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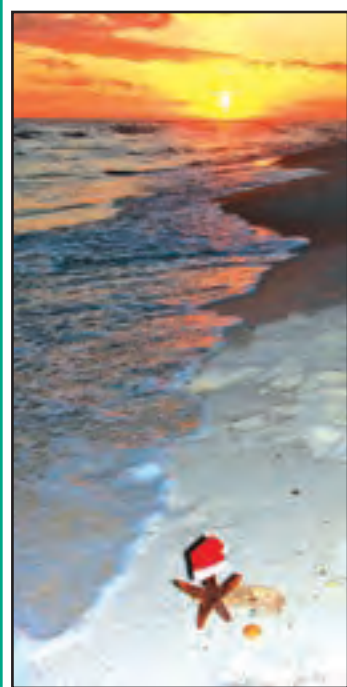
LuLu's Noon Year's Eve gets the party started

As always, families and children will be the focus during the annual Noon Year's Eve party on Dec. 31 at Lucy Buffett's LuLu's at Homeport Marina in Gulf Shores. Starting at 10 a.m., children will ring out the year in exciting style with a sandcastle building contest, face painting, kid safe fireworks, arts and crafts and live music. At noon, a beach ball will drop and Noon Year's Eve is celebrated with bubblewrap. Noon Year's Eve ends at 3 p.m. Admission is free, and LuLu's kitchen will be open. Lucy Buffett's LuLu's is located under the Intracoastal Bridge at 200 E. 25th Ave. (Info: lulubuffett.com) or 251-967-lulu.

Red Clay Strays, Third Eye Blind at Mobile's NYE MoonPie Drop

Ring in 2023 with The Red Clay Strays (9:45 p.m.) and Third Eye Blind (11 p.m.) at MoonPie Over in downtown Mobile. An epic fireworks/laser light show will follow the dropping of the pie, and the fun starts at 8 p.m. with Resolution Wall, a second line parade at 8:45 p.m., cutting of the world's largest Moonpie at 8:30 p.m., and an 8 p.m. opening act performance by Levon Gray.

It is said (by maybe one or two people) that you haven't really lived until you've watched the only 600 lb. electric MoonPie in the world drop at midnight. Plus, you get to see the Red Clay Strays for free.



Beachy Christmas Cheer

As usual, Cathy Deal of Inerarity made a beachy Christmas card this year. Lately, she has been using a starfish and a Santa hat for props. "All have been in the daytime except this year," she said. "Why not a sunset photo? I took this from Perdido Key State Park."



Find the GSP snowmen

Ride your bike at Gulf State Park this holiday season through Dec. 31 and find the 10 snowmen that have been placed throughout the park. Take a selfie with each of the 10 snowmen and bring them to the Gulf State Park Visitor Center at the Lake Shelby picnic area and receive a special holiday reward.

Christmas in Park continues through Dec. 31 in Lillian

Christmas in the Park continues until Dec. 31 at Lillian Recreational Park beginning around 5:30 p.m. nightly. Come see how the Park has been transformed into a one-of-a-kind Christmas wonderland, with thousands of twinkling lights, a 20' Wonderland Tree, and festive exhibits all around the Park. Admission and parking are free. The park is located at 33914 Widdel Ave. in Lillian. From Hwy 98 turn south at the Post Office onto Perdido Street. Turn right onto Widdel Ave. The entrance is behind the power substation.

Flora-Bama NYE party includes food, bands, surprises all night

The Flora-Bama New Year's Eve party will feature live music on all three stages, food, party favors, and a midnight champagne toast while you ring it in "On The Line." Tickets (if still available) are \$80 and include a dinner buffet from 6-11 p.m., a champagne split, party favors and surprises all night long. The 'Bama is located on the Gulf on the state line. Go to florabama.com for info.

Kid & adult NYE parties planned at The Wharf

The Wharf in Orange Beach will host both children's and adult oriented New Year's Eve parties. On Dec. 31 from 10 a.m. 'til 2 p.m., kids whose bedtime comes well before midnight will get to ring in the New Year hours early at the annual Kids Confetti Drop. Fun starts with DJ Matt and the confetti will fall from the sky at noon. There will also be tons of fun activities.

Reelin' in the New Year is from 5 p.m. 'til midnight, with family friendly activities and adult-centered fun all rounding off at midnight with The Park Band, the marlin drop and a fireworks finale.



New Year's Day Polar Bear Dip at Gulf Place

The 12th Annual Polar Bear Dip will take place on New Year's Day, Saturday, January 1, 2023, at HIGH NOON, rain or shine, at the Gulf Shores Main Public Beach (at The Hangout: 101 E. Beach Blvd). Take the Plunge into the Gulf of Mexico for this uniquely coastal, family-friendly event presented by the Kiwanis Club of Gulf Shores in partnership with The Hangout, The City of Gulf Shores, and the Alabama Law Enforcement Torch Run.

Dress up in a wacky outfit or just show up and be a part of this uniquely coastal event. The beach party starts at 10 AM with beachfront entertainment by DJ Saint Nic. Enjoy the beach bonfire, games, and entertainment as we countdown to take the DIP at high noon, followed by a NEW YEAR'S DAY party at the Hangout, featuring LIVE entertainment, free chili & hot chocolate for everyone who takes the plunge, and all of the football games on TV. The event is totally free! Polar Bear Dip souvenir T-shirts (\$20) will be available and donations are encouraged with 100% of the proceeds benefit the Gulf Shores Kiwanis Club and Alabama Special Olympics.

Trish Smathers, President of the Gulf Shores Kiwanis Club said, "We are looking forward to the 12th Annual Polar Bear Dip, which has become one of the area's most anticipated yearly traditions. There is no better way to bring in the new year than by taking a dip in the gulf from our beautiful Alabama beach... or just come out to enjoy the party! We invite all of our locals, snowbirds, and visitors to join us in bringing in 2023 Gulf Coast style."

Pictured: Dipping fun at the 2022 Polar Bear Dip.





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New Year's Eve Street Party set for Downtown Fairhope

City Party Band will get the downtown Fairhope New Year's Eve street party started at 8:30 p.m. at the corner of Fairhope Ave. and Church St. Other entertainment will include children's activities, a football viewing area, and a ball drop and fireworks at midnight. Visitors are encouraged to arrive early to take advantage of the celebration specials offered at many of the downtown restaurants and businesses.



PERDIDO ARTIST GALLERY & GIFTS CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE:

On December 8th Robert and Judith Sasser hosted an open house at Perdido Artist Gallery & Gifts. Artists and customers came together to celebrate the holidays and the beginning of five years in business. Everyone enjoyed socializing, refreshments and shopping. Music was provided by the talented Elaine Petty. Robert and Judith appreciate their artists, enjoy being a part of the wonderful Perdido/Innerarity community and look forward to what the future brings. Also, gallery artists filled a four ft. stocking with art and crafts for a raffle. Ken Bolton was the lucky winner. He and his daughter Hannah (above left) said the family had fun emptying the stocking and were thankful for the many gifts.

LIGHT UP ORANGE BEACH: First place residential winner of The Orange Beach Garden Club Light Up Orange Beach Christmas contest is Ted Melancon and Heidi Webb of 27178 Blue Marlin Dr. in Walker Key. Judging is based on overall appearance from the street, creative use of decorations, lighting, blow ups and effective use of area. Commercial winner is Summerchase Condominiums, 28500 Perdido Beach Blvd. Special shout-out to the Staff - Mandy Love, Aaron Wheelless, Donald Gulley, Cedric Hall, Nick Chaney and Mikayla Thomas. Others recognized in the residential category are: Robb and Pam Reese and Rick and Audra DeBlieux- north and south corners of Washington Blvd. and First Street; Starlin and Lisa Lanier, 4620 Starboard Lane (Captain's Cove); Shawn Clemons, 26077 Marina Road; Bridg Steed, 26282 St. Lucia; John and Audrey Shields, 28331 Canal Road.



LILLIAN OPTIMIST CHRISTMAS PARADE: The weather was perfect for the Annual Lillian Optimist Christmas Parade. More than 50 entries brought smiles to everyone's face as they watch the Robertsdale ROTC, Grand Marshall and the Elberta High School Band step off from the Lillian Community Club. Awards were given to four entries. Most Creative float was First Baptist Church of Lillian. Most Enthusiastic was Johnny B's Front Porch with its live band. The entry most representing the Spirit of Lillian was the Lillian Community Club entry. The Best Overall award went to Gulf Coast Connection. (By Sally McKinney)





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Tacky Jacks Gulf Shores hosts Early NYE Bushwacker Drop

The Gulf Shores Tacky Jacks location will host its annual New Year's Eve Bushwacker Drop from 6-9 p.m. The ticketed event includes a buffet, a balloon drop, door prizes, music by Top Hat and Jackie and a bushwacker toast at 8 p.m. Cost is \$40. Reservations are being accepted at 251-948-8881.

Tacky Jacks Orange Beach will keep regular hours on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day.

Take a First Day morning group hike Jan. 1 at Gulf State Park

Ring in the first day of the new year on a hike with the naturalists at Gulf State Park. The hike will take place at 10 a.m. on Sunday, January 1 beginning in the parking lot of the Nature Center. The group will be hiking on Bear Creek to Gopher Tortoise Trail, and then turn onto the Lake Shelby Overlook. These trails will take hikers through freshwater swamp and lake habitats with a chance to see birds, turtles, alligators and other wildlife. The hike will be approximately three miles round trip on a paved, flat trail. This is an easy grade hike, and perfect for all ages and experience levels!

The hike is free and open to the public. If you are not an overnight guest at the Park, there is a \$2 entrance fee to enter the Campground. Sturdy shoes, water, binoculars and layered clothes are suggested. Leashed pets are welcome. The hike is weather permitting. Call the Nature Center at 251-948-7275 ext. 2092 for updates.

Atlanta Rhythm & Groove at Perdido Beach Resort's NYE party

Perdido Beach Resort will host its annual New Year's Eve Celebration in the beautifully renovated Grand Ballroom on Dec. 31 beginning at 7 pm. Enjoy a dine-around dinner with a station for seafood, churrasco, carving with prime rib, roasted vegetables, salads and assorted desserts. There will also be a cash bar, dancing, live music by Atlanta Ryhtym & Groove from 9 p.m.-1 a.m. and a complimentary glass of champagne at midnight. Cost is \$150 per person for the 21 and older party. with tables for 10 available for \$1625. This event usually sells out. For more info or reservations, call 251-981-9811.



"We do this annually to share with friends in Indiana and elsewhere. Merry Christmas," write Mike & Lois McAllister of Angola, Indiana. (More Pictures of the Week are on page 46).



Bring in the new year with Polar Bear Plunge at Flora-Bama

At the crack of noon, neither rain, sleet, too much NYE or bitter cold will prevent more than 1000 mostly costumed crazies from jumping into the Gulf of Mexico for the Annual New Year's Day Polar Bear Dip on the Alabama/Florida state line.

This is the 40th year the Flora-Bama has hosted its dip, and an all day celebration with live music and football games on 24 big screen TV's will follow. For more information call 251-980-5118 or 850-492-3048 or

visit flora-bama.com or facebook. A traditional feast of black-eyed peas, cornbread, ham and a draft beer or soda pop will be offered to all dippers.

Pictured: Polar Bear Dippers at the 2021 plunge included (above left) beloved Flora-Bama owner Joe Gilchrist and fun loving local legend (above right) Phil Graff. Both men were loving and generous contributors to the quality of life in our community and left incredible and indelible legacies.





