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**EARTH DAY 2022****Earth Bioblitz Paddle on Wolf Bay April 23**

The City of Orange Beach Coastal Resources Department invites the community to participate in its Earth Day Bioblitz Paddle on Wolf Bay on Saturday April 23 from 8-11 a.m. at the Wind & Water Learning Center, 26233 Canal Rd.

Participants are welcome to launch their own kayaks and participate in this event for free, or kayaks can be rented on a first-come, first-served basis for a \$20 fee. US Coast Guard approved Type III life jackets will be provided for those who rent kayaks. All participants need to register. Anyone under the age of 14 must be accompanied by an adult.

The Inaugural event is part of a series of Earth Day events planned in Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, and Florida through Paddle the Gulf. Community members can paddle Wolf Bay and Bay la Launch to find and identify different plants and animals using their cell phones. The first 50 participants to register will receive Paddle the Gulf swag. Refreshments will be provided. For additional info, email [jmcgonigal@orangebeachal.gov](mailto:jmcgonigal@orangebeachal.gov) or visit [orangebeachal.gov](http://orangebeachal.gov).

**Earth Day Mobile Bay April 23 at Fairhope Pier**

Earth Day Mobile Bay returns for its 29th year with an all-day event (10 a.m. to 6 p.m.) at the Fairhope Pier Park on Saturday, April 23.

Alabama's largest Earth Day celebration, this year's event features environmental exhibitors, hands-on activities for all ages, food vendors and fantastic entertainment. The entertainment schedule includes the Baldwin County Youth Orchestra Strings at 10 a.m., Suzi Spies at 11:30 a.m., Emily Stuckey and Karl Langley at 12:45 p.m., Lee Yankie at Secret Stash Trio at 2 p.m., Wild Roots at 3:15 p.m., and East L.A. Fadeaway at 4:30 p.m.

Expect to find info Information on hybrid cars and electric vehicles, solar panels, ground source heat pumps, wind turbines, eco-friendly home and lifestyle solutions, organic gardens and educational activities for children.

For more information on this year's event, sponsored by the Sierra Club and the City of Fairhope, or to find out how you can get involved, visit [EarthDayMobileBay.org](http://EarthDayMobileBay.org) or Facebook or call 251-929-1466.

Earth Day Mobile Bay is a celebration of the Earth for the people living around our incredibly diverse, beautiful, fun, ecologically rich and nevertheless fragile bay area.

**Earth Day Pensacola April 23 at Bayview Park**

Earth Day Pensacola hosts its 32nd annual festival on Saturday, April 23rd from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at Bayview Park. The event showcases sustainable living through a fun day of environmental education, art, live music, local food, green products, and hands-on activities. Bayview Park is located at 2001 East Lloyd St.

Attendees will be invited to lay a blanket out on the hill in Bayview Park that overlooks the bay and watch the clouds drift by from 3 - 4 p.m. pm (or anytime, really). Local yogi, poet and author Sean Seid will host a brief meditation to get imaginations rolling. also, Keep Pensacola Beautiful's

Bag Swap from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Ditch the plastic for good and let KPB give that bundle of bags you have been stashing a second life by trading it in for a reusable canvas tote provided by our friends at Innisfree Hotels.

**Earth Day celebration  
April 23 at Downtown OWA**

Come out to enjoy Earth Day at OWA Downtown in Foley on April 23 from 11



a.m. 'til 5 p.m. The free event features kids crafts and vendors focusing on sustainable living, conservation and sustainably made products. Life-South Blood Mobile will be onsite accepting blood donations. Downtown OWA is located at 100 N OWA Blvd. Info: (251) 923-3443 or [visitowa.com](http://visitowa.com).

**Earth Day at Al. Gulf Coast  
Zoo includes demonstrations**

The Alabama Gulf Coast Zoo will host an Earth Day celebration on Saturday, April 23 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Learn how we can protect, conserve and sustain the world around us through live demonstrations and educational presentations. The event is included with general admission. Info: [alabamagulfcoastzoo.com](http://alabamagulfcoastzoo.com).

**Pictured:** Local artist John David Swiger of Swiger Studio will introduce his newest piece in honor of a longtime zoo resident on April 23. 'Chuckie' is an interactive art display that was modeled after the zoo's 12 ft. American Alligator, Chuckie. The piece was entirely made from hundreds of plastic beach toys that were recovered by zoo keepers.

"The hollow head allows the viewer to pop inside of the work, thus revealing the inner workings of the piece," Swiger said.

**Volunteers needed to plant native species on Perdido Key  
April 23 event at Visitor's Center is part of Earth Day celebration**

Celebrate Earth Day with the Escambia County Natural Resources Management Department by helping to install native plants at the Perdido Key Coastal Demonstration Garden (above) on Saturday, April 23 from 9 a.m. 'til noon at the Perdido Key Community Center, located at 15500 Perdido Key Dr. Volunteers must register for the event in advance by calling Samantha Bolduc at (850) 595-3460 or emailing [sembolduc@myescambia.com](mailto:sembolduc@myescambia.com) to register.

The Natural Resources Management department was awarded an \$10,450 grant from the Pensacola and Perdido Bays Estuary Program for the Perdido Key Coastal Demonstration Garden. The garden will showcase native plant species and demonstrate various landscaping techniques specific to the coastal environment. Signage will inform visitors about the plants species and techniques used for each area. The project includes development of a landscaping brochure to be distributed to area homeowners and property managers.

Due to the size of the garden, volunteer slots are limited to 25 and sign-ups are on a first-come, first-come basis. Volunteers under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

**GSHS Earth Day team will host celebration on campus**

Students and Amanda Talantis and the Earth Day team at Gulf Shores High School will host an Earthy Day celebration on April 22 from 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. on the GSMS field, with participation from many of the school's environmental partners. The day is always a highlight for all students in the G.S. School system.



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## AROUND TOWN

### Spring Gala Uncorked April 23 at Ginny Lane at Wharf

The Wharf Restuarant Group and Iconic Entertainment will present Spring Gala Uncorked on Saturday, April 23 from 6-10 p.m. at Ginny Lane Bar and Grill, located at The Wharf in Orange Beach.

Festivities include live art exhibitions, wine tastings featuring Delicato Family Wines, heavy hors d'oeuvres, raffles for prizes, live music from Hollard and additional enchanted entertainment. Prizes will also be awarded to best Derby hat and the most dapper man and woman. Tickets are \$85 for a VIP package and \$60 for general admission. More more info or tickets, call 251-224-6500 or visit [iconicentertainment.fun](http://iconicentertainment.fun).

### Hazardous waste disposal free at Baldwin landfill April 23

Baldwin County Solid Waste is offering an opportunity for citizens to drop certain waste free of charge on Saturday, April 23 from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Baldwin Clean Sweep will be accepting: Yard Waste; Construction Debris; Cardboard; Tires; Electronics; Hazardous; Appliances; Scrap Metal; Carpet; Paint; Household Hazardous Waste. Magnolia Landfill is located at 15093 Household Dr. in Summerdale. Eastfork Landfill is located at 29751 Eastfork Landfill Rd. in Elberta.

### Historic St. Peter's in Bon Secour hosts fish-fry on May 5

Historic St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Bon Secour will host its monthly summer fishfrys beginning May 5 from 5-7 p.m. A hugely popular monthly community event, the fish fries will also be held on the beautiful St. Peter's campus on June 2, July 7, August 4, September 1 and October 6.

"Come join in the fun in the beautiful, picturesque town of Bon Secour. We look forward to once again seeing our returning guest as well as the new ones," said church volunteer Shannon Longrier.

Fried fish plates are available for dine-in or take-out and include sides of hushpuppies, baked beans, coleslaw, potato salad and dessert. The cost is \$12. St. Peter's is located on the corner of County Rd.10 & County Rd. 49 at 6270 County Road 10 in Bon Secour.

### Perdido Chamber craft & vendor fair slated April 30

The Perdido Area Chamber of Commerce will host a 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. A few 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).



### Hazardous waste pick-up April 23 at Bailey Middle

Escambia County a hazardous waste round-up at Bailey Middle School on Saturday, Saturday, April 23 from 8 a.m. 'til noon. The school is located at 4110 Bauer Rd. Simply drive up and materials will be unloaded for you.

This is an opportunity to properly dispose of electronics, household hazardous waste and up to four tires per vehicle, free of charge.

Proof of Escambia County residency is required to participate. Utility bills are accepted as proof. This is a residential drop-off program only; no commercial waste accepted.

Items accepted include computers (monitors, terminals, keyboards and mice), printers and copiers, paint (up to 20 gallons), waste oil (up to five gallons) and auto, marine and motorcycle batteries.

Items not accepted include fans and air conditioners, household garbage, yard debris and medical waste.

For more info, call 850-937-2160 or [myscambia.com](http://myscambia.com).

### 37th Annual Silverhill Heritage Festival slated April 23

The 37th Annual Silverhill Heritage Day Festival will begin at 8 a.m. at Heritage Park (15965 Silverhill Ave). The event includes history tour rides, arts and crafts, food vendors and live entertainment.

First settled in 1896 when several Swedish families in Chicago formed the Svea (Swedish) Land Company bought land in Baldwin County that would be suitable for farming, the town of Silverhill was incorporated August 13, 1926 after an election was held with 36 votes cast for incorporation and 4 cast against. Silverhill was also the location of the first established creamery in Alabama back in 1909.



### 13th Bama Coast Cruisin' April 29-30 at The Wharf

Bama Coast Cruisin' returns to The Wharf in Orange Beach April 29-30, with festivities beginning at 9 a.m. each day. Open 'til 5 p.m. on Saturday, the event showcases 850 of the absolute finest in automotive customized, modified and restored vehicles.

It wraps up at 4 p.m. Sunday with a police escorted parade cruise of show cars leaving The Wharf and traveling east on Canal Rd., south on Hwy.161, east on Perdido Beach Blvd. to the Perdido Pass Bridge and back to The Wharf.

"Don't miss this chance to view the most amazing vehicles ever seen on the Alabama Gulf Coast," said Adam McLean, president of McLean Motorsports and the event founder.

Bama Coast Cruisin' is an open car show and welcomes all makes and models of specialty vehicles, customs, classics, street rods and hot rods, plus antique and original vehicles. Family friendly and immensely popular with locals, tourists and automotive enthusiasts, the free event also includes food trucks, vendors, a swap meet, music and internationally renowned master pin stripper Von Hot Rod, who will be in his booth most show hours. For more info, visit [BamaCoastCruisin.com](http://BamaCoastCruisin.com).

