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AROUND TOWN

Gulf Coast Athletic Club meets Aug. 29 at Craft Farms

Gulf Shores High School football coach Mark Hudspeth will speak to Gulf Coast Athletic Club members and guests during the club's first of nine scheduled meetings this season at Craft Farms clubhouse in Gulf Shores on Aug. 29. Social time starts at 6 p.m. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. and the program starts at 7 p.m. The agenda includes team reports, Dec McClelland's infamous "crying towel" presentation, and the keynote speaker. Meetings, casual in nature, with most attendees wearing their team colors.

Other meeting dates are Sept. 12 & 26, Oct. 10 & 24, Nov. 7 & 11 and Jan. 30. This season's guest speakers also include Charlie Hussey, Scott Myers, Jackie Sherrill, Paul Rhodes, Bill Clark, Jason Campbell, Philip Rivers and Cole Cubelic.

Club membership is \$275, which includes dinner. Non-members may attend meetings for \$45. For more info, contact George Autrey (autregn@yahoo.com) or Taylor Means (Taylor.Means@gmail.com) or visit gcatleticclub.com.

Kiwanis Sporting Clay Shoot at Bushy Creek Sept. 16

The Kiwanis Club of Gulf Shores will host its 12th Annual Sporting Clay Shoot at Bushy Creek Clays in Perdido on Friday, Sept. 16 at 8 a.m. Proceeds will benefit the students in South Baldwin County. Registration is from 8 - 8:30 a.m. A mandatory safety talk starts at 8:30 a.m., with a shot gun start at 9 a.m. Breakfast and lunch will be provided for participants. For more info, visit Facebook.com/GulfShoresKiwanis. Cost for four-person teams is \$150 per person, and sponsorships of various levels are available. Email kray413@gmail.com for sponsor info.

GCAA Art Market Sept. 10 at G.S. First Presbyterian

By Destiny Brown

The next Gulf Coast Arts Alliance (GCAA) art market is just around the corner on Saturday, Sep. 10 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. outside the First Presbyterian Church in Gulf Shores.

As always, the Art Market will feature original work from many local and regional artists displaying their crafts and creations. Everyone is welcome to this FREE showcase of the fine arts.

Artists of all mediums are invited to participate and are encouraged to sign up at the GCAA Gallery located at 225 E. 24th Street or to call (251) 948-2627 for more information.

A non-profit organization, the GCAA is devoted to advancing all facets of the arts in the communities within the Alabama Gulf Coast and beyond. The Alliance sponsors art programs, workshops and art education for all ages. To become a vendor or volunteer, please visit gulfcoastartsalliance.com or call 251-948-2627. Mark your calendars now to attend this impressive display of the arts!

All welcome at Sept. 7 G.S. Garden Club kick-off

By Wanda Cheek

The Gulf Shores Garden Club's annual kickoff meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 7 at 9:30 a.m. at the Gulf Shores Activity Center, located at 260 Club House Drive. The program will be on Container Gardening. We meet the first Wednesday of each month, September through May, and club members have lunch together at a local restaurant following the meeting. The highlight of the year is the annual Floral Seminar held in February. Membership provides opportunities to gain new ideas in gardening, floral design and landscaping. Having fun, making new friends, going on field trips and garden tours, and participating in local civic projects are part of what makes the club special. Guests and new members are always welcome. For more club information, visit gsgardenclub.com or Facebook.



Playa Del Rio RV hosts two high energy Sept. concerts

Playa del Rio's summer concert series continues at the Playa Del Rio RV Park on Perdido Key is winding down in style with Tyler Livingston (**above**) and the Absolutes on Sept. 3 and the Amanda Pruitt (**below**) Band on Sept. 5. Concerts are from 7-11 p.m.

There is no admission fee for the concerts. 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 are allowed, and there is free parking in the gravel parking lot behind Snappy Foods. Playa del Rio RV Resort is located at 16990 Perdido Key Dr. on Perdido Key.



Tickets on sale for SBCT's "Groovy 70's" gala on Sept. 30

South Baldwin Community Theater will celebrate its 50th anniversary with That 70's Gala on Friday, September 30 at 7 p.m. Cost is \$30 per person or \$50 per couple and attendees are encouraged to show up in their grooviest 70's attire. In addition to a mortgage burning celebration, the event will feature door prizes specialty drinks, and live entertainment with Wingbeat and Marsha Guyer & Friends. Sponsorships are available. Contact Pam Livingston at sbct.biz@gmail.com for sponsorship info. For more gala info, visit sbct.biz or call 251-968-6721.

Upcoming SBCT performances include Dan Goggin's Nunsensations, Sept. 15-25; Agatha Christie's Murder on the Orient Express, Oct. 20-30; and A Christmas Carol, Dec. 2-11.

"Nunsensations" opens Sept. 15 at South Baldwin Theatre

The South Baldwin Community Theatre production of "Dan Goggin's Nunsensations" opens September 15 at 7:30 p.m. at the Gulf Shores theatre. Other performances are Sept. 16, 17, 23 and 24 at 7:30 p.m., and Sept. 18 and 25 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for students and \$20 for adults. The theatre is located in Gulf Shores at 2022 West 2nd St. Tickets may be purchased online at sbct.biz or by calling the box office at 251-968-6721.

SBCT will present Agatha Christie's Murder on the Orient Express Oct. 20-30 and A Christmas Carol Dec. 2-11.

The Nunsense Vegas Revue takes the sisters on a brand new adventure. When a parishioner volunteers to donate \$10,000 to the sisters' school if they will perform in a club in Las Vegas, Mother Superior is hesitant to accept. However, after being convinced by the other sisters that "what happens in Vegas, stays in Vegas" Reverend Mother agrees. What follows is the most feather-filled, sequin-studded, fan dancing Nunsense show ever! Performing in "The Pump Room" at the Mystique Motor Lodge, the sisters experience "show-biz" like never before. Taking a line from another show, "It's a whole lot funny and a little bit naughty, but there ain't nothin' dirty goin'."

National Shrimp Fest 10K/5K at O.B. Sportsplex is Oct. 8

A tradition nearly dating all the way back to 1977, the National Shrimp Festival 5k/10k Run & Walk will be held on Saturday, October 8 at the Orange Beach Sportsplex. 10K runners will make their way around the Hugh S. Branyon Backcountry Trail beginning at 7:30 a.m., and the 5k will start at 7:50 a.m.

The race began as a five miler that started and ended at Bayou Village in Gulf Shores. Over the years it has made many transitions, even taking a temporary leave in 2010.

The race is an officially sanctioned event of the Oct. 6-9 Annual National Shrimp Festival, produced by the Coastal Alabama Business Chamber and presented by the L.A. Fleet Feet Run Club. All net proceeds of the run will benefit local charities in Coastal Alabama. For sponsorship opportunities, call Ginny Barnas at 251-747-7232.

Awards party be presented in all the usual categories and the post-race party is always one of the best of its kind. Register online at chronotrack.com or register on site from 4-7 p.m. Oct. 6 & 7 or on race day beginning at 6:30 a.m.

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Main Street Foley presented three awards at state conference

Foley Main Street's district brought home awards for Excellence in Business Development, Excellence in Fundraising and Excellence in Historic Preservation during the recent Main Street Alabama Awards of Excellence Banquet in Opelika this month.

The Excellence in Business Development award recognizes outstanding efforts to improve the district business climate, fill market gaps, create new markets, incentives, retention and recruitment efforts.

The Downtown Foley Historic Tour secured an Excellence in Preservation Award. This award recognizes outstanding local efforts to preserve a local Main Street District history, preservation education efforts such as walking tours and historic designations. In partnership with the City of Foley and the Alabama Historic Commission, a historic downtown walking tour booklet of eleven stops and a companion self-guided walking tour was created.

Pictured: Jo Wylly; City of Foley Mayor Ralph Hellmich; Foley Main Street Executive Director Darrelyn Dunmore; Foley Main Street President Chad Watkins, WAS Design; Board member Kristin Hellmich, OWA; City of Foley Executive Director of Infrastructure and Development Wayne Dyess, and Foley Main Street Sponsor Charles Weber, Thompson Engineering.

325 dwellings approved for Innerarity Point

Ground has been cleared for construction of a multi-family apartment complex providing 325 dwelling units within 12 buildings on a 28 acre parcel at 3450 Perdido Key Dr. behind the Publix Shopping Center on Perdido Key Dr.

The site was approved for development in January near what is already a busy intersection.

The complex will include a separate leasing office, clubhouse, and maintenance building, and two garages. Site development will provide paved parking, a graveled area for tenant RV and boat storage, and one paved access each to Canal Dr. and Monterey Ave.

An on-site stormwater pond will be constructed to accommodate site impervious and semi-impervious cover. A right-of-way to serve single family residential use along the south side of the development is designated for the existing Zodiac Dr. , a dirt road.

Potable water is available through connections to existing Emerald Coast Utilities Authority. A force main and on-site lift station will be installed to connect the development to ECUA sewer facilities.

Tacky Jacks/G.S. Sept. 3 Bloody Mary 5K

Tacky Jacks Gulf Shores will host its Annual Bloody Mary 5K Run/Competitive Walk on Saturday, September 3 at 7:30 a.m. Race day registration is available for the jaunt out and back

through neighborhood streets that is expected to draw 400 runners. All the usual awards will be presented along with team spirit awards to kick off the football season. Wear your favorite team colors and be eligible for individual prizes.

Pre-race registration is available at active.com. Early packet pick-up and late registration at Tacky Jacks Gulf Shores is from 3 - 7 p.m. on Friday. And race day registration/check-in starts at 6 a.m. The post-race party will include free beer, food and bloody marys for all runners and walkers and live music.

O.B. Expect Excellence presents Clue Sept. 23-25

The City of Orange Beach Expect Excellence Community Theatre will present the oddball mystery Clue to the Orange Beach Performing Arts Center's main stage Sept. 23-25, with shows on Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m. and a Sunday matinee at 2 p.m.

Tickets are \$15 per person - general admission for all ages. Purchase tickets at onthestage.tickets. The Orange Beach Performing Arts Center is located at 23908 Canal Rd. on the O.B. City Schools campus.

Based on the cult classic film and the popular board game, Clue is a madcap comedy that will keep you guessing until the final twist, as Scarlet, Plum, White, Green, Peacock and Mustard race to find the murderer in Boddy Manor before the body count stacks up. Each of the guests has an alias. The butler offers a variety of weapons, and the host is, well, dead. So whodunnit?



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Island Food Pantry Sept. 10 at O.B.'s The Island Church

The Island Church in Orange Beach will host its next Island Mobile Food Pantry on Saturday, Sept. 10. Baldwin County families that would like to receive a 50 pound box of food are asked to call Lisa in the church office at 251.967.4840 to receive more details. The food will be distributed with a drive thru. Participants will be required to pre-register, and families are asked to arrive no later than 8 a.m. Space is limited to the first 200 families that register through the office. The church is located at 25550 Canal Rd. The church is located at 25550 Canal Rd. in Orange Beach.

Optimist Mullet Toss Sept. 5 in Lillian

The Optimist Club of Perdido Bay Mullet Festival will be held on Labor Day, Sept. 5 at the Lillian Community Club. Registration for The Run for the Mullet 5K Run & Walk opens at 6 a.m. through 7:15 a.m. near the front entrance to the Lillian Community Club. The 5K race starts at 7:30 a.m. while the 1 Mile Mullet Festival Fun Run & Walk starts at 8:30 a.m. The fun run is free. Info: optimistclubpb.org.

American Legion Post 48 Presentation of the Flag is at 7:15 a.m. Breakfast is served from 7 to 9 a.m. Lunch will be available from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Mullet Toss is scheduled from 10 a.m. to noon. The event record is 178 feet by Lewis Pope. Age group awards are provided to encourage young and old to participate. The children's bouncy house is open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The De'Ja Vu market and Silent Auction open at 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Big Jake & the Tag-A-Longs play from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

35th Annual Alabama Coastal Clean-up Sept. 17

Show your support for Alabama's waterways by participating in the 35th Annual Alabama Coastal Cleanup scheduled for Saturday, September 17. The event is held at multiple sites along the coastal counties.

In 34 years, over 105,000 volunteers have removed more than 865 tons of

trash from Alabama's valued coastline and waterways. Join us as we continue to Make Alabama the Beautiful! During the event be weather aware. It is usually hot so come prepared with sunscreen, a hat, gloves, shoes and lots of water. Volunteer safety is our number one priority. As such, we ask that you don't do anything you feel may jeopardize your health and safety. Contact a zone captain and report anything of note or concern. We also ask that you use the Clean Swell app to record your data collection. The app is free, easy to use, and you can download it on any mobile device.

Conditions can change. Please keep up to date by visiting AlabamaCoastalCleanup.com or Facebook.

South Baldwin Democrats meet the candidates night is Sept. 8

A meet the candidates forum sponsored by the South Baldwin Democratic Club will be held at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 8 at the Foley Civic Center, located at 407 E. Laurel St. in downtown Foley. It will be live streamed on South Baldwin Democrats facebook. Democratic candidates from governor to county commissioner will bring their platforms to the podium.

'It will be one-stop shopping for public servants from all across the state,' said Pam Skaggs, event organizer.

The forum won't be without a little fun. Hosting will be Cartoonist J. D. Crowe, known across Alabama for his humorous cartoons and essays. Crowe won the 2020 FRK Human Rights Award for Editorial Cartoons and regularly speaks on newsworthy state and local issues.

Banders back at Fort Morgan for a week beginning Sept. 30

The Banding Coalition of the Americas, a non-profit dedicated to research and education about birds, will host a free public bird banding event in the Fort. Morgan stables area from 8 a.m. 'til 3 p.m. from Sept. 30 through Oct. 7.

Visitors are welcome to observe and participate, and early morning hours are the best time to see the most birds. There is a small entry fee to Ft. Morgan. For more BCA info, visit bandingcoalition.org or facebook, call Kyle Shepard, BCA Director of Public Relations and Outreach, at 251-269-6527 or email kyle@bandingcoalition.org.

