Reserve will be available to collect new unwrapped toys. The Foley Civic Center is located at 407 E Laurel Ave. The Cultural Center is located at 9470 Oak Rd (County Rd. 6) West. More info: baldwinpopsband.com or Facebook.

Holly Days on Main Fest Dec. 11-12 at The Wharf

The Coastal Alabama Business Chamber will host its 2nd Annual Days on Main Festival at The Wharf in Orange Beach Dec. 11-12. Retail vendors will be lining up and down Main Street, Wharf businesses will offer special pricing, students will display art and there will be live performances from area students and local musicians. The Wharf is a perfect place to view the Coastal Alabama Lighted Boat Parade, and there will also be a Santa themed pub crawl of Wharf bars and restaurants hosted by the Lower Alabama Young Professionals. New to 2021 will be the opportunity for attendees to scan a QR code with their mobile device, leading to an online event hub. Vendor hours have also been expanded, running from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on both days.

"We took in a lot of feedback from attendees at last year's event; we know what to keep and we know what to change," said Steve Jones, Vice President of Special Events & Community Relations for the Chamber. "We're excited to incorporate what made last year a success, and to bring in some new factors that will drum up some new interest."

Yo Ho Ho 5k & Fun Run is Dec. 11 at The Wharf

The Kiwanis Club of Gulf Shores Yo Ho Ho 5k and Fun Run will be held on Saturday, Dec. 11 at The Wharf in Orange Beach. The fun run stats at 8 a.m. and the 5K at 8:30 a.m. Participants are encouraged to come dressed in your best Christmas attire (pets and children are welcome to join). The Kiwanis Club sponsors scholarships each year to graduating high school seniors from Gulf Shores & Orange Beach that are involved in Key Club as well as various non-profits. Registration is \$30 for the 5K and \$20 for the fun run. Student registration is \$20 and \$15. Register at runsignup.com or at The Wharf on race day.



Wales West Arctic Express open through Christmas Eve

All aboard the Arctic Express at Summerdale's Wales West RV Resort and Light Railway every Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 4 to 9 p.m. Beginning Dec. 15, Arctic Express is open nightly from 4 to 9 p.m. through Christmas Eve. Admission is \$15 per person, and children 2 and under are admitted free. Group rates, field trips, and parties can be booked in advance.

Ride an authentic steam train through a wonderland of lights, snow, and decorations to the North Pole. Visit with Santa in the winter-wonderland barn and receive a free wooden toy. Staff can take your family photo with Santa. Enjoy the Miniature Train Ride, Hayless Hayride, Potato Cannon, two playgrounds, Café with meals and seasonal treats, concession stand with famous kettle corn and cotton candy, and a gift shop. Make your train reservations at waleswest.com and pick up your tickets 15 minutes before train departure.

Wales West is located on County Rd. 9 between Fairhope and Silverhill at 13670 Smiley St. For info, call 251-232-2322 or go to waleswest.com.



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Tree lighting Dec. 3 & Let It Snow Dec. 4 at Heritage Park

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas in Foley's Heritage Park, as the park transforms into a wonderland for Foley's annual holiday celebrations. Festivities begin at 6 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 3, with Christmas in the Park and the lighting of Foley's official tree. Expect holiday music and a visit from Santa and his elves. The Foley Caboose Club will provide free train rides around the park for children of all ages. Explore the miniature lighted village, and enjoy Christmas trees decorated by local busi The city's Let it Snow celebration will be held on Dec. 4 and feature a marketplace filled with local vendors and artisans from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Starting at 11 a.m., expect delicate snow flurries to fall in the park during the event, which includes an art village, bounce houses, WhoVille Hair Salon, and other activities. The Foley High School Band and The Magnolia Dance Company will be performing during the festivities in the park. Santa will be available from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. More info: visitfoley.com or 251-943-1300.

50th St. Patrick's Christmas Bazaar Dec. 3-4 in Robertsdale

The 50th St. Patrick's annual Christmas Bazaar will take place Dec. 3-4 in the church center located in Robertsdale from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. The tradition continues as the ladies of the church start the bazaar holiday baking. Some, such as the yeast coffeecakes and cinnamon rolls will be baked on site. Cookies, cakes, and more will fill the dessert tables. The Jam Stand will be stacked with jams and jellies made from locally picked fruit. For the past year, the crafting team has made afghans, quilted items, soaps, crocheted baby items, Christmas trees and more. Gift baskets are again a focal point of the bazaar.

Orange Beach Police host Dec. 13 Party with Santa

The Orange Beach Police Department Christmas Party with Santa is from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 13 at Magnolia Hall, behind BuzzCatz, next to Cosmo's. Families are encouraged to enjoy games, crafts and photos with Santa. Kids can wear their favorite Christmas pajamas and parents can wear their ugliest Christmas sweater. Light food and beverages will be provided. Magnolia Hall, behind BuzzCatz Coffee and Sweets, is at 25689 Canal Road.

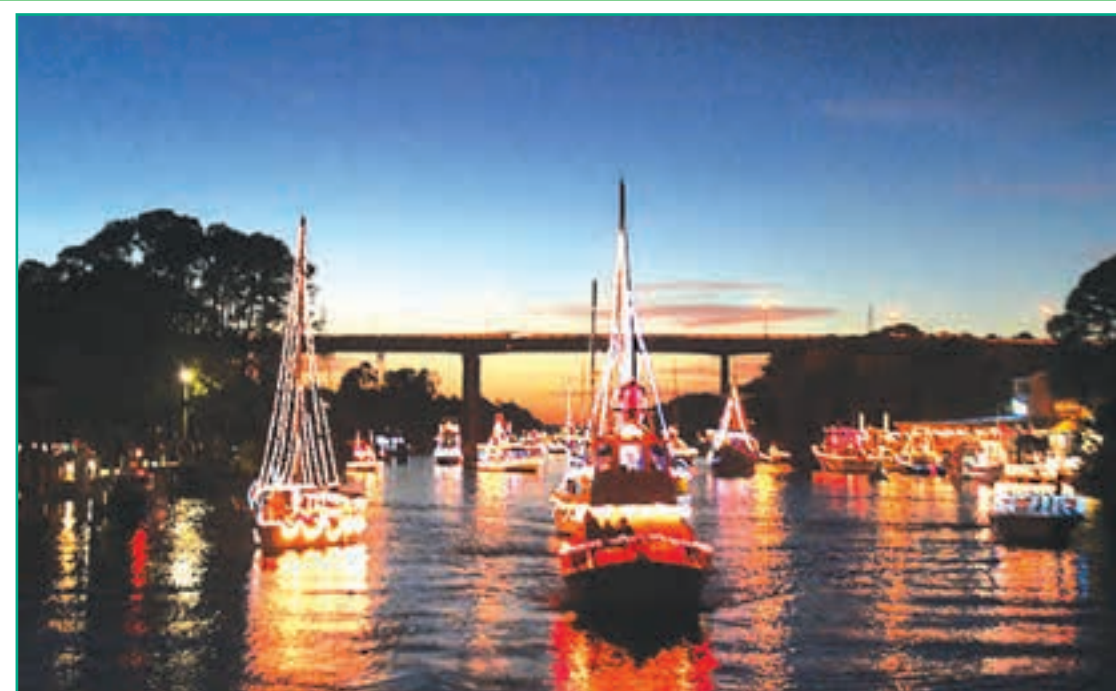
Fish River Christmas Boat Parade is Dec. 11

The Annual Pirates of Fish River Christmas Boat Parade will be held Dec. 11 at 5:30 p.m. beginning at the Hwy. 98 Weeks Bay Bridge. The parade will proceed up Fish River past the Hwy. 32 bridge before turning around. POFR is a Fish River based group of people who love to boat, socialize, and give back to their community.



Coastal Art Center Light Up The Arts on Dec. 16

The Coastal Arts Center of Orange Beach will hold Light Up the Arts from 5-7 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 16. The annual event features fine art, hot chocolate and cookies, a raffle, gift shop specials, a wine bar and a festive music performance on the grand piano from Greg Engel. Experience hot glass and cool clay demonstrations by The Hot Shop and The Clay Studio. The Coastal Art Center is located at 26389 Canal Rd. More



LuLu's Lighted Boat Parade begins at dusk on Dec. 11

LuLu's at Homeport Marina will again sponsor the LuLu's Lighted Boat Parade beginning at dusk on Saturday, Dec. 11. Celebrate the Holidays Gulf Coast style as the brightly decorated boats light the night along the Intracoastal Waterway from Lulu's to the Wharf and beyond. Boats will be visible along the canal from Gulf Shores or Orange Beach.

2nd Annual Santa Pub Crawl includes 5 stops at The Wharf

The 2nd Annual Santa Pub Crawl presented by Gulf Coast Real Estate Specialist will be Dec. 11 from 7-10 p.m. at six bistros located at The Wharf in Orange Beach. Tickets are \$10 each.

YoHo Rum & Tacos Boat Bar, Sandshaker at The Wharf, Ginny Lane Bar & Grill, Kentucky Mist Distillery, Villaggio Grille, Southern Grind Coffee House, Pour Smart Bar, Mile Marker 158 and Island Time Daiquiris will offer special menu items and deals. Island Daiquiris will host a Santa costume contest. Participants with bingo cards stamped by five venues will have a chance for prizes at The Sandshaker for the chance to win! The event also includes a raffle for a beach wagon filled with booze.

The Pirates of Lost Treasure seek Secret Santa sponsors

The Pirates of Lost Treasure, the Perdido Key based Mardi Gras krewe, is continuing its 25 year tradition of raising money for its Secret Santa program to provide a Merry Christmas to needy families. A member of the Pirates of Lost Treasure takes the parent shopping and spends \$100 on each child. Sometimes these are the only gifts these children receive and they often ask for things like shoes and coats. The Pirates usually help around 100 children annually. Tax deductible donations can be mailed to Pirates of Lost Treasure c/o Secret Santa 10447 Sorrento Road, Suite 100, PMB 76, Pensacola, FL 32507. Please make checks payable to PLT Secret Santa. Recipients are mostly referred to the program by Southwest Escambia County churches and schools, as well as word-of-mouth. For more info, contact Brian Young at perdidosecretsanta@gmail.com.

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COASTAL CHRISTMAS



Santa will drop into Flora-Bama at noon on Dec. 11

The annual Flora-Bama Santa Drop will be on Saturday, Dec. 11 from 11 a.m. 'til 2 p.m. at the beach and in the big tent at the world famous lounge on the state line. Santa will skydive onto the beach then jump in line in the tent for free Santa pics. It doesn't matter how old you are, you can still sit on Santa's lap and ask for whatever you want. Prior to Santa's arrival at noon, the 'Bama staff will coordinate kids crafts, games, face painting, juice and sweet treats. All for free. The 'Bama's possible-probable musicians will play live music featuring holiday tunes for the kids.