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### SummerTide brings bluegrass gospel family back to G.S.

Smoke on The Mountain June 3-July 1 at South Baldwin Theatre

The University of Alabama's professional summer theatre returns to Gulf Shores for its nineteenth season with shows six days a week from June 3 through July 1 at South Baldwin Community Theatre in Gulf Shores. Tickets are available at SummerTide.org or at the ticket office beginning May 25 by calling 251-968-6721.

SummerTide Theatre will be returning to the stage with its production of Smoke On the Mountain Homecoming, directed by Stacy Alley. Join the Sanders Family as they send Mervin and June off in style, with hilarious and touching stories and twenty-five toe-tapping Bluegrass Gospel favorites.

"Smoke on the Mountain is one of the most popular shows we've ever produced at SummerTide Theatre and, since 2017, audience members continue to comment on how much they enjoyed it. This heart-warming story, suitable for all ages, can be enjoyed regardless of whether or not one experienced the original and will feature a talented cast, as well as an abundance of laughter, joy and faith," said Alley.

In past years, SummerTide has brought Forever Plaid, Ring of Fire, The Marvelous Wonderettes, and Pump Boys and Dinettes to the beach.

At Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, Reverend Mervin Oglethorpe is giving his last service. He's been called to preach in Texas, and he's already bought a tengallon hat and is preparing to ride into the sunset with his wife, June, who is eight months pregnant. Join the Sanders Family as they send Mervin and June off in style, with hilarious and touching stories and bluegrass gospel favorites.



## Final Music at Meyer Park concerts are April 21 & 28

This spring's Music at Meyer Park concert series continues this month with the Stews playing on April 21 and False Identity playing the final concert in the City of Gulf Shores sponsored event on April 28. Grab friends, family members, and a blanket or lawn chair and sit amongst the beautiful oaks at Meyer Park, lo-

cated at 400 E. 22nd Ave. in Gulf Shores.

These are rain or shine events. In the event of rain, the back-up location will be at the Big Beach Brewery, located just one block west of the park.

**Pictured:** A record Music at Meyer crowd enjoying the April 6 Music at Meyer concert.



### Mental Health Fair April 30 at Robertsdale's Honeybee Park

The Baldwin County chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Health will host the Mental Health Fair & NAMI Walks Your Way on Saturday, April 30 from 9 a.m. 'til noon at HoneyBee Park on Hwy. 59 in Robertsdale. Cody Green will provide music. More info: 251-279-0573 for further information.

Exhibitors invited include: Alabama Free Clinic; AltaPointe & The Stepping Up Initiative; Alzheimer's Association of Alabama; Association for Suicide Prevention Autism Alabama Boys & Girls Club; Crisis Intervention Foley Police Department & Baldwin County Sheriff's Office; Kairos Outside; Peer Helpers - Jennifer Moore Foundation; United Way; Wings Across Alabama.

Activities: Art for Children; Corn Hole (bring your own equipment); Exercise for Women & Youth; The Bar Fitness.

### Author Lou Vickery will speak at Foley Library on April 27

Local author Lou Vickery will give a presentation at the Foley Public Library's monthly Coffee & Donuts With an Author on April 27 at 10 a.m. Free coffee and donuts will be served, and reservations are required.

Vickery has been a professional baseball player, worked in training and development, spent 15 years hosting a radio show and now hosts a television show on BLU TV. He is also the author of 12 books and even had a theatre production.

Some of Vickery's books include A Touch of Gray, The Rise of the Poarch Band of Creek Indians, Reach Beyond, Motivators for Salespeople and Winner's Edge.

RSVP online at foleylibrary.org or call 251-943-1031 for a reservation. You can also check the website, Facebook, Instagram and Twitter for more library events and programs. The library is located at 319 E Laurel Ave.



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### O.B. Lions Club Rubber Duck Race is April 23

The Orange Beach Lions Club's 2022 Rubber Duck Race fundraiser will be held from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. on Saturday, April 23 at The Oasis Resort lazy river at The Wharf. Six raffle tickets - aka a 6 quack - are \$25 or get one ticket for \$5. The winning duck (and ticket) receives a \$500 grand prize. All of the proceeds go toward college scholarships and community service in Orange Beach. For raffle tickets and/or sponsorship information, contact Iris Ethridge at 251-978-9700. See less

For over 33 years, the Orange Beach Lions Club has carried out the Lions motto, "We Serve," by contributing to vision and diabetes screenings, individuals who need eye exams and glasses, student educational scholarships, student leadership workshops, Camp Rap-A-Hope, the Backpack Program, Christian Service Center and Coastal Cleanup.

### Music & A Movie nights continue April 22 & 29

Music and a Movie and Heritage Park Marketplace return to Heritage Park for seven Fridays in April, May and June, beginning April 8 with the movie Frozen II and music from The Tangents. Admission is free. The popular Foley event kicks off at 4 p.m. with Heritage Park Marketplace, which will showcase a variety of arts and crafts as well as plants, vegetables, fruits, and gift items. The marketplace will operate from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., with live entertainment beginning at 6 p.m., followed by a movie at dusk. Those who come for the music and a movie are asked to bring a chair or a blanket for seating. Call 251-943-1300 or visit visitfoley.org for more info. Other dates for the event are April 22, April 29, May 20, May 27, June 3 and June 10.

### Good Life Bicycle Ride May 7 at Gulf State Park

The 13th Alabama Coastal Foundation Good Life Bicycle Ride will take place on Saturday, May 7 at The Lodge @ Gulf State Park in Gulf Shores. Always held on the Saturday of Mother's Day weekend, the routes are either nine miles or 19 miles through mostly back roads in scenic coastal Alabama. This is not a race, but instead a way to raise awareness for bicycle safety. For more info, visit joinACF.org.

### GlenLakes junior golf program registration open until May 31

One of the top junior golf programs in the country, the GlenLakes Summer Junior Golf League, is accepting players until May 31 or until 40 juniors register. The fee is \$110 per player and includes five instructional clinics and five matches. Geared for both boys and girls, the clinic is open to ages 8-17 and beginners are allowed to compete in low pressure competitions. Top point winners from league play will be recognized.

Practice begins at 3 p.m. on June 3. Other practice days are June 17, June 24, July 8 and July 15. Matches start at 9:15 a.m. on June 4, June 18, June 25, July 9 and July 16.

For more info, call 251-955-1220, ext. 4 or email musialgolf@yahoo.com. GlenLakes is located in Foley.

### 12th Bald Eagle Bash April 30 on Weeks Bay

Tickets for the 12th annual Bald Eagle Bash, scheduled on Saturday, April 30 from 4-7 p.m. at Tonsmeire Weeks Bay Resource Center on Weeks Bay, are now on sale. The \$65 per person tickets will not be sold at the gate.

To purchase, visit interland3.donorperfect.net or send a check to SALT, 11401 US Highway 98, Fairhope, AL 36532. Local restaurants will present a wide variety of shrimp dishes, Fairhope and Braided River breweries will dispense craft beer, and Ross Newell of The Mulligan Brothers, will perform first, followed by Paw Paw's Medicine Cabinet. For more info, call 251-990-5004.

### Al. driver's license offices are closed until April 26

Alabama driver license bureaus will be closed until April 26 while technicians upgrade a computer system (LEADS) that has been in place for 20 years. Data as far back as 1970 will be converted into LEADS. ALEA examiners will continue to administer Class D and CDL road skills tests, according to a press release.

"I am proud of ALEA's dedication to complete this crucial and extensive task to positively impact all citizens," Gov. Kay Ivey said.

The new system will allow residents to file all necessary information, reducing wait times at offices and update addresses, pay and reinstate licenses online. More info: alea.gov.

### Foley historic walking tours April 23 & 30

The City of Foley will host historic walking tours beginning at 10 a.m. on April 23 & 30 beginning in front of the Welcome Center, located at 104 N. McKenzie St. in the heart of downtown. The tour lasts about one hour, and covers five city blocks. Tours are led by area residents. Tour highlights the 1909 Railroad Depot building, the Magnolia Hotel, Holmes Hospital and the Foley Hotel.

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## AROUND TOWN

### G.S. city planner to speak at April 21 LLPS meeting

By Karen Pera

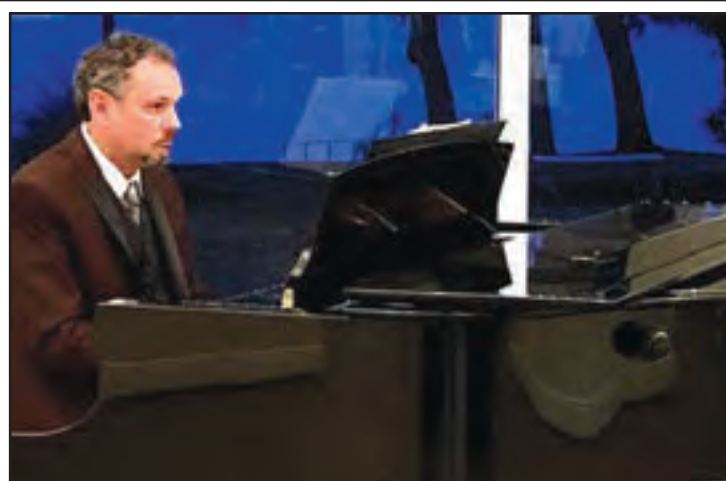
Little Lagoon Preservation Society (LLPS) will host our next member meeting on April 21 at 5:30 p.m. at the Gulf Shores Activity Center. Andy Bauer, planning director for the City of Gulf Shores, will talk about wetland and shoreline related ordinances, storm water management related to growth and progressive new ordinances such as the new tree ordinance and red clay ordinance. The first half hour is for snacks and social mingling before the program kicks off at 6 p.m.

There has been considerable public interest in the Baldwin County Sewer Service (BCSS) on Fort Morgan Road and their application to increase their output of sewage at the plant. Our member meeting will include a brief overview, update, and discussion on the status of this issue. LLPS was instrumental in bringing this about and would like all those concerned about this issue to attend the public hearing on May 19.

### May 19 meeting addresses Ft. Morgan sewage treatment permit

The Alabama Department of Environmental Management will hold a May 19 public hearing on a request from the Baldwin County Sewer System for a permit to increase the amount of treated domestic sanitary effluent it is allowed to discharge into Little Lagoon from its wastewater treatment facility from its Fort Morgan treatment plant (6763 AL Highway 180). The meeting will be held from from 4:30 - 6 p.m. at the Gulf Shores Activity Center (260 Clubhouse Dr.).

