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### Coastal Ballet's Firebird is May 20-21 in Orange Beach

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Igor Stravinski's The Firebird ballet tells the story of Prince Ivan who defeats the evil Kastchei with the help of the Firebird, who offers one of her enchanted feathers to Prince Ivan after he spares her life while hunting in the forest.

### South Baldwin Safe Boating Classes June 4 & June 25

The Coast Guard Auxiliary will conduct safe boating classes on June 4 in Foley and June 25 at the Wharf. This class meets the educational requirement needed to obtain a boating license. Course includes boating terminology, trailer and ramp safety, navigation rules, aids to navigation, safety equipment, preparing for emergencies, boating laws and regulations, line handling, and fun with knots. Families are encouraged to attend. Register at malinmo@yahoo.com or leave a message at 251-284-1461. Visit cgaux.org for course and class information.

### Music & A Movie nights continue May 20 & 27 in Foley

Music and a Movie and Heritage Park Marketplace return to Heritage Park for five consecutive Fridays beginning May 20. 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 May 27, June 3 and June 10.

### GlenLakes junior golf registration is open through May

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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.

### Our Lady of the Gulf Boston Butt pre-sales thru May 22

The Philip A. Lambert Council of the Knights of Columbus in Gulf Shores is pre-selling Boston butts for Memorial Day weekend to raise funds for its charities. Butts are \$35 each. Orders for perfectly cooked butts will be taken through May 22 by contacting Mike Palamara at 251-923-7263 or GK@gulfshoreskofc.org or visiting olgalm.org.

Butts can be picked up May 26 from 8-11 a.m. at Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church at 308 East 22nd Ave. in Gulf Shores. This is a great way to get your BBQ fix for Memorial Weekend.

# First OBHS grads are "truly a very strong, unique class"

By John Mullen

When the Orange Beach High School class of 2022 that stepped forward to pick up diplomas on May 17 will be truly uniquely remembered in a number of ways.

"I call them the class of grit and endurance," School Board Member Shannon Robinson said. "They are truly a very strong, unique class."

Robinson not only is one of the first board members in the city's new breakaway system, her daughter Anna Grace will be one of those walking with the first graduating class from the school.

"We're very excited," Robinson said. "It's something that we've worked hard to achieve."

Students in the first group were essentially the founding class of Orange Beach High School. In the first year, the school started with just a sophomore class and were put right in the middle of the split between Gulf Shores and Baldwin County in 2019. They will also be the one and only graduating class from OBHS still with the Baldwin County system. The next class will have another first, the first to graduate from the city system.

"That particular grade was the one grade that had the choice during the split to either stay with Gulf Shores or attend Orange Beach back when they were in the portables on the elementary school campus," Robinson said. "At that time, the first year it was my daughter and several others and that class had roughly 20."

During the time in the portable classrooms and were eventually sent home by COVID.

"The next year they finally got to move into the new school that they had been waiting on for a couple of years," Robinson said. "Soon as school started, Sally hit so they were out of school for another few weeks."

The last year has went relatively smoothly with no shutdowns or tropical events.

"This has pretty much been their first truly normal year," Robinson said. "I'm proud of them."

Another unique feature for this has come from photographer Shelley Patterson of C-Shelz Photography. She shot the photos and created the graphic at the top of this story and serves as photographer for the school's sports teams as well.

"Shelley Patterson is simply amazing," Interim Superintendent Robbie Smith said. "From day one she has loved our Makos and this senior class. We have trusted her to capture all the special moments and she has done so with creativity and love."

Several events surrounded the end of their high school days including the Senior Walk at Orange Beach Elementary School.

"They wear their cap and gowns and just walk back through the halls while the rest of the elementary school lines the hallway," Robinson said. "The pomp and circumstance through the elementary school. To a kindergartner, first grader, elementary school student a senior is practically famous. When you're a big kid that's a big deal."

**Pictured:** The OBHS Class of 2022 followed graduation practice with a picnic hosted by senior parents and their Last Ride.



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### Carry The Load rally/walk to honor vets May 24 at Flora-Bama

Carry The Load, a nonprofit created with a mission to restore the true meaning of Memorial Day, will honor the sacrifices of our heroes (veterans, police, first responders and their families) during its Memorial May campaign that consists of five national relays traveling throughout May on foot in 3-5 miles segments to honoring those in the respective communities who are no longer here. Its 32-day, 48 state, 20,000-mile National Relay culminates at the Dallas Memorial March on Memorial Day weekend and includes 100 rallies nationwide.

For the first time, the relay will be traveling through Orange Beach and stop at the Flora-Bzzama is hosting our memorial walk and rally.

Come out and honor America's heroes at 6:30 p.m. on May 24 by participating in a three mile walk on the beach beginning and ending at the Flora-Bama. A rally in the 'Bama Big Tent will follow at 7:30 p.m. Army veterans Cam Price (Bama co-owner), Charles Huggins and Charles Lowery will speak at the rally, which will also feature live music, a wall of honor and the JROTC Color Guard.

Founded by Veteran U.S. Navy SEALs, Clint Bruce and Stephen Holley, Carry the Load started as a mission to restore the true meaning of Memorial Day. Today, it has grown to include more than just our military heroes and more than just the one holiday. Carry The Load works to bring all Americans together to participate in honoring our nation's heroes every day. For more info about the family friendly event, visit [carrytheload.org](http://carrytheload.org).

### Memorial Day honors all those who died for our freedom

Memorial Day is a holiday set aside to remember those who died in service to our Country. Breaking that down further, that service to the country and the sacrifice of their lives is what allows us as Americans to live in freedom. While many Americans will take advantage of the warming weather to celebrate an unofficial start to summer. Please also recognize our nation's military and veterans by honoring the sacrifices of so many heroes. Say their names, share their stories and understand that though Memorial Day is about remembering those who died, the lessons we learn from them and pay forward are for our children.



### World Ocean Day events slated June 8 in Perdido

A day of environmentally focused games, activities, and art projects will be part of held in conjunction with World Ocean Day on June 8, at the Perdido Key Area Chamber of Commerce and Visitor's Center from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event at 15500 Perdido Key Dr. is free. More info: [VisitPerdido.com](http://VisitPerdido.com).

Florida Fish and Wildlife staff will share information on the impact of invasive lionfish on the marine ecosystem. Representatives from Niuhi Dive Charters and Ocean Strike Team will educate on lionfish removal efforts through spearfishing while scuba diving. The Perdido Chamber will offer art activities and demonstrations around their 403-gallon pirate ship fish tank, home to several native species of fish as well as a lionfish named Bartholomew.

The Perdido and Pensacola Bays and Estuaries, Friends of Pensacola State Parks, The Perdido Key Association, Gulf Islands National Seashore, Wildlife Sanctuary of NW Florida, ECUA, the National Wildlife Federation, and Friends of the Southwest Library will share more information on protecting the environment geared to all ages.

Escambia County Natural Resources will be unveiling the new native planting garden project as the next phase in the development of Preservation Park located at the Visitors Center.

### Free fishing for all June 11 in Alabama

On Saturday, June 11, 2022, Alabamians and out-of-state visitors alike will have the opportunity to fish for free in most public waters including both freshwater and saltwater. Free Fishing Day allows residents and non-residents to enjoy the outstanding fishing Alabama has to offer without purchasing a fishing license. The event is part of National Fishing and Boating Week, which runs June 4-12. Some piers may also require fees and permits. Anglers looking for a new public fishing spot are encouraged to explore the fishing section of [outdooralabama.com](http://outdooralabama.com).

Free Fishing Day also takes place during Alabama's red snapper season. While fishing license requirements are waived for Free Fishing Day, those fishing for red snapper will still need a \$10 Gulf Reef Fish Endorsement and a free saltwater angler registration.

### Primaries are May 24; If you don't vote, don't complain

Baldwin County's registered voters will have an opportunity to take part in the democratic process that is at the core of why we celebrate Memorial Day on Tuesday, May 24, with a run-off scheduled for June 21 between the two top candidates in both the Democratic and Republican primaries. The general election will be on Tuesday, Nov. 8. Elected will be state representatives, state senators, members of the U.S. Congress, U.S. Senate, State Board of Education, Alabama Supreme Court, and statewide constitutional offices. Voters will also vote on several proposed constitutional amendments. Party primary elections will be on Tuesday, May 24, with primary run-off elections on Tuesday, June 21, 2022. The general election will be on Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2022.

#### SOME OF THE MORE HOTLY CONTESTED RACES INCLUDE:

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**Baldwin Board of Education Dist. 4:** Republican - JaNay C. Dawson, Rondi Kirby.

### Rodney Atkins to play Oct. 7 on pontoon in O.B.

Country music star Rodney Atkins will play an on-the-water concert on Friday, Oct. 7 at 6 p.m. near Zeke's Marina in Orange Beach, according to a press release from event sponsor Lowe Boats. Attendees are encouraged to join the festivities by boat as Atkins performs a 30-minute acoustic concert onboard an all-new Lowe SS pontoon. The platinum-selling singer, known for No. 1 hits "If You're Going Through Hell (Before the Devil Even Knows)" and "Take a Back Road," put six tracks in "Country Aircheck's "Top 100 Songs of Our Decade (2006-2016)," including four singles from the Going Through Hell album.

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# Hangout Fest takes over Gulf Shores Public Beach for most of May

## What was once marketed as a family fest has contract with city through 2025

**By Fran Thompson**

Back in 2010, The Hangout Fest was promoted and pitched to Gulf Shores City Council as a family event. A very cool children's village filled the entire Hangout Restaurant courtyard and included an area stocked with musical instruments for kids to explore.

Saul Zislin, spokesman for the company that owns the event and the restaurant that dominates the city's sparkling \$15 million Gulf Place, said families could spend a week in Gulf Shores and enjoy fishing, our zoo, boating, parasailing and other family activities while here.

By the second year, children could barely find a spot in the children's village among the adults while Michael Franti played an acoustic set especially for the kids. The children's village was shuttered altogether by 2012.

Pleasure Island's award winning Convention & Visitors Bureau has always focused on attracting families with blessings from Gulf Shores and Orange Beach. Both cities have taken major steps to discourage rowdy spring break behavior. Gulf Shores, in an effort to get ahead of it, instituted a spring break alcohol ban in 2017 that continues today.

Hangout Fest, after a two year pandemic hiatus, returns to Gulf Shores Public Beach May 20-22 as a very upscale spring break celebration. There will be no cash accepted, but there will be lots of alcoholic beverages consumed. And that is OK. The kids are of age and they mostly come and go by chartered bus.

But Greg Kennedy, a former Gulf Shores City Councilman, made a valid point when he said at a public forum that it was ironic that Gulf Shores takes a draconian stance during spring break with college kids while welcoming 40,000 young Hangout patrons with open arms.

"Just how damn hypocritical it is for the city to say you can't drink a beer on your private property during spring break but then they allow that?" Kennedy asked. "That's the big elephant in the room nobody wants to talk about."

"It goes hand in hand with what happened at Spring Break and what was associated with it," said Orange Beach Mayor Tony Kennon. "It generated a certain amount of dollars. But a majority of Orange Beach residents wanted nothing to do with it. And that's what this (Hangout Fest) is - a late term Spring Break."

"Those are not the type dollars we want or need," Kennon added. "Those specific dollars have far less value than dollars generated from multi-generational families visiting our city. This is just as much a business decision as it is anything else. We in Orange Beach refuse to compromise our family friendly brand which we have worked so hard to establish."

A small percentage of bad elements will always be included when 40,000 out-of towners cross the Holmes Bridge. Nobody, especially Hangout founder Shaul Zislin, wants to see the fest associated with bad behavior.

"We have never asked them (police) to turn a blind eye to misbehaving people. We hate misbehaving people. It makes my job harder," he said.

I am certain that the 2019 crowd was the youngest and best behaved in the fest's 10 years history (This is the first year I will miss even one fest day). That does not mean that all of the facebook posts and calls to City Council about illegal and lewd behavior, vandalism and public drug use following the 2019 fest were not valid. Not at all. It's no excuse, but it used to be worse.

Residents absolutely have the right to expect decency and basic manners from our tourists whether they are here to make memories with their family at one of the Phoenix condos or to overdrink and dance with 10 of their fraternity brothers at the Hangout Fest and then pile into a two bedroom condo, much to the dismay of the hardworking condo cleaners that are the backbone of our tourist industry.

The tax and franchise fee revenue the city collects from the Hangout Fest helps support the incredible amenities Gulf

Shores citizens enjoy. City spokesman Grant Brown told NBC 15 that the fest will generate around \$700,000 in city taxes. But those dollars don't come without complications.

"Our phones were ringing from citizens about noise and traffic which was overwhelming at times," Gulf Shores Mayor Robert Craft said after the last festival in 2019. "Our challenge is to try to explain all the things that we're doing and the money that we collect. It balances out. This is what you give up, this is what you get."

Gulf Shores basically sells its public beach to a private business to the detriment of other area retailers and restaurants and against the wishes of a majority of its citizens in return for a payout that improves the quality of life here.

Some GSHS Career Academy students intern at the fest, and there are volunteer opportunities. But local community involvement is minimal. Two restaurants directly across from the fest, Desoto's and Crazy Donuts, did not even open for business during the 2019 fest.

Dennis and Deborah Hatfield owned the iconic ice cream parlor Scoops for more than 30 years before selling the business in 2020. Dennis said Scoops lost \$5,000 in revenue during every Hangout weekend.

"Ever since the festival started, we've seen a different crowd. We were used to catering to families getting an early start on vacations," he said. "Even in the week leading up to the festival, it was slow. And once the festival started, it was dismal."

Gulf Shores collects three percent sales tax on all sales inside the fest, including ticket sales, just like it does from Wal-Mart or any other retailer. Like all of us, the fest also pays three percent to Baldwin County and four percent to Alabama on its retail sales.

In addition to sales tax, Gulf Shores collects special event license fees from merchandise vendors and business license fees from companies that provide services that provide everything from tents to lighting and potable water for the fest. It is a long list.

What has changed significantly is the franchise fee the fest pays on ticket sales. Before 2017, it was nonexistent - a mere \$1 per year. That fee increased to one percent of gross ticket sales in 2017 and two percent the following year.