Baldwin Youth Orchestra holiday concert is Dec. 13

The Christmas Around The World Concert will be held on Monday, Dec. 13 at 7 p.m. at the Foley Civic Center. Join the Baldwin County Youth Orchestra for this free concert. A toy for Toys for Tots is appreciated. There will also be a benefit silent auction so come and shop for Christmas.

Fairhope Christmas Parade scheduled Dec. 3

Fairhope's Magical Christmas Parade will take to the that city's downtown streets on Friday, Dec. 3 beginning at 7 p.m. at the intersection of Morphy and Section Street. The parade continues down Section to Oak Street and back up Church St. For info, call 251-929-1466.

Bellingrath Christmas in Lights through Dec. 31

Magic Christmas in Lights at Mobile's Bellingrath Gardens and Home, one of the nation's best holiday light shows, continues through New Year's Eve. The dazzling nighttime display features 1,100 set pieces, 3 million lights and 15 scenes spread throughout the 65-acre Garden estate. More info: bellingrath.org or 251-973-2217.



Legends Christmas Classic through Jan. 2 at OWA Theater

Legends in Concert, Las Vegas' longest running and most-awarded tribute show, will present the all-new Classic Christmas at OWA Theater Wednesday thru Sunday until Dec. 31. The show pays tribute to music royalty including Celine Dion, Karen Carpenter, Young Michael Jackson and Elvis Presley. Just as the Radio City Rockettes have become synonymous with the holiday season in New York City, the annual Holiday show at Legends in Concert has become part of the season's celebrations in locations around the country.

Classic Christmas will perform Wednesday through Saturday at 7 p.m. with additional matinee shows at 3 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday (Dark Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day). Adult tickets start at \$39.95 plus taxes and fees and children ages 4-12 tickets start at \$22.95 plus taxes and fees. VIP balcony section and preferred seating is available. More info: VisitOWA.com.

The show starts with The Brian Setzer Orchestra's rendition of "Jingle Bells" and ends with a sensational tribute to the Trans-Siberian Orchestra's "Christmas Eve in Sarajevo" ("Carol of the Bells") and the entire cast will join them and perform "The Most Wonderful Time of the Year."

A Christmas Carol at Performing Arts Center Dec. 10-12

The Orange Beach Middle & High School Conservatory of Fine Arts' students will perform "A Christmas Carol" on December 10-12 at the Orange Beach Performing Arts Center Main Stage. Friday and Saturday shows start at 7 p.m. and the Sunday matinee at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$10 for Senior Citizens and \$10 for students and available at the door or at gofan.co. The Orange Beach Performing Arts Center is located at 23908 Canal Rd.

Kiwanis Club of Foley Christmas Parade Dec. 4

The Foley Christmas Parade kicks off a day of holiday activities at Heritage Park on Saturday, Dec. 4. Sponsored by the Foley Kiwanis Club, the parade begins at 10 a.m. from the Armory on Violet Ave., proceeds south on Ala. 59 west on Verbena Ave., north on S. Oak Street and east on U.S. 98, ending at the intersection of Ala. 59 (McKenzie Street) and U.S. 98 (Laurel Ave.). Maps of the parade route are available online at VisitFoley.com.

Downtown Pensacola Christmas Parade Dec. 11

The Annual Downtown Pensacola Christmas Parade will be held on Saturday, Dec. 11 beginning at 5:15 p.m. on Palafox Street. The parade draws over 50,000 people each year, including nearly 100 entries, and eight bands from Escambia County, Santa Rosa County, and New Orleans. The parade also features the Blue Angels flight team.

Robertsdale Christmas Parade slated Dec. 4

The 2021 Robertsdale Christmas Parade and Christmas in the Park will be held on Saturday, Dec. 4 beginning at Robertsdale High School at 5 p.m. The parade route begins on Fairground Rd., goes north on Hwy. 59 and disperses at Honeybee Park. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be available for pictures after the parade. More info: 251-947-2626.

Summerdale Christmas Dec. 11 at Pioneer Park

The Summerdale Christmas Parade participants will meet before the 6:30 p.m. start at Pioneer Park on Saturday, Dec. 11 for the town's annual parade. The parade begins on 4th street, and will travel Broadway, NW 4th, Broadway, and ends at Pioneer Park, where everyone can visit with Santa and enjoy refreshments. For more info, visit summerdaleal.com.

Silverhill Christmas Parade slated Dec. 3

The 2021 Town of Silverhill Christmas Parade will be held on Friday, Dec. 3 at 6:30 p.m. Come a little early and enjoy live Christmas music and food from Lil' J's, Chew Chew Truck, Frank and Lolas, Salty Brew and Greek Gals Yummies. Stay after the parade for a pic with Santa. Parade line-up is in front of Silverhill Elementary. Info: 251-945-5198.

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COASTAL CHRISTMAS

Coastal Ballet's Nutcracker Dec. 3-4 in Orange Beach

The Coastal Ballet Company, in cooperation with the City of Orange Beach, will present The Nutcracker on December 3-4 at the Orange Beach Performing Arts Center.

The classical Christmas ballet will be performed at 6 p.m. Friday, December 3rd and at 2 p.m. Saturday, December 4th. General admission tickets are \$25 per adult, \$10 for children ages 4-17, and free for children 3 and younger. Buy tickets at onthestage.tickets. The Performing Arts Center is located at 23908 Canal Road, adjacent to Orange Beach Middle / High School.

Coastal Ballet Company and owner **Rio Cordy** embrace a passion for dance and desires to impact the Gulf Coast by transforming people's lives through the power of art. The company's affiliated school Coastal Ballet Academy strives to teach the art of ballet in a loving manner. At the end of the dance season, students will be richer in body, mind, and spirit and will take with them a deeper love of dance, music, learning, and a heart full of joyful memories.

Holiday Gingerbread Jam Dec. 4 at O.B. Event Center

A holiday favorite for Orange Beach residents, an event that fills everyone with a big dose of holiday spirit, is the annual Gingerbread Jam on December 4 at the Orange Beach Event Center at the Wharf. This gingerbread house building competition, a fundraiser for the Expect Excellence Culinary Program, is spilt into family division and business divisions. Entry fee is \$10 and \$25, respectively. Buzzcatz Coffee and Sweets of Orange Beach has captured the top spot in the business category the last three years.

"It's always fun for the whole staff. It's a real collaborative effort and we get ideas from everyone. We try to tell a story with each entry," said Kim Asbury, executive chef and general manager of Buzzcatz. For tickets or more info, visit orangebeachal.gov/events.

Wingbeat Christmas Spectacular is Dec. 11-12 at SBCT

South Baldwin Community Theatre and Wingbeat Productions will present The Wingbeat Christmas Spectacular Dec. 11 at 7 p.m. and Dec. 12 at 2:30 p.m. The Wingbeat performers will take you down memory lane with songs, skits and dances from Christmas classics such as Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer during this family friendly show.

To buy tickets, visit sbct.biz. Tickets are also available at the theatre box office (2022 W. 2nd St. in Gulf Shores during posted hours. Call 251-968-6721 for more info.

Scheduled 2022 SBCT shows include Neil Simon's God's Favorite on Jan. 6-9 & 13-16; A Bad Year for Tomatoes on Feb. 9-13 & 16-20, The Fourth Annual Radio Theatre Festival on February 25-27, The Enchanted Bookshop on April 1-3 & 8-10, and Picnic on May 6-8 & 13-15.

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Free Gulf State Park Very Merry Coastal Grinchmas Dec. 5 & 12

This year, the Gulf State Park Very Merry Coastal Grinchmas will be held on consecutive Sundays, Dec. 5 & Dec. 12, from 5-8 p.m. at the Learning Campus and Woodside Restaurant, located at 20249 State Park Road. One of the island's most popular Christmas events, Grinchmas is a free holiday jubilee the whole family will enjoy. Send Santa Grinch a letter at the Whoville Post Office. Make an ornament at the Whoville Workshop and enjoy holiday cakes at the Whoville Pancake House. Treats also include Whoville canes and \$1 presents at the Whoville Secret Santa Shop. Stroll over to Woodside Restaurant and its beautiful and expansive outside patio for cookie decorating, face painting, smores by the fire pit and lots of games and family fun. The Grinch and the mayor of Whoville are looking forward to welcoming all visitors to the festive event.

Baldwin Youth Orchestra holiday concert Dec. 13 in Foley

The Christmas Around The World Concert will be held on Monday, Dec. 13 at 7 p.m. at the Foley Civic Center. Join the Baldwin County Youth Orchestra for this free concert. A toy for Toys for Tots is appreciated. There will also be a benefit silent auction so come and shop for Christmas.

Experience North Pole at OWA every weekend

Experience the North Pole in Downtown OWA! This year, Santa will be a little closer to home. Every Friday, Saturday and Sunday through December 19, Santa will be welcoming guests of all ages to his home away from home. Kids and families will be able to participate in Christmas crafts

with Santa's Elves while waiting to grab a photo with the jolly man himself!

While the North Pole is free to experience, photos with Santa will be available for a small additional cost. The North Pole experience will also be open December 20-23 from 1-4 p.m. and 5-7 p.m. Don't forget to bring your wish list, as Santa's mailbox will be accepting mail all season long.

Movies at Meyer Series ends Dec. 16 w. The Grinch

The City of Gulf Shores fourth annual Movies at Meyer Park series concludes on Dec. 16 with The Grinch – Illumination Version. The free event begins at 6 p.m. Meyer Park is located in the Waterway Village District at 400 East 22nd Avenue in Gulf Shores. Bring lawn chairs and blankets and join neighbors at Meyer Park for a free movie under the stars. More info: gulfshoresal.gov.



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GULF SHORES CITY COUNCIL

City Council makes case for raising bed tax three percent

Mayor Craft says it's a better option than raising property or sales tax

By John Mullen

During a presentation at a specially called council meeting, Gulf Shores Mayor Robert Craft said the council and city staff looked at three options to raise an extra \$7 million yearly to help fund what they consider much-needed transportation and other capital projects. "We're trying to figure out how we continue to grow this city and make it better and have it balanced," Craft said during a presentation at the Nov. 29 meeting. "Where it supports residential, the residential growth we're seeing and the residents in this community. And, it continues to support the tourism industry that is so important to all of us. Trying to balance all of that out is where we are."

He presented a case that of the three, raising the city's portion of the lodging tax from 7 to 10 percent would be the less painful option for Gulf Shores residents. The public and members of the vacation rental industry were invited to provide input on the proposed tax hike and are invited again to the Dec. 6 and Dec. 13 sessions. A vote is expected on Dec. 13 because a new tax would have to be considered in the 2022 budget which the council wants to pass before Jan. 1.

