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Bill "Papa Rocco" McGinnes and his bagpipers are back to greet a green mass of revelers on March 17

## Papa Rocco's Sponsors Annual St. Patrick's Day Walking Pub Parade

It was way back in 1983 when Bill McGinnes brought the concept of "warm beer & lousy pizza" to downtown Gulf Shores. One year later, The Island's favorite Scotsman (by way of Michigan) assumed leadership of the annual St. Patrick's Day (March 17) Walking Parade in his new hometown. The concept is simple: A throng of revelers - young & old, local & snowbird - follow Papa sponsored bagpipers to most of the bars in downtown Gulf Shores. Grand Marshall McGinnes says he will not be walking the entire route this year. But the procession will still start from his business, located two blocks from the beach on Hwy. 59, somewhere around 9:30 a.m. "We'll March on the 17th and rest on the 18th," Papa said. (For more info, see Story on Page 4)

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## AROUND TOWN

### Fort Morgan Fire Dept. spaghetti dinner March 19

The annual Fort Morgan Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary will hold a spaghetti dinner, bake sale and 50/50 drawing will be held on Saturday, March 19 at fire station #1, located at 12105 State Hwy 180W (Fort Morgan Rd.) between mile markers 12 and 13. Serving hours are from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For a donation of \$9 per plate, you will receive homemade spaghetti, green salad, garlic bread and iced tea. Take-outs are available. Delicious home-baked breads, cakes, cookies, brownies and pies will be available for purchase. The Auxiliary will also have its local cook book for sale along with the annual commemorative Ft. Morgan VFD tee shirts for \$20 each. All proceeds will benefit the Fireman's Benevolence Fund. Info: 251-402-1657.

### Fairhope Art Festival will celebrate 70 years March 18-20

The Fairhope Arts and Crafts Festival will welcome artists from all over the United States to the charming streets of downtown Fairhope March 18-19 from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. daily. The fest attracts more than 200 exhibitors from around the country and has earned several prestigious national awards for the quality of its art and for promoting appreciation of the arts and supporting art education. All fest proceeds go back into the community through local scholarships and grants available to students and organizations in the Fairhope community. The festival is free. More info: [Fairhopeartsandcraftsfestival.com](http://Fairhopeartsandcraftsfestival.com).



### The Wharf Boat & Yacht Show returns to O.B. March 18-20

The Wharf Boat and Yacht Show returns to Orange Beach March 18-20 with \$100 million worth of boats, yachts and marine products for sale and on display from both established companies and new businesses. Visitors can also see the latest technological advances in marine electronics and fishing gear from 10-6 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$10 per person, with kids 12 and under admitted free. Info: [wharfboatshow.com](http://wharfboatshow.com).

Around 120 companies make this event the top boat buying show in the northern Gulf. Take in a display of 80 wet slip boats and yachts, more than 300 boats on land, live music, kid's art classes with marine artist Larry Rackley, instructional seminars and more. Funds raised from the three-day blockbuster event's Triple Crown Fighting Chair Challenge will benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. If you love boats, boating, fishing or just being on the water you don't have to try to imagine it. You can see it for yourself at this show.



### Turtle Watch volunteer meeting March 29 in G.S.

Share the Beach is gearing up for the sea turtle nesting season that begins in May, and it's time for volunteers to start making plans for the annual information meeting for Baldwin County volunteers will be held Tuesday, March 29 at 6 p.m. at the Erie Meyer Civic Center in Gulf Shores. Visit [joinACF.org](http://joinACF.org) for more info.

Returning volunteers and anyone interested in becoming a new volunteer along our coastline in Baldwin County should plan to attend.

### Master Gardeners Plant Sale April 7-9

The Baldwin County Master Gardeners' Spring Plant Sale will be held April 7-9 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m across from Weeks Bay Reserve on Hwy. 98 (west of Fish River Bridge) in Fairhope. Plant selections include annuals, perennials, trees, shrubs, hummingbird, and butterfly attractors. Plant sale proceeds benefit the BCMG Scholarship Fund and community outreach projects. For more info, call 251-550-6464.

### Safe boating classes in O.B. March 26 & April 9

The Coast Guard Auxiliary will conduct safe boating classes on March 26 and April 9 in Orange Beach. This class meets the educational requirement needed to obtain a boating license in Alabama and other states. Course includes boat handling, trailer and ramp safety, navigation "rules of the road," aids to navigation, safety equipment, preparing for emergencies, boating laws and regulations, line handling, and fun with knots. Families are encouraged to attend. Register at [malnmo@yahoo.com](mailto:malnmo@yahoo.com) or leave a message at 251-284-1461.

### Papa Rocco's St. Paddy's Walking Parade will roll again Fun times back for Papa Bill McGinnes & company on March 17

By Fran Thompson

Although a recent medical procedure will keep him from leading the green throng of soon-to-be good friends on its merry walk through downtown Gulf Shores in search of alcohol laden beverages and good times, grand marshal Bill McGinnes will join the parade at a few of its stops, and he will be hanging at Papa Rocco's greeting old and new friends all day.

The occasion is the annual Papa Rocco's St. Patrick's Day Walking Parade, which will depart from that bistro's deck somewhere around 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 17.

"I just can't make the walk this year, but that is not going to take away from the fun," McGinnes said. "I'll get a lift to a few places and leave it to the bagpipers to handle things. This is not about me anyway. This is about people getting together and having fun."

This year's pied-pipers leading revelers to pub stops that will include The Flying Harpoon, Mudbugs, The Steamer, Desoto's, The Hangout, The Pink Pony, Gulf Island Grille and Hooters are Papa's nephew, Neil McGinnes, and Malcolm McLean.

The crawl ends around 2 p.m. at Mikee's. But by then most of the crowd will have stopped along the way to eat a meal or sip an extra libation.

Sponsored by McGinnes, owner of Papa Rocco's (one block north of the beach on Hwy. 59), the parade of pubs has been a Gulf Shores tradition since the mid-1970's when then Pink Pony Pub owner Vince Murphy recruited the late bagpiper Jocko McLain and a few friends to visit a list of bars that mostly no longer exist.

Murphy passed the baton to local character John Kelliher, who led the swarm behind Jocko into Papa Rocco's just after McGinnes opened his restaurant in 1984. Kelliher, The Colonel to his friends, deemed McGinnes worthy of the grand marshal's position in 1989.

"This started as a way to give the local restaurants a jump on the season," McGinnes said. "We really didn't have a spring break back then. It's gotten a lot bigger, obviously. I'm expecting the biggest crowd yet. People have missed it.

"People come from all over Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana. Our snowbirds love it. And we get some spring breakers. We even have grand-kids of some of the originals coming out with us," McGinnes added.

McGinnes applies for an official parade permit with Gulf Shores City Hall every year (ordinance 367, Section 5), and the Green Horde is easy to find, as the crowd takes over the grounds at every stop.

This is just the fourth parade since the passing of the parade's original bagpiper, who died in August of 2017 at his home in Canada. But Jocko will always be a big part of the festivities and the heart and soul of the parade, according to McGinnes.

"I met Jocko at the American Legion and we immediately sat down and killed off a bottle of Irish whiskey between us," McGinnes said. "We started talking about Scotland and The Rangers (soccer team) and it was like we had known each other for years. There were a couple of years when we hitched a ride back to Papa Rocco's, but I can't do that anymore."

McGinnes said he thinks in addition to being an opportunity for grandchildren to spend a fun day with their adult children and adult grandchildren, the parade's allure is that it is often a reunion for old friends that know for sure they will see each other on St. Patrick's Day in downtown Gulf Shores.

"We want to make sure that people are being safe when crossing public roads. But we are not sure what we are doing besides having fun," McGinnes said. "I do know that lots of people come up and tell me they look forward to this every year."





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**AROUND TOWN****St. Pawtty's Day Pet Parade March 12 at OWA**

OWA will host its 5th annual St. Pawtty's Day celebration, a family-friendly, free event featuring music, a pet parade, and a costume contest, on March 12 from 2-4:30 p.m. Pre-register online for the festive pet parade and costume contest for only \$10. The parade begins at 3:30 p.m. Festivities also include a DJ, dog adoptions, and a pet kissing booth. The fun begins with pet adoptions on OWA Island from 1-4 p.m. OWA will cover the adoption fee for those wishing to bring home their fur-ever friend. Don't miss the doggy dance party beginning at 2 p.m.

All St. Pawtty's Day events are complimentary to attend and open to the public. Registration fees are required for those who wish to participate in the pet parade and costume contest with all proceeds donated to the Mobile County Animal Shelter. Immediately following the pet parade, a costume contest will take place on the OWA Island Stage with cash prizes given for Mr. & Mrs. St. Pawtty's, Most Creative, Dynamic Duo and OWA Choice. OWA Parks & Resort is a 520-acre family fun destination in Foley. Info: visitowa.com.

**Playa del Rio summer concert series announced**

Playa del Rio & Sandy Roots will kick off a summer of concerts on Ole River with the May 6-8 Perdido Key Music Festival, a charity event for the Frank Brown Songwriters Fest Foundation. The fest will feature 15 bands and 50 musicians.

There is no admission fee to the fest or the summer concert series that follows. But donations to the FBISF and the musicians are appreciated. Dates are subject to change and weather conditions may cause cancellations. The concerts are bring your own chairs and BYOB. No pets allowed, and there is free parking in the gravel parking lot behind the Snappy Foods. Playa del Rio RV Resort is located at 16990 Perdido Key Dr. on Perdido Key.

The concert series lineup: May 21 - Everyday People Band; May 30 - Amanda Pruitt Band; June 8 - Glen Templeton; June 11 - Christina Christian Band; June 25 - Mason Henderson & Saucy Fuzz; July 2 - Josh Newcom & Ole River Junkies; July 16 - Rhonda Hart Band; August 6 - Nomadic Mate; August 20 - Johnny Hayes Band; September 3 - Tyler Livingston & the Absolutes; September 5 - Amanda Pruitt Band. The concerts are from 7-11 p.m.