ADEM representatives will be available prior to the public hearing to answer questions and provide details regarding the Baldwin County Sewer Services' proposed permit modification.



### Grand Event fundraiser April 28 at Coastal Arts Center in O.B.

Friends of the Arts will host The Grand Event - Garden Party on Thursday, April 28, 2022 at the Coastal Arts Center of Orange Beach from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. A fundraiser for local arts programs and college scholarships, the party starts with a grand piano welcome with **(pictured)** pianist Greg Engell, followed by garden party games, live music by Emily Stuckey and Gabriel Willis, delicious food from Cosmos Catering, and a silent auction.

Tickets are \$75 and can be purchased through eventbrite.com. Tickets also available (cash or check) at Coastal Art Center of Orange Beach. Dress is garden party attire. The event will be outdoors unless the weather moves it inside to the gallery. For more information, visit friendsoftheartsinc.org.

### Gulf Shores announces May bike month events

The City of Gulf Shores will celebrate May's National Bike Month during the month of May with the following events: National Ride a Bike Day on May 1, Bike to School Day on May 4, Bike to Work Day on May 20, and Bike to Work Week on May 16-22.

Gulf Shores Police will be assisting with the May 4 ride to school event. Children can meet to depart for school at Kids Park Playground area located in Johnnie Sims Park at 7:15 a.m., and Meyer Park at 7:30 a.m. There will be a return ride held after school. Participants should wear a helmet.

"With Gulf Shores being named a Bronze-Level Bicycle Friendly Community by the League of American Bicyclists in 2018, these events are essential to maintaining that status within our community," City Planner Andy Bauer said. "This is an opportunity for us to further invest in our residents, both adults, and children, by promoting a healthy lifestyle as we encourage a more active bicycling community."

More info: [gulfshoresal.gov/bikeevents](http://gulfshoresal.gov/bikeevents) or 251-968-1151.

National Bike Month, established in 1956, is sponsored by the League of American Bicyclists. It presents a chance to showcase all of the benefits of bicycling and encourage the public to participate.

### Gulf State Park Pier guided tours on Fridays

Join naturalists from Gulf State Park as they for an exclusive guided tour of the park's landmark fishing pier every Friday through May from 9-10 a.m. Learn about the history of the pier and the park for the minimal cost of \$3 per vehicle to park at the pier for two hours and a \$2 sightseeing fee per person to walk on the pier. If you're an overnight guest at the Park, sightseeing is free. Meet at the picnic tables across from the tackle shop on the pier for the weather dependent tours. Gulf State Park Pier is located at 20800 E Beach Blvd. in Gulf Shores.



### 1.5 Mile Rainbow Run returns to Downtown OWA April 30

The most colorful race in Baldwin County, Rainbow Run, returns to OWA on Saturday, April 30. This 1.5-mile run guarantees fun as rainbow-colored powder fills the air and covers the participants as they jog, walk, skip or sprint through the streets of Downtown OWA.

The excitement begins at 7:30 a.m. with event check-in and a photo booth available on OWA Island. Runners will take off into clouds of bright colors starting at 9 a.m. and make their way throughout OWA where they will encounter more rainbow color stations. An after party will be waiting back on OWA Island as runners cross the finish line.

While the powders are nontoxic, many guests accessorize with a bandana and sunglasses to shield their eyes and airways. Guests must be ages 3 and up to participate and no pets will be allowed through the color stations. Pre-registration includes a complimentary Rainbow Run t-shirt that's ready to be covered in all the flying colors, or you can wear your own get-up to the race. Complimentary t-shirts for day-of registration will be subject to availability. Pre-registered participants have the option to sign their waivers and pick up their packets and swag in the week leading up to the run at 101-G OWA Blvd. For more info, go to [VisitOWA.com](http://VisitOWA.com).

### Perdido Key area homes increase in value by 54% in one year

Escambia County's 32507 Zip code containing the Perdido area and Warrington had a 54.6% increase in home real estate sales value between 2020 and 2021, topping the generally booming Pensacola area market, according to a Pensacola News Journal by Emma Kennedy. Total sales in the 32507 Zip code increased from 846 to 1,166. Last year, there was more than \$466 million worth of property sold in that area, an almost \$165 million increase from 2020.

"What we found was the last quarter of 2020 was when the prices started jumping then it was on fire all the way through 2021," said Gary Michaels, a Realtor with Levin Rinke Realty.



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## AROUND TOWN

### Registration open for SBLC summer reading camp

Registration for the South Baldwin Literacy Council's Around the World in 40 Books youth summer reading program is now open. Participants will visit seven continents, 14 countries, have really cool t-shirts, taste food from all of the great countries, tutor, earn reading log prizes and have hands-on activities for eight weeks. This year's camp has a non-refundable registration fee of \$50 as the camp is unlike any camp SBLC has sponsored in the past. Kids will take home eight of the books to keep and the camp will end with a family cookout. Camp will begin on June 6 and end on July 27 on Mondays and Wednesdays from 8:45 a.m. til 12:15 p.m.

SBLC was established in 1985 as a volunteer based, non-profit serving residents in South Baldwin County through a wide array of educational services for learners of all ages, languages and educational levels. Supported through the generosity of donations and grants, it is able to provide services free-of-charge. Those classes include GED tutoring, ESL classes and a variety of youth educational services. It's annual Trivia Night is its major fundraiser.

It is located at 21441 Hwy. 98 in Foley. Call 251-943-7323, email southbaldwinliteracycouncil@gmail.com or visit southbaldwinliteracycouncil.com.

### Perdido Key Music Fest May 6-8 at Play Del Rio RV Park

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.

#### Friday, May 6

- 1 - Royal Horses
- 2:45 - Steve Oliver & Nikki Nelson, Bobby Keel, Kyle Coulahan
- 4:30 - JoJo Pres
- 6:30 - Saucy Fuzz
- 8:30 - Rhonda Hart Band

#### Saturday, May 7

- 1 - Katz N the Shag Wagon
- 2:45 - Dark Waters Project
- 4:30 - Jenna McClellan Band
- 6:30 - Chris Beverley Experience
- 8:30 - Red & the Revelers

#### Sunday, May 8

- 1 - SOB Smokey Otis Band
- 3 - Funky Lampshades
- 4:45 - Tyler Livingston & the Absolutes
- 6:45 - Christina Christian Band

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.

"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."



### Local men bicycling to Key West to raise prostate cancer funds, awareness

By Fran Thompson

The starting point and the charity they are riding in support of are the same, but the Mull brothers (Andy and Chris) are traveling in the opposite direction 19 months after bicycling from Perdido Key to Cleveland to raise funds for prostate cancer awareness. And they have recruited friends Dustin Littledale, Kevin Castillo, Jonohon Berry and Ken Newman to join them on their latest adventure. Plus, Joe DeMartino has stepped up to assist Ken Krempin on the all-important support crew.

The Mulls' 2020 bike ride from the Gulf of Mexico to Lake Erie raised over \$22,000 for the local Simon Says non-profit. The goal is to raise \$25,000 this year. To donate, go to simonsays-bike.org, Venmo@SimonSaysBike or send check to Simon Says, 13422 Valerie Dr., Pensacola, FL 32507. You can follow the bicyclists' progress on facebook and instagram.

Pastor Mike Ellingsen of the Flora-Bama Central Church held a Blessing of the Wheels for the riders and their supporters at the state line on April 16. The men are traveling east along the Florida Panhandle before turning south on A1A to US Mile Marker 0 in Key West with a goal of arriving on April 30.

"This will be different. It is not as long, and there are bridges, but no mountains," Chris Mull said. "The biggest difference is we will be staying in relative luxury at hotels with swimming pools and jacuzzis rather than living out of a camper and staying at campgrounds."

The riders hope that they have similar luck with the weather, as the Mulls experienced only three days of rain during the 2020 trip.

They timed that journey to coincide with their grandmother's 100th birthday party near Cleveland. This year they expect around 50 of their Perdido Key friends to be there waiting to party with them when they arrive in Key West after 14 days on the road.

A former school (sixth grade math) teacher at Jim Bailey School, Andy Mull also logged 20 years and as a Navy air traffic controller.

Chris left a solid job in manufacturing in Ohio to move to the Perdido Key in 2014, after visiting his brother here numerous times. He and his wife Tracy opened the Purple Parrot Tiki Bar & Grill, a business they recently sold.

The Mull brothers have always been close as their four year age difference would allow. Chris, the elder, played basketball at Western Reserve High School in their hometown of Berlin Center, Ohio. Andy played football for the Roughriders.

As the elder brother, Chris was able to dominate most competitions when they were younger. The relationship, of course, matured, when Andy caught up in size.

"Now the abuse is just mental," Andy joked before their first trip.

"I usually beat him in everything" is how Chris remembers it.

Simon Says is a local charity that promotes awareness and early testing for prostate cancer and it is a natural choice for a benefactor.

Chris said he almost died because of his own lack of awareness of the disease.

He was diagnosed with prostate cancer in 2018 during his routine 50 year old checkup. He said if he had waited much longer, he would have been in deep trouble, which is tragic since it is as easy as drawing blood to get checked for signs of prostate cancer.

"If I waited, things could be a lot different for me today. I went in for a PSA test and it was 6.5 or something like that. We took it a step further and my doctor could see that there was something going on," Chris said.

Chris chose an operation over radiation and that was the right choice as his cancer was accelerating when he went under the knife.

"Afterwards, the doctor said the cancer was a lot worse than he thought and it was a good thing I had the surgery," Chris said. "It pretty much saved my life. I am glad I did my 50 year old checkup. I feel firmly about guys getting checked. All it is a blood test for PSA's."

The men followed the Underground Railroad Trail that extends from Mobile to Canada on their cross country trip. That route is very historical and mostly off-road. They went 13 days without seeing anybody else biking cross country. But they know this is a much more dangerous ride. The challenge will be staying safe while on busy A1A and Hwy. 98 for much of the trip.

Still, they are optimistic and having too much fun not to consider a third fundraising bike trip.

"Oh yeah. We are already thinking about it," Chris said.



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# Fish will fly April 22-24 during Flora-Bama's 37th Mullet Toss

By Fran Thompson

Flora-Bama's April 22-24 Mullet Toss weekend, which has rightfully been billed as the Gulf Coast's Greatest Beach Party, returns to the beautiful quartz crystal beach behind that famed roadhouse for the 37th time beginning with the kids' toss at 10 a.m. each day. Adult tossers start at noon, with the finals set for 4 p.m. each day.