In 2019, the franchise fee increased again to three percent of ticket sales. And that will continue through the duration of the fest's contract with the city, which goes through 2025. This means Gulf Shores collected \$60 on every \$1,000 VIP ticket sold in 2019.

The Hangout also reimburses the city for expenses occurred directly or indirectly in connection with staging the event. But it's not like city employees do not have ample other opportunities to pick up extra shifts. The fest is a major strain on city staff.

The idea that Hangout Fest attracts a "bad element" is way overstated, but it's a fact that Hangout is now part of Gulf Shores' brand. The city has given this upscale spring break a place at its family vacation destination table.

During a Coastal Alabama Chamber breakfast his company sponsored at Lulu's before the 2019 fest, Zislin said it made him "feel warm and fuzzy" that the fest entered a contract with Circle K to display promotional posters at hundreds of its convenience stores around the Southeast.

At an earlier community meeting he sponsored (free craft beer & munchies) at Big Beach Brewery, Zislin said that the festival promotes Gulf Shores and its beautiful beaches in ways that are beyond Gulf Shores Tourism's capacity.

But Pleasure Island already has a brand, and it doesn't need to be promoted as anything other than a safe, family vacation destination. The best possible promotion for our brand is for us to simply by be nice to tourists.

Zislin specifically mentioned a national promotional partnership with Monster Energy Drink offering Hangout Fest vacations as prizes. He said rock stars talk about the beaches here as they travel the world performing. He said

people come to the fest for the first time and then come back ready to buy a \$2 million condo here. He has a point there. The Hangout's Super VIP tickets and Big Kahouna tickets sell quickly.

Many Americans did not know Alabama touched the Gulf of Mexico until the BP Oil Spill put Bama Island in the national conversation. That terrible explosion on the Deepwater Horizon oil rig, an accident that cost 11 men their lives, occurred on April 20, 2010, three weeks before the first Hangout Fest. That tragedy led to the multi-million dollar advertising campaign paid for by BP that raised Gulf Shores' profile as a beach vacation destination.

The ESPN televised NCAA National Beach Volleyball Championship has also contributed to spreading the word about our spectacular beaches. And 420 of the best junior beach volleyball teams played a tourney amidst festival construction just west of the NCAA teams earlier this month. Even more junior teams wanted to come, but there was no room for additional courts because boards had already been laid across the beach for the Hangout main stage. Yes, that area was open for volleyball parking. But that was because the west parking lot directly behind the junior players was already closed for the fest's equipment.

I love the Hangout Fest. This is the first one I will miss (kid graduating from college). The Mullet Wrapper office is located near the West Beach entrance. I sit on my porch and marvel at how efficiently the fest moves thousands in and out on charter buses. I am always amazed at how clean the bathrooms are. Amazed at how much alcohol young attendees consume. Amazed at the incredible public art and musical talent. The ferris wheel. The interactive sponsor areas. This is a first class event. Maybe it is the best music fest in the world. But that is not the issue.

Oil had been flowing from the Deepwater Horizon site for more than three weeks prior to the 2010 fest. And there is a direct correlation between the fest and the free (if you rented a condo) BP sponsored beach concerts featuring Jimmy Buffett and Brad Paisley later that dreadful summer.

Zislin is correct when he told City Council that people tell untruths about the fest. A couple of years back, a local told me that a man was busted for selling drugs in front of Papa Rocco's. I happened to be at Papa's when the man was arrested. It was for scalping tickets. He had been warned not to do it that day before.

In order to address concerns this year, the Hangout Fest has started an ambassador program. Local residents who see bad behavior can look for an ambassador, who will then tell the official Hangout liaison, who will then call police, if necessary. It sounds crazy, but I did not just make that up.

The fest generates significant income for my city. But is it really in our best interest to indefinitely rent our public beach to a business, even if that business already owns the majority of the property around that beach?

Where will this lead us? We've all seen how the fest has changed in 10 years. What can we expect it to look like in 2030? And does our city really have control over that?

We are already branded as a family vacation destination. Is it not good enough to not want the fest here just because it ties up traffic and access to the beach for most of May?

I don't know if elected officials besides councilman Steve Jones are in favor of extending the contract past 2025. But it would be a legitimate campaign issue.

I believe the city would be onboard with the fest opting out of the remaining three years of its contract. I also believe a majority of residents do not want to take Zislin up on his offer to become "forever friends" with the fest.

The Hangout group has a presence in Fort Walton Beach and is set to open a 40,000 square ft. restaurant in Myrtle Beach this summer. Who knows? The Hangout poobahs might decide one of those locales is a better option for the fest and the Hangout brand.

I didn't tell her she was on record. So, I won't use her name, but I asked a community leader her opinion. She said she had never been to the fest, but it has definitely divided her city in unhealthy ways.

"Besides," she said. "People can hear all the good music they want to at the Flora-Bama."

# Fest amenities include wedding chapel, roller rink

If it is not broke, don't fix it, right? Such is the case with the May 20-22 Hangout Fest at Gulf Shores Public Beach.

The Thursday evening kick-off has been cancelled. The Boom Boom Stage will not be enclosed, and, most notably, the entire fest will go cash free. But almost all of the fest's most popular amenities return.

So bring your credit card and join 40,000 of your best friends for sets from Post Malone, Halsey, Tame Impala, Megan Thee Stallion, Doja Cat, Fall Out Boy and a DJ set from Shaq Daddy himself, NBA all-time great Shaquille O'Neil. The three time NBA Finals MVP will shake his Diesel on Sunday.

As of May 16, general admission tickets were still available for \$339 plus fees. GA Plus, VIP, Big Kahuna and Super VIP tickets are no mas.

Most of the festival's most popular amenities are back this year, including:

- Monster Energy Beach Club and Corona Beach offer swimming in the Gulf, which was not allowed during the early years of the fest.
- DJs all weekend and frozen cocktails by the Gulf are offered at Malibu

- Beach House.
- Experience summer camp on the beach with volleyball, slip-n-slide, kickball, smores and crafts.
- Enjoy a massage or recharge with a Hydration IV treatments or even get a new hair style.
- The roller rink has become an immensely popular place to hang and get catch disco fever.
- The views really are epic from the top of the ferris wheel.
- Get hitched at a wedding chapel officiated by bonafide comedians.
- Hang at a hammock under a canopy of palm trees.
- The Hangout's huge art pieces are spectacular and this year will include a 30 ft. aluminum dragon head on a trailer coming into town on May 17.
- Recycle empty cans to earn coupons and exchange for awesome swag.
- According to the fest website, Jim Beam will provide complimentary samples, games, and swag all weekend to those of age. This is where, aided by free whiskey, "people embrace who they are without judgment and create carefree moments."
- Stop by the mobile Wiley Wallaby Experience for samples of delicious licorice.

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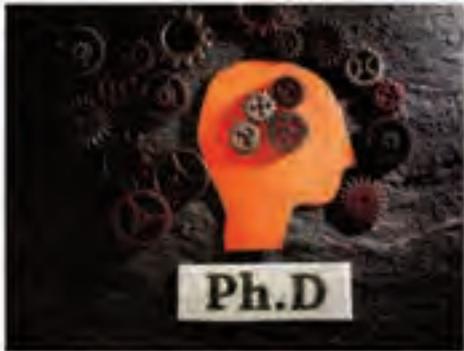
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# CoastAL outdoor bar, kitchen, retail space to open this summer

**By John Mullen**

There's lots of activity at the most important intersection in Orange Beach – the intersection of State Routes 161 and 182 – with homes going up on the east, the new CoastAL complex in the center of the parcel and the Atlas condominiums on the west.

CoastAL co-owner John McInnis says construction on his latest project is going well.

“It's going well,” McInnis said. “We're excited about it and it will open sometime this summer.”

There are two buildings going up now with a third planned for the site as well.

“The retail building and the outdoor bar/restaurant are being built,” McInnis said. “Parallel to the road is the retail building for the CoastAL Lifestyle brand. The construction is going well, there are no major changes to speak of and we're looking towards a July or August opening of the outdoor bar and kitchen, outdoor retail space and the outdoor green space. As well as about half the parking.”

The McInnis group is partnering with the city of Orange Beach on the parcel building the retail and outdoor bar with future plans for a full-service restaurant on the site. McInnis said the opening target date for the restaurant is January. McInnis is the majority owner of the Flora-Bama properties.

Orange Beach will use its half for a residents' beach access parking lot. Mayor Tony Kennon said it has been a goal of the city to own some beach front property. He and the council voted in a unanimous decision to move forward with the restaurant in December.

In September, McInnis and company came to the council to make some changes to the plans including increasing the footprint of the outdoor bar, increasing the gross floor area of the restaurant, modifying the front façade of the restaurant and reducing the restaurant building's setback on the east.

Developers have said the project will be similar to the (pictured) Shunk Gulley Oyster Bar in Santa Rosa, Florida, also owned by some of the same partners in this development.



# Baldwin Education Coalition providing student resources

The Baldwin County Education Coalition has launched Palm Project, an initiative to help Baldwin County students succeed inside and outside of the classroom by providing in-school and online resources for items such as school supplies, hygienic products, clothing, household items, first aid, food, beverages and fees for graduation or testing.

The goal is to provide tangible needs for Baldwin County students to reduce barriers in education, enhance academic achievement and support social-emotional development. Palm Project is composed of committee members, volunteers, and donors who recognize the greatest gift a child can receive is an education.

School counselors, social workers or principals are authorized to select items needed. A Palm Project representative will then deliver the items to the designated school. There is no limit of items to choose and give to students.

Palm Project's mission is to engage

the Baldwin County community in meeting the tangible needs of students to reduce barriers to learning, enhance academic achievement and support social-emotional development.

Baldwin County is one of the largest counties in the state of Alabama and is home to more than 220,000 residents. In Baldwin County, there are a total of 44 public schools that serve more than 31,000 students.

There are many factors of stress that can negatively impact students' ability to perform their best inside and outside of the classroom — by donating to students through Palm Project, these unwanted stressors can be reduced, allowing students focus on their education.

“With 49 percent of our students classified as poverty, the need is great,” said executive director of BCEC, Terry Burkle. “We are honored to coordinate this effort that will provide tangible items, most of which we take for granted in our own homes, that are essential for a child's academic success.”

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## AROUND TOWN



### Fairhope Legion hosts concert series to fund rebuild Wet Willie, Telluride, Grayson, Red Clay Strays set to play

By Fran Thompson

American Legion Post 199 in Fairhope is hosting a summer concert series on its beach below the Fairhope bluffs to raise money for the restoration of its historic main building, which was heavily damaged by Hurricane Sally. The series begins on May 22 with Grayson Capps and continues Memorial Weekend with the Motown Blowout featuring The Tip Tops on May 29 and Grateful Dead tribute band East LA Fadeaway on May 30. All concerts start at 4 p.m. Tickets range from \$10 to \$25 per person, with children under 12 admitted free. Tickets are available at the gate or at eventbrite.com.

The full concert line-up: Sunday, May 22 – Summer Concert Kickoff Featuring Grayson Capps; Sunday, May 29 – Motown Blowout Featuring The Tip Tops; Monday, May 30 – Memorial Day Family Fun Day with East La Fadeaway; Sunday, June 5 – First Sunday Honoring Our Female Veterans - The Cricket's and Molly Thomas & Rick Hirsch; Sunday, June 19 – Honoring Our Father's Featuring Leavin Brothers; Saturday, July 2 – Independence Day Weekend Featuring The Grovenators; Sunday, July 3 – Independence Day Weekend Featuring Marlow Boys; Monday, July 4 – 4th Family fun Day blowout featuring East La Fade Away; Sunday, July 24 – College Reunion Tour I Featuring Telluride; Sunday, August 7 – It's Time to Fly Featuring The Flying Buffalo's; Sunday, August 21 – College Reunion Tour II Featuring Rollin' N The Hay; Saturday, September 3 – Labor Day Blow Out Weekend Featuring Wet Willie; Sunday, September 4 – Labor Day Blow Out Weekend with Jack Hoot; Monday, September 5 – Labor Day Blow Out With The Red Clay Strays.

Hurricane Sally snapped trees caused extensive damage to the facility in September of 2020, but after nearly two years, the 900 member Post's all volunteer Board has announced plans for its \$3 million rebuild, which is expected to take 18 months. The temporary building overlooking Mobile Bay and a Tiki Bar on the beach below will remain open to the public during the rebuild.

**Pictured:** Architectural drawing of the American Legion Post 199 restoration.

## \$12.4 million RESTORE grant to fund Eco Center Phase 2

By JohnMullen

Gulf Shores will soon get a RESTORE Act payday to the tune of about \$12.4 million for phase two construction of the Gulf Coast Center for Ecotourism & Sustainability.

At the May 16 work session, the council discussed authorizing the mayor to accept the grant processed through the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

"The City was recently awarded \$8.8 million in RESTORE funding for the construction of a facility that will support ecotourism and environmental education in the Gulf Coast region as part of the initial Alabama Gulf Coast Recovery Council Multi-year Implementation Plan," city documents say.

In addition to the \$8.8 million first grant, the city requested another \$3.6 million and once it is approved it will bring it up to the \$12.4 total.

"The new Eco Center facility will house a range of programs for students from school districts within the region, as well as summer and weekend programs that benefit the local economy and encourage responsible tourism," city documents state.

Phase one of the project was the design phase and the city used a \$1 million in RESTORE money.

At its May 2 work session, the city discussed two proposals to begin the process of building a new \$3 million Justice Center on Cotton Creek Drive at Medical Village Boulevard, a new road cut from Cotton Creek to the new freestanding emergency room.

"This new facility will combine the police department, jail and municipal courts under one roof," city documents state. "This project will provide significant enhancements for the police department, providing a modern up-to-date facility that will adequately fulfill the needs of the department."

That \$3 million will be in the form of two contracts to prepare design, construction and bid documents for the new center. One contract for about \$2 million will go to Police Facility Design Group and a second for \$910,000 to Volkert to assist with scheduling, design management, construction management and coordination.

Gulf Shores advertised a request for qualifications in January seeking proposals for design services for the new Justice Center. By March the city had received qualification information on 11 firms and a team made up of members from the Engineering Department, Police Department, Planning and Zoning and the executive office selected Police Facility Design Group as the architect.