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YOUNG PROFESSIONALS PUB CRAWL RAISES \$2K FOR TOYS FOR TOTS: A recent Santa-themed pub crawl hosted by the Lower Alabama Young Professionals raised \$2,000 and a box of toys for South Baldwin County's Toys for Tots chapter. The 225 attendees roamed around Wharf bar and restaurants, where participants were enticed with raffle prizes and special holiday themed drink & food specials for the evening. "We had an absolute blast," said Cory Skipper of event sponsor Gulf Group at EXP Realty, "The Wharf was filled with folks in all sorts of fun costumes and we appreciate Wharf management for allowing us to come out and host the event once again." A costume contest was held at The Sandshaker with the winner, Jared Herrell, being awarded a \$100 gift certificate to Island Time Daiquiris for his festive suit and light-filled beard. "We've been amazed with the growth this event has had in just three short years," said Penny Hughey, a Chamber staff liaison for the Young Professionals. "Like the year prior, folks were on hand to register hours before our official start time and we had a line out the door most of the night." In the event's three year history, a total of \$3,971 and five boxes of toys have been raised. More Lower Alabama Young Professionals is available on Facebook and Instagram or by emailing ryan@mygulfcostchamber.com to be added to the monthly newsletter list. A partnership between local Chambers of Commerce, LAYP targets the 21 to 40 professional age range and brings a fresh new outlook for community leadership in providing community connections, education, philanthropy, and opportunities for outreach.

O.B. COASTAL ARTS CENTER LIGHT UP THE ARTS: The Coastal Art Center of Orange Beach hosted its Light Up the Arts event on Dec. 15. There will be hot glass, pottery demonstrations, raffles, cocoa, cookies, a gallery full of gift options with specials, a CASA student art showcase and entertainment by saxophonist Rod Pittman. The event was sponsored by Friends of the Arts. The CAC, open to the public, is located at 26389 Canal Rd. in Orange Beach. Info: 251-981-2787.



Downtown OWA has New Year's Eve parties for adults and kids

Downtown OWA in Foley has New Year's Eve celebrations scheduled for young and old alike with the Bubbles & Beats Street Party from 2-5p.m. and Sparks & Sounds starting at 5 p.m. on the OWA Island.

Enjoy free live music by the Jesse Duncan Duo at 5 p.m. and Ryan Dyer at 7:30 p.m., plus a fireworks show at 8:50 p.m. Send 2022 off with a party and dance the New Year's Eve night away with Jesse Duncan's mix of pop, country, and rock. Ryan Dyer's country music charm makes him a crowd favorite. Bring your chair, blanket, or towel to snag your spot at the OWA Island Amphitheater and enjoy the music and the fireworks that follow. The OWA Island Amphitheater, the bridge by Paula Deen's Family Kitchen or the Sky Balloons inside Tropic Falls Theme Park are all good fireworks viewing spots.

During the Bubbles & Beats Street Party in Downtown OWA, kids can dance in the new year with an epic bubble party and music by DJ Patrick. Free kids' crafts, inflatables, and more will also be available. This event is perfect for little ones who can't quite make it to midnight. More info: Visitowa.org.



OPTIMISTS VISIT SPECIAL NEEDS CLASSES: Members of the Optimist Club of Perdido Bay visited the Special Needs classes at Elberta elementary and high schools. They had made special arrangements with Santa and Mrs. Claus to attend and distribute gifts.





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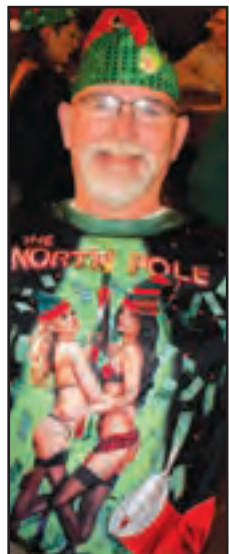
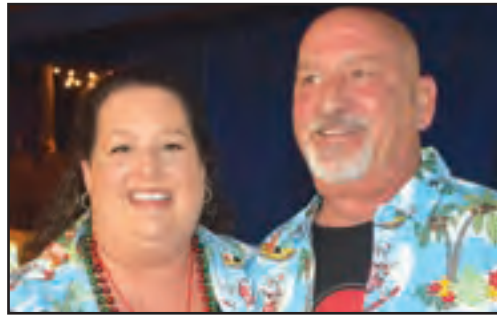
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Tickets available for GSGC's Feb. 1 flower seminar

By Charlotte Higgins

The Gulf Shores Garden Club 30th Annual Floral Seminar will be February 1, 2023, at the Erie Myers Civic Center. The theme this year is "A Time To Celebrate With Flowers." The tickets cost \$25.00. This includes lunch and door prizes. Tickets will not be sold at the event. Tickets go on sale October 21. Tickets can be purchased at: Thomas Norton Public Library, 221 West 19th Ave, Gulf Shores; Island Enclosures, 3757 Gulf Shores Parkway Suite E, Gulf Shores. Mail orders to: Charlotte Higgins, 1484 Sandpiper Lane, Unit 5, Gulf Shores, AL 36542. Checks should be made out to: Gulf Shores Garden Club.

The speaker this year is Benny Campbell. He is owner of Attalla Florist in Attalla, AL. He brings knowledge and humor to his presentation. He has spoken at several Garden Club events, Flower Shows and City events. He has also, won many awards and numerous other acclamations. We hope to see you there.



O.B. Waterfront Park Pier repairs completed

After more than two years of being closed due to severe damage by Hurricane Sally, the pier at Orange Beach Waterfront Park is open. The 400-foot pier on Wolf Bay had to be completely rebuilt. Black Diamond Construction handled the work.

Diving into the history of the Waterfront Park, the property was first purchased from the Campbell family in late 1998. After that plans were drawn for the new park and construction began in early 1999. The park officially opened in July 2000.

The purchase of the property came the year after the Alabama Gulf Coast Area Chamber of Commerce (now known as Coastal Alabama Business Chamber) sponsored a weeklong fact-finding trip along the west coast of Florida to visit other Gulf Coast communities. The trip included city officials from Orange Beach and Gulf Shores, Baldwin County officials, business leaders and a representative of the state highway department.

The same question was posed to every community that was visited: "If you could go back 20 years in your existence, what would you do then that would impact today?"

Every community was very willing to share its growth and development plans. The one thing they all noted they would do differently was buy every piece of waterfront property they could in order control growth and also offer opportunities for residents and visitors to access the water in their communities. The construction of Waterfront Park allowed that access here in Orange Beach.

Over the years the Waterfront Park and Pier have allowed residents and visitors an opportunity to enjoy the beauty of Wolf Bay. In that time many weddings and family reunions have been hosted in the park. The first

wedding to be held on the pier was that of Randy and Lori Fitzgibbons on September 29, 2000. Mother of the groom, Jeanne Fitzgibbons, became a city employee in late 2002 and shortly thereafter became the contact person for events and gatherings at Waterfront Park.

"It has been my pleasure to have some wonderful conversations with people over the years and schedule their event," Fitzgibbons said. "I remember the planning that went into working out the details of using a 'public' place to hold a wedding. It is doable, you just have to realize the limitations and work within them."

The pier is also the backdrop to numerous weddings held each year at the adjacent Coastal Arts Center of Orange Beach.

Through the years, Waterfront Park has served many purposes, including being home to Sail Camp from 2001 to 2003 under the leadership of the Point Yacht Club. The city took over Sail Camp in 2004 and continued using Waterfront Park through 2011. After that the program was moved to its new home at the Wind & Water Learning Center, where it continues today.

The pier was destroyed by Hurricane Sally in September of 2020, exactly 20 years after its opening. The new pier is an exact replica of the original construction with a few minor modifications that will help maintenance personnel in maintaining the structure.

In 2002, the Alabama Recreation and Parks Association recognized Waterfront Park with the Outstanding Facility Award for cities with populations under 15,000. It is noteworthy that the opening of the new pier comes exactly 20 years from the time of that award.

Life is a little better in Orange Beach now with the popular pier reopened.



E-cycling Day Jan. 7 at GSP Pavillion

Gulf Shores, Orange Beach, Gulf State Park and the Coastal Alabama Business Chamber will host its annual document and e-cycling day on Jan. 7 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Gulf State Park Beach Pavilion on East Beach Blvd. Shred Day is free with a rather simple process. Drive up in the lane you are directed to and volunteers will be on-site to take items from your vehicle.

Personal paper documents to be shredded, such as bank statements, canceled checks, paycheck stubs, ATM receipts, credit card statements and utility bills will be accepted, and each vehicle is limited to 50 pounds of shred. Items such as small paper clips do not need to be removed. Attendees are asked to please not tape or tie bags or boxes.

Attendees may also bring any electronic items for disposal, such as: televisions, computers, vacuums, printers and power tools. Batteries will not be accepted.

"We started this event over 10 years ago, and I've been really happy with its success and the support of the community," Steve Jones, CABAC VP of Events and Community Relations, said. "We run rain or shine, and it's a great way to both help the environment and clear out any personal clutter."

For more info, call 251-968-7200.visit the Chamber's website at mygulfoastchamber.com.

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- T Bone Montgomery: 6; Front Porch; Lillian.
- Zoe Burdett: 6; Rotolos Pizza; Fairhope.
- Danny Grady: 3:30-5:30; Papa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- Mac Walters: 6; Tacky Jacks; Fort Morgan.
- Adam Holt: 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's at Homeport Marina, 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.
- Shawn Lackey: 5; Doc's Seafood & Steakhouse; Beach Rd., Orange Beach.
- Robert Broom: 5; American Legion Post 44; Foley.
- Island Quilters Guild: 9:30; Gulf Shores Activity Center, 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.
- Open Mixed Doubles Tennis: 7:15 a.m.; all levels; Gulf Shores Tennis Center.
- 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.
- Al-Non: 12:30; Live Oak AFG, St John's Episcopal Church, 401 Live Oak Ave., Pensacola.

THU, DEC 29

- Gary Story open mic: 6; Front Porch; Lillian.
- Dixon Darling: 4; CoastAL Restaurant; Orange Beach.
- Tim Robinson: 7; Papa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- Mason Henderson: 5; Big Beach Brewery, Gulf Shores.
- Gypsy Pearl: 5; Lucy Buffett's Lulu's at Homeport Marina, Gulf Shores.
- Lisa Christian: 6; Sunset Cork Room; Gulf Shores.
- Mel Knapp: 6; Hub Stacy's; Innerarity Point.
- Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables: Schedule on Pages 28-29; Perdido Key.
- Flora-Bama Family Friendly Bingo: 1-4 p.m.; free; family friendly; Flora-Bama; Perdido Key.
- Smokey & Mark: 7; Papa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- Andy Andrews Live: 12:15; Andy Andrews General Store & Museum; The Wharf, Orange Beach.
- William Gibson: 5; Perch Restaurant at The Lodge at Gulf State Park; Gulf Shores.
- Bama Beach Pickleball Club: 9-noon; Church of Christ, 2414 West 1st St., Gulf Shores; (new mem

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- John Brust: 6; Ms. Nancy's Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach.
- Lisa Zanghi & Leaann Creswell: 5; Doc's Seafood & Steakhouse; Beach Rd., Orange Beach.
- Karaoke w. Howard: 6; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.
- Tim Roberts: 6; The Tin Top Restaurant, Bon Secour.
- 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.
- Grief Support Group: 1-3; Gulf Shores First Baptist Church; 251-968-7369.
- 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 p.m.; Orange Beach Presbyterian Church, 26640 Canal Rd.
- AA: Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Worship Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.