The \$15 per toss fee includes a t-shirt (Proceeds go to local charities).

Cover charge to Flora-Bama begins at 9 a.m. each day from Friday through Sunday. Entry is \$10 per day for 21 and up and \$15 for 13-20 year olds, with 12 & under admitted free.

The party is open to all ages until 6 p.m., at which point the event is for those 21 and up. Membership cards are good for entry during Mullet Toss. Cards are available online or at the door for \$45 and are good for the entire event and the rest of the year. It is cash only for bar sales on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, with plenty of ATM's available.

Tens of thousands of folks from throughout the nation & all walks of life will descend upon the Lounge On The Line for the three day frenzy of food, fun and frivolity. And the event has grown into one of the busiest weekends on the Alabama-Florida Gulf Coast and raises well over \$25,000 for local schools and charities every year.

The attraction is not necessarily watching folks throwing a mullet, a mystical fish possessing a gizzard, out of a 10-foot circle, from Perdido Key, Florida to-

wards Orange Beach, Alabama.

The attraction is the party itself, which is part frat reunion, part excuse to take a road trip to what some (including Playboy magazine) say is the best beach bar in the world.

But it is a legitimate competition. Overall winners earn bragging rights, trophies, and gift certificates to local es-

tablishments. And trophies are awarded 3-deep in 19 total age categories, male & female, for each day of toss.

Other Mullet Toss events include a Mr. Mullet Hot Body Contest at 1 p.m. on Friday and Saturday in the inside tent, and the Miss Mullet Toss bikini contest at 3 p.m. on

Friday & Saturday.

Music will be continuous on three stages throughout the weekend (see pages 28-29) and include the Big Earl Show on Friday and Saturday at 5:30 p.m..

The four eateries on the Flora-Bama campus - the Flora-Bama Yacht Club, Flora-Bama Ole River Grill and the original Flora-Bama Lounge and Oyster Bar - will feature tacos, shrimp, oysters, bama burgers and crawfish.

There is no charge for parking and lots will be manned by local non-profits. But parking is severely limited. Take a taxi, a shuttle or call Uber or Lyft.

Although actually tossing a mullet is an afterthought to most attendees, the competition does attract serious competition, and there are strict rules for tossers.

Contestants must select a mullet from the water bucket themselves. No gloves,

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no sand coating and no loading up a mullet with ballast before flinging is allowed.

All competitors must retrieve their own fish and return it to the water bucket. Stepping out of the circle before tossing or tossing the fish out of bounds are other no-nos. Tossers have only one chance to qualify for the finals each day.

Those who can manage a throw of more than 100 ft. have a good chance of placing.

Tossing techniques are as varied as the contestants themselves. For most, the best strategy is to fold the fish and pretend like you are trying to gun down a runner at the plate from center field.

Longtime competitor Wes Durham said at a past Toss that he likes to give his fish a pre-flight sip of beer. “Food for flight,” he called it.

Many Mullet Toss patrons will make condo and hotel reservations for 2023 while in town this year.

“They could come here on July 4th or Memorial Day or Labor Day. But they decide that something we created was going to be their weekend to have a party, and they come back every year,” said Flora-Bama co-owner Pat McClellan. “It’s a tradition for a lot of people, and they respect that tradition and respect each other.”

“We have less problems with crowds at the Mullet Toss than during the major holiday weekends,” he added.

The Interstate Mullet Toss has been written up in the Wall Street Journal, The Washington Post and the New York Times. It’s been covered by all three network morning shows.

It was also featured in Sports Illustrated, but McClellan’s attempt to get the record toss listed in the Guinness Book of World Records was rejected.

For more info, visit [florabama.com](http://florabama.com) or facebook.



Flora-Bama owners (l to r) Joe Gilchrist, Cam Price, John McGinnis and Pat McClellan.



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### WED, APRIL 20

- 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).
- Lee Yankie: 6; Pleasure Island Tiki Bar; Orange Beach.
- Open Mic: 6; Gulf Shores American Legion Post #44.
- Adam Tyler Brown: 6; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.
- Tyler Ward: 5; Carvers Steakhouse, Orange Beach.
- Tim Richardson: 5; American Legin Post 99, Foley.
- Cowboy Blues Band: 5; The Angry Crab, Orange Beach.
- Adam Holt: 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's; Gulf Shores.
- Tyler Ward: 5; Woodside Restaurant at Gulf State Park; Gulf Shores.
- John Brust: 6; Ms. Nancy's Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach.
- Open Jam: 7:30; Good Time Charlie's; Foley.
- Open Mic: 6; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- Mason Henderson's Saucy Fuzz: 9; The Undertown; 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.

### THU, APRIL 21

- Meyer Park Concert w. The Stews: 6; free; back-up location is Big Beach Brewery; Gulf Shores.
- 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.
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- Karaoke: 6; Tacky Jacks; Gulf Shores.
- Rock Bottom Trio: 6; Pleasure Island

### Orange Beach's Expect Excellence presents "How To Eat Like A Child"

The City of Orange Beach Expect Excellence Community Theatre will present "How to Eat Like a Child" in the Black Box Theatre of the Orange Beach Performing Arts Center on May 13 - 14 at 7 p.m. and May 15 at 2 p.m. Tickets are general admission - \$15 for adults and \$10 for children.

This musical romp through the joys and sorrows of being a child is hilarious. Children give twenty-three lessons in such subjects as how to beg for a dog, how to torture your sister, how to act after being sent to your room, and how to laugh hysterically. The pace is fast, the tone subversive, and the recognition instant.

### Baldwin fire departments unite for county wide beach safety campaign

Gulf Shores and Orange Beach Tourism (GSOBT), Gulf Shores Fire Department, Orange Beach Fire Department, Fort Morgan Volunteer Fire Department, Baldwin County Emergency Management Agency, Baldwin County Commission and Baldwin County 9-1-1 have united behind a county-wide beach safety campaign, coined BEach SAFE: Know Before You Go.

Championed by both the Gulf Shores and Orange Beach fire chiefs, BEach SAFE aims to create awareness among locals and guests on topics including beach conditions, warning flag systems, rip current awareness, safe swimming practices and more. Recognizing that not all beach areas on Alabama's Gulf Coast have lifeguards, beach flags and patrols, BEach SAFE is designed to help individuals to stay informed and understand potential dangers. Core message points for the campaign include checking surf conditions daily, knowing your limitations, learning how to escape a rip current and swimming near lifeguards.

"We've continued to work on our messaging related to beach safety," said Orange Beach Fire Chief Mike Kimmerling. "But we are so blessed to have the support of all of these involved parties (across the county)."

"We've got to look at all things that are a threat to all of us," said Gulf Shores Fire Chief Mark Sealy. "Creating awareness about this program can save lives each and every day."

### In connection w. neighbors, David's Gallery hosts 420 Parking Lot Party

For the 8th year in a row, your favorite counter culture shop, David's Gallery, is hosting their huge 420 Parking Lot Party! Co-hosted by Swiger Studios, Peace, Love & Tacos, OB Vapors, The Square, The CBD Pharmed, A Sweet Secret Bakery & Cafe, & Pleasure Island Nightlife, the grand gathering will feature local art, live music, hot food, and a raffle full of prizes. Funky Lampshades, Saucy Fuzz, & Crab Riot will play and there will be a big 4:20 countdown. All hosts are developing special offers and discounts. Bring a folding chair, and come hangout with some of the most talented artists in the area.

### Volunteers are needed for the May 12-14 Hot Air Balloon Fest at OWA

The South Baldwin Chamber of Commerce is asking for volunteers for various positions at the May 12-14 Gulf Coast Hot Air Balloon Festival at OWA. Positions include beer tent, swag tent, VIP tent, tethered rides, entertainment tent and photographers. All volunteers receive a festival shirt. For info, visit [gulfoastballoonfestival.com/volunteer](http://gulfoastballoonfestival.com/volunteer).



### Tickets on sale for May 4-8 NCAA Beach Volleyball Championship Draw increases to 16 schools; LSU is currently ranked sixth

Tickets are now on sale for the 2022 NCAA Beach Volleyball Championship set for May 4 and May 6-8 at the Gulf Place Public Beach in Gulf Shores. This year's championship will feature a new 16-team field playing in a knockout round on May 4, with the winners advancing to the eight team double elimination tourney May 6-8.

**Ticket Prices:** First Round (May 4): \$25; General Admission All-Session (May 6-8): \$55; General Admission Courtside Seating All-Session (May 6-8): \$85; NCAA Fan Experience All-Session (May 6-8): \$250. Purchase tickets at <https://bit.ly/NCAABVB22>.

All-session group tickets are also available. Single-day tickets will go on sale April 9. All duals taking place May 4-8 will be aired live on the ESPN family of networks.

LSU is ranked no. six in the AVCA current poll, despite having only two players returning from the 2021 team that finished fourth in the country. The Tigers lost to UCLA and Florida Atlantic and beat Grand Canyon, South Carolina and Georgia State during a round-robin tourney in Gulf Shores last month.

Other Southern schools ranked in the current AVCA poll's top 16 include 2nd ranked TCU and fourth ranked Florida State. Florida Atlantic is ranked 10th and Georgia State 11th. Stetson at no. 19 and Florida Gulf Coast at no. 20 are other Southern schools that could play their way into the 16 team tourney draw behind defending champion USC and top ranked UCLA. The tourney selection criteria will include conference automatic-qualifications, and at-large teams.

After a one year COVID-19 induced hiatus, the championship returned to Gulf Shores last May, with Southern Cal powering their way past UCLA in the final. Those two California schools combined to win the first four beach volleyball championships conducted as an NCAA fully sanctioned sport. All of the tourneys were held in Gulf Shores. Florida State was the runner-up in two of the four NCAA sanctioned championships.

Gulf Shores will also host the tourney in 2023 and 2024. It then moves to Huntington Beach in California for two years. Gulf Shores will surely put in a bid to host the tourney for as long as possible beginning in 2027.

California has made girls' beach volleyball a sanctioned high school sport, following in the footsteps of Arizona, the first state to do so.

Seven NCAA Division I conferences sponsor beach volleyball: Atlantic Sun (7 members), Big West (7 members), Coastal Collegiate Sports Assn. (12 members), Ohio Valley (6 members), Pac-12 (9 members), Southland (9 members), and West Coast (7 members). The minimum number of participating teams for a conference to qualify for an automatic bid to any NCAA championship tournaments is six.