During the May 16 session, council also discussed:

- Liquor licenses for High Tide Daiquiris and Mimosas and Miso Seafood. High Tide is located at 807 Gulf Shores Parkway on the east end of Little Lagoon and Miso is located at 160 Cotton Creek Drive in the same shopping center as Chicken Salad Chick.
- Giving \$100,000 to the Baldwin Regional Workforce Development Authority to help with planning for the South Baldwin Workforce Development Campus. (See Page 32 story).
- Authorizing the mayor to purchase 23 acres on Bon Secour Bay to be used for conservation and environmental education programs with Gulf Shores City Schools and the Gulf Coast Center for Ecotourism. The city would pay about \$800,000 for the property plus closing costs. The property includes more the half of the shoreline in Ewing Bayou as well as frontage on Bon Secour Bay.
- Accepting the donation to the city of 37 acres and its inclusion in the city's Oyster Bay and Bon Secour Wetland restoration area. The property abuts the 370-acre Oyster Bay Nature Preserve.
- Approving the bid for emergency equipment for the police department from Dana Safety Supply for

about \$51,000.

- A resolution renewing the contract with PerfectMind for another three years for recreation management software services. By going with the three-year term, the city would pay \$48,750 versus renewing it annually at a total cost of \$73,250, according to city documents.

During the May 2 session, council also discussed:

- A restaurant liquor license for the Boozy Butcher located on Fort Morgan Road.

- Awarding a contract to American Tennis Courts to build 12 lighted pickleball courts for \$744,369. There is \$600,000 budgeted for the project including a \$391,000 commitment from Gulf Shores and Orange Beach Tourism. An additional \$35,000 will be needed for landscaping.

- Accepting a proposal from Engineering Design Group to design phase I of the north-south connector road between Raley Farms and Stonegate subdivisions. The \$70,000 will include a topographical survey, geotechnical investigation, civil construction documents, bidding administration, construction administration and ADEM permitting. Work is scheduled to begin later this year and be completed in 2023. This cost represents 4 percent of the total project which is estimated to be about \$1.7 million.

- Amending the 2022 budget to reflect new estimates for revenue and adding expenses due to supply-chain issues. Several items budgeted and ordered in 2021 still have not been received and some came back with higher prices.

- Proclaiming May 23-30 as National Beach Safety Week.

- Assembly permits for the Haunted Hustle 5K and Witches Ride on Oct. 22 and the Phinman Youth Triathlon on May 28.

- Annexing five lots on Marble Court in the Granite Cove subdivision off of County Road 8 West.

- A conditional use permit to construct a 51-space private parking lot at 19826 W. 36th Ave.

During its April session, council discussed:

- A lease agreement between the airport authority and Kevin Blalock to lease land and construct a 90-by-90 hangar at the airport. The contract will net the authority more than \$6,700 annually if the council OKs the deal.

- A liquor license for Shrimpy's Grill and Golf on East Second Avenue near Mikee's Seafood.

- Awarding a bid for streets resurfacing to H. O. Weaver & Sons which submitted the lowest conforming bid at \$527,591. Streets on the list for resurfacing in 2022 include St. Andrews Drive East, Pinehurst Drive, Pinehurst Circle, Lyman Boulevard, Millhouse Road, Beatrice Road, Treasure Oaks Court, Millhouse Court and Coast Oaks Court.

- Awarding a taxi franchise to Blue Dolphin Taxi.

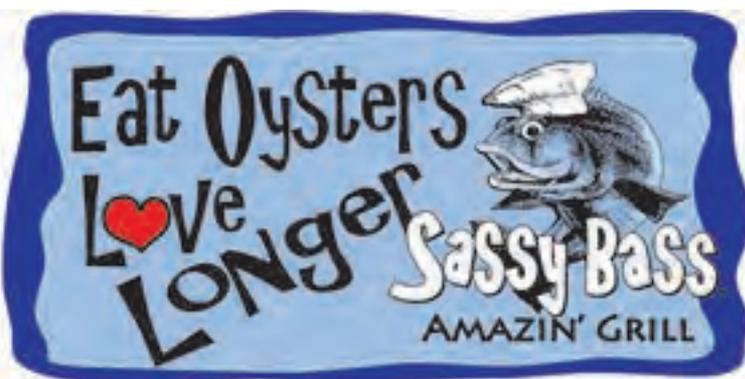
- Amending the golf cart ordinance to add access by carts on 10 streets in the Gulf Wood Highlands subdivision. These include Hilltop Drive, 14th Avenue, Yupon Drive, Oak Ridge Drive, 13th Avenue, Sunset Drive, Magnolia Drive, 12th Avenue, West Second Street and West First Street.

- Conducting a feasibility study for neighborhood streetscape enhancements in the Gulf Pines neighborhood. Public Works Director Noel Hand is expected to recommend a contract with Volkert for \$127,000 for services that will include a topographic field survey and a public involvement fee.

- An assembly permit for Doc's Hot Trot for ARC at LuLu's on June 18.

- Assembly permits for the Music at Meyer Summer Series on June 16, July 21 and Aug. 18.

- An assembly permit for S'mores on the Shore at West Gulf Place on May 26 and Aug 4 at 6 p.m. The city will provide music, firepits and all the fixings.





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## AROUND TOWN



**BALD EAGLE RELEASED IN ORANGE BEACH:** The Orange Beach Wildlife Center, for the first time ever, has released a Bald Eagle back into the wild. An immature bald eagle a few months ago, after it was observed for several days struggling to fly. Upon intake, he/she was very thin and unable to fly, but no broken bones were shown on x-rays. Staff suspected nerve damage, and treated it with fluids, anti-inflammatories, anti-fungals, and cage rest. Its first attempts at flying were very poor, but it continued to gain strength and improve daily. After several months of flight conditioning, the bird was cleared for release on May 14. The OBWC staff put so much effort into rehabilitating this bird, and Gulf Shores Fire Rescue helped with the initial capture.

## First phase of OWA waterpark to open June 27

It's unlike anything the Gulf Coast has ever seen before—bigger than a football field and covered by a convertible roof of 1,800 glass panels! Boasting more than 100,000 sq. ft. of indoor space alone, OWA Parks & Resort has announced their opening date for the newest addition to Tropic Falls, it's highly anticipated indoor waterpark.

Opening in two phases, the region's largest indoor waterpark is slated to open its first expansion (Phase One) on June 27. Phase One will include six thrill slides, a lazy river, indoor dining location, party rental rooms, an indoor arcade, and a children's play structure with five slides. Phase Two will open later this summer and includes a 30,000 sq. ft. outdoor wave pool, surf simulator, and additional dining and beverage locations. Upon completion, Tropic Falls will be the only indoor waterpark in the United States with both a retractable roof and sidewall.

The opening of the indoor water park will also initiate new ticket and season pass options for guests wishing to visit Tropic Falls theme park and indoor waterpark starting at \$69.99. Season passes have been reimagined and include both gold and diamond levels. Season passes begin at \$269.99. Exclusive perks include seasonal buddy passes and discounts on select dining, merchandise, and lodging. Tickets go on sale beginning May 25, 2022 at VisitOWA.com or in person at Tropic Falls Admissions.

The results are in! With more than 200 total name submissions, the Tropic Falls toucan mascot has officially been introduced as Tuki the Toucan. "We were so impressed with the creative name suggestions we received for our toucan friend," said Kristin Hellmich, Director of Marketing and Public Relations for OWA Parks and Resort. "It was difficult to narrow down the choices, but ultimately one name stood out from the rest." Tuki will be making his debut appearance this weekend at the Gulf Coast Hot Air Balloon Festival near the Tropic Falls entrance.

Additional information on park hours, entertainment options and up to date water park news can be found online at VisitOWA.com



# OB bond issue includes \$50 million for new school system

By John Mullen

The city of Orange Beach is poised to release two bond issues worth a combined \$75 million with \$50 million a "general obligations school warrant," according to the council's May 17 agenda.

Also, during the meeting, the council will discuss awarding a bid to John G. Walton Construction for Canal Road improvements from State Route 161 to Wilson Boulevard for \$7.3 million.

There will be a first reading and public hearing on each of the bond issues during the regular council session. A work session will follow where the Canal Road project will be discussed.

With the first bond issue of \$50 million, the city seeks to "to acquire, provide, construct, and equip public school facilities, or school houses" the ordinance states. The city will draw on the money as needs arise.

"The bulk of the \$50 million covers the payment to Baldwin County Board of Education for the current school assets and debt," City Administrator Ken Grimes said.

With the second \$25 million, the ordinance states the money was be used, also on an as-needed basis, for capital projects in Orange Beach.

According to Investopedia.com "A general obligation bond (GO bond) is a municipal bond backed solely by the credit and taxing power of the issuing jurisdiction rather than the revenue from a given project. General obligation bonds are issued with the belief that a municipality will be able to repay its debt obligation through taxation or revenue from projects. No assets are used as collateral."

Canal Road will be widened to three lanes along that stretch with a roundabout in the area of the library to accommodate customers headed to Doc's Seafood Shack and Oyster Bar. Included in the project is a 10-foot-wide intermodal path from State Route 161 to Wilson Boulevard and eventually all the way to Bear Point. This project will be funded mostly by RESTORE Act money.

During the regular session, council will address:

- Approving a liquor license for Dick's Last Resort going into the former Toby Keith Space at The Wharf. Inside the 16,000-square-foot space will be the Cat's Meow karaoke bar.
- A resolution authorizing execution of a professional services agreement with J. F. Morris Performance for theater performance direction for "Clue on Stage."
- A resolution authorizing the purchase of a 2022 Tahoe four-wheel drive SUV for the fire department from state bid in the amount of \$37,944.
- Consider hiring Decision Resources for \$30,000 to "provide a report regarding issues pertaining to the pending separation agreement of the Orange Beach City Board of Education from the Baldwin County Board of Education. After having reviewed the agreement, the City Council has determined that the "provisions are in the best interest of the City of Orange Beach," according to the resolution.
- A resolution authorizing execution of a reciprocal agreement to exchange information with the State of Alabama Department of Revenue to

mirror some recent changes in the agreement passed by the state legislature.

- A resolution to purchase two replacement spare pumps for the utilities department, a 35-horsepower for \$45,436 and a 45-horsepower for \$43,351 from Jim House and Associates.
- A public hearing and first reading of a change in the city's business code to clarify use of public property as a place of business.
- A public hearing and first reading for an ordinance authorizing the lease of the Medical Arts Building for \$10,000 a month with a \$10,000 security deposit. The tenant will be responsible for repairs to the heating and cooling system up to \$2,000 and the city will pay any cost above that amount.

During work session, council addressed:

- A resolution adopting rental policies and procedures and establishing fees for the Wind and Water Learning Center on Wolf Bay near the library.
- A resolution authorizing a contract with Watermark Design Group to provide design, bid, and construction administration services for roof replacement at Fire Station No. 1 following the April 10, 2021, hailstorm in an amount not to exceed \$27,600.
- Setting public hearings for the site plan for two new towers of Phoenix Key and a planned unit development modification in the Parks Edge subdivision. The suggested date was June 7.



## Waterfront Park Pier gets rebuild

Contractors for the City of Orange Beach have started tearing down the old Waterfront Park pier. The pier was severely damaged by Hurricane Sally. Due to the severity of the damage the entire pier will be replaced on the same footprint.

While most of the park (including Kid's Park) will remain open, the northern most section of the parking area to the beach will be closed to the public as a construction zone for the duration of the project. All of the Coastal Art Center's property and building will remain open. The projected is expected to be completed by early fall.



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# Alabama's Red Snapper season opens May 27



By David Rainer

Al Dept. of Con. and Nat. Resources

The Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources' (ADCNR) Marine Resources Division (MRD) announces that Alabama state waters and federal waters will open to private and state-licensed charter vessel anglers for red snapper harvest on Friday, May 27. The season will consist of four-day weekends, Friday through Monday, beginning Friday, May 27, and continue until the private angler quota is projected to be met.

The season dates listed above only apply to anglers fishing from shore, private recreational vessels and state-licensed Alabama commercial party boats that do not hold federal for-hire fishing permits. (See sidebar.)

Alabama will continue to use Snapper Check to monitor shore, private vessel and state charter angler landings during the season and will provide weekly updates at [outdooralabama.com](http://outdooralabama.com).

Weekends open to red snapper harvest are defined as 12:01 a.m. Friday through 11:59 p.m. Monday. The daily bag limit will be two red snapper per person, per day with a minimum size limit of 16 inches total length.

Anglers 16 years of age and older must have an Alabama saltwater fishing license (resident or non-resident, annual or trip), and any Alabama resident 65 or older or a lifetime saltwater license holder must have a current saltwater angler registration. The saltwater angler registration and Alabama Gulf Reef Fish Endorsement is free and available at [outdooralabama.com](http://outdooralabama.com). Anglers under 16 are not required to be licensed, or possess an endorsement, but their catch must be included in a landing report.

The exact Alabama private angler quota for 2022 has not yet been provided by the NOAA Fisheries. MRD will announce a season closure date when the 2022 quota is

anticipated to be met.

The Snapper Check program estimated Alabama's private recreational anglers landed 939,143 pounds during the 2021 red snapper season, which was below the 1.12-million-pound quota. Since 2018, annual Snapper Check estimates have been very close to or just above the annual quota, which has ranged from 986,000 to 1.12 million pounds. Several people who spoke during the Gulf Council's public testimony period said they were concerned that snapper were harder to catch this year than in recent years and were concerned that catches were leading to local depletion.

"Some people are worried about red snapper and use the term of 'localized depletion,'" said Kevin Anson, the Alabama Dept. of Natural Resources Marine Resources representative on the Gulf Council. "Our contention is we've been penalized in the assessment, and we were never harvesting at the level we could. That's why we ended up with such big fish and so many fish that it was easy for folks to catch a limit.

"When people are talking about the fish that are missing, they're talking about the fish that are closest to shore. A large proportion of private recreational anglers do not travel too far from shore, and charter boat owners have been selling two or three trips a day during most of their season for several years. You can't get out very far on four- or six-hour trips. Within the first few weeks of the season, most nearshore places, those within 20 miles from shore, get picked over and have smaller fish. That's just how it is, but a large portion of the fish off Alabama are beyond that distance."