- J.Hawkins: 2; Front Porch; Lillian.
- Barney S. Bullet: 6; Front Porch; Lillian.
- Justin Fobes: 4; CoastAL Restaurant; Orange Beach.
- Brittany Bell: 6; Carvers Steak House, Orange Beach.
- Danny Grady: 3:30-5:30; Papa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- Bo Grant: 7; Papa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- Hollywood Vagabonds: 9; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- Tim Roberts: 6; Tacky Jacks; Fort Morgan.
- Milton Fuastino: 6; Sunset Cork Room; Gulf Shores.
- Platinum Premier: 7; Hub Stacy's; In-

FRI, DEC 30

Fort Morgan Oyster Fest is Feb. 25 at Beach Club

Local oysters prepared a variety of ways will be celebrated at the annual Fort Morgan Oyster Fest presented by Spectrum Resorts, Sassy Bass and Navy Cove Oysters on Saturday, Feb. 25 at The Beach Club Resort & Spa in Fort Morgan.

In addition to oysters, the fest will also feature more than 40 Alabama-based arts and crafts vendors, an oyster-shucking competition, live music, games and cooking demonstrations by Spectrum Resorts Executive Chef John Hamme. Tickets are available at FortMorganOysterFest.com.

Admission is \$25 before Feb. 1, \$30 until the day of the event and \$35 at the gate. If the event sells out prior to Feb. 25, tickets will not be available at the gate. Ticket price includes parking at The Beach Club and 10 tickets that can be used for oysters or other food and drink. Additional food/beverage ticket books may be purchased.

The Sassy Bass family of brands is widely known for its creative menu selection and made-from-scratch recipes. Each concept has a fun and unique atmosphere, menu, and experience (SassyBass.com).

Locally grown in Fort Morgan, Navy Cove Oysters are characterized by an umami of moderate brine, a rich, creamy, buttery texture and sweet, cucumber-like finish.

The Beach Club, a full-service resort, is the fest's official lodging host.

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Gold Coast Coin-Currency Show Jan. 14-15 at Foley Civic Center

The nonprofit South Baldwin Numismatic Society will hold its Annual Gold Coast Coin and Currency Show on January 14 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and January 15 from 9 a.m.- 3 p.m. at the Foley Civic Center. The show, which is free and open to the public, will feature dealers in U.S. and international coins, currency, ephemera, jewelry, silver, gold and more. Those who have questions about or want to sell their coins and paper money are encouraged to bring them.

St. Andrew by the Sea offering personal finance ministry classes

In an effort to help members of the community struggling with personal finances, St. Andrew By The Sea Community Church has created a ministry to provide assistance. Beginning Monday, Jan. 9 at 6:30 p.m., the public is invited to attend a 9 week series of free classes to learn the Ramsey Baby Steps method toward financial freedom. Register to learn how you can pay off debt, save more money, and build wealth. All classes will be held on site at 17263 Ft. Morgan Road, Gulf Shores. Plenty of parking is available. Contact Nicole March for additional info at 512-743-0999. Space is limited.

Tickets on sale for Feb. 4 Mako Masquerade Ball & Drawdown

Tickets are on sale now for the Mako Masquerade Ball and Drawdown at the Orange Beach Events Center, Saturday, February 4. Enjoy a fun-filled night of music with Fly By Radio, dinner catered by Wolf Bay Lodge, and a chance to win \$7,500! A ticket is \$75 per person and comes with a drawing to win the jackpot.

Doors open at 6 p.m. and the formal event begins at 7 p.m. BYOB. The annual drawdown is hosted by the Makos Academics, Arts, and Athletics Club also known as (MAAAC). MAAAC is a non-profit organization that represents and funds the interests of students at the Orange Beach Elementary, Middle, and High School. For more information contact the MAAAC at (251) 200-8037 or to purchase your tickets go to www.obmaaac.org. The dress is formal/semi-formal. Long gowns and tuxedos are encouraged, but cocktail attire is acceptable.

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Newcomers Casino on the Coast Feb. 10 at O.B. Event Center

South Baldwin Newcomers Club will host Casino on the Coast at the Orange Beach Event Center from 6-10 p.m. on Feb. 10. The club's largest fundraiser will help provide scholarships for local students and help other Baldwin County organizations who depend on our donations to feed, clothe, educate, advocate and rescue our neighbors in need. Call Missy Carey at (901) 550-2576 to get your tickets!

Tickets are \$70 or \$100 VIP. All food, drinks, fun money for gambling, door prizes, music, a coupon book and a Drawdown with a chance to win \$5,000 are included! The VIP ticket holders receive additional fun money and a raffle ticket! A raffle, a silent auction and a best dish contest (area chefs and restaurants competing for your vote!) will also provide fun as will other games and dancing to make this an evening to remember.

Feb. 4 Fort Morgan home tour benefits Share The Beach

The Fort Morgan Share the Beach Sea Turtle group is hosting a Feb. 4 tour of six beautiful homes along Fort Morgan Road from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. as a fundraiser to purchase a new UTV for use during its morning patrols. Tickets are \$25. Additional donations are welcome. For tickets or more info, call team leader Debbie Harbin at 251-391-8333.

An outreach program of the Alabama Coastal Foundaton, Share the Beach volunteers patrol the beaches to mark and monitor endangered sea turtle nests from May 1 - Oct. 31. Call the Share the Beach hotline at 866-SEA-TURTLE if you see a turtle nesting on the beach. Visit joinacf.org, call 866-732-8878 or email adopt1@alabamaseaturtles.com for Share The Beach info.

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- 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.
- Bubba 'N Them: 6; The Point; Innerarity Point.
- Roger & Elaine: 7; Gulf Shores American Legion Post #44.
- 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.

SAT, DEC 31

- Wire & Papa: 1; Front Porch; Lillian.
- Gearhead: 8; Front Porch; Lillian.
- DJ Jeff Tremont & Karaoke Challenge: 9; The Office, Foley.
- New Year's Eve Bushwacker Drop: 6-8 p.m.; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- Flora-Bama New Year's Eve Party: 7 p.m. 'til; live music on 3 stages (Sched. on pages 32-33), Flora-Bama, Perdido Key.
- New Year's Eve party Kelly Poole and the Swingset: 8; Pirates Cove, Josephine.

- New Year's Eve Party & Marlin Drop: 6 p.m. 'til; The Wharf, Orange Beach.
- Noon Year's Eve at LuLu's: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.; LuLu's at Homeport Marina; 200 East 25th Ave., Gulf Shores, safe fireworks, face painting, clowns, games & crafts, countdown to noon; 251-967-5858.
- Papa Rocco's New Year's Eve Party: 8 p.m. 'til; no cover; Bo Roberts of The Platters playing; party favors; champagne; Papa Rocco's, Gulf Shores.
- Perdido Beach Resort New Years Eve Dinner & Party: 6:30 p.m.; w. The Mixed Nuts from New Orleans, Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach.
- Royal Horses: 5; Big Beach Brewery; Gulf Shores.
- Bubbles & Beats Street Party and Sparks & Sounds: 2-9 p.m.; Downtown OWA; Foley.
- New Year's Eve Street Party: 8:30; Downtown Fairhope.
- John Joiner: 6; Carvers Steak House, Orange Beach.
- Lee Caarreon: 7:30; American Legion Post 99; Fairhope.
- Bo Grant: 7; Papa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- Hollywood Vagabonds: 9; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- Brandon Giles: 7; Hub Stacy's; Innerarity Point.
- Tim Nowell: 1-5 p.m.; Woodside Restaurant, Gulf State Park; Gulf Shores.
- Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables: Schedule on Pages 28-29; Perdido Key.
- 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

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- 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 Mifflin Rd. (County Rd. 20), Foley.

SUN, JAN 1

- Johnny Barbatto, Britt Meacham Cathy Pace: 4; Front Porch; Lillian.
- Brittany Bell: 4; CoastAL Restaurant; Orange Beach.
- Flora-Bama Polar Bear Dip: noon; Perdido Key at Al-Fl. State Line.
- Gulf Shores Polar Bear Dip: noon; Gulf Shores Public Beach.
- 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, JAN 2

- Tyler Ward: 4; CoastAL Restaurant; Orange Beach.
- Brent Burns: 5; LuLu's; Gulf Shores.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING



SBCT's The Odd Couple (female version) opens Jan. 5

South Baldwin Community Theatre will present The Odd Couple (Female Version) Jan. 5-8 and Jan. 12-15, with evening shows starting at 7:30 p.m. and the Sunday matinees at 2:30 p.m. Reed Beaman is the director. Tickets are \$15 for students and \$20 for adults. South Baldwin Community Theater is located at 2022 West 2nd St. in Gulf Shores. For more info or to buy tickets, visit sbct.biz or call 251-968-6721. Brought to you by Lucy Buffett's Lulu's.

The Odd Couple sees the lead characters transformed into Olive Madison and Florence Unger. Olive and their group of girlfriends are enjoying their weekly Trivial Pursuit night in Olive's messy and ill-equipped apartment. As the game continues, Florence arrives, fresh from being dumped by her husband. Fearful that the neurotic Florence might attempt suicide, Olive invites her to move in as her roommate. However, Olive and Florence have VERY different personalities.

Public invited to Pink Stiletto Masquerade on Jan. 14

The Masked Maidens in Pink Stiletto Mardi Gras krewe is inviting community to party with them at their kick off the Mardi gras season at their Masquerade on Saturday, January 14 at The Palms @ The Wharf from 7 - 11 p.m. Dress is cocktail Attire and masks are encouraged. The menu at the open bar event will be heavy hors d'oeuvres ~ Open Bar and Unfortunate Sons will entertain. Tickets are \$75 per person and available at mips-masquerade-2023.cheddarup.com. For more info, email mipsqueens@gmail.com.

The Pink Stiletto have been slinging hot pink beads at various parades and holding an annual masquerade since 2006, a year after forming.

"We have successfully grown every year while building our membership and hosting charitable events as a non profit organization," said Mary L Leonard of the krewe's media committee."

- 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.
- Danny Grady: 3:30-5:30; Papa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- Open Mic w. Davo: 7; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- Lisa Zanghi: 6; Ms. Nancy's Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach.
- Smokey Otis: 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf

- Shores.
- 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.

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- Rhonda Hart & Elaine Petty: 5; Front Porch; Lillian.
- Jeff Dayton: 4; CoastAL Restaurant; Orange Beach.
- Lisa Christian: 6; Sunset Cork Room; Gulf Shores.
- Watercolor Painting Class; 9 a.m.; Phoenix East Meeting Room; Orange Beach.

Volunteers are needed for GSP Give Back Tuesdays

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

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

Big Lagoon Park manager speaks at Jan. 6 breakfast

The monthly speaker at the Perdido Area Chamber of Commerce's Breakfast Brief on Jan. 6 will be Kiersten Wilson, Manager of Big Lagoon State Park. Members and local residents are invited to attend on Jan. 6 at 7:30 a.m. at Hub Stacey's at The Point. The event is free to attend for pre-registered Perdido Key Area Chamber of Commerce members. Guests and non-registered Chamber members can pay \$5 at the door. More info: perdidochamber.com or 850.492.4660.

Networking coffee will start at 7:30 a.m. and the program will begin at 8 a.m. and be followed by a question-and-answer session. Coffee, tea and assorted pastries will be provided for attendees while supplies last.

On Sept. 16, 2020 Hurricane Sally made landfall near Perdido Key and created destructive storm surge and powerful winds across the Gulf of Mexico coastlines, dumping more than 30 inches of rain in four hours.

Two years later, several areas of Perdido Key, both public and private, are still in the process of being repaired.

O.B. Community Center Pot Luck Jan. 2

The next Orange Beach Community Potluck Dinner will be held on Monday, Jan. 2 at the Community Center, 27235 Canal Road. Doors open at 6 p.m., dinner starts at 6:30 p.m. and a program at 7 p.m. The entrée will be provided by the Orange Beach Community Association. Anyone attending may bring a side dish, dessert or pay \$5, if unable to prepare a food item. The association dues is \$25 for a family and \$13 for single member.