The series is sponsored by McBride Companies, Playa del Rio RV Resort, Beachbilly Lifestyle, MissiHippie Life, Ole River Sessions, Taylor & Sean Tierce, Kim Harper Live, Sandy Roots Records and the Perdido Key Music Festival.

"Playa del Rio & Sandy Roots Records welcome our local community, family and friends to join us for all the great music events planned this summer and look forward to seeing y'all," said RV Park owner and event founder Mark McBride. "Music is a part of our soul."

**American Legion baseball tryouts April 2 in Lillian**

American Legion Posts 48 and 240 are sponsoring the inaugural season of the Bay Blues American Legion senior baseball team for players 16-19 (as of Jan. 1st 2003). Try-outs will take place at Lillian Recreational Park (33914 Widell Ave.) on April 2 at 9 a.m. The team will practice twice per week to prepare for the June 1 - July 15 season. State and regional play-offs are from July 15 - 31. High school players can't practice until their season ends. The team is geared towards high school juniors and seniors, but you do not need to be on a high school team to try-out. There is no fee to participate, but travel expenses may occur. For info, volunteer opportunities or sponsorships, contact Jen Sigley @ 904-866-6808, email: jjhigh72@yahoo.com, or Coach Don Sigley @ 850-461-0824.

**G.S. to borrow \$200 million to fund school's "Next Wave"**

Gulf Shores is making plans to borrow almost \$200 million to help fund several capital projects the city hopes to complete within the next 10 years, including the extensive expansions planned for Gulf Shores City Schools presented to the community on March 8 at the Erie Meyer Civic Center. The "Next Wave" master plan will be available to stream on both the Gulf Shores City and Gulf Shores Schools' social media platforms. It includes a new Gulf Shores High School campus north of the Intracoastal Waterway, renovating and expanding Gulf Shores Elementary School and building a new home for Gulf Shores Middle School.

In a memo from city Administrator Steve Griffin and Finance Director Cindy King, the city plans to ask Truist Bank for a \$150 million tax-exempt loan and SouthState Bank for another \$47 million loan.

"These bank loan debts are intended to fund critical transportation, public safety, park and recreation and school improvements as was approved by the Council in the FY 2022 budget's 10-year capital improvement plan," the memo states.

"Gulf Shores has experienced exponential growth in tourism and full-time resident population over the last 10 years which has placed significant strain on the existing transportation network, public safety resources and quality of life for residents."

The city is leveraging a phased-in raise in lodging taxes to help secure the loans. An increase was voted to the lodging tax in December and the 3 percent hike will be phased in with a 2 percent increase on Sept. 1 and the final 1 percent raise will come on Sept. 1, 2023.

Lodging taxes will then be up to 16 percent in Gulf Shores compared to 13 percent in Orange Beach, 12 percent in Perdido Key and Pensacola.

Annual debt service for the Truist loan would be \$9.48 million with the first payment due in March of 2023. With the SouthState loan the debt would be \$3.2 million annually with interest paid only on principal drawn for the first two years.

The city is expecting new revenues of \$13.1 million to \$15.1 million to pay the projected debt of \$12.68 million to fund the improvements.

An additional \$81.1 million is planned for transportation improvements with \$38.7 million coming from state and federal grants and \$42.4 million funded by Gulf Shores.

**48th Annual Orange Beach Festival of Art March 12-13**

While any day is a good day to go to the beach, the Coastal Arts Center of Orange Beach is offering a great excuse to visit Pleasure Island in March - the 48th annual Orange Beach Festival of Art is set for March 12-13. The festival will feature 100 booths of local and regional fine art, plus exciting acts on the performing arts and music stages. Festival goers may also enjoy live visual arts demonstrations including hot glass and clay. Savory gourmet offerings will be presented in the Culinary Arts area and children can dive into fun hands-on experiences in the Kids Art Alley.

The reputation of this show continues to shine with its selection in 2019, 2020 and 2021 by the readers of ALABAMA Magazine as the "Best of Bama" - Best Art Festival in the state of Alabama. In addition, the presenters of this show, the Coastal Arts Center of Orange Beach, have received for the past three years the "Best of Baldwin" award for Best Art Gallery so the arts

The festival is a fine arts, juried event held every second weekend in March on the joint grounds of the Coastal Arts Center of Orange Beach and Waterfront Park on Canal Road. Festival hours are Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The festival is completely free with public parking located at both the Island Church and the Orange Beach City Hall complex. Shuttle service is provided with an all-day pass for \$5. Bike riders and golf cart drivers can park on the Arts Center grounds with easy access to the event.

The Patron of the Arts program, offered through the local Friends of the Arts (501c3) group, is now in its sixth year and provides committed art-purchasing dollars that lets the participating fine artists know they have solid support from the community. Bronze, Silver and Gold levels are available for purchase.

With more than 100 artists working in a variety of mediums, festival-goers enjoy dazzling art at every turn. Fine artists, gourmet culinary vendors, musical performers and live demonstrations always deliver a multitude of sensory experiences.

The 2022 music line-up includes Roman Street, The Groovimators, the Emily Stuckey Band, the Steve & Joe Piano Show and more. Performing artists in multiple genres will be featured on the Performing Arts Stage with acts including Coastal Ballet Academy and the Orange Beach Expect Excellence performers.

Culinary selections featured at the festival offer gourmet flair, while still providing plenty of child-friendly options. Feast your eyes on beautifully presented culinary pieces while savoring the rich flavors of the Alabama Gulf Coast. Participating restaurants will include Alabama Coastal Catering (Cosmo's/Cobalt restaurants), Bleus Burgers, and Beachin' Eats. BuzzCatz Coffee and Sweets, as well as Soul Bowlz will be at the show.

The expanded Specialty Goods area will include such treats as Willow Farms gourmet honey, Two Sisters Olive and Grape, P&K nursery, and The Nuttery cinnamon roasted nuts, among others.

Kids' Art Alley offers young festival goers plenty of hands-on fun. Children can dig their fingers into clay, make sand art, enjoy games, watch live demonstrations and take home their own works of art. A favorite exhibit is the Orange Beach Wildlife Center which will offer children an up-close look at wild animals.

The festival continues to showcase past Best of Show winners as the signature design element for the current year. Best of Show in 2021 was Larry Allen with his beautiful clay works and one of his vibrant pieces is featured on the 2022 festival poster.

Come see the waterfront Coastal Arts Center fine arts gallery and experience Pleasure Island's brightest and best at the 48th annual Orange Beach Festival of Art on Saturday and Sunday, March 12-13. For more information visit [OrangeBeachArtsFestival.com](http://OrangeBeachArtsFestival.com), follow on Facebook, or call 251-981-ARTS (2787).





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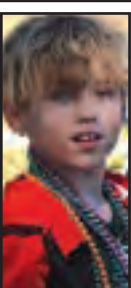
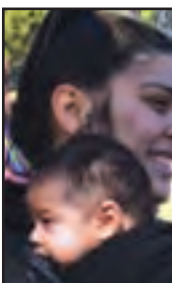
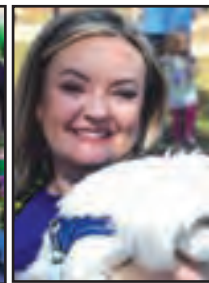
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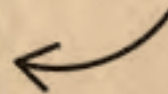
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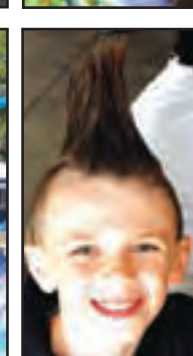
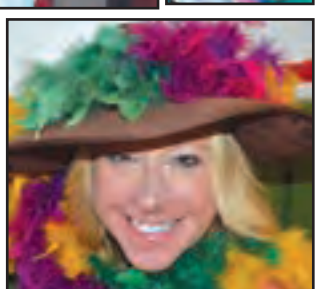
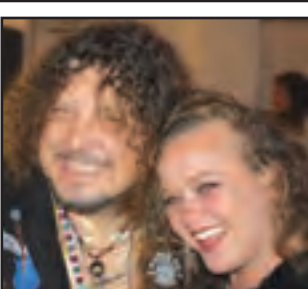
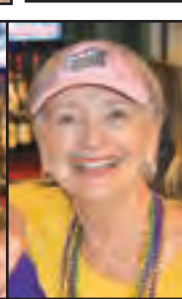
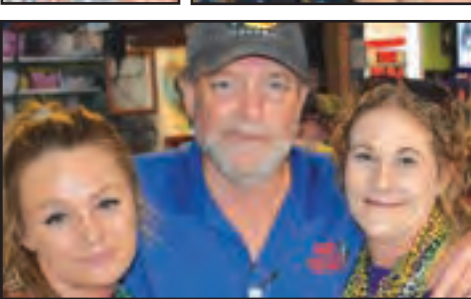
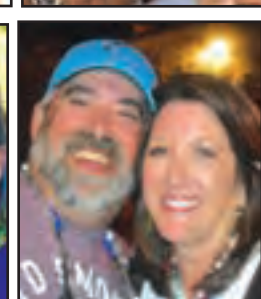
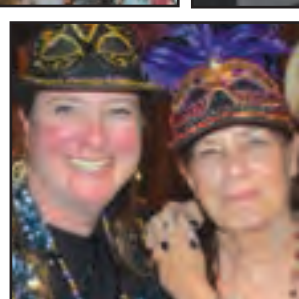
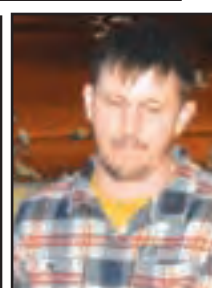
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### John Rich, Thompson Square, Jeff Steele fundraiser at 'Bama March 13

60 minute in-the-round sets benefits Folds of Honor education scholarships

John Rich, Thompson Square & Jeff Steele will perform twice in the round at the Flora-Bama on the famous Perdido Key honky-tonk's tent stage on Sunday, March 13 from 6-7 p.m. and 8-9 p.m. to raise funds for the Folds of Honor non-profit. Tickets are only \$20 for each show and available through [florabama.com](http://florabama.com). There will also be an onsite auction. This shows will each be limited to 60 minutes and are sure to sell-out fast.