As a reminder, anglers landing red snapper in Alabama with private boats are required by law to complete one landing report per vessel trip of their harvested red snapper through Snapper Check before the fish are removed from the boat or the boat with the

fish is removed from the water. Reporting of greater amberjack and gray triggerfish also is mandatory. Also, all recreational anglers and charter vessels, state and federally permitted, in possession of Gulf reef fish are required to have an Alabama Gulf Reef Fish Endorsement.

The best and easiest way to comply with the reporting requirement is through the Snapper Check feature found on the Outdoor AL app. The app is available from Apple and Android stores. Reports can also be submitted online at [outdooralabama.com](http://outdooralabama.com). Paper reports and drop boxes are no longer available.

Also, the DESCEND Act goes into effect this year. The act requires all vessels that are fishing for reef fish in federal waters to have a venting tool or descending tool on board and ready to use when fishing. The venting tool is used to release gases from the fish's swim bladder to allow it to return to the reef naturally. The descending device is used by attaching the fish to the device and lowering the fish and device into the water to a certain depth before releasing it. The goal of the Act is to reduce the effects of barotrauma to the fish, which will increase the survival rate of discarded fish and improve the sustainability of the resource.

## Florida red snapper season will start on June 17

The Florida Gulf of Mexico red snapper season will be extended to 57 days and include both summer and fall sessions. The 45-day summer season will be June 17-July 31. And the 12-day fall weekend season will be Oct. 8-9, Oct. 15-16 and Oct. 2-23. Snapper fishing will also be legal over Veteran's Day weekend, Nov. 11-13, and Thanksgiving Day weekend, Nov. 25-27. The 57 day season is the longest since the state began managing the species. The state's 2021 red snapper season ran for 54 days. Snapper fishing was legal in federal waters off Florida for 63 days.

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) estimates that the fishing industry has generated 120,000 jobs and contributes \$13.8 billion to the Florida economy. The impact of the for-hire fishing industry attracts visitors who spend hundreds of millions of dollars on lodging, dining and recreation.

## 79-day charter boat snapper season begins June 1

By David Rainer

NOAA Fisheries announced a 79-day red snapper season for for-hire vessels with federal reef fish permits in federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico.

The season for federally permitted for-hire vessels (charter boats) will open seven days a week at 12:01 a.m. on June 1, 2022, and will close at 12:01 a.m. on

August 19, 2022.

NOAA Fisheries said the total Gulf of Mexico red snapper recreational quota is 7,399,000 pounds whole weight. The private angler sector is allocated 57.7%, and the for-hire sector is allocated 42.3% of the quota.

Although the 2022 quota for the Gulf of Mexico federal for-hire component is 3,130,000 pounds, the annual catch target is 2,848,000 pounds whole weight, which is 91% of the quota and provides a buffer to keep the sector from harvesting more than the quota. The quota for red snapper in the Gulf for both the commercial and recreational sectors is 15.1 million pounds.

The method of determining harvest is still unsettled. NOAA Fisheries has recently implemented a fishing effort survey sent by mail. The newer survey estimates two to four times more fishing trips than the previous effort survey method, which utilized landline telephones as a means for contacting coastal recreational saltwater anglers. Currently, data from historical Coastal Household Telephone Survey (CHTS) and Alabama's Snapper Check are used to estimate snapper harvest.

## Reports show depletion of greater amberjack stock

The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Gulf Council), meeting recently in Orange Beach, had some discouraging news about one of the Gulf species that anglers target when red snapper season is closed

— greater amberjack.

Kevin Anson, the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (ADCNR) Marine Resources Division (MRD) representative on the Gulf Council, said recent amberjack assessments have raised concerns about the hard-fighting species that tends to congregate around structure in deeper water.

"The amberjack assessments going back the last 20 years have been indicating the stock is undergoing overfishing and/or is in an overfished status," Anson said. "We have implemented several management measures for the last 5 to 7 years to try to improve the stock. They have not provided any benefits that we can see at this time. We reduced the number of season days. We increased the size limit. We reduced the bag limit (one fish per angler), and we just haven't seen any improvement in the stock.

"We're going to have to make some tougher decisions at the Council to get it where it's not overfished or undergoing overfishing. In the short term, we're going to be looking at management that will try to get us to a point where we don't exceed the annual catch limit. That potentially is going to mean there will be a much shorter season length."

Anson, MRD's Chief Biologist, said increasing the size limit for amberjack, which is already 34 inches fork length, would likely be counterproductive. Bag limits could end up being reduced using the number of fish per vessel or number of anglers. Bigger fish don't handle very well when being released.

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### Saturday concerts & Illuminating Autism at Pirates Cove

Live music on the main building porch has returned to Josephine's gift to the world with performances by bands led by Pirates Cove riff-raffs Kelly Poole & The Swingset on May 21 and Andy MacDonald and the Flying Cobras on May 28. Music will continue beginning around 3 p.m. on Saturday afternoons through the tourist season.

Known for bushwackers, hamburgers and an affinity for canines of all shapes and sizes, the Cove is also well into plans for its annual Illuminating Autism FUNraiser July 22-24. Tickets are already on sale for twin drawdowns for a brand new jeep to raise funds for the local nonprofit specializing in language development and social behavior therapy for school-age children. The event offers food, fun and live music on the sandy shores of the laid-back landmark. Jeep tickets are \$100 each and include admission each day. For more info, to buy drawdown tickets or to volunteer, go to [highhopes4autism.org](http://highhopes4autism.org) or call (251) 986-7007.

Located at the intersection of Robert's Bayou and Arnica Bay and directly north of Bearpoint Marina in Orange Beach, Pirates Cove has been operated by three generations of Muellers and longtime staff led by Eileen Mueller and her sons Paul and Karl.

Opened as a Civilian Conservation Corps work camp during the Great Depression, the bistro was the camp general store when built in 1935. The Muellers celebrate the bistro's 65th anniversary this year.

### NAIA Track Championship back in Gulf Shores May 25-27

For the eighth year, Gulf Shores | Orange Beach Sports & Events will host the NAIA Men's & Women's Outdoor Track & Field National Championships alongside with city of Gulf Shores at Mickey Miller Blackwell Stadium at the Gulf Shores Sportsplex in Gulf Shores, Alabama, May 25-27. Approximately 1,300 student-athletes from colleges across the country will contend for the championship titles in a variety of track and field disciplines.

Part of NAIA's mission in each community it competes in is making an impact beyond athletics. Teams will participate in a Teaming Up for Character™ event benefitting the Christian Service Center's backpack program as part of the NAIA's Champions of Character® program. The local community is invited to donate designated items beforehand or during the event. Those interested in contributing to this impactful event may contact Ashley Wilson at [AWilson@GulfShores.com](mailto:AWilson@GulfShores.com).

To learn more about the NAIA, visit [NAIA.org](http://NAIA.org). For information on upcoming athletic events along Alabama's Gulf Coast, visit [GSOBSports.com](http://GSOBSports.com), or call 1-800-745-SAND.

"The NAIA has become part of our extended family," said Michelle Russ, STS, vice president of GSOB Sports & Events. "Student-athletes, fans and families come each year to compete and leave behind a lasting affect far beyond economic impact. Many families extend their stays or come back for vacations."

### Neil Dover to play at historic Blakeley State Park May 27

We know he has commanded the stage every single Wednesday afternoon around 2 p.m. at the Flora-Bama for the past 10 years, and that he is one of a plethora of reasons, musical and otherwise, that the Flora-Bama is the world's best beach bar. But crooner Neil Dover is also giving his fans to visit the site of the last Civil War battle when he plays a May 27 show at Historic Blakeley State Park as part of the park's spring concert series.

The Fairhope resident will play his originals and lend his unique take on classic country tunes from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Admission is \$8 for adults, \$4 for kids ages 6-12, and free for kids under 6. For more info or to purchase tickets in advance visit [blakeleypark.com](http://blakeleypark.com) or call 251-626-0798.

### Hurricane planning topic of June 3 Chamber breakfast

Travis Tompkins, Escambia County Public Safety Manager, will speak at the The Perdido Key Chamber of Commerce Breakfast Brief on June 3 at Hub Stacey's at The Point restaurant at 5851 Galvez Road.

Tompkins will discuss supplies to stock up on now, evacuation zones, emergency response, and re-entry after a hurricane and will take questions.

Networking coffee will start at 7:30 a.m. and the program at 8 a.m. A Q & A will follow. 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 at the door. Info: [PerdidoChamber.com](http://PerdidoChamber.com) or 850.492.4660.

### Orange Beach Billfish Classic May 20-21 at The Wharf

Weigh-ins for the Orange Beach Billfish Classic, the first major qualifying tournament of the Gulf Coast Triple Crown Series, will be held Friday, May 20 from 7-8 a.m. and 7 -10 p.m. and Saturday, May 21 from 6 -10 p.m. on Main Street at The Wharf in Orange Beach. The tourney splits tournament entry fees awarding the top three teams weighing blue marlin weighed and the three top catch and release teams in the event.



A family-run tournament that emphasizes team participation and is the only tournament on the Gulf Coast owned and operated by tournament fishermen, the OBBC includes tuna, wahoo and dolphin, but it is primarily a blue marlin tournament. Boats may leave from The Wharf beginning at noon on May 19.

The two-day event will be full of big boats, big fish and big fun, and it also serves as a major fundraiser for The Billfish Foundation. Since its inception, the OBBC has donated nearly \$1 million to TBF and other qualified conservation organizations.

The Blue Marlin Grand Championship of the Gulf, billed as "the greatest show in sportsfishing," will be held July 13-17 at The Wharf.

Founded in 1998 with the mission of funding conservation organizations such as The Billfish Foundation and the Coastal Conservation Association, the tourney is the country's only non-profit billfish tournament with 100 percent of all net profits donated to qualified conservation organizations. And amazingly, it is organized by an all-volunteer staff.

More info: [orangebeachbillfishclassic.com](http://orangebeachbillfishclassic.com) or [alwharf.com](http://alwharf.com).



### Free Baldwin Pops Band concert May 29 at OWA

The Baldwin Pops Band will present a free outdoor concert on Sunday, May 29 at 5 p.m. at OWA in Foley in the shopping area adjacent to the splash pad. The band will also play on Sunday, May 22 at Honey Bee Park in Robertsdale as part of a year-long Centennial celebration in that city. That concert includes the premiere performance of Hub City March, a concert march, by Ryan J. Williams, commissioned by the Baldwin Pops Band.

Guests should bring chairs or blankets for seating. After intermission, there will be a children's parade with flags. Attendees in Robertsdale are encouraged to bring a picnic supper. The Checked Tablecloth Award will be presented to the group with the most interesting picnic setup.

Dr. Jason Rinehart will conduct the Baldwin Pops Band in performances of "As All the Heav-

ens Were A Bell" by Jay Bocook, "Columbia's Pride" by John Philip Sousa, "Men of Ohio" by Henry Fillmore, "Pacem, A Hymn for Peace" by Robert Spittal, "Selections from The Phantom of the Opera" by Andrew Lloyd Webber, arranged by Warren Barker, "Salute to Ol' Blue Eyes" arranged by John Moss, "Stone Gardens" by Robert W. Smith, and more.

Each concert is supported by the city/venue in which it is held. In addition, the Baldwin Pops Band is sponsored by a grant from the Alabama State Council on the Arts. Each spring, a scholarship concert is performed including local high school seniors. Donations for the John Allen Memorial Scholarship are gratefully accepted at any concert or by mail to Baldwin Pops Band, P.O.Box 38, Fairhope, AL 36533. Info: [baldwinpops.com](http://baldwinpops.com) or 251-987-5757.

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### Brent Burns & Bleus Burger present Ukrainian Tuesdays Fundraiser will directly help feed those in war torn country

Brent Burns, the 2021 TropRock Music Association Lifetime Achievement Award recipient, is partnering with Bleus Burger and the World Central Kitchen to present Ukrainian Tuesdays to help feed Ukrainian people through World Food Kitchen.

Brent will be performing from 5-8 p.m. every Tuesday in June at Bleus Burger-Gulf Shores, across from CMX Movie Theaters in the Pelican Place Shopping Center in Gulf Shores. For \$40 per person, each Tuesday event will feature specialty Ukrainian food and wine, along with all your Bleus Burger favorites.

Enjoy authentic Ukrainian dishes and know that 50 percent of all food sales on Tuesdays during June will go directly to World Central Kitchen to be used for food and supplies for the Ukrainian people who have been under duress from the Russian invasion. Additionally, total donations will be matched up to \$5,000.

Reservations are recommended and should be made with Bleus Burger at [info@bleusburger.com](mailto:info@bleusburger.com).

### Modular terminal being built for commercial traffic at G.S. Airport

Gulf Shores Mayor Robert Craft said The Gulf Shores International Airport Authority has three letters of intent from airlines ready to start service and a contract with TBI Airport Management of Atlanta to build a \$4 million, 12,000 square foot, modular passenger terminal with six ticket counters, electronic kiosks, restrooms, two TSA security areas, and holding and baggage claim areas. Plans also call for TBI to build a permanent, two-gate airport terminal within four years.

Speaking to a local chamber gathering, Mayor Craft said Elite Airways will provide service from Nashville and Sun Country will provide service to Minneapolis. He said a third airline will use larger aircraft and provide service to a hub city such as Atlanta or Dallas for connector flights.

Previous letters of intent granted to offer regular flights from Jack Edwards Airport in Gulf Shores to Atlanta, Cincinnati and Baton Rouge were canceled due to a lack of interest in the service back in 2019. Southeast Beach Express round-trip flights to Baton Rouge was priced at \$490. Flights were priced at \$590 to Atlanta and \$590 to Cincinnati. Lack of rental cars was a major factor in the lack of bookings, according to a Southeast Beach Express face saving press release.

Mayor Craft said plans are also in place to provide transportation services at the airport and noted that the more people that fly here for vacation, the less traffic congestion there will be on the roads leading into Pleasure Island.

The authority will get \$4,000 a month to lease property for the interim terminal and will also receive 90 percent of the landing fees collected by TBI.

The commercial service into Gulf Shores International Airport was made possible because of the newly constructed air traffic control tower at the airport. The 95-ft-tall tower consists of nearly 2 million pounds of concrete and more than 6 mi. of copper electrical and communications wiring. It contains a modern communications system that allows aircraft to connect with tower controllers from more than 30 mi. away. Officials say the tower has been exceedingly helpful in creating safe airspace and streamlining operations at the second-busiest airport in Alabama.