Christmas trees can be recycled to create GSP dunes

Gulf State Park has established a Christmas tree drop off area at the Beach Pavilion (22250 East Beach Blvd.) in the southeast parking lot (please don't block the dumpsters). Trees are being collected now through the end of January.

Remove all lights, ornaments, tags, plastic wraps, and stands from your tree before dropping them off. No trees with flocking powder are accepted, and no artificial trees. More info: 251-948-7275. Trees are only accepted from Baldwin County residents.

Orange Beach residents can dispose of Christmas trees for recycling by placing trees, completely stripped of decorations and tinsel, on their curbs for pickup by Public Works. In order to be recycled, trees must be stripped of all decorations and they cannot be flocked. Flocked trees are not recyclable and will not be picked up for recycling. The trees will be brought to the Gulf State Park Beach Pavilion to be used in ongoing dune restoration efforts.

For almost 40 years, the Gulf State Park-Alabama has hosted a Christmas tree recycling program that aids dune restoration. Donated clean, live trees are placed along the edges of dunes in groups of three, creating a "U" shape. When wind carries sand across the beach, the sand catches in the trees, building up over time and creating a new area of dune growth. In the spring, park staff and local volunteers plant native dune plants around the Christmas trees to further restore the natural habitat.

Trees free of decorations can also be brought to Baldwin County Central Annex at 22251 Palmer St. in Robertsdale, the Fairhope Satellite Courthouse: at 1100 Fairhope Ave., Magnolia Landfill at 15140 County Rd 49 in Summerdale and Foley Satellite Courthouse at 201 E. Section Ave. Trees will be picked up during regular scheduled trash days through February 22 in Fairhope to create mulch. For more Baldwin County Christmas tree recycling info, call (251)972-6878.

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- Top Hat & Jackie: 5; Doc's Seafood &

- Steakhouse; Beach Rd., Orange Beach.
- Jam Night: 6; Big Beach Brewery; Gulf Shores.
- 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.
- Bingo (6 p.m.) & Karaoke (7:30 p.m.); Tacky Jacks; Gulf Shores.
- Bridge: 11:30 a.m.; Orange Beach Senior Center, 251-981-3440.
- 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 Baptist Church, 13801 Innerarity Point

- Rd, Pensacola; 601-278-6973.
- 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.

WFF hoping for another fatality free Alabama hunting season

By David Rainer
AL Dept. of Con. and Nat. Resources

More than 200,000 hunters will pursue the abundant game in Alabama this season, which means hunter safety should be at the forefront of any outdoors adventure. Captain Marisa Futral, Hunter Education Coordinator with the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources' (ADCNR) Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries (WFF) Division, would love to see a repeat of the 2021-2022 season, when zero fatalities were reported for hunting accidents.

"That's the first time since WFF began keeping records in 1973 that we have had zero hunting-related fatalities."

"Last year was a good year," Futral said. "Everybody needs to keep up the good work. There were no fatalities in firearms or treestand accidents. We had fewer treestand accidents than firearms incidents, which is unusual." WFF Director Chuck Sykes hailed the milestone and recently emphasized the progress made in reducing accidents in the field.

"Hunter safety is a priority for us at WFF," Sykes said.

"So, at the February 2020 Conservation Advisory Board meeting, I made a special PowerPoint slide out of our yearly hunting accidents showing that we had been slowly decreasing the numbers for the past several years.

"Zero fatalities during last season was a monumental occurrence. That's the first time since WFF began keeping records in 1973 that we have had zero hunting-related fatalities. I certainly hope we can carry this over to this upcoming season."

Futral said five treestand accidents and 10 firearms accidents were reported. Of the firearms accidents, four were self-inflicted.

"Those self-inflicted accidents include stumbling and falling, or the trigger got caught on an object," she said. "The key is that the muzzle is pointed in a safe direction. Be aware of where the muzzle is pointed just in case of an accidental discharge.

"Also, no dove hunting accidents were reported, which was good. We had two waterfowl hunting incidents. One was self-inflicted, and one happened when the victim was covered by a shooter swinging on game."

Two turkey hunting incidents were reported with the victims located behind the turkeys. One quail hunting incident and one hog hunting accident were reported, while four accidents occurred during deer hunts.

"The deer hunting incidents were basically careless handling of firearms," Futral said. "The hog hunter stumbled and fell."

Though not fatal last season, these accidents under-

score there's never a time to get complacent.

"Complacency will get you in trouble," Futral said. "The number of treestand accidents are trending in the right direction. This is the lowest number of treestand accidents that we have had. We just need everyone to remain diligent about treestand safety. Most treestand accidents happen when you're going up or coming down the tree. Make sure you have a quality safety harness, and the rule to follow is to remain attached to the tree when your feet leave the ground until your feet are back on the ground. We also had one accident happen when a hunter was moving a treestand, so be diligent when putting stands up and taking them down.

"I do think word is getting out about our safety outreach, on both treestands and firearms. Hunter education definitely helps, and our PSAs (public service announcements) are helping. I do think hunters are more aware of being safe when they're hunting."

Futral urges all hunters to follow the 12 guidelines for using a treestand safely:

- Always wear a safety harness, also known as a fall-arrest system, when you are in a treestand, as well as when climbing into or out of a treestand. Statistics show that the majority of treestand incidents occur while climbing in and out of a stand.
- A safety strap should be attached to the tree to prevent you from falling more than 12 inches.

- Always inspect the safety harness for signs of wear or damage before each use.
- Follow all manufacturer's instructions for use of a safety harness and stand.

- Follow the three-point rule of treestand safety. Always have three points of contact to the steps or ladder before moving. This could be two arms holding and one leg stepping on the ladder or one arm and two legs in contact with the ladder before moving. Be cautious that rain, frost, ice or snow can cause steps to become extremely slippery. Check the security of the step before placing your weight on it.
- Always hunt with a plan and, if possible, a buddy. Before you leave home, let others know your exact hunting location, when you plan to return and who is with you.
- Always carry emergency signal devices such as a cell phone, walkie-talkie, whistle, signal flare, PLD (personal locator device) and flashlight within reach even while you are suspended in your fall-arrest system. In the event of an incident, remain calm and seek help immediately.
- Watch for changing weather conditions.

- Always select the proper tree for use with your treestand. Select a live, straight tree that fits within the size limits recommended in your treestand's instructions. Do not climb or place a treestand against a leaning tree.
- Never leave a treestand installed for more than two weeks since damage could result from changing weather conditions and/or other factors not obvious with a visual inspection.



- Always use a haul line to pull up your gear and (unloaded) firearm or bow to your treestand once you have reached your desired hunting height. Never climb with anything in your hands or on your back. Prior to descending, lower your equipment on the opposite side of the tree.

- Always know your physical limitations. Don't take chances. Do not climb when impaired by drugs, alcohol or if you're sick or fatigued. If you start thinking about how high you are, stop climbing.

- As for firearms safety, Futral stresses the 10 commandments of safe firearms use:

- Treat every firearm as if it is loaded.

- Control the muzzle of your firearm. Keep the barrel pointed in a safe direction. Never point a firearm at anything that you do not wish to shoot, and insist that shooting and hunting companions do the same.

- Be sure of your target and beyond. Positively identify your target before you fire, and make sure no people, livestock, roads or buildings are beyond the target.

- Never shoot at water or a hard, flat surface. A ricocheting bullet cannot be controlled.

- Don't use a scope for target identification; use binoculars.

- Never climb a tree, cross a fence or jump a ditch with a loaded firearm.

- Store guns and ammunition separately. Store firearms under lock and key, and use a gun case to transport firearms.

- Make sure your barrel and action are clear of all obstructions.

- Unload firearms when not in use. Never take someone else's word that a firearm is unloaded. Check yourself.

- Avoid drugs and alcohol when hunting or shooting. Even some over-the-counter medicines can cause impairment.

Pictured: Using a quality harness and remaining attached to the tree at all times are keys to treestand safety.

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1 tsp. baking soda

1/2 tsp. salt

1/8 tsp. red pepper

1 cup buttermilk

1 egg, beaten

1/2 cup (2 oz.) shredded Cheddar cheese

Brown the sausage with the green onions and bell pepper in a skillet over medium heat, stirring until the sausage is crumbly; drain. Mix the flour, cornmeal, baking soda, salt and red pepper in a bowl. Blend the buttermilk and egg, in a small bowl. Add the buttermilk mixture, sausage mixture and cheese to the flour mixture, sausage mixture and cheese to the flour mixture and stir just until moistened. Spoon into greased muffin cups, filling 2/3 full. Bake at 400 degrees for 28 to 30 min. or until golden brown. Makes 12. **Enjoy!**

Body, Mind, Spirit Expo Jan. 7 at O.B. Event Center

Come get a New Year's reading at The Orange Beach: Body, Mind, Spirit Expo scheduled on January 7 from 10 a.m. 'til 7 p.m. at the Orange Beach Event Center at The Wharf. The event is a perfect way to spend an afternoon for people who are into alternative health, and wellness tools and products. It will also feature holistic and metaphysical practitioners.

"We will have life-changing guests, intuitives, psychics, readers, healers, practitioners, crystals, lightworkers, massage, books, shamans, alternative healing therapies, services, speakers, tarot readers, medium, healers, metaphysical gifts, and more," said event director Ericka Boussarhane, who is also an international psychic medium.

The event will have over 100 booths, seminars, and services to enlighten and entertain your senses. Vendors are still being accepted. For more info, visit OrangeBeachExpo.com or call 850-941-4321.

Pleasure Island Blood Drive Feb. 13 at G.S. Activity Center

The Pleasure Island Blood Drive will be held on Monday, February 13 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Gulf Shores Activity Center, located at 260 Clubhouse Dr. in Gulf Shores. Register for appointments online at RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass. Walk in appointments will be available. Call David Angle at 248-797-4852 for more info.

O.B. Garden Club Game Day/Salad Lunch Feb. 15

The 35th Orange Beach Garden Club Game Day and Salad Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 15 at the Orange Beach Event Center at The Wharf from 10 3 p.m.. This year's theme is "Wild at Heart" and the club invites the public to join club members for food, fun and prizes.

This year, the club is celebrating the Orange Beach Wildlife Center and members will introduce some of the local wildlife the center has rescued and rehabbed.

The guest speaker Melissa Vinson, who manages the Wildlife Center as part of Orange Beach Coastal Resources, will describe daily life at the center and the exciting plans for the future. The attendee's \$40 donation includes morning coffee and cookies, a day of gaming – participants organize the players and game – the wildlife encounter, the club's famous member-made unlimited salad luncheon and desserts and door and raffle prizes from area businesses.

Tickets are available at The Emporium Gift Shop in the Orange Beach Rouse's Shopping Center on the Beach Road, and at Wildflowers Boutique in The Commons Shopping Center on Canal Road.

Questions? Call Cathy Oakes 251-233-0900.

- 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.

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- Robert Broom: 5; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- John Brust: 6; Ms. Nancy's Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach.
- Bingo: 6; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.
- Open Mic: 6; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.



GCAC DONATES \$10K TO HELP GSHS ATHLETIC TEAMS:

The Gulf Coast Athletic Club donated \$10,000 to the Gulf Shores High School Athletic Department which will be used to purchase new helmets for the football team. GSHS football coach Mark Hud said the team was excited about now having the ability to add new teal helmets to the Dolphin uniform options. "Coach Hud gave us a tour and is continuously updating the fieldhouse," said GCAC President George Autrey. "The facility looks like a Division 1 university field house and locker room." The Dolphins advanced to the state 5A quarterfinals this year before losing a heart-breaker to district rival Faith Academy, a team they beat 22-12 during the regular season. The Dolphins entered the playoffs for the first time since 2013 after a 9-1 regular season under second year coach Hudspeth. The Dolphins beat Carroll 42-0 in their first ever home play-off game and then went on the road to beat Central-Clay County 26-21. The Dolphins only regular season loss was 28-35 to UMS, an other Region 1 rival and the top ranked team in the state at the time. Hudspeth led the Dolphins to a 6-4 record in 2021. The GSHS football winter workout program begins January 4. **Pictured:** Taylor Means, Coach Mark Huspeth, George Autrey, Bob McDowell.