Since 2007, the Folds of Honor has carried forth the singular, noble mission of providing educational scholarships to spouses and children of America's fallen and disabled service members. For more info, visit [foldsofhonor.org](http://foldsofhonor.org) or call 918-274-4700.

### Gulf Shores Lions Golf Tourney April 15 at Peninsula

Registration and sponsorship opportunities are open for the 47th Annual Gulf Shores Lions Club Max Wilson Memorial Golf for Sight Tournament scheduled Friday, April 15 at Peninsula Golf Club. The 4-ball tourney utilizes a blind draw to pair up two person teams to give everyone a fair chance to win regardless of handicap. The \$125 per person entry fee includes a post tournament meal, fabulous prizes and supports the many Lions Club charities. The entry fee also includes green fees, cart rental, range balls, a raffle ticket, and three beverage tickets. Cash Prizes will be awarded on each and every hole in addition to prizes for the top three teams. Players are invited to sign up alone or with a partner. The entry fee is collected at sign-in on tourney day. Registration begins at 10 a.m. and play begins at noon. Sponsorship opportunities are also available. Call 440-813-8424 for more info.

### Escambia County to increase boater registration fee July 1

Escambia County boat owners will be looking at a 50 percent increase in boater registration fees beginning July 1, with the additional funds generated earmarked for the removal of derelict vessels and debris, increased patrols, waterway cleanup, dredging, artificial reefs and maintenance. The fee includes \$1 for Florida's Save the Manatee Trust Fund.

### Perdido Chamber seeks crafters for April 30 fair

The Perdido Area Chamber of Commerce invites local artists, crafters, and businesses to participate in the Spring Craft and Vendor Fair on Saturday, April 30 at Innerarity Point Park, located at 5828 Cruzat Rd. from noon - 5 p.m.

Shoppers are also invited to come out and browse locally sourced crafts, goods, and services.

Vendor booths are available for \$50 for chamber members, \$100 for non-members, and \$200 for commercial entities. For more info, call 850-492-4660 or email [Lori@PerdidoChamber.com](mailto:Lori@PerdidoChamber.com).

### WED, MARCH 9

- Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables: Schedule on Pages 28-29; 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).
- T-Bone Montgomery: 6; Front Porch, Lillian.
- Brittany Grimes & AYCE Crawfish: 11; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.
- Picker Woods: 5; Tacky Jacks, Fort Morgan.
- Tyler Ward: 5; Carvers Steakhouse, Orange Beach.
- Cowboy Blues Band: 5; The Angry Crab, Orange Beach.
- Karaoke: 7; Sassy Bass Amazin' Grill; Fort Morgan.
- T-Bone Montgomery: 6; Front Porch, Lillian.
- Mel Knapp: 5; Carvers Steakhouse, Orange Beach.
- Danny Grady: 3:30; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde: 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- John Brust: 6; Ms. Nancy's Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach.
- Open Mic: 6; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- Mason Henderson's Saucy Fuzz: 9; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- Gary Story & Friends: 8; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- Tim Richardson: 5; American Legion Post 99, Foley.
- Karaoke: 7; Bar 45 at ONE CLUB, Gulf Shores.
- John Joiner & Darrel Roberts: 7; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
- Bingo: 10 a.m.; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- BBRC Running Club: 5:30 p.m.; Big Beach Brewery in Gulf Shores; lafleet-feet.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.
- Bread Ministry: 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.; Orange Beach United Methodist Church Brook's Center.
- Food Bank: 9 - 11 a.m every Wednesday, Perdido Bay Baptist Church, 12600 Sorrento Rd. Pensacola; call for eligibility requirements at (850) 492-2604.
- Gulf Shores 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
- Al-Non: 12:30; Live Oak AFG, St John's Episcopal Church, 401 Live Oak Ave., Pensacola.

### THU, MARCH 10

- Andy Andrews Live: 12:15; Andy Andrews General Store & Museum; The Wharf, Orange Beach.
- Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables: Schedule on Pages 28-29; Perdido Key.
- Flora-Bama Family Friendly Bingo: 1-4 p.m.; free; family friendly; Flora-Bama; Perdido Key.
- Pensacola Jazz Collective: 5; The Angry Crab, Orange Beach.
- JJ Mack: 5; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.
- Chase Brown: 4; Woodside Rest. at Gulf State Park; Gulf Shores.
- Jessie Howell: 5; Carvers Steakhouse, Orange Beach.
- Gary Story Open Mic 6; Front Porch, Lillian.
- Coconut Radio: 2; Sassy Bass Amazin' Grill; Fort Morgan.
- William Gibson: 5; The Perch, Gulf State Park Lodge, Gulf Shores.
- Bama Beach Pickleball Club: 9-noon; Church of Christ, 2414 West 1st St., Gulf Shores; (new members welcome).
- Karaoke w. Howard: 7; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.
- John Brust: 6; Ms. Nancy's Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach.

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### Input session for future zoning in Baldwin March 16 in Foley

The Baldwin County Commission's Planning and Zoning Department has re-scheduled its Foley public input sessions for the countywide Long-Range Land Use Plan to Wednesday, March 16, from 10-11 a.m. at the Foley Civic Center, 407 E Laurel Ave.

Other input sessions are March 16 from 5:30 - 7 p.m. at the Baldwin County Central Annex Auditorium in Robertsdale, March 17 from 10 - 11:30 a.m. at Bay Minette City Hall Council Chambers, and March 17 from 5:30 - 7 p.m. at the Baldwin County Fairhope Satellite Courthouse Commission Chambers. The public can also provide feedback by taking a survey/baldwincountyal.gov.

The info gathered will be used to update the existing land use plan and is only for zoned areas of the county. Land use plans are required by law in Baldwin County. Becoming zoned in Baldwin County can only occur if the Commission is petitioned by citizens within a planning district and must be voted on and approved by a majority of the residents within the district in order for zoning to be implemented. This process will provide valuable public input as Baldwin County strategizes about ways to prepare for future growth within the county.

For more info, visit [baldwinourvision.com](http://baldwinourvision.com).

### Lunch & Learn with Gateway Initiative March 16 in Foley

Representatives from Gateway Initiative will be the guest speakers during the Foley Public Library quarterly Lunch & Learn on March 16 at noon. Gateway Initiative is a rapidly developing workforce development leader in Baldwin County. Information will be shared concerning their unique collaboration with two different Chamber of Commerce and they will discuss career pathing strategies for Baldwin County. They will also share info about the Gateway Training Academy for professional development. The presentation will end with a Q&A session. Reservations are required by 5 p.m. on March 14. RSVP online at [foleylibrary.org](http://foleylibrary.org), or call 251-943-1031. A free lunch will be served.

### Wharf donates \$20K to Miracle League of Coastal AL.

The Wharf has pledged \$20,000 to the Miracle League of Coastal Alabama, a nonprofit organization of volunteers dedicated to providing an opportunity for children and young adults with special needs and other developmental disabilities to play baseball, regardless of their disabilities.

The total cost of the project to be built on land donated by the city of Summerdale is estimated at about \$2.7 million. Building the park is part of the Gulf Shores Lions Club Legacy Project first started in 2018. The Baldwin County facility will be made up of a specialized baseball field featuring a custom-designed synthetic, cushioned and rubberized surface that will eliminate any barriers to wheelchairs, walkers or other mobility devices as well as handicapped accessible dugouts, restrooms, drinking fountains and a boundless playground where children of all abilities are able to play together side by side.

More than 800 school-aged public school students alone in Baldwin County will benefit from the association and its amenities. Additionally, one of the main focuses of the Miracle League is to build self-esteem and encourage new friendships while being treated just as any other athlete. The Miracle League uses a "buddy" system – pairing each player with an able-bodied peer, which teaches many things beyond the sport itself.

"With generous donations like this, our development team just surpassed the \$1MM mark in funds raised to date. We are very thankful to The Wharf for their support," said Coastal AL Miracle League Chairman Bruce White.



**GSFD BENEFIT BINGO BASH:** Castaways Condo snowbirds and friends held their first annual Charity Bingo Bash featuring (pictured) Lisa Christian, Sunny 105.7 radio personality, as celebrity caller. Over 30 people enjoyed food, prizes and fun, raising \$300 for the Gulf Shores Fire Department.



### WeatherSTEM Station added at Perdido Key Fire Station

Escambia County will install a WeatherSTEM station at the Perdido Key Fire Station this month with funds from the Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM).

WeatherSTEMs provide hyper-local, real-time weather data in strategic locations to provide critical information to assist in the deployment of resources to impacted areas during times of severe weather.

The devices allow Emergency Management and citizens to accurately track weather activity around its locations. Perdido area residents can access the station by clicking the links above or by visiting [weatherstem.com](http://weatherstem.com). More info: (850) 595-3476 or [cmr@myescambia.com](mailto:cmr@myescambia.com).

- Karaoke: 6; Tacky Jacks; Gulf Shores.
- Karaoke w. Kelly: 8; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- Karaoke: 9; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- Tim Robinson: 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- Brian Hill: 6; Hub Stacy's; Innerarity Point.
- 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.am.; call 225/313-8516 for info & location.
- Gulf Shores United Methodist Church Bread Ministry: 9-10; every Thursday; room 103 on the south campus, next to Crossroad; 251 968-2411.
- AA: Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

- Donna Slater: 4; Front Porch, Lillian.
- Al & Cathy: 6; Front Porch, Lillian.
- The Defrosters: 9; Strick's Place, Fairhope.
- Les Linton: 7; Tacky Jacks, Fort Morgan.
- Guided Pier Walk: 9-10 a.m.; Gulf State Park Pier; Gulf Shores.
- Jimmy Lee Hanniford: 5; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.
- 3 Bean Soup: 5; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- Riley Green, Travis Tritt, Frank Foster: 7; Wharf Amphitheater; Orange Beach.
- Open Mic: 7; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.
- Christian Mayes: 5; Carvers Steakhouse, Orange Beach.
- Savage: 5; The Angry Crab, Orange Beach.
- Doc Johnson Band: 9; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- Destiny Brown: 4; Woodside Rest. at Gulf State Park; Gulf Shores.
- Chase Brown: 5; The Perch, Gulf State Park Lodge, Gulf Shores.
- Danny Grady: 3:30; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- Bo Grant: 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- Darrell Roberts: 7; Stephi Cocktails / Cuisine; Orange Beach.
- False Identity: 7; Hub Stacy's; Innerarity Point.
- John Brust: 6; Ms. Nancy's Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort, Orange

### FRI, MARCH 11

- Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables: Schedule on Pages 28-29; Perdido Key.
- Flora-Bama Family Friendly Bingo: 1-4 p.m.; free; family friendly; Flora-Bama; Perdido Key.