The other options considered to reach the \$7 million target for new revenues were increasing the sales

tax or upping property tax millage both measures that would cost residents money.

"The lodging tax is something we've been looking at and right now the city's current lodging tax is 13 percent," Craft said. "The state of Alabama gets 4 percent, Baldwin County (Lodging Tax District) 2 and Gulf Shores 7. We've discussed adding 3 percent to that. We think it is the most effective way to move forward on this because most of the things we want to do with this is supporting the tourism industry."

During his presentation, Craft said even though the lodging tax in Destin is just 12 percent, his comparative analysis showed a unit in Destin would cost about \$700 more a night in rental and other fees to up the total cost to about \$2,300. A like unit in Gulf Shores would total about \$1,500 including the 3 percent lodging tax hike. The Destin vacationer would spend about \$95 in lodging tax compared to \$195 in Gulf Shores.

Resident Rick Kieffer, who also owns two vacation rental properties, said he believed using Destin to compare rates and fees didn't give a true picture.

"First of all, you picked Destin which is a much more expensive area than we are," Kieffer said. "If you compared us to Panama City you would find that we are more ex-

pensive than Panama City. We're also more expensive than Pensacola Beach. I sent you an email on four properties on VRBO and in each case we were more expensive. In Panama City, our daily rate is much higher. In all cases, it came out to be an 11.5 percent tax in Florida. We're at 13 percent currently and you want to raise it to 16 percent. I remind you Orange Beach hasn't raised theirs to 16 percent so would be at a competitive disadvantage with Orange Beach."

Resident Robert Schwartz who lives on Sunrise Drive off of Windmill Ridge Road asked the council to pass the tax to deal with the infrastructure facing impact from the growing tourism industry.

"The other options are sales taxes and property and I don't want those to increase," Schwartz said. "I feel these extra services are for our guests and I personally don't want to subsidize some landlord's income by paying more in sales tax or property tax."

Raising property taxes more than 7.5 percent – 9.3 is needed to raise \$7 million a year – must be approved by the state legislature and be passed by voters.

Craft said 70 percent of property taxes paid in Gulf Shores come from vacation rental properties and businesses and that increase would cost an average of \$418 annually to

property owners. Craft said the sales tax is regressive and would hurt the "least amongst us" the most with food costs.

Geoff Gaberino of Gulf Shores Vacation Rentals, Leonard Kaiser with Kaiser Vacation Rentals and others in the vacation rental business wondered how they would collect the tax on properties already rented for 2022 at the 13 percent lodging tax rate.

"There's been a lot of reservations already made and taxes paid," Kaiser said. "We've got to go back to those people. The last time you did this in 2018 a lot of businesses had to come out of their pocket and pay the additional taxes."

Gaberino said 83 percent of the properties he manages are booked up for next year and he asked for a slow implementation of the tax rather than a 3 percent hike all at once.

"If you implemented this on a backwards basis, I would literally have to go to every one of those guests and they will chose differently," Gaberino said.

"I would like this to be implemented and rolled out in a much longer time. Doing it at 3 percent from the jump is going to cost me business."

Councilman Philip Harris said the city wasn't acting rashly with its ambitious list of projects during the next 10 years but have been studying and fine-tuning plans for them for the past 10 years.

"I keep hearing slow down but we're so far behind and if we stop, we won't be able to keep up with the demand," Harris said.

Make It To Line Run Dec. 18 at Flora-Bama

The Flora-Bama Lounge & Package will host its 34th Annual Make It to The Line 4-Mile Run/ Walk & 1-Mile Fun Run on Saturday, Dec. 18 at 10 a.m. Packet pick-up will be Dec. 17 from 4-7 p.m. and Dec. 18 from 8:30-9:30 a.m. at the Flora-Bama.

The individual entry fee is \$30 and the event is free for children 9 years & under (no t-shirt). The fee includes a race t-shirt and other goodies for the first 400 and plenty of healthy food, drink (including a couple of beers) and music on all three 'Bama stages post race. The 4-mile course is a simple out and back from the Flora-Bama to the Perdido Pass Bridge.

Awards will be three deep in thirteen age categories – male and female – for both runners and walkers. The now famous post race party will also include lots of door prizes. The Flora-Bama is located on the Gulf

at the Alabama-Florida line. Register online at active.com or at Flora-Bama. A portion of the proceeds will benefit The PLT Secret Santa program.

O.B. to require permits for all golf carts

The Orange Beach City Council approved an ordinance that will require golf cart operators in Orange Beach to have a permit issued by the police department, and pass an inspection covering state law requirements of having carts equipped with headlights, brake lights, turn signals, and a windshield (see the ordinance for more details). A rearview mirror and liability insurance will also be required for each cart. No permit will be issued for any cart that fails inspection.

The ordinance will go into effect on March 1, 2022. Inspections and permitting are expected to be con-

ducted by the Orange Beach Police Department starting in January. Details on those inspections, which will be held in neighborhoods, will be shared later this month.

Permits will be valid for three years, and must be affixed to the vart. There will be a \$75 fee for the inspection. Each permitted cart will need to have the assigned permit number displayed on each side. The cart operator must have a valid driver's license issued by a state or other governmental authority.

Carts can be operated on designated cart streets or multi-use cart paths. The headlights on the cart shall be illuminated at all times when it is in operation regardless of the time of operation and shall not be illuminated above 36 inches. Operators must adhere to all state and municipal laws applicable to motor vehicles, including all laws concerning the operation of a vehicle under the influence of alcohol or drugs.



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ALDOT gathers more info from G.S. & Baldwin Co. Bridge Company

Decision could come as soon as Dec. 3, but project has already been delayed once

By John Mullen & Fran Thompson

The Alabama Dept. of Transportation Waterways Bridge project, which is part of a planned new corridor from the Beach Express just south of Coastal Gateway Boulevard over the Intracoastal Waterway, was originally on the bid letting for July 30.

The bid letting for that bridge is now on ALDOT's list for Dec. 3 but since it was pulled one day before the monthly letting in July, another delay is definitely possible.

It was removed late in the process in July after Orange Beach Mayor Tony Kennon asked for three months to negotiate with the Baldwin County Bridge Company, owners of the Foley Beach Express Toll Bridge, to among numerous other traffic easing improvements, add an additional two-lane span over the Intracoastal Waterway in Orange Beach, with BCBC picking up the \$25 million tab.

The Baldwin County Bridge Company has met with officials from Gulf Shores, Orange Beach and the state and was given criteria it must meet for traffic counts by Alabama Department of Transportation Director John Cooper.

ALDOT said on Oct. 28 that negotiations were ongoing and it is "making steps to include the bridge project in our December bid opening."

"Director Cooper's mandate is that they prove that they can move 40 percent of the traffic that's coming over both bridges to that bridge and that bridge would carry 40 percent and this bridge (in Gulf Shores) would carry 60 percent," Gulf Shores Mayor Robert Craft said. "To prove they could do that is a pretty steep climb. I don't know how they prove it."

Unless they can, Craft said, the state is looking to move forward with the bridge over the Intracoastal Waterway about 1.5 miles west of the toll bridge by The Wharf.

In the bridge company's presentation, it was projected that the new lanes would give the bridge to ability to handle 2,400 cars an hour compared to the proposed state bridge, which it projects could only handle 1,000 an hour.

"The number of cars going over our bridge is 55,000 a day average and they're carrying a little over 10,000 cars a day. We need them to take more or we need a new bridge and that was really the way it was left."

Another part of their proposal would give a discount to Gulf Shores and Orange Beach residents of \$5 per month to use the toll, with Baldwin County residents given the option to do the same for \$10 a month. Tourists would pay between \$2.50 and \$3.25 per trip.

The BCBC also said it would provide a cash payment of \$10 million to the city if the expansion is built and \$1 million a year for 50 years to be "used at the city's discretion." It also stipulates after 50 years

as an expanded bridge the company would simply give the structure to the state.

Also offered to the state was 25 percent of revenues collected above \$13 million. The 25 percent would not include island and county resident discounted passes.

With the additional span, the toll booth would expand from five to 11 kiosks, including fly-throughs with electronic tolling to help keep cars moving. The queue lanes would be widened and shaped so traffic would be free-flowing on both north and south sides.

Craft and Gulf Shores Councilman Philip Harris attended a meeting brought officials from traffic consultant Skipper and Associates and Volkert Engineering, the designer of both proposed bridges, to a meeting with ALDOT. Skipper brought the results of a study on the volume of traffic over both bridges.

"The number of cars going over our bridge is 55,000 cars a day average and they're carrying a little over 10,000 cars a day," Craft said. "We need them to take more or we need a new bridge and that was really the way it was left. Director Cooper instructed them in things that he was looking to see and if they could convince him that they could carry that amount of traffic which is a significant portion of the total."

In the event Cooper is convinced a new toll bridge can attract 40 percent of the traffic from the Hwy. 59 bridge in Gulf Shores, Craft said his city would continue to advocate for the new state bridge.

"If that comes back in a different way, if he feels like he can do it then I think then we go and complain," Craft said. "I don't think we can possibly believe they are going to take 20 percent more of the bridge traffic away from here or 40 percent. I don't know how they get there. I don't know how we get people to them is the big issue. Depending on how this goes I don't think I'm willing to sit back and say OK, we believe you. I think it will require more of a public outcry."

Skipper's study projected without a new bridge at either location in 20 years the combined traffic over each span would reach almost 100,000 a day with more than 80,000 coming in at Gulf Shores and about 16,000 going over the toll bridge. The same study projected with a new Gulf Shores bridge the traffic volume in 20 years would be in the same range but 66,000

a day would come across at State Route 59, 30,000 over the new ICW bridge and about 1,300 on the toll bridge.

In a closer year comparison, Skipper estimates 61,800 cars per day would be using the State Route 59 bridge in 2027 with 12,000 using the toll bridge for total of 73,000.

With a third bridge Skipper projected that 2027 traffic volumes would 51,100 per day in Gulf Shores, 23,150 on the new ICW bridge and 950 at the toll bridge.

The report also said averaging 55,000 cars per day puts the bridge at 135 percent capacity so even the 51,000 per day with a new bridge would still have way above capacity.

The state has already spent \$20 million buying property for the right of way for the entire length of the project and all permitting for the project is in place. State funds were allocated more than three years ago and Gulf Shores agreed to donate more than 26 acres to use as a right of way for a new spur road that would eventually link the Foley Beach Express to the emerging Waterway Blvd.