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- BBRC Running Club: 5:30 p.m.; Big Beach Brewery in Gulf Shores; lafleetfeet.com.
- Karaoke: 9; The Office, Foley.
- Bingo: 10 a.m.; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- Open Mixed Doubles Tennis: 7:15 a.m.; all levels welcome; Gulf Shores Tennis Center.
- Food Ministry at Morgan's Chapel United Methodist Church: 8-9 a.m.; 6325 Cty Rd 10, Bon Secour, (across from Swift School); 251-979-2005.
- Prayer Shawl Ministry: Noon; Perdido Bay UMC Activities Center, 13660 Innerarity Point Rd., (Innerarity Point) Pensacola.
- Food Ministry For Hungry Families: noon-1 p.m.; Grace Lutheran Church, corner of West 23rd Ave. and West 4th St. in Gulf Shores; 251-968-5991.
- Bread Ministry: 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.; Orange Beach United Methodist Church Brook's Center.
- Food Bank: 9 - 11 a.m every Wednesday, Perdido Bay Baptist Church, 12600 Sorrento Rd. Pensacola; call for eligibility requirements at (850) 492-2604.
- Gulf Shores Garden Club: 9:30 a.m.; first Wednesday of each month September thru May; Gulf Shores Adult Activity Center; new members and guests always welcome.
- Al-Non: 12:30; Live Oak AFG, St John's Episcopal Church, 401 Live Oak Ave., Pensacola.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

THU, JAN 5

- Open Mic w/ Gary Story: 6; Front Porch; Lillian.
- Wes Loper: 1; Big Beach Brewery; Gulf Shores.
- Brent Varner: 5; Big Beach Brewery; Gulf Shores..
- Jason Abel: 6; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
- Johnny Hayes: 4; CoastAL Restaurant; Orange Beach.
- Lisa Christian: 6; Sunset Cork Room; Gulf Shores.
- Writing Workshop: 1-3; Foley Library; 931-982-2226.
- Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible

Probables: Schedule on Pages 28-29; Perdido Key.

- Flora-Bama Family Friendly Bingo: 1-4 p.m.; free; family friendly; Flora-Bama; Perdido Key.
- Karaoke: 9; The Office, Foley.
- Danny Grady: 3:30-5:30; Papa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- Lisa Zanghi & Leaann Creswell: 5; Doc's Seafood & Steakhouse; Beach Rd., Orange Beach.
- 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.
- Bridge: 11:30 a.m.; Orange Beach Sen-

ior Center, 251-981-3440.

- John Brust: 6; Ms. Nancy's Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach.
- Karaoke/DJ w. Kelly: 8; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- Karaoke w. Howard: 7; Tacky Jacks, Ft. Morgan.
- Karaoke: 9; The Undertow; Orange Beach.
- Tim Roberts: 6; The Tin Top Restaurant, Bon Secour.:
- Kid Friendly Bingo: 6-8 p.m.; drinks & snacks available to purchase; Bear Point Civic Assn; Orange Beach.
- 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, JAN 6

- J.Hawkins: 2; Front Porch; Lillian.
- Al & Cathy: 6; Front Porch; Lillian.
- Dan Poer: 1 p.m.; Big Beach Brewery;

Gulf Shores.

- High Cotton: 7; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
- Jay Williams Band: 9; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- Tim Roberts: 4; CoastAL Restaurant; Orange Beach.
- This Side of 49: 6; Sunset Cork Room; Gulf Shores.
- Dixon Darling: 5; LuLu's; 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.
- Danny Grady: 3:30-5:30; Papa Rocco's;



Private angler Red Snapper season closes on Dec. 31

By David Rainer

The Marine Resources Division (MRD) of the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (ADCNR) will close the state's 2022 private angler red snapper fishing season at midnight on Saturday, December 31. Alabama's 2022 federal allocation of red snapper was 1.12 million pounds. Anglers harvested nearly 500,000 pounds during the 128-day season.

"Every year a variety of factors impact the effort in this fishery," said Scott Bannon, MRD Director. "Those factors influence the number of days Alabama is open to fishing for red snapper. Good weather throughout the summer and fall provided anglers with more opportunities to participate this year. We also want to thank anglers for reporting their red snapper harvests through Snapper Check. It is an important tool in providing increased access to this fishery."

MRD will announce the 2023 season dates in the coming months once the 2023 quota is fi-

nalized by NOAA Fisheries.

"It has been a good, long red snapper season in Alabama this year," said Chris Blankenship, ADCNR Commissioner. "Under Alabama state management, we were able to provide maximum access in 2022. This is the sixth successful red snapper season under state management. It was good to see anglers reeling in red snapper throughout the summer and fall. ADCNR will continue fighting to ensure our citizens and visitors have access to the incredible red snapper fishery off the coast of Alabama."

Additional red snapper landing information from the 2020-2022 seasons is available at outdooralabama.com/2022-red-snapper-landings-summary.

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

PIER & SHORE FISHING OUTLOOK

By DAVID "THE PIERPOUNDER" THORNTON

Coastal water temperatures will probably rebound only slowly in the wake of the recent Arctic blast as we enter a milder, more seasonal period. Typically we would expect the Gulf water temperature to be in the lower 60s through early January.



But a cold snap such as we had around Christmas time may temporarily drop the temperature of shallow waters 10 to even 20 degrees below that. In these conditions fishing (i.e. "catching") may be

off for a while, with just a few exceptions until the water warms a little.

Sheepshead seem to be one of the local species more tolerant of cold water. They frequently take advantage of slightly warmer days and sunny afternoons to feed. Bluefish gather into tight schools in colder weather, feeding with regularity around the rocks at Perdido Pass. Medium sized spoons and plugs seem to get their attention especially when a pause is introduced into the retrieve cadence.

Also, large solitary black drum roam the surf zone looking for any tidbit of food to sustain their bulk. It is not uncommon for big drum (well over 30 inches long) to consume a tiny piece of shrimp intended for pompano or whiting. But pompano will likely not be near as active in the relatively shallow super cool surfzone which had been yielding a few of them up until the freeze. Even some good catches of small permit were noted along the eastern Baldwin beaches prior to the cold weather.

Whiting tend to bunch up under the Gulf State Park Pier during cold weather, particularly when the water gets clear and calm. They are joined occasionally by lone redfish or black drum that entertain pier fishermen too. Schools of whiting are often chased up and down the beach by groups of Common loons, which can eat any fish less than 12 inches long. Even the larger whiting get skittish when harassed by these diving birds in addition to Bottlenose dolphins which cruise by the pier almost every day. Small pieces of shrimp are commonly fished on bottom with a Carolina rig (Fishfinder rig) on light tackle to target these whiting. Though fresh dead shrimp usually works better, and ghost shrimp is often the best bait of all.

Plus some sheepshead may be active under the pier during the day as they graze on whatever algae or barnacles is growing on the pilings. But they often eat any small crabs or shrimp they venture across in the process.

That is why they can be caught on fiddler crabs or small shrimp fished close to the piling. But finding live bait at the local tackle stores is often an exercise of futility during the holidays and inclement winter weather periods.

Sheepshead are probably the most common target species for fishermen using live bait along the seawall or west jetty at Alabama Point (Perdido Pass). They may be caught all along these structures though the most popular spots are under the bridge and the south end of the jetty. Depending upon the speed and direction of tidal currents and wind, the most productive spot varies at any given time.

Water temperature, clarity (turbidity), salinity and time of day (amount of sunlight) are other factors that influence the movements of fish in and around the pass. Even more so at Little Lagoon Pass where the water is much shallower. On top of that, anglers need a near perfect presentation to entice these wary fish to bite under such wintry conditions.

Little things like hook size and style, or precise amount of weight to deal with the conditions often come into play as well to make an angler successful or simply frustrated. Getting hung up on the rocks in the pass is the most common downfall for fishermen. So being able to visualize what is going on at the terminal end of your rig may help prevent that. Treble hooks are most likely to get hung up, as are pyramid shaped weights.

Use these from the beach, or when casting far out from the hard structures over sandy bottom. Small circle and kahle hooks are much less likely to snag on the rocks. And small egg sinkers, bass casting or even splitshots are shaped better to bounce off rocks. Often a single dropper rig with a teardrop shape bass casting or even a bank sinker suspended on slightly lighter line than that tied to the hook work great when vertical fishing along the seawall.

If the weight does become caught in the rocks, it can often be dislodged by simply lowering the rod and shaking the tip repeatedly. The slightly slack line may allow the weight to drop free of the obstruction and be retrieved intact. Even if you have to break off, most often you will only need to replace the weight. So you are back to fishing sooner.

We can expect this fortnight to start off with a NEAP tide period through the end of December. The first week of January will provide much stronger tidal flow with the typical winter time morning low tides. The incoming tide each afternoon often brings slightly warmer water from the deeper Gulf closer to shore. Depending on how much of a warm up we get should help determine how active the surf zone fishing gets in early January.

Look for relatively deeper holes within casting distance from the beach and fish around the edges where breaking waves and rip currents may create a feeding zone. Dress warmly and keep adjusting your fishing tactics to suit the conditions.

Gulf Shores.

- Bubba 'N Them: 6; The Point; Innerarity Point.
- Foley United Methodist Church Fish Fry: 11-1; 915 N. Pine St.; 251-943-4393.
- 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.
- 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 Hall; Foley.
- Open Mixed Doubles Tennis: 7:15 a.m.; all levels welcome; Gulf Shores Tennis Center; corner of West 19th Ave. and West 2nd St.
- 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, JAN 7

- False Identity: 9; The Office, Foley.
- Wire & PaPa: 1; Front Porch; Lillian.
- Bat Bennett: 6; Front Porch; Lillian.
- The Hammerheads: 7; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
- Jay Williams Band: 9; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- Jim Andrews: 6; Sunset Cork Room; Gulf Shores.
- Ronnie Presley: 5; LuLu's; Gulf Shores.
- Nicholas Edwards Williams & Amanda Donald 6; Big Beach Brewery; Gulf Shores.
- Orange Beach: Body, Mind, Spirit Expo: Orange Beach Event Center, Orange Beach.
- The Kolb Sisters: 6; Big Beach Brewing Company, Gulf Shores.
- 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, JAN 8

- The Gathering w/ Pastor Rick Long: 10am; Front Porch; Lillian.
- Johnny B, Britt Meacham, Cathy Pace: 4; Front Porch; Lillian.
- Patrick Cross: noon; CoastAL Restaurant; Orange Beach.
- Justin Fobes: 4; CoastAL Restaurant; Orange Beach.
- Justin Colvard: 5; LuLu's; Gulf Shores.
- Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables: Schedule on Pages 28-29; Perdido Key.
- Danny Grady: 2; Fraternal Order of Eagles Lodge; Foley.
- Chris Beverly: 5; Doc's Seafood & Steakhouse; Beach Rd., Orange Beach.
- Rodger & Elaine: 6; American Legion Post 44, Gulf Shores.
- Bends & Brews Yoga: 11 a.m.; in the courtyard; Big Beach Brewery; Gulf Shores.
- Liza 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 at the Point; Innerarity Point.
- League Pool: 7; The Office, Foley.