### Amvets Post 12 concert for citizens of Ukraine March 19

Amvets Post 12 on Gulf Beach Hwy. in Pensacola and SOS4America will host a concert with John Joiner on March 19 from 5-9 p.m. to benefit the citizens of war torn Ukraine.

The fundraiser is open to anyone over 21 and the Amvet Ladies Auxiliary will be selling Shepards Pie. The event also includes raffles and a 50/50 drawing.

Post 12 is located at 3220 Gulf Beach Hwy., and all money generated will be presented to Soldier's Ukraine, an organization that provides prosthetics for Ukrainian soldiers and Bridge of Faith, an America sponsored orphanage in Ukraine.

"Come by and meet your American veterans who too the oath to die for their country supporting our allies," said Post 12 service officer Tim Lowry.

**Pictured:** John Joiner is a Silverhill resident and South Alabama native who has shared a stage with artists such as Rodney Crowell, John Anderson, .38 Special, ZZ-Top and Willie Nelson and co-wrote songs with Mickey Newbury, Rock Killough, Larry T. Wilson, Bo Roberts, Hank Cochran and Larry Butler. Also a respected session guitarist, he has performed at music venues across the United States and Europe for over four decades.



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## WHAT'S HAPPENING



### Escambia County opens another free public beach on Perdido Key

By Fran Thompson

Escambia County officials recently held a ceremony to officially open a new free public beach access on Perdido Key featuring a permeable concrete parking lot with 35 parking spots, an ADA-compliant AccessMat dune walkover and educational signage about protected wildlife.

The site will add an additional 300 feet of public beach access on the west side of Perdido Key, and is located adjacent to the Crab Trap restaurant at 16470 Perdido Key Dr.

"This new access point will allow us to more than double the existing amount of free public beach access on Perdido Key for all the citizens of Escambia County to enjoy. That in and of itself is a remarkable accomplishment," said Escambia County District 1 Commissioner Jeff Bergosh, who represents Perdido Key.

"This is only the beginning of the work our office plans to pursue to create more free access points on Perdido Key for our citizens' use in the years to come," he added. "And it will be open just in time for Spring Break. This is a great day for Escambia County."

The 300 ft. public beach was the former site of the Sundowner Condominium, which was destroyed by Hurricane Ivan in 2004. The original concrete pad and building debris were removed in the summer of 2020 and the prior parking lot's shell base was used for the parking area at the new public access. Construction was paid for with county tourism development tax.

Escambia County acquired the parcel in 2014 in part with a grant from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to provide public beach access and conserve critical habitat for threatened and endangered species.

The site will be managed in accordance with the Perdido Key Habitat Conservation Plan, and fencing will prevent pedestrian and vehicular

trespass into protected habitat areas, while signage will educate visitors about threatened and endangered species that utilize the site, including endangered beach mice, nesting shorebirds and sea turtles.

"Out of a tragedy of Hurricane Ivan that knocked down a condo that used to be here came an opportunity, so the commission at that time purchased this property and spent a little over \$3 million, and they purchased it so we could do what we're doing right now," Bergosh said at the opening ceremony.

Commissioner Doug Underhill, who until December's redistricting, represented District 1 and Perdido Key, objected to the public beach on the grounds that it would harm the Perdido Beach mouse habitat and it would be better to hold the land in conservation under the Habitat Management Plan. Underhill was also adamant that the county should aggressively pursue other opportunities to purchase public beach access points.

Underhill is not running for re-election, but Bergosh, the Commission Chairman, said he will also push for more public beach access and parking access on Perdido Key.

"I'm a beach guy," Bergosh said. "I love the beach, and I love going out to the beach to fish. And I love the idea of having public beach access for people on the west side of Pensacola."

The owners association from Seafarer Condos, located directly east of the new public beach access, filed suit against Escambia County to try to stop development of the access site in 2018 on the grounds that it violated the county's land development code. That lawsuit is still ongoing in Escambia Circuit Court.

**Pictured:** County Commissioner Jeff Bergosh joined supporters wearing "Public Beach Access #4 OPEN" t-shirts for a ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new Perdido Key public beach access.

Beach.

- Bama Beach Pickleball Club: 9-noon; Church of Christ, 2414 West 1st St., Gulf Shores; (new members welcome).
- Karaoke w. Kelly Ann: 6; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- Open Mixed Doubles Tennis: 7:15 a.m.; all levels welcome; Gulf Shores Tennis Center; corner of West 19th Ave. and West 2nd St.
- Bingo: 5:30; Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5659; Elberta.
- Alcoholics Anonymous: noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center; 13660 Innerarity Pt. Rd.; 850-492-3056 or 492-6362.
- T.O.P.S. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly); weigh-in 9; meeting 9:30; Foley Sr. Center, 304 E. Rose Ave.; 251-979-1075.

### SAT, MARCH 12

- Opera "Ariadne Auf Naxos" by Strauss, in high definition from The Metropolitan Opera, 11:55 am, Cobb Pinnacle 14, Gulf Shores.
- Jimmy Maraventano: 7:30; Sassy Bass Amazon Grill, Fort Morgan.
- Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables: Schedule on Pages 28-29; Perdido Key.
- Wire Jam: 1; Front Porch, Lillian.
- Gypsy Pearl: 9; The Office, Foley.
- Smokey Otis: 6; Front Porch, Lillian.
- The Defrosters: 2:45 p.m.; Foley BBQ & Blues Cookoff, Heritage Park, Foley.
- Gambino Duo: 11; Tacky Jaks, Orange Beach.
- JJ Mack: 5; Tacky Jaks, Orange Beach.
- Mike Estep: 5; Tacky Jaks, Gulf Shores.
- Bo Grant: 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- Riley Green, John Michael Montgomery, Colt Ford; 7; Wharf Amphitheater; Orange Beach.
- Karaoke at noon & AYCE Crawfish at 11; Tacky Jaks, Gulf Shores.
- Adam Tyler: 4; Woodside Rest. at Gulf State Park; Gulf Shores.
- Gary Story: 5; Carvers Steakhouse, Orange Beach.
- Homewind: 5; The Angry Crab, Orange Beach.
- Doc Johnson Band: 9; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- Karaoke w. Bree & David: 7; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.
- Night Star: 6; American Legion Post #44, Gulf Shores.

- Karaoke w. Bree & David: 7; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.
- Destiny Brown: 5; The Perch, Gulf State Park Lodge, Gulf Shores.
- Lee Yankie: 5; The Angry Crab, Orange Beach.
- Gary Story: 5; Carvers Steakhouse, Orange Beach.
- Hollard: 9; Sandshaker at the Wharf; Orange Beach.
- Wiley Pete: 7; Stephi Cocktails / Cuisine; Orange Beach.
- Bruti: 6; American Legion Post 99, Foley.
- John Brust: 6; Ms. Nancy's Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach.
- The Defrosters: 2; Flying Harpoon II; Orange Beach.
- Karaoke w. Howard: 7; Tacky Jaks, Ft. Morgan.
- Brandon Giles: 7; Hub Stacy's; Innerarity Point.
- Karaoke: 9; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- False Identity: 9; The Office, Foley.
- Coastal Alabama Farmers and Fishermen Market: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.; 20733 Milfin Rd. (County Rd. 20), Foley.
- Baldwin County Genealogical Society: 10 a.m.; public invited; Foley Library; 319 East Laurel Ave.
- 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, MARCH 13

- Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables: Schedule on Pages 28-29; Perdido Key.
- Bends & Brews Yoga: 11 a.m.; in the courtyard; Big Beach Brewery; Gulf Shores.
- Johnny Barbato: 4; Front Porch, Lillian.
- Doug Alvie: 7; Tacky Jaks, Fort Morgan.
- Brittany Grimes & AYCE Crawfish: 11;



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# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## Save Underdogs Plant Sale March 20 on Perdido Key

The Save Underdogs 2nd Annual Community Plants For Paws Sale will be held on Sunday, March 20 from 10 a.m. 'til 4 p.m. at the Perdido Key Sports Bar, located at 13583 Perdido Key Dr. The fundraiser will feature heirloom, heritage and unique varieties of herbs, flowers and vegetables, and three local growers will be in attendance.

Save Underdogs is a group of volunteers dedicated to rescuing, rehabilitating & re-homing over sick, injured, abused and unwanted animals since 2004. More info: 850-582-8727 or saveunderdogs.com.

Cat McCreery's Heirloom Liberty Gardens will be have a wide varieties of flower plants for sale. Valice Hillard has over 30 years' experience and will offer hundreds of varieties of heirloom, preservation and unique vegetables and herb varieties. Slays Nursery in Elberta will be selling gorgeous, extra-large hanging baskets, hanging ferns, herbs and ornamental bedding plants.

## Don't forget to set your clocks ahead on March 13

Although computers, TVs and cell phones will automatically update at 2 a.m., remember to manually sets clocks ahead on March 13 in observance of daylight saving time, which always starts the second Sunday in March. As the adage goes, "spring forward" when DST begins and "fall back" when it ends on the first Sunday of Novemeber, which is Nov. 6 this year.