Additionally, the airport was awarded a grant of \$670,000 through the Airport Improvement Program to conduct and update miscellaneous studies related to the new terminal development and reconstruct Taxiway Lighting for Taxiway A and other related projects.

For more info about Gulf Shores International Airport, call the Gulf Shores Airport Authority at 251-967-3968.

### WED, MAY 18

- Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables: Schedule on Pages 28-29; Perdido Key.
- Flora-Bama Family Friendly Bingo: 1-4 p.m.; free; family friendly; Flora-Bama; Perdido Key.
- Bama Beach Pickleball Club: 9-noon; Church of Christ, 2414 West 1st St., Gulf Shores; (new members welcome).
- T-Bone Montgomery: 6; Front Porch, Lillian.
- Acoustic Soul: 5; Woodside Restaurant at Gulf State Park; Gulf Shores.
- Jimmy Lee Hanniford: 6; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.
- Brooks Johnson: 5; LuLu's at Homeport Marina, Gulf Shores.
- Adam Tyler Brown: 6; Tacky Jacks, Fort Morgan.
- John Brust: 6; Ms. Nancy's Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach.
- Artie Hopkins: 5; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- T-Bone Montgomery: 6; The Front Porch; Lillian.
- Open Jam: 7:30; Good Time Charlie's; Foley.
- Open Mic: 6; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- Mason Henderson's Saucy Fuzz: 9; The

Undertow; 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.
- Bingo: 10 a.m.; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- BBRC Running Club: 5:30 p.m.; Big Beach Brewery in Gulf Shores; lafleet-feet.com.
- 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, MAY 19

- Kenny Chesney: 7; The Wharf Amphitheater; Orange Beach.
- 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.
- T-Birds & Fat Cats: 6; Hub Stacy's; Innerarity Point.
- Bar Trivia Night: 5; Bar 45 Lounge at ONE CLUB, Gulf Shores.

- Gary Story Open Mic: 6; Front Porch, Lillian
- Skyline Kings: 6; Hub Stacy's; Innerarity Point.
- JERI: 5; LuLu's at Homeport Marina, Gulf Shores.
- JJ Mack: 6; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.
- Chase Brown: 5; Woodside Restaurant at Gulf State Park; Gulf Shores.
- Bama Beach Pickleball Club: 9-noon; Church of Christ, 2414 West 1st St., Gulf Shores; (new members welcome).
- This Side of 49: 6; Sunset Cork Room; Gulf Shores.
- Karaoke: 6; Tacky Jacks; Gulf Shores.
- William Gibson: 5; The Perch, Gulf State Park Lodge, Gulf Shores.
- John Brust: 6; Ms. Nancy's Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach.
- Karaoke w. Howard: 7; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.
- Tim Roberts: 6; The Tin Top Restaurant, Bon Secour.
- Karaoke: 9; The Undertow; Orange Beach.



**OB GRAND SLAM:** Dick Kaufman and Mathilde Nelson pictured below bid and made a 7 diamonds doubled Grand Slam at the Orange Beach Bridge Club on Thursday, May 5th. The Club meets at the Orange Beach Senior Center on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 11:30. New players are always welcome.



**ISLAND'S OWN MISS ALABAMA SPEAKS AT OBHS:** Miss Alabama Lauren Bradford, a graduate of Gulf Shores High School and the first runner-up Miss America, recently shared her "Unplug, The Digital Diet Plan" passion with Orange Beach students grades 7-12. The plan's goal is to use the actual medium itself to help educate teens and others as to the harmful consequences of overuse of cell phones and find technological balance in their lives by offering practical steps to find a balance of use so that people can gain and maintain overall health and well being.



**PERDIDO OPTIMISTS HONOR LAW OFFICERS:** The Optimist Club of Perdido Bay recently honored members of law enforcement agencies at their annual Respect for Law Day breakfast. This year's Law Officers of the Year are Deputy Bill Smith, Deputy Sydney Wentworth, Baldwin County Sheriff's Office and Detective Joshua Reeves, Daphne Police. Deputy Smith lost his life saving swimmers in the water off Fort Morgan. Deputy Wentworth was also on the scene and helped in the life-saving effort. Detective Reeves was described by District Attorney Robert Wilters as an "all-round good officer, always willing to help the citizens of Baldwin County." Others nominated for Law Officer of the Year are Officer Charles Cooper, Alabama Pardons & Pardoles; Deputy Brian Singler, Baldwin County Sheriff's Office; K-9 Harko, Bay Minette Police; Corporal Timothy Birt, Daphne Police; Officer John Branscomb, Elberta Police and Officer Ray Clark, Fairhope Police, Officer Joseph Bottoms, Foley Police, Officer Chris Miller, Gulf Shores Police; Corporal Michael McBrayer, Officer James Singleton, Officer Dustin Colburn and Officer Brennan Giles, Orange Beach Police; and Officer Juanita Odom, Silverhill Police.

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- 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.am.; call 225/313-8516 for info & location.
- Gulf Shores United Methodist Church Bread Ministry: 9-10; every Thursday; room 103 on the south campus, next to Crossroad; 251 968-2411.
- Al-Anon: 7; Orange Beach Presbyterian Church, 26640 Canal Rd.

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

- Flora-Bama Family Friendly Bingo: 1-4 p.m.; free; family friendly; Flora-Bama; Perdido Key.
- Bailee Rainwater: 6; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- Bo Grant: 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- J. Hawkins: 4; Front Porch, Lillian
- Smokey Otis: 6; Front Porch, Lillian
- Gypsy Pearl: 5; LuLu's at Homeport Marina, Gulf Shores.
- Destiny Brown: 5; Woodside Restaurant at Gulf State Park; Gulf Shores.
- Gringo Fife: 6; Tacky Jacks, Fort Mor-

### FRI, MAY 20

- Music, marketplace & a Movie: 4-7 p.m.; free; Heritage Park; Foley.
- Orange Beach Billfish Classic: Weigh-In at 7 p.m.; The Wharf Amphitheater; Orange Beach.
- Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables: Schedule on Pages 28-29; Perdido Key.

### TREASURES OF THE ISLE KENTUCKY DERBY PARTY

The annual Treasures of the Isle Kentucky Derby Party hat & ensemble contest winners included: Hat—Tude, Robin Watson; Off To The Races, Betty Butler; Dapper Dan, Bayne Bridges; Too Hot To Trot - Pam Eldridge; and Over The Top - Karen Milton.



**EXIT REALTY CAMPING FOR CANS:** EXIT REALTY Gulf Shores held a "Camping for Cans" themed food drive for the Christian Service Center April 22. The event was a huge success resulting in a trailer-load of nonperishable goods collected and delivered to the Christian Service Center. Their efforts will bless many families in Gulf Shores, Orange Beach, and Fort Morgan. Some of the food collected will be used for the Center's summer "backpack" food program for children. The program helps families supplement their weekly food supply while their children are not receiving free/reduced breakfast and lunch at school. Thank you Exit Realty Gulf Shores for joining with CSC to serve families in need in our Gulf Shores, Orange Beach, and Ft. Morgan communities. Thank you also to the following businesses that supplied gift baskets for this campaign: A Specialty Bakery; Anchor Title Company; Barr Group Mortgage; The Mike Carey Team, The Home Loan Expert; Southern Shore Coffee; Wheeles Karate and Jiu Jitsu.

### Students will help produce June 11 Dustin Lynch show at OWA

High school students from across Alabama, through the Reach and Teach nonprofit will gain valuable experience working alongside industry professionals to during the June 11 Tunes and Tan Lines Music Fest at OWA in Foley. Dustin Lynch will headline the concert, with Bailey Zimmerman and Ella Langley opening the 6 p.m. show. Tickets start at \$25 at VisitOWA.com/tunes-tanlines or at the Tropic Falls admission window.

The students will spend five days immersed in every aspect of event planning and execution from stage setup and venue layout to ticketing and sound engineering.

"Investment in the entertainment, hospitality, and tourism industries is extremely important to us here at OWA," said Kristin Hellmich, OWA Parks & Resort Director of Marketing and Public Relations.

### June 4 yard sale at Lillian's Bayside Baptist for building fund

Bayside Baptist Church, located at 33749 Hwy. 98 in Lillian (across street from Chevron Station) will host a fundraising yard sale and bake sale on Saturday, June 4 from 8 a.m. 'til 4 p.m. Money raised will help fund an expansion of the church sunday school rooms & remodel of Fellowship Hall. For more info, call 256-710-6942 or email mrcuster2@gmail.com.





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## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### Everyday People Band, Amanda Pruitt at Playa Del Rio

Playa del Rio & Sandy Roots will kick off its summer of concerts on Ole River with the Everyday People Band on May 21 and the Amanda Pruitt Band on May 30. There is no admission fee. But donations to the Frank Brown Songwriters Fest Foundation 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. Concerts are from 7-11 p.m.

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

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

"We welcome our local community, family and friends to join us for all the great music events and look forward to seeing y'all," said event founder Mark McBride. "Music is a part of our soul."



**AMERICAN LEGION POST 99 GIRLS STATE:** American Legion Post 99, Auxiliary Unit 99 and their respective schools congratulate the Alabama Girl's State selections for 2022. **Pictured:** Foley Girls State Candidates/Alternates Aniston Davis, Kasey Merchant, Mayne McFarland & Crysta Germany; Elberta High School's Mary Katherine Gunn and Lexi Hanrahan.



**ORANGE BEACH GARDEN CLUB YARDS OF THE MONTH:** The Orange Beach Garden Club presented its Commercial Yard of the Month to the Orange Beach Marina, located at 27075 Marina Road, and its Residential Yard of the Month award to Connie and Bill Marefka of 5735 Pensacola Ave. **Pictured:** Connie and Bill Marefka with OBG member Becky Zerby, Garden Club member Jimmy Beason, harbormaster, and Zerby.

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- Damian Lamb: 6; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.
- Rodger & Elaine: 7; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- Guided Pier Walk: 9-10 a.m.; Gulf State Park Pier; Gulf Shores.
- Milton Faustino: 6; Sunset Cork Room; Gulf Shores.
- High Times: 7; Hub Stacy's; Innerarity Point.
- Open Mic: 7; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.
- Chase Brown: 5; The Perch, Gulf State Park Lodge, Gulf Shores.
- Mid-Life Crisis: 9; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- Darrell Roberts: 7; Stephi Cocktails / Cuisine; Orange Beach.
- Bama Beach Pickleball Club: 9-noon; Church of Christ, 2414 West 1st St., Gulf Shores; (new members welcome).
- John Brust: 6; Ms. Nancy's Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach.
- Karaoke w. Kelly Ann: 6; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- Open Mixed Doubles Tennis: 7:15 a.m.; all levels welcome; Gulf Shores Tennis Center; corner of West 19th Ave. and West 2nd St.
- Alcoholics Anonymous: noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center; 13660 Innerarity Pt. Rd.; 850-492-3056 or 492-6362.
- T.O.P.S. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly); weigh-in 9; meeting 9:30; Foley Sr. Center, 304 E. Rose Ave.; 251-979-1075.
- Al-Anon: noon; Our Lady of the Gulf

Catholic Church, Gulf Shores.

### SAT, MAY 21

- Opera "Lucia di Lammermoor" by Donizetti: noon: in high definition from The Metropolitan Opera, Cobb Pinnacle 14, Gulf Shores.
- Peace & Music Dinner Theater: 6-9 p.m.; Sunset Cork Room; Gulf Shores.
- Kelly Poole & The Swingset: 3; Pirates Cove; Josephine.
- Orange Beach Billfish Classic: Weigh-In at 6 p.m.; The Wharf Amphitheater; Orange Beach.
- Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables: Schedule on Pages 28-29; Perdido Key.
- Wire Jam: 1; Front Porch, Lillian
- Gambino Duo: 11; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.
- Pickerwoods: 3; Tacky Jacks, Fort Morgan.
- Ryan Balthrop: 5; LuLu's at Homeport Marina, Gulf Shores.
- Bo Grant: 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- Stone Country: 6:30; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- Trey Rowall: 6; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- JJ Mack: 6; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.
- Mac Walter: 5; Woodside Restaurant at Gulf State Park; Gulf Shores.
- Destiny Brown: 5; The Perch, Gulf State Park Lodge, Gulf Shores.
- Everyday People Band: 7; Playa Del Rio RV Park; Perdido Key.

- Nightstar 6; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- Davo At the Piano: 5; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- Mid-Life Crisis: 9; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- Blenders: 7; Hub Stacy's; Innerarity Point.
- Karaoke w. Bree & David: 7; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.
- Wiley Pete: 7; Stephi Cocktails-Cuisine; Orange Beach.
- The Defrosters: 2; Flying Harpoon II; Orange Beach.
- Karaoke 9; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- Karaoke w. Howard: 7; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.
- Coastal Alabama Farmers and Fishermen Market: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.; 20733 Mifflin Rd. (County Rd. 20), Foley.
- Texas Hold 'em: 7; The Office, Foley.
- Baldwin County Republican Executive Committee: 10 a.m.; Robertsdale City Hall Building; 251-379-0748 or don@mcgriffaw.com
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# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## SUN, MAY 22

- Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables: Schedule on Pages 28-29; Perdido Key.
- Chase Brown: 5; Woodside Restaurant at Gulf State Park; Gulf Shores.
- Doc Johnson Band: 3; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- Darrel Roberts: 1; Front Porch, Lillian
- Johnny Barbato: 4; Front Porch, Lillian
- Josh Newcom: 5; LuLu's at Homeport Marina, Gulf Shores.
- Brent Varner: 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- Hippie Jim: 6; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- Lee Carreon: 6; Tacky Jacks, Fort Morgan.
- Gringo Fife: 11; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.
- Colby Girard: 6; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.
- Rodger & Elaine: 6; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- Bends & Brews Yoga: 11 a.m.; in the courtyard; Big Beach Brewery; Gulf Shores.
- Dark Waters Project: noon; Tin Top Restaurant; Bon Secour.
- 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, MAY 23

- Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables: Schedule on Pages 28-29; Perdido Key.
- Flora-Bama Family Friendly Bingo: 1-4 p.m.; free; family friendly; Flora-Bama; Perdido Key.
- Bama Beach Pickleball Club: 9-noon; Church of Christ, 2414 West 1st St., Gulf Shores; (new members welcome).
- Charlie Rees: 5; LuLu's at Homeport Marina, Gulf Shores.
- Zach Chaver: 6; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.
- Austin Thompson Duo: 6; Tacky Jacks, Fort Morgan.
- 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
- Bridge (11 a.m.) & Bingo (6 p.m.): 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.