MON, JAN 9

- Destiny Brown: 4; CoastAL Restaurant; Orange Beach.
- Brent Burns: 5; LuLu's; Gulf Shores.
- Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible



FISHING FUN: (L to R) Drew Giles landed this sheepshead from one of the back bay creeks. (Photo courtesy of The Fever); Lee Chase caught and released this 10 pound sheepshead while fishing with her son, Captain Stephen Franklin. (Photo courtesy of Bama Saltwater); John Atchison landed this huge black drum from the Gulf State Park Pier recently using crab for bait. (Photo by Ellis "Cajun" Cattan).

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WHAT'S HAPPENING

Family of late Del Carter grateful for the support

A celebration of life is planned at a later date in Gulf Shores for resident Del Carter, who was born February 18, 1933, on Devil's Run creek in Ellsinore, Missouri, and died on December 8, 2022, in Houston, at the age of 89 years, 9 months and 18 days. The family would like to thank everyone for their love and support during this difficult time.



A developer in Gulf Shores, Del was born to Willie and Ova Carter. His early years were not easy. He plowed the field on their farm from a very early age, quickly learned the importance of hard work, and soon understood the value of a dollar. As a child he always wondered what was on the other side of the next hill but the farm held a place in his heart and in his later years he spent much time there.

After school he moved to Indianapolis, Indiana, and joined the Army in 1953 and after basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, he served a tour of duty in France. After leaving the Army he worked for the Farm Bureau Co-op. Then in the mid-1960's he started a successful lumber business there. In 1981 he moved to Gulf Shores, Alabama, and began his career as a real estate developer.

He is survived by his life partner, Daphne Day; son Mike Carter (Donna) of Plainfield, Indiana; daughters Debbie Walker (Kevin) of Indianapolis; Delisa Roberts (Lewis) of Fort Meyers, Florida; Elizabeth Carter (Kelsa) of Orange Beach, Alabama, and Daphne's children Devin Deas (Rebecca) of Gulf Shores, Alabama, and Brittney Alexander (Lance) of Magnolia Springs, Alabama; grandchildren Michelle Downey (Craig), Krista Tschaenn (Travis), Mitch Walker (Samantha), Christopher Chester (Katie), Dustin Chester (Jessica), Tyler Chester (Megan), and Grey Kesling. Daphne's grandchildren Maiya Deas, Baine Deas, Gage Deas, Priscilla Alexander and Eli Alexander. He's also survived by a very special aunt Viola Crites of Ellsinore; special niece Tonya Carter (Mike) of Ellsinore, and special nephew Sam Carter (Carol) of Reelsville, Indiana. In addition, 16 great-grandchildren and many other extended family members and friends will mourn his passing.

Del was preceded in death by his parents, by sisters Virgie Alcorn Evans and Lillie McCollum, by brother David Carter, and in 2021 by his four-legged best friend, Jovi.

Del was a proud Carter and enjoyed sharing his family's history. He started out with little more than his wits and his health and built successful businesses in two adopted home states. He valued resilience and self-reliance lessons taught to him by his parents, and ran his businesses on those models, and honorably, as the thousands of people he did business with would attest. Although he made a point to never be a burden on anyone else, he reached out to others, especially those within his circle of family and friends. In his later years he became the family patriarch, completely renovating and updating his parents' farm, expanding it, and making it a meeting place for his entire large extended family. From there he promoted the family legacy and became the magnet for many far flung family members and the voice for the values and beliefs that shaped his own life. He was a lifelong Republican and voice for conservative values, and if any younger family members were unsure of the right political views to take, he was happy to show them the right way—but always with a twinkle in his eye and a sense of good humor.

The family would like to especially thank the Ellsinore Full Gospel Church and pastor Darrell Davis for providing a meal for the family after the service as well as Tonya Carter for all of her help.

Memorials can be made to the White's Mill Church Maintenance Fund, 164 Carter 325, Ellsinore, Missouri, 63937, the old church he grew up in and where he had fond memories of his father leading the choir.

GSPD is accepting applications for Jan. Citizens Police Academy

The Gulf Shores Police Dept. is accepting applications for the 2023 Citizen Police Academy.

The Citizen's Police Academy meets once-a-week, for eight weeks, on Tuesday from 6 - 9 p.m. at the Gulf Shores Police Department.

The academy is a unique opportunity designed to offer citizens a chance to learn more about the Gulf Shores Police Department.

Participants will get a behind the scenes look at how the GSPD works and functions. Participants take part learning about traffic stops, K-9, drug awareness, dive team, court procedures, and many other units.

Applicants must be 18 years of age and have no felony convictions or outstanding warrants. A valid driver's license is required and applicants are subject to a background check. The Gulf Shores Police Department Citizen's Police Academy is a free event. Applications are on-line at: gulfshoresal.gov.

Have you ever wanted to learn about GSPD? Well, this is your chance.

Probables: Schedule on Pages 28-29; Perdido Key.

- Flora-Bama Family Friendly Bingo: 1-4 p.m.; free; family friendly; Flora-Bama; Perdido Key.
- Danny Grady: 3:30-5:30; Papa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- Lisa Zanghi: 6; Ms. Nancy's Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach.
- Open Mic w. Davo: 7; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- Smokey Otis: 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- 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.
- 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, JAN 10

- Rhonda Hart & Elaine Petty: 5; Front Porch; Lillian.
- Tim Roberts: 4; CoastAL Restaurant; Orange Beach.
- Lisa Christian: 6; Sunset Cork Room; Gulf Shores.
- Watercolor Painting Class; 9 a.m.; Phoenix East Meeting Room; Orange Beach.
- Flora-Bama Rest. Complex Possible Probables: Schedule on Pages 28-29; Perdido Key.

- Bingo: The Tiki; 5; Sportsman Marina, Orange Beach.
- Jam Night: 6; Big Beach Brewery; Gulf Shores.
- 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.
- Bingo (6 p.m.) & Karaoke (7:30 p.m.); Tacky Jacks; Gulf Shores.
- Danny Grady; 3; American Legion Post 44; Gulf Shores.
- Karaoke w. Kelly: 8; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- Bridge: 11:30 a.m.; Orange Beach Senior Center, 251-981-3440.
- JW Karaoke: 6; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
- Texas Hold 'em: 7; The Office, Foley.
- Baldwin Senior Softball Group: 10 a.m.; 50 and over; 10 a.m.; call 225/313-8516 for info & location.
- GriefShare Support Group, 6; Point Baptist Church, 13801 Innerarity Point Rd, Pensacola; 601-278-6973.
- Manna Center Food Pantry: 9-11 & 2-4; First Baptist Church of Gulf Shores; 2300 West 1st St.; also adult & children's clothes, computer access, limited financial assistance. Info: 251-948-2485.
- Orange Beach City Council Meeting: 5 p.m.; City Hall; 980-INFO.
- Overcomers Outreach: 7 p.m.; First Baptist Church of Orange Beach; 980-1705.
- Foley Kiwanis Club: noon; Vallarta's, 1145 S. McKenzie St., Foley; 859-771-6091.
- Foley Lions Club: noon; Wolf Bay Lodge, Foley.
- Al-Anon: 7 p.m.; Lillian United Methodist Church, 12770 N. Perdido St.

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GSPD SHOP WITH A COP: Gulf Shores Police Department officers joined ten local children to shop for their family members for Christmas during its annual Shop with a Cop event. After shopping for family members, the children and officers put their wrapping skills to the test and enjoyed food and good company.



- T Bone Montgomery: 6; Front Porch; Lillian.
- Brent Varner: 4; CoastAL Restaurant; 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.
- Bingo: 6; Tacky Jacks, Orange Beach.
- Danny Grady: 3:30-5:30; Papa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- Shawn Lackey: 5; Doc's Seafood & Steakhouse; Beach Rd., Orange Beach.
- Robert Broom: 5; American Legion Post 44; Foley.
- Smokey Otis & Mark Laborde: 7; Pappa Rocco's; Gulf Shores.
- Open Jam: 7:30; Good Time Charlie's; Foley.
- John Brust: 6; Ms. Nancy's Lobby Lounge at Perdido Beach Resort, Orange Beach.
- Open Mic: 6; Tacky Jacks, Gulf Shores.
- Gary Story & Friends: 8; Sandshaker at The Wharf; Orange Beach.
- John Joiner & Darrel Roberts: 7; Hub Stacy's, Innerarity Point.
- Bingo: 10 a.m.; American Legion Post 99; Foley.
- BBRC Running Club: 5:30 p.m.; Big Beach Brewery in Gulf Shores; laflett-feet.com.
- Karaoke: 9; The Office, Foley.
- Open Mixed Doubles Tennis: 7:15 a.m.; all levels welcome; Gulf Shores Tennis Center.
- Orange Beach Friends of the Library: 10; Library meeting room; 978-4106.
- Food Ministry at Morgan's Chapel United Methodist Church: 8-9 a.m.; 6325 City Rd 10, Bon Secour, (across from Swift School); 251-979-2005.
- Food Ministry For Hungry Families: noon-1 p.m.; Grace Lutheran Church, corner of West 23rd Ave. and West 4th St. in Gulf Shores; 251-968-5991.
- Bread Ministry: 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.; Orange Beach United Methodist Church Brook's Center.
- Food Bank: 9 - 11 a.m every Wednesday, Perdido Bay Baptist Church, 12600 Sorrento Rd. Pensacola; call for eligibility requirements at (850) 492-2604.
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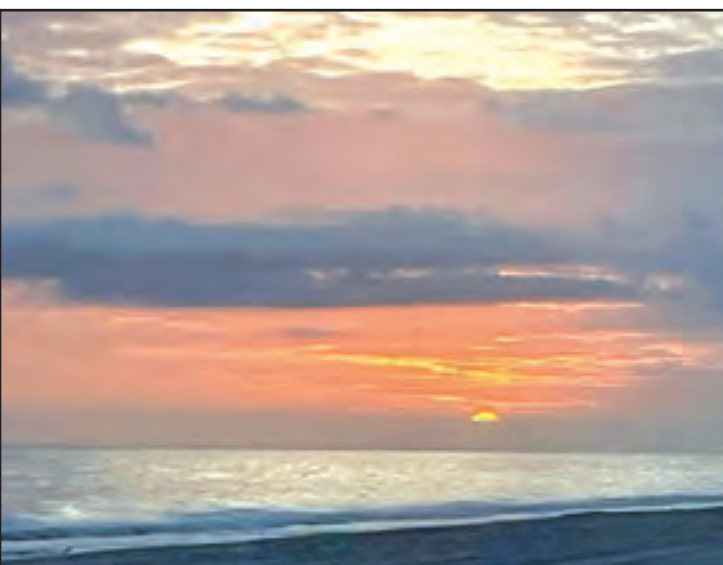
PICTURES OF THE WEEK



Bunny Harlow shares a beautiful pic of Gulf State Park Pier.



"Hérons and pelicans warm their legs in the spring waters that are constant 70° versus the freezing spell that we've been experiencing," writes Kathleen Sanders.



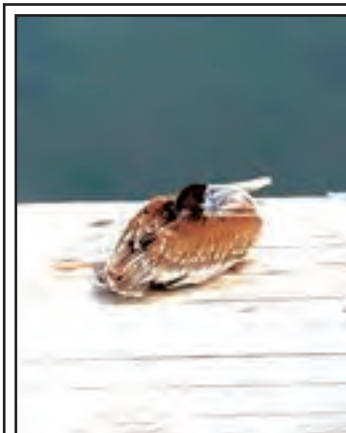
Reggie Chitwood shares his "end of the day" picture.



"Enjoying a fall afternoon in Perdido Key," writes Donna Gibbons.