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Dolphin Foundation Gatsby Party Aug. 27 at ONE Club

The ONE Club Gulf Shores Gatsby Party, a fundraiser for the Dolphin Foundation of Gulf Shores, will be held on Saturday, August 27 from 6 p.m. 'til midnight at the ballroom at the Gulf Shores facility.

Enjoy a fun evening of dance, music, entertainment, and fabulous fare. Fancy yourself a step back in time with pearls and black ties, hats and hooplah, games and dance all night long. Tickets are \$45 per person. For more info, call 844-ONE-CLUB, email RSVP@ONEClubGulfShores.com or visit the heonefoundation.com.

The Dolphin Foundation for Education and Arts is dedicated to providing the most enriching educational experience possible for Gulf Shores City Schools students. More info: thegsdf.org.

Baldwin Education Coalition Golf Tourney slated Sept. 8

The 10th Annual Baldwin County Education Coalition Golf Classic will be held on Sept. 8 at Rock Creek Golf Club in Fairhope. Presented by Baldwin County Sewer Service, the tourney is the Coalition's only fundraising event. One of Baldwin County's premiere tournaments, players enjoy complimentary lunch, dinner, beverages, and exceptional prizes. More info: 251-989-2262 or info@betterbaldwin.com.



City of Foley's Leslie Gahagan earns state conservation award

Leslie Gahagan, Environmental and Nature Parks Director for the City of Foley, is the recipient of the Water Conservationist of the Year Award, the most prestigious conservation award presented by the Alabama Wildlife Federation.

For over 40 years, the award has been presented to individuals and organizations that make great contributions to the conservation of wildlife and related natural resources upon which all life depends.

"It is a very high achievement for her. She is well known across our county and is now recognized at the State level for her efforts in water conservation for our area and the state," said Mayor Ralph Hellmich. "She is a treasure for our City and her love for what she does shows in many ways." Leslie's job includes management of the city's programs at Graham Creek Preserve.

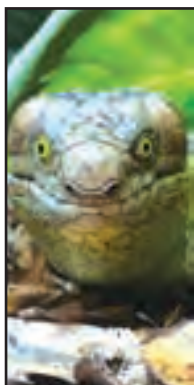
Growing up fishing and swimming in Wolf Creek, Leslie has a special passion for the Wolf Bay area. In 1998, she became a member of Alabama Water Watch and eventually, president of Wolf Bay Water Watch. Through her tireless leadership efforts, Wolf Bay was designated as an Outstanding Alabama Water in 2007. She has also served on the Baldwin County Environmental Advisory Committee since 1993. For over 10 years, she has served as Co-Chair of the Mobile Bay National Estuary Program's Community Action Committee.

As one of her peers stated, "She is always willing to step up and do what is right to protect coastal Alabama waters and natural resources. Awards like this are meant to honor people like Leslie."



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Beginner pickleball days every Wednesday in Gulf Shores

Bama Beach Pickleball Club is back with its beginners' play day program at Christ Church in Gulf Shores. Play will be from 1 - 4 p.m. every Wednesday and play is limited to those who want to either learn the game or for those who are just starting their pickleball careers and want to play with other beginners to hone their skills. Cost is \$3 for club members and \$5 for non-members.

Bids, Brews & Beats Secret Meals fundraiser is Aug. 27

The 8th annual Bids, Brews, and Beats to benefit Secret Meals For Hungry Children will be held on Saturday, August 27 at the Foley Farmers Market from 5 - 9 p.m. The free event will consist of a live auction, refreshments, and a live music performance from Journey to Mars. An online silent auction will also be held from August 13-27. Businesses are invited to sponsor this event.

Over the last 8 years, this event has raised more than \$150,000 for Secret Meals For Hungry Children. In South Alabama, this program serves approximately 250 children each weekend in 8 elementary schools. 100% of all funds raised from this event will purchase weekend food packs for children living in food insecurity in our community.

Across Alabama and Northwest Florida, the Secret Meals For Hungry Children Program provides 2,500 students with vitamin-fortified food packs. Each food pack contains two breakfasts, two lunches, and two snacks. All items include pull-tab containers, straw-penetrating juice boxes and bite-sized crackers. Best of all, the food packs are 3.5 pounds and can be easily carried in their backpacks. For more info, visit our Facebook or email SecretMeals@AlabamaCU.com.

Labor Day Dance set for Sept. 5 at Loxley Civic Center

By Cindy Youngblood

Back by popular demand is the Labor Day Dance this year at the Loxley Civic Center on September 5th from 2:00 - 5:00pm. The Platinum Premier Duo from Pensacola will perform some of the greatest hits from Motown, jazz, country and rock 'n roll. The rich sounds and smooth harmonies of entertainers Misty Lane and Loren Stidham will have dancers struttin' their stuff as they groove and move around the spacious dance floor.

The event is sponsored by The Revelers Club and is open to the public for dancers & listeners, too. Admission is \$20 - cash or check at the door. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own beverages and snacks. Water, soft drinks, cups & ice will be provided. Table seating will be on each side of the dance floor in the auditorium. Plenty of parking is available at the venue located at 4198 Municipal Park Drive, Loxley.

It's a great way to keep cool and celebrate with friends while dancing! For more information, please contact Cindy Youngblood 251-623-9183.

Alligators & Ale 5K & Cornhole Oct. 1 in Summerdale

The Central Baldwin Sunset Rotary Club's Alligators and Ale 5K/Fun Run & Corn Hole Tournament, a fundraiser for the Miracle League of Coastal Alabama, will be held on Oct. 1 at 8 a.m. at Alligator Alley in Summerdale.

Race registration will begin at 7:00 am. 5k race at 8 a.m., followed by 1 mile fun run. Awards and alligator feeding demonstration will begin at 10 a.m. Cornhole tournament to start at 11 a.m. Food and beverages will be available for purchase.

Alligator Alley is located at 19950 Co. Road 71. Info: athlinks.com/event.

Proceeds from the event will be used to complete the building of a ball park and playground for special needs children and adults in South Baldwin County. This family fun annual event has raised over \$75,000 for The Miracle League.

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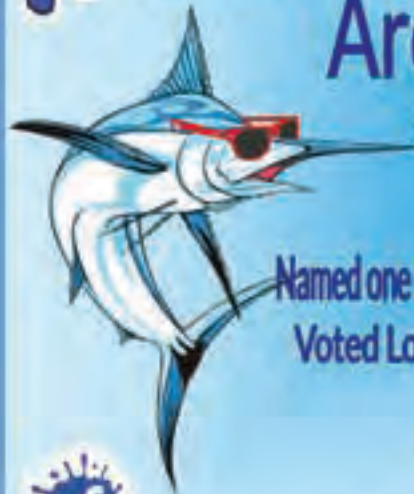
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GULF SHORES CITY COUNCIL

City prepares to take its case for a new bridge directly to governor

By John Mullen

Mayor Robert Craft said at a recent Gulf Shores City Council meeting the city would soon be drafting a letter laying out its case for the Alabama Department of Transportation to move forward with plans to build a new bridge over the Intracoastal Waterway. The council

“We’re kind of negotiating with a ghost right now and we really don’t know what their final plan is. We believe that is forthcoming soon.”

have been kept informed of the negotiations and have heard hints that talks between ALDOT and the Baldwin County Bridge Company could be nearing a conclusion.

BCBC has to convince ALDOT it can woo 40 percent of the traffic from the Holmes Bridge in Gulf Shores by adding another two-lane span and ALDOT backing away from plans for a new bridge. The latest deadline for a settlement is set at Sept. 5.

“We don’t have that in front of us to react to,” Craft said. “We’re kind of negotiating with a ghost right now and we really don’t know what their final plan is. We believe that is forthcoming soon. We’ve had conversations that imply we should get something to understand this week and when we get that we will prepare some opportunities to discuss it.”

In the meantime, Craft and other city officials have been working on a direct appeal to Gov. Kay Ivey’s office in the form of a letter.

“But right now, to make statements and comments about something we don’t really understand would be ill-advised,” Craft said. “We’re not ready to go forward yet

but we will be soon. We promise you that as soon as we know what the facts are, we’re going to present them with our thoughts to join with yours and make comments as you see fit.”

Craft pledged the letter from the city would go out as soon as officials learn more about what ALDOT and BCBC have settled on for the second toll span.

“I had hoped it would be but we’re not ready and it’s wise for us to

pause a little bit longer and hopefully have something sooner rather than later,” Craft said.

“But we’re going to have input into this before it’s finalized, I can promise you that. Rather than holding a town hall, and having a discussion, I felt like it was better to just put it in writing. To do that, I need all five councilmen with input, and we come up with a statement.”

ALDOT Chief of Communications Tony Harris didn’t offer any details into the negotiations other than

they are ongoing.

“Discussions remain ongoing to determine whether the bridge company can offer an alternative that may relieve congestion on Highway 59,” Harris said.

Among the proposals the bridge company has laid on the table include \$10 million upfront for the city of Orange Beach and \$1 million a year for 50 years thereafter, \$25 million to ALDOT to help with construction of the spur road from the Foley Beach Express to Cotton Creek Drive in Gulf Shores and after 50 years BCBC would give the toll bridges to the state.

Council considers amendment to require garages for townhouses

By John Mullen

At its Aug. 22 regular meeting, Gulf Shores City Council discussed an amendment to the multi-family and townhouse use regulations in the zoning ordinance to better control growth on 100s of acres of undeveloped property in the city.

Among the changes it would require individual lots for townhouse dwellings, change area and dimensional requirements for townhouses, require garages for townhouses and apply open space, access, circulation and parking and infrastructure and architectural regulations to new townhouse developments.

The Planning Commission recommended the council pass the amendment.

At the same meeting, Council adopted a 2023 transportation plan which is required to apply for Rebuild Alabama Gas Tax Funds for several projects the city has on the drawing board and ready to go out for bid.

Part of the terms of the new gas tax passed in 2019 includes allocating about 8 percent of the funds generated by the new tax to be paid to municipalities based on certain criteria. One of those is having a transportation plan adopted by Aug. 31 of each year for the following year.

Among the projects Gulf Shores has planned and funded in the 2023 budget include:

- State Route 59 widening from the redlight at Target to Fort Morgan Road
- North Waterway Boulevard East extension
- A pedestrian bridge over the Intracoastal Waterway at the 90-degree turn from Canal Road to East Second Street
- The first phase of the County Road 6 to Coastal Gateway Boulevard connector road
- Phase two of improvements in the Gulf Beach Walking District
- Annual city streets resurfacing and pedestrian improvements

Under the rules of disbursement of the Rebuild Alabama gas tax laws, Gulf Shores is eligible for about

\$100,000. Besides developing the transportation plan, the city must also post the plan for the public to see. Other criteria include:

- Creating a receivable account and expenditure account for the Rebuild Alabama funds.
- The City must utilize pre-approved ALDOT contractors and material suppliers to implement the Transportation Plan.
- The city engineer has to present to the Council a written report detailing expenditures made from the fund and the status of the adopted Transportation Plan. The written expenditure details are included in our annual budget book.
- Each Oct. 1 the city has to give a list of contractors who have been awarded projects to the Senate president pro tempore, the speaker of the house, and the chair of the Joint Transportation Committee.
- The city shall publish the project plans and bid openings on a website maintained by the League of Municipalities.
- The city shall follow state bid laws when awarding contracts and follow state closeout procedures.

So far, the city has received a total of \$148,707 in 2020-21 and is expecting to receive \$99,754 in 2022 for a total of new gas funds of \$248,461.

During the meeting, the council:

- OK’d a contract for Alabama Coastal Area Management Plan with the Alabama Department of Environmental Management to enforce the Division 8 Regulations for the coast. By doing so, the city is able to streamline the permitting process, hear variance requests and patrol the beaches within our permitting jurisdiction. ADEM will reimburse the city for \$66,550 for performing the tasks.
- OK’d a memorandum of understanding with the Baldwin County Commission to authorize the city’s police and fire departments to use county radio channels. The three-year contract will annually cost the police department about \$20,000 and about \$12,000 for the fire department.

AROUND TOWN

Sept. 19 golf tourney fundraiser benefits Ft. Morgan Fire Dept.

Tee off for a good time and good cause at the First Annual Sassy Bass Golf Tournament at The Peninsula on Sept. 19 beginning with registration at 10:30 a.m. The tourney is a fundraiser for the Fort Morgan Volunteer Fire Dept. Unique foods and signature cocktails will be served in hospitality tents at several holes, and the tourney concludes with awards, prizes, raffles and the famous Sassy Bass buffet. Registration includes 18 holes of championship golf, contests, gift bags, golf cart, range balls, and a chance to win a 2023 South Bay Model Z42 Pontoon boat. Cash prizes for 1st (\$500), 2nd (\$300), and 3rd (\$100) place teams will also be presented. Registration is \$150 per golfer. More info: sassybass.com and hit the events tab.

Mentors needed for Escambia's Take Stock in Children program

Mentors are needed for the Escambia County Public Schools Foundation Take Stock in Children program, which provides scholarships, mentors and hope to deserving, low-income youth selected through an application process. Any responsible, caring adult who is willing to share time on a consistent basis can help change a child's life by becoming a Take Stock mentor. Mentors are not intended to be tutors; rather they provide caring engagement on a weekly basis that shows the student that someone cares and wants them to succeed. Mentoring starts after Labor Day. Mentoring begins once a student is selected for the program in the 6th grade and continues through high school graduation. Mentors will meet with selected students once a week (at least 3 weeks a month) for 30-45 minutes at the school during the school day. Meetings can be virtual as needed using the monitored TSIC Mentor App. For additional information, contact Sally Lee, slee@ecs-dfl.us, (850) 341-6607.