The proposed bridge location is in Orange Beach near the city's eastern boundary, about a half mile west of the

Beach Express Toll Bridge. Craft said ALDOT had also committed to a connector from The Foley Beach Express to the emerging East Waterway Blvd.

Craft said enhancing public safety by providing a third access on and off the island during hurricane evacuations is also a major concern.

Traffic from the new bridge turning back east through a roundabout on Canal Rd. towards Orange Beach would make congestion at the southend of the Foley Beach Express nightmarish, according to the Orange Beach mayor.

"I would prefer to have the situation right now than for us to have to deal with what that would create on that side with the quagmire. I can't even imagine what an auto accident in the middle of one of the roundabouts would do to traffic congestion," he said.

Kennon stated ALDOT's goal from the beginning was to alleviate traffic congestion on Hwy. 59, not necessarily to build a new bridge, and Orange Beach was tasked with doing that by finding a way to help move more traffic through the Foley Beach Express toll booth.

The Beach Express Toll Bridge opened

to great acclaim in 2000. Through a contract that runs through 2063, Orange Beach earns about \$1.5 million for its general fund from its share of bridge tolls every year, according to Kennon.

Both cities' mayors noted that Baldwin County is growing as a tourist destination, while also experiencing huge

growth in the number of people moving here.

Kennon said the bridge project was a second option only because Orange Beach was not even able to get the previous BCBC owners on the phone.

"Waterway Bridge was always a fall-back position. It was never the primary objective. Improving traffic flow over the toll bridge and down the expressway was by far the most efficient and effective way to move traffic off and on the island," he said.

"Let's be clear. The desired result was not to create or impede traffic flow for a local convenience or result. And, that's exactly what the Waterway Bridge and roadway is," he added.

"That is a locals bridge with a local roadway to local schools that has nothing whatsoever to do with improving the ability to move traffic north and south or get traffic off of 59."

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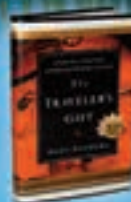
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NAIA Women's Soccer National Championship game Dec. 6 in O.B.

After a one year break due to Covid restrictions the NAIA Women's Soccer National Championship has returned to the Orange Beach Sportsplex with quarterfinals on Dec. 2, semifinals on Dec. 4 and the championship game on Dec. 6. Each match will be streamed live on NAIA's website. Tickets can be purchased online for \$35 for championship/full tournament passes and \$15 for daily passes. Visit NAIA.org for more details.

Teams from across the country to compete in 2021 NAIA Women's Soccer National Championship in Orange Beach next week

The first round kicked off Nov. 30 with No. 8 University of the Cumberlands (Williamsburg, Kentucky) vs. No. 9 Westmont College (Santa Barbara, California) and No. 7 Aquinas College (Grand Rapids, Michigan) vs. No. 10 Oregon Tech (Klamath Falls, Oregon)

The Dec. 4 quarterfinals will feature No. 4 Central Methodist University (Fayette, Missouri) vs. No. 5 and defending champs Keiser University (Fort Lauderdale, Florida) at 10 a.m.; Winner of Cumberlands-Westmont match vs. No. 1 William Carey University (Hattiesburg, Mississippi) at 1 p.m.; Winner of Aquinas-Oregon Tech match vs. No. 2 Spring Arbor University (Spring Arbor, Michigan) at 4 p.m.; and No. 3 University of Tennessee Southern (Pulaski, Tennessee - formerly Martin Methodist College) vs. No. 6 Marian University (Indianapolis, Indiana) at 7 p.m.

The semifinals will be played on Saturday, December 4 at 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. The championship will be played on Monday, December 6 at 1 p.m.

"The NAIA Women's Soccer Championship is a holiday tradition on the Alabama Gulf Coast, and we look forward to welcoming this signature event back after being unable to host the NAIA in the fall of 2020 due to the pandemic," said Michelle Russ, vice president of sales, sports and events for Gulf Shores/Orange Beach Sports & Events.

All invited to Dec. 7 Ancient Aviators gathering in G.S.

Art Gilberson, a Chief Petty Officer who retired from the Navy as an official photo journalist, will be the guest speaker at the Dec. 7 Ancient Aviators social group gathering at American Legion Post 44 in Gulf Shores. The meeting starts at 8:30 a.m.

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

After retiring from the Navy, Gilberson went on to write and publish 12 books. He will share some highlights of his multifaceted career, including photos he took of Gemini 5 getting ready to splash down and land in the water back in the days when the capsules came down in the ocean. Additionally, excerpts from some of his most popular books will be highlighted.

Save Underdogs pet picture fundraiser Dec. 12 in Perdido

Perdido Key Sports Bar and Save Underdogs volunteer fundraising group of Perdido Key will present the 6th Annual Santa Paws on Sunday, Dec. 12 from 10 a.. 'til 1 p.m. at Perdido Key Sports Bar.

Support Save Underdogs with your \$15 donation for professional pictures of your dog with Santa. Professional pictures will be emailed to for printing. The fundraiser also include a bake & merchandise sale. Save Underdogs is a group of dedicated volunteers whose mission is rescuing, rehabilitating & re-homing over sick, injured, abused, and unwanted animals. Since being founded in 2004, the group has helped save more than 6,000 animals.

Barbies For Charity event Dec. 8 at the Flora-Bama

Rhonda Hart and Nicole At Rvm will host a Barbies For Charity birthday bash at the world famous Flora-Bama Lounge & Package on Wednesday, Dec. 8 from 7-11 p.m. Come dressed as your favorite barbie or boy toy and bring a Barbie, boy toy or child's gift for charity. The event will include a costume contest & prizes.

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- **Frank Brown International Songwriters Fest Kick-Off:** 6; Perdido Sports Bar, Perdido Key.
- **Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables:** Schedule on Page 28; Perdido Key.
- **Flora-Bama Family Friendly Bingo:** 1-4 p.m.; free; family friendly; Flora-Bama; Perdido Key.
- **Legends In Concert Christmas Show:** 7; OWA Theater; Foley.
- **Danny Grady:** 3:30; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **Bingo:** 6; Tacky Jacks; Orange Beach.
- **Delta Donnie:** 6; Tacky Jacks; Fort Morgan.
- **Tim Richardson:** 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.
- **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **Snowbird Euchre:** Sign-in at 12:30; Gulf Shores American Legion Post 44.
- **BBRC Running Club:** 5:30 p.m.; Big Beach Brewery in Gulf Shores; laffet-foot.com.
- **Karaoke & League Pool:** 7:30; The Office, Foley.
- **Food Ministry at Morgan's Chapel United Methodist Church:** 8-9 a.m.; 6325 Cty Rd 10, Bon Secour, (across from Swift School); 251-979-2005.
- **Prayer Shawl Ministry:** Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Activities Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
- **Food Ministry For Hungry Families:** noon-1 p.m.; Grace Lutheran Church, corner of West 23rd Ave. and West 4th St. in Gulf Shores; 251-968-5991.
- **Bread Ministry:** 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.; Orange Beach United Methodist Church Brook's Center.
- **AA:** Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
- **AA:** 7:30 p.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

THU, DEC 2

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



GULF SHORES SEASONAL BEAUTIFICATION AWARDS: The City of Gulf Shores presented its seasonal beautification awards to The Ard Family (Ken and Nicole Ard), Alvin and Wendy Jones and Neale and Mike Garmon.



TREASURES OF ISLE KREWE COLLECTS FOR CHILD SHOEBOX CHARITY: Treasures of the Isle Mardi Gras Krewe have been collecting donations for the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child shoebox charity. The Krewe starting collecting donations in June and were able to stuff 46 shoeboxes with school supplies, hygiene products, socks and toys. We are hoping to make this an annual event and build even more boxes next year. **Pictured:** (left) Seated-Carol Burton, Laura Elliott, Judy Dyer, Janet Etheridge, Karen Whitworth, Melynda Hicks, Kate Politz, Standing-Queen Susan Sizemore, Carolyn Boe, Diane Jones, Allyson Walters, Gloria Bridges, Charlene Doody, Carol Nabors, Jeane Rayburn; (right) Karen and Ross Whitworth.



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WHAT'S HAPPENING



HOLE-IN-ONE PRIZE WINNER AT ORANGE BEACH GOLF CENTER: Ernie Culpepper of Georgia won \$250 for a hole-in-one on Hole 3, sponsored by Cactus Cantina, at the Orange Beach Golf Center's November Skins Game. (Pictured) Bobby Wade, owner of Cactus Cantina at 25908 Canal Road in Orange Beach, presented the check to Culpepper's golfing friend Christopher Dismuke. City Administrator Ken Grimes Jr. and Skins Game committee member John Hulén attended the check presentation. The Orange Beach Golf Center will host its next monthly Skins Game Tournament on Sunday, December 5, with a shotgun start at 1 p.m. Registration starts at noon. 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. Cost is \$5.50 for Golf Center members and \$22 for non-members. Registration starts at noon. The OBG 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. Info: 251-981-GOLF (4653).



TACKY JACKS SPIRIT NIGHT BENEFITS ORANGE BEACH ELEMENTARY: Meagan Skipper Hoven presents a check to Ashley Orrell with the Orange Beach Elementary PTO and Mary Katherine Law the school principal. Tacky Jacks/Orange Beach Spirit night was held earlier in November and a percentage of income from Tacky Jacks that night was given to the school.



O.B. GARDEN CLUB SETS FEB. 16 DATE FOR GAME DAY: Let the games begin. Orange Beach Garden Club's Ways and Means Committee met Monday, November 15, to kick off their 34th annual game day. February 16, 2022 will be the day and the theme is Mako Nation! Celebrating our School! Mark your calendar now for a food and fun-filled day. (Pictured: (l to r) Glenda Langham, Annette Mitchell, Renita Myers, Ethleen Lloyd, Becky Zerby, Virginia Burkhalter. Not pictured: Julie DeBardelaben.

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).
- **William Gibson:** 5; The Perch at The Gulf State Park Lodge; Gulf Shores.
- **Legends In Concert Christmas Show:** 7; OWA Theater; Foley.
- **Skyline Kings:** 6; Hub Stacy's; Innerarity Point.
- **The Favorites Band:** 7; Alabama Gulf Coast Music Hall; Foley.
- **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 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.
- **Texas Hold 'em:** 7; The Office, Foley.
- **Baldwin Senior Softball Group:** 10 a.m.; 50 and over; 10 a.m.; call 225/313-8516 for info & location.
- **Gulf Shores United Methodist Church Bread Ministry:** 9-10; every Thursday; room 103 on the south campus, next to Crossroad; 251-968-2411.
- **Grief Support Group:** noon-1:30 p.m.; First Presbyterian Church of Foley; 195 E. Berry Ave.; for all who are grieving; 943-8325.
- **AA:** Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship

Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
 • **AA:** 7 p.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
 • **Snowbird Euchre:** Sign-in at 12:30; Gulf Shores American Legion Post 44.