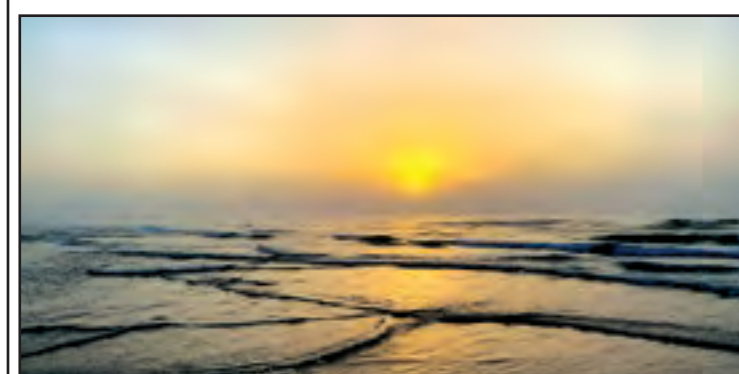
Lane Melendy sends greetings from her friend Fred.



"Poor little pelican. He's all tucked out," writes Charles Cantrell.



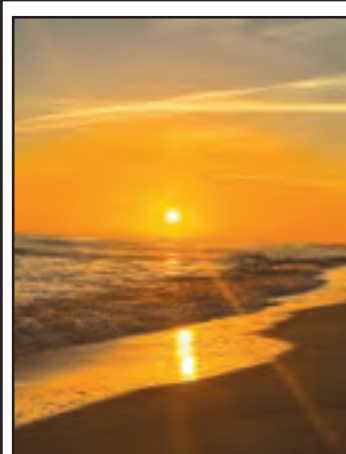
Lisa McCulley shares pictures from her favorite places: Perdido Pass and Gulf Place.



"Sunrise waves on the Gulf," writes Mike Meyers.



"Enjoying a fall afternoon in Perdido Key," writes Donna Gibbons.



Orange Beach sunset by Misty Hamner.



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By Ron "Bones" Jones



• Doesn't "expecting the unexpected" make the unexpected expected?
 • Why are a "wise man" and a "wise guy" opposites?
 • My friend is losing his mind over missing a piece of his 5000 piece puzzle.
 If he thinks that's bad, I'm missing 4999 pieces.
 • She: "Honey, I don't like you

with the new glasses on."
 He: "But sweetheart, I don't wear any glasses."
 She: "True, but I do."
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 Woman: "You know, you look totally like my third husband!"
 Man: "Really, how many times have you been married?"
 Woman: "Twice."
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 What do you call four monkeys who share an Amazon account? Prime-mates.
 •••••
 As I get older, I remember all the people I lost along the way. Maybe a career as a tour guide was not the right choice.
 •••••
 Did you know Teslas don't have that new car smell? They have more of an Elon Musk.
 •••••
 • Why do "overlook" and "oversee" mean opposite things?
 • Why is "phonics" not spelled the way it sounds?
 •••••
 Son: "Dad, guess what? I've just got my first part in a play. I play the part of a man who's been married for 30 years."
 Father: "Well, keep at it, son. Maybe one day you'll get a speaking part."

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 A ventriloquist went to his agent and told him he needed work badly.
 The agent said, "There's no call for ventriloquists, but if you were a psychic I could get you plenty of work."
 So this ventriloquist went home and hung outside his door a psychic sign.
 An hour later a woman knocks on the door. "I want to talk to my deceased husband. How much will it cost?"
 The ventriloquist says, "If you talk to him, \$50. If he talks to you, \$100. If you both talk to each other while I'm drinking coffee, that's \$200."
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 Son: "Why does it rain, dad?"
 Father: "To make the flowers grow and the grass and the trees."
 Son: "So why does it rain on the sidewalk?"
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 My neighbor, a tailor, has a new job. I asked him how much he enjoyed it.
 "It's Sew-Sew," he said.
 •••••
 Joe passed away. His will provided \$30,000 for an elaborate funeral.
 As the last guests departed

the affair, his wife, Helen, turned to her oldest friend.
 "Well, I'm sure Joe would be pleased," she said.
 "I'm sure you're right," replied Jody. "But how much did this really cost?"
 "All of it."
 "I mean, it was very nice, but \$30,000?"
 "The funeral was \$6,500. I donated \$500 to the church. The wake, food and drinks were another \$500. The rest went for the memorial stone."
 "\$22,500 for a memorial stone? My God, how big is it!"
 "Two and a half carats."
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 A cheetah and a lion are racing. The cheetah wins.
 The lion says, "You a cheetah!"
 The cheetah replies, "Nah, you a lion!"
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 Told my wife I was going to start smoking pot. She said if I did she was going to leave me. That's proof that it gets rid of aches and pains!
 •••••
 A man waiting for a bus held his hands about four inches apart. He got on the bus, and when the driver asked for his fare, the man told him to take the money out of his coat pocket.

The driver did as he said and drove on.
 The man walked to the rear of the bus and sat down, still holding his hands in the same position. A woman passenger turned to him and asked, "Excuse me sir, are you alright?"
 "Yes I am, thank you," he replied.
 "Then why are you holding your hands like that?"
 "Because I'm on my way to a hardware store and I need a piece of pipe this long."
 •••••
 Sergeant: "Private, the enemy soldiers are hiding in the woods. I want you to go in there and flush them out for us."
 Private: "Yes, sir! But if you see a bunch of guys running out the woods, don't shoot the one in front, sir!"
 •••••
 • I used to eat a lot of natural foods until I learned that most people die of natural causes.
 • How important does a person have to be before they are considered assassinated instead of just murdered? ?
 • Why do you have to "put your two cents in"... but it's only a "penny for your thoughts"?
 Where's that extra penny going? Taxes?

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Indiana

By Becky Chatham-Heidenreich

Welcome to all IN Snowbirds in AL. So glad you have decided to join us this year. You are cordially invited to the IN Snowbird Club meetings this year on Jan. 12th & 26th and Feb. 9th & 23rd. The meetings will be held at the Orange Beach Community Center, 27280 Canal Road. Doughnuts, coffee and tea, and orange juice will be served. Reservations are requested, but not required as we need to know how many doughnuts to order. Please call Sharon Kimmel (260)229-4344 at least 5 days before the meeting that you are attending.

Welcome Wednesdays at 'Bama thru March 1

Welcome Wednesdays potluck lunches are back at the Flora-Bama from Jan. 4th thru March 3. The weekly lunch features live music, followed by drawings for goods, services and merchandise compliments of the Flora-Bama and local businesses. Music begins at 11 a.m. The noon buffet is \$3 per person or free for those bringing a covered dish. The Flora-Bama is located directly on the Gulf at the Florida-Alabama state line.

Missouri

By Mark Rethemeyer

If you are from Missouri and looking to meet some other Missouri Snowbirds – we have the club for you! We make it really easy to join us for breakfast every Wednesday starting on January 11 at Tacky Jacks in Gulf Shores. Arrive around 8:30 and we have a great buffet breakfast at 9. After breakfast you'll have an opportunity to sign up for our other activities. Are you a golfer? We play golf every Wednesday afternoon at 1 (weather permitting of course) and we would love to have you join us. You can sign up at breakfast.

If you don't play golf and you don't eat breakfast – no problem. Join us for Happy Hour on Mondays at 4 at Cobalt's, the Restaurant just over the Perdido Bay Bridge (next to Caribe Resort). We'll be in the Banquet Room. Lots of Happy Hour specials, and a great opportunity to meet other friendly people from Missouri.

You don't have to be from Missouri and you don't have to be a member to join us for our activities.



Wisconsin

By Nancy Durgin

The Wisconsin Sno-bird Club will be meeting for the first time in 3 years on Wednesday, January 4, 2023, at the Orange Beach Event Center at the Wharf at 8:30 am for coffee and donuts. The meeting will begin at 9 am with Mark Sealey, Gulf Shores Fire Chief, as our guest speaker. Everyone from WI is welcome.

Pictured: The WI Sno-bird Club gave 57 \$25 gift cards to the Baldwin County DHR for Christmas gifts for the Foster Children Program. Photo shows Gary Durgin giving the cards to Tina Green, Program Supervisor.

Club dues are only \$2.50 per person. Please bring the correct currency or a check. We have a 50/50 raffle and door prizes (thanks to the generosity of many businesses in the area. During Jan. meetings we will be participating in a fundraiser for the fire departments. It's called a Calendar Drawing. Tickets will be \$10 and can be purchased during the Jan. meetings. Drawings will be made everyday in February for no less than \$50. Winning tickets will be placed back in the bin for re-remaining drawings.

A luncheon is planned for Jan. 19 at Glen Lakes Golf Club in Foley. Anyone can attend are invited to attend even if you aren't a member of the club, but reservations are to be made 3 days before the luncheon to Becky Heidenreich (260-760-5130)

The speaker for Jan. 9th is Roger Griggs, Dementia and Brain Health and for Jan. 26 the speaker is Jason Neel, OB Reference Librarian. Come join in the fun, the renewing of old friendships, and making new friends.

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Perdido Key Hootenannies

Visiting snowbirds are invited to a series of three Snowbird Hootenanny events to be held at the Flora-Bama. This year's first event to be held on January 12. Guests are encouraged to dress up in their favorite western wear to enjoy some live pickin'-and-grinnin' music as well as games and door prizes, followed by a delicious lunch provided by the legendary Flora-Bama chefs.

The second event on February 2 and dedicated to lovebirds of all ages. Attendees will be treated to an afternoon of great food, music, prize giveaways, and games with Valentine's Day flair.

The final Hootenanny will be on February 16 and have a Mardi Gras twist. Foot-stomping music, plenty of throws, a delicious luncheon, and more giveaways will be offered. Admission for each event is \$10. Tickets are limited and can be purchased online at VisitPerdido.com, or in person at the Perdido Key Area Chamber of Commerce; 15500 Perdido Key Dr.

Cribbage

Beginning Friday, January 13, cribbage players will be gathering to play cribbage every Friday. Sign up starts at 12:30 pm and play begins at 1 pm at the Gulf Shores American Legion, Post 44, 6781 AL-59. The cost is \$5. For additional information contact Barbara Beamish at 989-464-8605. All Cribbage players are welcome!

New York

By Frank Panczyszn
The NY Snowbirds will meet for lunch on 2nd and 4th Thursdays of January and February, and 2nd Thursday in March, Jan 12, 26, Feb 9, 23, and Mar 9. We gather at Ginny Lanes at the Wharf in Orange Beach, AL at 11am, order of their special lunch menu, with separate checks, have guest speakers, a meeting, and door prizes. \$1.00 per person collected at registration for expenses and year end donations to the community. RSVP by 3 days prior to luncheons at nysnowbird@gmail.com.

Wisconsin Synod Lutherans

Gulf Shores area WELS/ELS members will have local church services with Holy Communion on January 8 & 22 and February 5 & 19 at St Jude by the Sea Lutheran Church, 312 E 16th Ave, Gulf Shores. Services will start at 4 with Bible classes to follow. For more info contact: Jim Diehm, jkdiehm@gmail.com or 231-598-0383.

Dulcimer Beginner Lessons

By Irene Morrison
Mt Dulcimer Players meet Jan 9, until the beginning of March, Mondays 10-noon, St Andrew by the Sea, 17263 Fort Morgan Rd, Gulf Shores. Questions? Michelle 317-446-0500. Want to learn to play mt dulcimer? Free lessons Mondays 9-9:45 a.m. starting Jan 9 until mid-

March. St Andrew by the Sea, 17263 Fort Morgan Rd, Gulf Shores. Dulcimers available to rent. Please call Michelle to register 317-446-0500.