**TREASURES OF THE ISLE DONATE \$7.5K TO HELP LOCAL VETS:** The Treasures of the Isle Mardi Gras Krewe was happy to present a check for \$7,500 to David Skipper for the Tacky Jacks Veterans Fund. Funds were raised at the recent Orange Beach Seafood Festival and from gifts to the TOI King and Queen chosen charity. This is the third year that the Treasures of the Isle has contributed to this fund in which Tacky Jacks matches donations and changes lives by giving giving Action Track Chairs and Beach Wheelchairs to local Veterans. **Pictured:** Front row: Susan Sizemore, Carol Burton, David Skipper, Mel McFatter, Judy Dyer, Jeane Rayburn, Bayne Bridges; Back row: Beverly Ogden, Rusti Price, Ken Kichler, Greg Walck, David Evans.

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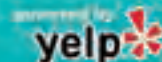
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- Tiki Bar; Orange Beach.
- Brittany Grimes: 5; Carvers Steakhouse, Orange Beach.
- Pensacola Lazz Collective: 5; The Angry Crab, Orange Beach.
- Light Travelers: 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's; Gulf Shores.
- William Gibson: 5; The Perch, Gulf State Park Lodge, Gulf Shores.
- Chase Brown: 5; Woodside Restaurant at Gulf State Park; Gulf Shores.
- John Brust: 6; Ms. Nancy's Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach.
- Favorites Band: 7; Al. Gulf Coast Music Hall; Foley.
- Karaoke w. Howard: 7; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.
- Tim Roberts: 6; The Tin Top Restaurant, Bon Secour.
- Karaoke: 9; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- T-Birds & Fat Cats: 6; Hub Stacy's; Innerarity Point.
- Kid Friendly Bingo: 6-8 p.m.; drinks & snacks available to purchase; Bear Point Civic Assn; Orange Beach.
- Bar Trivia Night: 5; Bar 45 Lounge at ONE CLUB, Gulf Shores.
- Karaoke w. Kelly: 8; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- Bridge: 11:30 a.m.; Orange Beach Senior Center, 251-981-3440.
- 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, APRIL 22

- Music, marketplace & a Movie: 4-7 p.m.; free;

- Heritage Park; Foley.
- 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; (new members welcome).
- Night Star, 7; Gulf Shores American Legion Post #44.
- The Royal Horses: 6; Big Beach Brewing Company; Gulf Shores.
- Hollywood Vagabonds: 9; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- Destiny Brown: 5; Tacky Jacks; Gulf Shores.
- Delta Donnie: 6; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.
- Jessie Howell: 5; Carvers Steakhouse, Orange Beach.
- Savage: 5; The Angry Crab, Orange Beach.
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### Tickets available for Eli Young at Hangout on April 21

VIP (\$95) and general admission tickets are still available for the Eli Young Band concert at The Hangout, located at Gulf Shores Public Beach, on April 21. The concert starts at 7 p.m., and Jordan Rowe will open.

Produced by dam's Entertainment, the concert will feature a band that has claimed Billboard Country Song of the Year and ACM Awards Song of the Year accolades, as well as multiple-GRAMMY, CMA, CMT and ACA and award nominations. Tickets are available at SoundWavesMusicSeries.com. The band has sold out venues and shared stages with Kenny Chesney, Rascal Flatts, Tim McGraw, Jason Aldean, Toby Keith, Chris Young, Darius Rucker and Dave Matthews. The musical band of brothers - Mike Eli, James Young, Jon Jones and Chris Thompson - play their own instruments, write their own songs and cling fast to their Texas roots since forming in 2000 at the University of North Texas.

### NAS commanding officer speaks at Hub Stacy's on May 6

The Perdido Key Chamber of Commerce will kick off Military Appreciation Month at its May 6th Breakfast Brief with NAS Pensacola Commanding Officer Capt. Terrence Shashaty on May 6 at Hub Stacy's at The Point restaurant, located at 5851 Galvez Rd.

Networking coffee will start at 7:30 a.m. and the program will begin at 8 a.m. Coffee, tea, and assorted pastries will be provided for attendees while supplies last. The event is free for pre-registered Perdido Key Area Chamber of Commerce members. Guests and non-registered chamber members can pay \$5.00 at the door. For more information or to register go to: PerdidoChamber.com or call 850.492.4660.

Designated a naval aviator in October 2000, Captain Shashaty completed four operational carrier deployments flying the venerable EA-6B Prowler. His accomplishments include recognition as Naval Air Force LSO of the Year in 2009 and the 2017 Battle Efficiency and Arleigh Burke Award. He has accumulated over 2,500 total hours (1,800 EA-6B hours, 400 FA-18E/F/G hours) and over 400 combat hours and has totaled over 500 arrested landings on seven different aircraft carriers. He has received multiple individual and campaign awards including the Defense Meritorious Service.

### Effective compassion workshop April 25 at Summit Church

Summit Church in Foley, along with area nonprofits and local churches in Foley are partnering with the True Charity Initiative to host a Foundations Workshop on effective compassion on Monday, April 25 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Summit Church, located at 21431 County Road 12 South in Foley. Cost is \$20 per person, which covers lunch, materials and a workbook for each participant. For more information or to register for the event, visit truecharity.us/baldwin.

### Ancient Aviators meet May 3 in Gulf Shores

Battleship Memorial Park past director Bill Tunnell, and current director Janet Cobb will speak at the May 3 Ancient Aviators gathering at American Legion Post 44 in Gulf Shores. The history of the aircraft acquisitions at the park will be detailed, along with info about various restoration, hurricane recovery and maintenance projects. The meeting starts at 8:30 a.m. and always includes aviation themed guest speakers "telling their stories."

A full breakfast is available for \$6, and visitors are always welcome. The group meets the first Tuesday of each month. Info: bensonman84@aol.com or 251-990-8258.

### Pensacola Pass dredging replenishing Perdido Key

While the Pensacola Inlet Management Plan waits final adoption by Florida's Dept. of Environmental Quality, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is currently dredging the Pensacola Pass entrance channel and depositing the pumped sand onto the Perdido Key Area of Gulf Islands National Seashore (Johnson Beach).

The operation expected to continue until May 1. Because of the east to west migration of sand along the northwest Florida coast, the dredged sand should help both eroded National Seashore beaches and beaches on the rest of Perdido Key, the eastern portion of which has been critically eroded since 2004's Hurricane Ivan.

In the past, sand from the dredging process was dumped in the deep water instead of strategically placed where it would be carried to beaches west of Pensacola Pass.

Perdido Key beaches are privately owned to the water line. If the beaches are widened through a replenishment project, the state would own the extra width created by the project, and that concerns many beachfront property owners.

- Adam Tyler Brown: 5; Woodside Restaurant at Gulf State Park; Gulf Shores.
- Favorites Band: 7; Al. Gulf Coast Music Hall; Foley.
- Open Mic: 7; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.
- Chase Brown: 5; The Perch, Gulf State Park Lodge, Gulf Shores.
- Darrell Roberts: 7; Stephi Cocktails / Cuisine; Orange Beach.
- John Brust: 6; Ms. Nancy's Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach.
- Crosstown: 7; Hub Stacy's; Innerarity Point.
- Karaoke w. Kelly Ann: 6; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- Karaoke: 8; Snapper's; Orange Beach.
- Open Mixed Doubles Tennis: 7:15 a.m.; all levels welcome; Gulf Shores Tennis Center; corner of West 19th Ave. and West 2nd St.
- AA: Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
- 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, APRIL 23

- Historic Downtown Foley Walking Tour: 10 a.m.; free; meet at Foley Welcome Center.
- The Enchanted Bookshop: 7:30; South Baldwin Community Theatre; Gulf Shores.
- St. Benedict Catholic School 49th Annual German Fest and Raven Run 5k: 7-5; Elberta.

- Karaoke at noon & AYCE Crawfish at 11; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- Southern Star: 6:30; American Legion Post 99, Foley.
- Something Huge: 9; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- Gringo Fife: 11; Tacky Jacks; Orange Beach.
- JJ Mack: 6; Tacky Jacks; Orange Beach.
- Davo on Piano: 5; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables: Schedule on Pages 28-29; Perdido Key.
- Stgrickly Rivers: 5; Tacky Jacks; Gulf Shores.
- Katie Williamson: 5; Carvers Steakhouse, Orange Beach.
- Southern Riptide: 5; The Angry Crab, Orange Beach.
- Charlie Wilson Trio: 6; Pleasure Island Tiki Bar; Orange Beach.
- City Rhythm Big Band Dance: 7-10 p.m.; Loxley Civic Center; BYOB beverages and snacks.
- Mac Walter: 5; Woodside Restaurant at Gulf State Park; Gulf Shores.
- Wiley Pete: 8; Stephi Cocktails-Cuisine; Orange Beach.
- Karaoke w. Bree & David: 7; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.
- Destiny Brown: 5; The Perch, Gulf State Park Lodge, Gulf Shores.
- John Brust: 6; Ms. Nancy's Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach.
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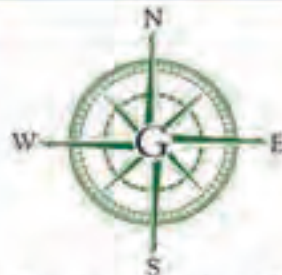


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# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## Sherman Williams part of May 5 Prayer Breakfast in Robertsdale

The 18th Annual Central Baldwin Prayer Breakfast with guest speaker Sherman Williams will be held May 5 at the Baldwin County Coliseum, located at 19477 Fairground Rd. in Robertsdale. Breakfast starts at 6:30 a.m. and the program follows at 7 a.m. Tickets are \$27 and tables for \$200 and sponsorships are available. For more info, call 251.947.2626 or email bbutler@centralbaldwin.com.

Williams' story is truly one of ups and downs. He won a state football championship in high school, a national title game in college and a Super Bowl in the pros before spending 14 years in prison.

A star football player at Blount in Mobile, Williams was part of the 1992 national championship team at Alabama, where he was All-SEC and second-team All-American before being drafted in the second round by the Dallas Cowboys, helping the team beat the Pittsburgh Steelers in Super Bowl XXX.

After spending nearly 10 years behind the offensive line, he spent 14 years in prison for conspiring to distribute 1,000 lbs. of marijuana and passing counterfeit currency.

"Today, I can honestly say that I am in a much better place in life than I was when I was that Alabama and NFL star. Thanks to the teaching of Christ, I do feel that my future is much brighter than my past," he said.