9/11 ceremony & tower stair climb Sept. 11 at Gulf Place

Gulf Shores Fire Rescue will host its inaugural 9/11 Memorial Ceremony and Tower Stair Climb on Sunday, September 11 to pay tribute to those who were lost in the devastating terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001. The event is scheduled to begin at

Gulf Place (101 Gulf Shores Pkwy.) at 8:45 a.m. with special guest speaker William C. Hayes, retired New York Fire Department (NYFD) Firefighter. As a retired NYFD Firefighter, Hayes responded to the World Trade Center attacks on September 11, 2001, and participated in rigorous search and rescue operations.

Immediately following Hayes' presentation, everyone is invited to join local first responders in the tower stair climb tribute at Island Tower in Gulf Shores (521 West Beach Blvd.). Island Tower is 26 stories tall. Those who wish to climb the full 110 stories – the height of the fallen World Trade Center Towers – are encouraged to continue climbing Island Tower after the initial climb is complete. For more information about this event, please contact Gulf Shores Fire Station 1 at 251-968-7422.

"Many of us who witnessed the 9/11 terrorist attacks, whether in-person or on the news, also remember the way the nation came together afterward," said Gulf Shores Fire Chief Mark Sealy. "We are grateful to have the opportunity to come together again to honor the fallen heroes who gave it all on that day."

Orange Beach Community Club pot luck slated Sept. 5

By Dianne McElroy
After no "Pot Luck" Dinner for June, July and August, we are inviting anyone to attend our 1st dinner of the 2022-2023 season. We will have a BBQ dinner on September 5 at 6 p.m. at the Orange Beach Community Center. You may attend by bringing your side dish or dessert to add to our meal. A donation of \$5 may be made if you cannot bring a dish. Membership dues are \$13 for a single person and \$25 for a family. Your dues for the 2022-2023 year are now due. A short program is being planned and we hope to see you at our pot luck.

St. Peter's in Bon Secour hosts fish-fry on Sept. 1

Historic St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Bon Secour will host a fish fry on Sept. 1 from 5-7 p.m.

Fried fish plates are available for dine-in or take-out and include sides of hushpuppies, baked beans, coleslaw, potato salad and dessert. The cost is \$12.

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GSP Learning Campus earns prestigious architecture award

The Learning Campus at Gulf State Park in Gulf Shores has earned the Honor Award from the American Institute of Architects.

The campus was one of the first buildings in the world to receive Insurance Institute for Business & Home Safety Fortified Commercial – Hurricane Bronze Level certification. The first two buildings to earn this certification are also part of Gulf State Park.

The AIA award is one of the highest accolades given by the organization, highlighting projects recognized for best practices in the field of architecture and design.

The Lodge at Gulf State Park, A Hilton Hotel, and The Interpretive Center at Gulf State Park, have earned IBHS' first-ever Hurricane Bronze Level awards.

Bronze construction strengthens a typical roof, enabling it to better withstand strong winds during hurricanes and tropical storms. The Learning Campus was designed by ArchitectureWorks of Birmingham in 2018. White-Spunner Construction of Mobile acted as general contractor on the 26,000 sq. ft. project.

Sept. 24 Casino Night benefits SBCC Education Foundation

On Saturday, September 24 the South Baldwin Chamber Foundation (SBCF) will host its first-ever Casino Night fundraiser at The Palms located at The Wharf in Orange Beach.

For more info, call 251-943-5550 or 251-943-5520. For sponsor info, email rachel@southbaldwinchamber.com.

The event will include food catered by Luna's Eat and Drink and a cash bar. DJ Entertainment will be provided by Feel the Beat Entertainment, plus a digital photo booth by Cool Shots Photo Booth.

Each ticket holder will receive \$500 in "play chips" and one ticket to be entered into a prize raffle. Gaming tables and equipment will be contracted through Bama Casino Company. No prize money will be given in exchange for playing chips.

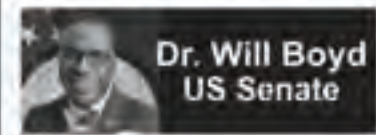
If you would like to purchase a sponsorship or donate a raffle/auction item, please reach out to Rachel Spear at rachel@southbaldwinchamber.com.

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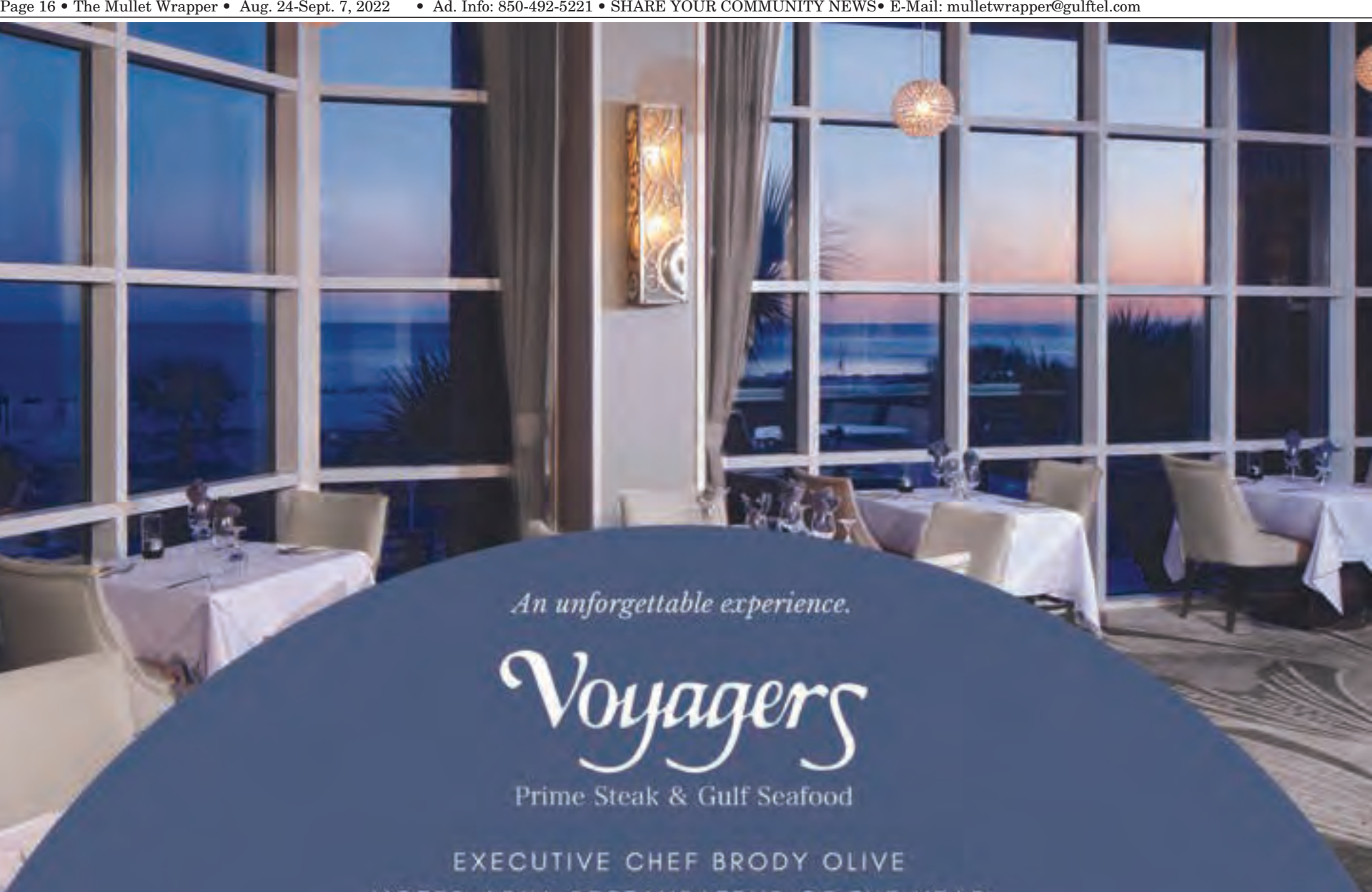
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AROUND TOWN



BCSD breaks ground on \$73 million job prep academy Industry partners will help train 10th-12th grade students

By Fran Thompson

Baldwin County Board of Education members and BCSD officials, shovels in hand and the luxury of cover overhead, broke ground for the BCSD's Baldwin Preparatory Academy, a \$73 million building that will be set on a 50-acre site on Hwy. 59, two miles north of Interstate-10. The school is scheduled to open in the fall of 2024.

"This unique school will be teaching industry sponsored job development, career tech curriculum with college-level and dual enrollment opportunities, as well as internships and apprenticeships, with the area's leading employers. I am very excited about what we will be offering through this facility," said Eddie Tyler, BCSD superintendent

The academy will offer job prep programs in health sciences, automotive technology, cyber security, culinary arts, engineering, cosmetology, construction, welding, graphic design, HVAC, teaching, aviation and logistics. Industry partners will help train students in 10th-12 grades in industry-specific environments while also offering the core curriculum necessary to earn a high school degree.

"This is a great opportunity for our students to be ready for a career the day they graduate high school. Baldwin County Public Schools System is leading the way in workforce development in our state. Tremendous job by everyone involved in making this vision become a reality," said Alabama State Rep. Matt Simpson.

"This represents the most innovative education delivery method in Alabama," added Alabama State Senator Chris Elliott at the Aug. 17 ceremony. "Our kids will be career ready to enter the workforce as soon as the graduate from high school."

The school will have a huge economic impact on Baldwin County, as businesses and industries are looking to fill skilled positions in the 7th fastest-growing metropolitan area in the country.

Novelis, a leading sustainable aluminum solutions provider, has already started building a \$2.5 billion low-carbon recycling and rolling plant in Bay Minette that will create around 1,000 jobs when it opens in 2025.

"With industry support, this high school promises not only education but an opportunity for students to enter the workforce immediately in high-paying jobs," Tyler said.

The Baldwin County Economic Development Alliance is also an Academy partner.

Sept. is full of activities at Southwest Branch Library

As always, there is much to do about many different topics for adults and children at Southwest Library in September. Located at here is something that September at 12248 Gulf Beach Hwy. in Pensacola (850- 453-7780), the library is open from 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. on Saturday.

SEPT. AT SOUTHWEST LIBRARY

- The library will celebrate the 25th Anniversary Celebration of Harry Potter on Thursday, Sept. 8 from 4-5:30 p.m. Expect a variety of games, crafts and other activities. All ages are welcome.

- Adulting 101 on Thursday, Sept. 22 at 5:30 p.m. This five-month series of classes covers topics such as financial literacy and budgeting, college and career planning and health care basics. Suggested for teens and young adults.

- Chair Yoga on Thursday, Sept. 1 and 15, at 4:30 p.m. You don't have to go to a gym to improve your flexibility. You don't even have to leave your chair for an hour of stretching and breathing exercises that can be performed while seated.

- Chess Club on Saturday, Sept. 10 and 24 at 1 p.m. Learn how to play one of the oldest games in the world. Whether you are brand-new or a master, this is a chance to learn new skills, practice your moves and improve your game in a friendly environment. The library will provide chessboards and pieces.

- Family Tabletop Gaming on Friday, Sept. 9 and 23 at 4:30 p.m. Don't know how to play Mahjong? Have a board game and want to play with other patrons? The library has many types of board games for all ages from cooperative to competitive, and simple to complex.

- Family Story Time every Tuesday in Sept. from 10:30-11 a.m. The fun includes exciting stories, songs and movement. Suggested for children ages 2 to 5 years and their caregivers but open to everyone.

- Friends of the Southwest Branch Library Book Sale is open during regular library hours at the Boutique located on your left as you enter the lobby. (Sponsored by the Friends of the Southwest Branch Library.

- One On One Tech Help every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. Need help with using your smartphone? Need to know the basic functions of your personal laptop? Call and sign up for a 30-minute one-on-one session for any topic under basic computer skills.

- "The Library of the Dead" (by T.L. Huchu) book discussion on Thursday, Sept. 15 at 10:30 a.m. Discuss a different book each month. Refreshments provided by the Friends of the Southwest Branch Library.



Dead ahead with Stolen Faces Sept. 2 at Big Beach Brewery

Nashville based Stolen Faces will be back at Big Beach Brewery in Gulf Shores for what will be a well received evening of Grateful Dead cover tunes on Sept. 2 starting around 6 p.m. The Stolen Faces deftly capture the spirit of the Dead, covering the band's expansive catalog and delivering it with the sort of energy and spontaneity that might have you thinking you're standing in the Fillmore West in 1971.

In addition to bassist Christian Grizzard, who earned his Gulf Coast bonafides playing with Kung Fu Mama and then Grayson Capps and the Stumpknockers, Stolen Faces includes Jeff Malinowski on guitar, Matt Martin on drums, Ben Sparaco on guitar and John Wallum on keys. **Pictured:** Tonight Show host Jimmy Fallon on stage with Grizzard and the band at Brooklyn Bowl Nashville this past February.



11-year-old Madisonville girl breaks AL Permit record

by David "Pierpounder" Thornton

While on a family inshore charter on Perdido Bay in late June, 11 year old Annalise Wilson from Madisonville, Louisiana landed what at first appeared to be a very large pompano. But Captain T-Roy of 4 Seasons Outfitters quickly recognized it was instead a permit. A relatively rare catch and one much larger one than the Alabama record of 4 pounds 12.8 ounces. Captain T-Roy encouraged the Wilson family to take the fish to be examined at the Alabama Marine Resources office in Gulf Shores. There it was weighed, measured, photographed and frozen as a potential state record of 6 pounds 5.4 ounces. After the official 15 day certification period, this fish has been confirmed as the new Alabama record permit. Captain T-Roy has ordered some replica mounts of the fish, and one will soon be on display at Zeke's Landing where his charter service is based. Congratulations! **Pictured:** 11-year-old Annalise Wilson with her Alabama record Permit.

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Al. Conservation Officers deploy beagles for man hunts & missing person searches

By David Rainer

Al. Dept. of Conservation & Nat. Resources

The Alabama Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries (WFF) Division's Law Enforcement Section K-9 Unit has integrated the latest technology in its quest to track down poachers and those attempting to flee from law enforcement as well as missing persons.