Time zones and daylight saving time are overseen by the U.S. Department of Transportation. States can opt out of daylight saving time and remain on standard time all year if the governor, state legislature and Congress agree. So far, just Hawaii and Arizona have done that. Eighteen other states have enacted legislation or passed resolutions that would make daylight saving time permanent, but Congress would have to change federal law to allow that, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures.

## Impact 100 hosts March 23 membership social in Foley

Now entering its 15th year, Impact 100 Baldwin County host a membership drive social at Local and Company Food and Drink in Foley (812 N McKenzie St.) on March 23 from 5-6:30 p.m. Hosts include Rhonda Morris, Phyllis French and Lucy Smith.



Membership is open to all women ages 18 and older. The only requirement is to pay \$1,000 to fund community grants but membership can offer so much more. The membership drive wraps up March 31. For more info, visit [impact100baldwincounty.org](http://impact100baldwincounty.org).

"As a new resident of Baldwin County, joining Impact 100 has been invaluable," said 2021 new member Meg Willett. "I loved learning more about our county and the diversity of its needs. Serving on a focus group and attending member social events has had the added bonus of getting to know women across generations. It wasn't a question that I would renew my membership for this year." RSVP at [joinus@impact100baldwincounty.org](mailto:joinus@impact100baldwincounty.org). Visit [impact100baldwincounty.org](http://impact100baldwincounty.org) for more info.

**Pictured:** The host restaurant is located in a depression era armory that was previously occupied as the Old Antique Mall. The concrete block structure was built in 1934 by The Civil Works Administration, President Franklin D. Roosevelt's Great Depression job creation program that morphed into the Works Progress Administration that was responsible for the digging of the Intra-coastal Waterway across Pleasure Island in 1937.

## BBQ & Blues Cook-Off is March 12 at Heritage Park

The BBQ & Blues Fest & Cook-off will be held on Saturday, March 12 in Heritage



Park, located at the intersection of Hwy 59 & 98 in Downtown Foley. Festival-goers will enjoy award-winning

barbeque samples, popular blues bands like The Defrosters, craft and retail vendors, and children's activities during the South Baldwin Chamber Foundation sponsored cook-off.

Admission is \$10 per person, with children ages 10 and under admitted free. Over 25 backyard division cook teams from across the Gulf Coast will compete for the title and other top prizes. Competition categories are: Chicken, Ribs, Boston Butts, Sauce, Dessert, and Anything "Butt" which includes exotic items and seafood. There is also a People's Choice award.

Food trucks will be on-site, and beer, wine, soft drinks, and water will also be for sale. And, don't forget to purchase an official BBQ & Blues Cook-Off T-shirt while they last!

Logan Spicer, Mike Diamond, Josh Newcom and Tim Roberts will play at a kick-off event from 5-9 p.m. on March 11. Tickets for the Friday night Drawdon are \$10 and include entry to the draw-down and must be purchased in advance. Tickets for Saturday's cook-off are sold separately. All proceeds benefit the South Baldwin Chamber Foundation to support thirteen local schools through programs and partnerships that enrich education and better the community.

### Schedule

- 11 - Gates Open and Samples Begin
- 11 - Foley Elementary Ukulele Group
- 11:20 - Spearman Brewers
- 12:30 - Student/Teacher Grants Announced
- 1 - True Blue Band
- 2:45 - The Defrosters
- 4:30 - Cook-off Awards

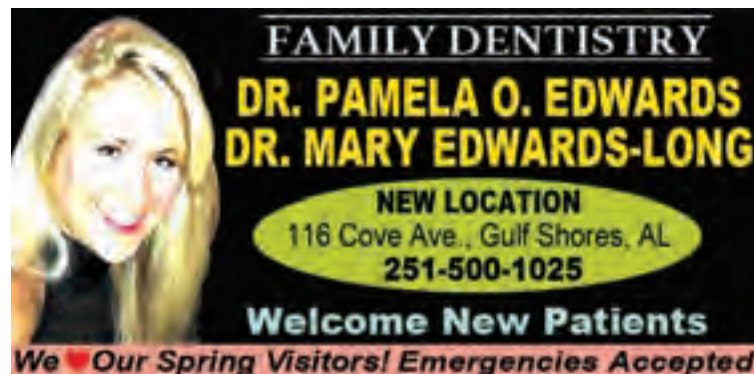
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- Logan Spicer: noon; Tin Top Restaurant; Bon Secour.
- Damien Lamb: 5; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.
- Mel Knapp: 5; Woodside Rest. at Gulf State Park; Gulf Shores.
- Destiny Brown: 4; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- Kelly Poole: 5; Carvers Steakhouse, Orange Beach.
- Bill & Johnny Show: 5; The Angry Crab, Orange Beach.
- Logan Spicer: noon; Tin Top Restaurant; Bon Secour.
- Strictly Rivers: 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- Coconut Radio: 2; Sassy Bass Amazin' Grill; Fort Morgan.
- Les Linton: noon; Tacky Jacks; Gulf Shores.
- 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, MARCH 14

- Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Probables: Schedule on Pages 28-29; Perdido Key.
- Flora-Bama Family Friendly Bingo: 1-4 p.m.; free; family friendly; Flora-Bama; Perdido Key.
- Tim Roberts: 7; Tacky Jacks, Fort Morgan.
- Brent Varner: 5; Woodside Rest. at Gulf State Park; Gulf Shores.
- Bama Beach Pickleball Club: 9-noon; Church of Christ, 2414 West 1st St., Gulf Shores; (new members welcome).
- Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde: 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- Matt Erdman: 3; Sassy Bass Island Grill; Fort Morgan.
- Brent Burns: 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's; Gulf Shores.
- Open Mic w/Davo: 7; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- Bingo: 6; American Legion Post 99, Gulf Shores.
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# WHAT'S HAPPENING



## OBHS football coach takes same position at Spanish Fort Chase Smith led Makos to play-offs in program's 2nd season

By Fran Thompson

Chase Smith, the first ever football coach/athletic director at Orange Beach High School, was approved for those same positions at state power Spanish Fort during the Baldwin County Board of Education's March 4 meeting.

Smith was hired as Orange Beach High School's first football coach and athletic director on April 1, 2019, four months before OBHS opened to 9th and 10th grade students.

"Starting a program from scratch can seem like an impossible task, but through Mako grit we all were able to make history with the success that our student-athletes achieved in just the program's infancy," Smith wrote in a farewell letter to Mako Nation.

The Makos debuted as a varsity program in 2020 with a lopsided non-conference win against Shields on Aug. 20 and finished with a 3-6 record.

The team followed with a nine-win season and a home play-off game in 2021. One of the team's two losses was a COVID related forfeit.

Smith returns to a familiar place, having coached at Spanish Fort for four years. He worked with running backs in 2007, defensive linemen from 2008 to 2009 and the offensive line in 2010.

Before leaving to build the program at OBHS, Smith was the Robertsdale High School head coach for one year.

A graduate of Shades Valley High School in Birmingham and player at Jacksonville State, he coached at Spain Park and Hoover before heading to Spanish Fort. From 2011-2017, Smith coached at the University of South Alabama, first as a graduate assistant, then as director of football operations, and tight ends and offensive linemen coach.

Smith's is the third coach that Spanish Fort has poached from Pleasure Island, as he replaces former Gulf Shores High School coach Ben Blackmon, who made the play-offs every year, earned four regional championships and a 6A state championship in his seven seasons there. The Toros finished 10-2 in 2021.

Mark Freeman left GSHS in 2014 to take a position at Spanish Fort after leading the Dolphins to a 13-9 record and one play-off berth in his two seasons on Pleasure Island. Freeman would go on to win two Class 5A state championships in his four seasons at Spanish Fort.

A class act by all accounts, Smith thanked the OBHS teachers, administration, and student-athletes that helped OBHS earn unprecedented success in its first five semesters. He also thanked the City of Orange Beach for its relentless support of all things related to Orange Beach schools, adding, "Thank you parents for your continuous dedication to create a culture of accountability."

- League Pool: 7; The Office, Foley.
- Celebrate Recovery: (Christ centered 12 step program); Monday evenings at 6 p.m.; Island Church in Orange Beach; 251-967-4840.
- Overeaters Anonymous: 6; Holy Spirit Episcopal Church; Gulf Shores, 616 Ft. Morgan Rd.; 251-709-5907.
- 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, MARCH 15

- Andrews General Live: 12:15; Andy Andrews General Store & Museum; The Wharf, Orange Beach.
- Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables: Schedule on Pages 28-29; Perdido Key.
- Flora-Bama Family Friendly Bingo: 1-4 p.m.; free; family friendly; Flora-Bama; Perdido Key.
- Rhonda Hart & Elaine Petty: 5; Front Porch, Lillian.
- Ashley & Colby: 7; Tacky Jacks, Fort Morgan.
- Justin Colvard: 5; Woodside Rest. at Gulf State Park; Gulf Shores.
- Bama Beach Pickleball Club: 9-noon; Church of Christ, 2414 West 1st St., Gulf

- Shores; (new members welcome).
- Greg Brown: 2; Sassy Bass Amazin' Grill; Fort Moran.
- Bingo/Karaoke: 6; Tacky Jacks; Gulf Shores.
- Chris Beverly Experience: 9; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- JW Karaoke: 6; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
- Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde: 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- Bridge: 11:30 a.m.; Orange Beach Senior Center, 251-981-3440.
- Bingo: 10-2; Gulf Coast Elks Lodge; Foley.
- Karaoke w. Kelly: 8; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- Pool Tourney: 7; Snapper's; Orange Beach.
- Texas Hold 'em: 7; The Office, Foley.
- Manna Center Food Pantry: 9-11 & 2-4; First Baptist Church of Gulf Shores; 2300 West 1st St.; also adult & children's clothes, computer access, limited financial assistance. Info: 251-948-2485.
- GriefShare Support Group, 6; Point Church, 13801 Innerarity Point Rd, Pensacola; 601-278-6973.
- Baldwin Senior Softball Group: 10 a.m.; 50 and over; 10 a.m.; call 225/313-8516 for info & location.
- Coastal Alabama Farmers and Fishermen Market: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.; 20733 Mifflin Rd. (County Rd. 20), Foley.
- Foley Kiwanis Club: noon; Vallarta's,