He is founder and president of the Palmer-Williams Group, which provides help with all aspects of life to disadvantaged youth, encouraging them to take a better path than he did.

In 2015, Williams published "Crimson Cowboy: The rise and fall of a three-time champion," a biography detailing his successes and failures. He spends much of his time doing book signings and public speaking events impacting people in positive ways.

## Vampire Sand Rugby Tourney May 14 on Flora-Bama Beach

After a two year break, the Vampire Sand Rugby Tourney returns to the Flora-Bama Beach on May 14, with up to eight teams, including the Pensacola Aviators and Battleship Mobile, set to begin round-robin matches beginning at 10 a.m. (Info: 251-721-3956).

Also a fundraiser for the Leukemia Society, the tourney will include a blood drive (thus, the name). Each team and most of the teams' followers will donate blood following their last game.

Dale Wood, with help from his twin brother, Dean, first organized the tourney to honor Alex Sharland, president of the Deep South Rugby Referees Assn. while he was going through treatments for leukemia in 2019.

The format will be based on Rugby 7's, which debuted as a medal sport at the 2016 Summer Olympics. Matches will consist of two seven minute halves, with five players from each team on the field and free substitution allowed.

"Give Blood. Play Rugby' is our slogan," Dale Wood said. "This is a social event. That is our mind set going in. We want everybody to come and give blood if they can, whether they are rugby players or not."

- Karaoke: 9; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
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- Texas Hold 'em: 7; The Office, Foley.
- Coastal Alabama Farmers and Fishermen Market: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.; 20733 Mifflin Rd. (County Rd. 20), Foley.
- AA: 10 a.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
- AA: 7 p.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

## SUN, APRIL 24

- Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables: Schedule on Pages 28-29; Perdido Key.
- Rodger & Elaine: 6; Gulf Shores American Legion Post #44.
- Charlie Wilson: 5; Woodside Restaurant at Gulf State Park; Gulf Shores.
- Alabama Lightning: 3; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- Spicey Danger & The Electric Animals.: 4; Big Beach Brewing Company; Gulf Shores.
- Tim Robinson: 4; Tacky Jacks; Gulf Shores.
- Brooks Johnson: 5; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.
- The Funky Lampshades: 6; Pleasure

- Island Tiki Bar; Orange Beach.
- Bends & Brews Yoga: 11 a.m.; in the courtyard; Big Beach Brewery; Gulf Shores.
- Erick Woods: 5; Carvers Steakhouse, Orange Beach.
- On The Rox: 5; The Angry Crab, Orange Beach.
- Josh Newcom: 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's; 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, APRIL 25

- 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).
- Mac Walter: 6; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.
- Charlie Rees: 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's; Gulf Shores.

- Austin Thompson: 5; Woodside Restaurant at Gulf State Park; Gulf Shores.
- Brent Burns: 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's; Gulf Shores.
- Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde: 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- Open Mic w/Davo: 7; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- Key Songwriter's Open Mic: 7; The Breakfast Club; Perdido Key
- Bingo: 6; American Legion Post 44, 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.
- Overeaters Anonymous: 6; Holy Spirit Episcopal Church; Gulf Shores, 616 Ft. Morgan Rd.; 251-709-5907.
- Celebrate Recovery: (Christ centered 12 step program); Monday evenings at 6 p.m.; Island Church in Orange Beach; 251-967-4840.
- Alcoholics Anonymous: noon; Perdido Bay UMC Activities Center; 13660 Innerarity Pt. Rd.; 850-492-3056 or 492-6362.
- Alcoholics Anonymous and Alanon: Holy Spirit Episcopal Church in Gulf Shores at noon; Alanon at Orange Beach Presbyterian Church in Orange Beach at 7 p.m.; 800-477-1104.
- Ladies AA: 10 a.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Activities Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

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Sponsored by Foley Art Center, Art in the Park is a competitive juried fine arts show for artists across the southeast and has grown to attract as many as 20,000 shoppers each year. Over 100 artists showcase their talents while providing unique, hand crafted cultural experiences and shopping opportunities.

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Youngsters can enjoy the free, hands-on children's area offering a variety of fun artistic activities and face painting. Another fest highlight is the children's art exhibit, as the works created by students from elementary to high school age is truly remarkable.

Since 1966, the Foley Art Center has served the Gulf Coast area with cultural enrichment programs in the local schools, grants to art teachers and art classes for children and adults. From the creation of fifteen local citizens, it has become a vital force in the cultural development of Baldwin County. The FAC sponsors outstanding performances and special events in the Foley area to eleven schools with over 5,000 students. Its continued growth and progress has only been realized through the steadfast support of caring businesses and individuals over the past forty years. For more info, visit [foleyartcenter.com](http://foleyartcenter.com) or call 251-943-4381.

- AA: Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
- Square Dancing: 6:30; Fairhope Christian Church, Fairhope.

### TUE, APRIL 26

- 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).
- Spicey Danvger: 6; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.
- Danny Grady: 3; Gulf Shores American Legion Post #44.
- Wes Loper: 6; Pleasure Island Tiki Bar; Orange Beach.
- Stephen Sylvester: 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's; Gulf Shores.
- Jesse Duncan: 5; Woodside Restaurant at Gulf State Park; Gulf Shores.
- Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde: 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.

- JW Karaoke: 6; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
- 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 Market: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.; 20733 Mifflin Rd. (County Rd. 20), Foley.
- GriefShare Support Group: 6; Point Church, 13801 Innerarity Point Rd, Pensacola; 601-278-6973.
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**ISLAND'S TOP YOUNG POETS:** Kaylen Bradberry, City of Orange Beach Children's Librarian and Deanne Fincher, City of Gulf Shores Children's Librarian, presented Orange Beach and Gulf Shores students their winning certificates and prize checks for the 17th Annual Poetry Contest. **Pictured Above:** Congratulations to OBES students Olive Miller, Sadie Bullock, Alexa Havrilla, Luiz Duarte, Delia Lemon, Journey Grace Anderson, Lily Galletta, Lacey Carswell, Sterling Platt, Henry Grissom, Charlie Jane DePaola, Camille Grace Wilson, Leah Webb, Bryn Jones and Kate Hampton. **Pictured Below:** (L to R) Winners from Gulf Shores Middle School included 7th and 8th grade winner- 2nd place Kirsten Kelley, Honorable Mentions- Zyrhah Marshall and Zoe Figueiredo. Orange Beach Middle School's Jake Phillips won 1st place & \$50 and classmate Maria Agundis won 3rd place for her poem.



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 • 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: 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, APRIL 27

- 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).
- Open Mic: 6; Tacky Jacks; Gulf Shores.
- Open Mic: 6; Gulf Shores American Legion Post #44.
- Artie Hopkins: 5; American Legin Post 99, Foley.
- Tim Robinson: 6; Pleasure Island Tiki Bar; Orange Beach.
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- Austin Thompson: 5; Woodside Restaurant at Gulf State Park; Gulf Shores.
- Wiley Pete: 5; The Angry Crab, Orange Beach.
- John Brust: 6; Ms. Nancy's Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach.
- Mason Henderson's Saucy Fuzz: 9; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
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- 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.
- BBRC Running Club: 5:30 p.m.; Big Beach Brewery in Gulf Shores.
- Karaoke & League Pool: 7:30; The Office, Foley.
- Open Jam: 7:30; Good Time Charlie's;

- Foley.
- Bingo: 10 a.m.; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- Open Mixed Doubles Tennis: 7:15 a.m.; all levels welcome; Gulf Shores Tennis Center.
- Food Bank: 9-11 a.m every Wednesday, Perdido Bay Baptist Church, 12600 Sorrento Rd. Pensacola; call for eligibility requirements at (850) 492-2604.
- Bread Ministry: 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.; Orange Beach United Methodist Church Brook's Center.
- 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.
- Gulf Shores Lions Club: noon; 2nd & 4th Wednesday; noon; Adult Activity Center; 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, APRIL 28

- Meyer Park Concert w. False Identity: 6; free; back-up location is Big Beach Brewery; Gulf Shores.
- 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.
- Karaoke: 6; Tacky Jacks; Gulf Shores.
- Kelly Poole: 5; Carvers Steakhouse, Orange Beach.
- Pensacola Jazz Collective: 5; The Angry Crab, Orange Beach.
- Rock Bottom Trio: 6; Pleasure Island



### Coastal Ballet students part of workshop with legend

Madame Rio Cordy, the artistic and executive director at Coastal Ballet Academy and many of her students participated in a young dancers workshop program with Suzanne Farrell, a professor in the dance department at Florida State University in Tallahassee, in advance of the company's performance of The Firebird May 20-21 at The Orange Beach Performing Arts Center at 23908 Canal Rd. (More info: coastalballet.com). By the time she retired after 28 years on stage, Ms. Farrell had achieved a career that is without precedent or parallel in the history of ballet. Her numerous performances with Balanchine's company (more than two thousand), her world tours, and her appearances in television and movies have made her one of the most recognizable and highly esteemed artists of her generation.

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A South Baldwin County institution for more than 30 years, Coastal Ballet Company's mission is to transform people's lives through the power of art. Led by Cordy, its staff strives to teach the art of ballet in a loving manner with a syllabus designed to enhance the physical, emotional, and mental development of each child. At the end of the dance season, the hope is that students will be richer in body, mind, and spirit and take with them a deeper love of dance, music, learning, and a heart full of joyful memories. For more info, call Madame Cordy at 251-979-9851 or email coastalballet@gmail.com.

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### PIER & SHORE FISHING OUTLOOK

By DAVID "THE PIERPOUNDER" THORNTON

Persistent winds through the past fortnight certainly confounded fishing efforts along the coast. Rough and dingy water conditions conspired to thwart a real 'breakout' spring bite. Surf and pier anglers struggled against the adverse conditions to catch primarily sheepshead, pompano and whiting.

That trend however, seems to be giving way to a more pleasant weather pattern through this period. A bit less wind and clearer water would be nice. The water temperature has been up and down a couple of degrees either side of 70. Once that sustains above 70, fishing

should generally improve with more typical catches of spanish mackerel, pompano and such.

Although the sheepshead bite is winding down, pompano and spanish mackerel should be picking up. Also, speckled trout should be showing up in the surf, especially west of Little Lagoon Pass. Dredging continues there, which may detrimentally affect the bite on 'work days'. But the pass really needs to be deepened periodically in order to help the Lagoon maintain a healthy water exchange overall.