In a training session held recently in Baldwin County, the WFF K-9 unit and other WFF Conservation Enforcement Officers (CEOs) demonstrated the use of a tracking system to the Baldwin County Sheriff's Department and law enforcement officers from several municipalities in the county.

The technology involves GPS tracking collars for the beagles used by the K9 Unit as well as a tracking unit that is on board the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency (ALEA) helicopter. When a search is in progress, each tracking unit, worn by K-9s in the form of a collar, is displayed on a screen in the portable command center, CEO vehicles and the helicopter to maximize search efficiency.

The WFF K-9 Unit was created in 2019 after CEO Brad Gavins became interested in the Alabama Department of Corrections' (DOC) use of tracking dogs to find escaped prisoners. Corrections gave WFF one of their dogs to try and soon the K-9 unit came into existence. WFF now has eight tracking beagles deployed with Conservation Enforcement Officers around the state.

CEOs Jason McHenry of Autauga County and Ben Kiser of Calhoun County are among the officers with tracking beagles, and they were among the WFF staff at the recent training session.

McHenry explained the practical rural canine training that occurred at Perdido River Wildlife Management Area.

"We have a mock scenario set up where an individual, the suspect, is in the woods," McHenry said. "The initial officer on the scene has made a traffic stop. That individual has fled into the woods. That officer has contacted his supervisor and asked for backup, which includes DOC, ALEA Aviation and Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries to assist in establishing a perimeter and tracking."

McHenry said when the supervisor arrives at the scene, that individual sets up the incident command, which is the hub of communications. Responding officers check in at incident command to keep track of the officers in the field and issue assignments at the scene.

Hitching a ride with McHenry and Kiser, we loaded into McHenry's vehicle equipped with the Garmin DriveTrack tracking receiver and rode the perimeter as the WFF K-9 Unit unloaded their tracking dogs to pick up the scent at the site where the suspect entered the woods.

During the exercise, McHenry and Kiser were able to watch the screen and see the positions of the dogs and the ALEA helicopter as they performed the search for the suspect. This allowed the WFF CEOs to move their vehicle and personnel into a position to best intercept the suspect.

Gavins, the CEO in Crenshaw County, is the team leader for the WFF K-9 unit, which procures all the beagles, man-tracking dogs from DOC already trained. The beagles are trained not to bark so the suspect won't be alerted to the tracking team's approach.

Gavins said the WFF K-9 Unit assists local law enforcement agencies on manhunts, and the recent training was the result of discussions on how to best coordinate their efforts and increase the chances of apprehending suspects or finding the missing persons as quickly as possible.

"We've had discussions on what goes right and what goes wrong during a manhunt," Gavins said. "We talked about what we can do to get the information out to the agencies that will be on scene, setting up the search and communicating more efficiently so that we have a safer, more effective search."

"When the Garmin DriveTrack became available to our agency about a year ago, it worked out so well that our Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries officers became perimeter security for many searches across the state. Since we can see where the canines are in real time on a satellite image map, it becomes possible to direct officers to the area that a suspect may be fleeing through or to an area where a lost child or person suffering from dementia or Alzheimer's disease may be located. We can see all the roads, food plots and terrain features. If the canines start

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to get close to a road, our officers can shut down the road for the safety of the dogs or prepare for a fleeing fugitive."

The WFF officers can gather information from the ALEA helicopter and DOC and relay that information to the incident command center or whatever agency is in control of the scene.

Gavins said WFF works closely with the DOC and can assist in any search effort.

"We train with them and we already have the DOC tracking collar codes programmed into our computers," he said. "If they call and ask us to come to a certain county to assist them, we turn our computers on and we can see where their dogs are on the ground. We can immediately start assisting without having to find out where the dogs are."

Gavins said ALEA Aviation and several county aviation units tested the system and agreed to install a tracking unit in their aircraft.

"It's a game changer for a manhunt or a search for a missing person," Gavins said. "Sometimes the suspect can be miles ahead of the dogs. The helicopter knows where we are and can tell us if it's a hot track or a cold track. It actually helps them get in the area where the person is running, and it keeps them in the area where the person is. With this tactic, the suspect's focus remains on the aviation assets. It helps suppress the suspect's movement as long as the aircraft is there."

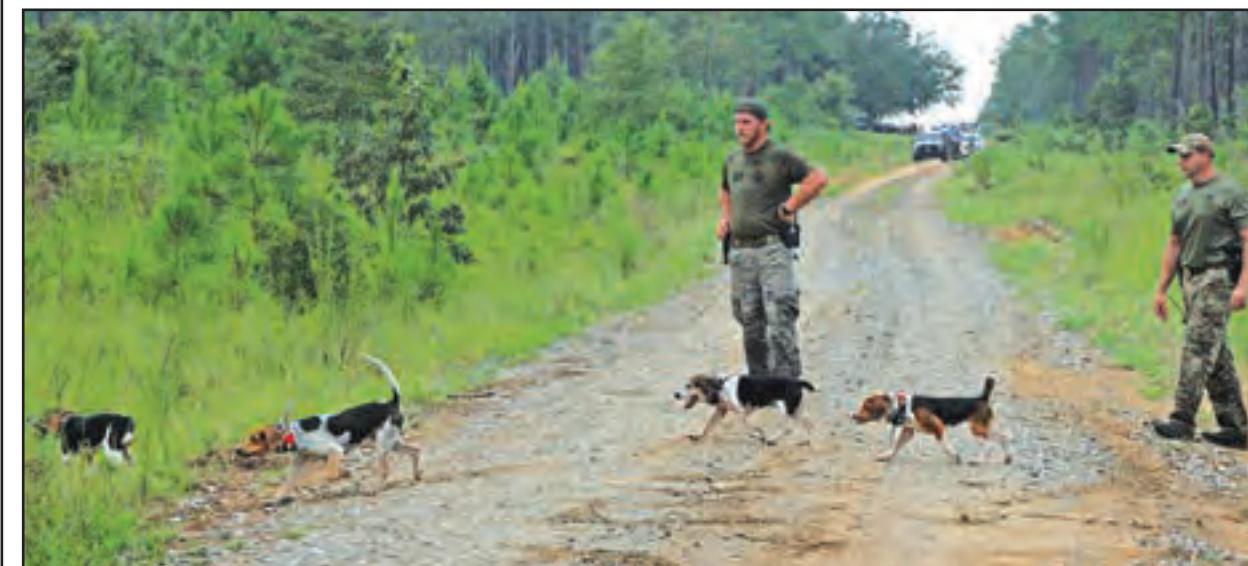
"Through interviews with suspects after they have been apprehended, it became evident that if the helicopter makes a loop or is gone to refuel, that's when a fugitive will try to cross a road or make a move. In the suspect's mind, if the aviation is in the area, they know where they are, which keeps their attention on the aviation instead of the other efforts with the tracking dogs and pursuing officers."

Gavins said once word spread of how successful the new technology was for performing searches, other law enforcement agencies became interested. The WFF K-9 Unit started working to develop a training course that would bring the outside enforcement agencies into the group. The training that was developed includes a morning of classroom discussion, followed by an afternoon of demonstrating the tracking system with WFF K-9s, WFF officers and the ALEA helicopter.

Gavins said the classroom discussion includes communications, incident command preparation and tracking site contamination mitigation techniques.

"When we developed the classroom portion and practical portion, one thing that was important was to clearly establish the call-out protocol for ALEA Aviation, DOC and Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries," he said. "What ALEA Aviation stressed was that any enforcement agency that needed their help for a manhunt or finding a missing person should call right away instead of waiting eight or nine hours. ALEA's concern was found to be the same concern that all agencies involved in this training expressed."

"We talk about protocols to be followed for a missing person or suspect – things that need to be done before calling aviation or the K-9 unit. This falls into the hands of the first responding officer. The key is to set that up right away and not contaminate the area for the canines."





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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Orange Beach Schools see 12 percent enrollment increase

The brand new Orange Beach City School System recorded a 12 percent increase in enrollment compared to K-12 enrollment figures from last school year, before the separation from Baldwin County Schools. Orange Beach City Schools is currently serving 1,250 students; this number is inclusive of two preschool units. During the regular meeting of Orange Beach Board of Education, members unanimously approved the employment of an additional kindergarten and third-grade teacher to accommodate this increase. The school system will also conduct a search for two physical education aides.

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- Timmi G: 6; Sunset Cork Room; Gulf Shores.
- Tyler Ward: 5; Carver's Steakhouse, Orange Beach.
- The Permanent Grins: 5; The Angry Crab, Orange Beach.
- Robert Broom: 5; American Legion Post 99; Gulf Shores.
- Cadillac Attack: 6; Tacky Jacks, Fort Morgan.
- Jimmy Lee Hanniford: 6; Tacky Jacks, 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.
- Island Quilters Guild: 9:30; Gulf Shores Activity Center, Gulf Shores.
- Bama Beach Pickleball Club: 9-noon; Church of Christ, 2414 West 1st St., Gulf Shores; (new members welcome).
- Open Mic: 6; Tacky Jacks; Gulf Shores.
- John Brust: 6; Ms. Nancy's Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort, 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.
- 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.

FOLEY CITY COUNCIL

Orange Beach & Foley to follow Gulf Shores' lead in using inmate labor

By John Mullen

Everybody's hiring and everybody's looking for help so two coastal Alabama cities are turning to inmate labor to fill in gaps where workers are lacking.

"We're picking them up through the Alabama Department of Corrections program with their work release inmates from their program up in Loxley," Foley Mayor Ralph Hellmich said. "That program's been around here since I was a kid and they are routinely used out in the community."

At council meetings on Aug. 15 in Foley and Aug. 16 in Orange Beach, both cities passed resolutions to start using the inmate labor from the work release center. Several private businesses including several restaurants in the coastal area already use the inmates.

"We're doing a one-year on this and we will be doing it as-needed," Orange Beach City Administrator Ken Grimes said. "We'll use the work release folks. It's \$15 a day per person and then \$5 per person per day for transportation. We opted to have them deliver them."

In Foley, officials plan to start out slowly and see how the program works initially and then decide later if they want to hire more workers.

"We're going to start out real small with maybe four or five in our Public Works and see how it works out," Hellmich said. "They are going to be doing things like washing city vehicles, picking up trash on the road."

Hellmich says the city has several openings for those types of jobs but nobody to hire to fill them.

"Frankly, in this county right now there's a labor shortage especially of the entrance level jobs," Hellmich said. "People just don't want to do that so we want to try to fill the gap."

Grimes said his city will evaluate the workers the state sends to figure out

where they best fit in the city.

"Once we get used to the individuals just like a staffing company, we'll have more of an opportunity to figure out what their skill set is and use them where we feel appropriate," Grimes said. "Most of what we will use workers for will be on the right of ways and in the grass cutting, cleaning, picking up trash, etc. A lot of highway and roads working with the crews."

Gulf Shores already uses inmate labor in its landscaping, streets and maintenance departments.

Council Reports:

- The sole bid awarded in the month was for \$1.5 million to Asphalt Services for city repaving projects.
- Finance reports collecting \$3.4 million in sales tax and a total of \$29.5 million in fiscal year 2022, \$286,332 in lodging taxes and a total of \$1.5 million for the year, \$36,856 in rental taxes and \$301,596 for the year and \$51,421 in local gas taxes and \$449,128 for the year.
- Community Development reports 56 new single-family home permits were issued in July as well as six commercial for 7 Brew, Jim N Nick's BBQ, Stowaway Storage and Foley Holdings.
- In July, the police department received and processed 312 through the city jail (2,271 to date in 2022), there were 67 misdemeanor and 12 felony arrests, 25 incidents of theft, 11 for shoplifting and officers were dispatched for service calls 2,579 times.
- The fire department made 245 calls including 44 for medical assist, 14 traffic accidents with injuries and responded to six calls for fires with only one of those being a structure fire.
- Approved LED lights for North Alston Street installed by Riviera Utilities for a \$92.50 monthly fee.
- Passed a resolution authorizing certain amendments to the tax abatement

agreement dated July 5, 2016, as amended, by the city of Foley, and Foley Holdings. In subsequent years, the council voted to continue the abatements for Foley Holdings, Foley Hotel One, The Park at OWA, Shops at OWA and RV park at OWA.

- Approved a special event liquor license for the South Baldwin Chamber of Commerce's Chicago Street Supper Club event on Oct. 21 from 6-10 p.m. on North Chicago Street.

- Passed resolutions setting public hearings declaring weeds at 305 South Alston, 407 W. Myrtle Avenue, 210 N. Beech St. and at Woerner lot 3 on South McKenzie Street to be public nuisances and ordering their abatement.

- OK'd a resolution amending the pay classification plan in the Public Works and Street Departments involving part-time laborers, part-time and full-time equipment operators and administrative assistants.

- Passed a resolution to approve additional application costs related to COVID-19 Hazard Mitigation Grant Program involving a project at Fire Station No. 1 being administered by Synergy. Due to the increased scope of the project, the application cost increased by \$15,000.

- OK'd a resolution approving the transfer of funds between categories for the Foley Fire Department. The department wants to move \$100,000 from the General Fund Capital Purchases account with \$80,000 going to the Vehicle Maintenance account and \$20,000 going to the Communications account.

- Accepted a \$6,000 donation from the Glenlakes Golf Club and using it for a new walking path at Glenlakes.

- Passed appointing Anthony Dobson to the Graham Creek Nature Preserve Board replacing Terry Hanson whose term ends on Sept. 5.

- Approved the re-subdivision of the Wilson Pecan Property and a land swap between the Public Facilities Community District and the city in the area of the farmer's market. Another resolution will be discussed to accept property from the PFCDD.

- Passed a resolution to approve a one-time payment of support to the Dream Center of Baldwin County of \$5,000 and the council will donate an additional \$10,000 as a dollar-for-dollar match if other local organizations also contribute.