FRI, DEC 3

- **Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables:** Schedule on Page 28; Perdido Key.
- **Flora-Bama Family Friendly Bingo:** 1-4 p.m.; free; family friendly; Flora-Bama; Perdido Key.
- **Legends In Concert Christmas Show:** 7; OWA Theater; Foley.
- **Josh Newcom:** 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's; Gulf Shores.
- **Mel Knapp:** 5; Woodside Restaurant at Gulf State Park; Gulf Shores.
- **Chase Brown:** 5; The Perch at The Gulf State Park Lodge; Gulf Shores.
- **Danny Grady:** 3:30; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.



Big Fish Ministries South Baldwin women's transitional home opens

"The possibilities for how this facility will bless our area are many and have yet to be fully realized"

Big Fish Ministries founder Isaac Stookesberry was onhand to welcome well wishers during a recent ribbon cutting for the ministry's new South Baldwin County women's transitional home.

He said the community resource to help women in recovery is not only beautiful but also fills a great need, as it will provide Christ-centered recovery program availability to women while they transition from a residential recovery ministry back into mainstream society.

"At Big Fish Ministries, we believe there is hope for every person and that hope is in Christ," Stookesberry said at the opening. "Our goal is to produce independent, God-honoring, hard-working, law-abiding citizens who are contributing members of our community."

Since being founded in 2016, Big Fish Ministries has provided over 25,000 nights of shelter and over 86,000 meals, along with countless hours of recovery classes, counseling, case management, life-skills training and job readiness programs. Most of this transformation and preparation takes place through its 12-month, faith-based residential recovery program.

"Because of our new women's transitional home, we can now take in 6 to 8 more female recovery program residents at a time," Stookesberry said.

"At a time when overdose numbers are higher than ever before in the history of our country and the state of Alabama, this new community re-

source is needed more than ever before," he added.

Mobile County emergency rooms reported nearly 900 drug overdoses between January and November of 2020. Health and drug abuse leaders say the increase was in large part due to the lethal prevalence of fentanyl, plus the burdens and tensions of the pandemic.

"Despite these alarming statistics, there is hope for those struggling with addiction," Stookesberry said. "We're very grateful for this new much-needed resource and excited about welcoming more women into our program who will be transformed into restored and whole people through the love of Jesus Christ. For many, that transformation process necessitates transitional living."

Stookesberry said for the final six months of the 12-month BFM recovery program, women in the program will move over to the transitional house while working full-time. Many of the women struggle as they re-enter mainstream society while they work towards from addiction and self-defeating behavior.

"Staying accountable and free as they grow into independent and productive members of the community requires a lot of new growth and support," Stookesberry said. "The possibilities for how this facility will bless our area are many and have yet to even be fully realized."



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WHAT'S HAPPENING

New Island firefighters sworn in at Orange Beach ceremony

There are 17 new firefighters in the ranks of local departments following the Nov. 17 Alabama Fire College graduation ceremony at the Island Church in Orange Beach. The class included eight representing Orange Beach Fire & Rescue and three from Gulf Shores Fire & Rescue. The class fulfilled all of the requirements set forth by the Personnel Standards Commission.

The ceremony included the badge pinning by the graduates' family members and loved ones; a certificate ceremony led by Assistant Chief of Training Kevin Lanford; and the oath of office given by Orange Beach Fire Chief Mike Kimmerling. OB Mayor Tony Kennon welcomed the class and Saraland Fire Department Chief Jeff Ludlam gave the graduation address. Also participating were Foley Fire Chief Joey Darby, chairman of the Alabama Fire College, and Pastor Fred Franks, chaplain of Orange Beach Fire & Rescue.

The graduates included William Robert Bishop, Tony David Colquitt, Matthew Shea Etheredge, Charles Fulton Jones, Alexander Nathaniel Moore, Patrick Shane O'Neill, Gavin Tolbert and Joseph Brian Toomey from Orange Beach, and Preston Bradley Traywick, Colton O'Neal Deblieux and Jean Tinoco from Gulf Shores.

The academic award was earned by

O'Neill, and the recruit class chose Colquitt for the leadership award.

Perdido Key Chamber presents membership year end awards

Perdido Key Chamber of Commerce businesses and individuals were recognized for outstanding achievements and showing Perdido spirit throughout the year at a recent awards breakfast. Congratulations to all the award winners: Frontline Hero Award: 'Lt. Dan Ackerman Escambia County Fire Rescue; Workforce Hero Awards: Cody Campbell - Perdido Title and Abstract, Brooke Davis - Eden Condominiums, Brian Patrick Long - Edwards Dentistry/Remax of Orange Beach, Dannette Sirmon - Edward Jones Investments, Linda Shelby - Flora-Bama; Business of the Year Awards: Non Profit of the Year - Ever'man Cooperative; Small Business of the Year - Coastal E-Cycle; Medium Sized Business of the Year - Complete Inc.

Large Business of the Year - Jellyfish Restaurant; Perdido Legacy Awards: Blitz Poston Island Spirit Awards - Individual: Josh Brown, Beachbilly Lifestyle; Business: Hub Stacey's at the Point; Marty McGreevy Award: Rick Byers, Gulf Power; Bill Stromquist Award: Dee Marie Fisher, Levin Rinke Realty; Board Member of the Year - Curtis Cantrell.

- **Bo Grant:** 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **Tim Robinson:** 5; Tacky Jacks; Gulf Shores.
- **Matt & Candy:** 6; Tacky Jacks; Fort Morgan.
- **550 Express Band:** 9; The Office, Foley.
- **Night Star:** 6; Foley Elks Lodge; public welcome.
- **The Favorites Band:** 7; Alabama Gulf Coast Music Hall; Foley.
- **Darrell Roberts:** 7; Stephi Cocktails / Cuisine; Orange Beach.
- **Doc Johnson Band:** 9; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- **Timmi G:** 4; Fraternal Order Of Eagles, Foley.
- **Charlie & The Hammerheads:** 7 'til; Live Bait; Orange Beach.
- **Platinum Premier:** 7; Hub Stacy's; Innerarity Point.
- **John Brust:** 6; Ms. Nancy's Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach.
- **Bama Beach Pickleball Club:** 9-noon; Church of Christ, 2414 West 1st St., Gulf Shores; (new members welcome).
- **Late Night DJ's:** 9; The Club at Live Bait; Orange Beach.
- **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.
- **First Friday Art Walk:** 7 p.m. til; historic downtown Fairhope.
- **AA:** Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
- **AA:** 7 p.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

SAT, DEC 4

- **Met premiere of the Opera "Eurydice" by Matthew Aucoin:** 11:55 a.m.; high definition; Cobb Pinnacle 14; Gulf Shores.
- **Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables:** Schedule on Page 28; Perdido Key.
- **Mel Knapp:** 5; Woodside Restaurant at Gulf State Park; Gulf Shores.
- **John Kueler:** 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's; Gulf Shores.
- **Legends In Concert Christmas Show: 3 & 7;** OWA Theater; Foley.
- **Bo Grant:** 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.

- **Destiny Brown:** 5; The Perch at The Gulf State Park Lodge; Gulf Shores.
- **Brittany Bell:** 4; Fraternal Order Of Eagles, Foley.
- **Southern Star:** 6:30; American Legion Post 99, Foley.
- **Wiley Pete:** 7; Stephi Cocktails-Cuisine; Orange Beach.
- **Charlie & The Hammerheads:** 7 'til; Live Bait; Orange Beach.
- **Doc Johnson Band:** 9; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- **The Favorites Band:** 7; Alabama Gulf Coast Music Hall; Foley.
- **Karaoke on the Tiki Deck:** 7 'til; Live Bait; Orange Beach.
- **The Defrosters:** 2; Flying Harpoon II; Orange Beach.
- **Late Night DJ's:** 9; The Club at Live Bait; Orange Beach.
- **John Brust:** 6; Ms. Nancy's Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach.
- **Coastal Fire:** 7; Hub Stacy's; Innerarity Point.
- **Karaoke:** 9; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- **Texas Hold 'em:** 7; The Office, Foley.
- **Optimist Club of Perdido Bay:** Breakfast every Saturday at 7 a.m. at the Lillian Community Club in Lillian; (251) 961-2620.
- **AA:** 10 a.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
- **AA:** 7 p.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
- **Ladies AA:** 9 a.m. NOV 711 a.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

SUN, DEC 5

- **Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables:** Schedule on Page 28; Perdido Key.
- **Destiny Brown:** 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **Mel Knapp:** 2; Woodside Restaurant at Gulf State Park; Gulf Shores.
- **Johnathon Puzan:** 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's; Gulf Shores.
- **Legends In Concert Christmas Show:** 3; OWA Theater; Foley.
- **Josh Newcom:** noon; Tin Top Restaurant; Bon Secour.
- **Les Linton:** 4; Tacky Jacks; Gulf Shores.
- **Bends & Brews Yoga:** 11 a.m.; in the courtyard; Big Beach Brewery; Gulf Shores.



Pleasure Island Junior Women's Club Winter Cocktail Wine & Whiskey Dec. 3 at Gulf Place

The Pleasure Island Junior Woman's Club will host its Third Annual Winter Cocktail Wine & Whiskey at the Gulf Place Penthouse in support of its Clothe the Children program on Dec. 3 t 6 p.m. Proceeds from the event will be used to provide many underprivileged children in our community with uniforms and other essential clothing items needed for a successful school year. Tickets are \$100 each and include four premium brand wine or whiskey tastings, hors d'oeuvres, live music and lots of silent auction goodies from local businesses. This is the club's biggest fundraiser of the year and all proceeds support children in need within the Gulf Shores, Orange Beach and Foley areas. The PIJWC is a community of women who join forces to clothe local children in need and pursue various area philanthropies. For more info or to purchase tickets, visit the club's facebook page or pleasureisland-jwc.com.