## TUE, MAY 24

- Al-Anon: 7; Orange Beach Presbyterian Church, 26640 Canal Rd.
  - Ladies AA: 10 a.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Activities Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
  - AA: Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
- TUE, MAY 24**
- 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.
  - Jesse Duncan: 5; LuLu's at Homeport Marina, Gulf Shores.
  - Rhonda Hart & Elaine Petty: 5; Front Porch, Lillian
  - Bama Beach Pickleball Club: 9-noon; Church of Christ, 2414 West 1st St., Gulf Shores; (new members welcome).
  - Gambino Duo: 6; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.



## Legislators create bill to help solicit grants for Workforce Training Campus

The South Baldwin Gateway Initiative, a collaboration between local business Chambers, businesses, Orange Beach – Gulf Shores Tourism and others has taken a big step forward with its plan for a South Baldwin Workforce Training Campus that would provide much-needed housing for up to 2,000 seasonal workers, an education and training center and employee transportation services. At least \$214 million would be needed to fund the project.

To that end, local state senators Chris Elliott and Greg Albritton sponsored a bill creating the South Baldwin Workforce Development Authority, a public entity to raise federal, state and local money on behalf of the campus project. The Initiative is eyeing property owned by the city of Foley in the undeveloped part of its industrial park on the west side of the Beach Express a half mile south of U.S. 98.

“Our Baldwin County Legislative Delegation worked hard for us in getting SB336 through both the Senate and the House and passed into law on the last day of the session this year,” said Ed Bushaw, vice president of workforce development for the Authority. “The Authority will be run by a board of directors comprised of business people and will have involvement from the mayors or their appointees of Foley, Orange Beach & Gulf Shores. This step is important to the many steps that follow, but it is a crucial one in making the proposed campus a reality.”

The Authority will begin raising funds for the project by applying for American Rescue Plan Funds, federal grants and private investments.

In addition, The University of South Alabama and Coastal Community College have agreed to open locations on the campus, and the Gulf Regional Early Childhood Services will manage the childcare facility on the site.

Bushaw said SBGI hopes to have a full budget for the campus this summer, which will help it secure grants.

Although much has to be accomplished before then, the SBGI hopes to initiate a transportation program using smaller vans and campus residents for work use. That program would be completely subsidized by federal transportation grants.

“We are also currently working with all three cities to designate planning funds so we can take the next steps in this process,” Bushaw said. “Rest assured we will leave no stone unturned on moving this project forward. We understand the need and how important this campus is to sustaining and growing the businesses in South Baldwin County.”

**Pictured:** The South Baldwin Gateway Initiative recently awarded Journeyman Status to Panini Pete's Restaurant Group, which includes Panini Pete's, Sunset Pointe, and Squid Ink. The program provides a career pathway where employers can develop and prepare their future workforce.

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING

- Spicy Danger: 6; Tacky Jacks, Fort Morgan.
- Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde: 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- JW Karaoke: 6; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
- Danny Grady: 3; American Legion Post 44; Gulf Shores.
- Lisa Christian: 6; Sunset Cork Room; Gulf Shores.
- 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.
- South Baldwin Republican Women:

- Gift Horse Rest., 11:30 a.m.; 4th Tuesday of Every Month, public invited, Info: 251-978-6178.
- Manna Center Food Pantry: 9-11 & 2-4; First Baptist Church of Gulf Shores; 2300 West 1st St.; also adult & children's clothes, computer access, limited financial assistance. Info: 251-948-2485.
- Orange Beach City Council Meeting: 5 p.m.; City Hall; 980-INFO.
- Overcomers Outreach: 7 p.m.; First Baptist Church of Orange Beach; 980-1705.



### Southern Cal claims NCAA beach volleyball title at Gulf Place

For the second year in a row and fourth time in the event's six year history as an NCAA sanctioned event, Southern California is the national champion in beach volleyball, beating a proud Florida State team 3-1 in the title match at Gulf Shores Public Beach. The Trojans won 36 consecutive matches to end the regular season and dropped only one set in Gulf Shores on their way to the title.

The Semifinals took down two time champion UCLA in a thrilling semifinal match earlier that morning to earn their place in the final for the third time (2016, 2018).

Georgia State, the No. 10 seed, earned its first NCAA tournament win in program history by upsetting 7th seed Grand Canyon 3-2 in the first round. The Sandy Panthers went on to upset no. 2 seed Texas Christian to register the largest upset in tourney history and the highest ranked victory in GSU athletics history. The crowd favorite Sandy Panthers' historic season came to an end when they fell 2-3 to no. 4 Loyola Marymount.

The tourney attracted a record 10,151 fans during its final three days, according to Gulf Shores/Orange Beach Sports & Events.

The tourney returns to Gulf Shores in 2022 (May 5-7) and 2024 (May 3-5) before moving to Huntington Beach for two years. Gulf Shores is already committed to hosting the tourney in 2027 and beyond. "It is a signature event for showing off who we are and what we do," Gulf Shores Mayor Robert Craft said.

**Pictured:** As is customary, the champions took a dip in the Gulf following the trophy presentation.

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### WMO releases hurricane names for start of the 2022 season

The World Meteorological Organization has released its list of hurricane names for the 2022 season, which officially begins June 1. The 21 names on the list: Alex, Bonnie, Colin, Danielle, Earl Fiona, Gaston, Hermine, Ian, Julia, Karl, Lisa, Martin, Nicole, Owen, Paula, Richard, Shary, Tobias, Virginia and Walter. Storm names are removed permanently from the list if they've been particularly deadly.

Although June has traditionally marked the start of hurricane season, regular forecasts are issued beginning May 15 - the start of the Pacific hurricane season. Tropical Storm Ana, formed May 22 last year, was the seventh consecutive year that a possible hurricane force storm was tracked in the Atlantic before June 1.

The pre-season forecasts from the Colorado State University (CSU), led by Dr. Phil Klotzbach, hint at about 19 named tropical systems, with nine hurricanes and four major hurricanes this year, about the same as last year. The 2021 Hurricane season produced 21 storms, seven hurricanes, and major hurricanes Grace, Ida, Larry and Sam. The 2020 season brought a record 30 named Atlantic storms.

Officially, the Atlantic hurricane season runs from June 1 through November 30. The Atlantic basin covers the tropical area which includes the entire Atlantic Ocean, the Gulf of Mexico, and the Caribbean region.

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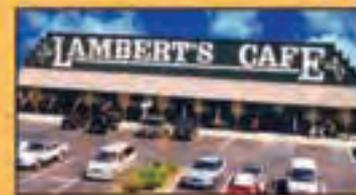
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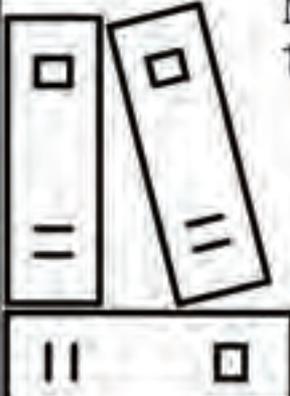
## WHAT'S HAPPENING

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, MAY 25

• Kiwanis  
 • 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.  
 • Wes Loper: 5; Woodside Restaurant at Gulf State Park; Gulf Shores.  
 • Rick Carter: 6; Front Porch, Lillian  
 • Bama Beach Pickleball Club: 9-noon; Church of Christ, 2414 West 1st St., Gulf Shores; (new members welcome).  
 • Jay Williams: 5; LuLu's at Homeport Marina, Gulf Shores.  
 • Caddilaca Attack: 6; Tacky Jacks, Fort Morgan.  
 • Open Mic: 6; Tacky Jacks; Gulf Shores.  
 • Brittany Grimes: 6; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.  
 • Artie Hopkins: 5; American Legion Post 99, Foley.  
 • John Brust: 6; Ms. Nancy's Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach.  
 • Mason Henderson's Saucy Fuzz: 9; The Undertow; Orange Beach.  
 • Gary Story & Friends: 8; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.  
 • John Joiner & Darrel Roberts: 6; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.  
 • Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde: 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING



### Travel & Leisure lists Gulf Place among 25 best beaches in USA

Travel & Leisure magazine included Gulf Shores Public Beach on its 25 Best Beaches in its April issue. According to the magazine, "Pretty palm trees, clear water, and pristine white sand make this beach a standout. It's located close to the boardwalk, restaurants, and shops with easy access to parking. The well-kept beach is also a great place for activities like volleyball and boogie boarding in the relatively calm surf. And the \$3 fee to enter the pier is worth the experience to watch the friendly fishermen, the hungry pelicans, and the occasional dolphins passing by."

The magazine considered the sand, waves, level of seclusion, public transportation and accessible parking, boardwalk, activities and amount of foliage when deciding on its list. Other beaches listed include Poipu Beach in Kauai, Hawaii; Ocean City, Maryland; Pope Beach in Lake Tahoe, Nevada; Oak Street Beach in Chicago; Good Harbor Beach in Gloucester, Massachusetts; and Wrightsville Beach in North Carolina. Gulf Shores Public Beach has undergone \$15 million in renovations since 2019. That year, city officials also adopted a new set of regulations for the half-mile stretch of public beachfront, including an ordinance to make it smoke-free.

### Magnolia Springs is charming says Trips To Discover website

In a story titled The Most Charming Small Town In Every State, the Trips to Discover website gave Magnolia Springs that honor for Alabama.

"Originally named Magnolia Plantation, its name was changed due to the abundance of magnolias and natural springs. It's often called the state's prettiest town, with many homes that have magnolia trees planted in the yards while historic buildings add to the appeal," according to the website.

"Nestled along the Magnolia River in southern Alabama, just a short drive from the beautiful beaches in Gulf Shores, most people simply pass through Magnolia Springs on their way to soak up the sun and the sand, but it's well worth a visit of its own."

More Info: [triptodiscover.com](http://triptodiscover.com).

- 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.

- JJ Mack: 6; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.
- Tim Robinson: 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- Light Travelers: 5; LuLu's at Homeport Marina, Gulf Shores.
- Karaoke: 6; Tacky Jacks; Gulf Shores.
- William Gibson: 5; The Perch, Gulf State Park Lodge, Gulf Shores.
- Brandon Giles: 6; Hub Stacy's; Innerarity Point.
- This Side of 49: 6; Sunset Cork Room; 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- Al-Anon: 7; Orange Beach Presbyterian Church, 26640 Canal Rd.

### THU, MAY 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.
- Chase Brown: 5; Woodside Restaurant at Gulf State Park; Gulf Shores.
- Gary Story: Open mic 6; Front Poeh, Lillian



**THE LIGHTHOUSE TAKES BACK THE NIGHT:** As part of Sexual Assault Awareness Month, The Lighthouse staff (pictured) and volunteers presented an event in Loxley on Thursday April 28th entitled "Take Back The Night." Members of The Lighthouse staff were joined by students from local high schools, Law Enforcement Officers, clergy and other community members, to demonstrate support for victims and survivors of sexual assault. Chief Assistant District Attorney Teresa Heinz spoke on her passion for defending victims of sexual assault, and courageous words were delivered by a survivor who is on the journey to healing. The mission of The Lighthouse is the elimination of family violence and sexual assault through education, intervention, services, and collaboration with the community. A non-profit agency founded in 1994, The Lighthouse provides sexual assault services to Baldwin and Escambia (AL) counties. The Lighthouse also provides domestic violence services to Baldwin, Monroe, Conecuh, and Escambia counties in Alabama. More info: [thelighthouseabeacon.org](http://thelighthouseabeacon.org).



### Anna Goeke wins Garvin Award

The Original Oyster House awarded a Chelsea Garvin Spirit Scholarship to Foley High's Anna Goeke, who will study studio art at the University of South Alabama. In 2006, the scholarship was founded in loving memory of Chelsea Garvin, who was an exceptional employee, a volunteer Fish River Fire Department Rescue Diver and a talented artist. Tragically at age 19, Chelsea lost her life in a boating accident while volunteering.

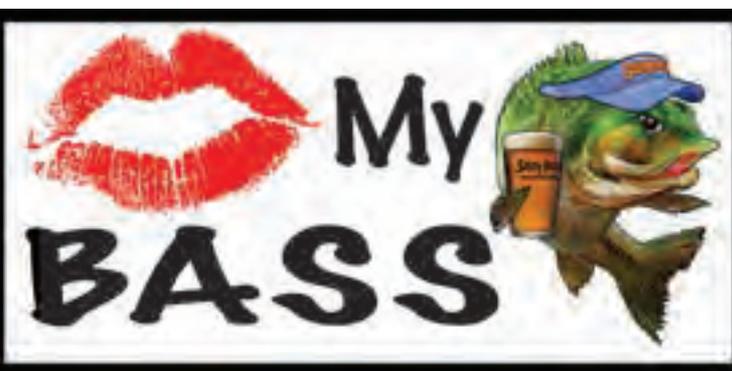
Goeke's artwork of oyster shells received the most votes from this year's scholarship committee.



### Pedro Paiva Silva Is Shining Star

Pedro Paiva Silva, a seventh grade student at Foley Middle School, was named Baldwin EMC's Shining Star Student of the Month for April. He was nominated by faculty member Dr. Annie Shoots (pictured w. Pedro).

Dr. Shoots wrote in her nomination, "Pedro is truly a shining star academically, socially and ethically! While maintaining an 'A' average in class, Pedro assists students within his learning pod and class with various collaborative activities. Well aware of the staffing shortages among COVID-19 and in-school learning, Pedro goes the extra mile by often staying behind class to sweep the floor and empty trash, as I sanitize my desks. Every day as he exits the room, he asks me, 'May I help you?' I am so humble at his willingness to assist."



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## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### PIER & SHORE FISHING OUTLOOK

By DAVID "THE PIERPOUNDER" THORNTON

So we had our two weeks of spring weather, and it seems we are heading into summer already. LOL!