- OK'd a resolution to approve the closure of streets in downtown Foley for Uptown Halloween on Oct. 27 closing West Laurel Avenue from State Route 59 to Alston Avenue, West Orange Avenue from 59 to Alston Street, and Alston Street from U.S. 98 to Orange Avenue from 5:15-8:30 p.m.

- Passed a resolution to allow a one-day members-only Pop Up Arts and Crafts Show on Sept. 24 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. in the alleyway behind the Foley Arts Center.

- Passed buying two floodwater rescue boats and other rescue equipment for the fire department. There is \$30,000 budgeted for the purchase.

- OK'd a resolution approving the city of Foley fiber system expansion to connect with the Aaronville Pool and Coastal Alabama Farmers and Fishermen's Market to allow for operating city surveillance systems at those sites.

- Passed a resolution approving giving \$100,000 to the South Baldwin Regional Workforce Development Authority to help develop a workforce training campus to support the hospitality industry.

- OK'd a resolution approving the sponsorship for the Peace Lutheran Church's "Flags of Peace" on Sept. 10-11 to raise money to help local school children and local first responder groups.

- Set a public hearing to consider passing an ordinance prohibiting camping in certain public places.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

BCSS denied permit to expand Fort Morgan facility

By Fran Thompson

The AL Dept. of Environmental Management (ADEM) recently denied a permit to the privately owned Baldwin County Sewer System (BCSS) that would have allowed a 65 percent increase in the volume of wastewater to be treated at its plant on Fort Morgan Rd.

The City of Gulf Shores, the watchdog Little Lagoon Preservation Society and the vast majority of those attending a May 19 public meeting strongly opposed the permit application.

Considerable documentation of water quality within Little Lagoon spanning more than 14 years clearly indicates that Little Lagoon would benefit from no additional increases in the amount of permitted wastewater treatment at the Fort Morgan BCSS plant, according to LLPS president Dennis Hatfield.

Hatfield noted that the MBNEP data indicates a high nutrient zone exists in the area south of the BCSS plant, but it has yet to be determined if the WWTP effluent disposal ponds are a source of nutrients in Little Lagoon.

Additionally, the City of Gulf Shores issued a cease-and-desist order for a sludge pit BCSS built without the proper permitting on property directly adjacent to Little Lagoon Mobile Home Park.

BCSS, the state's largest private utility company, provides sewer service throughout Baldwin County. In a letter to the city, BCSS stated the sewer plant, built in 1986, was in operation long before the property was annexed into the city.

"The purpose of acquiring additional land around a sewer treatment plant is to allow for the use of the land for needed ponds or storage as deemed necessary to adequately and efficiently operate the sewer treatment plant," said Gerry McManus, controller with BCSS, in the June 10 response to the city.

"With all due respect, this sewer treatment plant has been in this location for over 30 years. For years, there were few residential properties near the plant. The residential development has come to the facility, and the property owners were clearly aware of the facilities existence when they purchased their property."

"We feel like it's as important to make that plant as benign as possible. We're not saying decommission it, but we are saying the technology exists to reduce nutrients and metals and to address the effluent surfacing before it gets to the Lagoon," Hatfield said. "All the tools exist for BCSS to do something for the environment."

Gulf Shores was awarded \$5.9M in RESTORE funding to implement programs that improve water quality, increase and enhance habitat area, and improve ecological productivity in Little Lagoon. The current five-year project will have secondary beneficial impacts to the region that include creating more resilient and sustainable infrastructure, and increased recreational and ecotourism opportunities.

Specific programs will include living shorelines, improved hydrologic connectivity of the existing canal system, conversion of approximately 200 individual septic systems to municipal sewer, shellfish restoration programs, marsh and seagrass restoration, hydrodynamic modeling, ecological research and long-term water quality monitoring.

Singing For Scholarships registration now open

Baldwin high school age students can Sing For Scholarships; Annual Shrimp Fest competition will be held on Oct. 8 at 10 a.m. on stage at the National Shrimp Festival at Gulf Shores Public Beach.

The deadline for Baldwin County High School age students to apply for the National Shrimp Festival Singing for Scholarships event is Sept. 16 or until all spaces are filled.

Created in 2013 to support local Baldwin County High Schools and the talented youth in our region, the singing competition features one contestant chosen to represent their high school, virtual school or home school. Scholarships are awarded to the top three participants as well as to each of their high schools as follows: 1st Place: \$1000 to student & \$500 to school; 2nd Place: \$500 to student & \$500 to school; 3rd Place: \$250 to student & \$500 to school. For more information, email Allison Pryor at shrimpfestivalSFS@gmail.com or visit myshrimpfest.com.

- 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.
- Al-Non: 12:30; Live Oak AFG, St John's Episcopal Church, 401 Live Oak Ave., Pensacola.

THU, AUG 25

- Hartstrings: 6; The Point, Innerarity.
- Light Travelers: 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's; Gulf Shores.
- Basch Jernigan: 5; Big Beach Brewery; Gulf Shores.
- Timmi G: 6; Sunset Cork Room; Gulf Shores.
- Jonahntan Puzan: 5; Carver's Steakhouse, Orange Beach.
- Gypsy Pearl: 5; The Angry Crab, Orange Beach.
- Brandon Giles: 6; Hub Stacy's; Innerarity Point.
- Tim Robinson: 7; Papa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- Tyler Ward: 4; Woodside Restaurant at Gulf State Park, Gulf Shores.
- JJ Mack: 6; Tacky Jacks, 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.
- Andy Andrews Live: 12:15; Andy Andrews General Store & Museum; The

- Wharf, Orange Beach.
- Karaoke: 6; Tacky Jacks; Gulf Shores.
- William Gibson: 5; The Perch, Gulf State Park Lodge, Gulf Shores.
- Bama Beach Pickleball Club: 9-noon; Church of Christ, 2414 West 1st St., Gulf Shores; (new members welcome).
- Karaoke w. Howard: 7; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.
- Tim Roberts: 6; The Tin Top Restaurant, Bon Secour.
- John Brust: 6; Ms. Nancy's Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach.
- Bridge: 11; American Legion Post 44; Gulf Shores.
- 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.
- 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.

FRI, AUG 26

- Bubba & Them: 6; The Point, Innerarity.
- Lefty Collins: 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's; Gulf Shores.
- Jesse Duncan Trio: 6; Big Beach Brewery; Gulf Shores.
- Milton Faustino: 6; Sunset Cork Room;

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Gulf Shores.

- Savage: 5; The Angry Crab, Orange Beach.
- Kristi Dees Bad Juju: 7; Hub Stacy's; Innerarity Point.
- Bo Grant: 7; Papa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- Live Jam w. Host Dan Plante: 6:30; Sassy Bass Tiki & Cook-Out Bar; Fort Morgan.
- Colby Girard: 4; Woodside Restaurant at Gulf State Park, Gulf Shores.
- Dustin Martin: 6; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- Delta Donnie & Cathy Pace: 6; Tacky Jacks, Fort Morgan.
- Brooks Johnson: 5; Carver's Steakhouse, Orange Beach.
- Mac Walter: 6; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.
- False Identity: 9; Sandshaker at 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.
- Tim Spencer: noon; Splash Pool; Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- Rodger & Elaine: 7; American Legion Post 44, 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; Stephi Cocktails / Cuisine; Orange Beach.
- John Brust: 6; Ms. Nancy's Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach.
- 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.
- 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, AUG 27

- Wes Loper: 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's; Gulf Shores.
- Basch Jernigan: 6; Sunset Cork Room; Gulf Shores.
- John Joster: 5; Carver's Steakhouse, Orange Beach.
- Tracy and Alan: 5; The Angry Crab, Orange Beach.
- Kristi Dees Bad Juju: 7; Hub Stacy's; Innerarity Point.
- Briti: 6:30; American Legion Post 99; Gulf Shores.
- Bo Grant: 7; Papa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- Acoustic Soul: 4; Woodside Restaurant at Gulf State Park, Gulf Shores.

- Three Bean Soup: 6; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- Gambino Duo: 11; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.
- JJ Mack: 6; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.
- Davo on Piano: 5; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- Fat Lip: 9; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables: Schedule on Pages 28-29; Perdido Key.
- Cristi Dees Bad Juju: 7; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
- 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.
- 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 Miflin Rd. (County Rd. 20) Foley.

- Wes Baily & Meredith Hicks: 4; Big Beach Brewery; Gulf Shores.
- Jason Abel: 5; Carver's Steakhouse, Orange Beach.
- Naked Spur: 5; The Angry Crab, Orange Beach.
- Justin Colvard: 4; Woodside Restaurant at Gulf State Park, Gulf Shores.
- Tim Robinson: 6; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- Austin Thompson: 6; Tacky Jacks, Fort Morgan.
- Hippiie Jim: 11; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.
- Les Linton: 6; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.
- Josh Newcom: 3; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables: Schedule on Pages 28-29; Perdido Key.
- 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.
- DNA Trio: 4; Hub Stacy's; Innerarity Point.
- League Pool: 7; The Office, Foley.

MON, AUG 29

- Brooks Johnson: 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's; Gulf Shores.
- Tyler Wilson: 6; Tacky Jacks, Fort Morgan.
- Zach Chavers: 6; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.

SUN, AUG 28

- Brooks Johnson: 6; The Point, Innerarity.
- Zach Chavers: 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's; Gulf Shores.



MAKOS ON MAIN: Orange Beach City Schools celebrated the start of the first-ever school year as a city system with "Makos on Main" at The Wharf. Students, parents, administrators, coaches, teachers, school board members, and city officials and staff, among others, joined together with the community to kick off the new year in style. Fetivities included a wonderful parade down Main Street. Go Makos!



FBISF writers will perform with symphony Nov. 8 at Saenger

The Frank Brown Songwriters Festival, in association with the University of West Florida, will present "The Songs, Their Stories, A Symphony" at the Pensacola Saenger Theatre on Nov. 8. The show will feature hit Nashville songwriters Brett James, Jon Nite and Rivers Rutherford (**pictured**) performing in front of the Pensacola Symphony Orchestra. The featured songwriters have received widespread music industry acclaim and have almost 50 #1 hits between them.

Proceeds from the show will benefit the Larry Butler Memorial Music Fund at the University of West Florida and the Frank Brown International Foundation for Music. Tickets are available through Ticketmaster.com or by calling the Saenger Theatre box office at 850-595-3880. For sponsorship info, email andy@fbisf.com.

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South Baldwin Literacy Council Trivia Night is Aug. 26

South Baldwin Literacy Council will host its annual Trivia Night on August 26 at the Foley Civic Center. Doors open at 5 p.m., and games begin at 6:30 p.m. A table of eight players is \$160. Patrons can bring food and drink, and decorate their tables with the theme representing any book that was made into a movie. Dress in costumes that represent your theme. Prizes will be awarded for the winning trivia table, best table decoration and best costumes. Pick-A-Pot, live and silent auctions and other activities are planned between rounds. There will be a cash bar featuring "litteritas." Email sbleyouthed@gmail.com for more info.

Shrimp Fest Golf For Education is Sept. 9 at Kiva Dunes

The 29th Annual National Shrimp Festival Golf Challenge for Education will be held at Kiva Dunes on Sept. 9. Sponsored by the Coastal Alabama Business Chamber, the Challenge raises funds for Chamber education initiatives and is more than just a golf outing for players. With help from local businesses, golfers can expect fun activities, food, and drinks between holes. For sponsorship or participation info, call 251.968.4237 email or sharon@mygulfoastchamber.com.

Professional bull riders return to Flora-Bama Sept. 8-10

Tickets are currently on sale for the Sept. 8 - 10 Bulls On The Beach at the Flora-Bama. The event is among the 'Bama's best draws and tickets to experience the adrenaline rush with three nights of watching professional bull riders will sell out. A portion of the proceeds will go toward St. Jude Children's Hospital to assist sick children and their families.

Thursday night (Sept. 8) will feature junior riders on miniature bulls, and a coloring contest bike giveaway followed by a full slate of bull riders. The professional bull riding competition follows on Friday and Saturday. Gates open at 5:30 p.m., the arena opens at 6 p.m. and the event is from 8-9:30 p.m. each night. Admission is \$30 for 18 years & over; \$15 for kids 17 -7; and free for kids six & under are free. Buy tickets at florabama.com. The Flora-Bama is, of course, located on the Gulf of Mexico at the FL-AL line.

B/R Coastal Triathlon Sept. 10 at Gulf Place Public Beach

The Brett/Robinson Alabama Coastal Triathlon and Tri-It-On will go off on Saturday, Sept. 10, beginning and ending at Gulf Place Public Beach. The Olympic-distance triathlon will feature a 1,500-meter swim in the Gulf of Mexico, 24.8-mile bike race and a 6-mile run while the beginner-friendly Tri-It-On will include a 300-yard swim, 12.4-mile bike race and a 2-mile run. Participants may opt to complete the event individually or in a relay teams.

Packet pick-up will take place Friday, Sept. 9, from 4-6:30 p.m. and on race day from 5:30-6:30 a.m. Visit Team-Magic.com to register.



Rotary quilt raffle will benefit Roatan Marine Park

The Gulf Shores/Orange Beach Rotary Club will auction off a beautiful handmade quilt titled "For The Love Of Roatan" as a benefit for the Roatan Marine Park in Honduras. The park is part of a community based non-profit dedicated to the conservation of Roatan's protected marine and coastal areas, including all of its fauna, and phenomena and cultural resources. Tickets are \$5 each and the drawing is Sept. 22. For more info or tickets, call Mandy Wagner at 251-533-7137.

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- Flora-Bama Family Friendly Bingo: 1-4 p.m.; free; family friendly; Flora-Bama; Perdido Key.
- Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde: 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- Tim Spencer: noon; Splash Pool; Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- Lisa Zanghi: 6; Ms. Nancy's Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort, 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.
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- Jesse Duncan: 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's; Gulf Shores.
- Matt Erdmann: 6:30; Sassy Bass Amazon Grill; Fort Morgan.
- Lisa Christian: 6; Sunset Cork Room; Gulf Shores.
- Spicey Danger: 6; Tacky Jacks, Fort Morgan.