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9:15 - DewPendleton

Tent Stage

1:00 - 4:00 Bingo w/ Sam
4:30 - Steve & Joe Piano Show

Top Deck

8:30 - Jessie Wilson

Main Room

12:00 - Lea Anne Creswell Duo
3:00 - Mario Mena
6:00 - Scott Kechn Project
10:15 - Kyle Wilson

Tent Stage

1:00 - Bingo with Sam
5:30 - Smokey Otis Trio
10:00 - Jenna McClelland
Band

Main Room

2:00 - J Hawkins Duo
6:00 - Jack Robertson
10:15 - Willie Traywick

Deck Stage

1:00 - Al & Cathy
5:30 - Kyle Wilson Trio
10:00 - Bruce Smelley Band

Main Room

12:30 - Perdido Brothers
4:00 - Wes Loper
8:30 - Bruce Smelley

Top Deck

8:00 - Patrick Cross

Main Room

12:00 - Mike Diamond
4:00 - Open Mic w/Cathy
Pace
8:00 - Petty & Pace

Top Deck

5:00 - Mel Knapp
9:00 - Mason Henderson

Tent Stage

1:00 - Bingo w/ Sam

Main Room

1:00 - T-Bone Montgomery
5:00 - Perdido Brothers
9:00 - Tim Roberts

Top Deck

8:00 - Davis Nix

Tent Stage

1:00 - Bingo w/ Sam

Main Room

1:00 - Neil Dover
5:00 - Rhonda Hart Duo
9:00 - Brandon Blackburn

Top Deck

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

MON, DEC 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.
- **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **Patrick Cross:** 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's; Gulf Shores.
- **Open Mic w/Davo:** 7; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- **Open Mic w/Chris Beverly:** 7; OSO; Orange Beach.
- **Bingo:** 10-2; Gulf Coast Elks Lodge; Foley.
- **Bingo:** 6; American Legion Post 99, Gulf Shores.
- **Open Mixed Doubles Tennis:** 7:15 a.m.; all levels welcome; Gulf Shores Tennis Center; corner of West 19th Ave. and West 2nd St.
- **League Pool:** 7; The Office, Foley.
- **Celebrate Recovery:** (Christ centered 12 step program); Monday evenings at 6 p.m.; Christian Life Church in Orange Beach; 251-967-4840.
- **Overeaters Anonymous:** 6; Holy Spirit Episcopal Church; Gulf Shores, 616 Ft. Morgan Rd.; 251-709-5907.
- **T.O.P.S. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly):** weigh-in 5:30; meeting 6; First Presbyterian Church of Foley; (Berry & Highway 59).
- **AA:** Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
- **Ladies AA:** 10 a.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

- **Square Dancing:** 6:30; Fairhope Christian Church, Fairhope.

TUE, DEC 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.
- **Bama Beach Pickleball Club:** 9-noon; Church of Christ, 2414 West 1st St., Gulf Shores; (new members welcome).
- **Karaoke/Bingo:** 6; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- **Chris Beverly Experience:** 9; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- **Bridge:** 11:30 a.m.; Orange Beach Senior Center, 251-981-3440.
- **Bingo:** 5; 45 Restaurant & Bar; One Club, Gulf Shores.
- **Line Dancing:** 6; American Legion Post 99, Gulf Shores.
- **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 8; Pappa Rocco's;

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Gulf Shores.

- **Karaoke w. Kelly:** 8; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- **JW Karaoke:** 8; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
- **Baldwin Senior Softball Group:** 10 a.m.; 50 and over; 10 a.m.; call 225/313-8516 for info & location.
- **Bingo:** 10-2; Gulf Coast Elks Lodge; Foley.
- **Texas Hold 'em:** 7; The Office, Foley.
- **Pool Tournney:** 7; Snapper's; Orange Beach.
- **Orange Beach City Council Meeting:** 5 p.m.; City Hall; 980-INFO.
- **Foley Kiwanis Club:** noon; Vallarta's, 1145 S. McKenzie St., Foley; 859-771-6091.
- **AA:** Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
- **AA:** 7 p.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
- **Al-Anon:** Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Activities Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola

WED, DEC 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.
- **Bama Beach Pickleball Club:** 9-noon; Church of Christ, 2414 West 1st St., Gulf Shores; (new members welcome).
- **Legends In Concert Christmas Show:** 7; OWA Theater; Foley.
- **Danny Grady:** 3:30; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **Bingo:** 6; Tacky Jacks; Orange Beach.
- **Artie Hopkins:** 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.
- **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.
- **Delta Donnie:** 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **John Joiner & Darrel Roberts:** 7; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
- **Snowbird Euchre:** Sign-in at 12:30; Gulf Shores American Legion Post 44.
- **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.
- **Food Ministry at Morgan's Chapel United Methodist Church:** 8-9 a.m.; 6325 Cty Rd 10, Bon Secour; (across from Swift School); 251-979-2005.
- **Food Ministry For Hungry Families:** noon-1 p.m.; Grace Lutheran Church, corner of West 23rd Ave. and West 4th St. in Gulf Shores; 251-968-5991.
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- **Food Bank:** 9 - 11 a.m. every Wednesday, Perdido Bay Baptist Church, 12600 Sorrento Rd. Pensacola; call for eligibility requirements at (850) 492-2604.
- **Gulf Shores Woman's Club:** 11 a.m.; Palmer Room at Craft Farms; all interested women invited to attend; 251-980-5722.
- **Gulf Shores Lions Club:** noon; 2nd & 4th Wednesday; noon; Adult Activity Center, Gulf Shores; 251-968-2823.
- **AA:** Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola

THU, DEC 9

- **Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables:** Schedule on Page 28; Perdido Key.
- **Flora-Bama Family Friendly Bingo:** 1-4 p.m.; free; family friendly; Flora-Bama; Perdido Key.
- **Legends In Concert Christmas Show:** 7; OWA Theater; Foley.
- **William Gibson:** 5; The Perch at The Gulf State Park Lodge; Gulf Shores.
- **Bama Beach Pickleball Club:** 9-noon; Church of Christ, 2414 West 1st St., Gulf Shores; (new members welcome).
- **Mel Knapp:** 6; Hub Stacy's; Innerarity

Point.

- **Karaoke w. Howard:** 7; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.
- **Josh Newcom:** 6; The Tin Top Restaurant, Bon Secour.
- **Karaoke & Dance on The Deck:** 7; 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.
- **The Favorites Band:** 7; Alabama Gulf Coast Music Hall; Foley.
- **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.
- **Bridge:** 11:30 a.m.; Orange Beach Senior Center, 251-981-3440.
- **Texas Hold 'em:** 7; The Office, Foley.
- **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.
- **Texas Hold 'em:** 7; The Office, Foley.
- **Baldwin Senior Softball Group:** 10 a.m.; 50

and over; 10 a.m.; call 225/313-8516 for info & location.

- **Gulf Shores United Methodist Church Bread Ministry:** 9-10; every Thursday; room 103 on the south campus, next to Crossroad; 251 968-2411.
- **AA:** Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

FRI, DEC 10

- **Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables:** Schedule on Page 28; Perdido Key.
- **Flora-Bama Family Friendly Bingo:** 1-4 p.m.; free; family friendly; Flora-Bama; Perdido Key.
- **Mel Knapp:** 5; Woodside Restaurant at Gulf State Park; Gulf Shores.
- **Adam Holt:** 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's; Gulf Shores.
- **Legends In Concert Christmas Show:** 7; OWA Theater; Foley.
- **Danny Grady:** 3:30; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **Tim Robinson:** 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **550 Express Band:** 9; The Office, Foley.

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1 tsp. baking soda
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1/2 c. packed brown sugar
1 c. canned pumpkin
1 large egg
2 tsp. vanilla
2 c. (12 oz. pkg) white chips
2/3 c. coarsely chopped macadamia nuts or walnuts, toasted

Preheat oven to 350 degrees

Combine flour, cinnamon, cloves and baking soda in small bowl. Beat butter, granulated sugar and brown sugar in large mixer bowl until creamy. Beat in pumpkin, egg and vanilla extract until blended. Gradually beat in flour mixture. Stir in morsels and nuts. Drop by rounded tablespoonful onto greased baking sheets; flatten slightly with back of spoon or greased bottom of glass dipped in granulated sugar. Bake for 11 to 14 min. or until centers are set. Cool on baking sheets for 2 min; remove to wire racks to cool completely. **Enjoy!**

WSRE earns regional Emmy for Hank Locklin documentary

The National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences has honored local PBS member station WSRE with a Suncoast Regional Emmy® Award nomination for "Hank Locklin: Country Music's Timeless Tenor" in the Documentary - Cultural category.

Earlier this year, WSRE was awarded a Gold Telly Award in the Television: General - Documentary category for the Hank Locklin project, and the film's director James Roy was awarded two Bronze Telly Awards for directing and editing the production.

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Piggly Wiggly donates \$10,000 to local Clean Water Alabama

Clean Water Alabama (CWA), an Eastern Shore water preservation non-profit group, recently received a \$10,000 donation from local Piggly Wiggly stores and owner Danny Manning. The funds will be used to educate residents and businesses about the need for preserving local waterways. "This generous donation



helps take care of the costs of our kids' books project that will help us teach our children about how important our waters are here and what they can do to help keep them clean and safe for everyone," CWA President John Manelos said.

Manelos added while he was gratefully overwhelmed by the substantial donation from Manning and the Piggly Wiggly stores, he was not at all surprised by the generosity, frequently noted throughout the community.

Manelos said remaining funds from the donation will be used to help further operational activities for the group, including a push in the upcoming session of the Alabama Legislature for a bill that will help address issues with problematic septic tanks near bodies of water. The bill will be carried by Rep. Joe Faust (R - Fairhope).

"We want to do for septic tanks what the Strengthen Alabama Homes program did for roofs in our area," Manelos said. "The legislation will use Restore Act money to give grants to people who live near streams and waterways to help fix or replace their malfunctioning or damaged septic tanks or connect to existing nearby sewer systems. By doing that, we help avoid more runoff and more sewage finding its way into our waters and prevent further damage before it can start."

For more information on Clean Water Alabama, visit CleanWaterAlabama.com.

- **Brittany Grimes:** 5; Tacky Jacks; Gulf Shores.
- **Les Linton:** 6; Tacky Jacks; Fort Morgan.
- **Chase Brown:** 5; The Perch at The Gulf State Park Lodge; Gulf Shores.
- **Hollard:** 9; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- **False Identity:** 7; Hub Stacy's; Innerarity Point.
- **The Favorites Band:** 7; Alabama Gulf Coast Music Hall; Foley.
- **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 DJ's:** 9; The Club at Live Bait; Orange Beach.
- **John Brust:** 6; Ms. Nancy's Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke on the Tiki Deck:** 7 'til; Live Bait; Orange Beach.
- **Bama Beach Pickleball Club:** 9-noon; Church of Christ, 2414 West 1st St., Gulf Shores; (new members welcome).
- **Karaoke w. Kelly Ann:** 6; American Le Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach.
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WHAT'S HAPPENING

PIER & SHORE FISHING OUTLOOK

By DAVID "THE PIERPOUNDER" THORNTON

Typical late fall type weather is forecast to continue through this upcoming fortnight. We can certainly expect some more chilly mornings after each frontal passage. Followed by a day or two of milder air temps with onshore winds and building seas before the next front blows through.