Masonic Chicken Dinner Jan. 7

By Dean Mott

Sonora Masonic Lodge #635 F&AM will hold its annual fried chicken dinner fundraisers on Saturday, January 7, February 4 and March 4 from 11 am-1 pm or until supplies last. The lodge is located at 202 E. Jackson Street in Summerdale. Adult plates will be \$10 and a child's plate will be \$6. Delivery is available on multiple plate orders. The dinners will include chicken, mashed potatoes with gravy, cole slaw, green beans and complimentary tea and dessert for dine-in guests. Proceeds generated from the fundraiser will be used towards monthly lodge expenditures including; providing scholarships and supporting local community and school events. For more information contact Dean Mott at edeanmott@gmail.com or visit the lodge's Facebook page.

G.S. Men's Snowbird Coffee Club

By Larry Cole

The Gulf Shores Men's Snowbird Coffee Club will hold their first meeting of the season on Monday, January 2 at 8 a.m. All meetings are held at Ginny Lane Bar and Grill at the Wharf, 851 Wharf Pkwy. E., Orange Beach every Monday and Friday mornings from 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. Membership information is available at these meetings. The oldest continually active snowbird club has more than 200 members from twenty-six states and three Canadian provinces. Besides raising money for local charities, the club holds golf outings, sponsors casino trips and conducts breakfast meetings for members and spouses. The club also throws horseshoes on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at noon at Meyer Park in Gulf Shores. Officers are: Mike Culverhouse,

president, Michigan; Dale Orchan, vice president, Michigan; Tom Lanard, secretary, Illinois; and Tom Williams, treasurer, Michigan.

Sweet Harmony Chorus

By Pamula Rustan

Woman Singers Come Join Us! Sweet Harmony Chorus is a group of woman snowbirds and local residents who like to sing woman's acapella music in the barbershop close harmony style. We meet January through mid March, Mondays from 1:30 - 4:30 pm for a limited commitment. All ranges of talent are welcome. We have training tapes for rapid learning. The Sweet Harmony woman have a lot of fun, laughs and musical experiences. We historically performed locally 3-4 times in February and March. The Sweet Harmony ladies invite any woman who would enjoy singing to join us. For more info, call Pamula Rustan, director at 701-260-0670 or email viewpt01@gmail.com. Or visit sweetharmonychorus.org. We are also in need of a rehearsal pianist. Join us on Monday 2 at 2:00 pm. See the following schedule: Time: 2-4 pm; sectionals 1:30-2 & 4-4:30; Date: Every Monday, Jan. 2- Mar. 13; Place: Choir Room at GSUMC.

Iowa

By Amos Glanz

The Iowa Snowbird Club invites its members and their guests to attend its first breakfast meeting of the season on Wed., Jan. 11 at 8:30am at the Event Center at The Wharf, 4671 Parkway W., Orange Beach. A representative from the Christian Service Center will be our speaker. Breakfast is buffet-style at a cost of \$17 each. Reservations are required and can be made on our website, Iowa-Alabamagulfcoastsnowbirds.org (preferred) or by texting/calling Chris at 319-338-7056. Deadline is Jan. 4. We look forward to visiting with our growing Iowa family once again!

Michigan

By Dave Ferguson

Early membership and golf sign up is fast approaching. This is a reminder that Early sign up will be Jan. 4 at the building behind Live Bait from 1-2:30. Membership is \$5 per person. If you are renewing, you need to bring your membership card with you. If you do not have your membership card, replacement cards are \$1 each. Please, please bring the correct change. Live Bait will have a brunch menu available right there at the back building. It will be \$9.99 and includes a nonalcoholic beverage. Please plan to stay and enjoy lunch with friends. Live Bait allows us to use their venue at no cost so please stay and enjoy the brunch menu or go to the main restaurant for lunch to show our appreciation.

Michigan's Club first meeting will be on January 5 at The Island Church, 25550 Canal Road in Orange Beach, Coffee 9 AM, meeting starts at 10 AM. When turning into the church driveway, turn right to the church's auditorium. There is apply parking on the west side of the driveway.

We will be golfing every Monday and Wednesday until March 8. Our golf schedule can be found at michiganclubalabama.com. This year we are again welcoming all snowbirds from all the snowbird clubs to join our golf outings. To sign up, just go to our website, click on the golf icon and our schedule will appear. Pick the course that you want to play and call the coordinator for that course and give them your name and phone number and you will be signed up. Our first two golf outings and contacts are as follows: 1/9/23 at Rock Creek Golf

course, Sheri Plumley, 231-690-2686; 1/11/23 at Glen Lakes Golf course, Dyna Lehman, 517-983-8225. We will also have Ladies golf. It will be every Tuesday, weather permitting, at Gulf Links Golf Center on 59. We will meet at 9:30 AM, with Tee times at 10. If you would like to join or have questions, please contact Sue Beach at spbeach260@charter.net or phone number 231-429-0952.

Yoopers Luncheon Feb. 7

By Dan Ingles

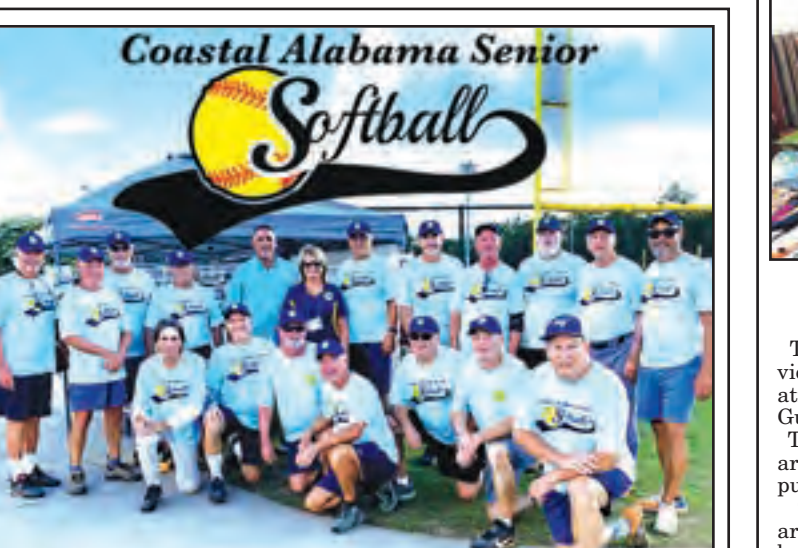
The 40th Annual Michigan Yooper Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, Feb 7 from 11:30 a.m. 'til 2 p.m. at Luna's at Cosmo's Courtyard in the Magnolia Room in Orange Beach. The buffet lunch starts at noon. Cost is \$18 per person including tax and gratuity. There will be drawings and prizes. RSVP by Feb. 1 please. For more info, call 906-440-0866 or 906-748-5966.

Foley Snowbird Welcome is Jan. 10

The Annual Foley Snowbird Coffee will be held Tuesday, Jan. 10 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Foley Civic Center, located at 407 E. Laurel Ave. (U.S. 98).

In addition to coffee and pastries, attendees will receive info about things to see and do in Foley and the surrounding area. Guests will receive welcome packets filled with discount coupons and giveaways from local merchants at the Mardi Gras themed event.

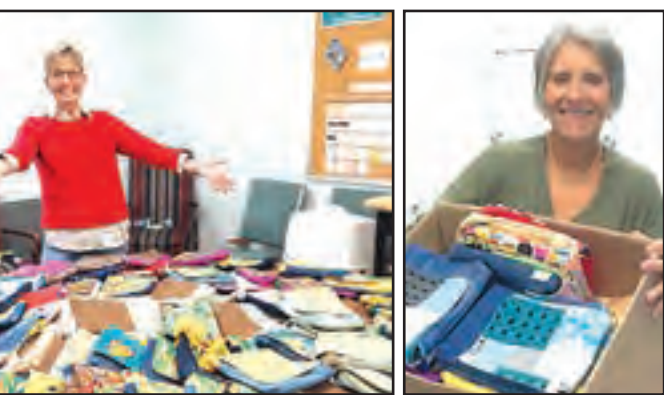
Explore Foley's historic downtown during a scavenger hunt for a chance to win awesome prizes. More info: visitfoley.org or 251-943-1300. Event sponsors are City of Foley, South Baldwin Chamber of Commerce and Foley Main Street.



Coastal Alabama senior softballers welcome snowbirds

By Mike Dunaway

Come join the Coastal Alabama Senior Softball group this winter by calling Wayne at 225-313-8516 or visiting coastalalabamaseniorsoftball.com for our complete schedule. We play twice a week in the mornings around 10 a.m. at either the Orange Beach or Gulf Shores Sportsplexes. We have local players, but we welcome and encourage snowbirds to join us. Our players are all over 50. We welcome females as well. See you there.



Son Sowers sewing group meets Jan. 17 at Gulf Shores Methodist

The local chapter of Son Sowers, a community of local spirit filled individuals who are also handy with a needle in their hand, set a goal of creating 60 purses before its January 17 chapter meeting from 1-3 p.m. at Gulf Shores United Methodist Church classroom B206.

They achieved that goal, according to chapter founder Suzi Jackson. "All are welcome to come to the meeting," Jackson said. "We will share the purses we've made, patterns and material."

Through SewPowerful.org, the local chapter connects with sewers around the world to help combat extreme poverty by making purses that become part of a reusable feminine hygiene kit for girls in Zambia. The non-profit employs women in Zambia to make re-usable feminine pads. That project also provides living-wage employment for women and enables girls to attend school all month long.

In addition to the Jan. 17 meeting, Son Sowers is hosting sew/sows the first and third Thursday of each month from 1-3 p.m. at GSUMC. The meetings consist of card making, cutting, embellishing, ironing and pattern tracing. For more info, contact Jackson at sewsowersuziastic@gmail.com or 205-753-0281.

Pictured: Suzi Jackson with the table of purses. Lynne Weber with the box of purses. Margie Girard made the purses on the counter.

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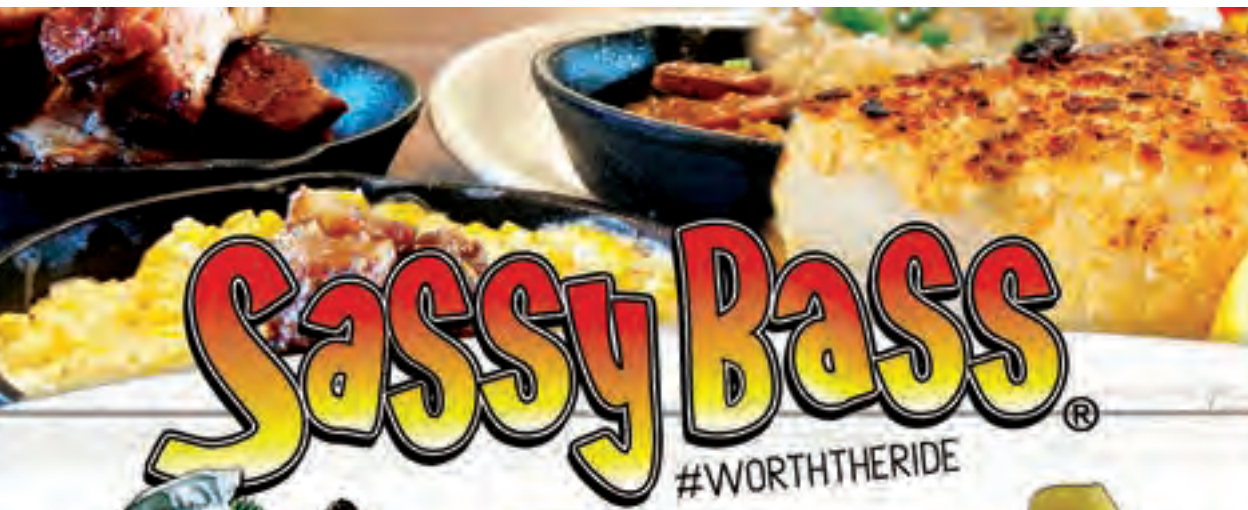


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