Women only sailing workshop Aug. 26-28 in Orange Beach

The City of Orange Beach Wind and Water Learning Center will offer a sailing workshop series taught by women for women from August 26-28.

Bring a gal pal and learn to sail together! Women can make great sailors and the WWLC staff invite them to get out on the water. The beginners' sailing course is taught in a three-day span (Friday evening, Saturday morning, and Sunday afternoon) for an all-female class. This workshop series is designed to use a fun "camp style" approach to sailing. WWLC staff will cover the basics with lots of hands-on sailing opportunities. It is perfect for complete beginners, or novices hoping to review the essentials in the company of other women.

Women 18 years+ will sail in the WWLC's Sunfish fleet. A minimum of four women are required for a class, with a maximum of eight.

Workshop schedule: Friday, August 26th - 5 p.m.-7:30 p.m.; Saturday, August 27th - 9 a.m.-noon; Sunday, August 28th - 2 p.m.-5 p.m. Registration is now open. The cost is \$225/per participant for the series. For more information, email jmcgonigal@orangebeachal.gov.

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Hospice hosts Harvest For Hope fundraiser Oct. 7

The Community Hospice Foundation of South Alabama will host its annual Harvest for Hope fundraising event on Friday, October 7 from 6-10:30 p.m. at Oak Hollow Farm in Fairhope. Proceeds go to the CHFSA, a non-profit formed to support individuals and families of those affected by a terminal illness by offering financial support, education, bereavement and advocacy.

The Alabama-based Tip Tops, a high-energy Motown dance and show band of \$5,000 and a silent auction. A \$100 ticket purchase admits two guests; includes one drawdown ticket, food and drink. Table sponsors are \$2,500, \$1,500 and \$1,000. Other Sponsor levels include \$500. Tickets are available at communityhospiceAL.org, Eventbrite or by Square.

For more sponsorship info, contact Susan Cox at 251-424-3307.

"When a specific, special need arises in our community, we do our best to help," said Community Hospice Foundation Board Member Martha Allegri. "Whether it be putting food on the table, helping cover travel expenses for a family member or building a wheelchair ramp for a community member, we want people to know they are not alone during this challenging time. It's a privilege for us to provide additional support to members of this community in their final months, and events like Harvest for Hope make this possible."

Safe Harbor Sportsman builds back better post Hurricane Sally

The expansion and rebuild of Safe Harbor Sportsman in the aftermath of Hurricane Sally is nearing completion and includes a 500-foot-long by 15-foot-wide concrete wave attenuator dock by Bellingham Marine, designed to protect the marina basin from substantial wave action similar to what was observed during the hurricane. This type of floating dock has deep concrete panels along each edge that provides the ability to reflect incoming waves, providing calm conditions on the inboard side. It will also provide enhanced dockage for large yachts and sport fishing boats alike.

"We are thrilled to introduce the newest state-of-the-art floating concrete and timber dock system, complete with upgraded amenities, to the Alabama Gulf Coast," said Bryan Walden, general manager of Safe Harbor Sportsman. "It has been a long journey back from the devastation caused in September 2020, but we have done it and are excited to offer a world-class facility and boating experience to our incredible and resilient members, partners and the Gulf Coast community."

A portion of the new facilities, which will ultimately accommodate 120 additional wet slips, opened in May and the remaining will be introduced in a phased approach throughout the summer as construction is completed.

"We at Safe Harbor Marinas take great pride in our ability to rebound from a completely devastating event like Hurricane Sally. The end result is a marina facility that is designed to be more resilient to future storm events but equally as important, provide an elevated experience for our members," said Peter Clark, chief development officer at Safe Harbor Marinas. "Our company is dedicated to providing exceptional service and memorable experiences to the global boating community."

For more info, visit shmarinas.com or contact the harbormaster office at (251) 981-6247 to inquire about wet slips.

MOP Mega Raffle: 31 Days. 31 Prizes.

The Mystics of Pleasure Mardi Gras krewe is in the midst of its annual mega raffle, the Orange Beach krewe's signature annual charitable fundraising event.

The raffle will start on Nov. 1 and award 31 prizes in 31 days. Each ticket is eligible to win on all 31 days, so your ticket number could win multiple times. Only 1000 of the \$50 tickets will be sold, and the prizes are amazing. For ticket info, visit mysticsofpleasure.com.

The Florida Lotto Pick 3 numbers are announced every day at 5 p.m. If your ticket number matches, you are the winner of that day's prize!

Prizes include guns, guided hunts, fishing gear, trips, cruises, jewelry, custom grills, fishing boats, four wheelers and custom golf carts. The total value exceeds \$25K, and the lowest value always hovers between \$300-\$500. Pick your lucky number, and check out what you're getting for Christmas this year. Once patrons choose a number, they can log into a customer account to find info about each day's winning number.

- Brittany Grimes: 6; Tacky Jacks, 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.
- Brent Varner: noon; Splash Pool; Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- Lisa Zanghi: 6; Ms. Nancy's Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach.
- Andy Andrews Live: 12:15; Andy Andrews General Store & Museum; The Wharf, Orange Beach.
- Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde: 8; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- Karaoke w. Kelly: 8; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- JW Karaoke: 6; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
- 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.
- Baldwin Senior Softball Group: 10

- a.m.; 50 and over; 10.am.; call 225/313-8516 for info & location.
- GriefShare Support Group, Point Church, 13801 Innerarity Point Rd, Pensacola; 601-278-6973.
- Bingo: 10-2; Gulf Coast Elks Lodge; Foley.
- Texas Hold 'em: 7; The Office, Foley.
- Pool Tourney: 7; Snapper's; Orange Beach.
- Al-Anon: 7 p.m.; Lillian United Methodist Church, 12770 N. Perdido St.

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- Josh Newcomb: 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's; Gulf Shores.
- Brittany Grimes: 5; Carver's Steakhouse, Orange Beach.
- Spicy Danger: 5; The Angry Crab, Orange Beach.
- Robert Broom: 5; American Legion Post 99; Gulf Shores.
- Austin Thompson: 6; Tacky Jacks, Fort Morgan.
- Zack Chavers: 6; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.
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 • Al-Non: 12:30; Live Oak AFG, St John's Episcopal Church, 401 Live Oak Ave., Pensacola.

Rodeo: 8; Foley Horse Arena; 113 E Rosetta Ave.
 • This Side of 49: 6; Sunset Cork Room; Gulf Shores.
 • Nigel Dickie: noon; Splash Pool; Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
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 • 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).
 • Andy Andrews Live: 12:15; Andy Andrews General Store & Museum; The Wharf, Orange Beach.
 • William Gibson: 5; The Perch, Gulf State Park Lodge, Gulf Shores.
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 • Karaoke w. Howard: 7; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.

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• Funky Lampshades: 6; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
 • Gypsy Pearl: 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's; Gulf Shores.
 • Davo: 4; Woodside Restaurant at Gulf State Park, Gulf Shores.
 • Thomas Jackson: 5; Big Beach Brewery; Gulf Shores.
 • Smokey Otis: 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
 • This Side of 49: 6; Sunset Cork Room; Gulf Shores.
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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Gulf Shores' Dr. McCollough publishes anthologies

Gulf Shores resident Dr. E. Gaylon McCollough has published two anthologies addressing the challenges facing Americans of all races, religions, and both genders. In keeping with his pledge to honor the Hippocratic Oath, Dr. McCollough explains



why the 2022 and 2024 elections could be turning points for an ailing America to again become a good, great, and better than ever republic. Connecting first hand experiences with diagnostic research, he illustrates why Americans will never again view the news, education, healthcare, or politics in the same manner.

In *Tomorrow in America: The Battle for the Souls of our Children* (Christian Faith Publishing), Dr. McCollough reveals how a deep state network is aligned with Luciferian globalists. Why they stealthily infiltrated America's government, healthcare system, mainstream, and social media, entertainment industry, and education systems. In *When Patriots Rally: America's Greatest Weapon Against All Enemies, Foreign and Domestic* (W. B Publishing/Argus Enterprises International), he reveals what America's enemies once respected and feared about America. He addresses

how and why godly patriots must rally behind President Donald Trump to cast out those who would have the USA abandon its godly principles and become a socialist state in an Orwellian One World Government.

Order your copies of Dr. McCollough's books directly from the publishers or your local book store. If you prefer personalized copies, contact mcolloughplasticsurgery, or call 251-967-7600. All profits from Dr. McCollough's books are pledged to a charitable foundation.

Mobile Councilman arrested in O.B. has charges dropped

A Mobile City Council member arrested for public intoxication by The Alabama Law Enforcement Agency in July while he was on a friend's boat at Boggy Point Boat Launch in Orange Beach has had the charges dropped. The criminal complaint against Ben Reynolds stated that Reynolds interrupted the Alabama Marine Police officer while the officer was in the process of arresting the friend on charges related to the drunken operation of the vessel. According to the police report, Reynolds was belligerent and admitted that he had been drinking. Baldwin County District Attorney Bob Wilters said footage from a body camera worn by the officer does not support the allegations and he did not create a public nuisance. Officers arrested the operator of the boat, Jeffrey Bartlett, on charges of boating under the influence of alcohol, operating a vessel without a license, failure to turn on the navigation lights after dark and traveling too fast in a no-wake zone.

Two new after school programs offered at Foley Library

The Foley Public Library will start two new after school programs in September 2022. Each program is age specific and requires a reservation to attend. On the third Tuesday of each month, the library will be hosting "Wizards School." This is for ages 11-18 years – just like Hogwarts. Various projects, games and/or crafts from the world of Harry Potter will be the focus of each month's class. First class is on Tuesday, Sept. 20 @ 4 p.m. in the meeting room. Classes should end by 5:30 p.m. If you are a fan of Harry Potter and Fantastic Beasts, this may be the class for you!

On the last Thursday of each month, the library will be hosting "Build It!" This is a Lego challenge club where a specific challenge will be issued each month for attendees to build. After completing the challenge and having their photo taken with their build, attendees get to have free build time. Bring your own Legos (or similar building blocks) or use the library's collection for your build. All builds with the library's blocks will need to be left at the library after the meeting. First "Build It!" session will be on Thursday, Sep. 29 @ 4 p.m. in the children's area downstairs. This club is for ages 6-16 years. Parents/guardians are asked to attend with children 12 and under.

Reservations can be made online at www.foleylibrary.org approximately one month prior to the session. For more info, check website, facebook or call 251-943-1031.

GlenLakes accepting players for its fall junior golf league

The GlenLakes Fall Junior Golf League is accepting players until Sept. 6 at noon. The fee is \$120 per player and includes five instructional clinics and five Saturday matches. Geared for both boys and girls, the clinic is open to ages 8-17 and beginners are allowed to compete in low pressure competitions. Top point winners from league play will be recognized.

Practices are on Friday's from 3:45 - 4:45 p.m. beginning September 9. Matches, beginning Sept. 10 start at 9 a.m. For more info, call 251-955-1220, ext. 4 or email musalgol@yahoo.com. GlenLakes is located in Foley.

Grief support group to meet weekly in G.S.

First Baptist Church of Gulf Shores will host a weekly grief support group for those suffering the aftermath of the death of a loved one on Thursdays from 1-3 p.m. in the church media room. The special weekly seminars start on Sept. 15 and continue through April 6 at the church, located at 2200 West First St. in Gulf Shores.

It is hoped that the seminars will be beneficial in helping grief stricken people rebuild their lives. Presenters understand it hurts and they want to help. For more info, call 251-968-7369.



O.B. BRIDGE GRAND SLAM: Jimmy Nelson had another Grand Slam recently at the Orange Beach Bridge Club. This time 7 No Trump bid and made with Chuck Scott, pictured on the left with Jimmy. The Club plays at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Orange Beach Senior Center. New players are welcomed with or without a partner.

Wakeboard competition Sept. 2-3 at OWA in Foley

Gravity Island Watersports at OWA is stoked to host its first-ever wakeboarding competition on September 2-3. The event will feature categories for Groms (kids), Beginners, and Masters battling it out, with those competing in the Open and Masters divisions will compete for over \$2K in cash prizes. A complete list of event rules, regulations, and registration instructions are available at VisitOWA.com/Wake-Jam.

- Karaoke: 9; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- Tim Roberts: 6; The Tin Top Restaurant, Bon Secour.
- Favorites Band: 7; Al. Gulf Coast Music Hall; Foley.
- 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.
- Gulf Shores United Methodist Church Bread Ministry: 9-10; every Thursday; room 103 on the south campus, next to Crossroad; 251 968-2411.
- Grief Support Group: noon-1:30 p.m.; First Presbyterian Church of Foley; 195 E. Berry Ave.; for all who are grieving;

- 943-8325.
- Al-Anon: 7; Orange Beach Presbyterian Church, 26640 Canal Rd.

FRI, SEPT 2

- Brian Hill: 7; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
- Lefty Collins: 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's; Gulf Shores.
- Davo: 4; Woodside Restaurant at Gulf State Park, Gulf Shores.
- The Stolen Faces: 5; Big Beach Brewery; Gulf Shores.
- Delta Donnie: 7; Papa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- Tammi G: 6; Sunset Cork Room; Gulf Shores.
- Mike Jestep: 6; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

PIER & SHORE FISHING OUTLOOK

By DAVID "THE PIERPOUNDER" THORNTON

Summer is slipping away as we approach September's doorstep, meaning many good things are happening 'fishingwise' along the Alabama coast. It doesn't seem to get quite as hot during the day. And sunlit hours of the day are well over an hour less than just a couple of months ago. Sea life senses that by going into 'feeding frenzies' whenever the opportunity, and conditions allow in preparation of leaner times to come.