A La Nina pattern is expected to continue into the winter, which usually means it will be a bit milder and

drier than average. But that should bode well for from shore anglers as the Gulf waters will continue to slowly cool due to the incursions of cold air and shorter length of days.

Frost, or even the first brief freeze of the season becomes a distinct possibility now.

Catches of smallish whiting (Gulf and Northern kingfish 8 to 12 inches long) continue to be the mainstay of surf and pier fishing success. Along with Southern kingfish (locally called ground mullet) and Atlantic croakers. But these croakers are spawning, so they tend to be a little longer and heavier. Interjected among assorted panfish are occasional pompano, oversized redfish or black drum, out-of-season flounder, and the ever possible stingrays and catfish (hardheads and gafftops). Ugh! LOL

The tide level will be lowest during the late morning to midday hours, followed by an incoming tide in the afternoon. This give anglers two fish feeding windows of opportunity to find a good spot for catching fish.

But the middle of the day can be productive at times too, especially for sheepshead from the Gulf State Park Pier, and seawall or jetties at Perdido Pass.

It seems these striped bait stealers are not usually early risers. In fact they tend to feed better when the sun is highest or the water a little warmer with the afternoon incoming tide.

Most sheepshead are caught while they are most active, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. The deeper Gulf waters should only gradually cool through the upper 60s, while the shallower waters in the bays cool faster in the wake of strong cold fronts, from the middle to lower 60s. Beach anglers can expect the water temperature in the surf zone to be somewhere in between those two extremes, depending on the tide phase and meteorological conditions of the day.



Water temperature, salinity and clarity, along with wave heights, wind speed and direction are critical factors to determine when the more commonly targeted species of the surf zone will be feeding. Equally important is your bait and tackle presentation, along with the ever imperative: location, location, location.

It is often said that 90% of the fish are in 10% of the water. That is certainly true when speaking of the ribbonous surf zone along our Gulf beaches. Beach structure like sandbar drop-offs provide the prime habitat where pompano, whiting, redfish and black drum will be feeding and seeking shelter.

Also, breaks in those sandbars that provide egress to deeper water. And long points that provide wide flat areas for ghost shrimp and other invertebrate prey items to congregate are going to be most attractive to the fish. So finding the right spot at the right time is just as important as your bait and how palatable those fish perceive it to be. Always keep in mind, as the water cools down the metabolism of fish will slow down because of their cold blooded nature.

Any time the water visibility is decreased, a bit of flash on a pompano rig often lends toward success. No doubt the brightly colored beads or floats aid the angler to get the fishes' attention in rough or dingy water. Increased scent distribution with a piece of synthetic attractant like Fishbites or Fishgum is another way to lure the fish toward your terminal rig. But getting them to commit to eat what is on the hook can at times be another challenge.

As the water cools off, bait selection and freshness often become more critical. And this must be tempered with the logistics of getting your bait in front of fish, which may be a long cast away. Anything you can do in terms of tackle selection that makes your presentation more natural looking or appealing to these fish will result in more hookups.

Fine-tuning with the size of your bait mass and hook size and style goes a long way to determine your catch. Matching what is on the end of your line with the size of the mouth of the fish you are targeting is rudimentary, but too often overlooked.

During "super calm surf periods" when the waves are only a foot or so, a light tackle approach may tend toward more success and fun. These are the conditions when those smaller combos with lighter line often out produce the longer, heavier, and more gaudy gear that is necessary when the wind and waves are churning the Gulf.

My carpenter father used to tell me, every tool has a particular use. So choose your surf or pier fishing 'tools' with a specific purpose in mind when you are ready to specialize your approach. It is a great way to take advantage of the ever changing conditions we encounter along this stretch of coastline.

Good luck and stay warm!

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• **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, DEC 11

• **Encore presentation of "The Magic Flute" by Mozart:** 1:55 a.m.; high definition; Cobb Pinnacle 14; Gulf Shores.

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

• **Mel Knapp:** 5; Woodside Restaurant at

Gulf State Park; Gulf Shores.

• **Ryan Balthrop:** 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's; Gulf Shores.

• **Stone Country:** 6:30; American Legion Post 99, Foley.

• **Tim Robinson:** 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.

• **Spaces In Between:** 9; The Office, Foley.

• **Horseshoe Kitty & Christmas Party:** 9; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.

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

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- **John Brust:** 6; Ms. Nancy's Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach.
 - **The Defrosters:** 2; Flying Harpoon II; Orange Beach.
 - **Mid-Life Crisis:** 7; Hub Stacy's; Innerarity Point.
 - **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.
 - **The Favorites Band:** 7; Alabama Gulf Coast Music Hall; Foley.
 - **Free Veteran's Breakfast:** 9-10 a.m.; American Legion Post 99, Gulf Shores.
 - **Texans Hold 'em:** 7; The Office, Foley.
 - **Coastal Alabama Farmers and Fishermen's Market:** 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.; 20733 Mi-flin Rd. (County Rd. 20), Foley.
 - **Baldwin County Genealogical Society:** 10 a.m.; public invited; Foley Library; 319 East Laurel Ave.
 - **Optimist Club of Perdido Bay:** breakfast every Saturday at 7 a.m. at the Lillian Community Club in Lillian; (251) 961-2620.
 - **AA:** 10 a.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
 - **AA:** 7 p.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
 - **Ladies AA:** 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Activities Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
- SUN, DEC 12**
- **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.
 - **Legends In Concert Christmas Show:** 3; OWA Theater; Foley.
 - **Gypsy Pearl:** 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's;

- Gulf Shores.
 - **Mel Knapp:** 2; Woodside Restaurant at Gulf State Park; Gulf Shores.
 - **Strickly Rivers:** 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
 - **Jessie Duncan:** 4; Tacky Jacks; Gulf Shores.
 - **Al & Cathy:** noon; The Tin Top Restaurant, Bon Secour.
 - **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.
 - **League Pool:** 7; The Office, Foley.
 - **AA:** 5 p.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
 - **Square Dancing:** 6:30; Fairhope Christian Church, Fairhope.
- MON, DEC 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.
 - **Bama Beach Pickleball Club:** 9-noon; Church of Christ, 2414 West 1st St., Gulf

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Artist application deadline for Ballyhoo Fest is Dec. 31

By Eloise Thomley

Artist applications are now being accepted for the Ballyhoo Fine Arts Festival, which will be March 5-6 at the Gulf State Park in Gulf Shores. The deadline for entering is December 31, 2021. Artists can enter by visiting www.ballyhoofestival.org. Artists will be judged and

\$3000 in cash prizes will be awarded.

The 8th Annual Ballyhoo Festival will feature fine art and fine crafts, but will also focus on cultural exchange. Performances by the Poarch Creek Indians on March 5 will provide festival attendees an opportunity to learn the history of Alabama's only federally recognized Indian tribe. Early Americana music in the form of a Fiddle/Banjo Competition on March 6 will focus on bluegrass and country music, sponsored in part by FloraBama and the Frank Brown International Songwriters Festival.

Children's art, great bands, art demonstrations, a variety of delicious food and a view of beautiful Lake Shelby at the newly renovated Gulf State Park will make this a two-day one-of-a-kind event.

For more info, email ballyhoofestival@gmail.com, visit www.ballyhoofestival.org or telephone 251-223-3970. The Ballyhoo Fest is an event of the non-profit Gulf Coast Arts Alliance, with office and Gallery at 225 E 24th Ave., Gulf Shores.

Shores; (new members welcome).

- **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.
- **Open Mixed Doubles Tennis:** 7:15 a.m.; all levels welcome; Gulf Shores Tennis Center; corner of West 19th Ave. and West 2nd St.
- **League Pool:** 7; The Office, Foley.
- **Celebrate Recovery:** (Christ centered 12 step program); Monday evenings at 6 p.m.; Christian Life Church in Orange Beach; 251-967-4840.
- **Overeaters Anonymous:** 6; Holy Spirit Episcopal Church; Gulf Shores, 616 Ft. Morgan Rd.; 251-709-5907.
- **T.O.P.S. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly):** weigh-in 5:30; meeting 6; First Presbyterian Church of Foley; (Berry & Highway 59).
- **AA:** Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
- **Ladies AA:** 10 a.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
- **Square Dancing:** 6:30; Fairhope Christian Church, Fairhope.

TUE, DEC 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.
- **Bama Beach Pickleball Club:** 9-noon; Church of Christ, 2414 West 1st St., Gulf Shores; (new members welcome).
- **Karaoke/Bingo:** 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.
- **Bridge:** 11:30 a.m.; Orange Beach Senior Center, 251-981-3440.
- **Bingo:** 10-2; Gulf Coast Elks Lodge; Foley.
- **JW Karaoke:** 6; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
- **Texas Hold 'em:** 7; The Office, Foley.
- **Baldwin Senior Softball Group:** 10 a.m.; 50 and over; 10 a.m.; call 225/313-8516 for info & location.
- **Orange Beach Grief Support Group:** 10 a.m.; Orange Beach Senior Activity Center, 26251 Canal Rd.; 251-943-5015.
- **Celebrate Recovery Meeting:** 6; includes free dinner; open to all; Orange Beach United Methodist Church; 251-

981-6751 or 850-419-1141.

- **Orange Beach City Council Meeting:** 5 p.m.; City Hall; 980-INFO.
- **Overcomers Outreach:** 7 p.m.; First Baptist Church of Orange Beach; 980-1705.
- **Foley Kiwanis Club:** noon; Vallarta's, 1145 S. McKenzie St., Foley; 859-771-6091.
- **Foley Lions Club:** noon; Wolf Bay Lodge, Foley.
- **AA:** Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
- **Al-Anon:** Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Activities Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

WED, DEC 15

- **Legends Theatre Classic Christmas:** 7; Elvis, Celine Dion, Young Michael Jackson & Karen Carpenter; Legends Theatre at OWA; Foley.
- **Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables:** Schedule on Page 28; Perdido Key.
- **Flora-Bama Family Friendly Bingo:** 1-4 p.m.; free; family friendly; Flora-Bama; Perdido Key.
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- **Bingo:** 6; Tacky Jacks; Orange Beach.
- **Danny Grady:** 3:30; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **Tim Richardson:** 5; American Legion Post 99, Foley.
- **Anthony Oliver:** 6; Live Bait; Orange Beach.
- **Brent Burns:** 5; Ginny Lane; Orange Beach.
- **John Brust:** 6; Ms. Nancy's Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach.
- **Open Mic:** 5; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- **Mason Henderson's Saucy Fuzz:** 9; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- **Gary Story & Friends:** 7; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- **Scott Koehn Project:** 6; OSO; Orange Beach.
- **Karaoke:** 7; Bar 45 at ONE CLUB, Gulf Shores.
- **John Joiner & Darrel Roberts:** 6; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.