Warming air and water temperatures along with the recent return of scattered thunder-showers have made it feel more like early summer than mid-spring lately. Also the



Sargassum invasion the first week of May caught a lot of anglers and beach goers off guard. But the fish did not seem to mind because the Gulf water has warmed above 80 degrees. Speckled trout and ladyfish are now active in the surf zone along

with a decreasing number of pompano. Meanwhile spanish mackerel and jack crevelle are tempting anglers on the Gulf State Park Pier. Maybe improved fishing on the pier will lessen the blow anglers felt over the news release that repair costs for the pier (\$12 million) are double the estimates. So officials stated repairs will not begin any time soon on the damaged pilings or replace the 210 foot wide breach left from Hurricane "Sally" in September 2020. "Maybe next year" is the sad reality...

At least the calm, clear water and recent up-swing in landings have distracted pier anglers. Some nice sized speckled trout and slot redfish are hanging around the pier regularly now. And flurries of pompano and spanish mackerel have garnered a lot of interest too. Live shrimp have been the best bait for these. Freeline the shrimp (on a small treblehook, with no weight, or just a splitshot or two) on light to medium tackle (6 to 12 pound class) to get the most action. Watch out for Blue runners though! There have even been a few 'blitzes' of bull redfish and large jack crevelle pressing baitfish schools of Scaled and False herring (locally re-

ferred to as LYs) around the pier. Additionally, there have been a lot of ladyfish and many Blue runner landed there recently, with some nice sized bluefish mixed in.

Most anglers are fishing with the ever popular Bubble rigs and Gotcha plugs. But mackerel, jacks, and blues can be caught on the single white leadhead jigs too. And some really nice spanish mackerel have been landed using the #10 size Rapala X-raps. But you often have to muscle the fish away from ravenous hordes of 5 to 7 foot long Blacktip and Spinner sharks. So most anglers find it necessary to 'overtackle' their fish with 20 pound class, medium heavy tackle, just to muscle their fish through the shark gauntlet. What a shame anglers are not allowed to land those great gamefish.

Shore anglers have had to contend more with intermittently thick patches of Sargassum grass since early May. That's when prolonged southerly winds pushed gobs of the floating brown algae ashore for days. Consequently, high tides or rough surf may re-float some of the grass from the beach causing localized headaches for anglers and itching for swimmers. A small price to pay though, for a healthy beach ecosystem which needs the occasional influx of these organic nutrients to help maintain the dune grasses and stabilize the shoreline. Often anglers can avoid the grass altogether by scouting several beach venues to choose a clearer location. And the calm, clear water reveals the sandbar structure to better give fishermen an idea where the fish might be feeding. Look for deeper, darker colored water along the drop-off edge of sandbars within casting or wading distance from shore to target pompano or Speckled trout. Fish early and late in the day to avoid swimmers and mid day heat.

Walking the beaches along the Fort Morgan peninsula in the early morning while casting plugs, spoons and other lures is a great way to target Speckled trout. And you get plenty of exercise too, because it is not unusual to have to walk more than a mile to locate feeding trout. So travel light with just one or two casting rods rigged with your favorite lures. Plus have a couple of spares in case you lose a lure, or want to change one out. Topwater plugs are often effective from first light until sunup. Heddon Spooks and Spook Jr are old favorites. But others, like Rapala Skitterwalk are popular as well as effective to garner bites from specks in the calm or near-calm surf. These fish tend to retreat to deeper water as the sun gets higher. So switching to a sinking twitch bait will often keep you on the bite. It may take a lot of walking and casts, and getting wet up to your belly, but the results of multiple strikes and hookups with two to five pound seatrout are often well worth the effort this time of year. Fishing leadhead jigs with soft plastic grubs may work at times when the trout are sulking on the bottom in deeper water.

**Pictured:** A fat surfside speckled trout caught and released by Dusty Hayes. (Photo by Chris Vescey). Pompano are still available in the surf for Faith Cagle. (Photo by Jordan Gooding).

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

### FRI, MAY 27

- Pepsi Beach Ball Drop: 3-7 p.m.; The Wharf Amphitheater; Orange Beach.
- 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.
- Lefty Collins: 5; LuLu's at Homeport Marina, Gulf Shores.
- J Hawkins: 4; Front Porch, Lillian
- Brandon Giles: 6; Front Porch, Lillian
- Shawn Lankey: 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- Delta Donnie: 6; Tacky Jacks, Fort Morgan.
- Tommy Morse: 6; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- Rodger & Elaine: 7; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- Hippy Jim: 6; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.
- Funky Lampshades: 5; Woodside Restaurant at Gulf State Park; Gulf Shores.
- Phish: 7; The Wharf Amphitheater; Orange Beach.
- Kristi Dees Bad Juju: 7; Hub Stacy's; Innerarity Point.
- Shazam: 9; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- Dan Poer: 6; Sunset Cork Room; Gulf

Shores.

- Bama Beach Pickleball Club: 9-noon; Church of Christ, 2414 West 1st St., Gulf Shores; (new members welcome).
- Open Mic: 7; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.
- Chase Brown: 5; The Perch, Gulf State Park Lodge, Gulf Shores.
- Darrell Roberts: 7; Sushi 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.
- Al-Anon: noon; Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church, Gulf Shores.

### SAT, MAY 28

- Phish: 7; The Wharf Amphitheater; Orange Beach.
- Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables: Schedule on Pages 28-29; Perdido Key.
- Andy MacDonald and the Flying Cobras: 3; Pirates Cove; Josephine.



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#### It is officially sea turtle nesting season, please help protect our wildlife

Sea turtle nesting season kicked off May 1 in Perdido Key and Pleasure Island, with volunteers from the Escambia County Sea Turtle Conservation Program and the Alabama Coastal Foundation Share The Beach program patrolling the local beaches each morning looking for signs of nesting or hatching activity.

Daily surveys ensure any nests laid in the night are protected and marked, allowing normal beach activities to continue. Volunteers continue to check on nests during the incubation period, ensuring they remain undisturbed. The nesting season will run through September, although late season nests can hatch as late as October.

Four species of sea turtle nest on the AL/FL Gulf Coast. The loggerhead and green sea turtles are the most common nesters, followed by the less common Kemp's ridley and leatherback. Female turtles may nest several times in a single season. After sixty days of incubation, the tiny hatching turtles emerge all at once under the cover of darkness and race to the Gulf of Mexico. The hatchlings will make their way to open water where there are fewer predators. After a few years of growing and feeding, they will return to the area as juveniles and sub-adults where they will continue to grow and feed until they are mature enough to mate and lay nests of their own. Juvenile and adult sea turtles can often be seen foraging in bays and sounds, including near local fishing piers and artificial reefs.

Several species of shorebirds nest on local beaches in the summer, including the least tern, snowy plover and black skimmer. Shorebird nests are shallow scrapes in the sand, with extremely small, well-camouflaged eggs. Parents will incubate for up to 30 days before the small, cotton ball-like chicks hatch. Eggs will often sit on the eggs and with newly hatched chicks to protect them from predators and the hot Florida sun. Birds are easily disturbed by people and pets approaching too close. During sea turtle nesting season:

- Avoid flash photography at night and only use approved sea turtle friendly flashlights.
- Turn off outside patio lights and shield indoor lights from shining onto the beach at night.
- Do not disturb sea turtle nests.
- Keep your distance (at least 30 feet) if you see an adult turtle on the beach.
- Leave sea turtle tracks undisturbed.
- Leave Only Footprints! Do not leave beach gear, holes, or trash on the beach.
- Report sea turtle sightings to 866-SEA-TURTLE (866-732-8878)

Dead or injured sea turtles and marine life should be reported to the Florida Wildlife Alert line at 1-888-404-FWCC (3922) or the Alabama Sea Turtle Hotline at 1-866-Sea-Turtle).



#### Big Beach Brewery wins gold at World Beer Cup

Brewers Rod Murray and Ryan Bingham (**pictured**), along with Big Beach Brewing staff officially put themselves on the craft beer map at the recent World Beer Cup in Minneapolis, taking home their first ever Gold Award in the German-Style Schwarzbier category.

The competition included 11,000 beer entries, 2,600 breweries from 60 countries, and 236 judges from 30 countries

The Surrender Cobra German-Style Schwarzbier is typically a seasonal offering, but now that it will be highly-respected along with other Gold Medal award-winning beers, Big Beach hopes to keep the dark lager available as often as possible.

"We have always known our brewers make great beer, and that it was just a matter of time before we medaled nationally, let alone globally. We as a staff are feeling extra proud given the fact that this category was up against German breweries and included Germans on the judge panel," said Millie Shamburger, company co-founder.

A family operation, Big Beach Brewing has been open in the Waterway District in Gulf Shores (300 E. 24th Ave.) for six years. Owned by the Shamburger family, the brewery has also earned medals in regional competitions like the Alabama Craft Beer Championship and the National Honey Board.

The local brewery doesn't package beers in cans for distribution, there are plenty of pints to be had behind the bar or to go beers available in the taproom.

"I have strived my entire brewing career to make the best beer I could. Every batch, every day, year after year for decades. I knew Big Beach Brewing makes Championship-worthy beer, we just had to be able to prove it. World Beer Cup Gold Medalist is definitely proof of our efforts," said Murray, the head brewer and now world champion.

- Chase Brown: 5; Woodside Restaurant at Gulf State Park; Gulf Shores.
- Wire Jam: 1; Front Ppech Lillian
- Wes Loper: 6; Front Porch, Lillian
- JJ Mack: 11; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.
- Chase Brown: 3; Tacky Jacks, Fort Morgan.
- Tim Robinson: 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- Jesse Duncan: 6; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- Greg Brown: 6; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.

- Basch Jernigan: 6; Sunset Cork Room; Gulf Shores.
- Stone Country: 6:30; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- Kristi Dees Bad Juju: 7; Hub Stacy's; Innerarity Point.
- Shazam: 9; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- Wiley Pete: 8; Stephi Cocktails-Cuisine; Orange Beach.
- Karaoke: 6; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- Karaoke w. Bree & David: 7; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.



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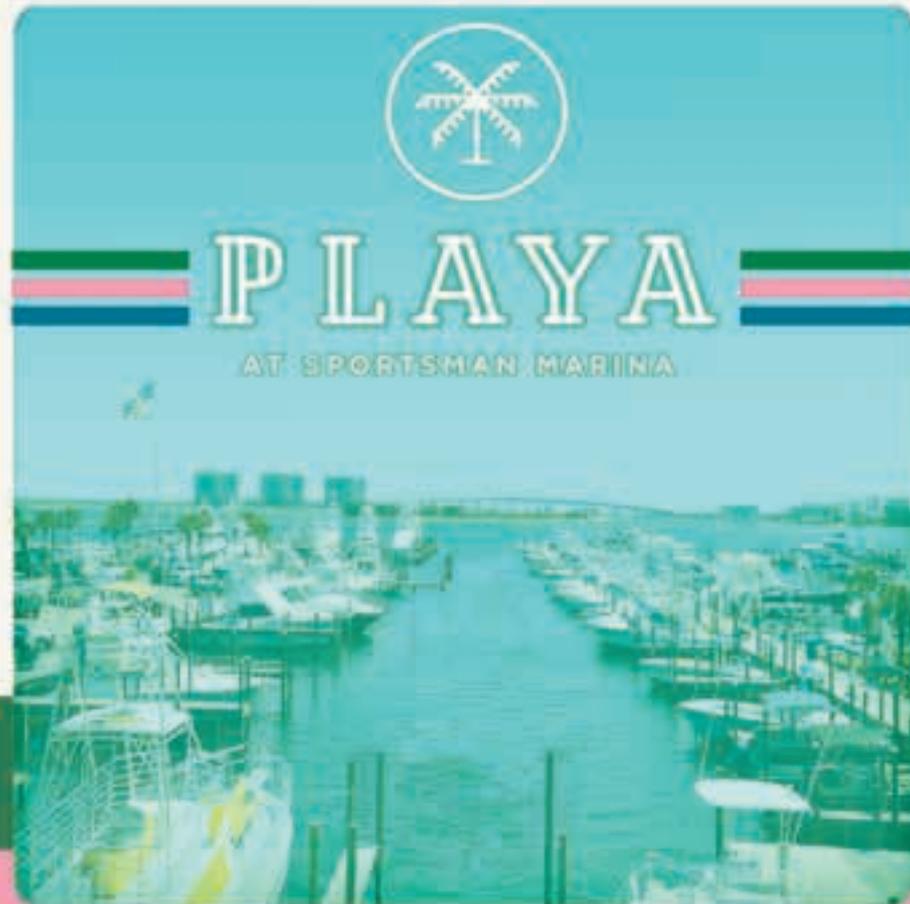


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# WHAT'S HAPPENING

## Orange Beach's Evie Rosa Butler wins 2nd state theater competition

Evie Rosa Butler, a junior at Orange Beach High School, achieves state title - twice. A two time All Star Cheerleader has won a state title two times in a row. And, it wasn't for cheerleading.

Evie Rosa competed at the Walter Trumbauer State Theatre festival and defied the odds. She won 1st in state in two consecutive state competitions in the same category. As a freshman, she competed with fifty girls from across the state in the contemporary monologue event.



Her title was the first state champion for the newly formed Orange Beach High School, where she has served as a variety cheerleader. Covid-19 stopped the competition last school year, but in the 2021-22 competition, Evie Rosa returned to the same category on a higher level, competed against fifty students - girls and boys - and won 1st in state again in this highly competitive event. Veterans of the competition couldn't remember a time in over twenty years that a student had won first in state for the monologue event two years in a row.

Two months after winning first in state, Evie Rosa participated in the Alabama Thespian Festival in Birmingham, where her role in the school's one act competition, won her Best Actress in the state-wide festival. Evie Rosa was also awarded a superior rating for her monologues

and a bid to the International Thespian Festival at the University of Indiana this summer.

In March, Evie Rosa attended the Southeastern Theatre Conference in Memphis, where she auditioned for seventy colleges, universities, and conservatories. She received an unheard of thirty-seven callbacks from these schools with numerous scholarship and program admittance offers.

When asked about her plans, Evie responded, "An actress. But, you know a lot of people don't understand that and talk to me about a 'Plan B.' I don't need a back-up plan. Acting for stage and film has been my dream since I was kindergarten. I'm thankful that I have two supportive parents who recognize the importance of me being able to carve my own path - to fulfill my purpose."