On a positive note, the recent bout of rough surf has created some nice sandbar points and troughs. These are scattered all along the coast, and offer great feeding spots for fish in the surf-zone. Look for shallow sandbars within casting distance from the beach with deeper water nearby. Pompano, whiting and other fish like to patrol the drop off, looking for prey items like ghost shrimp, sandfleas and coquina that may be pushed off the bar by the rolling waves. This time of year they are often joined by post-spawn sheepshead seeking refuge and looking to replenish their strength before returning to the

bays for the summer. These are good locations to find flounder, speckled trout, redfish and drum too. As they all move into these beach "holes" seeking food and protection from sharks and dolphin.

The popular double drop "pompano rigs" come into their own this time of year. And they account for a large number of pompano taken by surf casters. These work best when tipped with an inch long piece of fresh shrimp and/or Fish-bites or Fishgum. The popular synthetic bait strips come in a variety of flavors and colors. It stays on the hook longer than just shrimp, and is formulated to dissolve slowly in seawater, leaving a scent trail back to your hooks. They are so effective, that at times no natural bait is needed. Another trick is to use a bit of Magic Thread (thin elastic) to wrap around soft baits like shrimp or ghost shrimp around your hook. This makes it harder to cast off, or a fish to tear off from the hook. Most of the local bait and tackle shops carry this and other specialized surf fishing items.

Use just enough weight to hold your bait in the current or cast out to reach the edge of the bar, then place the rod in the rod holder to wait for a bite. That is often a smashing strike. So set the drag light enough to allow a hard running fish to take some line. This help prevent the hook from tearing from the fish's mouth, line breaking, or sand spike from being pulled over. The last is a distinct possibility as a cownose ray, bull redfish, large black drum, or shark may be on the other end of your line.

Catches from the Gulf State Park Pier have been hard earned lately. And very few spanish mackerel have been landed there so far this year. Rough, dingy water is the most likely culprit, though the sandbar east of the pier has gotten much shallower and wider recently. Most of the sheepshead have been landed close to the pier house in a trough along the beach. Some pompano, a few nice flounder, and even a rather large speckled trout were caught there too. Most all with live shrimp on the bottom in dingy water. But once the water calms and gets clearer, the fish (and fishermen) will probably spread out a bit more, providing more opportunities for all. Especially when the spanish mackerel show up.

The west jetty and seawall at Perdido Pass usually see good numbers of spanish mackerel this time of year too. Except for the NEAP tide period (April 27-29), we will experience some strong incoming tides. This brings clearer, green Gulf water into the Pass. And the mackerel often move in with it. Spoons and diving plugs are popular, but the old standby white "Looney Jig" is hard to beat when the mackerel are running. Just be sure to use some heavy monofilament or light wire as leader protection from sharp mackerel teeth. And carry some needle-nose pliers for safer hook removal.

**Pictured:** One of the few surf fishing bright spots lately, local videographer Matthew Isbell (aka Bama Beach Bum) with his personal best 4.5 pound pompano. (Pic by Mathew Isbell). Flounder have been landed on the Gulf State Park Pier lately, including this one by local angler Drake Burgett. (Pic by Ellis Cattan).

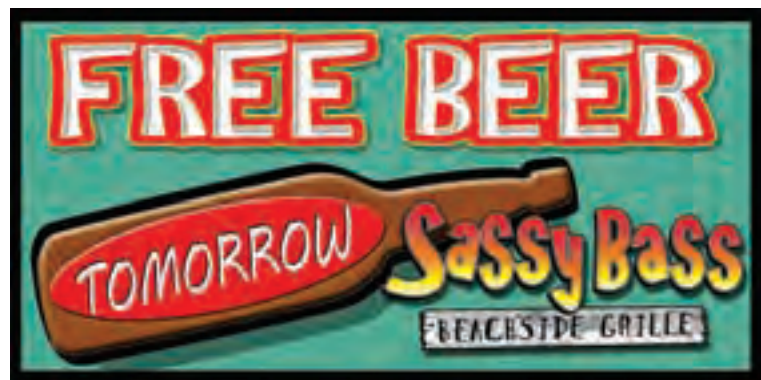
Tiki Bar; Orange Beach.

- Chase Brown: 5; Woodside Restaurant at Gulf State Park; Gulf Shores.
- 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.
- Jesse Duncan: 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's; Gulf Shores.
- Tim Roberts: 6; The Tin Top Restaurant, Bon Secour.
- John Brust: 6; Ms. Nancy's Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach.
- Karaoke w. Kelly: 8; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- Karaoke: 9; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- Brandon Giles: 6; Hub Stacy's; Innerarity Point.
- Favorites Band: 7; Al. Gulf Coast Music Hall; Foley.
- Bridge: 11:30 a.m.; Orange Beach Senior Center, 251-981-3440.
- Kid Friendly Bingo: 6-8 p.m.; drinks & snacks available to purchase; Bear Point Civic Assn; Orange Beach.
- Texas Hold 'em: 7; The Office, Foley.
- Baldwin Senior Softball Group: 10 a.m.; 50 and over; 10 a.m.; call 225/313-8516 for info & location.
- Marine Corps League of South Baldwin County: 6 p.m. on 4th Thursday; The Gulf Bowl, 2881 S. Jupiter St., Foley; current and former Marines and Corpsman welcome.

- Rotary Club of Gulf Shores/Orange Beach: noon; Gulf Shores Golf Club; visiting Rotarians and guests invited.
- Gulf Shores United Methodist Church Bread Ministry: 9-10; every Thursday; room 103 on the south campus, next to Crossroad; 251 968-2411.
- AA: Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

### FRI, APRIL 29

- Music, Marketplace & A Movie: 4-7 p.m.; free; Heritage Park; Foley.
- Exit Stage Left Presents Into the Woods: 6:30; Foley Civic Center.
- 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).
- Roger & Elaine: 7; Gulf Shores American Legion Post #44.
- Hud & Hurricane: 6; Big Beach Brewing Company; Gulf Shores.
- False Identity: 9; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- Reaha Pittman: 5; Tacky Jacks; Gulf Shores.
- Ashley & Colby: 6; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.
- Phil Tittle: 5; Carvers Steakhouse, Orange Beach.
- Savage: 5; The Angry Crab, Orange Beach.



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### SBCT's production of "Southern Sirens" opens May 6 Playright Alicia Dutton will be at May 8 show for a Q & A

South Baldwin Community Theatre will present "Southern Sirens" May 6, 7, 13 & 14 at 7:30 p.m. and May 8 & 15 at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are available at sbct.biz (\$15 for students and \$18 for adults).

Jennifer Dawson will not only play a lead role (Grace) in the play, she is also directing. The cast also includes Lynda Price, Allison Pryor, Paula Ann DeMonico, Paula Dumas, Marley Page and Rose Jordon.

The play, written by Alicia Dutton, tells the story of five women who met in Spartanburg years ago and every year, without fail, have an all-girls beach getaway. This year Kristin has chosen the avant garde Atlantis Beach House for their accommodation.

The ladies begin drinking Margaritas and divulging some of their biggest secrets to one another. In her luggage, Grace finds her husband's pants wrapped up in her sarong (it was a role playing thing). In them she finds a note from Dixie Lynn Lee, soliciting her husband, Preston, into an adulterous affair. This incident catapults the five friends into a series of comical law-breaking behaviors that culminate in the kidnapping of the local homewrecker Dixie Lynn Lee in order to teach her a lesson.

The author will be attending the May 8 matinee, followed by an Q&A. South Baldwin Community Theater is located at 2022 West 2nd St. in Gulf Shores. For more info or to buy tickets, visit sbct.biz or call 251-968-6721.

### St. Benedict's German Fest April 30 in Elberta

St. Benedict Catholic School 49th Annual German Festival will be held April 30 from 10 a.m. 'til 6 p.m. on the school's Elberta campus (12786 Illinois St.). The community event feature arts/crafts vendors, entertainment, and homemade German food like sausages, potato salad, pastries, strudels and kiffels. Raffle tickets are available for \$100 each with a chance to win the grand prize of \$10,000 and ten \$200 cash prizes the day of the event.

More info: stbenedictgermanfest.com, info@saint-benedict.net or 251-986-8143.

### City Rhythm Big Band Loxley dance April 23

The City Rhythm Big Band will host a dance on April 23 at The Loxley Civic Center from 7-10 p.m. Tickets are \$10 per person, with BYOB beverages and snacks. Water/cups and ice will be provided. The Loxley Civic Center is located at 4198 Municipal Park Dr. The final dance of the season in May has been cancelled due to renovations at the venue, according to band manager Bill Clark.

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- Chase Brown: 5; The Perch, Gulf State Park Lodge, Gulf Shores.
- Darrell Roberts: 7; Stephi Cocktails / Cuisine; Orange Beach.
- John Brust: 6; Ms. Nancy's Lobby

- Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach.
- Sandy Roots: 7; Hub Stacy's; Innerarity Point.
- Karaoke w. Kelly Ann: 6; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- Karaoke: 8; Snapper's; Orange Beach.
- Favorites Band: 7; Al. Gulf Coast Music Hall; 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.



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## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### Escambia adds \$500K to complete Perdido Key roundabout

The Escambia County Board of County Commissioners voted 4 to 1 to add \$500,000 to the \$850,000 already pledged by Commissioner Doug Underhill to construct the Perdido Key Drive/Johnson Beach Road roundabout at its April 7 meeting. The additional \$500,000 was pledged by District 2 Commissioner Doug Underhill from District 2 discretionary fund in the local option sales tax fund to District 1. Underhill supported the project before Perdido Key was shifted to District 1 in December 2021.

Each district has discretionary funds in the county's local option sales tax fund for projects that are a priority for each commissioner. The \$850,000 originally pledged for the project was also pledged by Underhill, who is not running for re-election.

Underhill said he had pledged his discretionary funds for the project and was holding to that pledge and added the extra cost. Construction is scheduled to begin in August.

The roundabout will be an important safety improvement for Perdido Key. Exiting Johnson Beach Road with any kind of traffic, particularly to make a left turn, is a challenge the roundabout will help mitigate. Respondents to the 2020 Perdido Key Owners Survey and attendees at the April 2021 informational meeting at the Lost Key Golf Club on the issue favored the roundabout over "no action" or a "traffic signal."