The present weather pattern of mostly early morning or late afternoon thundershowers is likely to continue well into this fortnight, along with calmer than average seas. But we are fast approaching the historical peak of the Atlantic hurricane season. 'Bad' things can happen rather quickly this time of year, so let's pray we

are spared the worst!

Recently fishing activity sparked after several cloudy days allowed water temperatures to drop several degrees into the middle 80s. At the same time rapidly growing baitfish like the two to three inch long "LYs" (Scaled and False herring) have swarmed into the surfzone. They are looking for food (plankton) and shelter from larger fish like jacks, bluefish and mackerel. These fish are feeding a bit more heavily now in anticipation of the upcoming change of seasons and plentiful food source. Shorebound anglers can cash in on the fray with either live bait, or artificial offerings that resemble the natural prey. Three inch silver spoons are especially effective on foraging gamefish, as are jigs and plugs of similar size. Bubble Rigs may be even more productive this time of year. The splashing action attracts fish to it, especially on calm mornings when the predators may not be as aggressively chasing food.

Coincidentally, the NEAP tide period around

the end of August might make the bite generally a little more lethargic too. Otherwise we can expect early morning high tides with an outgoing tide the rest of the day.

This is often not the best situation to encourage gamefish to feed near the shore through out the day. So anything that tweaks the interest of target species (like mackerel, speckled trout and redbfish) will give the angler an advantage. This rings quite true at Gulf State Park Pier, Perdido Pass seawall and jetties, and Little Lagoon Pass where concentrated fishing pressure can cause the fish to seem uninterested in striking lures with regularity.

The terms "swatting at" and "window shopping" are commonly used to describe the lackadaisical feeding attitude of fish at times like this. But small live LYs presented on light tackle are often the angler's answer to solve this riddle and get some fish in the box.

This is especially true when the water is clear and the wind and waves are slight. Of course these fish may be more easily lost because of the lighter line. But when you are getting two or three (or more) times as many strikes (as opposed to just one occasionally) it makes a great deal of difference overall.

There are several tackle items that can aid the angler's hook up rate with such a setup, while lowering the cut-off rate. Clear monofilament (or fluorocarbon) makes great leader material in 20#, 30#, 40# and 50#. Long shank single hooks (Aberdeen style) like # 1 or #2 Tru-Turn hooks. And using a short piece of light steel leader 27# or less will help a lot.

A trick anglers on the 'old' Gulf State Pier used to minimize cutoffs was to unravel a foot long piece of 90 pound Sevenstrand steel wire. The resulting 12# test wire works great to fool finicky mackerel that may otherwise be "leader-shy". The short, light leader was not intended to last all day, but is ideal for a few fish, and sure lessens the number of lost fish. Just use a net for anything larger than about 1.5 pounds.

Besides the spanish mackerel pier anglers have been catching, there have been some speckled trout, slot-sized redbfish and mangrove snapper landed, along with a few flounder (mostly too small) plus the usual host of bycatch species. Live shrimp are the preferred bait on the pier, but hordes of hungry pinfish and jacks make fishing for the target species miserable at times. Light tackle is not what you want when you tussle with

mangrove snapper however. These are tough adversaries in close quarters to pilings or rocks covered in sharp barnacles. Better to use medium heavy tackle with small hooks like a small circle hook. This has a good hookup ratio with live bait while abiding to local regulations. Be sure to check the regs on mangroves whichever state you are fishing in.

Beach fishing has been decent of late as good numbers of August pompano have been showing up all along the coast. Pro guides like Jordan Gooding (G2 Coastal) have been regularly catching pompano, and even occasional Alabama limits (3 fish per angler over 12" TL). Live sandfleas (mole crabs) have been Jordan's bait of choice, fished out deep (when the grass allows) on double dropper pompano rigs. Though the old standby 'shrimp and Fishbites' has been producing as well at times.

Meanwhile, 'keeper-sized' whiting have been relatively scarce in the surfzone, as they often are in late summer. But bounteous early morning surf casting action with feisty bluefish and ladyfish has been quite dependable for retired teacher Michael Brown (Dr. Mike's School of Fishing). Spoons are the mainstay for this fishery, though the action is far too often short lived.

So be prepared to lose a little sleep and be on site at dawn in order to cash in on this top notch action. Interference by sea grass will continue to be only 'spotty' as long as the wind and seas remain relatively calm. The sea grass staying on bottom is also conducive for plugging the shoreline for jack crevalle, speckled trout and even pompano in many locations. Big topwater 'chuggers' can be used to entice big jacks into doing battle on heavy class spinning rigs. While 4 inch topwater lures (like Heddon spook) are often preferred for specks in the early morning. Watch out for big bluefish though!

Later into the day, or anytime there is a chop on the water's surface try a suspending bait like MirrOdine which mimics the small LYs. Speckled trout really like this lure and soft plastic minnow imitations too. Scattered pompano can be caught while wading and casting pompano jigs or "Goofy jigs". These are slowly dragged along the bottom with periodic 'jumps' imparted by a flick of the wrist. The pompano usually strikes as the lure falls back to the bottom. There can be a good bit of bycatch with these lures, but the method offers a lot of action for the angler on relatively light tackle.

- Broke & Done; 6; Tacky Jacks, Fort Morgan.
- False Identity; 7; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
- Damian Lamb; 6; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.
- Six Piece Suits; 9; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- Live Jam w. Host Dan Plante; 6:30; Sassy Bass Tiki & Cook-Out Bar; Fort Morgan.
- Foley United Methodist Church Fish Fry; 11-1; 915 N. Pine St.; 251-943-4393.
- 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.
- Guided Pier Walk; 9-10 a.m.; Gulf State Park Pier; Gulf Shores.
- Chase Brown; 5; The Perch, Gulf State Park Lodge, Gulf Shores.
- Open Mic; 7; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.
- Darrell Roberts; 7; Stephi Cocktails / Cuisine; Orange Beach.
- John Brust; 6; Ms. Nancy's Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach.
- Bama Beach Pickleball Club; 9-noon; Church of Christ, 2414 West 1st St., Gulf Shores; (new members welcome).
- Karaoke w. Kelly Ann; 6; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- Favorites Band; 7; Al. Gulf Coast Music



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Hammerhead shark swims near shore in Orange Beach

A widely circulated facebook video post from Aug. 15 show what appears to be a 10 to 12 ft. Hammerhead shark swimming near shore while chasing stingrays in the shallow part of the Gulf of Mexico at around 10 a.m. in Orange Beach. Catarena Peek, a tourist from Texas, posted a video of the shark that was viewed 30,000 times within 24 hours. In the video, the shark appears to be distressed while in very shallow water and soon swims off. A common tropical and subtropical shark that inhabits the open ocean and the shallow coastal waters of the Gulf and the Atlantic Ocean, Hammerheads are often found in inlets and the mouths of bays. Scalloped Hammerheads are the most common in Alabama and average between 8 and 10 ft, with a maximum total length of about 14 ft.



GONE CATCHING: (L to R) Cherrie Villanova is a longtime regular fisher woman on the Gulf State Pier. And she loves to target pompano. Photo by Ellis 'Cajun' Cattan; Michael Brown with a brace of fine Fort Morgan beach bluefish; It is easy to make friends on the pier when the fish are biting. Just ask compadres Lee Jones, Drake Burgett, Corbett Mcgaughey and Branyon Clarke who recently teamed up for a fine mixed bag catch; James and his dad had a fun and productive morning fishing with G2 Coastal. Photo by Jordan Gooding; Michael Rasponte showing the fruits of recent family surf fishing efforts.

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Slice off tops of tomatoes. Season with a little salt and pepper (or Tony's Creole seasoning). Combine bread crumbs, cheese, and butter; sprinkle over tomatoes. Garnish with snipped parsley. Place in foilware pan and grill over medium-hot coals about 20 minutes or till heated through. Serve immediately. Makes 4 servings. Enjoy!

Note: If serving bread with your meal, try threading brown-and-serve rolls on the BBQ spit. Brush with melted butter; rotate over coals 10-15 min.

Or, you can grill thick slices of French bread and brush with garlic butter. (Melt a little butter and add garlic powder or minced garlic.)

Enjoy!

Tickets still available for Aug. 27 MOP drawdown

Orange Beach's Mystics of Pleasure Mardi Gras krewe will host its annual \$10,000 draw down fundraising event on Aug. 27 at the Orange Beach Event Center at The Wharf. Only 475 tickets will be sold, and the \$100 cost per couple includes an evening of dining, dancing and the chance to win big.

You do not have to be present to win, but those who do not attend will miss additional money giveaways throughout the night, as well as great live music, dancing, and the greatest final moments to cap off an exciting night.

For tickets, visit mysticsofpleasure.com.

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• First Friday Art Walk: 7 p.m. til; historic downtown Fairhope.
• 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, SEPT 3

• Sapphyre: 7; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
• Brandon Giles: 6; OWA; Foley.
• The Chee Weez: 8; OWA; Foley.
• Ronnie Presley: 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's; Gulf Shores.
• Wes Loper: 4; Woodside Restaurant at Gulf State Park, Gulf Shores.
• Slide Bayou: 4; Big Beach Brewery; Gulf Shores.
• Tim Robinson: 7; Papa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
• Tammi G: 6; Sunset Cork Room; Gulf Shores.
• Mel Knapp: 3; Tacky Jacks, Fort Morgan.
• JJ Mack: 11 a.m.; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.

• Davo at the Piano: 5; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
• Six Piece Suits: 9; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
• Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables: Schedule on Pages 28-29; Perdido Key.
• Destiny Brown: 5; The Perch, Gulf State Park Lodge, Gulf Shores.
• Karaoke w. Bree & David: 7; American Legion Post 199; Fairhope.
• Karaoke w. Howard: 7; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.
• Wiley Pete: 7; Stephi Cocktails-Cuisine; Orange Beach.
• The Defrosters: 2; Flying Harpoon II; Orange Beach.
• John Brust: 6; Ms. Nancy's Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach.
• Karaoke: 9; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
• Texas Hold 'em: 7; The Office, Foley.
• Optimist Club of Perdido Bay: Breakfast every Saturday at 7 a.m. at the Lillian Community Club in Lillian; (251) 961-2620.

SUN, SEPT 4

• Gulf Coast Saxophone Ensemble: 3; OWA; Foley.
• Colby Swift: 3; OWA; Foley.

Alabama Gulf Coast Zoo hosts Sept. 30 beer tasting

The Alabama Gulf Coast Zoo will host Zoo Brew: The Sloth Crawl on Friday, Sept. 30 from 6:30 p.m. 'til 9 p.m. Enjoy an evening of beer tastings, food catered by Safari Club Restaurant, live music by Grits & Greens, meet and greets with animals, and more. All proceeds benefit the Zoo and support sloth conservation efforts in South America.

VIP tickets are \$75 and general admission tickets are \$50. VIP tickets allow for exclusive early admission, a VIP food area, giraffe feedings, and zipline rides. Tickets are on sale at Zoo-Brew22.givesmart.com. For sponsor info, call 251-256-7008 ext 124 or email development@algulfcoastzoo.org. The event will be held rain or shine.

OWA's Labor Day Weekend party includes fireworks

The Labor Day Weekend Party at OWA Parks & Resort includes cool cars and fireworks on Sept. 3 and kids activities and live music on Sept. 4!

Hot rods spread throughout Downtown at the OWA Labor Day Car Show on Sept. 3. Kids activities including a free patriotic t-shirt craft and scavenger hunt from 2-6 p.m. followed by a free outdoor concert from 6-9:30 p.m.

Top it all off with OWA's patriotic firework spectacular at 8:50 p.m. sharp. This patriotic show, timed perfectly with music, can be seen throughout the entire property.

Brandon Giles will play at 6 p.m. and The Chee Weez at 8 p.m. The fun continues on Sunday, Sept. 4 with more kids' activities followed by free live music on the OWA Island Amphitheater. From 2-6 p.m., enjoy interactive fun with a scavenger hunt and patriotic handprint t-shirt crafts at the alcove near Native Treasures. Be sure to pick up your scavenger hunt map from Paint Party Studios. Live Music on the Downtown OWA Splashpad ft. the Gulf Coast Saxophone Ensemble starts at 3 p.m. and Colby Swift plays on OWA Island at 5 p.m., followed by Austin Forman at 7:30 p.m.

Cornhole social is Sept. 17 at Flora-Bama Yacht Club

The Lower Alabama Young Professionals will host a Barks, Bags, & Bushwackers Cornhole Social on Sept. 17 from 3-7 p.m. at the Flora-Bama Yacht Club on Perdido Key.

The games will be for fun, not competition, as this even is billed as a fun way to raise money for local animal shelters. The \$10 admission into the social includes a free drink ticket courtesy of the Flora-Bama. The social will also include a variety of raffle prizes, and event t-shirts designed by local artist Renee Vandervere will be available. More info: penny@mygulfcoastchamber.com.



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WHAT'S HAPPENING

18th Annual Bird Fest will include events at Fort Morgan

The 18th Annual Alabama Coastal BirdFest will be held Sept. 28-Oct. 1, with events scheduled at 5 Rivers Delta Resource Center on the Mobile Causeway, the Dauphin Island Bird Sanctuary, historic Fort Morgan, and the Bon Secour National Wildlife Refuge.

More than 370 bird species have been spotted along the Alabama coast, and BirdFest guides expertly lead attendees on boat and walking trips to some of the best birding spots along the Alabama Coastal Birding Trail.

Birders and nature lovers from across the United States and Canada flock to south Alabama every year to experience one of the prime birdwatching opportunities during fall migration.

The four-day event also includes workshops on subjects such as hummingbirds, the basics of birding, monarch butterflies, and, new this year, workshops on how to use common birding apps, such as eBird and Merlin Bird ID, and understanding bird box design for specific species. A free family-friendly Bird and Conservation Expo will be held at 5 Rivers Delta Resource Center on the Saturday of BirdFest. The Expo highlights other local non-profits and environmental agencies, hands-on activities, and short boat cruises lead by a junior birder!