Evie Rosa played the role of Elsa Schraeder, the love interest of Captain Von Trapp in the recent school production of The Sound of Music. "It's a great role for me as a dramatic actress. It's the one role where I don't have to sing, and I can focus on creating a dramatic role in the middle of a musical," she said.

In addition to acting, Evie Rosa was the school's first Homecoming Queen in 2019. She has been a varsity cheerleader for three years and has just been chosen to co-captain the squad for her senior year. As a freshman, she was the SGA president 2020-21, and junior class president. She is a member of the National Honor Society, Model Mako 2020, Key Club, Mu Alpha Theta, Peer Helpers, and Junior Leadership. "I think that participating in the arts and athletics while working hard academically makes you a more well-rounded student ready for life. Plus, it's very important to be involved in your community as well," said Evie Rosa, who carries a 4.0 GPA.

For Evie Rosa, theatre is a family thing. Her father, Darren Butler, is the Fine Arts Director and theatre teacher at Orange Beach Middle/High School. "I knew Evie Rosa was talented when she was very young. She always had this presence about her. I never wanted to push her into theatre because I loved it. She always knew it was her choice. She just fell in love with the whole process. It's been great to see her receive this recognition. People in the industry see her talent and potential the way I do."

- 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.
  - The Defrosters: 2; Flying Harpoon II; Orange Beach.
  - Karaoke: 9; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
  - Karaoke w. Howard: 7; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.
  - Texas Hold 'em: 7; The Office, Foley.
  - Coastal Alabama Farmers and Fishermen Market: 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.; 20733 Milflin 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 29
- Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables: Schedule on Pages 28-29; Perdido Key.
  - Phish: 7; The Wharf Amphitheater; Orange Beach.
  - Jesse Duncan: 5; Woodside Restaurant at Gulf State Park; Gulf Shores.
  - Darrel Roberts: 1; Front Porch, Lillian
  - Johnny Barbatto: 4; Front Porch Lillian
  - Gypsy Pearl: 5; LuLu's at Homeport Marina, Gulf Shores.
  - Strickly Rivers: 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
  - Shrimp Shack Shooters: 6; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
  - Hippie Jim: 11; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.
  - Gambino Duo: 6; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.
  - Al & Cathy: noon; Tin Top Restaurant;

- Bon Secour.
- Josh Newcom: 3; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- Rodger & Elaine: 6; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- 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.
- League Pool: 7; The Office, Foley.
- AA: 5 p.m.; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

## IN BRIEF: MCCOLLOUGH REACHES LANDMARK NUMBER OF FELLOWS

**A** AAFPRS past president and fellowship director, E. Gaylon McCollough, MD, of Gulf Shores, Ala., reaches a milestone training nearly 100 fellows during his career. "It is a number that I've had in my sights for the past decade," Dr. McCollough recalls. "When I realized that I had trained 90 fellows, I decided to go for a hundred and I am almost there!"



Dr. McCollough, a former AAFPRS fellow himself and past AAFPRS and ABFPFRS president, accepted his first fellow in 1977, after only three years into his practice. At the time, fellowships were six months in duration. In the early 1990s, the time frame expanded to 12 months. There were some years that Dr. McCollough trained up to four fellows at one time.

About the pride of having served as a fellowship director, "I always emphasized the responsibility for a fellow to give back to

the Academy." Dr. McCollough added, "Not that many years ago at an AAFPRS Annual Business Meeting, the current members of the Board of Directors were asked to come on stage. I counted nine of the 13 who were my former fellows. It was a proud moment indeed." In fact, further underscoring just how significant his commitment to "giving back to the Academy" has been for the AAFPRS and our specialty, five of Dr. McCollough's fellows have gone on to be AAFPRS fellowship directors themselves; one is the current chair of the Accreditation Council for Post-Residency Specialty Education (ACRPE)—which accredits all AAFPRS fellowship programs; and six have been AAFPRS presidents.

"Although I am still practicing full time, I've decided to take a break from the Fellowship Program," says Dr. McCollough. "But who knows, a year from now, I might decide to jump right back in. One hundred is a good number and certainly within reach!"

## Smoke on The Mountain run starts June 3 at SBC

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.

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Past SummerTide shows include Forever Plaid and The Marvelous Wonderettes.



**OBES TERRIFIC KIDS:** Congratulations to the Orange Beach Elementary School April Kiwanis Terrific Kids. "Terrific" is an acronym for Thoughtful, Enthusiastic, Respectful, Responsible, Inclusive, Friendly, Inquisitive and Capable. (Left) PreK - 3rd Grade: Front - Annadelle Faulkner, Ellie Kaylor, Jaxon Blue, Alexa Rogers, Lilly Grace Hart, McKenna Glosson, Zander Brumfield, Nakota Readman. Back - Barrett Watson, Colton Greene, SJ Wilkins, Nora McAdams, Milo Walker, Russell Hart, Connor Rayborn, Lydia McIntosh, Katherine Newton, (Right) 4th - 6th Grade: Front - Aubrie Small, Lyla Saffold, Henry Thomas, Carson Crumpton, Rainer Smith, Sadie Bullock, Annalea Hammonds. Back - Goldie Tanner, Addy Hodo, Jake Watts, Jian Han Li, Isabella Hancock.

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## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### SBLC's Around the World summer reading camp starts June 6

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.

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

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.

### Enjoy a campfire, music & s'mores on May 26 at Gulf Place

Campfires, music and s'mores will be the scene as the City of Gulf Shores hosts S'mores on the Shore on Thursday, May 26. The fun is set to begin at 6 p.m. and will take place at Gulf Place, 101 Gulf Shores Parkway. This family-friendly event will include free s'mores packets, a live DJ and a balloon artist on site. Families are encouraged to bring their blankets, chairs, and friends and relax on the beautiful, white sand of the Gulf Shores Public Beach.

"We started S'mores on the Shore in 2010, and it quickly become a fan-favorite amongst our residents and guests," said Recreation and Cultural Affairs Director Grant Brown. For more info, call 251-968-1171 or visit gulfshoresal.gov/speialevents.

### Gardner discusses The Story of Jesus May 25 at Foley Library

Foley Public Library will host its monthly Coffee & Donuts With an Author on Wed, May 25 @ 10 am in its upstairs meeting room. Local author, Robert W. Gardner, will be speaking on his latest publication, God With Us: The Story of Jesus. He will end his presentation with a brief Q&A session. An ordained minister with more than ten years' experience in the pulpit, Gardner worked in radio broadcasting for 25 years as a DJ, radio news reporter, and talk show host. Currently, he works as a property manager in Gulf Shores and is helping start a new denomination for Bible believers. He can often be seen performing on stage or helping out with the South Baldwin Community Theatre.

The writing of this book, compiling in chronological order a complete retelling of the story of Jesus from the New Testament, in a unique poetic format, took nearly twenty years. The idea was born from Robert's love of reading aloud to others and from his desire to present the entire tale in a printed format more conducive to sight reading.

Free coffee and donuts will be served at this program. Reservations are required. RSVP online at foleylibrary.org, or call 251-943-1031.

### Career tech high school will open for Baldwin students in 2024

The Baldwin County Public School System announced plans to build a career tech high school in Robertsdale for juniors and seniors in time for the 2024 school year. The school will offer on-the-job industry training and dual enrollment for career tech and college courses as well as core classes. It will also have multiple collaborations with local businesses such as Airbus, and Austal.

"You take all your classes there but you also get to work in a field that you are interested in; bio-medical, diesel mechanics, automobile industry, healthcare, cosmetology, cyber-security," said BCSO Superintendent Eddie Tyler. "The workforce is aging so we decided to do something about it. We think it's a game-changer for workforce development."

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### MON, MAY 30

- Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables: Schedule on Pages 28-29; Perdido Key.
- Amanda Pruitt Band 7; Playa Del Rio RV Park; 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).
- Wes Loper: 5; LuLu's at Homeport Marina, Gulf Shores.
- Les Linton Duo: 6; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.
- 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
- Bridge (11 a.m.) & Bingo (6 p.m.): 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.
- Al-Anon: 7; Orange Beach Presbyterian Church, 26640 Canal Rd.
- Alcoholics Anonymous: noon; Perdido Bay UMC Activities Center; 13660 Innerarity Pt. Rd.; 850-492-3056 or 492-6362.
- Ladies AA: 10 a.m.; Perdido Bay UMC

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• AA: Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, Pensacola.

### TUE, MAY 31

- 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).

- Stephen Sylvester: 5; LuLu's at Homeport Marina, Gulf Shores.
- Rhonda Hart & Elaine Petty: 5; Front Porch, Lillian
- Lisa Christian: 6; Sunset Cork Room; Gulf Shores.
- Damian Lamb: 6; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.
- Danny Grady: 3; American Legion Post 44; Gulf Shores.
- Bridge: 11:30 a.m.; Orange Beach Senior Center, 251-981-3440.
- Line Dancing: 6; American Legion Post 99, Gulf Shores.
- Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde: 8; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- Karaoke w. Kelly: 8; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.

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- I Have Stopped Listening. Why Are You Still Talking?

- If You Can't Laugh At Yourself, Let Me Do It.

- It Was More Fun To Be 20 In The 70's Than It Is To Be 70 In The 20's.

My wife asked if she could have a little peace and quiet while she cooked dinner. So I took the battery out of the smoke detector.

Captain: "Did you give the prisoner the third degree?" the police captain asked the detective.

Sargeant: "Yeah, we browbeat him pretty good. Asked him every question and made every threat we could think of."

Captainb: "And did you get a confession?" asked the sergeant. Sargeant: "Not exactly. All he'd say was, 'Yes dear' and he'd doze off."

An actress who suffered from an inferiority complex was complaining to her psychiatrist. "I'm a nothing!" she cried. "I can't sing. I can't remember my lines. I can't dance, I can't even act. I really don't belong in show business."

"Why don't you quit?" the doctor asked.

"I can't," moaned the actress. "I'm a star!"

My wife ran away with my best friend. A year later they were at my front door ringing the bell. They rang the bell for an hour. Reluctantly I answered the door.

They said they wanted to apologize for the way things happened. Boy, was I relieved, I thought he was trying to bring her back.

Interviewer: "Congratulations on winning the lottery."

Musician: "Thank you."

Interviewer: "Do you have any special plans for spending all of that money?"

Musician: "Nope. I'm just gonna keep playing gigs until the lottery money is all gone."

A man flies into a new city on business. When he got to the hotel he realized he came down with laryngitis. He decided to call a doctor before he completely lost his voice.

He looks up a doctor's phone number and calls him. A woman picks up the phone. The man, not being able to talk loud, whispers, "Is the doctor in?"

The woman whispers back, "He just left. It's safe to come in now."

What's the difference between a rock guitarist and a jazz guitarist?

A rock guitarist plays 4 notes in front of 1000 people, while a jazz guitarist plays 1000 notes in front of 4 people.

A man goes into the doctor. He says, "Doc, you gotta check my leg. Something's wrong. Just put your ear up to my thigh, you'll hear it!"

The doctor cautiously placed his ear to the man's thigh only to hear, "Gimme 20 bucks, I really need 20 bucks."

"I've never seen or heard anything like this before, how long has this been going on?" the doctor asked.

"That's nothing Doc. put your ear to my knee."

The doctor put his ear to the man's knee and heard it say, "Man, I really need 10 dollars, just lend me 10 bucks!!!"

"Sir, I really don't know what to tell you. I've never seen anything like this." The doctor was dumbfounded.

"Wait Doc, that's not it. There's more, just put your ear up to my ankle," the man urged him.

The doctor did as the man said and was blown away to hear his ankle plead, "Please, I just need 5 dollars. Lend me 5 bucks please if you will."

"I have no idea what to tell you," the doctor said.

"There's nothing about it in my books. I can make a well educated guess though. Based on life and all my previous experience I can tell you that your leg seems to be broke in three places."



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- Fried Catfish** - corn meal battered..... **10.00**
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## PICTURES OF THE WEEK



Cathy Deal shares a sunset from Innerarity Point.



Sunset from Orange Beach courtesy of Mike Yeager.



Gulf Shores Beach looking West from Ricky Martin.



Wendy Freiberger of Orange Beach shares a shot from the Balloon Fest at OWA.



"Lake Shelby never disappoints me with some beautiful sunsets," writes Melissa Kitchens.



Ann Godfrey of Laguna Key Share the Beach Turtle Team shares a picture taken during morning patrol.

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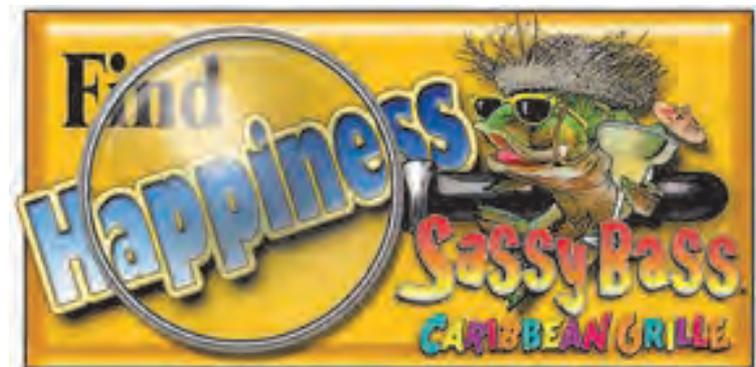
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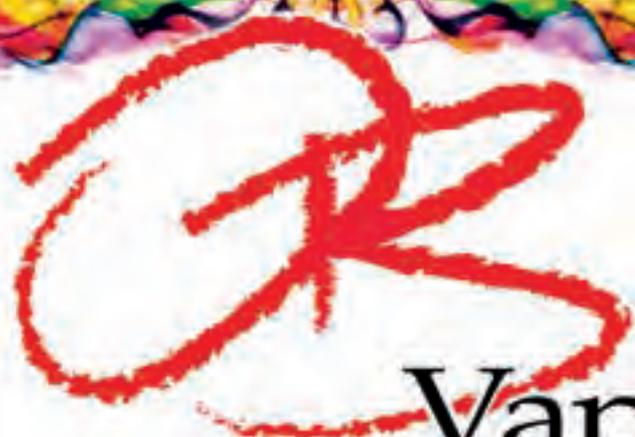
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