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

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

### WED, MARCH 16

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- Bama Beach Pickleball Club: 9-noon; Church of Christ, 2414 West 1st St., Gulf Shores; (new members welcome).
- Defrosters: 6; Front Porch, Lillian.
- Adam Tyler Brown: 7; Tacky Jacks, Fort Morgan.
- Slightly Defrosted: 6; Lillian's Front Porch, Lillian.
- Tyler Ward: 5; Carvers Steakhouse, Orange Beach.
- Melodious Monk & The Funkheads: 5; The Angry Crab, Orange Beach.
- Chase Brown: 5; Woodside Rest. at Gulf State Park; Gulf Shores.
- John Brust: 6; Ms. Nancy's Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort, Orange



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### Art on the Wild Side March 26 at AL Gulf Coast Zoo

The Alabama Gulf Coast Zoo has combined its former two fundraisers, Animal Art Safari and Night on the Wild Side into one amazing spring event Art on the Wild Side on Saturday, March 26 at the zoo. VIP entrance is at 5:30 p.m., and general admission is at 7 p.m. The evening will include food from the finest local restaurants, drinks, live entertainment from ISING, mingling with the zoo's animal ambassadors, and live animal art demonstrations. Attire is safari theme or cocktail. VIP tickets are only included with a sponsorship, which includes access to the entire zoo from 5:30-7 p.m., giraffe feeding, keeper chats, exclusive hors d'oeuvres, drink stations, and other event activities. General admission tickets are \$125 or \$100 for zoo members.

The online auction is from March 21-26 and includes exclusive artwork from zoo animal artists, adventure packages from the zoo, local attractions, and other exquisite items. Info: givesmart.com/events.

#### Why Support the Zoo?

The Alabama Gulf Coast Zoo relies on donations to support its mission to create compelling experiences that connect people and community with wildlife and inspire personal responsibility for the conservation of the natural world. Funds raised at this event support:

- Animal care (daily diets, healthcare, activities) to over 300 animals each day. It costs approximately \$5,000 per week to feed the zoo's residents..
- New and existing exhibits and enrichment including upcoming projects a sustainable garden and expansion of Coola Springs Walkabout to create an exhibit for adult kangaroos or wallabies, emus, and additional birds, a new larger aviary for kookaburras, and possibly a feeding aviary for lorries.
- The zoo also provides educational programs for all ages that promote conservation and sustainability.

For tickets, sponsorship packages or more info, call (251) 256-7008, email development@algulfcoastzoo.org or visit algulfcoastzoo.org.

Beach.

- Open Mic: 6; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- Mason Henderson's Saucy Fuzz: 9; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- Gary Story & Friends: 7; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- 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.
- Artie Hopkins: 5; American Legion Post 99, Foley.
- Bingo: 10 a.m.; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- BBRC Running Club: 5:30 p.m.; Big Beach Brewery in Gulf Shores; lafleet-foot.com.
- Open Mixed Doubles Tennis: 7:15 a.m.;

all levels welcome; Gulf Shores Tennis Center.

- Food Ministry at Morgan's Chapel United Methodist Church: 8-9 a.m.; 6325 Cty Rd 10, Bon Secour, (across from Swift School); 251-979-2005.
- Food Ministry For Hungry Families: noon-1 p.m.; Grace Lutheran Church, corner of West 23rd Ave. and West 4th St. in Gulf Shores; 251-968-5991.

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- Andy Andrews Live: 12:15; Andy Andrews General Store & Museum; The Wharf, Orange Beach.
- Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables: Schedule on Pages 28-29; 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).
- Gary Story Open Mic: 6; Front Porch, Lillian.
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- John Brust: 6; Ms. Nancy's Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach.
- Karaoke: 6; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- Karaoke w. Howard: 7; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.
- Tim Roberts: 6; The Tin Top Restaurant, Bon Secour.
- Karaoke: 9; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- Skyline Kings: 6; Hub Stacy's; Innerarity Point.
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# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## PIER & SHORE FISHING OUTLOOK

By DAVID "THE PIERPOUNDER" THORNTON

Right on cue it seems winter's chilly grip has been slipping a bit the past couple of weeks. In fact, we could experience one of the year's most dramatic transformations during this current fortnight. Spring is quickly making inroads along the north central gulf coast, with air and water temperatures nudging consistently



through the 60s. We may not be quite done with cool weather completely, but it is definitely on the way out as the Vernal Equinox is upon us March 20. So hours of daylight are getting longer now, and the change to Daylight Savings Time (on

March 13) will extend the appearance of that even more.

Fish in the surf zone are already becoming more active as sheepshead are gathering to spawn in the Gulf with the moon becoming full on March 18th, which coincides with a NEAP tide period. More pompano have been caught during the past two weeks than the through the previous two months. And we can expect that trend to increase as many more move into the surfzone while water temperatures climb through the middle to upper 60s.

Another sure sign of spring, is the arrival of Spring Breakers and spanish mackerel from middle to late March. These true pelagic mackerel migrate into our waters from southwest Florida this month. They arrive lean and hungry from their long journey, so catching a limit (15 per angler, per day) is often not all that difficult once you find them and set on the pattern. The first spanish of the year are often landed from the south end of the Alabama Point west jetty during the first or second week in March. Soon after that some begin showing up at the Gulf State Park Pier just outside the longshore sandbar. Gotcha plugs are favored lures for catching these fast striking mackerel. But medium sized spoons and especially 1/2 to 3/4 ounce white and yellow leadhead jigs can be quite effective early in the season. In this cooler water, the spanish seem to hang close to the bottom.

So a fast sinking lure worked quickly up a few feet off the bottom is often the best way to get their attention. Plus the single hook or lone treble hook are much safer for anglers, which may line up elbow to elbow when the action gets fast and furious and word or "the mackerel run" spreads. Be sure to tie on a foot or so of heavy (30-40 pound), clear monofilament line as protection from those razor sharp mackerel teeth. And pack some needle-nosed pliers to make hook removals less perilous.

Bleeding your mackerel by cutting or breaking the gill rakers will make them even tastier when cooked. I dunk my still kicking fish head first into a 5 gallon bucket halfway filled with water. After the fish stops wiggling it can be placed in a cooler without near as much bloody mess.

But spanish aren't the only game in town, because the sheepshead bite is usually at its peak during this period too. Plus the pompano action is getting more dependable with every day the water temp rises. Add to that more activity from whiting, in addition to occasional slot sized redfish. Live shrimp work great for all these fish, but supplies sometimes lag behind demand. So check with the baitshops and adjust your plans accordingly. Fiddler crabs are still a dependable backup bait for sheepshead. And bull minnows work great for flounder, and even slot sized redfish. Yes, some flounder are already showing up along the beaches and in the passes. So we can expect to see some of them too.

In fact beach fishing should be picking up more in general now too. With more pompano and whiting being reported, along with some redfish and black drum. Ghost shrimp is still the best bait overall, but as the water warms more fish may be taken on fresh dead shrimp, Fishbites or Fishgum. The pier has been a bit more productive recently, and we can expect that to improve even more once the spanish mackerel show up, as long as the sharks don't take over. Little Lagoon Pass can still provide good fishing at times, though the dredging operation is about to resume (Monday through Friday 8am to 4pm). Remember paying to park at the venues in Gulf Shores has resumed (March 1 through November 30), so be prepared for that as well. But check out the newly opened free parking facility just over the Florida State Line called Perdido Key Access #4.

Day to day weather, and how the amount of sunlight, wind and waves affects the fish feeding habits due to water clarity plays a huge factor in the characteristics of what is biting and when. And of course, the tide movement has a role in that equation as well. So solving the riddle of being in the right place at the right time and rigged up the right way become the keys to angling success.

Communication among anglers helps disseminate pertinent information that lends toward more overall success for all. So be observant of any patterns of fish behavior that may help you anticipate and participate in the action. Remarks from others that begin with "You should have been here an hour ago." Or "We tore them up here yesterday, last week, etc.)" are commonplace, and should be taken with the same 'grain of salt' the weatherman provides in relation to our rapidly changing conditions.

The old adage about March "coming in like a lamb, and out like a lion" holds a lot of truth because we are in the midst of dynamic seasonal fluctuation. That can be frustrating for the unprepared, and even experienced anglers may be fooled at times. But overall, we should be seeing more 'catching' through this month.

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- Smokey Otis: 7; Hub Stacy's; Innerarity Point.
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- Open Mic: 7; American Legion Post 199, Fairhope.
- Darrell Roberts: 7; Stephi Cocktails / Cuisine; Orange Beach.
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- John Brust: 6; Ms. Nancy's Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach.
- Karaoke w. Kelly Ann: 6; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
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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.
- T.O.P.S. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly); weigh-in 9; meeting 9:30; Foley Sr. Center, 304 E. Rose Ave.; 251-979-1075.