Since 2004, BirdFest has raised more than \$100,000 to help preserve and protect vital coastal bird and wildlife habitat and increase the awareness of the great biological diversity of the Alabama Gulf Coast. Registration opens online August 1, 2022, at southalabamalandtrust.org. For more registration or sponsor info, contact Sheri Swartz at sheri@southalabamalandtrust.org or 251.990-5004.

Freedom Fest weekend includes Bama Coast Cruisin' Car Show

ZZ Top and Jeff Beck will be playing at the Wharf Amphitheater on Friday, Sept. 30, the same weekend that Orange Beach hosts its 2nd Annual Freedom Fest at the Wharf. In addition to the Bama Coast Cruisin' Car Show, arts and crafts, and lots of food options, the weekend will feature an Oct. 2 benefit concert at the amphitheater headlined by John Rich (of Big & Rich).

Applications are still being accepted for artists, crafters and food vendors. Festival hours will be 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 30 and Oct. 1-2. For more vendor info, email jfitz@orange-beachal.gov.

Funds raised at the fest will support for community organizations, including the Alabama chapter of Folds of Honor, a nonprofit that provides educational scholarships to families of fallen and disabled service members. Johnny Hayes, Charlie Argo and The Crickets have also been booked to play at the fest. On Oct. 1, The local Mardi Gras group, the

Marshals, will hold its Let Freedom Roar Run and Rally with a motorcycle and Jeep parade at noon, benefitting Youth-Reach Gulf Coast. The group will stage in the Event Center parking lot. More info: orangebeachfreedomfest.com.

Youth Pinman Triathlon Sept. 5

The Youth Pinman Triathlon is scheduled for Monday, September 5 at the Bodenhamer Center in Gulf Shores. Children ages 10-14 may register for the PinmanXL Race, beginning at 8 a.m. This race consists of: 100 yard swim, 2.8 mile bike, 0.83 mile run.

Children ages 6-9 may register for the PinmanJR Race, beginning at 8:45 a.m. The PinmanJR consists of: 50 yard swim, 1.8 mile bike, 0.4 mile run. For more information, contact the Bodenhamer Recreation Center at 251-968-9819.

Bike MS: Tour de Beach Sept. 17-18 at Lodge at GSP

Bike MS: Tour de Beach, a fundraiser for the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, returns to Gulf Shores Sept. 17-18 for two days of bicycle rides around South Baldwin County beginning at 7 a.m. each day.

The bike rides, which raise funds for programs, services, and research benefitting people living with multiple sclerosis, start and finish at the Lodge at Gulf State Park. Participants will have the option of biking 18, 45 or 75 miles on Saturday, and 25, 41 or 55 miles on Sunday.

Volunteers are needed to help at the start/finish line and during the Friday evening registration and at rest stops. For more info, email FundraisingSupport@nmss.org or call 855-372-1331.

Women only sailing workshop Aug. 26-28 in Orange Beach

The City of Orange Beach Wind and Water Learning Center will offer a sailing workshop series taught by women for women from August 26-28. This workshop series is designed to use a fun approach to sailing. WWLC staff will cover the basics with lots of hands-on sailing opportunities. It is perfect for complete beginners, or novices hoping to review the essentials in the company of other women.

Women 18 years+ will sail in the WWLC's Sunfish fleet. A minimum of four women are required for a class, with a maximum of eight.

Workshop schedule: Friday, August 26th - 5 p.m.-7:30 p.m.; Saturday, August 27th - 9 a.m.-noon; Sunday, August 28th - 2 p.m.-5 p.m.

Cost is \$225/per participant for the series. For more info, email jmcgonigal@orangebeachal.gov.

- Austin Forman: 7:30; OWA; Foley.
- The Selma Boys: 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's; Gulf Shores.
- Justin Colvard: 4; Woodside Restaurant at Gulf State Park, Gulf Shores.
- Strickly Rivers: 7; Papa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- Jessie Duncan: 2; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- Sandhill Hustle: 6; Tacky Jacks, Fort Morgan.
- Hippy Jim: 11; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.
- Jimmy Lee Hanniford: 6; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.
- Josh Newcom: 3; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- Dan Plante Band: 6:30; Sassy Bass Amazin Grill; Fort Morgan.
- Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables: Schedule on Pages 28-29; Perdido Key.
- Bends & Brews Yoga: 11 a.m.; in the courtyard; Big Beach Brewery; Gulf Shores.
- Lisa Zanghi: 6; Ms. Nancy's Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach.
- Rodger & Elaine: 6; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- The Defrosters: 2; Flying Harpoon II; Orange Beach.

- DNA Trio: 4; Hub Stacy's; Innerarity Point.
- League Pool: 7; The Office, Foley.

MON, SEPT 5

- Brent Burns: 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's; Gulf Shores.
- Issac Knewton: 4; Woodside Restaurant at Gulf State Park, Gulf Shores.
- Mason Henderson: 4; Big Beach Brewery; Gulf Shores.
- Parker Hamilton: 6; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- Allan Renfroe: 6; Tacky Jacks, Fort Morgan.
- Brittany Grimes: 11; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.
- Zach Chavers: 6; Tacky Jacks, 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.
- Tim Spencer: noon; Splash Pool; Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- Lisa Zanghi: 6; Ms. Nancy's Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach.
- Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde: 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.

Peace Lutheran Flags of Peace Remembrance Sept. 10-11

Flags of Peace will be flying proudly September 10-11 in front of Peace Lutheran Church on the Beach Express (8250 Roscoe Rd.) in Foley. Set in a grid pattern on 7.5 foot poles, the 3x5 American Flags will be planted to honor and remember American heroes such as first responders, military past and present, and anyone else that flag sponsors would like to honor with Old Glory!

Flags are \$35 each and can be purchased through the Church online at peacelutheranal.org or by calling 251-974 2545. Corporate sponsorships are also available. Over 150 Flags for Peace will be flying. Come and walk through this memorial and read the messages on the flags for the people they represent. Patrons are invited to take their flags home to keep, just like the memories of loved ones on Sunday.

This is a week-end family event which will include speakers, demonstrations, hamburgers, hotdogs, chips and drinks. A special memorial church service will be held at 10 a.m. on Sept. 11.

All proceeds from this event will provide school clothes and supplies to students of Baldwin County through the church's Helping Kids Thrive Ministry, and also support local police and first responders.

Saturday's 9-11 memorial service is set for the morning with guest speakers and patriotic music. There will be flag-folding ceremonies, first responder demonstrations, and a flag retirement ceremony. If you have flags that need to be retired, this will be the time to bring them to have them retired appropriately by the Jr. Marine Corp.

"Everyone remembers where they were when it happened," Karla Thornton, committee member, said last year. "This tragedy brought us together as families and friends. We called people just to touch base and make sure they were alright. We came together as a country and our leaders were behind us. How about being part of an event that will draw folks together again?"

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WHAT'S HAPPENING



RIVIERA UTILITIES SUMMER INTERNSHIP GRADS: Easton Whately of Foley High School and Grace James of Elberta High School (pictured) are among the nine rising Baldwin County high school seniors who will be better prepared to enter the workforce, following their graduation from Riviera Utilities summer internship program, which fills two critical needs in Baldwin County – workforce development and an education and training program for students who may not choose the college path. Each intern was assigned a mentor, received safety training and orientation, and worked alongside a supervisor and other employees. Joseph Eicher of Foley High School also graduated from the program.

- 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.
- Celebrate Recovery: (Christ centered 12 step program); Monday evenings at 6 p.m.; Island Church in Orange Beach; 251-967-4840.
- Overeaters Anonymous: 6; Holy Spirit Episcopal Church; Gulf Shores, 616 Ft. Morgan Rd.; 251-709-5907.
- Al-Anon: 7; Orange Beach Presbyterian Church, 26640 Canal Rd.

TUE, SEPT 6

- Charlie Rees: 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's; Gulf Shores.
- Lisa Christian: 6; Sunset Cork Room; Gulf Shores.
- Ryan Balthrop: 6; Tacky Jacks, Fort Morgan.
- Jessie Hall: 6; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.
- Greg Brown: 6:30; Sassy Bass Amazin Grill; Fort Morgan.
- Josh Drake: 6; Tacky Jacks, Fort Morgan.
- Zach Chambers: 6; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.
- Lisa Christian: 6; Sunset Cork Room; Gulf Shores.
- 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.
- John Brust: 6; Ms. Nancy's Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach.

- Ancient Aviators Meeting: 8:30; American Legion Post 44; Gulf Shores; all are welcome; 251-990-8258.
- Andy Andrews Live: 12:15; Andy Andrews General Store & Museum; The Wharf, Orange Beach.
- Lisa Christian: 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: 6; Tacky Jacks; Gulf Shores.
- Bridge: 11:30 a.m.; Orange Beach Senior Center, 251-981-3440.
- Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde: 8; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- Karaoke w. Kelly: 8; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- Danny Grady: 3; American Legion Post 44; Gulf Shores.
- JW Karaoke: 6; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
- Baldwin Senior Softball Group: 10 a.m.; 50 and over; 10 a.m.; call 225/313-8516 for info & location.
- GriefShare Support Group: 6; Point Church, 13801 Innerarity Point Rd, Pensacola; 601-278-6973.
- Bingo: 10-2; Gulf Coast Elks Lodge; Foley.
- Texas Hold 'em: 7; The Office, Foley.
- Pool Tourney: 7; Snapper's; Orange Beach.
- Manna Center Food Pantry: 9-11 & 2-4; First Baptist Church of Gulf Shores; 2300 West 1st St.; also adult & children's clothes, computer access, limited financial assistance. Info: 251-948-2485.
- Orange Beach City Council Meeting: 5 p.m.; City Hall; 980-INFO.
- Foley Kiwanis Club: noon; Vallarta's, 1145 S. McKenzie St., Foley; 859-771-6091.

- Al-Anon: 7 p.m.; Lillian United Methodist Church, 12770 N. Perdido St.

WED, SEPT 7

- Charlie Rees: 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's; Gulf Shores.
- Delta Donnie & Cathy Pace: 6; Tacky Jacks, Fort Morgan.
- Damian Lamb: 6; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.
- Delta Donnie & Cathy Pace: 6; Tacky Jacks, Fort Morgan.
- Colby Girard: 6; Tacky Jacks, 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).
- Jessie Duncan: noon; Splash Pool; Perdido Beach Resort; Orange Beach.
- John Brust: 6; Ms. Nancy's Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach.
- Open Mic: 6; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- Open Jam: 7:30; Good Time Charlie's; Foley.
- 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.
- BBRC Running Club: 5:30 p.m.; Big Beach Brewery in Gulf Shores; lafleet-foot.com.
- Karaoke & League Pool: 7:30; The Office, Foley.
- Bingo: 10 a.m.; American Legion Post

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Funny Bones

By Ron "Bones" Jones



Technically, Moses was the first person with a tablet downloading from the cloud.

Did you know that by substituting grapefruit for potato chips you can lose up to 90- percent of what little joy you still have in life.

Now that beer is cheaper than gas I've decided to drink instead of drive.

If you get lost in the woods, talk to yourself about politics, somebody will show up to argue with you.

I told my wife I saw a deer on the way to work. She asked how I knew the deer was on its way to work.

My wife said she missed me. Normally that would be a good thing. But she was reloading.

I gave up my seat to a blind person on the bus. That's how I lost my job as a bus driver.

A man had recently moved and was filling out forms at his local police station:

Q: Has your driver's license ever been suspended or re-voled?

A: "No, never."

Q: Have you ever been convicted of a DUI?

A: "Oh yes, lots of times!"

Q: Have you ever been convicted of a driving-related felony?

A: "Yeah, three of them."

Q: "Well wait a minute, if you have all of these DUIs and felonies, how come your license has never been suspended or re-voled?"

A: "Never got one."

My wife saw a cockroach in the kitchen. So, she sprayed everything down and cleaned the entire room thoroughly.

Today I am putting a roach in the bathroom.

Boss: "This is the third time you've been late for work this week. Do you know what that means?"

Me: "It's only Wednesday?"

I lost my job at the bank on the very first day. A customer asked me to check on his balance. So, I pushed him over.

The swordfish has but one predators in the wild. That would be the rare penfish, which is said to be mightier.

- At a movie theatre, which 'arm rest' is yours?
- In the word scent, is the "S" silent or "C"?
- If people evolve from monkeys, why are monkeys still around?
- Why is there a 'D' in fridge, but not in refrigerator?
- Who knew what time it was when the first clock was made?

When I got to work this morning, my boss stormed up to me and said, "You missed work yesterday, didn't you?"

I said, "No, not particularly."

Getting older: one woman's short story...

Have you been guilty of looking at others your own age and thinking surely I cannot look that old? If so, you may enjoy this short story.

While waiting for my first appointment in the reception room of a new dentist, I noticed his certificate, which bore his full name.

Suddenly, I remembered that a tall, handsome boy with the same name had been in my high school class some 30 years ago. Upon seeing him, however, I quickly discarded any such thought.

This balding, gray-haired man with the deeply lined face was way too old to have been my classmate. After he had examined my teeth, I asked him if he had attended the local high school.

"Yes," he replied!

"When did you graduate?" I asked.

He answered, "In 1968. Why?"

"You were in my class!" I ex-

claimed.

He looked at me closely and asked, "What did you teach?"

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• No true Southerner would ever assume that the car with the flashing turn signal is actually going to make a turn

• A Southerner knows that "fixin'" can be used as a noun, a verb, or an adverb.

• Only Southerners make friends while standing in lines. We don't do queues, we do lines; and when we're in line, we talk to everybody!

• Put 100 Southerners in a room and half of them will discover they're related, even if only by marriage.

• When you hear someone say, "Well, I caught myself lookin'," you know you are in the presence of a genuine Southerner! I went to a seafood disco last week...and pulled a mussel.

What do you call a fish with no eyes? A fsh.

Two termites walk into a bar. One asks, "Is the bar tender here?"

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