- AA: Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
- 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, APRIL 30

- Historic Downtown Foley Walking Tour: 10 a.m.; free; meet at Foley Welcome Center.
- Exit Stage Left Presents Into the Woods: 6:30; Foley Civic Center.
- Kiwanis Club Poker Run Motorcycle Charity Event: 8 a.m.; Heritage Park; Foley.
- Karaoke at noon & AYCE Crawfish at 11; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- 550 Express Band: 9; The Office, Foley.
- JJ Mack: 11; Tacky Jacks; Orange Beach.
- Karaoke: 6; Gulf Shores American Legion Post #44.
- Backwoods Shine: 6:30; American Legion Post 99, Foley.
- Jimmy Lee Hanniford: 6; Tacky Jacks; Orange Beach.
- Fat Lip: 9; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- Davo on Piano: 5; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.

- Mike Estep: 5; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- Adam Tyler Brown: 6; Pleasure Island Tiki Bar; Orange Beach.
- Jesse Bumann: 5; Woodside Restaurant at Gulf State Park; Gulf Shores.
- Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables: Schedule on Pages 28-29; Perdido Key.
- Michael Rowland: 5; Carvers Steakhouse, Orange Beach.
- Gypsy Pearl: 5; The Angry Crab, Orange Beach.
- Wiley Pete: 8; Stephi Cocktails-Cuisine; Orange Beach.
- Karaoke w. Bree & David: 7; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.
- Destiny Brown: 5; The Perch, Gulf State Park Lodge, Gulf Shores.
- John Brust: 6; Ms. Nancy's Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach.
- Kristi Dees & Bad Juju: 7; Hub Stacy's; Innerarity Point.
- The Defrosters: 2; Flying Harpoon II; Orange Beach.
- Karaoke: 9; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- Karaoke w. Howard: 7; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.
- Favorites Band: 7; Al. Gulf Coast Music Hall; Foley.

- Texas Hold 'em: 7; The Office, Foley.
- Coastal Alabama Farmers and Fishermen Market: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.; 20733 Mifflin Rd. (County Rd. 20), Foley.
- AA: 10 a.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
- AA: 7 p.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

### SUN, MAY 1

- Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables: Schedule on Pages 28-29; Perdido Key.
- Alabama Lightning: 3; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- Bends & Brews Yoga: 11 a.m.; in the courtyard; Big Beach Brewery; 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.
- Key Songwriter's Open Mic: 7; The Breakfast Club; Perdido Key
- League Pool: 7; The Office, Foley.

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

## MON, MAY 2

- 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.
- Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde: 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- Open Mic w/Davo: 7; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- 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.; 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.

## TUE, MAY 3

- 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).
- Chris Beverly Experience: 9; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- Bingo/Karaoke: 6; Tacky Jacks; Gulf Shores.
- Bridge: 11:30 a.m.; Orange Beach Senior Center, 251-981-3440.
- Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde: 8; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- Karaoke w. Kelly: 8; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.

- JW Karaoke: 6; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
- Baldwin Senior Softball Group: 10 a.m.; 50 and over; 10 a.m.; call 225/313-8516 for info & location.
- GriefShare Support Group, 6; Point Church, 13801 Innerarity Point Rd, Pensacola; 601-278-6973.
- Bingo: 10-2; Gulf Coast Elks Lodge; Foley.
- Texas Hold 'em: 7; The Office, Foley.
- Pool Tourney: 7; Snapper's; Orange Beach.
- 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.

## HOLY SPIRIT THRIFT STORE GRANTS TO CSC & WILMER HALL TOTAL \$36K

Holy Spirit Thrift Shop awarded a \$20,000 grant to Christian Service Center (above) and a \$15,000 grant to Wilmer Hall Children's Home (below). The grants were funded by thrift shop sales. Wilmer Hall is a non-profit faith-based organization that serves children and young adults in need in Mobile through programs that provide tutoring, on-campus living and other tools needed to succeed. The Christian Service Center provides emergency funds for people experiencing a financial emergency on Pleasure Island. The center's case workers also help clients develop more permanent solutions to meet their financial needs. The center also offers counseling and assists with referrals to additional resources. It opened in 1991 and is staffed by volunteers. The Holy Spirit Thrift Shop is a ministry of Holy Spirit Episcopal Church in Gulf Shores. The shop is located at 6798A Hwy. 59 North in Gulf Shores. Store hours are Tuesday - Friday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. **Pictured:** (above) Tiffany Ramey, Linda Chappelle, Pam Huerd; (below) Tiffany Ramey, Baba Grafe, Pam Huerd, Pat Paterson, Lisa Lyons, Father Will Lowry.



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## Pirates of Lost Treasure new officers & committee chairs

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PLT is a social krewe whose primary mission is to support their Secret Santa charity, which provides clothing, food, and toys to local needy children and families around the holiday season. Membership is open to all. Contact Holly at 850-637-7780 or h-mck@hotmail.com for more info.

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By Ron "Bones" Jones



My wife said she'd like to have another baby. I agreed. The one we have is starting to annoy me.

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"Are you single?"  
"No, I'm plural."  
"I mean are you free this Saturday?"  
"No, I'm rather expensive."

.....

I'm trying to organize a hide and seek tournament, but good players are really hard to find.

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Murphy: "What do you call leprechauns: who collect aluminum cans, used newspapers, and plastic bottles?"  
Liam: "What?"  
Murphy: "Wee-cyclers!"

.....  
Nutritionist: You should eat 1200 calories a day.  
Me: OK, and how many at night?

.....  
Doctor: Are you still taking the cough medicine I gave you?  
Patient: No, I tasted it and decided I'd rather have the cough.

.....  
I told my friend that my wife and I had a huge argument and she left for the Caribbean.  
"Jamaica?" he asked.  
"No," I replied, "she went of her own accord."

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What do you hear when a Judge is learning to play the piano?

.....

The mother-in-law stopped by her daughter's house after shopping to find her son-in-law boiling angry and hurriedly packing his suitcase.

"What happened?" she asked anxiously.  
"I'll tell you what happened. I

sent an email to my wife- your daughter - telling her I was coming home a day early from my fishing trip. I got home and found your daughter in bed with the gardner! This is unforgivable, the end of our marriage. I'm done. I'm leaving forever!"

"Calm down, calm down!" said his mother-in-law. "There's something very odd about that. She would never do such a thing. There must be a simple explanation. I'll go speak to her and find out what happened."

A few minutes later, the mother-in-law came back with a big smile and said, "I told you there must be a simple explanation --- she didn't get your email."

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"Doctor, Doctor, I have a hoarse throat."

"Well I hate to break it you, but the resemblance doesn't end there."

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Two women archaeologists are down in Mexico excavating an ancient Mayan burial ground looking for some remains to take back to their museum.

Unfortunately, everything they run across is badly decomposed. One of the two says, "We don't seem to be having much

luck."  
The other replies, "Keep on digging, honey, a good Mayan is hard to find!"

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On a narrow mountain road a man saw a car driving uphill backwards.

"Hi guys. Why are you driving backwards?"

"Because we are not sure if there's enough space to make a U-turn on top of the mountain."

After one hour the same man saw the same car driving downhill backwards.

"But guys, why are you driving backwards again?"

"There was enough space to make a U-turn up there."

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After a long and serious operation, Lena ended up in a coma. When her husband Ralph came into the intensive care unit to see her, the doctors gave him the bad news.

"We just can't wake her. It doesn't look good I'm afraid," the doctor told Ralph.

Ralph looked at Lena and with a soft trembling voice said, "But doctor, she's so young. She's only forty-five."

"Thirty-Seven," came the weak reply from Lena.

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Jeff asked his father for advice

before proposing to his girlfriend.

"What happened, son?" his father asked, eagerly awaiting her response. "Did she accept?"

"When I told her what you advised me to say, she slapped my face and told me to get out," said the son.

"Did you begin by telling her what I told you to say, what I told your mother when she accepted my proposal? 'Sweetheart, time stands still when I look in your eyes.' Did you tell her that?" asked his father.

"Pretty much," Jeff replied. "I told her she had a face that would stop a clock!"

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The only mystery in life is why the kamikaze pilots wore helmets." - Al McGuire

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"It would be nice to spend billions on schools and roads, but right now that money is desperately needed for political ads." - Andy Borowitz

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"My favorite machine at the gym is the vending machine." - Caroline Rhea

.....

"All right everyone, line up alphabetically according to your height." - Casey Stengel



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- Fried Catfish** - corn meal battered..... **10.00**
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- Fried Flounder** - lighty 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**
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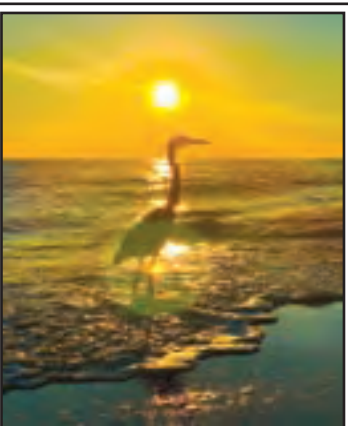
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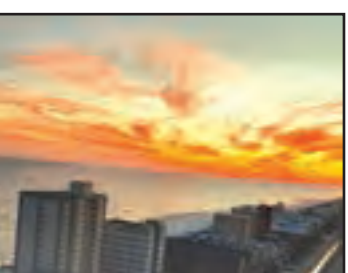
"Beautiful Southern ladies enjoying the Fairhope Art Fest," writes Gwen Foley.



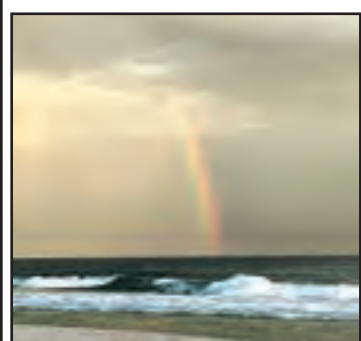
"Fred posing at sunset on West Beach," writes Kathy Fosterling of Marathon WI.



"ISS over Lake Shelby going thru Milky Way," writes David Kriegler.



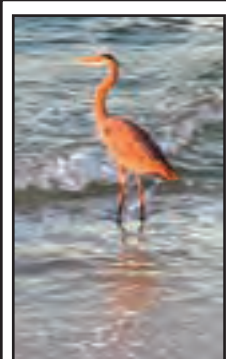
Barb Flynn took this from in front of Crystal Towers.



Miranda Calkins shares a picture of a rainbow over Gulf Shores.



From Doug Walker.



Heron enjoying sunrise, courtesy of Phillip Thomas.



By Andrew Hennessy.



Gary Knowles shares a pic of his "Beach Beaver."




Pat Thornton's glorious sunrise.


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