### SAT, MARCH 19

- Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables: Schedule on Pages 28-29; Perdido Key.
- Khalid; 7; Wharf Amphitheater; Orange Beach.
- Wire Jam: 1; Front Porch, Lillian

- Brandon Giles: 6; Front Porch, Lillian
- Strickly Isbell: 5; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- Karaoke at noon & AYCE Crawfish at 11; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- Acoustic Soul: 5; Woodside Rest. at Gulf State Park; Gulf Shores.
- Karaoke w. Bree & David: 7; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.
- Wiley Pete: 7; Stephi Cocktails-Cuisine; Orange Beach.
- Chris Hargenroder: 5; Carvers Steakhouse, Orange Beach.
- 550 Express Band: 9; The Office, Foley.
- Moondaze: 5; The Angry Crab, Orange Beach.
- Delta Donnie: 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- Destiny Brown: 5; The Perch, Gulf State Park Lodge, Gulf Shores.
- Mid-life Crisis: 9; Sandshaker at the Wharf; Orange Beach.
- John Brust: 6; Ms. Nancy's Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach.
- The Blenders: 7; Hub Stacy's; Innerarity Point.
- Southern Star: 6; American Legion Post 99, Foley.
- The Defrosters: 2; Flying Harpoon II; Orange Beach.
- Karaoke: 9; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- Karaoke w. Howard: 7; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.
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BY CAROLYN GODFREY

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3 garlic cloves, minced  
2 cans (15 oz. each) tomato sauce, divided  
1 tsp. dried thyme  
1/2 tsp. dill weed  
1/2 tsp. rubbed sage  
1/4 tsp. salt  
1/4 tsp. pepper  
1/4 tsp. cayenne pepper (or less)  
2 cups cooked rice

4 bacon strips, cooked and crumbled

1 medium head cabbage (2 pounds), shredded

1 cup (4 oz.) shredded part-skim mozzarella cheese

In a large skillet, cook the beef, onion and garlic over medium heat until meat is no longer pink; drain. Stir in one can of tomato sauce and seasonings. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat; cover and simmer for 5 minutes. Stir in rice and bacon; heat through. Remove from the heat. Layer a third of the cabbage in a greased 13-in. x 9-in. x 2-in. baking dish. Top with half of the meat mixture. Repeat layers; top with remaining cabbage. Pour remaining tomato sauce over top. Cover and bake at 375 degrees for 45 minutes. Uncover, sprinkle with cheese. Bake 10 minutes longer or until cheese is melted. Let stand for 5 minutes before serving. Yield: 12 servings.

**Enjoy!**

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• 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.  
• Ladies AA: 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pen-

sacola.

#### SUN, MARCH 20

• Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables: Schedule on Pages 28-29; Perdido Key.  
• Bends & Brews Yoga: 11 a.m.; in the courtyard; Big Beach Brewery; Gulf Shores.  
• Greg Brown & AYCE Crawfish: 11; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.  
• Johnny Barbato: 4; Front Porch, Lillian  
• Lee Carreon: 7; Tacky Jacks, Fort Mor-

gan.

• Brittany Grimes: noon; Tin Top Restaurant; Bon Secour.  
• Lefty Collins: 4; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.  
• Jason Abel: 5; Carvers Steakhouse, Orange Beach.  
• Destiny Brown: 5; Woodside Rest. at Gulf State Park; Gulf Shores.  
• On The Rox: 5; The Angry Crab, Orange Beach.  
• Strictly Rivers: 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.



#### Village at Oyster Bay Yard Sale is March 11-12

The Villagers of Oyster Bay have been very busy preparing for their annual yard sale on March 11 from 8 until 3 and March 12 from 8 until noon at 2277 Oyster Bay Ln. (2&1/2 miles down Fort Morgan Rd.).

Rain or shine event. Cash only. No pre sales. Must take items with you

Some of the treasures include: Household, Linens, Lamps, Pictures, Outdoor furniture, Tools, Books, Baked goods, Jewelry, Purses, Misc. Proceeds9 will be used to enrich the lives of OBV, a 55 plus community. **Pictured:** Pat Baker and Linda Fisher

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#### Alabama Audubon biologist finds rare owl in Gulf State Park dunes

A very rare burrowing owl was observed in the dunes at Gulf State Park earlier this month by Olivia Morpeth, an Alabama Audubon Coastal biologist, while she was conducting a permitted survey. This is the first sighting that's been reported at Gulf State Park in over 20 years of bird monitoring, according to a GSP post. Alabama Audubon biologists and volunteers survey and monitor the coastal birds at GSP year round

The owls live in grassland or dune habitats. Typically, their range is through the western portion of the United States and south of Florida's panhandle. The owls live in the dunes and dig out burrows to make their nests.

This sighting is a testament to the dune restoration efforts of GSP staff and volunteers, including the recent Christmas tree recycling program and native dune planting held in conjunction with Gulf Shores City Schools.

Other GSP dune restoration and conservation partners include Alabama Audubon, USWFS, Dune Doctors and many community volunteers. **(Olivia Morpeth, Photo)**





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# WHAT'S HAPPENING

- Coconut Radio: 2; Sassy Bass Amazin' Grill; Fort Moran.
- Les Linton: noon; Tacky Jacks; Gulf Shores.
- 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, MARCH 21

- Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables: Schedule on Pages 28-29; Perdido Key.
- Flora-Bama Family Friendly Bingo: 1-4 p.m.; free; family friendly; Flora-Bama; Perdido Key.
- Picker Woods: 7; Tacky Jacks, Fort Morgan.
- Jonathan Newton: 5; Woodside Rest. at Gulf State Park; Gulf Shores.
- Bama Beach Pickleball Club: 9-noon; Church of Christ, 2414 West 1st St., Gulf Shores; (new members welcome).
- Greg Brown: 5; Sassy Bass Island Grill; Fort Moran.
- Brent Burns: 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's; Gulf Shores.

- Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde: 7; Papa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- Open Mic w/Davo: 7; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- Bingo: 6; American Legion Post 99, Gulf Shores.
- League Pool: 7; The Office, Foley.
- Open Mixed Doubles Tennis: 7:15 a.m.; all levels welcome; Gulf Shores Tennis Center; corner of West 19th Ave. and West 2nd St.
- Celebrate Recovery: (Christ centered 12 step program); Monday evenings at 6 p.m.; Island Church in Orange Beach; 251-967-4840.
- Overeaters Anonymous: 6; Holy Spirit Episcopal Church; Gulf Shores, 616 Ft.

- Morgan Rd.; 251-709-5907.
- Bingo: 6; American Legion Post 99, Gulf Shores.
- AA: Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
- Square Dancing: 6:30; Fairhope Christian Church, Fairhope.

## TUE, MARCH 22

- Andy Andrews Live: 12:15; Andy Andrews General Store & Museum; The Wharf, Orange Beach.
- Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables: Schedule on Pages 28-29; 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).
- Rachel Lande & Scott Battrell: 7; Tacky Jacks, Fort Morgan.
- Rhonda Hart & Elaine Petty: 5; Front Porch, Lillian
- Jonathan Newton: 5; Woodside Rest. at Gulf State Park; Gulf Shores.
- Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde: 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- Matt & Candy: 2; Sassy Bass Amazin' Grill; Fort Moran.
- JW Karaoke: 6; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.

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### Wales West Cottontail Express starts March 19

The Wales West RV Resort and Light Railway Seventeenth Annual Cottontail Express will begin on Saturday, March 19th, and run every Saturday and Sunday from 10 am until 3 pm through Saturday, April 16th, 2022. Guests can ride Dame Ann, an authentic steam locomotive, to the Bunny Hutch, visit the Easter Bunny, and enjoy an Easter Egg Hunt and craft. Refreshments, Miniature Train Rides and Bounce House are included. Enjoy the Potato Cannon for a slight fee, a Cafe with meals to eat on the Patio, Gift Shop for Easter gifts, and our renovated Concession Stand with our traditional Kettle Corn. Tickets are \$20 per person, (2 and under free), and must be ordered online at [waleswest.com](http://waleswest.com) and picked up at Railroad. Tickets are reduced for the first weekend to only \$15 per person. Wales West is located at 13670 Smiley Street in Silverhill. Info: 888-569-5337 or [waleswest.com](http://waleswest.com)

- Bridge: 11:30 a.m.; Orange Beach Senior Center, 251-981-3440.
- Bingo: 10-2; Gulf Coast Elks Lodge; Foley.
- Pool Tourney: 7; Snapper's; Orange Beach.
- Karaoke w. Kelly: 8; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- Texas Hold 'em: 7; The Office, Foley.
- Coastal Alabama Farmers and Fishermen's Market: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.; 20733 Milflin Rd. (County Rd. 20), Foley.
- GriefShare Support Group, 6; Point Church, 13801 Innerarity Point Rd, Pensacola; 601-278-6973.
- South Baldwin Republican Women: Gift Horse Rest., 11:30 a.m.; 4th Tuesday of Every Month, public invited, Info: 251-978-6178.
- Manna Center Food Pantry: 9-11 & 2-4; First Baptist Church of Gulf Shores; 2300 West 1st St.; also adult & children's clothes, computer access, limited financial assistance. Info: 251-948-2485.
- Orange Beach City Council Meeting: 5 p.m.; City Hall; 980-INFO.
- Overcomers Outreach: 7 p.m.; First Baptist Church of Orange Beach; 980-1705.
- Kiwanis Club of Big Lagoon: 7:30 a.m.; (1st, 3rd, and 4th Tue); Point Church, 13801 Innerarity Point Rd., Pensacola.
- Foley Kiwanis Club; Vallarta's, 1145 S. McKenzie St., noon; 859-771-6091.
- AA: Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

### WED, MARCH 23

- Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables: Schedule on Pages 28-29; 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).
- Uncle Mike & Candy: 7; Tacky Jacks, Fort Morgan.
- T-Bone Montgomery: 6; Front Porch, Lillian.
- Wiley Pete: 5; The Angry Crab, Orange Beach.
- Austin Thompson: 5; Woodside Rest. at Gulf State Park; Gulf Shores.
- Danny Grady: 3:30; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- John Brust: 6; Ms. Nancy's Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach.
- Tim Richardson: 5; American Legion Post 99, Foley.
- Karaoke: 6; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- Mason Henderson's Saucy Fuzz: 9; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- Gary Story & Friends: 8; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- Tyler Ward: 5; Carvers Steakhouse, Orange Beach.
- John Joiner & Darrel Roberts: 6; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
- Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde: 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- Gulf Shores Lions Club: noon; 2nd & 4th Wednesday; noon; Adult Activity Center, Gulf Shores; 251-968-2823.



### TORI BLACKMON DESIGNS ART IN THE PARK POSTER: Two awards were recently presented to the Foley High School student whose artwork was chosen for the 50th Art in the Park T-shirt. Tori Blackmon, currently a senior at Foley High School, was honored at a reception recently at the Foley Art Center.