- **Karaoke & League Pool:** 7:30; The Office, Foley.
- **Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde:** 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- **Snowbird Euchre:** Sign-in at 12:30; Gulf Shores American Legion Post 44.
- **Bingo:** 10 a.m.; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- **BBRC Running Club:** 5:30 p.m.; Big Beach Brewery in Gulf Shores; lafleet-feet.com.
- **Open Mixed Doubles Tennis:** 7:15 a.m.; all levels welcome; Gulf Shores Tennis Center.
- **Food Ministry at Morgan's Chapel United Methodist Church:** 8-9 a.m.; 6325 Cty Rd 10, Bon Secour, (across from Swift School); 251-979-2005.
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By Ron "Bones" Jones



An Irishman goes into the confessional box after years of being away from the Church. There's a fully equipped bar with Guinness on tap. On the other wall is a dazzling array of the finest cigars and chocolates. Then the priest comes in. "Father, forgive me, for it's been a very long time since I've been to confession, but I must first admit that the confessional box is much more inviting than it

used to be."
The priest replies, "Get out. You're on my side."
.....
Wife yelled from the bedroom: "Do you ever get a shooting pain across your body like someone's got a voodoo doll of you and they're stabbing it?"
Me: "No."
Her: "What about now?"
.....

To reduce waste, our city has told food truck operators that they must donate all unsold items each night.

I applaud the effort, but given how little space the trucks have in the first place, it seems like there's really not much room for waste to begin with. So, I've gotta ask...

How much food would a food truck chuck if a food truck could chuck food?
.....

What do you call a date with Batman?
A Masked Mandate.
.....

I found a way to make a horse stand still.
I place a bet!
.....

A woman met with her pastor to talk about what type of funeral service she wanted.

She told her pastor she had two final requests. First, she wanted to be cremated, and second, she wanted her ashes scattered over Bloomingdale's.
"Bloomingdale's!" the pastor said. "Why Bloomingdale's?"
"That way, I know my daughters will visit me twice a week."
.....

Don't argue with an idiot. People watching may not be able to tell the difference.
.....

Did you hear about the ATM that got addicted to money? It suffered from withdrawals.
.....

Sad news, my obese parrot died today.

Mind you, it's a huge weight off my shoulders.
.....

What do you call James Bond taking a bath?
Bubble 07.
.....

My girlfriend just broke up with me for being too un-American.

I saw it coming from a kilometer away.
.....

Dog Owner: "Don't be afraid of the dog. You know the old proverb, 'A barking dog never bites.'"
.....

Me: "You know the proverb. I know the proverb. But does your dog know the proverb?"
.....

The undertaker came up to the very elderly widow and asked, "How old was your husband?"

"Ninety eight," she replied, "two years older than me."
"So you're 96?" the undertaker commented.

She responded, "Hardly worth going home, is it?"
.....

Two friends, one a pessimist, were hunting with a retriever when a flock of ducks flew by. They fired and a duck fell. The dog jumped into the water, but instead sinking it walked across the water to retrieve the bird, never getting more than his paws wet.

The pessimist saw everything but did not say a single word.

On the drive home the hunter asked his friend, "Did you notice anything unusual about my new dog?"

"I sure did," responded his friend. "He can't swim."
.....

Why do archaeologists get all the girls?

Because they have the best dating techniques.
.....

As I get older I realized I talk to myself, because there are times I need expert advice.

I tried to sue a company that sold an expensive camera that wouldn't focus.

There was no resolution.
.....

A real estate agent was showing a woman through a beautiful room at the top of a large hotel.

"Now in this wing we have the master bedroom, bath, and den."

The woman interrupted suspiciously, "And den what?"
.....

It's strange to think 100 years ago everyone owned a horse and only the rich had cars.

Today everyone has a car and only the rich own horses.
.....

Why does the milk stool only have 3 legs?

Because the cow has the udder.
.....

• The easiest way to find something lost around the house is to buy a replacement.

• Eventually you will reach a point when you stop lying about your age and start bragging about it.






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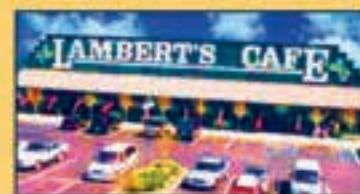
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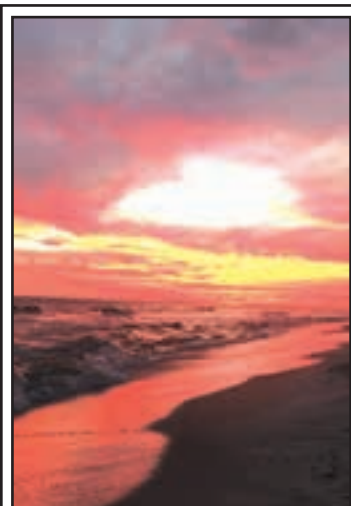
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Sunset over Foley from Martin Barber.



West Beach sunrise from Phillip Thomas.



November sunset from Lesa Redd.



"Fishing buddies," writes Debby Comegys.



"Tis the season," by Joey Lorio.



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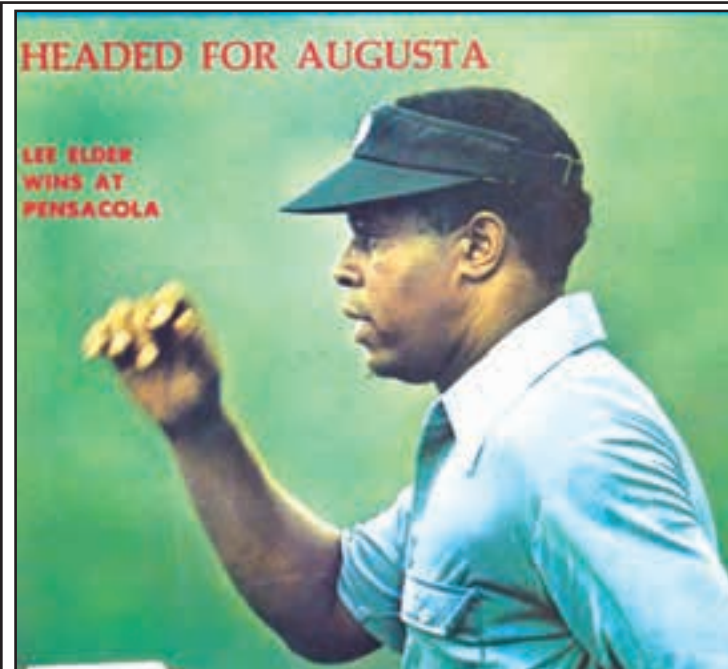


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Lee Elder earned place in golf history at 1974 Pensacola Open

He changed in parking lot at segregated Pensacola Country Club in 1968

By Fran Thompson

Lee Elder, who recently passed away at age 87, made history as the first African-American golfer to compete in the Masters, a signature moment in the breaking of racial barriers on the pro golf tour back in 1975. Less known, even locally, is the fact that the moment was made possible by Elder's win on April 26, 1974 at the Pensacola/Monsanto Open at the Pensacola Country Club.

The Monsanto/Pensacola Open ran from 1956 to 1988 and was later played at Perido Bay Golf Club. Arnold Palmer won the tourney twice, and Curtis Strange's first pro win happened at the 1967 tourney.

Elder's previous claim to fame was taking Jack Nicklaus to a playoff at the American Golf Classic in Akron in 1968, his first year on the PGA Tour. That same year, Elder had to change shoes in the Pensacola Country Club parking lot because its members would not allow non-whites to enter the clubhouse.

Elder sank an 18-foot putt on the fourth hole of a sudden death playoff to defeat Peter Oosterhuis and earn his invitation to the 1975 Masters, one of golf's four major championships. Two earlier African American golfers, Pete Brown in 1964 and Charlie Sifford in 1967 and 1969, had won PGA Tour events but were denied an invitation to the Masters because of rules in place at the time.

"Those things had pretty much subsided by the time I got to the Masters," Elder said. "I had made a statement that I would never go back there to Pensacola because we couldn't go in the clubhouse. I went back in 1973 and played, then went back in 1974 and won. I was so overwhelmed with the fact that I had qualified and won there, the place where the problem had occurred."

Elder was already 40 when he competed in Augusta, having honed his game playing in the sport's version of baseball's Negro league. It was sometimes called "The Peanut Tour" because of its small winners' purses, usually \$500. During one torrid stretch in the early 1960s, Elder won 21 out of 23 United Golfers Association tournaments.

The PGA of America accepted only "members of the Caucasian race," as its rules had spelled out, until 1961. The tournament eased a bit in 1971 by announcing that any player who subsequently won a PGA Tour event would automatically qualify for it. Elder came close, finishing second in the Texas Open and losing a playoff to Lee Trevino in the Greater Hartford tournament in 1972, before breaking through in Pensacola.

In the run-up to the 1975 Masters, Elder received death threats. He rented two houses near the course and moved between them as a security measure. His shot off the first tee was straight down the middle, but he missed the cut by four strokes.

Elder played in the Masters six times, his top finish a tie for 17th place in 1979. He won three other PGA Tour events and finished second 10 times, playing regularly through 1989 and earning \$1.02 million. He also played for the U.S. team in the 1979 Ryder Cup. He joined the PGA Senior Tour, now the Champions Tour, in 1984 and won eight times, earning more than \$1.6 million. He won four tournaments overseas. In 2019, Elder received the United States Golf Association's highest honor, the Bob Jones Award.

Elder's father, a coal truck driver, was killed during Army service in Germany in World War II when Lee was 9. His mother, Almeta, died three months later. Elder caddied at an all-white club in his hometown, Dallas, then went to Los Angeles to live with an aunt and dropped out of high school to pursue a career in golf.

In 1997, Elder returned to Augusta National to watch Tiger Woods win the Masters by a record-setting 12 strokes, becoming the first African-American golfer to win one of golf's four major tournaments.

"Lee Elder came down, that meant a lot to me," Woods said afterward. "He was the first. When I turned pro at 20, I was able to live my dream because of those guys."

Give Back Tuesdays at Gulf State Park seeks volunteers

Give Back Tuesday community work days are back at Gulf State Park. Volunteers are needed for projects focusing on wildlife protection, trail maintenance, campground restoration, park beautification, invasive species removal and much more.

The community work days are every Tuesday from 8 a.m. 'til noon. Meet in the parking lot next to the Nature Center and be sure to bring closed-toe shoes, comfy clothes, work gloves, bug spray and a reusable water bottle. Contact Cindy Langston, GSP's Volunteer Coordinator at langston@dcnr.alabama.gov for more info.

City Rhythm Big Band Dance Dec. 11 in Loxley

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