In attendance were Tori, her family members, Russ Moore, FHS Principal, Tracy Wilhelm, FHS Art Teacher, Joseph Chubb, Foley Art Center Director, Vickie Moore, Foley Art Center Board of Directors, along with Art in the Park committee members: Darrelyn Dunmore, Chloe Salinas and Kelly Crosby. A \$1,000 scholarship was donated to Tori from the Foley Art Center in recognition of her spirit and artistic ability. Tori also received the first annual Linda Koniar Emerging Artist Award, which will be given to a Baldwin County student each year in conjunction with Art in the Park. The recognition is named after Linda Koniar, chairman of Art in the Park for many years. Mrs. Koniar has a focused goal of supporting local children and their desire to express themselves through art. The second recognition was given because this is the 50th Annual Art in the Park and that Tori is a senior. The board is honored to play a small part in Tori's decision to go to college this fall and grow her talents. "When I look at the beautiful butterfly that you created, Tori, I see playfulness and joy, renewal, and a sense of community. Your artwork reminds me of Foley and the growth and joy that our community embraces," said committee member Kelly Crosby. The 50th Art in the Park is slated Mother's Day weekend at Heritage Park in Downtown Foley. For more info, call (251) 943-4381. **Pictured:** Kelly Crosby, Art in the Park committee member; Tracy Wilhelm, FHS Art Teacher; Tori Blackmon, artist; Russ Moore, FHS Principal; and Vickie Moore, FAC Board; Linda Koniar, long time chair and committee member of the Foley Art in the Park.

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**GIFTED ARTISTS AT GSES:** The Gulf Shores Beautification Board sponsored the 2022 Alabama Arbor Day Poster Contest for students from the Gulf Shores Elementary 5th grade gifted classes of Mrs. Mary Margaret Phillips. The theme for this year was "Trees are Terrific and Energy Wise." Beautification Board member Mrs. Marlene Johnt worked with students to develop the theme. **Pictured:** 5th grade students Adriana Dalier, Jacob Aureoles, and Abigail Rowland with Mrs. Marlene Johnt, Dr. Alicia Early, Mrs. Mary Margaret Phillips.

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### A Little Irish humor....

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Keenan: What on earth is she doin' at that time?

Finnigan: Waitin' for me to come home.

Mrs. Feeney shouted from the kitchen, "Is that you I hear spitting' in the vase on the mantel

piece?"  
"No," said himself, "but I'm getting closer all the time."

Paddy, the Irishman texts his wife. "Mary, I'm just having one more pint with the lads. If I'm not home in 20 minutes, read this message again."

One night, Mrs McMillen answers the door to see her husband's best friend, Paddy, standing on the doorstep.

"Hello Paddy, but where is my husband? He went with you to the beer factory."

Paddy shook his head. "Ah Mrs McMillen, there was a terrible accident at the beer factory, your husband fell into a vat of Guinness Stout and drowned."

Mrs McMillen starts crying. "Oh don't tell me that, did he at least go quickly?"

Paddy shakes his head. "Not really - he got out three times to pee!"

An Irishman was flustered not being able to find a parking space in a large mall's parking lot.

"Lord," he prayed, "I can't stand this. If you open space up for me, I swear I'll give up

drinking me whisky, and I promise to go to church every Sunday."

Suddenly, the clouds parted, and the sun shone on an empty parking spot. Without hesitation, the man said, "Never mind, I found one."

What's the difference between God and Bono? God doesn't wander around Dublin thinking he's Bono.

Billy stops Paddy in Dublin and asks for the quickest way to Cork.

Paddy says, "Are you on foot or in the car?"

Billy says, "In the car."

Paddy says, "That's the quickest way."

Paddy and Mick are walking down the road, and Paddy's got a bag of doughnuts in his hand. Paddy says to Mick, "If you can guess how many doughnuts are in my bag, you can have them both."

An Irishman is driving down to New York and gets stopped for speeding in Connecticut. The state trooper smells alcohol on the priest's breath and then sees an empty wine bottle on

the floor of the car.

He says, "Sir, have you been drinking?"

"Just water," says the priest.

The trooper says, "Then why do I smell wine?"

The priest looks at the bottle and says, "Good Lord! He's done it again!"

Gallagher opened the morning newspaper and was dumbfounded to read in the obituary column that he had died. He quickly phoned his best friend Finney.

"Did you see the paper?" asked Gallagher. "They say I died!"

"Yes, I saw it!" replied Finney. "Where are ye callin' from?"

Paudie goes into a bar and orders seven shots of tequila and one Guinness.

The barman lines up shots and goes to get the Guinness.

When he comes back with the pint, all seven shots are gone.

The barman says: "Wow! You sure drank those fast."

Paudie explains: "You would drink fast too if you had what I have."

The barman asks: "What do you have?"

The guy reaches into his pocket and says: "Fifty cents!"

Gerry Connors walked his dog through the village every day. One day Mr Connors is on his walk without the dog.

His pal Billy sees him and asks: "Where is your dog?"

Murphy answers: "I had to have him put down."

"Was he mad?" asks Billy.

"He wasn't too pleased," Murphy replies.

A tour guide was showing a tourist around Washington, D. C. The guide pointed out the town where George Washington supposedly threw a dollar across the Potomac River.

"That's impossible," said the tourist. "No one could throw a coin that far!"

"You have to remember," answered the guide. "A dollar went a lot farther in those days."

Himself: "Since Mr. Wilson has lost his money, half his friends don't know him anymore."  
Himself: "And the other half?"  
Himself: "They don't know yet that he's lost his money."

Shamus never he would become a lawyer. He struggles to pass a bar.

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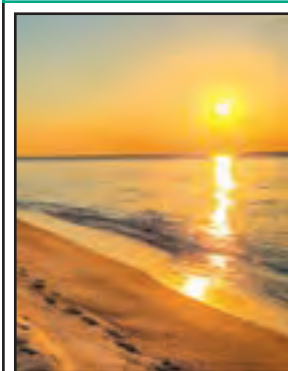
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From first time Perdido Key visitor Sue Gregory.



Ken Groezinger's "singing duo."



"Wanna say Great Thanks to Gulf Shores Finest for all they do for us here," writes Ricky Martin.



"A foggy morning." Heidi Hanchey.



"Vacation starts now," writes Raquel Spiegel from Gulf Shores.



The Seagull Hotel, courtesy of Cathy Deal.



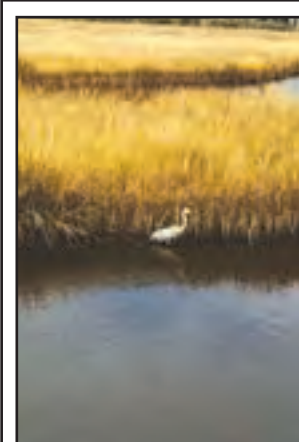
"Here's a little friend I found running around," writes Carmen Scott.



A "moonshot" from Lisa Gonigam.



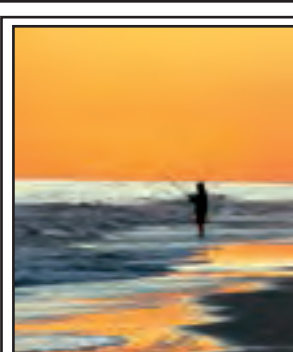
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From Gary Knowles.



From Donna Roscher.



Sunsets on fishermen at Gulf Shores Public Beach submitted by Bill Carpenter of Okoboji, IA

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- \*\*Blackened Catfish** - two delicate filets, sprinkled with Cajun seasonings and lightly seared..... **21.99**
- Coconut Shrimp** - dipped in beer batter, rolled in coconut flake and flash fried ..... **20.99**
- \*\*Grilled Skewer Shrimp** - basted w/butter & served over yellow rice..... **20.99**
- Shrimp Creole** - Stewed tomato, sweet peppers, celery, onion and flavored w/ sausage over yellow rice. Served with one side dish **20.99**
- Crawfish Etouffee'** ..... Served with one side dish **20.99**  
White onions, sweet bell peppers, and celery simmered in a spicy Cajun roux over yellow rice.
- Crab Cake Dinner** - 3 Southern style lump crab cakes, fried and sprinkled with parmesan cheese ..... **21.99**

**Home-Style Lunch Specials**

*(Served with your choice of two side dishes)*

- Fried Shrimp** - tail-less ..... **10.00**
- Blackened Catfish** - dusted w/Creole spices & lightly seared ..... **10.00**
- Fried Catfish** - corn meal battered..... **10.00**
- Broiled Flounder** - broiled in butter & topped with roasted almonds ..... **10.00**
- Fried Flounder** - lightly battered and fried golden brown..... **10.00**
- Grilled Chicken** - with a light touch of Greek seasonings..... **10.00**
- Chicken Creole** - smothered in a spicy tomato & vegetable sauce. Served on yellow rice..... **10.00**
- Fried Chicken Tenders** - butter-dipped tenders, beer-fried. Served w/ honey mustard..... **10.00**
- Country Fried Steak** - served w/ cream gravy..... **10.00**
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- Pork Chops** - two tender chops grilled or fried..... **10.00**
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- Vegetable Plate** - your choice of four (4) side dishes..... **9.50**

**Senior's Menu**

*(Reserved for 55 & over)*

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- Coconut Shrimp** with spicy orange marmalade..... **15.99**
- Stuffed Shrimp** ..... **15.99**  
bacon wrapped, stuffed with crabmeat dressing & monterey jack cheese
- Fried Shrimp** tail-less ..... **11.99**
- Grilled Shrimp** over yellow rice..... **13.99**
- Fried Oysters** with cocktail sauce ..... **17.99**
- Fried Seafood Platter** shrimp, oysters, flounder, crab claws ..... **18.99**
- Broiled Seafood Platter** shrimp, scallops, flounder almondine ..... **16.99**
- Fried Chicken Tenders** with honey-mustard ..... **10.99**
- Grilled Chicken Breast** with a light touch of lemon-herb oil ..... **11.99**
- Yellow-Fin Tuna** grilled or blackened ..... **14.99**
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